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The Financial Situation.

There appear to be decidedly brighter visions ahead for the business and industrial world as a result of some leading happenings and events the present week. In the first place Congress has adjourned, and it has adjourned after the passing of the appropriation bills and all the other immediately urgent measures, so that the President will not have to convene the new Congress in extra session. Accordingly the country will be free from legislative and political disturbances for at least nine months, until the new Congress meets in regular session next December. That itself is a great point gained, at a time when the country is struggling to emerge from a prolonged business depression of a most pronounced type.

A second important event of the week—a highly important event—has been the announcement of the United States Treasury's program of March financing and the unqualified success, far beyond expectations, attending a huge offering of United States obligations forming part of this financing. A third important piece of news has been the gratifying success attending New York City's simultane-

ous offering of \$100,000,000 of new long-term issues.

Mr. Mellon's offerings really constituted a very clever piece of work, and the country is fortunate in having at the head of the finance department of the Government, in a trying period like the present, a man of such eminent financial attainments and in every way so well equipped for the task. The Treasury's requirements this time were of unusual magnitude. Six months ago, before the outlook became disturbed by the anxieties growing out of the soldier bonus legislation, Mr. Mellon called for payment on Mar. 15 \$1,100,000,000 of Treasury notes bearing 3½% interest, with the idea of refunding them at a lower rate of interest, and thereby reducing the yearly cost of servicing the debt.

He thus had this large amount to provide for in any event. And in the interval since this large call was made the problem of Treasury financing had greatly changed, first because of the enactment of the soldier bonus legislation, creating new demands, the exact dimensions of which it remains for the future to determine, and, secondly, because Government revenues were running low and it seemed likely that they would continue to run low because the great depression in trade in 1930 had heavily reduced business profits, making it certain that the income taxes to be paid to the Federal Government, based on these profits, would show a correspondingly heavy shrinkage. As to the bonus payments, Mr. Mellon finds that for the immediate present \$291,000,000 of Treasury cash will suffice. For the two purposes named, therefore, roughly \$1,400,000,000 is needed, and Mr. Mellon invited bids for that amount.

This obviously is a large sum, but Mr. Mellon managed so as to divide up the amount among three different classes of securities, thereby making an unusually wide appeal to the investment world—in fact, making his appeal all-embracing. Investors seeking short-term obligations of near maturities, those seeking short-term obligations of longer maturities, and also those seeking long-term obligations, one and all were offered something suitable to their needs. In other words, Mr. Mellon offered two series of certificates, one running for six months, for amount of \$300,000,000, and another running a full year, for amount of \$600,000,000, besides which he also invited subscriptions for \$500,000,000 Treasury bonds bearing 3¾% interest. In the six months' issue of certificates he fixed the rate of interest at only 1½% per annum, the lowest figure ever named in any offering of certificates, and in the certificates running a full year he put the rate of interest at 2% per annum. The \$500,000,000 Treasury bond issue, carrying 3¾% interest,

was given a maturity date of Mar. 15 1943, but redeemable at the option of the United States on and after Mar. 15 1941.

This is a combination of three distinct kinds of obligations, which could hardly be improved upon, and it deserved the success with which it met almost immediately. Subscriptions were invited on Monday, Mar. 2, and such was the volume of orders that the next day notice came that subscription books would be closed on Wednesday, Mar. 4. Tenders were received for each of the three classes of obligations far in excess of the respective amounts offered. For the \$500,000,000 $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ Treasury bonds the subscriptions aggregated \$2,111,000,000; for the \$600,000,000 2% one-year certificates of indebtedness they were \$1,223,000,000, and for the \$300,000,000 $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ six months certificates they were \$400,000,000. The combined subscriptions were no less than \$3,734,000,000, showing that the combined offering of \$1,400,000,000 had been subscribed for over $2\frac{1}{2}$ times. What greater achievement could have been wished? Thus the period of doubt as to whether the credit of the United States still stood so extremely high as before, which arose when the soldier bonus legislation was first proposed, was quickly dissolved, and it at once became apparent that whatever difficulties or obstacles had been created by this new draft upon Treasury cash had been at once removed.

Of course, to be called upon to raise \$1,000,000,000 of cash, as it is now estimated will result from the authorizing of 50% loans upon the adjusted service certificates, is quite a different proposition from being required to pay the whole face value of the certificates in an aggregate of \$3,400,000,000, as originally proposed. But Mr. Mellon's success must also be ascribed to the way he apportioned the whole amount to be raised among the three classes of obligations which we have named above. Not only that, but another important factor also entered into the undertaking as arranged by the Secretary of the Treasury. We mean by this that Mr. Mellon planned ahead and so as to leave not even a remote possibility of a slip-up.

It may be recalled that on Feb. 9 the Treasury Department gave notice that the banks holding Government deposits, representing the proceeds of sales of certificates of indebtedness, or other war loan deposit accounts, would, beginning Feb. 16, have to pay only 1% interest on such deposits instead of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$. The reduction was the natural thing to do in view of the fact that interest rates on all classes of loans were ruling at abnormally low figures, but it also had an important bearing upon the new obligations to be put out in March. When the banks subscribe for certificates of indebtedness and are allowed to keep the proceeds of their subscriptions on deposit, they stand to make the difference between the rate in the certificates and the rate they are obliged to pay on the deposits representing, as stated, the proceeds of the sales. By reducing the rate of interest charged on the Government deposits, this margin of profit was increased, and the inducement to subscribe for the new obligations was correspondingly strengthened.

At the sale of certificates last December the same plan was tried, and it worked admirably. Then the Secretary lowered the rate of interest to be paid on Government deposits from 2% to $1\frac{1}{2}\%$, and was able to make up more than the full $\frac{1}{2}\%$ in the lowered rate of interest carried by the certificates. The

Secretary then reduced the rate in the certificates he was offering and running for a year to $1\frac{7}{8}\%$, which was exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% less than the $2\frac{3}{8}\%$ interest carried by the certificates sold the previous September, also running a year, and he cut the rate on the six months certificates which he was offering to $1\frac{3}{4}\%$, a reduction in that case of $\frac{5}{8}$ of 1% as compared with the $2\frac{3}{8}\%$ interest borne by the certificates put out at the sale in September. The present time the Secretary found it possible, in face of the new difficulties created by bonus legislation, to provide for a six months issue of certificates bearing only $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest, against the $1\frac{3}{4}\%$ interest which the six months issue of certificates carried last December, and he found himself obliged to raise the rate in the 12 months' issue of certificates only from $1\frac{7}{8}\%$ to 2%. Perhaps he might have done even better if he had been willing to run chances, but he had to make the plan a success beyond peradventure.

The whole thing cannot be considered anything but a highly creditable performance. And the success in floating the \$100,000,000 $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ gold bonds and corporate stock of New York City must also be considered highly gratifying. Here also, as a precautionary measure, the rate of interest in the obligations offered for subscription had been raised. Last October, when \$50,000,000 of New York City corporate stock was disposed of the rate of interest was only 4%, and the issue was disposed of at a price slightly above par. At this week's sale the rate of interest in the obligations was $4\frac{1}{4}\%$, and two syndicates put in bids for the whole amount (\$100,000,000) offered. The successful syndicate paid a premium of \$1,977,000 over the face value of the securities. The award was to a group composed of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Dillon, Read & Co., and the International Manhattan Co., which took the bonds at the price of \$101.977, making the interest cost to the city 4.134%.

The most remarkable part of the whole affair was that the syndicate offered the whole \$100,000,000 for resale to private investors the next day and disposed of the whole issue in less than 30 minutes. This last is certainly a noteworthy and significant feature, indicative of the plethora of investment funds for high-grade issues, as in the past New York City bonds have always been rather slow of sale, this being so because they have been coming so frequently and always for large amounts. Perhaps the avidity with which Mr. Mellon's United States obligations were gobbled up proved helpful in providing such a quick and ready market for the New York City issues.

Another point is worth considering, inasmuch as the United States sale and the New York City sale this time came in conjunction. Municipal bonds are exempt from all classes of income taxes, the surtaxes as well as the normal taxes, while the United States Treasury bonds in this week's sale were not thus exempt. The United States certificates of indebtedness are exempt from the surtaxes, but the Treasury bonds put out for \$500,000,000 are exempt only from the normal Federal taxes and not from the surtaxes. The New York City bonds, therefore, had this advantage of surtax exemption which the United States Treasury bonds did not enjoy, yet the Secretary of the Treasury was able to dispose of the Treasury bonds at par, bearing only $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ interest, while New York City paid 4.134% for the

long-term obligations which it disposed of the present week.

Of course the credit of the United States normally ranks much higher than that of any municipality, but that the United States, even after the new drafts on the Treasury, is able to borrow at $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ interest, while this city has to pay 4.134% per annum on its borrowings is worth noting, because Mr. Mellon has been strenuously contending that United States bonds should also enjoy the privilege of surtax exemption, and has been urging that the absence of such exemption was a distinct disadvantage under which United States bonds labored as compared with municipal obligations. This week's experience shows it is no disadvantage at all.

We allude to the matter here because Congress the present week granted authority to the Secretary of the Treasury to put out an additional \$8,000,000,000 of United States bonds under the provisions of the Second Liberty Loan Act in order to enable Mr. Mellon to carry out the refunding obligations he has in contemplation during the next few years, but has not deemed it wise to make these bonds free from the surtaxes. It is entirely plain from this week's happenings that United States bonds are in no need of adventitious aids of that kind, besides which the practice of granting surtax exemption, if surtaxes are to be continued as part of the income tax laws, is objectionable and invidious. It is quite possible that if United States bonds carried surtax exemption a somewhat lower rate even than the $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ carried by the Treasury bonds might have been realized, but this would have been slight compensation for the loss of income to the Government by reason of the surtax exemption.

The message which President Hoover sent to Congress the present week in returning to that body without his approval the Muscle Shoals bill is a masterful document and contains the enunciation of truths which cannot fail to make an appeal to every lover of democracy. Mr. Hoover does not think that Government should undertake to compete with private enterprise except in cases of extreme emergency, when no other alternative exists which, however, does not mean that Government should not undertake to regulate power concerns within legitimate limits. In the present Muscle Shoals instance he also sees an invasion of the rights reserved to the States, a charge which cannot be denied. He goes into a critical analysis of the whole Muscle Shoals measure as contained in the joint resolution passed by Congress and shows that it is in every way impractical and would involve the Government in such large outlays as to make the cost of the power generated far in excess of that at which it could be furnished by private enterprise. He points out that though the bill provides that the President, for a period of 12 months, may negotiate a lease of the nitrate plants for fertilizer manufacture, this is under such limitations as to make it entirely impractical for private concerns to make any bid. He directs attention to some unusual and really amusing provisions in the bill. Thus the Act provides:

"All members of the Board shall be persons that profess a belief in the feasibility and wisdom, having in view the national defense and the encouragement of inter-State commerce, or producing fixed nitrogen under this Act of such kinds and at such prices as to induce the reasonable expectation that

the farmers will buy said products and that by reason thereof the corporation may be a self-sustaining and continuing success."

After quoting the foregoing paragraph, the President goes on to say:

"In other words, they are to say that they believe in Government manufacture of fertilizers and that it can be made a success on this set-up. We are thus supposed to appoint business administrators on the basis of their beliefs rather than their experience and competency. These directors are manifestly to have a political complexion and apparently the entire working force is likewise to have such a complexion, as the usual provision for the merit service required by law in most other Federal activities is omitted. Three men able to conduct a \$150,000,000 business cannot be found to meet these specifications."

The President concludes with the following fine declarations:

"This bill raises one of the important issues confronting our people. That is squarely the issue of Federal Government ownership and operation of power and manufacturing business not as a minor by-product but as a major purpose. Involved in this question is the agitation against the conduct of the power industry. The power problem is not to be solved by the Federal Government going into the power business, nor is it to be solved by the project in this bill. The remedy for abuses in the conduct of that industry lies in regulation and not by the Federal Government entering upon the business itself.

"I have recommended to the Congress on various occasions that action should be taken to establish Federal regulation of inter-State power in co-operation with State authorities. This bill would launch the Federal Government upon a basis of competition instead of by the proper Government function—regulation for the protection of all the people. I hesitate to contemplate the future of our institutions, of our Government, and of our country if the preoccupation of its officials is to be no longer the promotion of justice and equal opportunity, but is to be devoted to barter in the markets. That is not liberalism; it is degeneration."

The returns of the Federal Reserve Banks this week are devoid of any features of significance and show no changes calling for special comment. Brokers' loans by the reporting member banks in this city this time show a small decrease again, the total this week standing at \$1,790,000,000 as against \$1,798,000,000 last week. In the previous three weeks, it will be recalled, there had been each week an increase, the increase for the three weeks combined having aggregated \$82,000,000, this increase, however, having followed a contraction of no less than \$1,506,000,000 in the 19 weeks preceding, during the whole of which period there was an uninterrupted decrease, with the exception of one single week in which there was a nominal increase. In one particular this week's statement of these brokers' loans is like the statements for all recent weeks, namely, in showing an increase in the loans made by the reporting member banks for their own account, but recording further contraction in the outside loans. "Loans for own account" have risen from \$1,267,000,000 Feb. 25 to \$1,316,000,000 Mar. 4, while during the same period loans "for account of out-of-town banks" have fallen from \$260,000,000 to

\$210,000,000, and loans "for account of others" from \$271,000,000 to \$264,000,000. At \$1,790,000,000 the total in the three categories combined on Mar. 4 compares with \$3,222,000,000 on Sept. 24 1930, and with \$6,804,000,000 on Oct. 2 1929, when these loans were at their maximum.

Only slight changes are observable in the condition statement of the Reserve Banks themselves. The discount holdings of the 12 Reserve Banks, representing member bank borrowing, are \$190,576,000 this week (Mar. 4) against \$189,847,000 last week (Feb. 25); the holdings of acceptances are a little lower, at \$100,555,000, against \$106,317,000, and the holdings of United States Government securities, while showing some considerable changes in the separate items making up the total, leave the latter virtually unaltered at \$599,867,000 this week against \$599,443,000 last week. The result is that total bill and security holdings, reflecting the amount of Reserve credit outstanding, are \$890,998,000 the present week against \$895,607,000 last week. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation, however, has increased during the week from \$1,448,416,000 to \$1,459,837,000, while gold reserves have risen from \$3,081,322,000 to \$3,094,297,000.

The stock market this week, in contrast with the strength exhibited during the previous three weeks, has been decidedly weak. The main depressing feature has been the railroad shares, which, besides the big losses in earnings, gross and net, disclosed as compared with a year ago by their January returns, have been under pressure because of dividend reductions. The Lehigh Valley RR., in declaring its quarterly dividend, reduced from an annual basis of \$3.50 a share to \$2.50 a share (par value \$50), and the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific has reduced its quarterly dividend from an annual basis of 7% to 5%; furthermore, the St. Louis-San Francisco, at its adjourned meeting this week, took no action on the dividend. While the railroad stocks have been especially weak, many of the specialties, which in previous weeks had distinguished themselves for large advances, also now declined. The market has been weak day after day, but showed a sharp upward reaction on Thursday, mainly because of the covering of outstanding short contracts by bear operators. The steel trade remains in much the same condition as in previous weeks, with a further slight increase in steel production, the mills this week being engaged to about 53% of capacity as against 52% last week, which, however, is far below the rate of production a year ago, when the mills were working to nearly 85%.

The price of copper has been further strengthened during the week, being now up to 10½c. for copper delivered in Connecticut, but an unfavorable feature has been the demoralization in the petroleum markets caused by the developments in the new fields in East Texas. The Stanolind Crude Oil Purchasing Co. cut the price in Kansas, Oklahoma and north central Texas (effective Mar. 5) 40c. a barrel, the new price on gravity of 40 and above being only 67c. a barrel, and comparing with \$1.07 previously. The Standard Oil of Indiana cut gasoline prices in the Middle West, exclusive of Chicago, 2c. a gallon; a similar reduction had been made in the Chicago district in February. The stock market yesterday showed renewed depression, with further declines in prices. Call loans on the Stock Exchange on

Thursday were marked up from 1½% to 2%, and on Friday the range was again the same, 1½% to 2%.

Trading has been on a much more moderate scale. At the half-day session on Saturday the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 1,747,875 shares; on Monday they were 3,318,055 shares; on Tuesday, 2,936,470 shares; on Wednesday, 3,087,527 shares; on Thursday, 2,731,071 shares, and on Friday, 3,860,745 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 401,400 shares; on Monday, 613,600 shares; on Tuesday, 594,000 shares; on Wednesday, 565,500 shares; on Thursday, 688,200 shares, and on Friday, 776,700 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices show quite general declines. General Electric closed yesterday at 50⅞ against 52¼ on Friday of last week; Warner Bros. Pictures at 12½ against 16; Elec. Power & Light at 54¾ against 58⅞; United Corp. at 27⅞ against 27⅞; Brooklyn Union Gas at 121½ against 122¼; American Water Works at 71 against 77¼; North American at 84½ against 88; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 50¾ against 50¾; Standard Gas & Elec. at 82 against 84⅞; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 100 against 99⅞; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 41 against 42⅞; International Harvester at 55 against 59½; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 108⅞ against 120; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 56 against 60½; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 24⅞ against 27¼; Woolworth at 60¼ against 63⅞; Safeway Stores at 57 against 59⅞; Western Union Telegraph at 133 against 145; American Tel. & Tel. at 196 against 198¼; Int. Tel. & Tel. at 33⅞ against 34¼; American Can at 120¾ against 124⅞; United States Industrial Alcohol at 68¾ against 71½; Commercial Solvents at 19¼ against 19⅞; Shattuck & Co. at 26½ against 28⅞; Corn Products at 82 against 85, and Columbia Graphophone at 13⅞ against 12⅞.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 155 against 171 on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 96⅞ against 99⅞; National Cash Register at 35 against 38¼; International Nickel at 18 against 18¾; Timken Roller Bearing at 53 against 58; Mack Trucks at 39¼ against 42; Yellow Truck & Coach at 13 against 13¼; Johns-Manville at 68 against 72; Gillette Safety Razor at 29¼ against 29⅞; National Dairy Products at 45¾ against 46; National Bellas Hess at 8½ against 8½; Associated Dry Goods at 26 against 27½; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 51¼ against 54⅞; American & Foreign Power at 43 against 44¾; General American Tank Car at 67⅞ against 71⅞; Air Reduction at 98⅞ against 101⅞; United Gas Improvement at 32⅞ against 34, and Columbian Carbon at 93⅞ against 106.

In the steel shares U. S. Steel closed yesterday at 144¾ against 148⅞ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 62⅞ against 68⅞; Vanadium at 66 against 67⅞, and Republic Iron & Steel at 21½ against 23¾. General Motors closed yesterday at 43 against 43⅞ on Friday of last week; Chrysler at 22¾ against 22¼; Nash Motors at 35 against 36; Auburn Auto at 181½ against 205¼; Packard Motors at 10⅞ against 11¼; Hudson Motor Car at 21⅞ against 21⅞, and Hupp Motors at 11⅞ against 12. The rubber stocks are also lower. Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 47 against 49¾ on Friday of last week; U. S. Rubber at 15⅞ against 16⅞, and the preferred at 27 against 29¾.

The railroad stocks have been exceedingly weak under the dividend reductions referred to. Pennsyl-

vania RR. closed yesterday at $59\frac{3}{4}$ against $63\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Erie RR. at 33 against $38\frac{1}{2}$; New York Central at 117 against $128\frac{7}{8}$; Baltimore & Ohio at $76\frac{1}{2}$ against $84\frac{1}{4}$; New Haven at $89\frac{1}{8}$ ex-div. against 92; Union Pacific at 194 against $204\frac{3}{8}$; Southern Pacific at $103\frac{1}{2}$ against $106\frac{1}{2}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at $22\frac{1}{8}$ against $24\frac{7}{8}$; Southern Railway at 53 against 60; St. Louis-San Francisco at $40\frac{1}{2}$ against $46\frac{3}{4}$; Chesapeake & Ohio at $42\frac{1}{8}$ ex-div. against $44\frac{5}{8}$; Northern Pacific at $54\frac{1}{4}$ against $58\frac{1}{2}$, and Great Northern at $66\frac{1}{2}$ against $68\frac{1}{2}$.

The oil shares have been depressed because of the problems created by the development of new fields in East Texas. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $46\frac{1}{4}$ against $50\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at $45\frac{5}{8}$ against $50\frac{1}{4}$; Simms Petroleum at $8\frac{3}{4}$ against 10; Skelly Oil at $8\frac{3}{4}$ against $10\frac{1}{4}$; Atlantic Refining at 20 against $22\frac{1}{4}$; Texas Corp. at $31\frac{3}{4}$ ex-div. against 34; Richfield Oil at $4\frac{3}{8}$ against $4\frac{7}{8}$; Phillips Petroleum at $11\frac{3}{8}$ against $14\frac{1}{4}$; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 24 against $25\frac{1}{8}$, and Pure Oil at $9\frac{1}{4}$ against $10\frac{1}{4}$.

The copper shares have yielded with the general list. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at $39\frac{1}{2}$ against $41\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at $28\frac{3}{4}$ against $29\frac{7}{8}$; Calumet & Hecla at $10\frac{1}{8}$ against $10\frac{1}{2}$; Calumet & Arizona at 41 against $41\frac{1}{2}$; Granby Consolidated Copper at 20 against $21\frac{1}{4}$; American Smelting & Refining at 52 against $55\frac{1}{4}$, and U. S. Smelting & Refining at 22 against $22\frac{1}{4}$.

Price movements on stock exchanges in all the important European financial centers were irregular this week, with the activity of previous sessions again giving way to dullness. The London Stock Exchange was fairly cheerful in most sessions, although international issues lost ground steadily owing to unfavorable reports from New York. The Paris and Berlin exchanges were alternately weak and firm, with the movements not pronounced. In contrast with previous weeks, all European centers displayed a very considerable degree of optimism regarding the trade and industrial outlook. Francis W. Hirst reported in a London dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune", Tuesday, a spreading belief in Britain that general trade is nearing an up turn. The low level of merchandise prices has prompted forward buying in textiles and metals, he added. A London dispatch to the New York "Times" indicated that many observers are beginning to consider the level of commodity prices at or near the bottom. Recent official returns on British retail trade reflect an expansion in the monetary value as compared with a year ago, indicating, in view of the decreased prices, that a heavy increase must have taken place in the amount of goods involved. Distinct improvement in the German trade outlook is reported from Berlin. Textile, clothing and food industries have felt the improvement substantially, it is said. Observers in France report only slight improvement as yet. Since the industrial depression affected France later than other countries, there is a tendency in Paris to expect a similarly tardy recovery.

Cheerful conditions were reported on the London Stock Exchange in the initial session of the week, with a fairly large volume of business current. Sentiment was helped by publication of several favor-

able company earnings reports and the list of industrial stocks responded with gains. Home rails also were firm, but oil stocks dropped sharply on reductions in petrol prices. British funds were quiet and slightly harder at the close. The general tone was again favorable in Tuesday's session, notwithstanding severe declines in international stocks on the receipt of pessimistic advices from New York. British industrial issues improved and the gilt-edged section also showed a favorable trend. The bankruptcy of Wheeler & Co., an "outside" brokerage house, was reported in this session, but on the Stock Exchange this occurrence was reflected by declines only of a few companies in which the firm was interested. The Stock Exchange showed further strength in most sections Wednesday. Rubber stocks were active and higher on a rise in the commodity. Oil issues recovered and the general industrial list also moved favorably. In the gilt-edged section notable advances were recorded in Indian Government issues on the strength of the agreement for cessation of the civil disobedience campaign. Anglo-American stocks again fell. Thursday's dealings were again featured by a rise in Indian Government bonds, while British funds generally joined in the upswing. The British industrial list showed favorable spots, and the international section also had a better appearance. An advance in home rail shares was the feature yesterday, these stocks' advancing on news of an award in a wage dispute that appears to give the companies from 50 to 60% of their demands. Anglo-American issues advanced moderately, while the gilt-edged section also improved.

The Paris Bourse was weak as trading started Monday, and prices continued to decline throughout the session. Leading stocks such as Bank of France, Central Mining and Rio Tinto showed the greatest losses. This trend was surprising, observers said, in view of the better political outlook created by conclusion of an Italo-French naval accord. The Bourse was extremely quiet Tuesday, but quotations remained firm. Fluctuations were unimportant with the exception of another drop in Rio Tinto shares. Small gains were made by other speculative issues. The tone on the Bourse was irregular Wednesday, with stocks moving upward and downward in a small range on quiet dealings. Rio Tinto again attracted attention with another sharp drop, but otherwise prices remained at about previous levels. Trading was almost entirely professional, dispatches said. After a further uncertain opening, Thursday, stocks began to move forward on the Bourse, and in the last few minutes of that session some good gains were recorded. Bank of France shares and utility stocks were favored, and Rio Tinto issues also moved upward. Turnover was again very moderate. Price movements on the Bourse were irregular yesterday, with trading again moderate.

The Berlin Boerse moved forward Monday on substantial purchases for both domestic and foreign account. Swiss buyers, particularly, were active, reports said, and German speculative circles soon joined the movement. Potash stocks were in greatest demand, but electrical issues and artificial silk shares also advanced. A little unsettlement occurred at the end of the session as profit-taking developed. A hesitant opening Tuesday was succeeded by a bullish demonstration in domestic gilt-edged issues, and the favorable tone was quickly

communicated to the entire market. Shipping stocks showed substantial advances in this session, but others also gained. Realization sales by professional operators gave the Berlin market a weak appearance Wednesday. Further factors in the decline were uneasiness regarding the home political situation and uncertainty about shipping company dividends. Toward the close stocks again recovered, however, and net losses were not large. Thursday's session at Berlin was dull and prices declined slowly on small offerings. Most stocks resisted the decline but in a few instances, notably Deutsche Linoleum, substantial losses resulted. A better tone again appeared toward the close, and the earlier losses were partially recovered. The Berlin market was steady in yesterday's dealings.

Announcement of agreement in principle on the question of French and Italian naval construction which has unsettled relations between those countries for a year and threatened to necessitate application by Great Britain of the escalator clause in the London naval treaty of 1930 was made in Rome last Saturday by Arthur Henderson, British Foreign Secretary, after successive discussions with officials of the French and Italian Governments. Only a few small details still required adjustment in further conversations with the French Government, Mr. Henderson said just before boarding a train at Rome on his return journey. Favorable consideration in Paris was considered assured, and was, indeed, formally announced on the following day when Mr. Henderson, together with A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, Robert L. Craigie of the British Foreign Office, and two naval experts arrived at the French capital. The accord now reached will complete the five-power naval pact signed in London last April in full by Britain, the United States, and Japan, but only in part by France and Italy. A modest alteration of the naval limitation provisions of the London treaty is implied in the agreement, according to Paris reports, and the approval of the United States Senate and the Parliaments of Britain, France, Italy, and Japan will accordingly be required. Some uneasiness has been expressed on this point, but in most quarters the necessary approval is regarded as assured. Full details of the accord, which relates to French and Italian building programs for cruisers, submarines and auxiliary vessels, are to be published immediately after a full exchange of information among the five powers concerned.

Although an agreement on French and Italian construction programs had been actively sought for almost a year, little progress was apparent until recent weeks. The two Latin powers subscribed only to the portions of the London treaty relating to capital ships and methods of submarine warfare. France demanded a navy substantially superior to that of Italy, basing her contentions on her double coastline in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, and the need for maintaining communications with her extensive colonial possessions. Italy demanded theoretical parity with France, and proclaimed her intention of building "ton for ton and gun for gun" with her Latin neighbor. Adjustment of this dispute was sought firstly in direct negotiations between French and Italian officials at the several League Council meetings in Geneva last year. When these discussions lagged, the effort to find a suitable

middle ground was taken up first by Hugh S. Gibson, United States Ambassador to Belgium, and later by Robert L. Craigie of the British Foreign Office. That these efforts were proving successful was indicated suddenly on Feb. 23, when Foreign Secretary Henderson and his party left London for Paris and Rome.

The series of conferences was concluded in Paris last Sunday, and assurances were promptly given of a complete agreement which will eliminate naval rivalry between all the leading naval powers until 1936, at least. The accord is of great significance for Britain, the United States, and Japan, since it removes the probability of British building beyond the treaty limitations under the terms of the safeguard clause. The gravity of the situation caused by French and Italian naval competition was indicated by Mr. Alexander in the House of Commons early last month, when he announced that Britain would find it necessary to "reconsider the position" unless an adjustment of the dispute could be reached. Action of this sort would, of course, have reopened the entire question of naval construction by Britain, the United States, and Japan in the cruiser, submarine and auxiliary classes of ships. The accord now reached means, therefore, that the aims of curbing naval competition and naval armaments expenditure, proclaimed by Prime Minister MacDonald and President Hoover, after their Rapidan conferences in 1929, will be preserved.

Following the final settlement of the French and Italian naval differences in Paris last Sunday, Foreign Secretary Henderson and Foreign Minister Briand sent a joint telegram to their Italian colleague, Foreign Minister Dino Grandi, which was made public as an official communication. "We are delighted to inform you," the message said, "that we are in entire agreement with you on the arrangement negotiated at Rome for the settlement of the questions concerning the limitation of naval armaments which has been pending since the discussion of the treaty of London. We are preparing to recommend it for the approval of our governments and the other interested governments. We desire particularly to express our appreciation of the friendly attitude and the spirit of conciliation which the Italian Government has continually shown during these last conversations in Rome, where it loyally extended itself to facilitate the solution of the divergence of the views which existed between us. We are convinced that the agreement reached between the representatives of our three countries will greatly contribute to the general progress of the work of consolidating peace in the world. It is our desire not to neglect in that cause any benefits which may be derived from the atmosphere of friendship and confidence resulting from these happy events, on which with you we congratulate ourselves."

Great satisfaction with the achievement was expressed by the negotiators in interviews granted press correspondents in Paris. Mr. Henderson placed emphasis especially on the cordiality of the reception given his party in Paris and Rome. "Everyone," he remarked, "seemed to appreciate the importance of the issue and to be anxious to do everything possible to overcome the obstacles which lay in the path of settlement." Not only would Britain, France, and Italy be drawn closer together, he added, but the chances of success in the world disarmament conference to be held next year under

League of Nations auspices also will be improved. Mr. Alexander, discussing the naval viewpoint, remarked that he felt fully satisfied and added that in his opinion the co-signatories of the London treaty will be equally content. Similar comments of satisfaction were made by the British officials on their return to London, Tuesday.

A laudatory statement was also made in Rome, Tuesday, by Premier Benito Mussolini, who declared that the agreement now reached is "a great international event." The favorable influences will extend to the world economic crisis, Signor Mussolini said, and also to the general disarmament conference. "Italy has not hesitated for the sake of this high ideal to take the initiative of considerable sacrifices," the Premier continued in his statement to the Associated Press. "I can affirm with a clear conscience that Italy in this matter has done her duty toward civilized nations. It pleases me to recall that the United States have always exercised, in the interest of the agreement that has now been reached, an effective and objective action that the people and the Government of Italy have highly appreciated. I am glad also to remember that this new phase of world pacification was begun by the clear and firm declaration President Hoover made in assuming office."

President Hoover and Secretary of State Stimson also issued congratulatory messages in Washington, Wednesday, when explanatory statements had been received from London and from the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay. The agreement marks the end of naval competition among the five greatest powers, Mr. Hoover remarked, and the successful result was described as "a matter for congratulation in the whole world." The impetus given the settlement by the conversations of Ambassador Gibson in Rome and Paris last year was acknowledged by the President. "I feel," he said, "that the responsible heads of governments and the peoples of the whole world owe a debt of gratitude to the infinite patience and ability of all those who have contributed so effectively to the settlement, and that they realize the fortunate augury which the solution of this problem by direct conversations between the interested parties contains for the progress in the removal of the obstacles on the path of a general and reasonable limitation of all armaments." Secretary Stimson remarked in his statement that the settlement removes the danger of British application of the escalator clause in the London treaty.

Comments on the new accord were made in the Chamber of Deputies in Paris Tuesday by Foreign Minister Briand, and in the House of Commons in London Wednesday by Foreign Secretary Henderson, but in both cases details of the agreement were refused questioners until after the consultations with the other interested governments had been completed. M. Briand assured the Chamber that the agreement contains nothing which will produce any bitterness. "Every country made the necessary sacrifices, and that is the best praise I can give," M. Briand declared. Mr. Henderson informed the House of Commons that the agreement is subject to the approval of the United States and the Japanese Governments. He added, however, that the agreement will in no way alter the present British naval construction program. No official statements on the agreement were made available in Tokio, but the belief was expressed Tuesday, a dispatch to the

New York "Times" said, that the accord will prove welcome as a contribution to peace.

Unofficial disclosure of the terms of the agreement, reported from Rome by the Associated Press, indicates that the question of Franco-Italian naval parity is not settled by the accord but is postponed until 1936, when the London treaty expires. The annual construction programs of the two countries, meanwhile, are reduced from 40,000 tons to an average of about 21,000 or 22,000 tons. Sacrifices were made by both countries, but these are not of a nature to affect national security, the report states. "The accord will give France in 1936 a superiority of 229,000 tons," the dispatch continues. "Italy discounts this, pointing out that 84,000 tons of the French total will be obsolete, while the Italian obsolete tonnage will be only 5,000. A unique point, according to the terms, is that both countries are permitted to build two 23,000-ton cruisers. Another is the decided superiority the accord gives France in submarines—81,900 tons, compared with 52,000 for Italy. Italy, however, receives parity in this category with the United States, Great Britain, and Japan. The terms give France a total tonnage of 670,000 and Italy 441,000 in 1936, and an efficient tonnage of 586,000 for France and 436,000 for Italy, leaving France a 150,000-ton superiority. For replacement France may build 51,000 tons and Italy 47,000 tons before 1936. In aircraft carriers each country may have 43,000 tons. In the period of the accord, Italy will build or finish 130,000 tons and France 126,000 tons."

No ready solution of the European wheat problem resulted from the deliberations of two special committees in Paris last week, called to consider the agricultural problem as a first step toward practical realization of the Briand plan for a European federation. The two conferences were held in quick succession under the auspices of the League of Nations. Delegates of 24 European nations met for the first conference on Feb. 23, but they found no solution for the problem of disposing of the surplus grain stocks of the Balkan countries. The first conference was concluded Feb. 25, and the second meeting began on the following day, with representatives of 11 European lands in attendance. The problem faced in the second conference was that of finding means for disposition of future Balkan grain crops, with emphasis placed on the suggestions previously made by the Foreign Ministers of the Balkan countries for an exchange of the grains for the industrial products of Western Europe. Concrete results were again lacking when the second gathering ended last Saturday. Suggestions were made by the Balkan delegates that preferential tariffs and preferential transportation rates be accorded their wheat.

In a final report adopted last Saturday the conference found that Europe is not producing sufficient foodstuffs to feed herself, but in view of the disproportion in the production of the several countries and of the general overproduction elsewhere, it was considered that a world-wide understanding is advisable. The demands for preferential tariffs were referred to the Conference on Concerted Economic Action, which is a League body. It was recommended that transport conditions and costs be closely studied by the governments of importing countries. Approval was given the suggestion, previously advanced, for the formation of an inter-

national institution of agricultural credit, designed to function as an intermediary between the agricultural regions of Europe and the financial markets. The conference agreed, finally, to include Russia in all future conferences on the European grain problem.

After the close of the second conference, last Saturday, Foreign Minister Briand of France discussed the results in a talk to press correspondents in Paris. The meetings had been opened by M. Briand with a statement that they "would put to a test the solidarity in which we have placed our confidence." To the correspondents, he remarked at the end that the general impression of the gatherings was good. "It was the initial experience for the federation, and there are ground for congratulations," M. Briand said. "It disclosed good-will and gave rise to expectations for European solidarity of the best kind. It is in this that we find the germ of hope for the future, which I will seek to develop with all the facilities at my command." M. Briand remarked that there had apparently been expectations in some quarters that the conferences would set up a kind of grain market, but that this was obviously impossible. Statistics of the European grain position had been gathered, he pointed out, and promises secured for amelioration of the difficulties of Eastern European countries. A committee had been named for further organization and provision made for discussion of the proposed new credit bank, he added. M. Briand considered, moreover, that the two conferences furnished excellent preparation for the world grain conference which is to meet Mar. 26 at Rome.

Difficulties have multiplied for the Labor Government of Great Britain recently, both Parliamentary and intra-party differences making the position one of no great dignity. Although a strain has clearly been placed on the Labor-Liberal alliance by which the MacDonald Cabinet remains in office, competent observers detect no signs as yet of a Parliamentary defeat of Labor on a vital issue. A distinct threat to the life of the Labor Government arose last week, when the trades disputes bill was so altered in committee that the Government had to withdraw its proposed legislation. The bill would have nullified the legislation adopted by the Conservative Government several years ago, declaring a general strike in Britain illegal. The Labor Government was committed to substantial repeal of this legislation, and the trades disputes bill, designed to accomplish this, was forced through a second reading in the House of Commons some weeks ago. With the bill again in the committee stage an amendment was offered by Liberal members of the committee, Feb. 25, prohibiting any general strike "if it exposed the community or any substantial portion thereof to danger to health or safety." Insistence on the measure in these circumstances would have invited defeat, and a general election. Rather than face this alternative, the Labor Government withdrew its bill last Tuesday.

Dissension within the ranks of the Labor party has been growing for more than a year, and it has now reached the point of open rebellion by some elements against the present leadership. Sir Charles Trevelyan, Minister of Education, resigned his post in the MacDonald Cabinet Monday owing to disappointment at the defeat of the Government education bill in Parliament early last month and the accept-

ance of defeat by the Cabinet. He will be succeeded, it is understood, by H. B. Lees-Smith, Postmaster-General, while the latter office will be taken by Major Clement C. Attlee. Radical extremists within the Labor party ranks who have agitated for "Socialism in our time" and for a virtual dictatorship as a means for meeting the current industrial crisis began to flock around the standard raised by Sir Oswald Mosley recently. Sir Oswald, whose views tend toward Fascism, issued a manifesto, Feb. 22, urging the formation of a small "inner Cabinet" of five or six members who would exercise virtual control of British trade and industry under a comprehensive scheme of national planning. The work of Parliament would be largely superseded by the decisions of this controlling and directing council. Two Labor M. P.'s, E. St. Loe Strachey and Robert Forgan, aligned themselves with Sir Oswald a few days later and resigned from the Labor party. Sir Oswald announced his own resignation from the Labor ranks last Saturday, and at the same time declared that a new party is to be formed with "national planning" as its platform. In launching "the new party," Sir Oswald appealed for voluntary workers in every constituency, to the end that 400 candidates may be enabled to run at the next general election.

Conflicting views held within Germany regarding the Young plan settlement of the reparations problem were aired over the last week-end, with the responsible officials of the Reich Government insisting that the Young plan obligations of the country must be met scrupulously. In an address published last Saturday, Chancellor Heinrich Bruening discussed the relation of reparations to German economy, pointing out that in the past year Germany had succeeded in covering her reparations payments out of her own resources for the first time, previous annuities having been met out of the proceeds of foreign borrowing. All possible caution must be exercised in considering even the question of applying for postponement of reparations, Dr. Bruening said, as a temporary respite would be no solution and might complicate any ultimate adjustment. The problem of reparations must be treated from the economic rather than the political viewpoint, he said. A book by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, published the same day, presented the arguments against the Young plan solution marshaled many times previously by the able former President of the Reichsbank. The chief argument in the book, a Berlin report to the New York "Herald Tribune" states, is that Germany ought to demand that the creditor powers fulfill the preliminaries of the Young plan, or else consent to a suspension of reparations payments. The preliminaries demanded by Dr. Schacht are mainly the fostering of world trade in Germany's favor.

Dr. Hans Luther, who now presides over the Reichsbank, discussed the problem in an address at Leipzig, Monday. He declared uncompromisingly for strict fulfillment of German obligations under the Young plan, which must be held "sacred." The address was an implied rebuke to Dr. Schacht, a report to the "Herald Tribune" said. "Understandable though it is," said Dr. Luther, "that a large portion of our people rebel against the Young plan as a legal confirmation of our reparations burdens, especially in view of the terrible distress from which

this generation is suffering, and however much the Young plan contributes to these feelings by the fact that it appears in the garb of a final settlement of the problem, it still must not be forgotten that the Young plan freed us from foreign occupation and from foreign supervision of important parts of our national economy, including the Reichsbank and the railways." While admitting the "treaty nature" of the Young plan, Dr. Luther stated "with all possible clearness and emphasis that Germany, in no way whatsoever and in no circumstances, thinks of stopping her payments to private individuals, payments based on civil law." Among the payments so assured, he continued, are those for the service of interest and amortization of the Young plan and Dawes plan loans. "It cannot be often enough stated that the word moratorium, which unfortunately has been employed so much to indicate an exercise of the limited right of Germany to postponement of payments under the Young plan, has led to the wrong and misleading notion that Germany is striving for cessation of payments," the Reichsbank President declared. He urged a comprehensive granting of long-term credits to Germany by the creditor nations, so that the heavy short-term indebtedness of the Reich can be redeemed.

A year of peaceful defiance of British authorities in India by Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi and his Nationalist followers was terminated this week, when a compromise was arranged in conversations between Viceroy Lord Irwin and the Indian political and religious leader. Under a formal agreement, signed Wednesday, and published at New Delhi the following day, the civil disobedience campaign is to be discontinued, while "certain action" will be taken by the Government of India. The concessions on the part of the British authorities consist chiefly of a promise to free some 20,000 political prisoners who were jailed for peaceful resistance to the authorities or for such overt acts as the manufacture of salt in defiance of the salt monopoly and refusal to pay taxes. Permission is also to be given for the unhindered recovery of salt from the sea by Indians for home consumption, while statutes directed against those who practiced civil disobedience will be repealed. A further important provision of the agreement relates to future discussions of constitutional questions, which are to be considered at a further round table conference soon to be held in India. The object of such discussions is to be "consideration of a future scheme for constitutional government in India," it is officially stated. Federation, as outlined in the recent London conference, is to be an essential part of the scheme, but so also are "Indian responsibilities and reservations or safeguards in the interests of India for such matters as, for instance, defence, external affairs, the position of minorities, the financial credit of India, and the discharge of obligations."

The truce now arranged in the Indian campaign of non-violent disobedience was discussed by the Viceroy and Mahatma Gandhi for almost three weeks. The conversations were begun Feb. 14 at the request of Mr. Gandhi soon after he was released from prison in order to confer with the Indian delegates to the recent round table conference in London. A year of strife, agitation and economic decline in India had caused much unrest, especially among the wealthy merchants who supplied the

sinews for the campaign conducted by Mr. Gandhi. There was, accordingly, an almost universal hope that the discussions would result favorably. The prospects for settlement brightened perceptibly last week, when Sir George Schuster, finance member of the Government of India, participated in the negotiations, and announcement, Tuesday, that the basis for agreement had been reached caused little surprise. Details of the compromise were not made available, however, until after the formal signing of the accord. It was accepted, both in England and in India, with a good deal of relief. Terms of the agreement were read in the House of Commons in London, Thursday, by Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for India, and it was immediately indicated that both the Labor and Liberal members will support the Government, assuring approval of the pact over any opposition by the Conservatives. Members of his Majesty's Opposition referred openly to the agreement as a "surrender to Gandhi" and an acrimonious debate on the measure is assured.

In the formal statement setting forth the terms of the agreement it is indicated that civil disobedience is to be effectively discontinued and reciprocal action taken by the Government. Among the elements of the campaign specifically to be dropped are: organized defiance of the provisions of any law, movements for non-payment of land revenues or other legal dues, publication of news sheets in support of the civil disobedience movement and attempts to influence civil or military servants or village officials against the Government. The boycott of foreign goods is considered to involve two issues, first, the character of the boycott, and, second, the methods employed in giving effect to it. The Government takes the position, according to the statement, that it approves of the encouragement of Indian industries and has no desire to discourage methods of propaganda or persuasion pursued with this object. It is remarked, however, that the boycott of British goods has been employed admittedly to exert pressure for political ends. Under the agreement, accordingly, the boycott against British commodities as a political weapon is to be discontinued. The desires of Mr. Gandhi for an official investigation of police activities during the campaign are set aside in the agreement, since they would "inevitably lead to charges and counter-charges which would militate against the re-establishment of peace." Political amnesty is granted under the accord to all prisoners not convicted of violence or incitement to violence, and detailed provisions are included for the restoration of property seized by the Government. In the present financial condition of the country, the Government is unable to make substantial modification of the salt act, but for the sake of giving relief to certain classes of the poor, permission will be given for the recovery and sale of salt within villages immediately adjoining areas where salt can be collected, but not for sale to or trading with individuals living outside such villages.

Little progress was made this week toward clearing up the confusion in the political affairs of Peru, where revolutionary and counter-revolutionary movements have followed each other in quick succession. The revolt against the provisional regime of Col. Luis M. Sanchez Cerro, which spread over the country last week, culminated Sunday in the resig-

nation of Senor Sanchez Cerro as Provisional President, and the naming of a new junta to rule the land. Ricardo Leoncio Elias, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, was named Provisional President, and overtures were immediately made to the Southern rebel forces at Arequipa and the Northern insurgents at Piura for ending the movement against the Lima Government. The Arequipa rebels raised objections to the presence in the junta of Col. Ruiz Bravo, who approved an expeditionary force against them last week, but they agreed to negotiate with Senor Elias. A Southern delegation arrived at Lima by airplane, Wednesday, for this purpose, but before any results could be achieved new developments in Lima complicated the situation. Troops loyal to Col. Sanchez Cerro ousted the junta headed by Senor Elias Thursday, and the formation of a new junta was taken in hand by Lieut-Col. Gustavo Jimenez, who assumed the military and civil control of Lima with some 2,000 soldiers under his command. Whether this maneuver will be successful remains in doubt, according to latest reports, as the Peruvian naval forces are said to be antagonistic to Senor Jimenez. Although the populace is greatly excited by these developments, little disorder is reported.

No changes occurred this week in the discount rates of any of the European central banks. Rates are 6% in Spain; 5½% in Austria, Hungary, and Italy; 5% in Germany; 4% in Norway and Ireland; 3½% in Denmark; 3% in England and Sweden; 2½% in Holland and Belgium, and 2% in France and Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills yesterday were 2 11/16% against 2 11/16@2¾% on Friday of last week, and 2 11/16% for three months bills against 2 11/16@2¾% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London yesterday was 1¾%. At Paris the open market rate remains at 1¾%, and in Switzerland at 1%.

The Bank of France in its weekly statement dated Feb. 28 shows an increase in gold holdings of 65,805,222 francs. This gain brings the total of the item up to 55,923,597,641 francs, which compares with 42,855,470,351 francs the same time last year and 34,063,146,745 francs two years ago. Credit balances abroad declined 8,000,000 francs, while bills bought abroad increased 2,000,000 francs. A large gain is shown in note circulation, namely 2,096,000,000 francs. Total notes circulation now amount to 79,447,505,510 francs, as compared with 71,116,068,970 francs last year and 64,226,373,510 francs the year before. French commercial bills discounted expanded 749,000,000 francs while the items of advances against securities and creditor current accounts contracted 60,000,000 francs and 1,715,000,000 francs respectively. Below we furnish a comparison of the different items for the past three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.		Status as of		
	Francs.	Francs.	Feb. 28 1931.	Mar. 1 1930.	Mar. 2 1929.
Gold holdings....Inc.	65,805,222	55,923,597,641	42,855,470,351	34,063,146,745	
Credit bals. abr'd...Dec.	8,000,000	7,004,563,982	6,955,711,791	11,473,970,667	
French commercial bills discounted...Inc.	749,000,000	8,219,827,037	5,245,134,663	4,235,415,010	
Bills bought abr'd...Inc.	2,000,000	19,274,873,142	18,713,683,359	18,298,654,185	
Adv. agst. secur's...Dec.	60,000,000	2,801,298,732	2,657,830,291	2,404,732,452	
Note circulation...Inc.	2,096,000,000	79,447,505,510	71,116,068,970	64,226,373,510	
Cred. curr. acct's...Dec.	117,500,000	24,302,999,950	15,903,449,654	17,805,250,874	

The Bank of England statement for the week ended March 4 shows an increase of £169,331 in

gold holdings, but as this was attended by an expansion of £3,057,000 in circulation, reserves fell off £2,888,000. The Bank's bullion holdings now total £141,761,881 compared with £152,290,198 a year ago. Public deposits decreased £8,394,000, while other deposits rose £7,640,513. Other deposits include bankers' accounts and other accounts which increased £7,540,977 and £99,536 respectively. The reserve ratio dropped this week to 47.32% from 49.65% a week ago. The ratio last year was 60.57%. Loans on Government securities fell off £2,340,000 and those on other securities expanded £4,510,665. Other securities consist of "discounts and advances" and "securities." The former increased £2,121,247 and the latter £2,389,418. The rate of discount remains 3%. Below we show comparisons of the different items for five years.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
	Mar. 4.	Mar. 5.	Mar. 6.	Mar. 7.	Mar. 9.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation...a.....	350,722,000	347,295,975	355,088,201	135,114,670	137,056,560
Public deposits.....	7,827,000	7,674,949	8,283,015	8,642,160	16,158,524
Other deposits.....	100,024,328	99,616,324	101,479,642	102,879,167	103,922,324
Bankers' accounts.....	66,612,662	63,694,475	64,183,525	-----	-----
Other accounts.....	33,411,766	35,921,849	37,296,117	-----	-----
Government securities.....	34,394,952	38,631,563	44,796,855	31,761,814	31,222,560
Other securities.....	40,678,332	21,944,703	26,494,873	55,321,543	73,689,766
Disct. & advances.....	10,639,093	6,840,871	10,379,411	-----	-----
Securities.....	30,039,239	15,103,832	16,115,462	-----	-----
Reserve notes & coin.....	51,039,000	64,994,223	56,740,597	42,533,387	33,446,466
Coin and bullion.....	141,761,881	152,290,198	151,828,798	157,898,057	150,753,026
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	47.32%	60.57%	51.69%	38¼%	27¼%
Bank rate.....	3%	4%	5½%	4½%	5%

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

The German Bank statement for the last week of February reveals an increase in gold and bullion of 19,482,000 marks. Gold now aggregates 2,285,108,000 marks, as compared with 2,444,389,000 marks at the corresponding week last year and 2,728,933,000 marks two years ago. Other items which show increases are bills of exchange and checks with 529,339,000 marks, advances with 215,847,000 marks and other liabilities with 4,184,000 marks. Decreases appear in reserve in foreign currency of 9,836,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 41,845,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 11,104,000 marks and in other assets of 44,671,000 marks. Notes in circulation records a gain of 723,563,000 marks, raising the total of the item to 4,427,968,000 marks. Circulation a year ago stood at 4,722,430,000 marks and the year before at 4,553,026,000 marks. Other daily maturing obligations fell off 76,535,000 marks, while the items of deposits abroad and investments remain unchanged. A comparison of the various items for the past three years is given below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.			
	Feb. 28 1931.	Feb. 28 1930.	Feb. 28 1929.	
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion....Inc.	19,482,000	2,285,108,000	2,444,389,000	2,728,933,000
Of which depos. abr'd...Unchanged	-----	207,638,000	149,788,000	85,626,000
Res've in for'n curr'...Dec.	9,836,000	165,566,000	383,802,000	90,386,000
Bills of exch. & checks...Inc.	529,339,000	2,054,971,000	1,965,003,000	1,888,919,000
Silver and other coin...Dec.	41,845,000	160,426,000	137,866,000	114,352,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks...Dec.	11,104,000	10,188,000	3,542,000	7,244,000
Advances.....Inc.	215,847,000	301,172,000	313,306,000	297,247,000
Investments.....Unchanged	-----	102,322,000	93,277,000	93,170,000
Other assets.....Dec.	44,671,000	511,216,000	484,925,000	470,718,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation...Inc.	723,563,000	4,427,968,000	4,722,430,000	4,553,026,000
Oth. daily mat. obllg...Dec.	76,535,000	324,790,000	468,522,000	525,560,000
Other liabilities.....Inc.	4,184,000	338,284,000	151,231,000	169,987,000

As contrasted with previous dealings, slightly firmer conditions prevailed in the New York money market this week, the call loan rate advancing in the last sessions to 2% from the 1½% figure that was quoted on the Stock Exchange uninterruptedly from Jan. 2 to Mar. 4. The modest tightening was

occasioned, money dealers said, by Treasury calls for all deposits remaining with depository institutions, and by the turnover resulting from payment Thursday for \$100,000,000 bonds sold by the City of New York. Call loans were 1½% on the Stock Exchange all of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Renewals Thursday were again 1½%, but withdrawals of \$30,000,000 by the banks caused an advance to 2% for new loans. The renewal rate yesterday was again 1½%, but in the final hour this was increased on new loans to 2%, with bank withdrawals of about \$40,000,000 a factor. The unofficial "Street" market for call loans also reflected the tightening, as loans were available at a concession from the official figure only on Monday, when some deals were reported at 1%. Time loans were substantially unchanged. Two compilations of brokers' loan totals were published this week. The tabulation of the Stock Exchange for the entire month of February showed a gain for the period of \$119,410,740. The report of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the week ended Wednesday night reflected a gain of \$8,000,000. Gold movements reported for the same weekly period by the Reserve Bank consisted of imports of \$6,762,000. There were no exports and no net change in the stock of gold held earmarked for foreign account.

Dealing in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, the rate, as noted above, after continuing unchanged at 1½% day after day, rose on Thursday to 2%, after renewals had been effected at 1½%. The experience was repeated on Friday, that is, renewals were at 1½%, but later in the day there was an advance to 2% in the rate for new loans. Time money is still inactive, with little or no demand. Quotations for 30-day accommodation have been entirely eliminated. Quotations for other dates have been each day 1½@2% for 60 days, 2@2¼% for 90-day accommodations, 2@2¼% for four months, and 2½@2¾% for five and six months. The market for prime commercial paper has this week shown marked improvement. The demand has been much larger and paper more plentiful. Rates for choice names of four to six months' maturity are 2½%, while names less well known as 2¾@3%.

The demand for prime bank acceptances fell to the minimum this week. Very few bills are coming out, and there is no market for the offerings available. Rates remain unchanged. The Reserve Banks reduced their holdings of acceptances this week from \$106,317,000 to \$100,555,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents increased from \$453,814,000 to \$462,261,000. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council now are 15⁄8% bid and 1½% asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 and 90 days; 1¾% bid and 15⁄8% asked for 120 days, and 17⁄8% bid and 1¾% asked for 150 days and 180 days. The Acceptance Council no longer gives the rates for call loans secured by acceptances. Open market rates for acceptances have also remained unchanged, as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.						
—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—		
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	
Prime eligible bills.....	1½	1¾	1½	1¾	1½	1¾
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—		
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	
Prime eligible bills.....	1½	1¾	1½	1¾	1½	1¾
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.						
Eligible member banks.....						1½ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....						1½ bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Mar. 6.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	2½	Jan. 2 1931	3
New York.....	2	Dec. 24 1930	2½
Philadelphia.....	3½	July 3 1930	4
Cleveland.....	3	Dec. 29 1930	3½
Richmond.....	3½	July 18 1930	4
Atlanta.....	3	Jan. 10 1931	3½
Chicago.....	3	Jan. 10 1931	3½
St. Louis.....	3	Jan. 8 1931	3½
Minneapolis.....	3½	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City.....	3½	Aug. 15 1930	4
Dallas.....	2½	Sept. 9 1930	4
San Francisco.....	3	Jan. 9 1931	3½

Sterling exchange is extremely dull with transactions during the week almost at a minimum, and although the market has a more confident tone with respect to the future of sterling, this week, largely on account of the dullness, it has been ruling on average fractionally lower than a week ago. The range this week has been from 4.85¼ to 4.85⅝ for bankers' sight bills, compared with 4.85⅜ to 4.85 13-16 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.85 21-32 to 4.85 13-16, compared with 4.85⅝ to 4.85 15-16 a week ago. In Thursday's trading, largely as a result of a more favorable Bank of England statement, sterling became more active than at any time during the week, with sterling cables quoted the greater part of the day at 4.85.13-16. On the same day considerable improvement also took place in sterling against francs, and the London check rate on Paris advanced to 124.01. A short time ago sterling had receded almost to the gold export point against francs, but this danger has been averted for the time being. Improvement in the tone of exchange was also brought about as a result of the signing by Mahatma Gandhi and Lord Irwin of a truce, marking the end of India's civil disobedience to British rule.

Decidedly more cheerful sentiment now prevails in London, as it is beginning to be felt that the fright and depression which followed the gloomy budget forecasts of a few weeks ago by the Chancellor of the Exchequer were exaggerated. As a consequence of the Chancellor's statements security markets were distinctly oversold and sterling reflected this movement. A change has been effected by the Chancellor's additional and more hopeful references to the financial situation and London is convinced that the present ranges of sterling exchange are satisfactory and looks forward to further firming of the rates as the seasonal period for sterling firmness advances. The outlook for sterling is further enhanced owing to the announcement last week by the British Treasury Department concerning the result of the Anglo-French conversations on general financial policy as it affects the two countries. Financial London seems now convinced that the basic policy of France, far from being hostile to the British market, has on the contrary been so shaped as to render all possible assistance. Money continues to hold firmer in London with respect to rates in other financial centers, due largely of course to the insistence of the Bank of England that the London banks maintain a policy which will keep the London market attractive to outside funds and to co-operate in doing everything possible to protect British gold holdings while the Bank of England adheres to its present 3% rediscount rate. This week the Bank of England shows an increase in

gold holdings of £169,331, the total standing at £141,761,881, which compares with £152,290,198 on March 5 a year ago. On Saturday the Bank of England sold £13,998 in gold bars and exported £5,000 in sovereigns. On Monday the Bank received £250,000 in sovereigns from abroad, sold £3,482 in gold bars, and exported £5,000 in sovereigns. On Tuesday the Bank set aside £250,000 in sovereigns, sold £31,487 in gold bars, and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. On Tuesday, of the week's arrival of £1,215,000 of gold from South Africa, the bulk was taken for forward French account and only a few bars were available to India and the trade. On Wednesday, the Bank of England released £192,848 in sovereigns, bought £1,284 in gold bars, and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. On Friday, the Bank received £51,000 sovereigns from abroad and exported £15,000 sovereigns.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended March 4, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of \$6,762,000, of which \$5,382,000 came from Argentina, \$1,230,000 from Uruguay, and \$150,000 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 March 4, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, FEB. 26-MAR. 4, INCLUSIVE.	
Imports.	Exports.
\$5,382,000 from Argentina	
1,230,000 from Uruguay	None
150,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries	
\$6,762,000 total	
Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.	
None	

On Thursday \$2,919,300 of gold was received from Colombia and \$17,500 from Dutch East Indies. The Reserve Bank announced that approximately \$380,000 of gold was received at San Francisco on Wednesday from China.

Canadian exchange continues firm, ruling this week generally at par or fractionally better. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at par, and also on Monday and Tuesday, and on Wednesday at a premium of 1-64 of 1%. On Thursday and Friday, Montreal funds were again quoted at par. The firmness in Canadian has been anticipated and is generally attributed to seasonal factors. If the present level of Canadian funds can be maintained until the reopening of navigation it will be much easier for Canadian exchange to go to the gold point around April and to strengthen the Canadian position through imports of metal from New York.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady. Bankers' sight was 4.85 17-32@4.85 5/8; cable transfers 4.85 3/4@4.85 25-32. On Monday exchange was dull with sterling steady. The range was 4.89 9-16@4.85 5/8 for bankers' sight and 4.85 3/4@4.85 13-16 for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was dull and easier. Bankers' sight was 4.85 1/4@4.85 19-31; cable transfers 4.85 21-32@4.85 3/4. On Wednesday sterling was in demand and steady. The range was 4.85 1/2@4.85 9-16 for bankers' sight and 4.85 23-32@4.85 3/4 for cable transfers. On Thursday the market continued steady. The range was 4.85 9-16@4.85 5/8 for bankers' sight and 4.85 3/4@4.85 13-16 for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was easier; the range was 4.85 1/2@4.85 5/8 for bankers' sight and 4.85 3/4 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.85 9-16 for demand and 4.85 3/4

for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.85 7-16; sixty-day bills at 4.83 1/8; ninety-day bills at 4.82; documents for payment (60 days) at 4.83 1/8, and seven day grain bills at 4.85 1-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.85 7-16.

Exchange on the Continental countries is little changed from the past few weeks, with the major units inclined to be dull and revealing a fractional ease in sympathy with the ruling trends of sterling exchange. French francs are on the whole firm, although ruling fractionally easier with respect to the dollar. This ease is due more to dullness in exchange operations and to the uncertainties and unsatisfactory state of world trade, rather than to any fundamental weakness in the position of the franc. Present quotations for francs are also governed by the fact that money is so abundant in Paris that French interests have difficulty in placing funds at home. As a matter of fact owing to the firmer rates for money in London, Paris reports a rather larger movement of French funds to London. This circumstance, together with the fact that the French banking authorities are working in co-operation with the banking authorities in London to support the pound sterling, has resulted in the London check rate on Paris moving still further in favor of London. This week the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 65,805,000 francs. The Bank's total gold holdings now stand at 55,923,000,000 francs as of February 28, compared with 42,855,000,000 a year ago and with 29,935,000,000 francs reported in the first statement of the Bank of France following stabilization of the franc in June 1928.

German marks are steady, although ruling fractionally easier in sympathy with the easier tone of sterling exchange. Foreign exchange circles are gratified by the recent statement of Dr. Hans Luther, President of the Reichsbank, in which he reaffirmed Germany's adherence to the conditions of the Young plan. The Reichsbank statement for the week ended February 28 showed an increase in gold holdings of 19,482,000 marks, the total standing at 2,285,100,000 marks, compared with 2,444,400,000 marks a year ago. The Reichsbank's note cover ratio now stands at 55%. Money rates in Berlin continue to develop ease as a result of the return flow of German funds from Switzerland, Holland and other centers, and also as a result of large offerings of new funds from these centers, especially from Amsterdam. However, it is felt in banking circles that the political situation in Germany must clear still further before the offering of outside funds to the German market can take on proportions sufficiently great to reduce German money rates materially. According to Berling dispatches, bankers there believe that the inflow of foreign money during the past few weeks only about balances withdrawals and since the receipts of exchange from export surplus go to meet the reparation transfers and service of non-reparations debts, the Reichsbank's reserve is not being replenished. Hence there is considerable doubt in Berlin as to the prospect of a further reduction in the Reichsbank's rediscount rate, which continues to stand at 5%, the highest rate of any of the larger central banks.

Italian lire are steady and have been ruling firmer, moving in a line somewhat independent of the other Continental exchanges. In Monday's trading the lire was quoted at 5.23 15-16 for cable transfers, which represented a new high for the year. Through-

out the greater part of the week the lira cable transfer rate was around $5.23\frac{7}{8}$.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.01 on Friday of this week, compared with 123.96 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at $3.91\frac{1}{2}$, against 3.91 13-16 a week ago; cable transfers at $3.91\frac{5}{8}$, against 3.91 15-16, and commercial sight bills at $3.91\frac{1}{4}$, against 3.91 9-16. Antwerp belgas finished at $13.93\frac{1}{4}$ for checks and at 13.94 for cable transfers, against $13.93\frac{3}{4}$ and $13.94\frac{1}{2}$. Final quotations for Berlin marks were $23.76\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and $23.77\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with $23.76\frac{1}{4}$ and $23.77\frac{1}{4}$. Italian lire closed at $5.23\frac{5}{8}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23 13-16 for cable transfers, against $5.23\frac{1}{2}$ and 5.23 11-16. Austrian schillings closed at 14.05, against 14.05; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 2.96, against 2.96; on Bucharest at $0.59\frac{1}{4}$, against $0.59\frac{1}{4}$; on Poland at 11.20, against 11.20, and on Finland at $2.51\frac{5}{8}$, against $2.51\frac{5}{8}$. Greek exchange closed at $1.29\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at $1.29\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against $1.29\frac{1}{4}$ and $1.29\frac{1}{2}$.

Exchange on the countries neutral during the war is extremely dull and has shown a general downward tendency with the exception of Spanish pesetas, which moved up rather sharply during the week. The comparative ease in the Scandinavians is due largely to sympathetic relation to sterling and mark exchange, and is not regarded as of importance at the present. Holland guilders have inclined toward ease for several weeks. In Wednesday's trading guilders had a sharp break when cable transfers dropped to 40.07, the lowest level for the past year. The decline in quotation has given rise to discussion in banking circles as to the possibility of imports of gold from Holland. The gold import point is roughly estimated at 40.04, a few points higher than previous estimates, due to the low money rates. Some well-informed bankers in New York, however, do not look for a movement of metal to New York at this time and hold that, should the rate decline to the gold point on New York, the Bank of The Netherlands would probably intervene and by use of its foreign balances lend support to the guilder and prevent gold exports to this side. Guilders are also easy with respect to sterling exchange, and it seems likely that should gold move from Amsterdam it would be toward London. For some time there has been a demand for sterling and dollar exchange in the Amsterdam market. The movement has been due to the extremely low money rates and lack of opportunity for profitable employment of funds in the home market. The Bank of The Netherlands cut its rediscount rate to $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ on January 23. The Amsterdam money market is described as only nominal. The private discount rate is at 1%, while just across the channel in London three-months bills are quoted $2\frac{5}{8}\%$ @ 2 11-16%, affording ample reason for an outflow of funds from Holland. There has also been a steady demand on the part of the Dutch for dollar investment in New York, but in the security market rather than in the money market.

Spanish pesetas closed on Friday of last week at 10.45 for cable transfers and on Saturday of last week peseta cables had a range of from 10.61 to 10.71 and moved up during the week to 10.82. The market is once again more optimistic as to the future of pesetas and the chances of legal stabilization of Spain's cur-

rency. No official announcement has been made regarding the exact steps to be taken, and the market is still waiting for some hint as to the level at which revalorization can be expected. Advices from Madrid make it clear that the Spanish Finance Minister, Sr. Ventosa, is in loose touch with M. Pierre Quesnay, Managing Director of the Bank for International Settlements, on the question of stabilization, and that a plan has actually been drawn up involving the co-operation of the Bank for International Settlements with the Bank of Spain. According to Madrid dispatches on Tuesday, Governor Bas of the Bank of Spain stated that the bank contributed £\$1,000,000 to the £3,000,000 gold recently sent to London in the defense of the peseta, but that this £1,000,000 is still intact in the Bank of England. At the year-end, the report of the Bank of Spain showed circulation amounting to 4,766,000,000 pesetas, compared with 4,458,000,000 pesetas a year ago; gold stood at 2,432,000,000 pesetas, showing a slight decrease; and silver at 699,000,000 pesetas, against 703,000,000 pesetas a year ago.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at $40.07\frac{1}{4}$, against 40.10 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at $40.08\frac{1}{4}$, against 40.11, and commercial sight bills at $40.04\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.07. Swiss francs closed at 19.24 for bankers' sight bills and at $19.24\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, against $19.24\frac{1}{4}$ and 19.25. Copenhagen checks finished at $26.73\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at $26.74\frac{1}{2}$, against 26.74 and 26.75. Checks on Sweden closed at $26.77\frac{1}{4}$ and cable transfers at $26.78\frac{1}{4}$, against $26.76\frac{1}{2}$ and $26.77\frac{1}{2}$, while checks on Norway finished at 26.74 and cable transfers at 26.75, against $26.74\frac{1}{2}$ and $26.75\frac{1}{2}$. Spanish pesetas closed at 10.81 for bankers' sight bills and at 10.82 for cable transfers, compared with 10.44 and 10.45.

Exchange on the South American countries shows practically no new features from the past several weeks. The Argentine peso continues to develop improvement and bankers seem more optimistic as to the course of exchange on Buenos Aires. As noted above, \$5,382,000 gold was received from Argentina during the week. In addition, advices from Buenos Aires stated that the Banco de la Nacion was shipping \$4,000,000 more gold to leave that city about March 9. These shipments bring the total of metal either received in New York or on the way from Buenos Aires this year to approximately \$24,204,000. There is no free gold market yet in Argentina, as the Caja de Conversion remains closed, but from time to time the government authorizes the withdrawal of gold from the conversion office for shipment by the Banco de la Nacion for official purposes. Brazilian milreis continue to be quoted nominally and in the main reflect a lack of confidence on the part of foreign exchange traders in the Brazilian situation. Despite internal difficulties, however, and the low price of coffee, it is significant that for 1930 Brazil had a favorable visible trade balance of £12,124,000, compared with £8,178,000 in 1929. Total foreign trade, however, showed a serious decline, imports amounting to but £53,646,000, compared with £86,653,000 in 1929, and exports to £65,770,000 against £94,831,000. In the first 11 months coffee exports were valued at £37,853,000, compared with £63,463,000 in the corresponding period of 1929, although quantity was greater at 13,735,000 bags, against 13,083,000 bags.

Argentine paper peso closed at 33 3-16 for checks, against 33 3-16 on Friday of last week and at $33\frac{1}{4}$

for cable transfers, against 33¼. Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 8.25 for bankers' sight bills and 8.30 for cable transfers, against 8.35 and 8.40. Chilean exchange closed at 12 1-16 for checks and at 12½ for cable transfers, against 12 1-16 and 12½. Peru at 27.40, against 27.10.

Exchange on the Far Eastern countries shows some improvement as a result of slightly better prices and prospects for silver exchange. The silver situation has been further improved by the successful outcome of negotiations, between Mahatma Gandhi and Lord Irwin, Viceroy of India. Great importance is attached to the truce signed by them marking an end of civil disobedience to British rule, which automatically removes the Indian boycott on British goods, Manchester regards the move as a stimulating factor despite the higher duty on imported cotton piece goods. The silver market has interpreted the step as a bullish sign, as with peace and increased business it is likely that a greater demand for silver will ensue. It is generally conceded that the full effect of these negotiations cannot be felt at once, but that as time goes on the truce will prove a great influence toward world recovery, primarily through its beneficial effect on the British cotton trade and on the silver market. The Indian Government has raised the import duty on silver 2 annas per ounce to 6 annas, equivalent to 14.58 cents per ounce. Sir George Schuster in introducing the Indian budget stated that the fear that the increase of 2 annas per ounce in Indian silver duties might check consumption of silver in India was unfounded, and pointed out that the whole world depends upon India as a consumer of silver. In the five years ended March 31 1930 India absorbed about 540,000,000 ounces of silver and in the current year the absorption will be up to the 5-year average of 108,000,000 ounces. Against this total the Indian Government out of its own holdings sold only about 90,000,000 ounces.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 49.35@49 9-16, against 49.36@49 9-16. Hong Kong closed at 23¾@24 1-16, against 22½@23½; Shanghai at 30½@30¾, against 28¾@29 3-16; Manila at 49¾, against 49½; Singapore at 56.25@56 7-16, against 56.25@56 7-16; Bombay at 36 3-16, against 36½, and Calcutta at 36 3-16, against 36½.

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

Banks of	March 5 1931.			March 6 1930.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 141,761,881	£ 141,761,881	£ 152,290,198	£ 152,290,198	£ 152,290,198	£ 152,290,198
France a	447,389,581	(d) 447,389,581	342,843,770	d 342,843,770	342,843,770	342,843,770
Germany b	103,873,500	c994,600	104,868,100	114,730,050	994,600	115,724,650
Spain	96,622,000	28,321,000	124,943,000	100,684,000	28,372,000	129,056,000
Italy	57,309,000	57,309,000	56,126,000	56,126,000	56,126,000	56,126,000
Netherl'ds.	37,171,000	2,567,000	39,738,000	36,418,000	3,320,000	39,738,000
Nat. Belg.	40,459,000	40,459,000	33,672,000	1,287,000	34,959,000	36,246,000
Switzerl'd.	25,719,000	25,719,000	22,438,000	867,000	23,305,000	24,172,000
Sweden	13,352,000	13,352,000	13,554,000	13,554,000	13,554,000	13,554,000
Denmark	9,522,000	9,522,000	9,578,000	9,578,000	9,578,000	9,578,000
Norway	8,134,000	8,134,000	8,146,000	8,146,000	8,146,000	8,146,000
Tot. wk.	981,342,962	31,882,600	1013,225,562	890,480,018	31,902,600	922,382,618
Prev. week	979,636,289	31,707,600	1011,343,889	889,287,580	31,970,600	921,258,180

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £10,381,900. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, FEB. 28 1931 TO MARCH 6 1931, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Feb. 28.	Mar. 2.	Mar. 3.	Mar. 4.	Mar. 5.	Mar. 6.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.140584	1.140599	1.140588	1.140539	1.140532	1.140567
Belgium, belga	1.139412	1.139422	1.139410	1.139397	1.139411	1.139382
Bulgaria, lev	0.007186	0.007202	0.007175	0.007175	0.007175	0.007175
Czechoslovakia, krona	0.029609	0.029610	0.029613	0.029613	0.029616	0.029616
Denmark, krona	0.267468	0.267481	0.267450	0.267425	0.267454	0.267438
England, pound sterling	4.857500	4.857843	4.856517	4.856960	4.857752	4.856904
Finland, marka	0.025175	0.025177	0.025178	0.025182	0.025177	0.025177
France, franc	0.039184	0.039185	0.039174	0.039167	0.039172	0.039164
Germany, reichsmark	0.237667	0.237679	0.237629	0.237625	0.236678	0.237694
Greece, drachma	0.012943	0.012945	0.012944	0.012951	0.012947	0.012946
Holland, guilder	0.401035	0.401050	0.400841	0.400760	0.400800	0.400819
Hungary, pengo	1.74538	1.74510	1.74575	1.74582	1.74585	1.74550
Italy, lira	0.052370	0.052389	0.052380	0.052372	0.052379	0.052378
Norway, krone	0.267500	0.267515	0.267476	0.267445	0.267454	0.267465
Poland, zloty	0.115900	0.115905	0.115930	0.115959	0.115950	0.115959
Portugal, escudo	0.044837	0.044837	0.044837	0.044887	0.044833	0.044837
Rumania, leu	0.005946	0.005949	0.005948	0.005950	0.005947	0.005949
Spain, peseta	0.015281	0.015281	0.015281	0.015281	0.015281	0.015281
Sweden, krona	0.267795	0.267848	0.267802	0.267820	0.267840	0.267804
Switzerland, franc	0.192456	0.192488	0.192505	0.192490	0.192509	0.192483
Yugoslavia, dinar	0.017601	0.017590	0.017602	0.017607	0.017597	0.017601
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	0.303958	0.304791	0.303750	0.308541	0.308125	0.317291
Hankow tael	0.292218	0.292468	0.292375	0.293906	0.293593	0.293281
Shanghai tael	0.292500	0.292500	0.291875	0.296607	0.296428	0.296428
Tientsin tael	0.308125	0.308958	0.309716	0.312708	0.312291	0.321458
Hong Kong dollar	0.226071	0.225739	0.225627	0.225482	0.229107	0.235357
Mexican dollar	0.210312	0.210625	0.210312	0.213437	0.213750	0.220625
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	0.213333	0.213750	0.213750	0.216666	0.217083	0.223333
Yuan dollar	0.210000	0.210416	0.210416	0.213333	0.213750	0.220000
India, rupee	0.359508	0.359508	0.359508	0.359508	0.359512	0.359762
Japan, yen	0.493903	0.493884	0.493884	0.493934	0.493884	0.493834
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	0.560625	0.560625	0.560625	0.560625	0.560625	0.560625
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	0.999926	0.999991	0.999894	0.999972	1.000170	1.000036
Cuba, peso	1.000281	1.000468	1.000500	1.000593	1.000593	1.000562
Mexico, peso	0.469166	0.471733	0.472933	0.472933	0.472600	0.473100
Newfoundland, dollar	0.997500	0.997470	0.997452	0.997375	0.997625	0.997500
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	0.753782	0.754034	0.754769	0.754474	0.754711	0.753974
Brazil, milreis	0.081972	0.081833	0.081445	0.081522	0.081911	0.083222
Chile, peso	0.120583	0.120586	0.120584	0.120554	0.120560	0.120553
Uruguay, peso	0.713258	0.713883	0.716345	0.715852	0.716946	0.715133
Colombia, peso	0.965700	0.965700	0.965700	0.965700	0.965700	0.965700

Limitation Without Parity—The Franco-Italian Naval Agreement.

The completion of the negotiations between France and Italy which Great Britain initiated, and in which it appears to have acted throughout as both director and intermediary, marks a long step in the direction of the general accord in naval matters which the five-Power London conference attempted to achieve, but which it was prevented from accomplishing because of the apparently irreconcilable demands of Italy and France. It will be recalled that these two Powers, while favoring in principle the reduction and limitation of naval armaments to which the United States, Great Britain and Japan eventually subscribed, were unable to accept so much of the treaty as dealt with limitation because of a dispute over parity. The Italian demand for a recognition of its right to build as much naval tonnage as France was one which France, for a variety of reasons, refused to concede. Because of this controversy the conference nearly went to pieces, and when at last a treaty was drawn up and signed, what it had been expected would be a five-Power agreement became, as far as limitation was concerned, a three-Power pact, but with the right reserved to France and Italy to give their adhesion whenever they should succeed in reconciling their differences. As the outlook for such reconciliation appeared at the time to be extremely remote, the prestige of the conference was appreciably dimmed and its record widely regarded as a failure.

The agreement that has just been concluded does not settle the question of parity. It merely disposes of the question for the time being by allowing it to go over until 1936, when France or Italy will be free to raise it again in connection with the revision or extension of the London treaty that should regularly be made at that time. Precisely what con-

siderations induced the French and Italian Governments to lay the question aside for five years has not been made known, nor has Mr. Henderson, the British Foreign Secretary, revealed why he and Mr. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, hastened suddenly to Paris, thence to Rome, and back to Paris to press for the agreement that has been made. It seems a reasonable supposition, however, that whatever disturbing incidents may have influenced him, Mr. Henderson took the unexpected course he did because of his realization of the menace to European peace that lurked in the competitive naval building programs of Italy and France, the continued irritation in the political relations of those two countries, and the possibility that Great Britain might feel obliged to invoke the escalator provision of the London treaty and add to its own fleet if the navies of France and Italy went on increasing. No one who has followed the course of European international relations since the London conference can fail to have observed the growing anxiety, the repeated outbursts of recrimination, and the predictions of impending conflict that have been prominent in the news. On the eve of a general disarmament conference Europe was arming, and on the naval side Italy and France were leading the race.

The temporary disposal of the parity issue, accordingly, is of the highest significance for European peace. It lays on the shelf for at least five years an issue which has embittered the relations between Italy and France, and prepares the way for cooperation between those countries in political and perhaps in other matters. It eliminates the possibility of an increase in the British navy, and of a consequent increase in the navies of the United States and Japan. It enables France and Italy to join in the London treaty, assuming, of course, that the agreement that has been made involves no fundamental change in the provisions of that instrument. It clears the air of some, at least, of the doubts that have overshadowed the preparations for the general disarmament conference in 1932, and removes the stigma that would have attached to France and Italy if those two Powers had continued competitive naval building in the interval.

The political consequences of the agreement are more important than the precise figures of naval tonnage which France and Italy have been induced to accept. Ambassador Dawes, in a speech made shortly before the meeting of the London conference, pointed out that the terms of any agreement about reduction or limitation that the conference might reach must be so clear and simple as to be readily understood by the man in the street. It was another way of saying that complicated formulas and elaborate apportionment of tonnage or gun calibre among vessels of various categories mean nothing except confusion to the average person, and are likely to lead to the conclusion that the substance is not greatly different even if the form has been changed. The tonnage figures given out on Wednesday by the Associated Press in a dispatch from Rome indicate that the agreement calls for some sacrifices and some new distribution. The annual building programs of the two countries, until 1936, are to be reduced from about 40,000 tons to between 21,000 and 22,000 tons, but each country is permitted to build in the interval two 23,000-ton cruisers. France will have in 1936 a total tonnage

of 670,000 and an effective tonnage of 586,000, while the figures of total and effective tonnage for Italy will be 441,000 and 436,000, respectively. In effective tonnage—tonnage, that is, which excludes obsolete vessels—France will have a superiority of 150,000 tons, part of which, however, will consist of types of vessels which Italy does not regard as necessary for its own fleet. In submarines Italy is to receive a tonnage parity with the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

Put in another form, it would seem that the agreement leaves France with the effective superiority of about 150,000 tons which it has hitherto expressed its willingness to accept, but brings France and Italy to parity in the matter of new construction. The replacement of obsolete tonnage which is allowed will not, apparently, raise the effective tonnage of either Power above that contemplated by the London treaty, and the agreed distribution of tonnage gives to each Power a fair allotment of the kinds of vessels it regards as specially necessary. If such is the case, there would seem to be little reason to expect opposition to the agreement from either the United States or Japan. Only substantial changes in the provisions of the London treaty would require a new conference of the five Powers, and the cordial expressions of satisfaction which have emanated from Mr. Hoover and Secretary Stimson would hardly have been made had any serious obstacle to acceptance of the agreement by this country been perceived. It will be fortunate if the adherence of France and Italy to the treaty can be given without the formal consent of the United States, since with Congress adjourned and an early meeting of the new Congress unlikely, renewed ratification by the Senate would necessarily be long delayed.

No confirmation has been received of the report that the conclusion of the naval agreement has opened the way for a large loan to Italy in which France, in addition to the London, New York, Amsterdam and Zurich market would participate, and the suggestion that such a loan was pending has been specifically denied at Rome. The report appears to have sprung from the fact that Italy, according to French financial authorities, will be called upon to redeem next fall some 3,500,000,000 lira of public obligations and a similar amount next year, or a total of 7,000,000,000 lira within a short time. With a considerable deficit in this year's budget, it has been urged that Italy could not well redeem so considerable an amount (about \$366,000,000,000 at current rates of exchange) without the help of a foreign loan. A Rome dispatch to the New York "Times" on Tuesday, however, represented Italian Treasury officials as feeling no anxiety over the matter. According to this dispatch, some 2,200,000,000 lira of the 2,800,000,000 lira (not 3,500,000,000 as calculated at Paris) due this year is in bonds held by public organizations or State-controlled banks, all of which would naturally favor a conversion plan which the Government is considering, leaving only 600,000,000 lira to be taken care of in some other way.

There is nothing improbable in the suggestion of a loan, and it is quite possible that one may be negotiated. The huge accumulation of gold in the Bank of France has put that institution in possession of a great volume of credit which it has not as yet been able to use to advantage, and a loan to Italy would be not only a friendly gesture now that a naval

accord has been reached, but an alleviation of the gold situation as well. Moreover, since a loan could not be made without the approval of the French Government, an extension of credit would be taken as a sign that political tension between Italy and France had been eased, and that fear of political complications need no longer make capital timid.

No international agreement, however beneficent its apparent object, fails to stir questioning in some quarter, and the Franco-Italian naval pact is no exception to the rule. German political circles are reported as concerned about the possibility of political considerations accorded to France or Italy, especially the former, as the price of accepting the agreement, and the effect of the political rapprochement of the two countries and their joint solidarity with Great Britain upon the German demand for treaty revision. It is significant that the German naval program for 1931, as laid before the Reichstag on Wednesday, provided for an increase of 9,200,000 marks over a year ago for new construction and armament, and that the full naval strength allowed by the Versailles Treaty is apparently provided for, the total expenditure for construction and armament aggregating 50,000,000 marks. Belgium, which adheres to its military alliance with France for defense against a German attack, will shortly be asked to consider an expenditure of more than \$50,000,000 for frontier fortifications. These are some of the strong eddies in the current of which the disarmament conference will have to take account. A prompt official approval of the Rome-Paris agreement by all the parties concerned, and adhesion to the London treaty by France and Italy, will be the best assurance that can now be given that the conference, on the naval side of its work at least, will meet with no insuperable obstacles.

Congress, And Public Opinion.

Publicists, meditating in the stillness of their studies, far away from the clamor of the hustings and the resounding eloquence of Capitol Hill, often find themselves unable to understand the changing attitudes of Congress. Public opinion is reputed to mark out the destiny of a republic. Politicians are said to have their ears to the ground to catch the first swell of popular feeling that they may more faithfully represent their constituents and, incidentally, ride the wave into public office which has, somewhat facetiously, been called a public trust. Looking on the last session the average man cannot weave these ideas into a consistent pattern.

Which creates "public opinion," Congress or the citizens in our cities and at the crossroads? Petitions are supposed to indicate public sentiment, but there have been few petitions. Times are "hard," food in drouth-stricken sections is scarce, sporadic outbursts of dissatisfaction have occurred, a few "marches" have been made on Washington and upon the seats of government in our large cities, the "unemployed," in some sections, have been active and vociferous—but the people en masse have not begged appropriations from the Treasury. Yet to look upon the dissensions, divisions, acrimony, jealousies, bitter charges as to motives, in the Congress itself, one would be led to think that the people were everywhere crying for bread and receiving a stone. A few of the orators have said they will not go home unless in the appropriations to relieve distress, which is

said to be widespread in 21 States, there is specific mention made of food. Where did this obsession originate?

Is, or was, this melee in response to a body of "public opinion," or did it germinate in the mind of Congress independent of the thought of "the people"? Suppose, now that the 4th of March is behind us, the gods give no rain and again the crops wither and die, and Congress cannot convene until December, what will save the nation from disaster? Are the people so blindly complacent that they can look possible famine in the face and snap their fingers at their great self-constituted benefactor and savior? Does Congress know better what the people want and need than the people do themselves? We are seeking the source of "public opinion." Where does it germinate? How does it grow, how does it manifest its control in times of stress? Will this "representative" body, with its ear to the ground, dare to leave its post for well-nigh a year, and follow thus the Constitution—leave the people to follow their own business desires and devices—and yet call itself the "greatest deliberative body on earth"? It has for years stuck to its post in the hot summer months, and by special and regular sessions been almost continuous in its labors. It has worked the mill of legislation overtime. It has assumed to hear a voice—was it public opinion—commanding it to make laws to govern most of the activities of citizens, public and private, and has not wearied in well-doing. But now the sheltering care of this protecting angel is to be withdrawn for nine months, and no one seems to regret it. Many, indeed, openly rejoice over the fact. Why this rapid, radical change?

Many are convinced, the press in particular, that the country will be safer with Congress adjourned. But who roused this "opinion" in the public mind? Can Congress thus recoil upon its own ceaseless efforts to represent and benefit the people without stultifying its long history of law-making? As well as the layman can analyze "public opinion," adjournment correctly interprets the situation. But did citizens or Congress bring about this sudden and serious resolve to quit until compelled to assemble again? Wait—it is said that the President does not want an extra session, and he alone can call it. Why is he opposed to this movement? Why are Congress and the President in coalition to "avoid" an extra session? They, too, seem to be in harmony only on the advisability of resting for awhile from further legislating. Does the President find Congress too heavy "on his hands"? Does Congress find an Executive veto laying in wait an intolerable interference with its plans?

We pass by the charge, so often made, that the explanation of the willingness to adjourn (which Congress itself apparently could not resist) *sine die* (required by law) is that an election impends and neither party wishes to "get in bad" with the voters. This is only the counsel of fear and favoritism. When did *power* forsake its privileges? The Senate, at least, is a continuing body. A part of the present Congress is returned. The President remains. Again, we ask in all seriousness, how the rumblings of public opinion disclosed the advisability of an adjournment? Have the people spoken, or is it only the press? We must admit that this apotheosized "public opinion" is something of a will-o'-the-wist. Elections result in mixed political expressions. The "new Congress" has given no earnest

that it will confine itself to *necessary* legislation. Another "calamity" may so shatter its stability that it will flounder in the morass of febrile legislation. Can it be possible that in some mysterious way the people have announced their independence of Congress and decreed that the country is safer without it? We cannot put our hands on the decree. It is an astonishing situation. Yet there is no agonizing over the facts. It may be that the tide has turned and that we will have now, for a time, laws as few and far between as they have recently been congested and multiple. But where rises the colossal figure of public opinion to point the way a masterful republic must go? We live by party rule, it is said, but it is also said that the parties are as like as two peas.

Commentators on the structure of our government show that the chief legislative body does its real work through committees of the two Houses. They say that speeches are to the galleries, are for consumption "back home". Slow plodding of Congressmen and Senators is the preliminary work that counts. This we seldom hear of; the newspapers do not report it, do not know of it. This is a feeble explanation for the "investigations" that bob up from time to time and that seem to originate in the patriotic mind of some aroused member. When, where and how have the people expressed themselves on the "power trust" that seems now to be looming as an issue in the next general election? What politician divined this alarming danger? Who instructed the State Department to stand so straight for "parity" in the London Naval Conference that "reduction" was nearly lost in the shuffle? Congress and the President, do they lead or *serve*? It is said no government can rise higher than its source in the people. But it seems to construe "representation" as the counselling of its own "opinion." Congress, in its study, seems to use a telescope more than a microscope. It looks for the big things to do. It has a penchant for saving classes, the farmers on one hand and manufacturers on the other, and in its wide sweep fails to discover the people.

And the people make little objection. If they are the custodians of "public opinion" they make little outcry—save and until some proposed measure touches their pockets. And then they are too apt to fall in line to get what good they can out of the all-too-ready "appropriations." They might set a limit on the amount of taxes to be collected and spent, but they do not. Each section, each class, hurries to the festal board, lest they fail to be in at the feast. "Public opinion" is erratic, divided, divisive, not dominating. Congress, and the President through commissions, have had so much undisturbed power that both have grown afraid of its exercise, and at last are willing to subside for a year. Having failed to abolish poverty, remove the depression, cure unemployment, they are willing to rest awhile. Having bound the lion of endeavor with the pack threads of innumerable laws they are suddenly in agreement that the mouse of human energy is the best agency of relief. So, mayhap, "public opinion," the still small voice of a people's conscience, may rule after all. If so, what will the pent-up Utica of the December session do? Will it meet and adjourn *before* the holidays? Or will it introduce a thousand uncalled for bills and debate them until the heat drives them home?

We believe in and respect the power of public opinion—but it must somehow be made vocal. Statesmen, not politicians, alone can interpret it. Parties playing for issues, platforms to get in on; legislatures running to the cover of silence in fear and abasement, do not express it. The press, now so largely independent, may print the news of it, but they still have the duty of analyzing and condensing it. The people, for example, want perpetual world peace, but they must meet and coalesce on the manner and means. Following the leads of Congress and the President is only a servile marking-time. The coming "Presidential election" will be either a bombshell or a dud. It should be neither. It should be an opportunity to turn policies into principles and processes. It should not humble itself before "prohibition" or the "power trust." From now until the conventions there should be contemplation of the Government as a whole, as a protective power to the citizenry regardless of makeshift declarations of politicians and selfish seeking of candidates for office. We do not know how this "public opinion" is to be made manifest. But as the parties now fear Congressional action they should be made to fear future attempts to run the business of the people. They should be told "where to get off."

Newspapers As Advertisers.

Newspapers of New York City have been demonstrating to the world that they practice what they preach when they proclaim that "it pays to advertise." The recent sale of the New York "World," including the morning, evening, and Sunday papers, the amalgamation of the "Evening World" with the "Telegram" and the suppression of the other two newspapers, invited a scramble of the remaining New York newspapers to obtain some of the subscribers and a portion of the advertisers of the three "World" papers.

The morning newspapers, particularly, advertised extensively in order to obtain a share of the drifting patrons. These advertisements, covering, as many of them did, whole pages, are splendid specimens of the advertising art.

In the first place the size of the space utilized is not stilted, nor is there an attempt to say too much. An appeal was made to the readers by allowing an ample amount of white paper on the margins and between the lines.

The first effort, naturally, was to attract the attention of the reader, which in each case was effectually accomplished either by striking illustrations or by fetching words printed in display type, or by both.

Then came the statement of facts and the argument showing why, since the readers of the old "Worlds" must give up their former favorites, they should transfer their patronage to the paper which fathered the advertisement.

Each advertiser, while presenting its own claims in a convincing manner, was especially careful to refrain from knocking any competitor. In this respect, as well as in typographic effect, terseness, neatness, and direct appeal, the New York newspapers have set an example which all advertisers may follow with profit. Attention was directed to the various features which are likely to interest different members of a family and to special service in the way of newsgathering and writing.

The value of the paper as a want ad. medium, as an aid to shoppers, and especially the advantages to the national advertiser were well presented.

When applied to a newspaper publisher, the old saying, "physician, heal thyself," has less of irony in it than when the phrase is directed towards members of the medical profession.

As an example of reliability and informative advertising probably no other form of publicity approaches that of financial advertising which has been developed along strictly ethical lines. In addition to laws, which apply with equal force to all classes of advertising, the Stock Exchanges prescribe strict regulations which must be conformed to by members of such organizations, the purpose being adequately to protect the public.

Important strides are being made also in financial advertising. Announcements of meetings, dividends, calls for redemption, and notices of maturities, are frequently now made in bold-face type, often with a box in order to fasten attention of security owners, instead of in agate, as of old. Other important announcements are frequently being made across three columns, which permits the employment of large type at the head of notices.

These changes for the better are entirely consistent because the issues of stocks and bonds to-day are far larger than in former years, and there are more holders who are scattered over a greater territory. Financial advertising is keeping abreast with the needs of corporations, bankers, and investors.

Our Mutual Savings Banks.

According to a report by the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks, made public Jan. 29 (which we summarized, in part, in our issue of Feb. 14, at page 1165), there was an increase in the total deposits of this class of banks in the year 1930 of nearly \$60,000,000. The following significant statement appears in the report: "The compilation of these figures shows the mutual savings banks to have the largest number of depositors and the greatest aggregate of deposits in the more than 100 years of their operation. On Jan. 1 the total owing to depositors was \$9,464,732,492, belonging to no less than 12,775,492 individual owners. Assets of the banks increased during the year from \$9,934,568,723 to 10,585,056,321."

"This gain of \$650,487,598 in a lean year was said by savings bankers to demonstrate the possibilities of a large accumulation of small capital, conservatively invested." "It was also pointed out that the deposits of the savings banks not only are the greatest in their history, but actually the largest amount of small capital ever brought together in one class of banks. If the deposits of the banks were evenly divided among all their depositors, each one would receive \$740.85."

The public will recall the slump in general savings immediately before and after the "smash" in 1929, and in that regard the survey of the National Industrial Conference Board reports as follows (see page 1169, our issue of Feb. 14): "Regarding the fluctuations in savings deposits, it is to be noted that the mutual savings banks have been much less affected than the others" (the report covers savings banks, life insurance companies, and building and loan associations). "Thus the decline in total savings in mutual banks was less than 1/2 of 1% during the

last six months of 1929, while the gains during the first six months of 1930 was nearly 4%. Other banks during the same periods showed a loss of 4.3%, with a subsequent recovery of approximately the same amount. Finally, mutual savings banks deposits have shown no significant movement since the war, and they have increased with remarkable regularity at a rate greater than the rate of increase in the number of depositors. The average individual account was \$524 in 1919 and \$765 in 1930."

Thomas F. Wallace, President of Savings Bankers' Association, has said: "It should be borne in mind that every dollar of the money deposited in our savings banks is immediately put to work. It has been stated in some quarters that money entrusted to savings banks is withdrawn from use. There could be no greater or more unjust misconception of what becomes of these funds. Instead of retiring this money from public use, we invest it in channels of the broadest benefit to all classes of the people, such as mortgages on homes and farms, railroad, public utility and State and municipal bonds. This output of capital makes it possible to carry forward great construction programs, thereby spreading the benefit of these savings over the whole country, proving again the value of mutual savings banks to furthering the economic progress of the United States." The National Association gives a list of more than 100 of these banks in the country, each having in excess of \$23,000,000 in deposits, or a total of \$6,282,002,982.

With a very few exceptions, these principal mutual savings banks are located in the Eastern States of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Connecticut. The Bowery Savings Bank of New York City heads the list with more than 400 millions in deposits. Followed in order by the Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank of New York City, with more than 364 millions, the Philadelphia Savings Fund Society, Philadelphia, Pa., with more than 300 millions, and the Williamsburgh Savings Bank, Brooklyn, N. Y., with more than 214 millions. These more than 100 savings banks, operated under strict provisions of law as to the character of their investments, as stated above, become a power for good in the development and maintenance of industry throughout the entire territory of the United States. They concentrate capital in small sums only to scatter it in larger sums in the financing of important enterprises. Peculiar, it might be said, to the older Eastern seaboard States, they are in the center of manufacture—and their deposits represent the savings, especially, of our industrial workers; together with the hereditary capital of more than a hundred years of endeavor and thrift. We do well at this time of Congressional examination of our banking system to estimate their public worth and analyze their individual and class nature. On that point the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks, from which we have previously quoted, has this to say: "The member banks of this group control about 30% of all American savings. Thrift accounts in other classes of banks are known to have gained in 1930, though hardly in the same proportion. This additional gain will amount to not less than \$400,000,000, or a round billion dollars of increased savings for the twelve-month. The increase for the mutual institutions, amounting to \$592,607,440, compared with a gain of \$165,236,234 in 1929."

Attention is called repeatedly to this 1930 increase in savings as pointing to an upturn in our general business, but we think this must be taken with caution, for the reason that stocks and bonds are in a decline, and while there may be bargains to be had, savings investors are timid about taking advantage of them, preferring a slightly lower rate in the old established savings banks. These banks stand in a class apart from all others. For the most part, they make no direct commercial loans; withdrawals are not usually by the customary checking method, requiring presentation of the pass-book; they handle millions of very small accounts of very poor people, and appeal to this class of depositors; and the law-limitations placed upon their investments are all in the interest of safety and security; and, as a rule, they may require notice of intent to withdraw when and if the times necessitate it, a provision in the interest of all the depositors. In the East, with few exceptions, they pay a rate of 4% or 4½% on deposits, according to announced methods, which, however, it must be said, differ greatly. There are few failures in this class of banks. Their integrity, isolation from the ups and downs of trade; their eager reception of small deposits on which interest is paid, with no charges, render them a boon to depositors unable to save enough funds for private investments.

While the savings bank is a simplified form of banking, it contains the two essentials of all banking—the receiving of deposits and the making of loans. The loans are in the nature of investments in bonds which are necessary to big business enterprises, while the deposits are the unused balances of individuals that have no better way of earning an increment. The savings bank thus vivifies the whole of business, rendering powerful small sums that, aggregated, promote and prosper large undertakings to the benefit of personal users and consumers. In one way a people may be judged by the number and size of their savings banks. Savings are intermingled with business deposits in commercial, State and National banks. But these deposits are subject to the fortunes of trade. It has been suggested that in commercial banks they be separated from the other features of the bank's business, but this is not, perhaps, always practical in small banks. Be this as it may, the savings bank proper, if it follows the restrictions in investments imposed by law, and if intelligently managed (dealing only in the most approved securities) offers to the people at large one of the safest forms, and one of the most profitable forms, of deposit banking.

These institutions are independent units. Often in mutual savings banks the depositors are the sole owners. All earnings above the costs of management, costs that are smaller than in more complicated banks, go to pay interest and to increase surplus. While there have been a few consolidations, there is no marked tendency in this direction. They are beyond question useful to the citizenry in their personal thrift affairs and contributory to the normal agencies of progress.

Effort is sometimes made to widen their business scope, and they have found now competition in the recent growth of trust companies, but it is apparent that in their service and simplicity they are doing good work and should stick to their lasts. Customers cannot mistake their fundamental safety, and it requires only a rudimentary knowledge of their

workings to furnish a satisfactory explanation of their appeal. They merit and receive especial consideration as an important class of our banks.

Annual Report of President Muller of New York Curb Exchange—Looks for Basis for Stabilization in 1931.

Declaring that the widespread material losses that the downward swing of the business and financial cycle brought last year will establish a lasting impression in the financial and industrial world, William S. Muller, President of the New York Curb Exchange in his annual report for 1930, issued to members on March 2, points out that a strong conviction existed prior to 1929, that cyclical tendencies had at last seen their day in this country. This belief was encouraged, Mr. Muller said, by the revolutionary changes which have taken place in American business and finance during the past ten years, viz., the application of scientific discoveries to technical methods of industrial operation, the application of scientific principles to the managements of business, changes in banking methods and the ability, the purpose and the character of business and financial leadership.

Mr. Muller believes the deflation has run so full a course that it is probably safe to look forward to better conditions, or at least a sound basis for stabilization during 1931. He says:

"All nations have variously enjoyed good and bad times in their history, as in ours, but fortunately the cyclical changes in the United States rest on a different foundation than elsewhere throughout the world. The cycle of progress as we know it here obtains its impulse from certain human factors that are more prominent in this country. No matter how it may find its outlet from one decade to the next, it is the unbounded hope and courage of the American people that has pulled them up to the peaks of industrial advancement which stand as milestones in our economic history."

Referring to the activities of the Curb Exchange itself, Mr. Muller said he was especially pleased to report on the success of the new money post established April 23 1930. At the end of the calendar year a total of \$61,000,000 was loaned he said and during this period loans from \$100,000 to \$1,000,000, at a rate ranging from 2% to 4½%, have been placed. The past eight months, however, has been no true picture to what extent the post can and will be used he said as only a limited number of brokerage houses are represented, which is partly due to the abundance of outside money, reducing rates to a figure where brokers find it easier and cheaper to borrow at their own banks. He anticipates when trading activity is renewed and the public again enters the stock market, the slack in money will be taken in and this will have a tendency to bring in many of the "Special Loans" now outstanding.

Stating that the Exchange extends its scope as a security market to an international basis and that approximately 140 foreign issues are traded in on the Curb Exchange in the form of certificates of deposit issued by American banking institutions, Mr. Muller admitted these foreign listings have been a secondary function of the Exchange to date, but that the prospects of further extending the international scope of this department are promising in the years immediately ahead. He further said that the policy established of listing and admitting to trading privileges the securities of investment trusts has been continued and at the present time there are dealt in the securities of 99 investment trusts of which 42 are fully listed and 57 admitted to trading privileges. The aggregate volume of trading in such issues for the past year totalled in excess of 19,000,000 shares and \$39,000,000 of bonds.

The report stated that the securities listed on the Curb Exchange have been approved for exemption under the Blue Sky Laws of sixteen states out of a total of twenty nine states which give exemption to stock exchanges. There were 54 regular memberships transferred during the year, at prices ranging from \$225,000 down to \$70,000 and up to \$95,000 at the end of the year, compared with a current price of \$120,000. Mr. Muller said that within a short time the new building will be occupied. Work on the new addition has progressed practically on schedule.

RECORD OF PRICES OF WISCONSIN SECURITIES FOR 1930.

We have obtained from The Milwaukee Company of Milwaukee the following list of high and low prices for the calendar year 1930 on the stocks and bonds which are traded in more or less actively by Wisconsin bond houses.

HIGH AND LOW PRICES OF WISCONSIN SECURITIES DURING CALENDAR YEAR 1930.

BONDS.			STOCKS.		
	Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Beloit Water Gas & Electric Co. 5s, 1937	101	102	Holeproof Hosiery Co., 7% preferred	65	70
Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR. 5s, 1935	86	88	Line Material Co. capital	11	15
6s, 1955	68	70½	Milwaukee Electric Railway & Light Co. 6% preferred	100	102
Consolidated Water Power Co. 5½s, 1946	100	102	7% preferred	105	107
Dells Paper & Pulp 6s, Serial	98	100	Milwaukee Gas Light Co. 7% preferred	108	110
Gimbel Bros. 6s, 1931-41	99	101	(A. O.) Smith Corp. 7% preferred	110	111
Green Bay Gas & Electric Co. 5s, 1935	98½	102	Weyenberg Shoe Manufacturing Co. 7% preferred	90	95
Janesville Electric Co. 5s, 1945	100	102½	Wisconsin Public Service Corp. 6¼% preferred	101	103
Kleckhefer Container Co. 5½s, Serial	98	100	7% preferred	103½	106
Koehring Company 6s, Serial	95	100	Wisconsin Telephone Co. 7% preferred	112	114
Line Material Co. 6s, 1931-39	98	100			
Madison Gas & Electric Co. 5s, 1940	102	104			
5s, 1950	102	104			
Madison Railway Co. 5s, 1936	28	32			
Marathon Paper Mills Co. 5½s, Serial	95	98			
Marinette & Menominee Paper Co. 7½s, 1936	86	92			
Milwaukee Coke & Gas Co. 7½s, 1931	102	104½			
Milwaukee Northern Ry. Co. 5s, 1931	100	101			
Pabst Corporation 5½s, Serial	98	100			
Sheboygan Electric Co. 5s, 1946	99½	102			
Southern Wisconsin Power Co. 5s, 1938	99	102			
Spruce Falls Power & Paper Co. 5½s, Serial	98½	100			
Superior Water Light & Power Co. 4s, 1931	99	101			
Weyenberg Shoe Manufacturing Co. 7s, 1937	97	101½			
Wisconsin Electric Power Co. 5s, 1954	100½	104			
Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co. 5s, 1952	102	104			
Wisconsin-Michigan Power Co. 5s, 1957	99	102			
Wisconsin-Minnesota Light & Power Co. 5s, 1944	99½	102			
8s, 1944	107	109			
Wisconsin Power, Light & Heat Co. 5s, 1946	99	101½			
Wisconsin Public Service Corp. 5s, 1942	100	102½			
5½s, 1958	103	105½			
6s, 1952	104	107			
Wisconsin Railway, Light & Power Co. 5s, 1938	99	101			
Wisconsin River Power Co. 5s, 1941	100	102			
Wisconsin Traction, Light, Heat & Power Co. 5s, 1931	99½	101			
7½s, 1931	101	102½			
Wisconsin Valley Electric Co. 5s, 1942	100	102½			
5½s, 1942	102	104			
Wisconsin Valley Power Co. 5½s, 1950	100½	102			

Group Banking in Northwest and Middlewest States in 1930—Forty Per Cent. Increase in Number of Affiliates in the Three Principal Groups—Much Remedial Work Done.

[By James E. Neville, Northwest Bancorporation.]

Annual reports of Northwest Bancorporation, First Bank Stock Corp., and Wisconsin Bankshares Corp., when fully available, will present interesting figures. Group banking still has no long extended experience affording comparisons. The annual report of First Bank Stock Corp. has not yet been sent out. Wisconsin Bankshares' report for the year 1930, the first annual report, is available. The second annual report of Northwest Bancorporation, for the calendar year 1930, has just been issued.

A year ago interest in these groups was centered almost wholly upon structural form, operating plans, benefits to affiliated banks and to the public that were predicted, the attitude of the public toward the development, and considerations of like character. Even to this time it cannot be said that in the public mind these groups have passed beyond the stage where they still are regarded as somewhat new and experimental.

Northwest Bancorporation, however, was organized in January, 1929, and has had two full years of operation; First Bank Stock Corp. was organized in August, 1929, and has one and a half years of operating background; Wisconsin Bankshares Corp. was organized Dec. 10 1929, and the report recently issued is, therefore, the first annual report of that company.

Area Covered by Three Groups.

To understand the relationship of these groups to the great area extends north and west of Chicago to the Canadian line and the Pacific Coast, the differences in territory covered should be borne in mind.

Wisconsin Bankshares Corp. has confined its development solely to Wisconsin.

First Bank Stock Corp. has kept within the Ninth Federal Reserve District. This comprises Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, the northern Michigan peninsula, and part of northern Wisconsin. First Bank Stock Corporation is in all these States except that it has no banks in Wisconsin.

Northwest Bancorporation has affiliates in all States of the Ninth District except that it has no banks in Michigan. Northwest Bancorporation, however, has not confined itself to the Ninth District, but has entered Iowa, Nebraska and Washington. Through its Iowa affiliates, and also one Wisconsin bank that is in the part of that State that is outside the Ninth District, Northwest Bancorporation is represented in the Seventh District. Its Nebraska affiliates are

in the Tenth and two affiliated banks in Washington are in the Twelfth Reserve District.

Number of Affiliates.

Neither of the two major groups carried on an aggressive policy in 1930 for increasing the number of its affiliates. The report of Northwest Bancorporation begins, in fact, with the statement, "The operating policy in the calendar year 1930 centered more upon internal development than upon expansion." The list of First Bank Stock Corporation affiliates as of Dec. 31 1930, indicates that while a number of additions were made there was no aggressive acquisition policy. This was not so true of Wisconsin Bankshares Corp. whose report shows that while there were 30 affiliates in that group when it began business in December, 1929, the number had increased by Dec. 31 1930 to fifty-three. The addition of twenty-three new affiliates to Wisconsin Bankshares as against thirty-three added by Northwest Bancorporation, and twenty-nine added by First Bank Stock Corporation was a greater increase relatively on the part of the Wisconsin group.

	Affiliates 1929.	Acquisitions 1930.	Total Affiliates Dec. 31 1930	Per Cent Gain in Number of Affiliates.
Northwest Bancorporation	96	33	129	34
First Bank Stock Corporation	83	29	112	35
Wisconsin Bankshares Corp.	30	23	53	77
Total	209	85	294	40

With operating results available, even though the periods covered still are far too short in every instance to warrant finality of conclusion, there will be a better basis for comparisons from now on.

Background Is Important.

One needs to know the history of banking troubles in the Northwest and Middlewest to understand the background against which group banking has been constructed. The Senate committee now conducting a hearing in Washington took as a starting point the facts that of 30,139 banks in the United States in 1920 with deposits of \$2,625,000,000, there were 6,968 closed in the ensuing ten years, 797 with deposits of \$296,000,000 were reopened and net failures numbered 6,171, involving deposits of \$2,329,000,000. In the Minneapolis-St. Paul or Ninth Federal Reserve District the number of banks was reduced from 3,819 to \$2,260.

There are three banks each at the \$100,000,000 deposits line in the Twin Cities. First National Bank, Minneapolis and First National Bank, St. Paul are First Bank Stock's largest affiliates. Northwestern National Bank, Minneapolis is the largest Northwest Bancorporation affiliate. These three outstanding Twin City institutions have long records of growth and continued dividend payments.

First Bank Stock has outside the Twin Cities several institutions notably large in the territorial sense, and North-

west Bancorporation, in several States, has in its group the largest bank in the State, and other banks notable for size and strategic position.

Because they continue to be associated in the public mind with the large, outstanding banks, the work of these groups in creating greater stability, their interest in the smaller communities, and the extent of their remedial activities are not so well understood. First Bank Stock Corporation has, in fact, in its group twenty-eight banks each with deposits less than \$500,000 and Northwest Bancorporation has thirty-nine such banks.

Remedial Work Extensive.

Including five banks that have become affiliated in 1931, there were Northwest Bancorporation, 134 affiliates Feb. 16, of which twelve are securities or investment companies, and 122 are National or State banks. Of these banks 100 came into the group without change of status.

In two instances banks retained their original status but were recapitalized before becoming affiliates.

Five National or State charters were obtained and new banks organized in communities where a bank had closed. There were 15 instances in which the bank that became a Northwest Bancorporation affiliate assumed at the same time the deposit liabilities of a bank in its community. In five other instances banks that already were Northwest Bancorporation affiliates took over the deposit liabilities of another bank to meet a community situation requiring action of that character.

This is an inadequate and merely suggestive picture of the remedial effort of these groups.

Figures for Two Groups.

Direct comparisons as to operation and earnings are impossible. Differences in periods for which the groups have been operating and continued change in structure resulting from new affiliations, present difficulty. Also the First Bank Stock Corporation's annual report is not yet available.

Wisconsin Bankshares presents its balance sheet of Dec. 31 1930 in this form:

RESOURCES.		
Loans and discounts		\$184,988,513.15
Overdrafts		43,449.43
Securities Owned:		
United States Government securities	\$23,564,827.02	
Other bonds, stock and securities	44,051,902.73	
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	762,000.00	
Total securities owned		68,378,729.75
Cash and due from banks		49,086,745.36
Interest Earned, not collected		1,617,818.69
Transit items and sundry debtors		430,371.72
Five per cent redemption fund		229,560.00
Investments in bank buildings, other real estate and furniture and fixtures		15,905,592.55
Customers' liability account letters of credit and acceptances		6,185,471.89
Other assets		702,188.85
Trust funds—cash in banks—per contra—(\$1,113,282.82).		
		\$327,368,441.39
LIABILITIES.		
Deposits:		
Demand deposits	\$144,521,611.50	
United States Government deposits	1,033,513.73	
Time deposits	111,009,032.34	
Total deposits		\$256,564,157.57
Bills payable and notes rediscounted		8,672,582.65
Mortgages payable		1,248,561.92
Circulation (National banks)		4,574,520.00
Interim issued and outstanding (net)		587,255.06
Other liabilities		21,003.83
Unearned discount		627,615.45
Reserves:		
Reserve for taxes	\$1,113,897.81	
Other reserves	4,897,473.95	
Total reserves		6,011,371.76
Acceptances, letters of credit and foreign bills		6,185,471.89
Preferred stock in underlying group		914,500.00
Minority interest:		
Capital stock	\$939,659.50	
Surplus and undivided profits	608,652.33	
Total minority interest		1,548,311.83
Balance applicable to common stock (represented by 9,834,756.4 shares with a par value of \$10 per share)		40,613,089.43
Trust funds—cash in banks—per contra (\$1,113,282.82.)		
		\$327,568,441.39

COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES AFFILIATED IN NORTHWEST BANCORPORATION AS SHOWN BY THE SWORN STATEMENT OF EACH BANK TO STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

Resources—	Dec. 31 1929.	Dec. 31 1930.
Loans and discounts	\$228,617,909.45	\$222,905,435.72
Overdrafts	120,947.89	180,787.44
United States Government securities	41,148,762.96	39,850,342.97
Other bonds and securities	65,990,955.19	82,604,447.48
Customers' liability on acceptances	4,979,879.59	1,007,412.00
Banking houses, real estate, furniture and fixtures	10,746,405.03	10,776,998.57
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	19,732,223.29	19,647,356.40
Cash and due from banks	72,794,288.76	91,108,921.95
Redemption fund	285,700.00	266,875.00
Other assets	2,054,896.97	3,417,924.69
	\$446,471,969.13	\$471,866,502.22

Liabilities—	Dec. 31 1929.	Dec. 31 1930.
Capital stock	\$23,477,000.00	\$25,197,000.00
Surplus	12,970,000.00	13,787,000.00
Undivided profits	7,178,829.81	7,320,269.48
Reserved for contingencies	631,074.41	1,136,246.70
Reserved for interest, taxes and expenses	1,722,760.35	2,390,157.52
Circulation	5,690,374.31	5,899,655.00
Demand deposits	243,716,892.50	253,063,851.47
Time deposits	140,731,166.80	156,344,233.73
United States deposits	528,435.61	560,090.36
Bills payable and rediscounts	2,864,474.81	2,923,304.03
Acceptances	4,979,879.59	1,077,412.00
Other liabilities	1,981,080.94	2,237,281.93
Resources of banks and trust companies	\$446,471,969.13	\$471,866,502.22
Resources of investment companies	10,677,901.59	12,775,086.01
Resources of Northwest Bancorporation, exclusive of stocks of affiliated institutions	11,627,391.73	9,843,993.25
	\$468,777,262.45	\$494,485,581.48

Northwest Bancorporation having had two years of operation is able for the first time to present figures with direct year ago comparisons.

The condition of Northwest Bancorporation Dec. 31 1930, compared with Dec. 31 1929, follows:

Resources—	Dec. 31 1929.	Dec. 31 1930.
Stocks of affiliated institutions	\$81,114,199.21	\$86,408,874.03
Bonds	3,516,125.00	1,777,484.72
Commercial paper, short term investments, & cash	4,547,321.17	4,204,564.21
Notes receivable, secured (including \$52,000 due from employees for purchases of stock on installment plan)	4,247,199.61	3,879,873.75
Accounts receivable	32,722.50	170,874.00
Interest earned but not collected		80,380.29
	\$93,457,567.49	\$96,521,351.00
Liabilities—		
Capital	\$80,349,650.00	\$83,695,600.00
Less treasury stock held		500,000.00
		\$83,195,600.00
Surplus	11,891,940.94	12,057,267.28
Reserve for contingencies	500,000.00	500,000.00
Dividend payable	715,976.55	753,280.40
Accounts payable		1,685.44
Unearned discount		14,037.88

Northwest Bancorporation Earnings.

The consolidated statement of earnings and expenses of the Northwest Bancorporation and affiliated institutions for 1930 shows:

	1930.
Interest received	\$21,752,016.96
Other earnings	4,554,847.78
Gross earnings	\$26,306,864.74
Interest paid	8,243,268.25
Operating expenses	9,819,535.72
Taxes	1,471,053.18
Total expenses	\$19,352,857.15
Net operating earnings	\$6,774,007.59

Diversification, represented by loans to the widely varied agricultural, live stock, dairying, fruit growing, mining, manufacturing, transportation, industrial and commercial interests of the territory served, contributed to the satisfactory earnings realized for the year. Definite steps taken to increase efficiency of operation and effect greater economies were not fully reflected in the operating results for 1930 because of low interest rates and lessened demand for funds for employment in commercial channels.

Net operating earnings of the group applicable to Northwest Bancorporation stock ownership were equal to \$3.87 a share on 1,673,912 shares outstanding. This compared with \$4.50 a share on 1,606,993 shares for 1929. Net earnings for 1930 after current charge-offs were equal to \$3.20 a share. Dividends paid during the year amounted to \$1.80 a share.

Public Sentiment Favorable.

The public attitude toward group banking in these States is friendly. This is because the ability of large organizations to afford relief and render more efficient service has become generally recognized. Communities have shown hearty co-operation both where strong well-going banks became members of a group and also where a situation was relieved by recapitalization or by the creation of a new bank.

With the legislatures of the eight States where these groups have affiliates in session for nearly two months, very little has been heard that is unfavorable. Such banking legislation as has in fact been proposed is largely of a character affecting banking in general and that might have appeared in any case regardless of the existence or non-existence of group organizations.

There will, doubtless, be a thorough threshing out and full expression on the part of the banking element that desires retention of the unit system and looks with disfavor upon the newer movement. This element is desirous, however, that there be no return to former conditions and it is realized that the people are demanding better banking. Even those who argue for the retention of the unit banking system do not question the ability and honesty of purpose of these group banking organizations, nor do they deny that they have had a widespread stabilizing effect upon general banking conditions.

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Stock Exchange.

By N. P. McKinnon, Secretary-Treasurer Minneapolis-St. Paul Stock Exchange.]

Having passed through one of the most hectic years experienced in the brokerage and investment business, the Minneapolis-St. Paul Stock Exchange continues to serve its purpose of furnishing a quick and ready market for local stocks and bonds. The need for an Exchange in the Northwest was more fully demonstrated during 1930 than in 1929. Many of the stocks after reaching the high levels of 1929 were subject to violent market fluctuations which brought them down to prices no one dared predict. Much of the selling was brought on by a weak eastern securities market which caused a great deal of liquidation in the local market in order to protect New York margin accounts.

Imagine if you can the problem of locating and supporting the markets quoted on the Minneapolis-St. Paul Exchange if there was not an Exchange organized. The newspapers and financial periodicals local to this section of the country published the quotations three times daily and in so doing enabled the banks of not only Minneapolis and St. Paul but in the entire Northwest to arrive at a basis on which to figure loans, secured by stock.

During 1930 the volume of business was considerable under 1929 in actual number of shares but showed an increase in number of individual trades. On a monthly basis the volume for 1930 exceeded that of 1929 in all months except October. The total for the year was 614,432 shares as compared with 742,870 of last year.

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Stock Exchange gained National prominence by entertaining the Fourth Annual Convention of the Associated Stock Exchanges in May when 47 guests from nearly every Exchange in the country were present. This Association is comprised of 16 of the leading Stock Exchanges of the country outside of New York and Chicago. We were further recognized by the election of the Secretary of this Exchange to the Board of Governors of the Associated Stock Exchanges.

Having passed through the period of depression following the boom year of 1929 the Exchange has fully demonstrated its need to the Northwest and it is expected that the coming year and each succeeding year will see an increased recognition in the services that the Exchange has to offer.

Duluth Security Transactions.

[By R. L. Griggs, President Northern National Corporation.]

Volume of bond and securities business transacted in Duluth and the Head-of-the-Lakes territory was considerably reduced in 1930 below the previous year. An unusual proportion of what business did exist was institutional.

Throughout the year the investment business at Duluth was dull and quite inactive with many regular investors being sellers rather than buyers. Timidity on the part of buyers and lack of interest in new issues was reflected in a growth in bank savings deposits throughout the year.

1931 starts out with better business and more interest. A two million dollar offering of a strong local public utility preferred stock was oversubscribed in a short time, reflecting buying power where the security value is known.

The wide decline in the National investment market has made buyers in this district cautious and fearful and new offerings move slowly with the general public. However, confidence in good grade securities is being restored and the outlook much improved for the Duluth district.

An Investment Trust in the Northwest.

A significant event in the Northwest has recently transpired in the creation of an Investment Trust managed by bankers living outside of New York. Certain unique features distinguish it. It is sponsored by five institutions composed of the security companies of the two large banking groups and three other investment houses, by name:

The First Securities Corp.
BancNorthwest Co.
Wells-Diekey Co.
Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc.
Kalman & Co.

Features of this Trust designed to insure responsible, permanent management, and all possible benefits of equity enhancement to accrue to the actual investors, are an inclusion of all the prominent financial houses of the region in a 50-year trust. Representatives of these houses on the Frontenac Board are twelve in number and consist of the higher executives of each institution. The Trust is mutual and is wholly owned by holders of its beneficial certificates—all earnings pass to certificate holders after a deduction of a known loading charge and annual management fee. The portfolio is made public. The policy is recited in the Indenture to be wholly non-speculative, and to be devoted to long pull ownership in principal industries but with broad managerial powers. No purchases can be made from any of the five houses and the single vote of any house negatives any proposal of purchase.

Presence on the Board of Directors of C. T. Jaffray, Chairman of the Board of the First Bank Stock Corp. and Soo Line Ry. and E. W. Decker, President of the Northwest Bancorporation, indicates the seriousness of purpose of these two banking groups in this undertaking.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, March 6 1931.

There is a gradual improvement in trade. It is nothing remarkable. But as spring approaches there is a slow increase here and there. And there are some evidences that the downward course of prices is slowing up. The idea of a good many observers is that the tide has turned in this country. The drift is towards better things. This is more perceptible in the textile trades than anywhere else. Six weeks ago the Far East took the initiative in the rise in cotton. Occidental markets followed. And now the boycott of British goods in India bids fair to cease. It may not come at once but the tendency seems to be that way. At any rate political peace has been established, at least for the time being, in India, partly it would seem because the more conservative spirits among native politicians do not favor the extreme measures of Gandhi. Political disobedience in India has ceased. Calcutta is more cheerful, and there was an advance at its Stock Exchange to-day. East Indian stocks have latterly risen also at the London Stock Exchange. Perhaps it is not too much to say that light is breaking in the Far East, where it was least to be expected to appear at this time. Silver advanced to-day and is at the highest for two months past. Bombay is buying actual cotton at the South of one inch and longer staple. Manchester's trade is looking up. Worth Street has done an excellent business in the last month. Latterly it has slackened somewhat though that was no more than natural. Prices there

have recently advanced. And the tone is better in Fall River without any marked increase in actual business. To-day it was announced that the big Amoskeag Mills in Manchester, N. H. are doing a better business and calling back many operatives to work who had been idle for months past. Recent reports from Charlotte, N. C. and Greenville, S. C. in regard to the textile situation have also been more cheerful. The winter wheat crop is looking better. There is very little winter killing. Beneficial snows have fallen in both the winter and spring wheat belts within the last 24 hours. There is some reduction in unemployment both in New York and London. Lake navigation is likely to open at an early date judging by the disappearance of ice from some of the Lake areas. The pig iron output is gaining and also that of steel. Decreases in bank clearings are gradually falling off, apparently as a reflection of a slow gain in trade. Wheat has declined somewhat, but no serious loss in prices has taken place, though stocks are big, export trade is slow and the Farm Board is said to be selling in Europe. Argentine and Australian offerings to Europe have been increasing at cheap prices. The visible supply in the United States is 196,000,000 bushels and farm reserves are stated at 143,000,000; total 340,000,000 bushels. Corn has been firmer owing to a better cash demand and relatively small reserves on the farm. Storms and colder temperatures tend to brace prices for corn for the time being, though during the mild winter, cheap oats, barley and mill feeds have often been substituted for corn. There may be a big increase moreover in the corn

acreage this year. Oats are moderately lower, selling indeed at under 30c. in Chicago the lowest for the season. Rye declined with trade and speculation dull coincident with good supplies and moreover a prospect of a large carryover. Provisions were firm. Deliveries on March lard contracts seemed to have gone into strong hands. With corn and hogs advancing the price of lard has moved up 50 to 60 points. Cotton has been under liquidation to some extent but ends only 5 to 10 points net lower for the week. The co-operatives associations apparently have sold March, May and October heavily. Spot houses and other interests have also sold more or less freely. Chairman Legge has resigned from the Farm Board. That was considered a bear point on cotton. He thinks moreover that the South is not going to make a sufficient reduction in the cotton acreage. One member of the Farm Board puts the next carryover at 8,700,000 bales against 6,200,000 last July. To-day there was a world-wide decline in cotton prices especially at Alexandria which reacted unfavorably on Liverpool, and by repercussion on New York. Coffee has advanced 12 to 40 points with some advance at times in Brazilian exchange and more or less buying by Brazil and Europe in what looked like a short market. Moreover spot coffee which at one time declined has latterly been a little steadier. For the first time for years past there is a premium on the later months in coffee. Prices of course are very low. The Provisional Government in Brazil has been reported to be buying. That gave the shorts something of a scare. Sugar has touched the lowest point of the year at 3.25c. The net decline for the week of four to nine points on futures. Refined at one time was down to 4.50c. with trade dull. Some think that prices may decline further in the present month but that later on a rally can hardly be avoided. Rubber has advanced nearly half a cent on further projects for restriction. There is a conference of British and Dutch interests going on in London looking to this end. Hides advanced nearly a cent on heavy transactions at the Exchange here. The market seems to have become oversold. Cocoa declined 20 points. Silk is about the same as a week ago. Chain stores did a larger business in February than in January. That was not the case with mail order concerns. The weather over the greater part of the agricultural sections of the United States has been favorable, but the season in southern Texas for cotton planting is said to be some weeks late. What the cotton belt wants for the most part is warm dry weather, so that field work can be pushed.

The stock market has declined somewhat, but there has been no evidence of fundamental weakness. Chain store sales for two months since Jan. 1 are 5% larger than for the same time last year. General trade is slowly gaining ground. The improvement in textiles at home and abroad is not without significance. Bonds have advanced. Stocks to-day were at times 1 to 5 points lower with trading approximating 4,000,000 shares. For a time United States Steel, Can, Telephone, General Electric and General Motors were firm to-day but gave way later on. There is a better undertone in general business in spite of the fact that no marked increase in trade is noticeable outside of textiles. The Stock Exchanges in London and Calcutta were stronger to-day and Indian bonds which with peace in India had been rising in London made a further advance there to-day. Call money was still 1½% most of the day, though it closed at 2% against 3½% a year ago. For some weeks past the stock market has on the whole given a good account of itself and suggested that it has turned the corner.

Boston advices stated that general sentiment there and in New England is becoming increasingly cheerful and conditions continue to compare favorably with the rest of the country. One of the bright spots in the upward tendency of the cotton industry was a substantial gain in the number of active spindles. New Bedford, Mass., wired that the conditions are better in the fine goods industry. Present production is 65 to 70% of normal, but despite the better trade, curtailment will continue at approximately 30%. Fall River, Mass., reported that there has been no noticeable demand in the local cloth market during the week and that inquiry for various constructions has been reported and there has been more or less small lot trading both for nearby and future deliveries. Prices have strengthened for some numbers and firmness has been noted all down the line. Several of the mills are reported to have started additional looms during the week. Manchester, N. H., wired that some improvement in business of the Amoskeag Company is reported in the recalling of many operatives who have been out of employment for several months.

Charlotte, N. C., wired that unusually favorable and mild sunshiny weather has prevailed for the past six weeks, but merchants complain that sales have not been all that could have been hoped for and were generally made under more or less pressure. In a few centers there has been a slight speeding up, owing to a more hopeful feeling about business and it is said that the influx of cash has not been in proportion to the general needs.

At Cliffside, N. C., the Cliffside Mills are working full time after being on a curtailment program for several weeks. It is planned to continue this full time operating schedule for an indefinite period. At Forest City, N. C., the Alexander Manufacturing Co., manufacturer of sheeting, has returned to full time indefinitely. At York, S. C., the Cannon Mills No. 3 maintain full time. The Travora Mill of the Neely-Travora Mills, Inc., which has been on a three-day operating schedule for some time, is now on full time and has been since Feb. 16, and not only maintained that schedule throughout the week, but was forced to operate to some extent at night. The Neely plant of the same group also resumed full time after operating three days a week. The Lockmore Cotton Mills continue to operate this week on a full-time schedule. For the first time in many weeks all four plants have been able to operate at full capacity in the day time, and forced to operate at night. Columbia, S. C. said that reported expansion of operating schedules is arousing more interest among textile manufacturers than pending legislation to regulate mill operation.

St. Louis reported that a more sanguine sentiment exists in that section as compared to the previous week, and the general impression is that business is travelling in the lowest level and will begin to climb in the near future. Better reports from agricultural sections, due principally to rainfalls have been an important factor in a more optimistic outlook. Trade as measured by wholesale and retail results can hardly be called satisfactory, but the former is expecting a decided improvement this spring, while the latter is now below last year in a marked degree. Detroit wired that improvement in local business conditions develops slowly and up to the present time has not been general, but spotty and uneven. The open winter has hampered movement in heavy clothing, shoes, footwear, &c., and while special sales have moved stocks to a considerable extent spring buying shows no material evidence of a rush, nor is it likely to, although a slow pickup in trade is looked for. Detroit wired that the automobile sales are beginning to feel the stimulus of the soldier bonus money. A canvas of dealers, the report says, discloses that although veterans have just begun to receive their loan checks, a considerable number have already found their way to dealers show rooms and the used car lots. It is stated that with the actual output of automobiles last week, the highest of any week since the week ended Sept. 20, the increase over the total for the preceding week was greater than the usual seasonal gains and the adjusted index has risen to 59.2 from 55.9 for the week ended Feb. 21 and compared with 90.2 for the corresponding week last year.

San Francisco's retail business increased last week and the feeling was prevalent that further improvement will come as the season advances, according to press reports. Jobbers report out-of-town business on the rise and better reports are coming from manufacturing circles, including automobile specialties and paints. The Cotton Textile Institute says 83% of the cotton textile industry of the United States will conform to the recommendation that night employment of women and minors be discontinued. This is said to represent over 26,000,000 spindles, including 79% of the spindleage in night running mills. Pittsburgh advices said that indications of renewed building activity in this district were revealed in reports here in the last few weeks. In many of the larger suburban towns, building construction has increased. This city showed a 15% decrease from January of last year, but other nearby cities more than made up the difference in actual valuation. The mercantile trade gained slightly last week. Springlike weather aided this increase and seasonal goods began to move earlier than usual. Department stores showed a slight gain in sales and jobbers and wholesalers reported demand slightly ahead of the previous week.

The general level of prices of farm products on the farm declined between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15 to the lowest point recorded since compilation of the farm price index was begun in 1910, the Department of Agriculture stated March 2. The index dropped to 90% of the prewar level on Feb. 15 as compared to 94% on Jan. 15 and to 131% on Feb. 15 1930. Moderate advances in the farm prices of cotton,

cottonseed, apples, sheep, lambs and horses were more than offset by lower farm prices of grains, flaxseed, hay, potatoes, hogs, cattle, calves, chickens and dairy and poultry products, the department said.

Production of electricity by the electric light and power industry for the week ended Feb. 28, was 1,627,566,000 kwh., against 1,679,524,000 during the previous week and 1,723,-204,000 last year, according to the National Electric Light Association as quoted by one of the news tickers.

Berlin cabled that beginning March 16 the German Cotton Spinners Association has decided to restrict output 25%, evidently hoping for a resultant yarn shortage that may boost prices. The Association of Cotton Weavers likewise has circularized its members to ascertain the advisability of a general curtailment of output.

The Weather Bureau said that snows occurred in the last 24 hours in New York and New England and over the Rocky Mountain region and portions of the Western Plains States and in the Northwest. On the 4th inst. it was sleeting and snowing here with temperatures cold and raw. But it was pleasant on the 5th inst. and to-day it was fair with the temperatures 33 to 41 degrees. The forecast is for fair weather to-night and rain or snow to-morrow. Within 24 hours Boston temperatures have been 32 to 38, Montreal, 26 to 34; Chicago, 32 to 34; Cincinnati, 28 to 42; Cleveland, 28 to 34; Milwaukee, 28 to 38; Kansas City, 30 to 44; Winnipeg, 10 to 26; St. Louis, 32 to 46; San Francisco, 52 to 68; Seattle, 36 to 48. Abnormally high tides have done a good deal of damage on the Atlantic coast during the past week. Some of the ferry boats were damaged by crashing into piers in a northeastern gale. Persons were injured. Floods have occurred in towns along the coast. Ferry slips have been flooded. It was called a spring tide. The mean high tide is 4½ feet, but taking the fullness of the moon and the time of the year it was stated this week at 5 feet, but it really went to 7.2 feet. Since 1876 the highest tide here was 8.7 feet in 1889 and 8.3 feet in 1927. Early in the week there was a 60-mile gale along the coast from New Jersey to Newfoundland. Skidding taxicabs in this city injured persons. Commuters on the various railroads leading into the city were delayed. Scores of seaside houses are in ruins. Other heavy damage is reported. To-day in the Central West there was a return of winter weather. Kansas City reported a big snow-storm coming from Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa. Boston to-day had a snowstorm and heavy gales, while Newfoundland and Labrador were enjoying spring weather.

Wholesale Trade in New York Federal Reserve District in January 25% Below Year Ago.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports that "the volume of January sales by wholesale dealers in this District averaged 25% below a year ago. The sales of cotton goods, shoes, hardware, stationery, paper and jewelry continued to be substantially smaller than a year previous, and the sales of men's clothing showed the largest decrease from a year previous during the period covered by this Bank's records." In its March 1 Monthly Review, the Bank adds:

Drug firms reported a 6% decline compared with a year ago in January, following an increase in December, and the sales of groceries were 14% smaller than a year previous. Wholesale diamond dealers reported January sales almost 50% smaller than in 1930, and machine tool orders, reported by the National Machine Tool Builders Association, declined further to about one-third the volume of last year. Yardage sales of silk, reported by the Silk Association of America, increased for the third consecutive month, however, the increase in January was comparatively small.

The value of stocks of merchandise held at the end of January in all reporting lines, with the exception of drugs, remained substantially smaller than a year ago. Collections in January this year were only slightly smaller than in 1930.

Commodity.	Percentage Change, January 1931 Compared with December 1930.		Percentage Change, January 1931 Compared with January 1930.		Percent of Accounts Outstanding December 31 Collected in January.	
	Net Sales.	Stock End of Month.	Net Sales.	Stock End of Month.	1930.	1931.
Groceries	-4.9	-2.1	-13.6	-17.5	73.1	75.4
Men's clothing	+13.2	-	-44.2	-	45.8	41.9
Cotton goods	-42.8	+0.7	-29.1	-35.1	32.3	32.7
Silk goods	-20.9*	-5.0*	+2.1*	-15.3*	47.9	46.4
Shoes	-30.7	+20.4	-27.5	-32.4	39.7	38.8
Drugs	+21.3	+0.7	-6.4	+29.8	33.7	36.4
Hardware	-34.1	+6.5	-22.9	-14.0	51.6	46.2
Machine tools**	-2.8	-	-63.2	-	-	-
Stationery	-2.8	-	-24.2	-	73.2	71.1
Paper	+3.7	-	-24.1	-	57.2	53.9
Diamonds	-30.6	-8.0	-48.4	-17.5	43.8	37.6
Jewelry	-57.2	-10.5	-35.4	-30.4	-	-
Weighted average	-4.8	-	-25.2	-	52.9	51.7

* Quantity not value. Reported by Silk Association of America.
 ** Reported by the National Machine Tool Builders' Association.

New York Federal Reserve Banks Indexes of Business Activity

In presenting in its March 1 Monthly Review, its indexes of business activity, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York says:

A few important indicators of business activity showed signs of greater stability in January and the first part of February. During most of January, merchandise and miscellaneous car loadings continued, after seasonal adjustment, at the level that had generally prevailed since early December, and in the first two weeks of February, the seasonally adjusted figures averaged slightly higher than in January. Average daily department store sales declined slightly less than usual in January from the December level, both in this district and in the country as a whole, and preliminary indication were that there was little change in this District during the early part of February. The January indexes of building contract awards, life insurance paid for, and advertising also tended to advance somewhat.

On the other hand, car loadings of bulk freight expanded less than usual in January, and larger than seasonal declines were shown in bank debits, security trading, and postal receipts. The increase of new corporate enterprises in New York State was less than the usual December to January increase, and the number of business failures rose to a level exceeding that of any previously recorded January.

(Adjusted for seasonal variations and usual year-to-year growth.)

	Jan. 1930.	Nov. 1930.	Dec. 1930.	Jan. 1931.
<i>Primary Distribution—</i>				
Car loadings, merchandise and miscellaneous	94	80	78	78
Car loadings, other	98	78	80	76
Exports	85	63	60	60p
Imports	104	90	91	78p
Panama Canal traffic	82	72	62	--
<i>Distribution to Consumer—</i>				
Department store sales, 2d District	98	87	85	87
Chain store sales, other than grocery	89	89	85	84
Life insurance paid for	111	88	88	89
Advertising	92	80	76	77
<i>General Business Activity—</i>				
Bank debits, outside of New York City	98	87	91	88
Bank debits, New York City	117	92	103	89
Velocity of bank deposits, outside of N. Y. City	115	94	95	97
Velocity of bank deposits, New York City	129	87	95	83
Shares sold on N. Y. Stock Exchange	241	166	196	159
Postal receipts	99	87	90	88
Electric power	97	83	84p	--
Employment in the United States	98	83	82	80
Business failures	111	113	123	132
Building contracts	88	63	62	63
New corporations formed in N. Y. State	84	83	80	78
Real estate transfers	69	59	60	60
*General price level	174	161	158	157
*Composite index of wages	227	219	219	216
*Cost of living	170	161	159	158

p Preliminary. * 1913 average=100.

Department of Agriculture Reports Agricultural Season Under Way Early—Small Amount of Rain or Snow Disquieting to Some Sections.

Field work in agriculture is getting an early start this season, but there are many uncertainties as to both production and prices, according to the Bureau of Agriculture Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture, in its March 1 report on the agricultural situation. The Bureau says that "the small amount of snow or rain is disquieting to some eastern and central areas where last summer's drought was so serious, and unless heavy spring rains come there may be a recurrence of difficulties this summer. "Prices of farm products, in general, are below the 1910-14 level, with some basic commodities almost going begging for buyers." Three "background" factors that over-shadow the beginning of the season, says the Bureau, are "existing large stocks of wheat and cotton, the industrial depression, and the general world-wide decline in prices of all commodities."

On the financial position of wheat and cotton turns the fortune of a large group of the farm population, the Bureau points out, adding:

"Any substantial increase in consumption of cotton, as well as of many other farm products, depends on the resumption of industrial activity. Well-informed observers are now very conservative in their forecasts of the business situation, although general opinion seems to favor some improvement by the latter part of the year."

The phenomenon of the general world-wide decline in prices of all commodities, says the Bureau, "underlies the whole situation." It adds under date of Feb. 28:

"This price decline has been going on, with occasional pauses, for eleven years and seems to be still going on. It is a new experience to this generation to have to plan its affairs against a background of long-time price decline. Agriculture perhaps suffers more than any other industry in such a period. Meanwhile, producers are working as best they may along the essential line, which is that in this period the costs of production must be cut to the bone and that great caution must be exercised in making long-time commitments."

In a special report on what is termed "the unpromising wheat market situation" the Bureau says that "the extreme weakness now prevailing in world wheat prices is largely the result of the unusually active competition among wheat exporting areas to dispose of this season's relatively large surplus; the maintenance of restrictive legislative barriers in important consuming countries; and the general depression in business and in all commodity prices." Continuing on this subject, the Bureau says that "there is little information available as to the probable world wheat acreage

for the 1931-32 crop year. It is much too early to forecast yields, but no serious damage to winter wheat has yet been reported and, should abandonment and yields be equal to the average, supplies for the coming year will again be large."

Annalist Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

After a steady decline totaling 5.3% during seven weeks, the "Annalist" index of wholesale commodity prices at 109.6 is 0.3 points higher than last week and for the first time in 1931 shows a check to the declining price level. The "Annalist" further says:

The groups comprising the composite index do not show the violent changes characteristic of recent weeks, though there is still a mixed movement of commodity prices within the groups.

Farm products are slightly higher than last week because of advances in hogs, eggs, hides and potatoes; but these advances are almost balanced by declines in grains and cotton. Spot wheat at New York, at 92½ cents, is a new low for the depression; corn also touched a new low at 78 cents; and cotton after advancing steadily since last December dropped back 15 points to 11.20 cents a pound.

Food products are generally higher. The textile index remains unchanged, but cotton goods have advanced and are selling in large quantities on a firm market. Silk prices have dropped because of large imports, though consumption continues at a high rate. Gasoline continues to decline at refining centres and at service stations. Gasoline at refineries is now 5.305 cents a gallon, against 5.43 cents last week. Gasoline at service stations is 15.57 cents, against 15.77 last week, and 18.20 cents last year.

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

	Mar. 3 1931.	Feb. 24 1931.	Mar. 4 1930.
Farm products.....	99.6	*99.3	129.5
Food products.....	114.2	113.0	135.7
Textile products.....	103.3	*103.3	132.8
Fuels.....	135.5	135.9	151.8
Metals.....	106.4	106.0	123.2
Building materials.....	123.0	123.0	151.6
Chemicals.....	100.4	100.4	110.3
Miscellaneous.....	89.0	88.7	115.7
All commodities.....	109.6	109.3	134.0

*Revised.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Continues Small.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Feb. 21 totaled 713,938 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on March 3. This was a reduction of 6,751 cars below the preceding week this year. It also was a reduction of 113,622 cars below the same week last year, and a reduction of 191,565 cars below the corresponding week in 1929. The figures are analyzed as follows:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of Feb. 21 totaled 251,679 cars, 57,734 cars under the same week in 1930 and 74,772 cars under the corresponding week in 1929.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight amounted to 215,470 cars, a decrease of 3,960 cars below the corresponding week last year and 11,306 cars below the same week two years ago.

Coal loading amounted to 136,112 cars, a decrease of 20,672 cars below the same week in 1930 and 65,071 cars under the same week two years ago.

Forest products loading amounted to 33,840 cars, 22,380 cars under the corresponding week in 1930 and 26,336 cars under the same week two years ago.

Ore loading amounted to 5,134 cars, a reduction of 3,777 cars below the same week in 1930 and 4,228 cars below the same week in 1929.

Coke loading amounted to 8,650 cars, a decrease of 2,997 cars below the corresponding week last year and 5,207 cars under the same week in 1929.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 40,866 cars, 1,082 cars below the corresponding week in 1930 and 3,067 cars below the same week in 1929. In the Western district alone, grain and grain products loading amounted to 28,573 cars, an increase of 61 cars above the same week in 1930.

Live stock loading totaled 22,187 cars, 1,020 cars below the same week in 1930 and 1,578 cars under the corresponding week in 1929. In the Western districts alone, live stock loading amounted to 17,749 cars, a decrease of 468 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 1930 but also with the same week in 1929.

Loading of revenue freight in 1931 compared with the two previous years follows:

	1931.	1930.	1929.
Five weeks in January.....	3,490,542	4,246,552	4,518,609
Week ended Feb. 7.....	719,053	886,701	955,981
Week ended Feb. 14.....	720,689	893,140	957,498
Week ended Feb. 21.....	713,938	827,560	905,503
Total.....	5,644,222	6,853,953	7,337,591

Dun's Report of Failures in February.

With fewer business days, the number of commercial failures in the United States last month not unnaturally declined from the January total, the reduction approximating 23%. Thus, the 2,563 defaults reported to R. G. Dun & Co. for February contrast with January's high record for all months of 3,316, but no preceding February has shown so many insolvencies as in the present instance. Dun's states that the previous maximum for the period was established in 1922, when the month's failures numbered 2,331, and the lowest mark for February was reached in 1920, with only

492 defaults. On but five occasions prior to the current year have there been as many as 2,000 insolvencies in February—namely, in 1930, 1928, 1927, 1922 and 1915. Comparing with the 2,262 failures a year ago, when the economic unsettlement was being more plainly reflected in a heavier business mortality, the latest returns show a rise of something more than 13%. That is, however, considerably less than the 20% increase in January over the number for the corresponding period of 1930.

Although appreciably below January's notably large aggregate, the liabilities of commercial failures in February were well above the average for the period, according to data compiled by R. G. Dun & Co. Totaling \$59,607,612, last month's indebtedness shows a decrease of 37% from the \$94,608,212 of January, but is 16% higher than the \$51,326,365 of February 1930. The present amount is, however, much under the \$72,600,000 of the same month of 1922, and also is less than the \$60,900,000 of February 1921. With those two exceptions, on the other hand, last month's liabilities are largest on record for February.

Monthly and quarterly failures, showing number and liabilities, are contrasted below by R. G. Dun & Co., for the periods mentioned:

	Number			Liabilities.
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.
February.....	2,563	2,262	1,965	\$59,607,612
January.....	3,316	2,759	2,535	94,608,212
	1930.	1929.	1928.	1930.
December.....	2,525	2,037	1,943	\$83,683,361
November.....	2,031	1,793	1,838	55,260,730
October.....	2,124	1,822	2,023	56,296,577
Total 4th quarter.....	6,680	5,655	5,804	\$195,240,668
September.....	1,963	1,568	1,635	\$46,947,021
August.....	1,913	1,762	1,852	49,180,653
July.....	2,028	1,752	1,723	39,826,417
Total 3rd quarter.....	5,904	5,082	5,210	\$135,954,091
June.....	2,026	1,767	1,947	\$63,130,762
May.....	2,179	1,897	2,008	55,541,462
April.....	2,198	2,021	1,818	49,059,308
Total 2nd quarter.....	6,403	5,685	5,773	\$167,731,532
March.....	2,347	1,987	2,236	\$56,846,015
February.....	2,262	1,965	2,176	51,326,365
January.....	2,759	2,535	2,643	61,185,171
Total 1st quarter.....	7,368	6,487	7,055	\$169,357,551

Dun's Review of Commercial Failures During January According to Various Federal Reserve Districts.

Data compiled by R. G. Dun & Co. have shown that commercial failures in the United States during January were more numerous than in any preceding month, and the liabilities also were exceptionally high. Separation by Dun & Co. of the statistics by Federal Reserve districts shows that the increase in number of defaults was mainly in New York and in several of the South Central and Central Western States, while an unusually large insolvency in New England swelled the indebtedness in the First Federal Reserve District. Dun & Co. continue:

That failure alone, in fact, accounted for the rise in the liabilities last month over the figures for the corresponding month of last year. Excluding the very large default referred to, the average liabilities for January fell below those for the same month of 1930.

Only a small increase in number of insolvencies occurred in the First Federal Reserve District, and this also was true of the Third District (Philadelphia), the Fifth District (Richmond), and the Twelfth District (San Francisco). For the Seventh District (Chicago), the rise in the mortality last month was not much greater, relatively, than that in most of the districts noted above, but the expansion in the liabilities reflects a number of large defaults for January, this year. A similar condition prevailed in the Fourth District (Cleveland), while the totals were appreciably higher for the Sixth District (Atlanta) and also for the Eleventh District (Dallas). For the Ninth District (Minneapolis), the increase in number of insolvencies was comparatively large, but the liabilities last month were under those for the corresponding period of 1930. The Tenth District (Kansas City) reported fewer failures in January, this year, than last year.

The record of commercial failures in the United States by Federal Reserve districts covering three years is given in the following table:

FAILURES BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS IN JANUARY FOR 3 YRS.

Districts—	Number			Liabilities		
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.
First.....	263	251	292	\$28,964,710	\$3,998,736	\$4,388,504
Second.....	756	588	566	13,523,746	16,602,532	16,425,504
Third.....	193	177	155	4,128,315	6,886,360	3,818,782
Fourth.....	254	197	196	11,952,162	6,101,111	4,636,425
Fifth.....	203	184	170	4,339,019	4,509,938	2,165,331
Sixth.....	245	147	130	4,686,225	2,618,938	4,169,506
Seventh.....	502	453	325	14,572,713	8,181,560	5,163,260
Eighth.....	243	186	171	4,836,838	3,125,720	3,052,720
Ninth.....	92	63	56	775,939	1,072,565	696,709
Tenth.....	167	177	144	1,850,753	4,066,512	1,274,219
Eleventh.....	127	67	53	1,954,681	739,826	1,079,739
Twelfth.....	271	269	272	3,023,111	3,280,721	7,006,446
Total.....	3,316	2,759	2,535	\$94,608,212	\$61,185,171	\$53,877,145

Decline in Index of Real Estate Activity.

The regular monthly index figure computed from realty deeds recorded in 64 cities by the National Association of Real Estate Boards is 66.0 for January. This shows a decrease as compared to the December figure, which was 68.9, but it is an increase over the previous month, when the index showed 64.6. These figures are based on the norm 100 used for deeds recorded in the year 1926.

Output of Electric Power in the United States Again Shows Falling Off.

According to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey, electric power produced in the United States by public utility plants during the month of January 1931 totaled 7,941,097,000 k.w.h., a decrease of approximately 8% as compared with the corresponding period in 1930, when output amounted to about 8,652,000,000 kw.h. Of the totals for January 1931 there were produced by fuels 5,596,911,000 k.w.h. and by water power 2,344,186,000 k.w.h. The Survey's statement follows:

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

Division.	Total by Fuels and Water Power.			Change in Output from Previous Year.	
	Nov. 1930.	Dec. 1930.	Jan. 1931.	Dec.'31.	Jan.'31.
New England.....	537,605,000	591,000,000	579,839,000	-1%	-2%
Middle Atlantic.....	2,127,338,000	2,259,446,000	2,187,805,000	0%	-4%
East North Central.....	1,776,678,000	1,897,421,000	1,856,815,000	-7%	-10%
West North Central.....	484,355,000	513,114,000	497,471,000	+2%	-2%
South Atlantic.....	789,764,000	853,946,000	851,787,000	-17%	-23%
East South Central.....	313,549,000	310,902,000	324,161,000	+3%	-1%
West South Central.....	394,344,000	391,058,000	379,314,000	-6%	-8%
Mountain.....	276,627,000	273,426,000	268,808,000	-16%	-16%
Pacific.....	992,763,000	1,015,431,000	995,097,000	-1%	-3%
Total for U. S.....	7,693,021,000	8,105,744,000	7,941,097,000	-5%	-8%

The average daily production of electricity by public-utility power plants in the United States in January was 256,200,000 kilo-watt hours, 2% less than the daily output for December. The normal change in the daily production from December to January is an increase of about 1%.

The average daily production of electricity by the use of water power in January was slightly smaller than in December, probably owing to the continuation of drought conditions.

TOTAL MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY BY PUBLIC-UTILITY POWER PLANTS IN 1930 AND 1931.

	1930.	1931.	1931 Under 1930.	1930 Under 1929.	Produced by Water Power.	
					1930.	1931.
January.....	8,652,000,000	7,941,000,000	8%	a5%	34%	30%
February.....	7,618,000,000	-----	-----	a3%	35%	-----
March.....	8,175,000,000	-----	-----	a2%	40%	-----
April.....	8,000,000,000	-----	-----	a1%	41%	-----
May.....	8,015,000,000	-----	-----	-1%	40%	-----
June.....	7,752,000,000	-----	-----	-----	39%	-----
July.....	7,869,000,000	-----	-----	-2%	36%	-----
August.....	7,878,000,000	-----	-----	-6%	32%	-----
September.....	7,765,000,000	-----	-----	-4%	29%	-----
October.....	8,172,000,000	-----	-----	-6%	28%	-----
November.....	7,693,000,000	-----	-----	-7%	28%	-----
December.....	8,105,000,000	-----	-----	-5%	29%	-----
Total.....	95,694,000,000	-----	-----	-1.3%	34%	-----

a Revised.

The quantities given in the tables are based on the operation of all power plants producing 10,000 k.w.h. or more per month, engaged in generating electricity for public use, including central stations, both commercial and municipal, electric railway plants, plants operated by steam railroads generating electricity for traction, Bureau of Reclamation plants, and that part of the output of manufacturing plants which is sold for public use. The output of central stations and electric railway plants represents about 98% of the total of all types of plants. The output as published by the National Electric Light Association and the "Electrical World" includes the output of central stations only. Reports are received from plants representing over 95% of the total capacity. The output of those plants which do not submit reports is estimated; therefore the figures of output and fuel consumption as reported in the accompanying tables are a 100% basis.

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

Volume of Life Insurance in Force at End of 1930 Estimated at More Than 108 Billion Dollars According to Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co. of San Francisco.

Total volume of life insurance in force at the end of 1930 was estimated at \$108,500,000,000, or an increase of 5% during the year, and 100% above the volume in force at the end of 1922, according to the Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co. About 70% of all the life insurance in the world is owned by the people of the United States. Sales of new life insurance in the United States during 1930 amounted to \$18,500,000,000, it is estimated, an increase of 6.3% over the average for the 5 preceding years and only 4% below the record breaking 1929 total of \$19,267,332,200. The bank further says:

Assets held by legal reserve life insurance companies at the end of 1930 aggregated \$18,900,000,000, representing some part of the savings of 68,-000,000 policy-holders. These assets, in spite of the shrinkage in securities values during last year, were 8% larger than those held at the end of 1929.

Life Insurance Sales in United States—January Figures Below Record in January Year Ago.

New ordinary life insurance paid for in the United States during January 1931 shows a considerable decrease from last January's record. Although life insurance has suffered less than most commercial fields, it can hardly be expected to reach again the peak established in 1929 for some time, says the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau at Hartford,

Conn., the figures issued by which show sales this January 17% less than the volume paid for in January last year. This organization studies life insurance conditions all over the country and issues a monthly survey of business sold. The seventy-seven companies which report their experience have in force 88% of the total legal reserve ordinary life insurance outstanding in the United States. The Association further reports:

Due to the fact that life insurance sales lag somewhat in reflecting general conditions, sales in 1930 continued to show an increase over 1929 business up until May when a slight decrease was experienced. This same tendency may account for comparative losses in production for some months after general price indices start upward. The widespread loss in January indicates that local conditions will have little effect on the business as a whole. The best section to watch as a reflection of general improvement is the Middle Atlantic which has not yet registered any gains. Since these states—New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania—pay for over one-third of the country's volume, any increase recorded here will prove most favorable.

The following table compares the production in January 1931 to the volume sold a year ago. As a further guide to sales conditions, the twelve-month period just ended is quoted in comparison with the preceding twelve months:

	January 1931 Compared to January 1930.	Last 12 Mos. Compared to Preceding 12 Mos.
New England.....	94%	96%
Middle Atlantic.....	84%	97%
East North Central.....	82%	92%
West North Central.....	80%	95%
South Atlantic.....	82%	95%
East South Central.....	71%	88%
West South Central.....	75%	86%
Mountain.....	79%	92%
Pacific.....	87%	100%
Total United States.....	83%	94%

Sales are lowest in the western and southern sections due to the extremely unfavorable conditions experienced in these states.

Life Insurance Sales in Canada in January 9% Under Same Month Last Year.

Sales of ordinary life insurance in the Dominion of Canada continue to reflect the ill-effects of last year's depression, says the Sales Research Bureau of Hartford, Conn., which also states:

While it may possibly be a matter of years before sales exceed the peak established in 1929, this January's volume is only 9% less than January sales last year. This is the most favorable record made since June 1929 on a comparative basis. Life insurance conditions in the United States and Canada are studied by this organization which covers the experience of Canadian companies having in force 84% of the total legal reserve ordinary life insurance outstanding in the Dominion.

For the month of January, Ontario showed a substantial gain of 7% and Toronto was the only reporting city to increase. New Brunswick was the only other province to gain in January and showed a 2% increase. Sales for the last twelve months substantiate the decrease shown by the monthly comparison. This volume is 8% less than the production of the preceding twelve-month period.

Credit Report of Wholesale Concerns in Buffalo—Decrease in Outstanding Accounts in February.

The University of Buffalo Bureau of Business and Social Research, makes available Feb. 25 the following wholesale credit report as of Feb. 1 1931:

A comparison of 16 identical wholesale concerns in Buffalo and vicinity, having on their books \$6,200,000 of accounts, shows that the ratio of overdue accounts to accounts outstanding on Feb. 1 1931, was 25.0%, as compared with 27.9% on Jan. 1 1931. There was a decrease of 4% in the amount of outstanding accounts and a decrease of 14% in accounts overdue.

The results for Feb. 1 and Jan. 1 1931, for these 16 concerns were as follows:

	Jan. 1.	Feb. 1.
Outstanding accounts.....	\$6,512,363	\$6,247,946
Overdue accounts.....	1,817,967	1,559,595
Ratio of overdue to outstanding.....	27.9%	25.0%

National Shawmut Bank of Boston Finds Business Improving in New England.

New England manufacturing activity has improved since the beginning of the year, according to the summary of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston. It states that the increase over December was the result of improvement in the textile, leather and related products industries. The increase in the productive activity of manufacturing plants in the country as a whole was not as much as the usual seasonal increase, says the bank, which adds:

The adjusted January indices of productive activity based upon the consumption of electrical energy were about 35% below computed normal for both New England and the United States as a whole.

Building contracts awarded in New England declined more than seasonally during January. In the reported 37 eastern states, the decline was less than the usual January slackening in the awarding of contracts.

Distribution of finished and semi-finished goods as indicated by merchandise and miscellaneous carloading declined only slightly in January in both New England and the United States as a whole. Adjustment for seasonal variation shows that the rate of distribution in January was approximately the same as in November and December of 1930.

The decline in wholesale commodity prices during January was less rapid than the decline during December. Retail prices as shown by the

Massachusetts Cost of Living Index also declined less rapidly in January than in December and as in the past less rapidly than wholesale prices. It is interesting to note that since a year ago retail food prices have been the only commodities in the Cost of Living Index which even approximated the decline in wholesale commodity prices.

Business Activity in New England During January Little Changed from December Level.

Regarding business conditions in New England the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston has the following to say in its "Monthly Review," dated Mar. 1:

In January general business activity in New England changed but little other than seasonally from the December level, and while a noticeable improvement did not take place, neither was there a further decline in most lines of industry. Retail trade in this district compared unfavorably in January with the corresponding month a year ago, but retail price levels had dropped substantially during the past year. The three major divisions of the New England textile industry in January showed increases of more than the customary seasonal amounts from December, and although in comparison with previous years the amount of raw cotton consumed was low, nevertheless, when usual seasonal changes had been allowed for, it was larger in January than in any months since May 1930. Raw wool consumed by mills in this district in January increased from December by an appreciable amount, and there was a considerable increase in silk machinery activity. On the other hand, the building industry in New England continued at low levels in January, and the volume (square feet) of both residential contracts and of commercial and industrial contracts awarded declined slightly from December. Although boot and shoe production in this district in January increased moderately from December, it was considerably less than in January 1930. Employment conditions, as reflected by the call for workers at State employment offices, were not improved over December and in Massachusetts and Connecticut were at unusually low levels. Carloadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight in New England in January were at approximately the same level as in December, but were materially less than in the corresponding month a year ago. The number of commercial failures in this district in January, as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., increased 4.7% over January 1930, and total liabilities exceeded those of January a year ago by 723.9%. The enormous increase in total liabilities was largely due to a single receivership in Connecticut, involving liabilities of about \$25,000,000. Sales of reporting retail stores in each of the New England States declined in January from the corresponding month a year ago, except in Vermont, where a moderate increase was reported. Rhode Island stores showed the largest decline, amounting to 13.3%, while stores in Massachusetts reported a drop of 8.2%. In January only moderate declines took place in Boston stores in sales of women's, misses' and juniors' ready-to-wear and accessories, whereas sales of radios, piece goods, and smallwares fell off 61.9, 14.8, and 10.5%, respectively. Sales of toys and sporting goods in Boston stores in January exceeded those of the corresponding month in 1930 by 14.3%. Preliminary reports indicated that sales of Boston stores for the first three weeks of February were about 14% behind those of a year ago.

Employment Demand in New England During January at Lowest Point in Post-War Decade.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, "employment demand throughout New England during January was at the lowest point in the post-war decade." In its "Monthly Review," Mar. 1, the Bank continues:

Reports from eight public employment offices in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut indicate a restricted demand for practically all types of skilled labor. The mid-monthly reports for Massachusetts show no measurable improvement in the demand for labor through the two weeks ending Feb. 14.

In Massachusetts during January, according to the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries, the number of wage earners reported in returns from 1,052 establishments, for all industries combined, as compared with December 1930, showed a decrease of 7/10 of 1%; a decrease of 1.9% occurred in the aggregate payroll, and a decrease of 1.2% in the average weekly earnings per person employed. The most important change noted in January was seasonal. The 94 reporting boot and shoe establishments showed an increase of 22.2% in the number employed, an increase of 36.2% in the aggregate payroll, and an increase of \$1.90 in the per capita earnings. There were increases in the number employed in eight industries, together amounting to 4,254 persons, including 3,210 in the boot and shoe industry. There were decreases in the other 30 industries and in the miscellaneous group, amounting to 5,516 persons, showing a net loss of 1,262 persons in the 1,052 establishments. Of the 173,422 persons employed, 90,761, or 52.3%, were in establishments reported as operating on full-time with generally full-time for all employees. The corresponding percentage for December 1930 was 53.6, and for November 55.9. In 16 of the 25 cities reporting, more than 50% of all persons employed were working on full-time. The cities having the better records in this respect were Lawrence, Peabody, and Salem, although there was one idle plant in the establishments reporting in Lawrence and Peabody. The representative returns from Brockton showed an increase of 37.6% in the number employed, an increase of 47.4% in the aggregate payrolls, and an increase of \$1.38 in per capita earnings. Similar changes also occurred in Haverhill, where the number employed increased 11.3%, the payroll increased 19.7%, and earnings increased \$1.25. The shoe establishments showed more marked improvement, which was somewhat offset by decreased employment in other industries. In Cambridge employment decreased 7.5%, while average weekly earnings increased \$1.64. In Lawrence employment increased 5.9%, and earnings increased slightly (24c.). In Lowell employment decreased 5.6%, while earnings increased \$1.01.

Relative to employment conditions in Connecticut, the United States Department of Labor reports that the industrial situation registered slight improvement in several localities during January. Increased activity was reported in plants producing rubber goods, electrical appliances, book and job printing, machinery, knit goods, clocks, woolen goods, brass and copper products, and automobile parts. Some decrease in activity was reported in factories manufacturing electrical equipment and furniture. A seasonal improvement was noted in the hat and allied manufacturing plants, a few hat shops worked overtime.

In Rhode Island reports made to the Commissioner of Labor by 216 selected manufacturing plants and 33 building and construction concerns

showed that there were 8.8% more persons at work in the manufacturing plants at the end of January than at the end of December. The 33 building and construction concerns doing work in the State reported 16.8% fewer workers employed than in December. There were 59,431 workers employed in the 216 manufacturing plants at the end of January, compared with 54,637 employed at the end of December, and 61,032 at the end of November. Several plants which had been either shut down or operating with greatly reduced forces in the rubber, jewelry, cotton, woolen, and miscellaneous groups resumed operations during January. Although more workers were employed than in the corresponding period of December, part-time schedules continued in practically all groups.

Slight Seasonal Improvement in Industrial Activity in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District in Early February—Decline in Mercantile Lines.

Stating that "industrial activity in January was maintained at the level of the preceding month, and in early February it showed a slight seasonal improvement," the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, in its Mar. 2 "Business Review," added:

This was especially true of manufacturing and coal mining, but not of building. Mercantile business declined as is usual for January, and the value of inventories, particularly at retail establishments, was considerably lower than a year ago. Commodity prices have shown further recessions.

Banks report a decline in loans lately, and have added substantially to their investment holdings. Further symptoms of credit ease are to be found in a relatively small volume of borrowing from this bank and a strong reserve position.

Manufacturing.

Activity in manufacturing industries declined further in early January but regained some of its ground in the second half of the month, so that our index of productive activity, adjusted for seasonal changes, remains at the same level as in December. Preliminary reports for the first half of February indicate that the demand for manufactured products has increased somewhat and that the volume of business on the books of reporting companies was larger than for several previous months. This is especially true of most textiles, shoes, cigars and furniture. Some of the metal industries also report gains in unfilled orders. Figures to substantiate this information, however, are not yet available.

Commodity prices at wholesale declined further in January and were almost 18% lower than a year earlier. The drop in prices of manufactured goods during the year was less drastic than that of farm products or foods. This is also true of finished goods as compared with raw materials and semi-manufactured products.

Inventories at manufacturing plants, like those at mercantile establishments, show noticeable reductions from a year ago. Returns from leading American industrial corporations show that their stocks of goods in dollars at the beginning of this year were 11% lower than a year before, and somewhat lower than at the end of 1928; declining prices no doubt explain this reduction in large measure. The official index, based on quantities of a limited number of manufactured commodities, showed a slight increase in stocks in the year. Raw commodity stocks continue relatively large in comparison with other years, owing mainly to an accumulation of textile fibers, non-ferrous metals, and certain farm products.

Factory employment and wage payments in Pennsylvania, as measured by figures covering the payroll period nearest to the middle of January, declined more than was normally expected and were substantially smaller than in any month since 1921. Employee-hours, which show changes in working time, continued downward, reaching the lowest point in years. Since the employment figures reflect rather heavily the first half of the month, some of the decline was probably attributable to the usual let-down in operations incident to the listing of inventories and to the general overhauling of plant equipment.

The striking feature in the manufacturing industry of this district was the exceptional increase in the output of shoes, cigars, and some of the iron and steel products. The seasonally adjusted index for shipbuilding also showed a slight upturn from December.

In the textile group, production of knit underwear showed the largest increase. There was also a slight expansion in the rate of operation of clothing and cotton piece goods factories. Woolen and worsted mills increased their takings of wool fibers although the volume remained at the lowest level for the month in years. Textile prices declined 2% in December but in the first three weeks of February have turned up a little; they continue substantially lower than in recent years.

Activity in the food industry showed a further recession, although slaughtering of calves and hogs increased sufficiently to exceed the volume of a year ago. The paper and printing industry reports a decline of about 3% in plant operations, after a slight advance in December. In the chemical group, the output of drugs showed a slight gain and the increase in the production of by-product coke was less than ordinarily is to be expected.

Productive activity in plants making building materials continued downward, reaching in January the lowest point in the past eight years. The daily output of cement declined a little more than usual, and was the lowest in several years. Cement stocks increased seasonally but remained lower than in the past three years. Prices of building materials dropped almost 2% in January but showed practically no change in the first three weeks of February; in comparison with a year ago, they are about 14% lower.

Decline in Dollar Volume of Wholesale and Retail Trade in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District During January.

Retail sales in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District in January were smaller than in the preceding month by about the usual seasonal amount, while the aggregate dollar volume of sales at wholesale declined considerably more than was to be expected, according to figures received by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank from about 250 mercantile establishments. In comparison with January 1930, the dollar volume of retail trade was 12% smaller and that of wholesale business 14% smaller; the Bank's further survey continues:

The retail sales index, which is based on department, apparel, shoe and credit stores' figures, stood in January at nearly 72% of the 1923-25 average. The largest declines from a year ago occurred in the sales by department stores in Philadelphia, women's apparel stores outside of Philadelphia, and by credit and shoe stores. Retail business in Harrisburg, Lancaster, Wilkes-Barre and Wilmington was larger than in January 1930, while the aggregate dollar volume of trade in other cities showed losses. Part of these declines continue to reflect lower prices.

In wholesale lines, dealers in drugs and paper reported gains in the month and in the case of drugs and pharmaceuticals, sales also were larger than in January 1930; other lines had a considerably smaller amount of business in the month and as compared with a year earlier. A continuous decline in wholesale commodity prices undoubtedly influenced changes in this unfavorable comparison of the dollar volume with other years.

Inventories held at mercantile establishments at the end of January were smaller than a year ago. In the case of retail stores the decline amounted to 11%; in wholesale lines, reductions varied from 6% in drugs to 17% in dry goods. Collections in the main were appreciably smaller in wholesale and retail lines except in the case of women's apparel retail stores outside of Philadelphia which showed an increase over January 1930.

WHOLESALE TRADE IN THE PHILADELPHIA FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1931.

	Net Sales.			
	Index Numbers** (P. Ct. of 1923-25 Monthly Average).		(Daily Average) During Month Compared With.	
	Dec. 1930.	Jan. 1931.	Previous Month.	Same Mo. Last Year.
Boots and shoes	55.1	24.8	-55.0%	-41.4%
Drugs	104.3	118.1	+13.3	+5.9
Dry goods	57.3	*38.6	-32.7	-20.6
Electrical supplies	115.9	*66.9	-42.3	-17.9
Groceries	96.9	86.0	-11.3	-12.9
Hardware	76.8	*46.2	-39.9	-29.5
Jewelry	148.2	30.2	-79.6	-42.9
Paper	70.0	*76.9	+9.9	-24.3

	Stocks at End of Month.		Accounts Outstanding End of Month.		Collections During Month.	
	Compared with Previous Month.	Compared with Same Month Last Year.	Compared with Previous Month.	Compared with Same Month Last Year.	Compared with Previous Month.	Compared with Same Month Last Year.
	Boots and shoes	-5.1%	-5.9%	+8.8%	-2.7%	-2.5%
Drugs	+3.3	-16.5	-11.3	-6.0	-26.1	-16.0
Dry goods	-	-	-15.2	-31.0	-14.9	-48.1
Electrical supplies	-2.7	-13.4	-2.7	-10.6	-10.0	-18.0
Groceries	+6.7	-12.3	-11.6	-18.9	-17.8	-24.6
Hardware	+0.1	-12.5	-31.4	-14.6	+75.0	-40.2
Jewelry	-	-11.8	+3.0	-17.1	-19.0	-26.2
Paper	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Preliminary. ** Index numbers are computed from total monthly sales, while percentage changes from average daily sales.

RETAIL TRADE IN THE PHILADELPHIA FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1931.

	Index Numbers of Sales (Per Cent. of 1923-25 Monthly Average).		Net Sales Jan. 1931 Compared with Jan. 1930.
	Dec. 1930.	Jan. 1931.	
	All reporting stores	154.0	
Department	153.8	*69.4	-12.8
In Philadelphia	148.8	*67.6	-16.5
Outside Philadelphia	-	-	-1.9
Men's apparel	144.0	*95.2	-6.8
In Philadelphia	-	-	-6.4
Outside Philadelphia	-	-	-7.2
Women's apparel	174.1	*99.9	-4.0
In Philadelphia	-	-	-4.0
Outside Philadelphia	-	-	-9.6
Shoe	123.4	83.8	-9.5
Credit	124.3	*52.0	-14.4
Stores in:			
Philadelphia	150.2	*71.5	-15.2
Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton	154.8	74.9	-9.2
Altoona	167.2	74.9	-9.1
Harrisburg	162.0	*83.1	+4.2
Johnstown	128.9	*64.9	-7.4
Lancaster	159.0	78.5	+4.2
Reading	158.0	75.9	-6.0
Seranton	151.1	63.0	-1.0
Trenton	167.0	63.6	-1.9
Wilkes-Barre	160.4	67.4	+4.4
Wilmington	190.4	89.1	+6.3
All other cities	-	-	-5.0

	Stocks at End of Month Compared With		Stocks Turnover Month of January		Accounts Receivable End of Mo. Compared with Year Ago.	Collect'ns During Month Compared with Year Ago.
	Month Ago.	Year Ago.	1931.	1930.		
	All reporting stores	-10.3	-11.0	0.30		
Department	-10.3	-10.7	0.29	0.30	-	-
In Philadelphia	-13.2	-9.4	0.31	0.34	-	-
Outside Phila.	-3.8	-13.2	0.25	0.22	-0.1	-7.8
Men's apparel	-14.5	-10.3	-	-	-	-
In Philadelphia	-	-	0.21	0.20	-0.3	-11.3
Outside Phila.	-10.9	-11.4	0.67	0.61	-	-
Women's apparel	-7.2	-16.5	0.79	0.74	-	-
In Philadelphia	-9.2	-15.5	0.35	0.31	+7.2	+5.2
Outside Phila.	-2.0	-18.7	0.25	0.18	-4.8	-13.8
Shoe	-9.3	-16.6	0.15	0.14	-9.0	-11.2
Credit	-6.7	-9.2	0.33	0.35	-	-
Stores in:						
Philadelphia	-13.2	-9.7	0.33	0.35	-	-
Allentown, Beth. and Easton	-1.3	-20.0	0.21	0.19	-4.0	-11.2
Altoona	-2.4	-8.4	0.23	0.23	+5.7	-2.1
Harrisburg	-5.9	-16.1	0.33	0.27	+10.5	+2.9
Johnstown	+3.8	-13.4	0.25	0.24	-	-4.9
Lancaster	-3.4	-17.4	0.24	0.19	-	-
Reading	-6.7	-14.2	0.26	0.24	-7.3	-15.5
Seranton	-6.2	-10.9	0.26	0.23	-4.3	-9.4
Trenton	-3.2	-13.1	0.26	0.23	+2.6	-8.0
Wilkes-Barre	-5.4	-8.7	0.20	0.18	-8.5	-8.4
Wilmington	-6.7	-14.3	0.23	0.18	-2.1	-8.6
All other cities	-8.0	-9.4	0.20	0.19	-4.1	-4.1

* Preliminary.

Decline in Daily Output of Electric Power in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District—Daily Sales of Electricity Increased.

The daily output of electric power in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District declined 3% from December to January and was 9% less than in January 1930, according to reports received by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank from 11 central stations. The Bank says:

The decline in the month was due to smaller output by steam and to a smaller quantity of purchased electricity. The drop in the year, however, was due solely to a sharp decrease in production by hydro-electric plants, steam generated and purchased electricity showing noticeable gains over a year ago.

Daily sales of electricity increased 3% over December but were 7% smaller than in January 1930. The increase in sales for lighting purposes during January amounted to 7%, while those for power purposes were 2% larger than in December. The decrease in sales as compared with a year ago was due largely to the smaller consumption of power by municipalities and industries. Miscellaneous sales were smaller by 5% in January than December and 43% less than in January 1930.

Electric Power—Philadelphia Federal District, 11 Systems.	January (Total for Month)	(Daily Average)	
		Change from Dec. 1930.	Change from Jan. 1930.
Rated generator capacity	1,852,000 kw.	+1.2%	+5.4%
Generated output	17,859,000 kwh.	-3.0%	-8.8%
Hydro-electric	1,044,000 kwh.	+4.6%	-82.2%
Steam	12,827,000 kwh.	-2.5%	+27.3%
Purchased	3,988,000 kwh.	-6.3%	+9.7%
Sales of electricity	18,660,000 kwh.	+2.5%	-6.5%
Lighting	4,547,000 kwh.	+6.8%	+9.9%
Municipal	490,000 kwh.	+0.8%	+11.3%
Residential and commercial	4,057,000 kwh.	+7.6%	+9.7%
Power	12,722,000 kwh.	+1.9%	-4.5%
Municipal	285,000 kwh.	+13.7%	-14.1%
Street cars and railroads	2,436,000 kwh.	+2.4%	+6.9%
Industries	*10,001,000 kwh.	*+1.5%	*-7.3%
All other sales	1,391,000 kwh.	-4.9%	-43.2%

* Working days average—other items are computed on calendar days.

Drop in Daily Output of Hosiery in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

The daily output of hosiery in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District declined about 8% between December and January, according to preliminary reports from 136 mills to the Bureau of the Census and released by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank. This decline says the Bank was due mainly to curtailed production of women's full-fashioned hosiery, although other lines, with the exception of men's full-fashioned and women's seamless hose, also showed decreases in output during this period. The Bank's survey continues:

Shipments in January declined about 7%, all classes of hosiery reporting smaller shipments, except infants', boys', misses' and children's hose, deliveries of which showed substantial gains over the preceding month.

Unfilled orders at the end of January were 2% larger than in December, the increase being due principally to larger orders for women's hosiery. Increases in stocks of men's and women's hosiery were almost offset by decreases in inventories of boys', misses' and children's, and infants' hose, so that the total showed a gain over the previous month of only one-tenth of 1%.

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE HOSEIERY INDUSTRY BY 136 HOSEIERY MILLS IN THE PHILADELPHIA FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT, FROM DATA COLLECTED BY THE BUREAU OF THE CENSUS. PERCENTAGE CHANGES FROM NOVEMBER 1930 TO JANUARY 1931.

	Total.	Men's		Women's		Boys' and Children's	Infants.
		Full-fash'd.	Seam-less.	Full-fash'd.	Seam-less.		
Hosiery knit during month*	-8.2	+2.4	-3.1	-9.4	+8.9	-12.0	-6.6
Net shipments during month*	-7.4	-43.9	-1.7	-22.7	-22.8	+67.4	+84.9
Stock on hand at end of month, finished and in the gray	+0.1	+8.2	+1.4	+4.0	+2.0	-9.8	-0.9
Orders booked during month	-0.3	-26.4	-4.5	+6.5	+67.8	-26.3	-10.2
Ratio of cancellations in January to unfilled orders on hand at end of December	2.9	5.0	2.1	5.0	9.8	0.7	0.0
Unfilled orders at end of month	+1.3	+122.5	+0.6	+13.6	+174.5	-22.4	-8.0

* Calculated on working day basis.

Building and Real Estate Conditions in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

In its "Business Review," dated Mar. 2, the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia states that "building operations have continued at a relatively low level, and employment and payrolls have declined further." "The usual quiet that prevails in January was more noticeable this year than in the previous three years," says the Bank, which adds:

Construction costs in January were the lowest since 1921, reflecting partly recessions in prices of building materials.

The value of contracts awarded for new construction declined seasonally and was the smallest in several years. In the first fortnight of February, contracts for residential buildings showed an appreciable upturn, while those for non-residential structures declined somewhat; total awards, however, continue downward and are substantially less than in recent years. The proposed expenditure under permits issued in 17 cities was materially smaller in January than in the preceding three years.

The real estate market remains quiet, although there are some signs of more activity in certain parts of the district. Such improvement has occurred in the renting demand for houses and apartments has been restricted chiefly to dwellings renting at comparatively low rates. Rents are said to have decreased in the past three months and are lower than a year ago for both apartments and individual dwellings.

Buying of houses is relatively slow, and the demand is restricted largely to less expensive properties. Prospective buyers have been encountering difficulties in obtaining funds necessary to finance their purchases. Funds for second mortgages are exceedingly scarce and unusual caution and conservatism are exercised in extending first mortgages. Financing of new commercial and residential buildings declined substantially from that in January 1930. Values of building sites generally are lower than they were a year ago. Interest rates on mortgages remain unchanged.

Building Conditions in Cleveland Federal Reserve District.

The following is from the Mar. 1 "Monthly Business Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland:

Building.

Building contracts awarded in the Fourth [Cleveland] District fell off quite sharply in the last half of January, partly offsetting the slight gain made in the first two weeks of the year. Nevertheless awards were 9.1% larger in January than in December, while in the 37 States included in the Dodge report a decline from December to January was evident. Building awards in most past years have been smaller in January than in December, but the volume of construction has been so reduced for some time that seasonal changes are of very little significance. The first two weeks in February showed a further falling off in this section.

Total construction awards in January were \$17,971,000, about half as large as a year ago and compared with \$54,680,000 in January 1929. Residential building accounted for only \$4,936,000 of the total or about one-fourth, whereas prior to the last two years residential building was about one-third of all construction. The volume of industrial and educational building was larger in January than in December and the latter type of construction was larger than a year ago. The volume of public work and utility contracts has receded quite sharply recently and was smaller in January than in any month of the past three years.

Dealers in lumber and building materials reported an increase in inquiries in January with a slight improvement in sales in a few cases. Some difficulty regarding collections was reported.

Seasonal Gain in Principal Industries Reported by Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland—Wholesale and Retail Trade Conditions.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland states that some expansion of a seasonal nature in principal industries of the Fourth (Cleveland) Federal District in January and early February has contributed to a further improvement in business sentiment, despite the fact that changes in this period, except for a few instances, were smaller than the average of past years at that time. The Bank, in its Mar. 1 "Monthly Business Review," also says:

Iron and steel production increased more than seasonally in January and continued to improve in February, though at a reduced rate so far as mills in this district were concerned. Mills in the southern part of this territory were operating at much higher rates in mid-February than in other steel centers because of the heavy demand for tin plate, but Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Youngstown mills were slightly below the average for the entire country on account of slackness in automobile and pipe demand. The entire industry in the third week of February was operating at only 53% of capacity as against 81% in the same week of 1930. Possibly of more significance was the increase in blast furnace operations in January, a net gain of seven being shown for the month, and a further gain being reported in February.

The employment indexes at present are not particularly reliable indicators of current operations since "stagger systems" have been used so extensively during the past year. A considerable increase in production at many factories could develop with no expansion in the number of men employed simply by increasing the time worked. The decrease of 5% in the Ohio employment index in January (based on reports from over 700 concerns), in contrast to an average decline of 1% for that period in the preceding five years, therefore was not particularly encouraging.

Automobile production, which had expanded in December, contrary to the usual seasonal movement of past years, increased less in January than in the corresponding period of other recent years. Building activity expanded slightly, contrary to the trend of past years, but the total volume is still so small that seasonal changes have little significance. Cement production was 30% below January 1930. Shoe production increased seasonally, but was still about 25% below last year.

New life insurance sales were about 20% smaller in January than in the corresponding period of 1930, and commercial failures, both number and liabilities, were unusually large.

Retail trade in January was somewhat irregular. Sales of department stores were only 6% smaller than in January a year ago, but the index of sales which makes allowance for seasonal variations declined eight points from December. Wholesale trade was quite depressed.

The Bank has the following to say as to wholesale and department store trade:

Retail Trade.

Reporting department stores in principal cities of the Fourth District experienced a smaller decline in January as compared with the same month of the preceding year than has been shown in eight months. January sales at 57 large stores were 6% below those of last year. The decline from December was greater than has been experienced in past years, the seasonally adjusted index of department store sales falling from 93% of the 1923-25 average in December to 85% in January. The largest decline from a year ago was shown at Cleveland, where sales were off 10%. Wheeling and Toledo sales were off 7% and 6%; Pittsburgh and Cincinnati sales were down approximately 5%. Youngstown sales declined about 3%, and those at Akron and Columbus were less than 1% below January 1930.

Response to year-end and clearance sales was apparently quite satisfactory; stocks at these stores were further reduced in January, being 8.3% smaller than on Dec. 31 1930, and 13.3% below last year.

Wearing apparel sales were only 1.6% smaller in January than one year ago. Chain drug sales were 1.5% larger in January than in the same month of 1930, but were 11% below December. Chain grocery sales were off 5.3% in January from one year ago.

Wholesale Trade.

All reporting lines of wholesale trade declined in January, both as compared with December and January one year ago. Wholesale grocery sales were over 17% smaller in January than in the same month last year, the declines ranging from 10% in Cincinnati to 28% in Akron. Sales of reporting firms in Cincinnati and Pittsburgh were larger in January than in December, but all other cities showed declines, sales of the 40 stores being about 5% smaller than in December. Dry goods sales were down 25 and 30%, respectively, from January and December 1930, and hardware sales were down 25 and 23% in the same periods. January drug sales were in slightly smaller volume than in December, and were only 5% below one year ago.

Wholesale stocks in all lines were considerably smaller than in the opening month of 1930, and many firms say collections are only "fair."

Union Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit Finds Improved Business Conditions in Industrial Southeastern Section of State.

The gains in industrial activity ushered in with the new year continue to be manifest at the end of February, according to Dr. Ralph E. Badger, Vice-President, and Carl F. Behrens, Economist, of the Union Guardian Trust Co., Detroit. Automobile output which in January exceeded December production by about 14%, is expected to show a further gain of something like 20% in February, despite the fact that it is a shorter month and contains one more holiday than January. As to conditions in Michigan they state:

The greatest improvement in business in Michigan is evident in the industrial southeastern section of the State, where more than 75% of all automobiles manufactured in the United States are produced. The Union Guardian Trust Co.'s index of industrial activity in Detroit, which is adjusted for fluctuations of a seasonal nature and for long-time growth, advanced from 65.2% of normal in December to 66.2% in January, and, on the basis of the preliminary automobile output totals referred to above, should show further improvement during February. Industrial power consumption increased in Detroit, Flint, Pontiac, and Saginaw during January.

Employment in Detroit as of Feb. 15 was slightly greater than on Jan. 15, the Board of Commerce index having advanced from 76.4 (1923-1925 = 100) to 78%. This index a year ago stood at 106.5. Port Huron and Saginaw, likewise, have experienced some improvement in the labor situation. In general, of the 11 cities from which reports on industrial conditions have been received, the number showing improvement in employment about balances those showing decreases.

Retail trade in southeastern Michigan is expected to increase during the next few weeks in most of the cities from which reports have been received, but at present is below that of a year ago. Retail collections in nearly all cases are reported fair to poor.

Building operations in this area are slightly lower than they were a year ago, but are expected to improve soon. The fact that building permit totals in January were well above January 1930 totals in Ann Arbor, Bay City, Dearborn, Detroit, and Royal Oak gives some basis for this prediction.

Industrial operations in southwestern Michigan are reported below those of a year ago in most of the reports received from bankers in that area, but in no case is any further decrease expected. In such cities as Benton Harbor, Coldwater, Grand Haven, Holland, Ionia, Niles, and Stanton, bankers are definitely hopeful of improvement in the immediate future. Building in this area is still curtailed and little improvement is in prospect, except at Kalamazoo, where building permits totaled nearly a half million dollars in January.

Unemployment in southwestern Michigan is greater than it was in February 1930, but some improvement is forecast with the opening up of spring operations on farms, roads, and in the building industry. While retail trade is still below that of a year ago, the feeling exists that the worst is over and that business should improve in the months immediately ahead. The activity in food industries at Battle Creek continues to make that city one of the bright spots of the southwestern area. In the light of employment and industrial power consumption, Grand Rapids shows little change from previous months.

There is little in the reports of bankers in northern Michigan cities to indicate any change in business in that section of the State during the past month. Comparatively little manufacturing is carried on there, and the season for building and agricultural operations is not yet at hand. Some improvement in retail trade is expected in the next few weeks, but the collection of outstanding accounts is extremely difficult.

At Menominee, in the Upper Peninsula, employment is reported to be increasing considerably. This increase is in part accounted for by the fact that a manufacturing concern which formerly operated in Chicago has moved to this city and is expected to employ 250 to 500 men. Money in Upper Peninsula cities continues in excessive supply. With copper still at 10c. a pound, mining operations in the Calumet-Houghton district are much below the levels of a year ago.

Industrial Conditions in Chicago Federal Reserve District—Moderate Decline in Employment and Wages.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago states that "the usual first-of-the-year fluctuations in industrial operations resulted in a further moderate decline in employment and payrolls, as reported for January by firms in this district." In its "Monthly Business Conditions Report," dated Feb. 28, the Bank further surveys industrial employment conditions in its District as follows:

increase which follows the depletion of stocks during the Christmas season. The number of cars of freight loaded on the District's railroads declined slightly more than seasonally during January, and intercoastal traffic in almost all commodities, except lumber shipments which were relatively high, was smaller than in December.

No material change has been evident in the credit situation during the past month. Commercial banks are in an unusually liquid position with surplus funds seeking investment, and Reserve Bank credit in use has declined nearly to the low levels prevailing during most of 1930. Borrowings of member banks have declined to less than half their average in December, while Reserve Bank holdings of acceptances are lower than at any time since November 1927. There was a sharp drop in security loans of reporting member banks during the four weeks ended Feb. 18, while commercial loans changed little and investments continued to expand. Currency in circulation has contracted seasonally since the beginning of 1931 in all parts of the District except the Portland and Spokane areas.

Edsel Ford for Shorter Week to Absorb Labor Surplus.

The following (Associated Press) from Miami, Fla., March 2, is from the New York "Times."

Edsel Ford said on his arrival here today that he believed all manufacturers would come to the shorter week as a means of meeting problems arising from unemployment.

"Industry has demonstrated it can more than supply the demand, which naturally will leave a surplus of labor, and at present nothing appears in the immediate horizon which can absorb this surplus," he said.

He expressed the opinion that business was showing gains, but said he did not know when it would reach "the position of former years."

Stating that about 80,000 men were now employed by the Ford Company in this country, he said that the tariff had not affected its business in Europe, where cars were being assembled in France, and "in the near future" would be manufactured in France, Germany and England.

B. F. Goodrich Company Cuts Salaries 10%.

Effective March 1, the pay of all salaried employes of the B. F. Goodrich Company and subsidiary companies will be reduced 10%, J. D. Tew, president, said on Feb. 28, according to Associated Press accounts from Akron, Ohio. The reduction is said to apply also to officers.

Automotive Parts Output Improves.

Manufacturers of parts and accessories for original equipment have had to speed up production to take care of heavier demands from the car plants and nice gains in business were reported for both January and February, according to the Motor and Equipment Association, which also states:

With this group of suppliers leading the way in the current improvement noticeable in the parts industry, manufacturers of shop equipment and tools have also enjoyed increased business. Shipments of replacement parts to the trade in January and February were practically unchanged from December.

The grand index of shipments for all groups of manufacturer members reporting their figures to the Association for January stood at 84% of the January 1925 base index of 100 as compared with 69 in December, 72 in November, and 132 in January 1930.

Reports by divisions, of member manufacturers' business in January follows:

Parts-accessory makers selling their products to the car and truck makers for original equipment made shipments aggregating 84% of the January 1925 base as compared with 64 in December, 62 in November and 135 in Jan. 1929.

Shipments to the trade by makers of service parts were 98% of Jan. 1925 base as compared with 100 in December, 127 in November and 137 in Jan. 1930.

Accessory shipments to the trade in January were 46% of the 1925 base as compared with 55 in December, 63 in November and 79 in January last year.

Service equipment shipments, that is, repair shop machinery and tools, in January were 92% of the 1925 base as compared with 75 in December, 80 in November and 135 in January 1930.

Low Lumber Production Continues—Order Ratio Remains Favorable.

With lumber production continuing low, new business received by the mills was about 9% in excess of the cut during the week ended Feb. 28, it is indicated in reports from 804 leading hardwood and softwood mills to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. These gave their total production as 193,662,000 feet, with orders 9% above this figure and shipments 15% above it. A week earlier 822 mills reported orders 20% above a total production of 201,297,000 feet. Comparison of the latest weekly figures with reports for the equivalent week a year ago shows—for softwoods, 472 identical mills, production 40% less, shipments 32% less and orders 34% less than for the week in 1930; for hardwoods, 190 identical mills, production 39% less, shipments 27% less and orders 21% under the volume for the week a year ago.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Feb. 28 1931 by 581 softwood mills totaled 184,670,000 feet, or 9% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 197,737,000 feet, or 17% above production. Production was 169,704,000 feet.

Reports from 244 hardwood mills give new business as 26,413,000 feet, or 10% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 24,057,000 feet, or about the same as production. Production was 23,958,000 feet. The Association, in its report, further states:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 503 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 725,185,000 feet, on Feb. 28 1931, or the equivalent of 15 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 519 softwood mills on Feb. 21 1931, of 747,308,000 feet, the equivalent of 15 days' production.

The 441 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 711,320,000 feet on Feb. 28 1931, as compared with 1,020,027,000 feet for the same week a year ago. Last week's production of 472 identical softwood mills was 163,368,000 feet, and a year ago it was 270,941,000 feet; shipments were respectively 187,480,000 feet and 274,697,000; and orders received 178,124,000 feet and 270,880,000. In the case of hardwoods, 190 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 21,786,000 feet and 35,669,000; shipments 21,547,000 feet and 29,470,000; and orders 24,518,000 feet and 30,860,000 feet.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for mills reporting for the week ended Feb. 28:

NEW BUSINESS.		UNSHIPPED ORDERS.		SHIPMENTS.	
Feet.		Feet.		Feet.	
Domestic cargo delivery	32,693,000	Domestic cargo delivery	172,996,000	Coastwise and intercoastal	33,690,000
Export	22,406,000	Foreign	120,898,000	Export	23,295,000
Rail	36,654,000	Rail	125,378,000	Rail	38,554,000
Local	7,640,000			Local	7,640,000
Total	99,393,000	Total	419,272,000	Total	103,179,000

Two hundred and twenty-four mills reported production for the week as 99,805,000 feet.

For the year to Feb. 21, 168 identical mills reported orders 9.1% above production, and shipments were 8.2% above production. The same number of mills showed a decrease in inventories of 2.8% on Feb. 21, as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 130 mills reporting, shipments were 18% above production, and orders 8% above production and 8% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 38,619,000 feet (previous week 45,780,000 at 141 mills); shipments 41,979,000 feet (previous week 41,979,000); and production 35,715,000 feet (previous week 37,971,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 113 mills were 104,097,000 feet. The 116 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 32%, and in new business a decrease of 30%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association, of Portland, Ore., reported production from 87 mills as 17,516,000 feet, shipments 26,719,000, and new business 23,001,000. The 61 identical mills reported production 44% less and new business 43% less than for the same week a year ago.

The California White & Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association, of San Francisco, reported production from 25 mills as 7,720,000 feet, shipments 14,658,000 and orders 15,011,000. The same number of mills reported an increase of 7% in production and a decrease of 22% in orders, compared with the corresponding week of 1930.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from 7 mills as 1,824,000 feet, shipments 3,206,000 and new business 2,611,000. The same number of mills reported production 6% less and new business 38% less than that reported for the same week a year ago.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 21 mills as 2,032,000 feet, shipments 983,000 and orders 959,000. The 19 identical mills reported a 20% decrease in production and a decrease of 43% in orders, compared with the same week in 1930.

The North Carolina Pine Association, of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 87 mills as 5,092,000 feet, shipments 7,013,000 and new business 5,076,000. The 46 identical mills reported production 46% less and new business 49% less than for the same week last year.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 223 mills as 20,271,000 feet, shipments 21,981,000 and new business 23,938,000. The 171 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 37% and a decrease in orders of 18%, compared with the same week in 1930.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 21 mills as 3,687,000 feet, shipments 2,076,000 and orders 2,475,000. The 19 identical mills reported production 45% less and new business 38% less than that reported for the corresponding week last year.

CURRENT RELATIONSHIP OF SHIPMENTS AND ORDERS TO PRODUCTION FOR THE WEEK ENDED FEB. 28 1931 AND FOR 8 WEEKS TO DATE.

Association.	Production M Ft.	Shipments M Ft.	P. C. of Prod.	Orders M Ft.	P. C. of Prod.
Southern Pine:					
Week—130 mill reports	35,715	41,979	118	38,619	108
4 weeks—1,118 mill reports	301,223	328,608	109	346,668	115
West Coast Lumbermen:					
Week—224 mill reports	99,805	103,179	103	99,393	100
8 weeks—1,792 mill reports	772,294	821,193	106	872,599	113
Western Pine Manufacturers:					
Week—87 mill reports	17,516	26,719	153	23,001	131
8 weeks—696 mill reports	134,043	215,201	161	186,640	139
California White & Sugar Pine:					
Week—25 mill reports	7,720	14,658	190	15,011	194
7 weeks—177 mill reports	33,771	103,366	306	102,270	303
Northern Pine Manufacturers:					
Week—7 mill reports	1,824	3,206	176	2,611	143
8 weeks—56 mill reports	7,341	20,245	276	22,052	300
No. Hemlock & Hardwood (softwood)					
Week—21 mill reports	2,032	983	48	959	47
8 weeks—212 mill reports	16,189	10,374	64	10,771	67
North Carolina Pine:					
Week—87 mill reports	5,092	7,013	138	5,076	100
8 weeks—720 mill reports	43,750	58,381	1333	44,801	102
Softwood total:					
Week—581 mill reports	169,704	197,737	117	184,670	109
8 weeks—4,771 mill reports	1,308,611	1,557,368	119	1,585,801	121
Hardwood Manufacturers Institute:					
Week—223 mill reports	20,271	21,981	108	23,938	118
8 weeks—211 mill reports	136,248	157,540	116	172,471	127
North. Hemlock & Hardwood:					
Week—21 mill reports	3,687	2,076	56	2,475	67
8 weeks—212 mill reports	37,537	21,222	57	24,808	66
Hardwoods total:					
Week—244 mill reports	23,958	24,057	100	26,413	110
8 weeks—1,898 mill reports	173,785	178,762	102	197,279	114
Grand total:					
Week—804 mill reports	193,662	221,794	115	211,083	109
8 weeks—6,457 mill reports	1,482,396	1,736,130	117	1,783,008	120

Move to Amend Sugar Schedule of 1930 Tariff Act Killed by House Committee

Associated Press advices from Washington, Feb. 28, said:

Senate threats of wide-open tariff revision today speedily killed a House move to amend the sugar schedule of the 1930 act.

The Ways and Means Committee took less than half an hour to decide against reporting Chairman Hawley's bill designed to prevent the importation of sugar in solution at the low rate levied against syrup.

Under Secretary Mills, who was scheduled to tell how the Treasury would lose upward of \$90,000,000 annually if the courts ruled this practice legal, did not appear to testify when advised the bill could not pass the Senate without reopening the entire tariff law.

Message of President Machado of Cuba Requesting Creation of Institute for Stabilization of Sugar Industry.

A cablegram from Havana to the New York "Times" reports that President Machado of Cuba sent an urgent message to Congress on March 2 requesting the creation of a "Cuban Institute for the Stabilization of the Sugar Industry," a technical organization to handle all matters related to national and international sugar treaties and transactions. The cablegram also said:

The organization was suggested by Thomas L. Chadbourne of New York in his latest talk with President Machado.

President Machado received assurances tonight from Speaker Rafael Guas Inclan of the House and Clemente Vazquez Bello, President of the Senate, that Congress would adopt the measure, possibly next week.

Decree Fixing Production Quota of Cuban Sugar Mills.

From Havana the "Wall Street Journal" of March 2 reports the following:

President Machado has signed a decree setting the production quotas for Cuban sugar mills in the current grinding season. Cuban Cane Products, under the decree, may produce 2,276,126 bags, which would compare with 3,251,362 bags turned out in 1929-1930 year; Cuban American, 1,357,351 bags, against 2,178,790 bags; American Sugar Refining Co., through its centrals Jaronu and Cunagua, 790,163 bags; Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp., 943,592 bags; Compania Azucarera Antilla, 363,231 bags; Compania Cubana, a subsidiary of Cuba Co., 467,583 bags; General Sugar Estates, 1,395,360 bags; Guantanamo Sugar Co., 188,574 bags, against 301,607 in 1929-1930; Hershey, 507,998 bags; Punta Alegre, 902,742 bags; United Fruit, 956,687 bags; Francisco Sugar, 453,962 bags; Central Cespedes, 172,385 bags; Manati Sugar Co., 430,476 bags.

It is also stated that to Feb. 23, there were 133 sugar mills grinding, against 157 last year to the same date. There are 8 mills in operation in Pinar del Rio province, 10 in Havana, 20 in Matanzas, 37 in Santa Clara, 25 in Camaguey and 33 in Oriente.

A reference to the decree limiting the sugar quotas appeared in our issue of Feb. 28, page 1502.

Paris Sugar Conference—Permanent Committee to Be Selected to Administer Recent Agreement—T. L. Chadbourne Sails.

Thomas L. Chadbourne has sailed on the French liner Ile de France on Feb. 28 to participate in the forthcoming sugar conference at Paris, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Mar. 2, which went on to say:

A permanent committee will be selected at the conference to administer and put into force the recent agreement of the world's sugar producers to curtail production.

Mr. Chadbourne stated that since the last conference, the general response and the outlook among the sugar producers of the world indicated beyond a doubt the beneficial results to be derived from the curtailment of the export production, and that prospects now were better than at any previous time for harmonious and effective agreement.

The selection of the permanent committee, he said, would consist of one delegate from each country participating in the agreement, and that this committee would be charged with carrying out the agreement, and seeing that its terms were properly enforced by the various world sugar producers.

Dutch East Indies Measure Fixes Sugar Exports—In Line with Chadbourne Plan.

From Batavia, (Java), Feb. 27. A message to the New York "Times" said:

In connection with the Chadbourne sugar plan, the Dutch East Indies Government has introduced in the Volksraad an ordinance providing for a temporary restriction on sugar exports from April 1, with heavy penalties for violations.

The maximum quantity for export is to be fixed yearly by decree. Reduction of production by 15.3, 11.9, 8.6 and 5.1 per cent respectively is expected for the years 1932 to 1935 inclusive.

Dutch Interests Still Oppose Chadbourne Sugar Restriction Plan.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of March 4, we take the following from Amsterdam:

Nederlandsch-Indische Landbouw Maatschappij is still opposing Chadbourne sugar plan and has now entered a protest against the new sugar export bill to Dutch Indian Parliament.

Sugar Strike on Island of Negros Ends Without Accord—Philippine Interests Fail to Agree on Recognizing Union or Division of Profits.

Manila, (P. I.), advices Feb. 27 are taken as follows from the New York "Times":

Feb. 27.—The sugar workers strike on the Island of Negros was reported settled tonight as a result of a conference called by Secretary of Commerce Perez.

Actually no material change in the status of the labor centrals or of the planters was accomplished by a month of disputes, appeals and threats. The strikers are to be taken back only as the need arises, not replacing the strikebreakers, and the labor federation remains unrecognized, even by the conference.

Some sections of the press are jubilantly announcing the return of peace and order, but others point out that the real causes of the trouble, primarily recognition of the labor federation and the division of profits between the centrals and the planters, have not been touched.

Governor-General Davis is leaving tomorrow morning aboard the U. S. S. Pittsburgh on a good-will tour of the neighboring States.

Jamaica Seeks to Aid Sugar Men.

A cablegram as follows from Kingston, (Jamaica), Mar. 4, is from the New York "Times":

The Jamaican Legislature today passed a resolution asking the British Colonial Secretary, Lord Passfield, to permit the use of Jamaica's \$300,000 yearly contribution toward the cost of the war for the relief of the sugar industry.

Nation-Wide Sugar Price-Cutting Looms as Reduction in South Is Announced

The following is from the New York "Times" of Feb. 22:

Announcement of a twenty-point reduction in the price of a special grade of refined sugar, issued yesterday by the Californian and Hawaiian Sugar Company, is regarded in sugar circles here as the climax of a territorial price-cutting war which may spread through the country. The cut is effective only in Southern territory east of the Mississippi and south of the Louisville-Lexington line in Kentucky, but general opinion is that other refiners will have to meet it in all territories in order to hold their Southern trade.

According to reports in sugar circles here, Cuban refined sugar has been sold in Southern territory below the basic price which has prevailed for several months. It is also said another sugar company operating extensively in the same territory has been selling ten points below the basic price, and the announcement by the Californian and Hawaiian company yesterday was a direct answer and a cut of the competing prices in the territory.

News of the reduction was received in New York through an announcement sent to B. W. Dyer & Co., sugar economists and brokers, which read:

"Effective Saturday, Feb. 21, C. & H. offer, subject to withdrawal without notice, special grade of granulated sugar in burlap bags for manufacturers' use only, shipment in carload lots from New Orleans as soon as stock position permits within thirty days, and 20 cents less per 100 pounds than basic price. This offering restricted to manufacturers located in, and for shipment to those markets in which we operate in Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky, south of the Louisville-Lexington line and including both cities."

Dyer & Co. refused to comment upon the possibility of a price war and said they had no information that price cutting had been done by any other refiner. They said, however, that if the same price reduction was made in the East, the difference between the selling price of refined sugar and spot raw sugar, allowing for cash discount, would be brought down to 91 points, the lowest the spread has been in three years. The lowest differential between refined and raw sugars in 1930 occurred on March 7 when it was 96 points, according to Dyer & Co., and in 1929 the low was 92 points, reached on March 6.

Central Beet Sugar Industry Lagging—Majority of Refineries Close Plants as Present Prices Indicate No Profit.

The following from Toledo is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 28:

Toledo.—Eighteen sugar beet refineries in this area which handled \$20,000,000 of sugar beets last season will not make contracts this year and will keep plants idle rather than attempt to make profits in competition with the present low prices of sugar.

Toledo Sugar Co., of which F. L. Carroll is president, was the first to announce that it will not make contracts with farmers for the 1931 season for growing beets and that its large plant at Rossford will not operate.

Col. Thomas G. Gallagher, one of the receivers with the Detroit Trust Co., of Continental Sugar Co., which had headquarters here and operates plants at Fremont and Findlay, Ohio, and Blissfield, Mich., said that while the receivers must await definite instructions from the court, it is almost a certainty that the plants will be closed. Recommendations of the receivers will be against contracting with beet growers this year, and against operation of the plants.

Continental Sugar Co. also controls the Holland-St. Louis Sugar Co., which operates plants at Holland Ohio, St. Louis Mich., and Decatur Ind., and receivers for this company are expected to make the same recommendations to the court.

Michigan Sugar Co., which operates nine plants, has notified farmers that it will not contract for beets this year, and several other large independent companies within 100 miles of Toledo are expected to take the same position.

Sao Paulo Coffee Bourse to Reopen.

From Sao Paulo, (Brazil), March 3, Associated Press advices said:

Officials announced today that the Coffee Bourse would be reopened soon, after having been closed several months.

Reopening of Santos Coffee Exchange Closed by Brazilian Revolution—Rio de Janeiro Exchange Not Yet Reopened.

The Santos Coffee Exchange, which had been closed since Oct. 6, was re-opened for trading in coffee futures on Mar. 4, according to advices received by the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, which says:

The Santos Exchange had been closed by the Brazilian revolution. The re-opening was welcomed by the coffee trade in New York as an indication of a return to normalcy of coffee marketing conditions in Brazil. The Rio Coffee Exchange, Brazil's other coffee futures market, was also closed on Oct. 6th, and has not yet re-opened.

The strong opening of the futures market on the N. Y. Coffee & Sugar Exchange today was attributed largely to the favorable sentiment caused by the re-opening of the Santos market. Santos "D" contracts opened 10 to 4 points higher. March Santos coffee sold at 7.82 cents a pound, up 10 points, and July Santos opened at 8.03 cents a pound, up 10 points. The Rio contracts were favorably affected and opened 7 to 2 points higher.

The closing of the Rio de Janeiro Exchange was noted in our issue of Nov. 1, 1930, page 2823.

World Visible Supply of Coffee on March 1.

The world's visible supply of coffee, exclusive of the Brazilian interior stocks, amounted on March 1 to 5,878,768 bags, according to figures released by the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange on Mar. 4. This shows an increase of 425,534 bags over Feb. 1 total of 5,455,234 bags and it is stated is the largest total recorded since May, 1923, when the total amounted to 6,936,063 bags.

Increasing Consumption of Coffee Indicated in Statistics Compiled By New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, Inc.

Steadily increasing consumption of coffee in the United States and in Europe is apparent from the statistics prepared by the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange and issued in its annual coffee supplement. The supplement includes complete statistics for the world on production, arrivals, deliveries, world's visible supplies, volume of sales of futures, and high and low prices of spot and futures from the opening of the Exchange in 1882 to the start of the 1930-31 crop year. The steady increase in coffee consumption throughout the years was not halted by the world depression, it is indicated. The coffee crop year of 1929-30 from July 1 1929 to June 30 1930 was a record year for consumption. In the 1929-30 crop year consumption for the world reached a record high figure of 23,552,834 bags. Out of this total, the United States consumed 11,165,599 bags.

Flour Production Shows Decline as Compared with Same Period Last Year.

General Mills, Inc., summarizes the following comparative flour milling activities as totaled for all mills reporting in the milling centres as indicated:

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR.

	Production 5 Weeks Ended Feb. 28.	Production Same Period Year Ago.	Cumulative Production Since June 30 1930.	Cumulative Production Same Period 1929-1930.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Barrels.	Barrels.
Northwest.....	1,552,208	1,638,298	15,635,636	15,878,731
Southwest.....	1,796,034	1,956,318	17,360,844	17,819,011
Lake, Central and Southern.....	1,946,023	2,041,020	17,576,088	17,214,127
Pacific Coast.....	303,102	353,463	3,007,968	3,377,644
Grand total.....	5,597,367	5,989,099	53,580,536	54,289,513

Note.—This authoritative compilation of flour milling activity represents approximately 90% of the mills in principal flour-producing centers.

Decline in World Consumption of Cotton According to New York Cotton Exchange Service.

World consumption of American cotton during January totaled about 945,000 bales, compared with 1,190,000 in the corresponding month last season, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. During the six months from Aug. 1 to Jan. 31, constituting the first half of the season, the world used about 5,496,000 bales of American cotton, compared with 7,050,000 in the corresponding period last season. The Exchange Service, under date of March 3, also says:

The decrease from January last season to January this season was 245,000 bales, or 21%. The decrease from the first half of last season to the first half of this season was 1,554,000 bales, or 22%. Accordingly, world consumption of American cotton continued during January to run below last season by practically as large a percentage as earlier in the season, and consumption in the first half of the season was on a basis of only about 11,000,000 bales per year.

The recent improvement in the mill situation in the United States, Japan, Germany, and some other foreign countries gives ground for anticipating some increase in the consumption rate in the second half of this season, and for expecting that total consumption in the second half of this season will be larger than the total of 5,496,000 bales recorded in the first half. An increase of 9% from the first half of this season to the second half of this season would give a consumption in the second half of this season equal to that in the corresponding half of last season, making total consumption this season close to 11,500,000 bales.

Raw Silk Exports in February 1931 Exceed Those of Corresponding Period Last Year—Approximate Deliveries to American Mills Also Higher—Inventories Decline.

According to the Silk Association of America, Inc., imports of raw silk during the month of February totalled 47,827 bales compared with 42,234 bales in the same period in 1930 and 49,294 bales in January 1931. Approximate deliveries to American mills in February last amounted to 54,242 bales as against 49,852 bales in February 1930 and 55,910 bales in January of the current year. Raw silk in storage March 1 1931, totalled 45,399 bales as compared with 51,814 bales at Feb. 1 last, and 68,646 bales at March 1 1930. The association's statement follows:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE MARCH 1 1931.

(As reported by the principal public warehouses in New York City and Hoboken.)

Figures in Bales.)	European.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
In storage, Feb. 1 1931.....	1,880	43,437	6,497	51,814
Imports, month of February 1931..z	1,865	37,533	8,429	47,827
Total available during February..	3,745	80,970	14,926	99,641
In storage, March 1 1931.....z	1,095	37,914	6,390	45,399
Approx. deliveries to American mills during February 1931..y..	2,650	43,056	8,536	54,242

	Imports During the Month.x			Storage at End of Month.z		
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.
January.....	49,294	43,175	58,384	51,814	76,264	49,943
February.....	47,827	42,234	43,278	45,399	68,646	46,993
March.....	---	39,990	48,103	---	57,773	45,218
April.....	---	37,515	47,762	---	53,704	39,125
May.....	---	22,598	49,894	---	35,477	39,898
June.....	---	22,369	54,031	---	28,450	47,425
July.....	---	47,063	46,795	---	35,565	42,596
August.....	---	51,147	65,516	---	44,978	48,408
September.....	---	58,292	59,970	---	47,621	55,104
October.....	---	65,594	66,514	---	51,278	64,129
November.....	---	55,293	62,885	---	49,238	76,452
December.....	---	64,616	58,479	---	58,430	90,772
Total.....	97,121	549,884	661,611	48,607	50,619	53,839
Average monthly.....	48,561	45,824	55,134	48,607	50,619	53,839

	Approximate Deliveries to American Mills.y			Approximate Amount of Japan Silk in Transit Between Japan and New York End of Month.		
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.
January.....	55,910	57,683	57,349	37,700	37,000	31,000
February.....	54,242	49,852	46,228	37,700	24,000	30,000
March.....	---	50,863	49,878	---	17,800	29,000
April.....	---	41,584	53,855	---	8,000	30,700
May.....	---	40,823	49,121	---	7,700	28,000
June.....	---	29,396	46,504	---	16,300	21,200
July.....	---	39,948	51,624	---	31,200	34,100
August.....	---	41,734	59,704	---	41,700	41,600
September.....	---	55,649	53,274	---	51,600	39,000
October.....	---	61,937	57,489	---	46,400	49,000
November.....	---	57,333	50,562	---	45,500	41,000
December.....	---	55,424	44,159	---	35,600	38,000
Total.....	110,152	582,226	619,747	37,700	30,233	34,353
Average monthly.....	55,076	48,519	51,646	37,700	30,233	34,353

x Covered by European manifests 5 to 8, incl.; Asiatic manifests 25 to 44, incl. y Includes re-exports. z Includes 492 bales held at terminals at end of month. Stocks in warehouses include National Raw Silk Exchange certified stocks, 3,450 bales.

Petroleum and Its Products—Price Slashes in Mid-Continent Weaken Market—Other Fields Meet Cut—California Prices Expected to be Cut Shortly—Production Lower.

The stability of the crude oil markets suffered a serious blow in the wide-spread price slashes in both Mid-Continent and Texas fields during the week. Possibility of price cuts in the Pacific Coast area shortly is another bearish factor. The only favorable development during the week was the continued drop in the country's daily average crude oil production.

The price reductions were started by Standard Oil of Indiana which posted price reductions running from 22c. to 50c. a barrel in Mid-Continent area, the reduction being in proportion to the gravity of the oil. This reduction was inevitable in view of the wide spread between posted prices in the Group 3 area and the price at which many companies were covering their needs. Another important factor was the flood of cheap oil from the new developments in East Texas which were presenting a serious threat to markets supplied by Mid-Continent producers.

As was to be expected, all fields with the exception of California immediately posted new price schedules corresponding to the new list posted by Standard of Indiana. The close of the week found practically every major producing area in line with the Mid-Continent reductions.

Maintenance of even the new schedule in the Mid-Continent area is not certain as yet. It is feared that if small independents cut prices any lower, it will precipitate a price war that will be ruinous to the industry.

The situation in California where operators are still exceeding their allowable production is further complicated by the gasoline price war which is being waged by several large companies. Continuation of the present trend in

tial charging capacity of all cracking units manufactured 2,746,000 barrels of cracked gasoline during the week. The complete report for the week ended Feb. 28 1931 follows:

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS, GASOLINE STOCKS AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED FEB. 28 1931.
(Figures in barrels of 42 gallons each.)

District.	Per Cent Potential Capacity Report- ing.	Crude Runs to Still.	Per Cent Oper. of Total Capacity Report.	Gasoline Stocks at Refiner- ies.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast.....	100.0	3,080,000	71.8	7,939,000	7,300,000
Appalachian.....	93.8	674,000	72.7	1,480,000	1,096,000
Ind., Illinois, Kentucky.....	97.5	2,027,000	76.0	5,140,000	3,026,000
Okla., Kansas, Missouri.....	89.4	1,734,000	60.1	3,245,000	3,757,000
Texas.....	91.9	3,825,000	73.5	7,290,000	9,421,000
Louisiana-Arkansas.....	98.3	1,008,000	55.0	1,801,000	2,337,000
Rocky Mountain.....	93.1	262,000	26.8	1,851,000	893,000
California.....	98.7	3,253,000	52.4	16,046,000	101,315,000
Total week Feb. 28..	95.7	15,863,000	63.5	44,792,000	129,145,000
Daily average.....		2,266,100			
Total week Feb. 21..	95.7	15,893,000	63.6	43,608,000	129,072,000
Daily average.....		2,270,400			
Total March 1 1930..	95.5	18,201,000	74.6	52,403,000	138,091,000
Daily average.....		2,600,100			
γ Texas Gulf Coast.....	100.0	3,035,000	81.9	6,030,000	7,057,000
γ Louisiana Gulf Coast.....	100.0	691,000	66.9	1,591,000	1,266,000

× Revised due to change in California. γ Included above in table for week ended Feb. 28 1931 of their respective districts.
Note.—All figures follow exactly the present Bureau of Mines definitions. Crude oil runs to stills include both foreign and domestic crude. In California, stocks of heavy crude and all grades of fuel oil are included under the heading "Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks."

Output of Natural Gasoline Declined During January.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, the production of natural gasoline continued to decline in January 1931, when the total output amounted to 173,900,000 gallons, as compared with 176,300,000 gallons for December 1930. Although the production in the Kettleman Hills field of California increased in January, the total output for the State continued to decline. This decrease was due principally to a drop in output in the Santa Fe Springs field. Production in Texas, the second ranking State, declined in January, due principally to a decrease in production in the Panhandle. Stocks of natural gasoline held by plant operators on Jan. 31 amounted to 25,470,000 gallons, an increase during the month of nearly 1,200,000 gallons. The Bureau's statement shows:

NATURAL GASOLINE (THOUSANDS OF GALLONS).

	Production.			Stocks End of Mo.	
	Jan. 1931.	Dec. 1930.	Jan. 1930.	Jan. 1931.	Dec. 1930.
Appalachian.....	8,900	8,300	10,900	4,197	2,965
Illinois, Kentucky, &c.....	1,100	1,100	1,400	327	242
Oklahoma.....	43,100	41,400	50,000	9,401	8,485
Kansas.....	2,700	2,700	2,600	1,052	947
Texas.....	40,800	42,900	37,200	6,357	8,008
Louisiana.....	4,800	4,700	7,700	1,113	739
Arkansas.....	2,600	2,600	2,400	206	347
Rocky Mountain.....	5,700	6,000	3,200	608	776
California.....	64,200	66,600	69,800	2,209	1,807
Total.....	173,900	176,300	185,200	25,470	24,316
Daily average.....	5,610	5,690	5,970		
Total (thousands of barrels).....	4,140	4,198	4,410	606	579
Daily average.....	134	135	142		

Production of Crude Petroleum Continues To Fall Off—Inventories Again Decline.

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during January 1931 amounted to 65,991,000 barrels, a daily average of 2,129,000 barrels. This represents a decline of 32,000 barrels from the daily average of the previous month and is 443,000 barrels, or 17%, below the daily average of a year ago. California led in curtailment in January; the daily average crude output in that State fell from 574,000 barrels in December to 532,000 barrels in January. This decline resulted largely from decreased output in the Santa Fe Springs and Playa del Rey fields. Production in Texas increased, due largely to a gain in output in West Texas. Production in Oklahoma in January was practically unchanged from the previous month as declines in the old fields were compensated by increased output in the Seminole district and in the Oklahoma City field, added the Bureau, which goes on to say:

A further decline occurred in field activity in January, when only 487 oil wells were completed, as compared with 527 in December, and with 1,060 in January 1930.

The trend in crude stocks continued downward, although the net decline in January was below that of December. Total stocks of crude east of California on Jan. 31 amounted to 366,428,000 barrels, as against 368,051,000 barrels on hand at the beginning of the month. Stocks of refinable crude in California was practically unchanged from the previous month, but stocks of heavy crude and fuel oil showed the largest decline in many months. Stocks of all oils on Jan. 31 totaled 662,196,000 barrels a decline of 3,874,000 barrels from the previous month. This decline occurred principally in crude stocks rather than in refined oils, as an increase in gasoline stocks at refineries was more than balanced by withdrawals from gas oil and fuel oil stocks.

Runs to stills of crude petroleum amounted to 70,026,000 barrels. This represents a daily average of 2,259,000 barrels, or a decrease from December of 50,000 barrels.

Daily average motor fuel production amounted to 1,055,000 barrels as compared with 1,108,000 barrels in December and with 1,182,000 barrels a year ago. The daily average indicated domestic demand for motor fuel was 866,000 barrels, which is 4% above a year ago. Stocks of motor fuel, including that in gasoline pipeline systems, amounted to 42,818,000 barrels, as compared with 40,741,000 barrels on hand Jan. 1. At the current rate of total demand, the January stocks represent 42 days' supply, as compared with 38 days' supply on hand a month ago and with 49 days' supply on hand a year ago.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from schedules of 336 refineries, with an aggregate daily recorded crude-oil capacity of 3,743,750 barrels, covering, as far as the Bureau is able to determine, all operations during January 1931. These refineries operated at 60% of their recorded capacity, given above, as compared with 342 refineries operating at 63% of their capacity in December.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF ALL OILS.
(Including wax, coke, and asphalt in barrels of 42 U. S. gallons.)

	Jan. 1931.	Dec. 1930.	Jan. 1930.
New Supply—			
Domestic production:			
Crude petroleum.....	65,991,000	66,985,000	79,721,000
Daily average.....	2,129,000	2,161,000	2,572,000
Natural gasoline.....	4,140,000	4,198,000	4,410,000
Refined products.....	184,000	183,000	240,000
Total production.....	70,315,000	71,366,000	84,371,000
Daily average.....	2,268,000	2,302,000	2,722,000
Imports:			
Crude petroleum.....	4,353,000	4,727,000	5,450,000
Refined products.....	3,601,000	3,310,000	3,806,000
Total new supply, all oils.....	78,269,000	79,403,000	93,627,000
Daily average.....	2,525,000	2,561,000	3,020,000
Increase in stocks, all oils.....	a3,874,000	a5,956,000	4,667,000
Demand—			
Total demand.....	82,143,000	85,359,000	88,960,000
Daily average.....	2,650,000	2,754,000	2,870,000
Exports:			
Crude petroleum.....	1,919,000	1,339,000	1,808,000
Refined products.....	10,091,000	9,729,000	12,037,000
Domestic demand.....	70,133,000	74,291,000	75,115,000
Daily average.....	2,262,000	2,396,000	2,423,000
Excess of daily average domestic production over domestic demand.....	6,000	b94,000	299,000
Stocks (End of Month)—			
Crude petroleum:			
East of California.....	366,428,000	368,051,000	386,176,000
California.....	142,757,000	144,746,000	148,991,000
Total crude.....	509,185,000	512,797,000	535,167,000
Natural gasoline at plants.....	606,000	578,000	611,000
Refined products.....	152,405,000	152,495,000	158,055,000
Grand total stocks, all oils.....	662,196,000	665,870,000	693,833,000
Days' supply.....	250,000	242,000	242,000
Bunker oil (incl. above in domes. demand).....	3,544,000	3,868,000	4,223,000

a Decrease. b Deficiency. c Includes residual fuel oil. d On new basis to compare with 1931; includes gasoline in pipe lines.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY STATES.
(Thousands of barrels of 42 U. S. gallons.)

	January 1931.		December 1930.		January 1930.	
	Total.	Daily Aeer.	Total.	Daily Aeer.	Total.	Daily Aeer.
Arkansas.....	1,539	50	1,570	51	1,657	54
California—Long Beach.....	2,877	93	2,914	94	3,298	106
Santa Fe Springs.....	2,223	72	2,663	86	5,302	171
Rest of State.....	11,386	367	12,210	394	13,383	432
Total California.....	16,486	532	17,787	574	21,983	709
Colorado.....	139	5	140	5	142	5
Illinois.....	409	13	403	13	486	16
Indiana—Southwestern.....	69	2	68	2	74	2
Northeastern.....	4		3		3	
Total Indiana.....	73	2	71	2	77	2
Kansas.....	3,102	100	3,150	101	3,159	102
Kentucky.....	546	17	533	17	659	21
Louisiana—Gulf coast.....	842	28	809	26	559	18
Rest of State.....	1,244	40	1,309	42	1,143	37
Total Louisiana.....	2,036	68	2,118	68	1,702	55
Michigan.....	261	9	266	9	393	13
Montana.....	256	8	280	9	229	7
New Mexico.....	1,185	38	1,213	39	341	11
New York.....	285	9	288	10	315	10
Ohio—Central & Eastern.....	391	13	412	13	449	15
Northwestern.....	105	3	96	3	103	3
Total Ohio.....	496	16	608	16	552	18
Oklahoma—Okla. City.....	2,588	84	2,511	81	2,533	82
Seminole.....	5,002	161	4,777	154	9,031	291
Rest of State.....	7,578	244	7,797	252	8,717	281
Total Oklahoma.....	15,168	489	15,085	487	20,281	654
Pennsylvania.....	925	30	926	30	1,162	38
Tennessee.....			2		2	
Texas—Gulf coast.....	4,686	151	4,661	150	5,107	165
West Texas.....	7,887	254	7,571	244	10,455	337
Rest of State.....	8,766	283	8,613	278	9,084	293
Total Texas.....	21,339	688	20,845	672	24,646	795
West Virginia.....	379	12	381	12	464	15
Wyoming—Salt Creek.....	803	26	859	28	876	28
Rest of State.....	514	17	560	18	595	19
Total Wyoming.....	1,317	43	1,419	46	1,471	47
United States total.....	65,991	2,129	66,985	2,161	79,721	2,572

NUMBER OF WELLS COMPLETED IN THE UNITED STATES.^a

	January 1931.	December 1930.	January 1930.
Oil.....	487	527	1,060
Gas.....	202	275	223
Dry.....	441	482	522
Total.....	1,130	1,284	1,805

^a From "Oil & Gas Journal" and California office of the American Petroleum Institute.

Price of Copper Firm at 10½ Cents—Fair Business in Lead and Zinc—Tin Quiet.

NEW YORK, March 5.—With evidence accumulating that a balance between production and consumption of copper has been achieved, sellers are taking a firmer view of the

market. The price of copper was raised to 10½ cents, delivered Connecticut, in the past week, largely on the strength of the recent foreign buying and a moderate though steady improvement in domestic business, *Metal and Mineral Markets* reports, adding:

Electricification by railroads is taking a good tonnage of wire, but otherwise the demand for copper from the electrical industry remains backward. Brass makers report a gain in shipments. Specifications for March shipment are coming through at a good rate and in several quarters it is believed that the movement of brass during the current month will be the largest since last July. Foreign business booked in February amounted to 60,000 long tons, an excellent showing contrasted with recent months.

Demand for lead last week was not so active as in either of the two preceding weeks, but the tonnage sold was sufficient to make for a steady market. The upward trend in automobile production and good orders from corrodors served to move a good quantity of lead. Prices held at 4.60 cents, New York, and 4.35 cents, St. Louis.

At prevailing low prices, consumers of zinc took on a fair quantity for delivery over the next three months. Announcement of a reduction in output of concentrate in the Tri-State district was a factor in removing some of the recent selling pressure.

News of the tin agreement, brought out a firmer tone in that market, though the net change in price for the week was insignificant. Buying here was quiet.

Advance in Price of Copper and Wire—Export Copper Price Also Higher.

The following is from the New York "Times" of March 1:

Increasing firmness in the price of copper last week led several producers to ask 10½ cents a pound for the metal, or a quarter-cent more than the current official price, it was reported yesterday. Other producers, however, were still selling at 10¼ cents. It was predicted that the official price would be raised to 10½ cents in a few days.

The same paper in its March 3 issue said:

The export price of copper was advanced yesterday a quarter-cent a pound to 10.80 cents a pound, c. i. f., a new high mark for 1931 and 1 cent a pound above the lowest export price for the year. At the same time the domestic price was advanced a quarter-cent to 10½ cents a pound.

Foreign sales of copper yesterday amounted to 5,000,000 pounds. Transactions in the domestic market, however, were rather small.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of March 2 we take the following:

Copper Wire Advanced.

General Cable Corp. has advanced price of bare copper wire carload basis ¼-cent a pound to 12.25 cents a pound.

American Brass Advances Prices.

The Boston News Bureau of March 4 said:

American Brass Co. advanced prices ⅜-cent a pound on copper products and ¼-cent a pound on brass products, effective March 2.

Ingot Brass Prices Advanced.

From Chicago advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of March 4 said:

A leading ingot brass manufacturer in the Chicago territory has advanced prices on brass ¼-cent a pound. New prices are: 11 cents for the 80-10-10 grade; 10¼ cents for the 85-5-5 grade; and 8½ cents for yellow ingot.

Final Agreement Reported on World Curtailment of Tin Output—Plan Provides for Output of 125,700 Tons by Four Leading Producing Countries—A Drop of 44,200 Tons From 1929 Output.

It was officially announced in London on Feb. 28 that a meeting to consider an international plan to regulate the production and export of tin was held at the Colonial Office. An announcement issued in New York with regard to the meeting and the agreement reached said:

Sir John Campbell presided and the following were present: Bolivian Delegation, Senors Antenor Patino and Ricardo Martinez Vargas; Netherlands East Indies Delegation, A. Groothoff, F. J. Houwert and J. Van Den Broek; Nigerian Delegation, Sir Frank Baddeley and Sir John Campbell; Malayan Delegation, H. W. Thomson and Sir John Campbell.

Also present were Sir P. Cunliffe Lister, the Chairman, and John Howson, C. V. Stephens and Henry Waugh, who are members of the Council of the Tin Producers Association, Sir R. Redmayne, Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Mineral Resources Department of the Imperial Institute and K. N. Lazarus of Lewis Lazarus and Sons, W. D. Ellis, J. A. Calder and A. Layton of the Colonial Office.

Complete agreement was arrived at regarding system of regulation to be adopted. The principal points of the scheme are: The scheme will be administered by the International Committee representing the governments of Bolivia, Malaya, Netherlands, East Indies and Nigeria.

The plan becomes effective March 1 1931.

The object of the plan is to secure fair and reasonable equilibrium between production and consumption with the view of preventing repeated and severe oscillations of prices.

The basic world tonnage under the plan was agreed at 145,000 tons (of 2,240 lbs.) a year.

The initial quotas were agreed as follows: Malaya 53,853 tons; Bolivia 34,260; Netherlands, East Indies 29,910; Nigeria 7,750. Invariable percentages based on these initial quotas were agreed for each country as ratios applicable to all alterations of basic tonnage.

It was also agreed that (apart from special agreement arrived at in view of urgent circumstances) these initial quotas should remain fixed for a period of not less than six months.

Each government agrees to allot its national quota among the individual producers and to control production and export effectively in accordance with the plan.

The quotas may be altered from time to time as circumstances may require by unanimous consent of the participating governments. The quotas will in no circumstances be altered at shorter intervals than three months.

The plan will remain in force for two years but if any of the participating governments demand alteration of tonnage quotas and if within a period of six months a unanimous agreement has not been reached with regard to such a proposal the government which made the demand will be at liberty to withdraw from the plan. It was recognized that in the event of such withdrawal the other participating governments could immediately abandon the plan.

The representatives of the Governments of Bolivia, Malaya, Netherlands, East Indies and Nigeria are submitting the details of the plan, as accepted at the meeting, for approval of their Governments. Meanwhile all arrangements are being made to make the plan effective March 1.

The important points of the plan are: (1) That the initial quotas of four principal producing countries have been fixed at a total of 125,700 tons. This represents a curtailment of approximately 44,200 tons on 1929 production of these countries which are responsible for about 90% of the total world output. Working under normal conditions production of these four countries in 1930 would have amounted approximately to 172,000 tons so that initial quotas represent curtailment at the rate of 56,200 tons per year on the normal capacity production of the four countries concerned. Another important point is that the agreement remains in force for two years and takes effect as from March 1 1931.

The quotas can be altered as circumstances require at periods not more frequently than three months, the object being to balance supply and demand and reduce stocks in order to avoid violent fluctuations in price. According to opinion, curtailment at the rate indicated by the initial quotas would reduce the visible supplies to about 25,000 tons or less, within a year. In December 1929 when visible supplies amounted to 27,724 tons, the price was £179. As the price bears close relationship to the visible supplies it seems likely that the reduction of visible supplies to 25,000 tons or less will have the effect of gradually restoring the price level to some pivotal figure, approximately £180.

Strip Steel Prices Raised—Increases of \$1 to \$2 a ton Announced in Chicago.

In its March 1 issue the New York "Times" said:

Producers of strip steel in Chicago have advanced the price of hot-rolled strip steel \$1 a ton and that of cold-rolled strip steel \$2 a ton, effective immediately. The new prices for hot-rolled steel are 1.70 to 1.80 cents a pound and for cold-rolled steel 2.63 cents a pound.

Cold-rolled strip steel makers were reported to be operating from 35 to 40% of capacity, or 5% higher than in recent weeks.

Iron Puddlers' Wages—Agreement Reached for Continuation of Present Rate Through March and April.

Youngstown (Ohio) advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 27 stated:

Wage rates in bar iron mills having contracts with Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel & Tin Workers will be unchanged during March and April, according to an agreement reached by C. S. Leonard, secretary of the Western Bar Iron Association and representative of the Amalgamated Association.

Wages of puddlers and muck bar workmen during the next two months will be based on a 1.70 cents card rate as was in effect during January and February and compared with 1.90 cents in the corresponding months of 1930. On this basis puddlers will continue to receive \$10.30 a ton, against \$11.30 in March and April of 1930.

Reading, Pa., Iron Plant Reopens.

An Associated Press Dispatch from Reading, Pa., March 2 said:

With the reopening of the Oley Street puddling and bar mills of the reading Iron Company today, 450 men were given employment again, after a shutdown of many months.

The company will put its keystone blast furnace here into operation again on March 15. The stack employs about 200 men. It was badly damaged by fire a year ago.

Cut in Wages of Salaried Employees of Truscon Steel Company.

Pay of Truscon Steel Company salaried employees has been reduced 10% effective as of Feb. 21, according to Associated Press advices from Youngstown, Ohio, Feb. 24. It is added that approximately one-fourth of the company's workers are affected by the cut.

Reduction in Wages by Eaton Crane & Pike Company.

Associated Press advices from Pittsfield, Mass., Feb. 24, said:

The Eaton, Crane & Pike Company, writing paper manufacturers, today announced a 10% salary cut for executives and a 5% reduction for other employees, effective March 1. About 1,200 workers will be affected. The reduction will be made up at the end of the year if warranted by improved business, it was announced.

Four-Day Week for Cash Register.

The following is from the new York "Times" of Feb. 28:

The plants of the National Cash Register Company at Dayton, Ohio, will operate on a schedule of four days a week instead of the present three-day schedule, it was reported yesterday from Dayton. The increased rate was ascribed to improvement in business and the necessity for building up and inventory for the Spring sales campaign.

Sharp Rise in Rate of Steel Production in February.

Steel ingot production during February, as calculated by the American Iron & Steel Institute in its monthly report released yesterday, aggregated 2,527,318 tons, as compared with 2,483,206 tons in January. In February of last year, however, the output was 4,078,327 tons. Average daily production during February, which contained but 24 working days, was 105,305 tons, while in January, with 27 working days, the daily output averaged only 91,971 tons. For the 24 working days in February a year ago, however, daily output approximated no less than 169,930 tons. Below we furnish the figures as given out by the institute, back to January 1930:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1930 TO FEBRUARY 1931—GROSS TONS.

Reported by companies which made 94.27% of the open-hearth and Bessemer steel ingot production in 1929.

Months.	Open-Hearth.	Bessemer.	Monthly Output Companies Reporting.	Calculated Monthly Output All Companies.	No. of Working Days.	Approx. Daily Output All Cos.	Per Cent. Operation. ^a
1930.							
Jan.-----	3,137,002	441,572	3,578,574	3,796,090	27	140,596	70.22
Feb.-----	3,336,021	508,618	3,844,639	4,078,327	24	169,930	84.88
2 mos.---	6,473,023	950,190	7,423,213	7,874,417	51	154,400	77.12
March----	3,513,904	539,616	4,053,520	4,299,905	26	165,381	82.60
April----	3,406,610	509,234	3,915,844	4,153,860	26	159,764	79.80
May-----	3,265,190	528,968	3,794,158	4,024,778	27	149,066	74.45
June-----	2,835,527	407,586	3,243,113	3,440,239	25	137,610	68.73
July-----	2,411,592	353,723	2,765,315	2,933,399	26	112,823	59.46
August----	2,543,466	374,467	2,917,933	3,085,293	26	119,050	59.46
Sept.-----	2,273,668	429,975	2,703,643	2,867,978	26	110,307	55.10
Oct.-----	2,104,330	359,704	2,564,034	2,720,414	27	100,756	50.32
Nov.-----	1,806,109	300,337	2,106,446	2,234,482	25	89,379	44.64
Dec.-----	1,665,875	226,854	1,892,729	2,007,774	26	77,222	38.57
Total 1931:	32,359,794	5,020,654	37,380,448	39,652,539	311	127,500	63.68
Jan.-----	2,044,298	296,620	2,340,918	2,483,206	27	91,971	45.94
Feb.-----	2,085,529	296,974	2,382,503	2,527,318	24	105,305	52.60
2 mos.---	4,129,827	593,594	4,723,421	5,010,524	51	98,246	49.07

^a The figures of "per cent of operation" are based on the annual capacity as of Dec. 31 1929, of 62,265,670 gross tons for Bessemer and open-hearth steel ingots.

Steel Production Slightly Higher—Prices Unchanged—Pig Iron Output Increased in February.

A gain of 10% in pig iron production in February and a further slight increase in ingot output during the past week are reassuring factors in the iron and steel industry, the "Iron Age" of Mar. 5 reports in its weekly market summary. The "Age" continues:

Irregularities in the flow of orders, always more noticeable in a period of subnormal activity, continue to obscure the trend of business, particularly for manufacturers of a single product or a narrow range of products. Nevertheless, viewed as a whole, the impressive feature of the market is not the temporary setbacks experienced by some producers or the gains shown by others, but the sustained, though gradual, expansion in the total consumption of metal.

Raw steel output has risen at Cleveland, Chicago and in the Wheeling district and has receded in the Valleys and at Buffalo. The average for the country at large is estimated at 53%, compared with 52% a week ago. Further gains in the general average are looked for during the current month, although no attempt is being made to forecast the rate of increase or the proportion of the increment that will be contributed by specific products.

With mill operations in close step with consumption, backlogs have lost much of their significance. It is entirely possible that the unfilled tonnage of the Steel Corporation and other leading producers was reduced in February, but the important consideration from the standpoint of production is the flow of shipping orders rather than the piling up of contract obligations. Forward commitments, under present conditions, are limited mainly to the railroads and other larger consumers. Rail and tin plate contracting was largely completed in January and mill bookings since then have been predominantly in smaller lots, almost invariably for quick shipment. This class of business is becoming more and more diversified, with orders becoming more frequent if not larger individually.

Miscellaneous buyers are not likely to depart from this hand-to-mouth policy until forced to do so by price considerations or an extension of mill deliveries. The next wave of forward commitments will probably come mainly as the result of the placing of line pipe and structural steel, large tonnages of which are pending, and more liberal contracting for automobile steels as motor car output expands.

Pig iron production in February was 1,706,621 tons, or 60,950 tons a day compared with 1,714,266 tons, or 55,299 tons. On a daily basis there was a gain of 5,651 tons, or 10.2%. While the upturn begun in January was continued, output was the smallest for any February since 1922. Blast furnaces operating on Mar. 1 numbered 108 as against 102 on Feb. 1 and 95 on Jan. 1.

Automobile production is responding more rapidly to rising spring demands and present schedules indicate a March production for this country and Canada of 275,000 to 300,000 cars. Makers of steel sheets, strips and bars are receiving increasingly generous specifications from the motor car builders. Shipping orders received by one large sheet producer last week were the best since October.

Pipe line business looms larger with the appearance of substantial additions to the heavy tonnage now outstanding. The Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. is in the market for 35,000 tons of 12-in. pipe to extend from Rusk County, Tex., to the company's Oklahoma oil properties. The Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. is inquiring for 22,000 tons for a 150-mile section of a line from Kentucky to Baltimore. The National Tube Co. has booked 9,000 tons of pipe from the Trojan Engineering Corp. and 4,000 tons from the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.

The "Iron Age" composite prices are unchanged, that for finished steel being 2.142 cents a lb., with pig iron at \$15.71 a gross ton and heavy melting scrap at \$11.17 a gross ton. A comparative table follows:

		Finished Steel.			
		Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and sheets. These products make 87% of the United States output.			
		High.	Low.		
Mar. 3 1931, 2.142c. a Lb.	2.142c.	Jan. 13	2.121c.	Jan. 6	
One week ago	2.142c.	Jan. 7	2.121c.	Dec. 9	
One month ago	2.142c.	Apr. 2	2.302c.	Oct. 29	
One year ago	2.305c.	Dec. 11	2.314c.	Jan. 3	
		Jan. 4	2.293c.	Oct. 25	
		Jan. 5	2.403c.	May 18	
		Jan. 6	2.396c.	Aug. 18	
		Pig Iron.			
		Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.			
		High.	Low.		
Mar. 3 1931, \$15.71 a Gross Ton.	\$15.71	Jan. 6	\$15.71	Feb. 17	
One week ago	\$15.71	Jan. 7	15.90	Dec. 16	
One month ago	15.83	May 14	18.21	Dec. 17	
One year ago	18.17	Nov. 27	17.04	July 24	
		Jan. 4	17.54	Nov. 1	
		Jan. 5	19.46	July 13	
		Jan. 13	18.96	July 7	

		Steel Scrap.			
		Based on heavy melting steel quo-tations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.			
		High.	Low.		
Mar. 3 1931, \$11.17 a Gross Ton.	\$11.17	Jan. 6	\$11.08	Feb. 17	
One week ago	\$11.17	Feb. 18	11.25	Dec. 9	
One month ago	11.13	Jan. 29	14.08	Dec. 3	
One year ago	14.75	Dec. 31	13.08	July 2	
		Jan. 11	13.05	Nov. 22	
		Jan. 5	14.00	June 1	
		Jan. 13	15.08	May 5	

Daily average pig iron production in February jumped up 19.5% from January, says "Steel" of Mar. 5. Actual output was at the rate of 61,112 gross tons daily, compared with 55,337 tons in January and 53,732 tons in December. The rate in February, 1930, was 101,640 tons. Total output in February was 1,711,137 tons, compared with 1,715,443 tons in January and 2,845,937 tons in February last year. Relating production to capacity, February was a 43.3% month, against 39.2% for January. A net gain of seven active stacks was attained last month all of them being at steelworks. A similar increase was made in January. At the close of February 109 stacks out of 307 in the country were active.

This improvement in pig iron output foreshadows a similar favorable report when statistics on steel ingot production for February become available next week. Continuation of the gain for steel ingots into March is indicated by an increase of two points in the steel rate this week to approximately 55%. The Chicago district at 55% and Cleveland at 59 are up six points, Pittsburgh at 50% shows a gain of three points; eastern Pennsylvania has advanced a point to 53; Birmingham holds at 65; while Youngstown is the only district to show a reduction from 50 to 48. "Steel" further states:

Steel prices for the second quarter still are in an indefinite state. Producers are convinced they merit more remunerative levels but are uncertain that demand, even though rising, warrants an increase. Stripmakers are quoting \$1 a ton higher on hot strip, and \$2 a ton higher on cold strip for second quarter.

One important maker of plates, shapes and bars at Pittsburgh has quoted 1.65c. on the few inquiries thus far submitted for second quarter, but others look for an advance. The price of 1.65c. is the nominal quotation on these products for this quarter, with most shipments billed at 1.60c. An important sheetmaker is continuing first quarter prices into the second, and some eastern mills are considering an advance of \$2 a ton. An advance for second quarter is contemplated by some makers of plain wire.

March opens with the automotive industry specifying more briskly, demand for structural steel in greater evidence, and several substantial pipe projects coming to the fore. Releases for steel rails and track fastenings are expanding moderately, but the railroads in general are showing comparatively little interest in the market, and requirements of the farm implement industry also remain light.

A heavy volume of miscellaneous inquiry for structural shapes is noted in the Middle West, more than 25,000 tons being pending in Chicago, while 90,000 to 100,000 are in prospect for 90 new school buildings scheduled for this year in the five boroughs of New York. Concrete reinforcing bar demand is improving as spring construction work approaches. Structural steel awards the past week totaled 55,500 tons, compared with 57,705 tons in the same week a year ago. Twenty thousand tons of structural shapes have been awarded to Bethlehem Steel Corp., for the Metropolitan Life Insurance building, New York.

Thirty-five thousand tons of pipe is reported placed with the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. by the Sinclair-Texas Pipe Line Co., for a 260-mile pipe line from Oklahoma City to East Texas oil fields. An award of 23,000 tons of 24-inch pipe has been made for the Chicago natural gas line through Continental Construction Co.

Incoming sheet business is heavier than in February, recent orders for some Pittsburgh and Mahoning Valley mills being the best so far this year and enabling them to step up operating rates. The plate market is featured by the placing of 10,000 tons with eastern mills for a cruiser and two passenger vessels. Norfolk & Western is inquiring for 5,000 tons of plates, shapes and bars for repairs to hopper cars.

Inquiry for pig iron for second quarter is slightly more active, and current prices are being named. Foundry coke shipments continue steady. Scrap is quiet, and prices tend to weakness. As usual, the Ford Motor Co. is first in the market for iron ore, its inquiry for 290,000 tons being 40,000 tons less than last year. No change from the 1930 level is anticipated in ore prices.

"Steel's" market composite continues unchanged at \$31.61 for the third consecutive week.

Steel ingot production increased slightly more than 1% during the week ended last Monday (Mar. 2), with the aver-

age a good fraction over 53%, as compared with a shade above 52% in the preceding week and 50½% two weeks ago, reports the "Wall Street Journal" of Mar. 4, which further states:

The U. S. Steel Corp. is credited with a rate of nearly 55%, against slightly over 53% in previous week and a fraction under 52% two weeks ago. Leading independents are around 52%, contrasted with 51½% in the week before and a little over 49% two weeks ago.

In the corresponding week last year the Steel corporation maintained its rate at between 85% and 86%, while leading independents were down 2% to around 73%, and the average was off nearly 1% to 79%.

In the like week of 1929 the Steel corporation reported an increase of 5% to 96%, with independents up 4% at 91%, and the average rose over 4% to 93%. For the corresponding period of 1928, there were decreases of 1%, with the Steel corporation at 89%, independents around 76% and the average 82%.

February Pig Iron Production Up 10%.

Pig iron production in February registered a larger increase than in January and the upward trend, started in January, was substantially augmented, according to data, gather largely by wire on March 3 by the "Iron Age," from every operating furnace which shows that the increase in daily rate last month was about 10% as compared with 3% in January. A gain in active furnaces was also made, states the "Age," adding:

The February daily rate was 60,950 gross tons which is 5,651 tons larger than the 55,299 tons per day in January. This is an increase of 10%. The net gain in active furnaces was six as compared with a gain of seven for January.

Production of coke pig iron in February was 1,706,621 tons or 60,950 tons per day for the 28 days. This contrasts with 1,714,266 tons or 55,299 tons per day for the 31 days in January. The gain in daily rate for February was 5,651 tons or about 10%. The corresponding gain for January over December was 1,567 tons in the daily rate or 3%. There was a loss in December of 13.7%. The gains in January and February are the first since April 1930, for the daily rate and since March, last year, for the net gain in operating furnaces.

The February daily rate is the smallest for that month since February 1922, when it was 58,214 tons. Each February since 1922 up to February, this year, exceeded 100,000 tons in daily rate.

Net Gain of Six Furnaces.

Nine furnaces were blown in during February and only three were blown out or banked. In January, 13 were blown in and six were shut down.

Of the nine furnaces blown in last month six are credited to independent steel companies with two to the Steel Corp. and one to the merchant classification. Two independent steel company furnaces and one Steel Corp. stack were blown out or banked.

Operating Rate on March 1.

On March 1 there were 108 furnaces active having an estimated operating rate of 61,850 tons per day. This compares with 102 furnaces on Feb. 1 with an operating rate of 57,365 tons per day.

Furnace Changes in February.

The following furnaces were blown in during February. One Edgar Thomson furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co., two Aliquippa and one Eliza furnace of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. in the Pittsburgh district; one Cambria furnace of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., in western Pennsylvania; one Hazelton furnace of the Republic Steel Corp., and the Mary furnace in the Mahoning Valley; one Inland furnace of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. in the Chicago district; and one Ensley furnace of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & R.R. Co. in Alabama.

Among the furnaces blown out or banked during February were the following: one Edgar Thomson furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. and one Eliza furnace of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. in the Pittsburgh district, and the Portsmouth furnace of the Wheeling Steel Corp. in southern Ohio.

Possibly Active Furnaces Reduced.

Announcement is made of the dismantling of one Farrell furnace of the Steel Corp. in the Shenango Valley. This reduces the total number of possibly active furnaces in the United States from 310 to 309.

PRODUCTION OF STEEL COMPANIES FOR OWN USE—GROSS TONS.

	Total Pig Iron— Spiegel and Ferromanganese.			Ferromanganese. x		
	1929.	1930.	1931.	1929.	1930.	1931.
January	2,651,416	2,214,875	1,422,382	28,208	27,260	14,251
February	2,498,901	2,284,234	1,359,304	35,978	21,310	19,430
March	2,939,295	2,600,980	---	24,978	23,345	---
3 months	8,109,612	7,100,089	---	79,164	71,915	---
April	2,826,028	2,564,681	---	22,413	27,777	---
May	3,105,404	2,613,628	---	25,896	30,296	---
June	2,999,798	2,304,223	---	33,363	27,327	---
Half-year	17,040,842	14,582,621	---	160,836	157,325	---
July	3,039,370	2,075,414	---	31,040	17,728	---
August	3,065,874	2,010,572	---	28,461	20,909	---
September	2,862,799	1,870,269	---	27,505	21,181	---
9 months	26,008,885	20,538,876	---	247,842	217,143	---
October	2,902,960	1,791,421	---	31,108	24,480	---
November	2,498,291	1,491,927	---	28,285	18,619	---
December	2,112,074	1,269,529	---	28,564	16,288	---
Year	33,522,840	25,101,753	---	335,799	276,530	---

x Includes output of merchant furnaces.

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON IN THE UNITED STATES BY MONTHS SINCE JAN. 1 1928—GROSS TONS.

	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
January	106,974	100,123	92,573	111,044	91,209	55,299
February	104,403	105,024	100,004	114,507	101,390	60,950
March	111,032	112,366	103,215	119,822	104,715	---
April	115,004	114,074	106,183	122,087	106,062	---
May	112,304	109,385	105,931	125,745	104,283	---
June	107,844	102,988	102,733	123,908	97,804	---
First six months	109,660	107,351	101,763	119,564	100,891	---
July	103,978	95,199	99,091	122,100	85,146	---
August	103,241	95,073	101,180	121,151	81,417	---
September	104,543	92,498	102,077	116,585	75,890	---
October	107,553	89,810	108,832	115,745	69,831	---
November	107,890	88,279	110,084	106,047	62,237	---
December	99,712	86,960	108,705	91,513	53,732	---
12 months' average	107,043	99,266	103,382	115,851	86,025	---

DAILY RATE OF PIG IRON PRODUCTION BY MONTHS—GROSS TONS

	Steel Works.	Merchants.*	Total.
1929—January	85,530	25,514	111,044
February	89,246	25,261	114,507
March	95,461	24,361	119,822
April	95,680	26,407	122,087
May	100,174	25,571	125,745
June	99,993	23,915	123,908
July	98,044	24,056	122,100
August	98,900	22,251	121,151
September	95,426	21,159	116,585
October	93,644	22,101	115,745
November	83,276	22,771	106,047
December	68,152	23,361	91,513
1930—January	71,447	19,762	91,209
February	81,850	19,810	101,390
March	83,900	20,815	104,715
April	85,489	20,573	106,062
May	84,310	19,973	104,283
June	77,883	19,921	97,804
July	66,949	18,197	85,146
August	64,857	16,560	81,417
September	62,342	13,548	75,890
October	57,788	12,043	69,831
November	49,730	12,507	62,237
December	40,952	11,780	53,732
1931—January	45,883	9,416	55,299
February	49,618	11,332	60,950

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

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON IN UNITED STATES BEGINNING JULY 1 1928—GROSS TONS.

	1929.	1930.	1931.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Jan.	3,442,370	2,827,464	1,714,266	July	3,071,824	2,639,537
Feb.	3,208,185	2,838,920	1,706,621	Aug.	3,136,570	3,755,680
Mar.	3,714,473	3,246,171	---	Sept.	3,062,314	3,497,564
Apr.	3,662,625	3,181,868	---	Oct.	3,373,806	3,588,118
May	3,896,082	2,332,760	---	Nov.	3,302,523	3,181,411
June	3,717,225	2,934,129	---	Dec.	3,369,846	2,836,916
½ yr.	21,640,960	18,261,312	---	Year*	37,837,804	42,285,769
						31,399,105

* These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. The 1929 production of this iron was 138,193 gross tons, as compared with 142,960 gross tons in 1928.

Production of Bituminous Coal and Pennsylvania Anthracite Falls Off.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the output of bituminous coal and Pennsylvania anthracite for the week ended Feb. 21 1931, showed a decrease as compared with the preceding week and the corresponding week last year. Production for the week under review amounted to 7,915,000 net tons of bituminous coal, 1,209,000 net tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 44,000 tons of beehive coke, as against 8,215,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,595,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 41,500 tons of beehive coke in the week ended Feb. 14 1931, and 9,515,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,407,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 71,000 tons of beehive coke in the week ended Feb. 22 1930.

During the coal year to Feb. 21 1931, the output of bituminous coal amounted to 399,029,000 net tons as against 474,754,000 tons in the coal year to Feb. 22 1930. The Bureau's statement follows:

As indicated by the revised figures below, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Feb. 14 is estimated at 8,215,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows an increase of 382,000 tons or 4.9%. The following table apportions the tonnage by States and gives comparable figures for other recent years:

State—	Estimated Weekly Production of Coal by States (Net Tons).				Average. a
	Feb. 14 '31.	Feb. 7 '31.	Feb. 15 '30.	Feb. 16 '29.	
Alabama	265,000	262,000	357,000	406,000	409,000
Arkansas	20,000	16,000	44,000	56,000	25,000
Colorado	129,000	126,000	192,000	301,000	231,000
Illinois	1,051,000	943,000	1,235,000	1,722,000	1,993,000
Indiana	295,000	270,000	393,000	472,000	613,000
Iowa	71,000	71,000	88,000	133,000	136,000
Kansas	45,000	47,000	74,000	96,000	95,000
Kentucky	623,000	569,000	915,000	1,014,000	556,000
Eastern	136,000	172,000	266,000	411,000	226,000
Western	47,000	45,000	56,000	63,000	51,000
Maryland	17,000	16,000	17,000	17,000	25,000
Michigan	55,000	51,000	92,000	118,000	79,000
Missouri	38,000	42,000	55,000	97,000	80,000
Montana	32,000	30,000	38,000	61,000	58,000
New Mexico	41,000	36,000	51,000	66,000	37,000
Ohio	464,000	420,000	455,000	455,000	694,000
Oklahoma	26,000	28,000	84,000	114,000	62,000
Penna. (bitum.)	2,289,000	2,199,000	2,606,000	2,928,000	3,087,000
Tennessee	101,000	94,000	123,000	129,000	127,000
Texas	10,000	10,000	13,000	25,000	23,000
Utah	63,000	69,000	78,000	150,000	96,000
Virginia	197,000	193,000	266,000	281,000	212,000
Washington	38,000	39,000	44,000	77,000	77,000
West Virginia	1,468,000	1,428,000	1,868,000	2,071,000	1,127,000
Southern. b	557,000	571,000	702,000	725,000	673,000
Northern. c	85,000	80,000	111,000	170,000	156,000
Wyoming	2,000	3,000	1,000	4,000	7,000
Other States. d	2,000	3,000	1,000	4,000	7,000
Total bitum's.	8,215,000	7,833,000	10,224,000	12,160,000	10,956,000
Penn. anthracite.	1,595,000	1,454,000	1,707,000	1,672,000	1,902,000
Total all coal.	9,810,000	9,287,000	11,931,000	13,832,000	12,858,000

a Average weekly rate for the entire month. b Includes operations on the N. & W., C. & O., Virginian, and K. & M. c Rest of State, including Panhandle. d Figures are not strictly comparable in the several years.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

The production of anthracite in the State of Pennsylvania during the week ended Feb. 21 is estimated at 1,209,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week this shows a decrease of 386,000 tons, or 24.2%. Production during the week in 1930 corresponding with that of Feb. 21 amounted to 1,407,000 tons.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1931		1930a		Daily Avege.
	Week.	Daily Avege.	Week.	Daily Avege.	
Feb. 7	1,454,000	242,300	1,715,000	285,800	285,800
Feb. 14	1,595,000	265,800	1,707,000	284,500	284,500
Feb. 21	1,209,000	201,500	1,407,000	255,800	255,800

a Figures for 1930 revised slightly to insure comparability with 1931.

BITUMINOUS COAL.
The total production of soft coal during the week ended Feb. 21 1931, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 7,915,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 300,000 tons, or 3.7%. Production during the week in 1930 corresponding with that of Feb. 21 amounted to 9,515,000 tons.

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

Week Ended—	1930-31		1929-30	
	Week.	Coal. Year to Date.	Week.	Coal. Year to Date. ^a
Feb. 7	7,833,000	382,899,000	10,935,000	455,015,000
Daily average	1,306,000	1,455,000	1,823,000	1,655,000
Feb. 14 ^b	8,215,000	391,114,000	10,224,000	465,239,000
Daily average	1,369,000	1,453,000	1,704,000	1,663,000
Feb. 21 ^c	7,915,000	399,029,000	9,515,000	474,754,000
Daily average	1,319,000	1,450,000	1,613,000	1,671,000

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

The total production of soft coal during the present coal year to Feb. 21 (approximately 275 working days) amounts to 399,029,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1929-30	474,754,000 net tons	1927-28	426,001,000 net tons
1928-29	460,239,000 net tons	1926-27	525,951,000 net tons
	1921-22		386,640,000 net tons

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke during the week ended Feb. 21 is estimated at 44,000 net tons, an increase of 2,500 tons, or 6%, compared with the output in the preceding week. Production during the week in 1930 corresponding with that of Feb. 21 amounted to 71,000 tons. The following table shows the source of tonnage, by regions:

Estimated Weekly Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Region—	Week Ended—			1931	1930
	Feb. 21 '31 ^b	Feb. 14 '31 ^c	Feb. 22 '30.		
Penn., Ohio & W Va.	40,700	38,000	63,000	258,800	460,500
Tennessee & Virginia	2,200	2,300	5,200	21,700	46,600
Colo., Utah & Wash.	1,100	1,200	2,800	9,400	23,100
United States total	44,000	41,500	71,000	239,900	530,200
Daily average	7,333	6,917	11,833	6,442	11,782

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The daily average volume of Federal Reserve Bank credit outstanding during the week ending March 4, as reported by the 12 Federal Reserve banks, was \$921,000,000, an increase of \$8,000,000 compared with the preceding week and a decrease of \$242,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1930. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On March 4 total reserve bank credit amounted to \$908,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000 for the week. This increase corresponds with an increase of \$6,000,000 in money in circulation and a decrease of \$22,000,000 in Treasury currency, offset in part by an increase of \$9,000,000 in monetary gold stock and decreases of \$13,000,000 in member bank reserve balances and \$2,000,000 in unexpended capital funds, &c.

Holdings of discounted bills declined \$2,000,000 each at the Federal Reserve Banks of Cleveland and Atlanta and increased \$6,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, all Federal Reserve banks combined showing a small increase for the week. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market decreased \$5,000,000 and of Treasury notes \$15,000,000, while holdings of Treasury certificates and bills increased \$14,000,000.

Beginning with the statement of May 28 1930, the text accompanying the weekly condition statement of the Federal Reserve banks was changed to show the amount of Reserve bank credit outstanding and certain other items not previously included in the condition statement, such as monetary gold stock and money in circulation. The Federal Reserve Board's explanation of the changes, together with the definition of the different items, was published in the May 31 1930 issue of the "Chronicle," on page 3797.

The statement in full for the week ended March 4, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages—namely, pages 0000 and 0000.

Changes in the amount of reserve bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ending March 4 1931, were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) Since		
	March 4 1931.	Feb. 25 1931.	March 5 1930.
Bills discounted	\$ 191,000,000	+1,000,000	—118,000,000
Bills bought	101,000,000	—5,000,000	—170,000,000
United States securities	600,000,000	+1,000,000	+114,000,000
Other Reserve bank credit	17,000,000	+9,000,000	—22,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT	908,000,000	+4,000,000	—197,000,000
Monetary gold stock	4,672,000,000	+9,000,000	+310,000,000
Treasury currency adjusted	1,762,000,000	—22,000,000	—37,000,000
Money in circulation	4,575,000,000	+6,000,000	+44,000,000
Member bank reserve balances	2,365,000,000	—13,000,000	+50,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.	401,000,000	—2,000,000	—20,000,000

Returns of Member Banks for New York and Chicago Federal Reserve Districts—Brokers' Loans.

Beginning with the returns for June 29 1927, the Federal Reserve Board also commenced to give out the figures of the member banks in the New York Federal Reserve District, as well as those in the Chicago Reserve District, on Thursdays, simultaneously with the figures for the Reserve banks themselves, and for the same week, instead of waiting until the following Monday, before which time the statistics covering the entire body of reporting member banks in the different cities included cannot be got ready.

Below is the statement for the New York member banks and that for the Chicago member banks for the current week as thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks. The

present week's totals are exclusive of figures for the Bank of United States in this city, which closed its doors on Dec. 11 1930. The last report of this bank showed loans and investments of about \$190,000,000. The grand aggregate of brokers' loans the present week records a decrease of \$8,000,000, the total on March 4 1931 standing at \$1,790,000,000. The present week's decrease of \$8,000,000 follows an increase of \$82,000,000 in the preceding three weeks. Loans "for own account" increased during the week from \$1,267,000,000 to \$1,316,000,000, while loans "for account of out-of-town banks" decreased from \$260,000,000 to \$210,000,000 and loans "for account of others" from \$271,000,000 to \$264,000,000.

CONDITIONS OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	March 4 1931.	Feb. 25 1931.	Mar 5 1930.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 7,954,000,000	\$ 7,980,000,000	\$ 7,499,000,000
Loans—total	5,481,000,000	5,469,000,000	5,582,000,000
On securities	3,160,000,000	3,137,000,000	2,953,000,000
All other	2,321,000,000	2,332,000,000	2,629,000,000
Investments—total	2,473,000,000	2,511,000,000	1,917,000,000
U. S. Government securities	1,357,000,000	1,351,000,000	1,102,000,000
Other securities	1,116,000,000	1,160,000,000	815,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	784,000,000	816,000,000	723,000,000
Cash in valut.	43,000,000	46,000,000	48,000,000
Net demand deposits	5,781,000,000	5,838,000,000	5,186,000,000
Time deposits	1,232,000,000	1,275,000,000	1,246,000,000
Government deposits	5,000,000	14,000,000	
Due from banks	97,000,000	106,000,000	77,000,000
Due to banks	1,315,000,000	1,276,000,000	943,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank			2,000,000
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account	1,316,000,000	1,267,000,000	1,006,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks	210,000,000	260,000,000	1,032,000,000
For account of others	264,000,000	271,000,000	1,545,000,000
Total	1,790,000,000	1,798,000,000	3,583,000,000
On demand	1,392,000,000	1,390,000,000	3,175,000,000
On time	398,000,000	408,000,000	408,000,000

	Chicago.		
	March 4 1931.	Feb. 25 1931.	Mar 5 1930.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 1,950,000,000	\$ 1,998,000,000	\$ 1,843,000,000
Loans—total	1,303,000,000	1,345,000,000	1,472,000,000
On securities	742,000,000	777,000,000	868,000,000
All other	561,000,000	568,000,000	604,000,000
Investments—total	647,000,000	653,000,000	370,000,000
U. S. Government securities	343,000,000	345,000,000	168,000,000
Other securities	304,000,000	308,000,000	203,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	185,000,000	182,000,000	174,000,000
Cash in valut.	13,000,000	14,000,000	14,000,000
Net demand deposits	1,221,000,000	1,261,000,000	1,218,000,000
Time deposits	632,000,000	623,000,000	521,000,000
Government deposits	4,000,000	10,000,000	
Due from banks	170,000,000	160,000,000	124,000,000
Due to banks	371,000,000	373,000,000	330,000,000
Borrowing from Federal Reserve Bank	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000

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

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

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of

reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business on Feb. 25:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on Feb. 25 shows a decrease for the week of \$31,000,000 in loans, largely offset by an increase of \$27,000,000 in investments, also increases of \$44,000,000 in net demand deposits and \$32,000,000 in time deposits, and a decrease of \$10,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on securities increased \$11,000,000 at reporting banks in the New York district, and declined \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$12,000,000 at all reporting banks. "All other" loans declined \$16,000,000 in the Boston district and \$19,000,000 at all reporting banks, and increased \$8,000,000 in the San Francisco district.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities declined \$12,000,000 in the New York district and increased \$7,000,000 in the Cleveland district, all reporting banks showing no change for the week. Holdings of other securities increased \$31,000,000 in the New York district, \$6,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$27,000,000 at all reporting banks, and declined \$10,000,000 in the Atlanta district.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks aggregated \$42,000,000 on Feb. 25, the principal change for the week being a decline of \$5,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Feb. 25 1931, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since		
	Feb. 25 1931.	Feb. 18 1931.	Feb. 26 1930.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 22,646,000,000	\$ -4,000,000	\$ +643,000,000
Loans—total	15,463,000,000	-31,000,000	-965,000,000
On securities	7,313,000,000	-12,000,000	-328,000,000
All other	8,150,000,000	-19,000,000	-637,000,000
Investments—total	7,183,000,000	+27,000,000	+1,608,000,000
U. S. Government securities	3,414,000,000	-	+613,000,000
Other securities	3,769,000,000	+27,000,000	+995,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve banks	1,801,000,000	+5,000,000	+70,000,000
Cash in vault	224,000,000	+11,000,000	+3,000,000
Net demand deposits	13,614,000,000	+44,000,000	+671,000,000
Time deposits	7,275,000,000	+32,000,000	+401,000,000
Government deposits	80,000,000	-	+75,000,000
Due from banks	1,848,000,000	+66,000,000	+766,000,000
Due to banks	3,777,000,000	-30,000,000	+987,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks	42,000,000	-10,000,000	-110,000,000

Gold and Silver Imported Into and Exported From the United States, by Countries, in January.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report (figures subject to revision), showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during the month of January 1931. The gold exports were only \$54,485. The imports were \$34,425,771, of which \$22,562,670 came from Canada, \$5,440,976 came from Argentina and \$3,022,290 came from Colombia. Of the exports of the metal, \$48,300 went to Hong Kong and \$6,185 went to Canada. Below is the report:

GOLD AND SILVER EXPORTED FROM AND IMPORTED INTO UNITED STATES BY COUNTRIES DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1931.

Countries.	GOLD.		SILVER.			
	Total.		Refined Bullion.		Total (Incl. Coin).	
	Exports, Dollars.	Imports, Dollars.	Exports, Ounces.	Imports, Ounces.	Exports, Dollars.	Imports, Dollars.
Belgium	-----	1,485	-----	-----	-----	174
France	-----	3,260	-----	-----	-----	2,268
Germany	-----	-----	50,003	-----	14,501	513
Italy	-----	5,140	-----	-----	-----	14,253
Spain	-----	8,705	-----	-----	-----	5,225
United Kingdom	-----	-----	6,345,949	-----	1,888,566	701
Canada	6,185	22,562,670	96,967	653,663	149,567	452,886
Costa Rica	-----	5,250	-----	-----	-----	-----
Guatemala	-----	20,077	-----	-----	-----	-----
Honduras	-----	32,318	-----	381,381	-----	122,557
Nicaragua	-----	63,586	-----	5,058	-----	3,593
Mexico	-----	536,177	-----	2,454,231	11,160	1,825,276
Trinidad & Tobago	-----	9,796	-----	-----	1,530	6,740
Other Br. W. Indies	-----	550	-----	-----	-----	-----
Cuba	-----	581,100	-----	-----	385	9,925
Dominican Republic	-----	40,000	-----	-----	-----	25,200
Argentina	-----	5,440,976	-----	3,215	1,090	290
Bolivia	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	114,902
Chile	-----	31,032	-----	-----	-----	144,513
Colombia	-----	3,022,290	-----	-----	-----	30
Ecuador	-----	765	-----	-----	-----	-----
Surinam	-----	8,540	-----	-----	-----	-----
Peru	-----	43,345	-----	-----	-----	82,096
Venezuela	-----	45,366	-----	-----	-----	-----
British India	-----	-----	4,240,025	-----	1,264,106	-----
British Malaya	-----	3,000	-----	-----	240,238	-----
China	-----	-----	770,030	-----	-----	-----
Java and Madura	-----	160,713	-----	70,271	-----	28,249
Hong Kong	48,300	849,482	-----	-----	-----	-----
Japan	-----	747,750	-----	-----	-----	1,797
Philippine Islands	-----	179,299	-----	-----	20	320
New Zealand	-----	14,378	-----	-----	-----	54,416
Belgian Congo	-----	2,721	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total	54,485	34,425,771	11,506,189	3,564,624	3,571,133	2,896,014

Stock of Money in the Country.

The Treasury Department at Washington has issued the customary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and agents. It is important to note that beginning with the statement of Dec. 31 1927 several very important changes have been made. They are as

follows: (1) The statement is dated for the end of the month instead of for the first of the month; (2) gold held by Federal Reserve banks under earmark for foreign account is now excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is now included; (3) minor coin (nickels and cents) has been added. On this basis the figures this time, which are for Jan. 31 1931, show that the money in circulation at that date (including, of course, what is held in bank vaults of member banks of the Federal Reserve System) was \$4,609,687,314, as against \$4,890,123,348 Dec. 31 1930 and \$4,562,027,826 Jan. 31 1930, and comparing with \$5,698,214,612 on Oct. 31 1920. Just before the outbreak of the World War, that is, on June 30 1914, the total was only \$3,458,059,755. The following is the statement:

KIND OF MONEY.	MONEY HELD IN TREASURY.		MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURY.		Total.	Population of United States (Estimated).	Per Capita.
	Amt. Held in Trust Against Gold and Silver Certificates (of 1890).	Amt. Held in Reserve Against United States Notes (of 1900).	Held for Federal Reserve Banks and Agents.	All Other Money.			
Gold coin and bullion	\$ 64,642,906,405	\$ 1,773,183,714	\$ 1,559,696,578	\$ 46,294,771	\$ 1,107,692,254	124,230,000	\$ 8.91
Gold certificates	6(1,773,183,714)	-----	-----	-----	1,773,183,714	-----	14.28
Stand. silv. doll.	539,958,879	489,711,556	-----	-----	44,086,464	-----	3.53
Silver certifs.	b(488,466,106)	-----	-----	-----	488,466,106	-----	3.93
Treasury notes of 1890	b(1,245,450)	-----	-----	-----	1,245,450	-----	0.01
Subsid'y silv.	311,722,320	7,874,680	-----	-----	303,847,640	-----	2.45
Minor coin	126,809,869	4,387,436	-----	-----	122,422,433	-----	0.94
U. S. notes	346,681,016	2,985,599	-----	-----	54,723,302	-----	4.33
F. R. notes	1,974,998,635	1,258,130	-----	-----	1,973,740,505	-----	15.84
F. R. bk. notes	3,077,872	55,760	-----	-----	3,022,112	-----	2.42
Nat. bank notes	696,390,165	19,448,199	-----	-----	676,941,966	-----	5.41
Total Jan. 31 '31	8,642,545,161	2,262,895,270	1,559,696,578	488,465,434	6,833,344,061	124,230,000	\$ 55.00
Comparative totals:	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Dec. 31 1930	8,713,875,325	64,053,167,746	1,526,808,978	89,400,620	6,941,566,639	124,074,000	\$ 55.66
Jan. 31 1930	8,891,138,171	63,861,725,256	1,714,183,904	113,957,245	6,243,596,819	120,619,000	\$ 51.73
Jan. 31 1920	8,479,020,824	62,436,864,590	1,529,099,026	352,850,336	6,761,430,672	107,491,000	\$ 62.98
Oct. 31 1920	5,396,696,677	62,952,020,313	2,681,691,072	187,350,216	5,126,267,436	103,716,000	\$ 49.43
Mar. 31 1917	3,796,456,764	61,845,575,888	1,507,178,879	188,397,009	3,458,059,755	99,027,000	\$ 34.92
June 30 1914	-----	62,124,420,402	100,000,000	90,817,762	816,266,721	48,231,000	\$ 16.92

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

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

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

d This total includes \$34,845,023 gold deposited for the redemption of Federal Reserve notes (\$778,905 in process of redemption), \$28,121,924 lawful money deposited for the redemption of National bank notes (\$19,404,675 in process of redemption, including notes chargeable to the retirement fund), \$1,350 lawful money deposited for the retirement of additional circulation (Act of May 30 1908), and \$10,747,718 lawful money deposited as a reserve for postal savings deposits.

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

f The money in circulation includes any paper currency held outside the continental limits of the United States.

Notes.—Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury for their redemption; silver certificates are secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury for their redemption; United States notes are secured by a gold reserve of \$156,039,088 held in the Treasury. This reserve fund may also be used for the redemption of Treasury notes of 1890, which are also secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury; these notes are being canceled and retired on receipt. Federal Reserve notes are obligations of the United States and a first lien on all the assets of the issuing Federal Reserve bank. Federal Reserve notes are secured by the deposit with Federal Reserve agents of a like amount of gold or of gold and such discounted or purchased paper as is eligible under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act. Federal Reserve banks

must maintain a gold reserve of at least 40%, including the gold redemption fund which must be deposited with the United States Treasury, against Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. Lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for retirement of all outstanding Federal Reserve bank notes. National bank notes are secured by United States bonds except where lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for their retirement. A 5% fund is also maintained in lawful money with the Treasurer of the United States for the redemption of National bank notes secured by Government bonds.

J. P. Morgan Going Abroad—Plans Cruise to Holy Land.

The following Glen Cove, L. I., dispatch March 4, is from the New York "Times":

J. P. Morgan will sail Friday midnight on the Olympic for England. In London he will be joined by the Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury, who will go with him to the Mediterranean, where they will board Mr. Morgan's yacht, the Corsair. They will cruise in the Mediterranean and will pass Easter in the Holy Land.

C. G. Dawes Denies Report That He Intends to Resign as United States Ambassador to Great Britain.

Associated Press advices from London, Feb. 24, stated that General Charles G. Dawes set at rest that day reports that he intended to resign as Ambassador to Great Britain and return to America, either in connection with the forthcoming World's Fair at Chicago or for political work. The accounts added:

The Fair, he said, was "a year ahead of itself," so far as preparations were concerned and everything was progressing so very favorably that his presence at Chicago was not needed.

"Unless some unforeseen circumstance arises," he told the Associated Press correspondent, "I expect to serve my full term as Ambassador. [This would mean another two years.] I see no reason why I should have to leave here."

He paused, and then added:

"I am 65 years old. What more should I want to do?"

The General made it clear, however, that there was a period last year when it seemed possible that he might have to resign to devote his energies to the Fair. He explained that when more than \$12,000,000 had been subscribed for the exposition by the sale of bonds in Chicago he and his brother had made themselves responsible for opening the Fair on the specified date. He returned to Chicago last summer, however, to find things were going so well that all anxiety was removed.

"That Fair is going to be the biggest thing of its kind the world has ever known," the General declared with a characteristic sweep of his fist.

National Metal Exchange Considering Trading in Silver Futures.

The following announcement has been issued by the National Metal Exchange, Inc., of 27 William Street, this city:

Due to a continued demand that a market be established for trading in silver futures, the Board of Governors of the National Metal Exchange has taken the matter under advisement. President Reitler at the recent meeting appointed the following Committee with instructions to investigate the possibilities of establishing a futures market in this commodity and to report to the Board at its next meeting: Messrs. Benno Elkan, Chairman, of International Minerals & Metals Corp.; Leo Auman of The American Metal Co., Ltd.; Harold L. Bache of J. S. Bache & Co.; Irving J. Louis of E. J. Schwabach Co.; Erwin Vogelsang of Lewis Lazarus & Sons of New York.

Regarding the movement the New York "Journal of Commerce" of March 6 said:

In case it is adopted it will mean a total trading of three metals on the local exchange as against four on the London Metal Exchange. Here tin and copper are already dealt in; at London lead and zinc are traded in addition.

Should the local metal exchange adopt silver trading it will be the only open market in the world for this precious metal. The market in actual metal is controlled by a very few silver houses at New York. The price is announced around noon each day and represents the best figure obtainable on bids for round amounts for spot delivery at New York. Lots dealt in are usually 50,000 to 100,000 ounces each. The silver must be .999 fine, the troy ounce being the unit of measurement.

The price established at London has an important bearing on the New York quotation. At London some half dozen silver houses have a conference at which offers to buy are weighed against offers to sell, from which an average sales price is established. This quotation is the "official" price, but does not necessarily govern the price later in the day.

New York silver dealers are able to trade with London in the forenoon and with San Francisco in the afternoon. The large smelting and refining companies, for whom silver is a by-product, sell their silver direct to the banks for export through their New York offices.

There is some doubt as to whether silver trading on the National Metal Exchange would be successful. Trading there would, of course, be in futures, which is mostly a case of trading in contracts to deliver. However, the market for actual silver is a very narrow one, on some days scarcely an ounce being sold. It is altogether different from a broad market such as cotton and wheat, where there is steady trading, hour after hour.

The metal has been much in the limelight of late because of the low price levels to which it has dipped. A few weeks ago commercial bar silver was selling at 25¼ cents per ounce, an all-time low, comparing with \$1.37 per ounce at one time during the war. The price yesterday was 27½ cents, the highest for several weeks. There has been better feeling in the silver market the past few days, partly because President Hoover has recognized the problem of silver producers and has intimated willingness to arrange an international conference to try to stabilize the metal.

The following is from the New York "Herald Tribune" of March 5:

Former Market Recalled.

Silver brokers yesterday recalled that many years ago a silver futures market existed on the New York Stock Exchange, but was abandoned because demand was slight. Stock Exchange authorities could not recall yesterday precisely when a "silver crowd" was in existence on the Exchange,

and hazarded the opinion that it must have been before the consolidation of the Exchange in 1869.

Since that time, however, silver has become much more important as an industrial commodity, being now very extensively used in the fabrication of household articles and in the decorative arts and crafts. It is because of this, as well as because of the low price for the metal, that the Metal Exchange regards silver as a logical means of diversifying trading on the Exchange.

Formation Reported of International Mortgage Bank in Paris—Chase National Bank Said to Be Interested.

A Paris cablegram March 3 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated that the formation of the International Mortgage Bank, which will issue its own bonds against the bonds of mortgage banks, principally in Germany, was made known in Basle. Swiss, British, French, Swedish and American interests will subscribe to its capital, to amount to 25,000,000 Swiss francs, of which 5,000,000 are to be paid in, said the cablegram, which added:

The Chase National Bank of New York is to hold an interest in the new institution. The large Swiss banks will participate. Other subscribers to the capital stock are Helbert, Wagg & Co. of London and Paris, Lazard Freres of Paris, Kreuger & Toll of Stockholm, Deutschebank-Disconto Gesellschaft, Commerz und Privatbank and Reichscredit Gesellschaft of Berlin, and Warburg & Co. of Hamburg.

Last summer a similar institution was formed by Lazard Freres of Paris. The Central Mortgage Bank was chartered in Amsterdam, and was formed for the purpose of purchasing first mortgages against which collateral mortgage bonds would be issued, principally in the French market. It is understood that the two institutions will co-operate closely.

It is reported that the Bank for International Settlements will hold in trust the mortgage bank bonds purchased by the International Mortgage Bank. Further co-operation of the B. I. S. has been denied.

Yields on German mortgages remain extremely high. Various projects for the purchase of such mortgages against the sale of collateral bonds sold at lower yields have been considered in financial quarters here. It is felt that a market for the collateral bonds might be developed among French investors.

In its comments on the above the paper quoted said:

Officials of the Chase National Bank refused to comment yesterday on reports from abroad that the Chase is participating in the formation of the International Mortgage Bank. It is understood that Chase participation will be extremely small.

The New York "Evening Post" in its account from Paris on March 3, of the proposed International Mortgage Bank also included among the list of those interested in it Lee, Higginson & Co., of London. It also said:

The bank will issue its own bonds against bonds of mortgage banks, especially of Germany, including 7% bonds of recently formed Gemeinschaftsgruppe Deutsche Hypothekbanken, and plans initial trial issue of 20,000,000 Swiss francs 6% bonds about the middle of March. Total issues are limited to ten times paid-up capital.

Fourth Credit Bank Planned in Europe—Supplementary Unit of World Institution at Basle Would Aid Governments.

The following Paris cablegram, Feb. 26, is from the New York "Times":

Europe will have four international banking institutions if projects now contemplated by bankers and governments materialize.

Besides the Bank of International Settlements at Basle for handling reparations and simplifying international monetary relations there is now a private organization for international credit created by the Rothschilds and other European bankers at Amsterdam.

And now two other organizations are being contemplated by the heads of central banks and governments. These are the financial and credit institute advocated by Aristide Briand to supply capital for Eastern European farmers, operating under the sponsorship of the League of Nations, and another international credit bank which European bankers have been discussing for several months as supplementary to the World Bank at Basle, to be operated by a similar directorate, comprising a consortium of central banks.

This latter proposal is an outgrowth of the obstacles to the World Bank itself undertaking large credit operations. In its statutes the World Bank is forbidden to undertake loans to governments and it has been found in practice difficult for the World Bank to assume anything but short-time advances to private interests. Its experience, however, has shown the existence of a great demand for credit from an international institution, which would be freed from the common practice in European banking circles of making credits to nations, and in some instances to private institutions, depend upon political considerations.

Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, has been one of the advocates of the creation of such a supplementary institution in the discussions of the Board of Directors of the World Bank at Basle, while others have been contending that the World Bank itself should be authorized to enter this field of operations.

By certain bankers it is contended that a new international credit bank would afford an ideal opportunity for the United States and France to make safely secured investments of the large resources at their disposal, offering to other nations the possibility of obtaining advances on a purely business basis.

Dr. Luther of Reichsbank Says Germany Will Pay War Bill—Dr. Schacht Tells Swedish Papers He Would Stop Reparations Payments if in Power.

An unequivocal declaration of Dr. Hans Luther, the head of the Reichsbank, at Leipzig on March 1 reaffirming Germany's adherence to the Young plan and the sanctity of public and private borrowings abroad, according to a Berlin cablegram to the New York "Times," meets the

unstinted approval of Berlin banking and Boerse circles, which apparently were becoming restive due to the persistence of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, his predecessor in the Reichsbank, in riding his reparations hobby in print and public utterances. The cablegram, dated March 2, went on to say:

Although Dr. Luther speaks wholly in his private capacity as head of the Reichsbank and official quarters disclaim any responsibility for utterances made by him in opening the Leipzig Spring Fair, his frank presentation of Germany's financial problems is welcomed as ably seconding Chancellor Bruening's position on the question of postponement of reparations payments and some of the more immediate implications of the Young plan in so far as they concern obligations mutually assumed by Germany and her creditor powers.

Dr. Luther's speech especially gratified financial quarters, because it contributes needed clarity to a situation which has become much confused through reckless toying with the term "moratorium," as a result of which much mischief is being done to the public mind through the creation of false assumptions and conclusions in regard to Germany's reparations commitments and allied issues.

The Nationalist press gives prominence to statements said to have been made by Dr. Schacht at Stockholm today, where he is reported to have asserted: "Germany must go into bankruptcy—we must simply tell our creditors to go to hell; Germany would then recover, just as most people do who go through bankruptcy."

Asked what he would do if he were dictator of Germany, Dr. Schacht is said to have replied:

"I would not pay another penny for reparations after 8 o'clock tomorrow morning."

His strictures, he added, referred only to reparations and did not apply to Germany's other debts. He will address the Swedish-German Union at Stockholm on "The Moral and Economic World Crisis" tomorrow after having unburdened himself to Swedish reporters of his blistering arraignment of reparations today.

Chancellor Bruening Cautions Germany on War Debt—Declares Reparations Respite Would Only Complicate the Ultimate Settlement.

A cablegram as follows from Berlin, Feb. 28, is taken from the New York "Times."

Discussing the relations of reparations to German economy, Chancellor Bruening, in a significant address more than a week ago before the Federal League of Domestic and Exporting Wholesalers, made public only today, declared that the question of reaching a postponement of the reparation payments must be approached with all possible caution.

A temporary respite would be no solution and would, Dr. Bruening believed, only have the effect of complicating the ultimate adjustment of the problem in all its ramifications.

In the past year, he declared, Germany had succeeded in covering her reparation payments out of her own resources for the first time, whereas previously the successive annuities had been paid out of the receipts from foreign borrowings.

Reiterate Program.

The delay in making public the speech, it was announced, was due to the Chancellor's desire to review the text of his remarks before they received formal publication.

While the bulk of the speech deals with reiteration of the government's financial and economic program and the measures it proposes to adopt to accelerate national economy, the Chancellor's observations on reparations constitute the feature of the address.

"The burdens of reparations not only rest heavily on our budget but they are also of the greatest significance in connection with our ability to create interest funds and capital," Dr. Bruening stated, adding that the task of collecting the reparation moneys in no small measure involved danger to German credit institutions.

For this very reason, the Chancellor believed, the question of a respite should be dealt with with all possible caution in as much as such a procedure would not produce a solution of the problem but on the contrary thwart its ultimate adjustment. He gravely warned against attempts to deal with the problem from an internal political viewpoint, declaring it must be treated as an economic issue.

"I am convinced that in the year past for the first time we have met our reparation obligations out of our resources, whereas previously they were covered with the aid of foreign credits," Dr. Bruening asserted. "The effect of this was to make it appear that our reparation payments comprised only a minor item in our Federal budget."

"Now, however, since we are compelled to achieve these payments exclusively out of our own resources, it must be evident to the creditor powers that these annuities can only be liquidated out of a surplus export balance and the more completely this becomes recognized the more definitely shall we be able to recognize the fact that we have arrived at a turning point in the conceptions current among the creditor powers with respect to the effect of these payments—a situation which naturally we must effectively exploit."

Won't Play Popular Politics.

Recalling previous German procedure in connection with reparations and other financial policies, the Chancellor announced that he would not lapse into the mistake of indulging in popular politics, which would compel Germany to accept terms which subsequently would make matters worse than they were previously.

"To repeat such mistakes would definitely rob us of the important freedom of political action, which would mean a definite retrogression of which no statesman conscious of his responsibility would wish to be guilty," he declared.

While the Chancellor failed to indicate the nature of official reservations with respect to a possible revision of Germany's present commitments, political circles assume that the brevity of his reference indicates that the German Government has already made up its mind that the reparations issue will be dealt with strictly on its merits and will not be linked up with such extraneous issues as correction of the frontiers or concessions in other directions, among which may be included modification of the present German attitude on universal disarmament.

In the course of his remarks Dr. Bruening stated that German economy had an active interest in the conversion of the present short-term credits into long-term loans.

The panicky feeling following the September elections and the resultant exodus of \$300,000,000 represent some of the factors which gravely affect the course of German economy and make difficult the task of free-

ing it of its foreign obligations, the Chancellor said, but despite these grievous handicaps the government was determined to proceed on the path laid out, regardless of hardships and disappointments. This path, he added, constituted the sole salvation for German economy.

French Colonial Loan Issue.

Under date of Feb. 27 the "Wall Street Journal" reported the following from Paris:

French government has decided to issue immediately the first instalment of Fr. 922,000,000 of the Fr. 3,800,000,000 Colonial loans which were recently approved by Chamber of Deputies. The Morocco government has authorized an issue of Fr. 391,000,000 4% loan at 95.

Minister of Pensions states original estimated cost of pensions of all ex-combatants for 1931 budget of Fr. 480,000,000 has been found to be half of what is necessary. Under 1930 budget law, ex-combatants, including existing pensioners, received 500 francs annually at age of 50, and receive 1,200 francs after age of 55. Estimated cost of current year of Fr. 300,000,000 is also inadequate by Fr. 100,000,000.

Rate of Interest in French National Defense Bonds.

The following (Associated Press) from Paris, Feb. 25, is from the New York "Evening Post."

The Ministry of Finance today approved an order reducing the interest on French national defense bonds from 3 to 2½%.

A communique said that the reduction was justified by the situation of the money market. In financial circles it was held that the order was largely a result of the scheme of co-operation between French and British Treasury officials who discussed the flow of gold into France in meetings here the last few days.

Wheeler & Co. of London File Bankruptcy Petition.

A London message March 3 to the New York "Times" said:

Sir Arthur Wheeler, the head of a big "outside" brokerage house, filed a petition in bankruptcy to-day, causing heavy declines on the Stock Exchange in shares in which his company is interested.

In the 30 years of its existence the business of Wheeler & Co., located at Leicester, became one of the most profitable brokerage firms outside the Stock Exchange. It employed 240 clerks working in two shifts and its method was the lavish circularizing of possible investors. The monthly postage and printing bill of the firm ran to more than \$100,000.

"Heavy depreciation resulting from the prolonged depression, especially among industrial securities, has made it necessary for me to file my petition," said Sir Arthur in a statement to-day. "I have only taken this step after the most strenuous efforts to save the situation and meet my engagements."

Sir Arthur is chairman of the following 11 companies: British Hosiery Trust, Doncaster Coalite, G. Nephew & Co., the Gresham Trust, Henry Glave, the Leicester "Constitutional," a newspaper; Low Temperature Carbonization, the MIG Trust, Pullman & Sons, United Drapery Stores, and the Wallers-Bradford Brewery. He also was one of the principals in the purchase of the Beecham Estate & Pills, Ltd.

Norway to Repay Loan.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of March 5 we take the following from Oslo:

Norwegian Finance Minister proposes to repay next July £4,000,000 6% loan contracted with Hambros Bank and Barclays Bank in 1921 and has invited offers for conversion both at home and abroad.

Reports of Possible Loan by France to Italy—Denial by Italian Government.

Regarding reports from Paris of a possible loan by France to Italy, the New York "Times" printed the following from Rome, March 3:

The Italian Government today again officially denied, as it has had occasion to do several times in the past, that Italy is about to receive a loan from French financial circles. Such reports, which are again current abroad, were said to be completely devoid of foundation.

While it was admitted that Italo-French relations were likely to become much closer in the future as a consequence of the Franco-Italian naval agreement, it was stated to be untrue that the rapprochement would go so far as Italy floating a loan in France.

The frequency of rumors that Italy is seeking loans abroad is attributed here to the fact that it is known that at the end of this year 2,800,000,000 lire (about \$146,720,000) in treasury bonds will fall due. Since the State budget at the present moment shows a considerable deficit and the Treasury does not possess sufficient cash reserves to provide for this heavy call on its resources, many have thought the Treasury would be obliged to have recourse to a foreign loan.

Treasury officials, on the contrary, show no apprehension. They propose to offer the holders of the bonds conversion into a new loan, which will be issued at advantageous conditions. Two billion, two hundred million lire (about \$115,280,000) of the bonds are held by State organizations or State-controlled banks, and it is easy to foresee that these will all opt for conversion, leaving only 600,000,000 lire outstanding.

A considerable number of the holders of the balance probably will also opt for the new loan, but even if they all want their money back the Treasury's cash reserve would be sufficient.

With reference to a French loan to Italy, it is known that some months ago some steps to that effect were taken by French bankers. The initiative was taken by a group of private French bankers, who offered a loan to the Italian Government at advantageous conditions. They were courteously but firmly told, however, that Italy did not require a loan.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of last night (March 6) we take the following:

Reports that Franco-Italian naval accord will be followed by a private French banking group loan, which is said to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000,000, to the Italian Government have met with vigorous denial in official Italian circles. Luigi Podesta, delegate of the Italian Institute of Exchange in the United States, emphatically stated that the report is without the slightest foundation whatever.

Similar reports have cropped up from time to time as the naval negotiations between the two countries reached various stages of progress.

In each case, a categorical denial has been issued by different Italian officials who have pointed out that the Italian Government has at no time even made overtures in the international loan market for an issue of any kind.

In local Italian banking circles, it is pointed out that flotation of fresh external loans is directly contrary to the Italian Government's plan for the complete economic rehabilitation of Italy. It was recalled that last July, when Italy experienced disastrous earthquakes, there was some talk of a foreign loan for rebuilding ruined towns. Instead of this, however, the Cabinet voted a special appropriation of 100,000,000 lire for the purpose.

A Paris cablegram to the "Times" on March 3, in stating that from an authoritative financial source it was learned that indications justify the belief that negotiations for a large loan to Italy will begin within a very short time, also said in part:

An idea of the possible size of the projected loan can be gained from the present position of Italian State finance. According to French banking circles, State obligations to the extent of 3,500,000,000 lira [about \$183,400,000] will fall due next Fall and a similar amount next year, making a grand total for liquidation of 7,000,000,000 lira.

The matter of taking care of this big sum is reported to have been causing deep concern in Italian financial quarters, and while make-shift arrangements might be resorted to, the Italians are believed anxious to consolidate their financial position by meeting these bonds in the usual way. It is also asserted here that with a budget deficit already apparent, a large outside loan would be more than welcome in Italy.

Would Aid Gold Solution.

Aside from the beneficial effect the loan would have upon the Italian economic and financial situation, international banking quarters would regard the move as a real contribution toward the solution of the problem of gold and its distribution.

Loan to Rumania Reported Arranged in Paris—Negotiations for \$26,000,000 Issue Said to Have Been Concluded, the French Taking Large Share—New York Bank May Aid.

A cablegram from its Paris correspondent, March 5, published in the New York "Times" of March 6 said in part:

It was stated in an authorized quarter today that the negotiations for a loan to Rumania had been successfully concluded.

The original amount of \$40,000,000 is understood to have been reduced to \$26,000,000. France was to have assumed \$16,000,000 of the former total, but under the new arrangements it is thought the French banking group will enter for a larger proportion.

A large New York bank was asked to take \$4,000,000, but it was not disclosed whether the institution had agreed to join the consortium. Swiss, Swedish and Czechoslovak financial interests are participants.

According to British sources, the loan bill will be issued at 81 and bear an interest rate of 7½%. The first Rumanian stabilization loan issued in 1929 bore interest of 7% and was issued at 92.

A number of questions served to delay the progress of the negotiations just concluded and necessitated the presence in Paris of the Rumanian Finance Minister, Dr. Popovici, and other high Treasury officials. It was desired to make sure that the loan would be used for the stabilization of the Rumanian lei and not to make up the budget deficit.

There also arose the matter of claims against the Rumanian State and at least one of the national banking groups participating in the negotiations—the Dutch—informed the Rumanian Finance Minister that it would withdraw from the syndicate unless his Government settled its outstanding debts to Holland. While the participation of Holland is not certain, it is presumed that all other issues have been settled to the satisfaction of the international consortium.

The reduction of the original total indicates that a further section of the stabilization loan will be issued in the not distant future.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" in its March 6 issue published an account from Paris, Feb. 26 (special correspondence) from which the following is taken:

It is said in financial quarters here that the National City Co. has accepted an \$8,000,000 participation in the forthcoming international Rumanian loan. This is the same amount as the credit placed at the disposition of the Rumanian Government by the International Telephone and Telegraph Co. at the time it secured the telephone monopoly for the country.

The proposed loan was mentioned in our issue of a week ago, page 1511.

New Loan Asked of Danes—Finance Minister Wants Reserve Raised to 30,000,000 Kroner.

In its issue of Feb. 22 the New York "Times" published the following from Copenhagen, Feb. 21:

The Finance Minister introduced in the Folketing's Finance Committee a proposal to increase the Kingdom of Denmark's Hypothek Bank reserve fund from 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 kroner. The proposal would entitle the bank to raise a loan of 80,000,000 kroner, while another 20,000,000 authorized but still unraised would make the total amount 100,000,000.

The Hypothek Bank was established in 1906 to bolster the quotation on Danish bonds by means of foreign loans. Hitherto the bank has raised seven loans totaling 140,000,000 kroner, including \$5,000,000 in 1925 at 6%, which in 1927 was converted into a loan of \$5,300,000 at 5%.

It is understood that a big loan will be raised at the first favorable opportunity abroad.

Russian Soviet Government Seeks Credits Abroad for Nitrates—Agents Go to London After Failing in New York, Rumor Says.

A London message March 3 to the New York "Times" said:

The Soviet Government is understood to be negotiating here for credits with which to purchase large quantities of Chilean nitrates.

So far the negotiations can only be described as "feelers" and are in a "very preliminary stage," it is learned from an official of the Chilean Nitrate Producers' Association. Nothing in the nature of a contract has been concluded. As in former years the Soviet authorities are anxious to obtain nitrates for cotton growing in Turkestan as well as for grain growing in Southern European Russia.

It is rumored here that the Russians originally tried to obtain credits in New York, but that they suggested payments over such a long period that they were rebuffed and had to come to London. It is far from likely, however, that they can obtain easier terms here than in New York, and in the end they may have to deal directly with the Chilean producers.

Russian Ruble Inflation—Small Parisian House Offers Exchange at 20% of Par Value.

From its Paris bureau the "Wall Street Journal" reported the following in its Feb. 26 issue:

A small Paris banking house which deals in Russian money currently offers rubles for francs at the rate of one tchervonetz for 26 francs 50 centimes. As the tchervonetz is equivalent to 10 rubles and the official exchange or par rate is 130 francs, the current offering is at 20.4% of par, indicating that the inflation of the ruble has reached a point where its real value is only one-fifth of par value.

From Tokyo, Japan, comes word of a disagreement with the Soviets on the exchange rate to be used in paying Russia for fishing concessions along the coasts of Siberia. The Japanese offer to pay 27½ yen against a ruble par of 100 yen, while the Soviet Ambassador at Tokyo is asking payment on the basis of 40% par of ruble.

Persia Postpones Change from Silver to Gold Standard.

The following (United Press) from Teheran, Persia, appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 20:

The Government has postponed a contemplated change from the silver standard to gold standard. The postponement will be effective for at least six months.

Governor of New Zealand Cuts Official Salary.

From Wellington (New Zealand), Feb. 17, Associated Press advices said:

Lord Bledisloe, Governor General of New Zealand, today requested that his official salary be reduced 10% for the public interest. Premier Forbes gratefully accepted his offer.

The Governor General's salary is £5,000 (\$25,000) a year with £2,500 allowances, a total of about \$37,500.

City of Bergen (Norway) Calls 6% Bonds Due in 1949.

Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., fiscal agents for the City of Bergen, Norway, are issuing a notice to holders of the city's municipal external dollar loan of 1924, 25-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds due Oct. 1 1949, that the entire amount of bonds now outstanding have been called for redemption on April 1 1931 at par. Interest on the issue, of which \$1,900,000 are outstanding will cease on the redemption date.

Revenues Pledged to Secure Loan of Estonia in Excess of Requirements.

Hallgarten & Co., fiscal agents of the Republic of Estonia (Banking and Currency Reform) 7% loan, 1927, are advised that the assigned revenues pledged to secure this loan yielded \$1,239,000 during 1930. This compares with \$1,309,000 in 1929 and \$1,329,000 in 1928. The annual service requirements on this loan, a substantial portion of which is represented by Sterling bonds, are less than \$550,000. The pledged revenues are derived from the excise duties on tobacco, beer, matches and other minor articles. It is reported that State finances continue to be satisfactory and that relatively general conditions in Estonia are much better than in many other countries.

Bonds of Peruvian National Loan 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 \$140,500 of these bonds have been drawn by lot for redemption at their principal amount and accrued interest on April 1 1931.

Shipment of Gold From Argentina Consigned to Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.—Peso to Be Maintained at Present Quotation to Permit Wheat Prices to Reach Level of World Market Quotations.

A shipment of \$2,475,000 in gold arrived from Argentina Feb. 28 on the steamship Eastern Prince, consigned to the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. by the Banco de la Nacion Argentina, Buenos Aires. Designed to support the peso, the shipment consisted of 99 cases of U. S. gold coins and was the first made to the Central Hanover this year.

During February, the Argentine peso rate has risen steadily, and according to the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., it is proposed to maintain the peso around its present quotation to allow wheat prices to reach a level in accordance with the world market quotations. If the price of wheat improves, the exchange rate is expected to advance proportionately.

Receipt of Funds for Interest and Sinking Fund Requirements on Bonds of Peru (Tobacco Loan).

J. & W. Seligman & Co. announce the receipt of the entire amount required for interest and sinking fund payments due March 1 1931, on Republic of Peru 7% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1959 (the Tobacco Loan).

Tenders Asked for Bonds of Argentine Government.

Holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds of 1923, series A, are invited by the Chase National Bank of New York to submit tenders of such bonds sufficient in amount to exhaust the \$304,006 in cash available for the sinking fund purchases. Tenders of bonds with coupons due on and after Sept. 1 1931, will be accepted at prices below par until 3 p.m. March 12.

Funds Available for Redemption of State Railways Bond Issue of Argentine Government.

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York has issued a notice to holders of Government of the Argentine National external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, State Railways issue of 1927, announcing that \$238,891 is available in the sinking fund for the purchase of such bonds at prices below par. Tenders of bonds with coupons due on and after Sept. 1 1931, must be delivered at the corporate trust department of the Chase National Bank, 11 Broad St., New York, before 3 p.m. March 11 1931.

Chase National Bank of New York Extends Cuban Loans.

Associated Press Advices from Havana March 5 said: Secretary of the Treasury announced to-day that an agreement had been reached with the Chase National Bank of New York to extend over two years in 3-month periods the \$20,000,000 government debt.

Paraguayan Strike Fails—Communists Leaders Seized and Others Flee.

A cablegram from Asuncion, Feb. 24 to the New York "Times" stated:

The Paraguayan general strike has proved a failure. All local services are normal.

The Government arrested many Communists, including former Minister Daniel Codas, the reported leader of Paraguayan Communists; also a Chilean subject, Senor Fuentes, the author of subversive propaganda.

Government boats are pursuing fugitives up the river. The general situation is tranquil.

Second European Grain Parley Ends Without a Solution—Action on Danubian Surpluses Left for Further Meetings—Briand Sees Gain for His Federation Plan and Looks to Control of Production—Russians Will Be Included in Future Meetings.

The second European grain conference ended its labors in Paris on Feb. 22 in much the same spirit as was manifest during the deliberations of the first conference earlier in the week, said a cablegram from Paris on that date to the New York "Times," which also had the following to say:

The coming together of representatives of all the European States with the exception of Russia and three smaller nations was to have marked a courageous, practical effort to give life to Aristide Briand's dream of a European union by means of action on the present agricultural crisis. Courage and good sense were not absent, but to any unbiased observer of this week's deliberations it was more than apparent that the obstacles barring the way to European economic unity were numerous and painful.

Having found that the achievement of a European federation by political means was ruled out in the present state of affairs, the French Foreign Minister hoped that the common ground of economic depression would prove the necessary stimulus for unity of a more businesslike character. The problem placed before this week's conferences was therefore a practical one, namely, how Europe by a measure of unselfishness and co-operation could best dispose of the present and future grain surpluses of the Danubian States.

Old Rivalries Crop Up.

The actual amount of grain immediately to be handled was not a large one—roughly, about 3,000,000 tons—but from the very start of the conversations old rivalries, suspicions, widely varying points of view and, above all, an inevitable tendency on the part of every nation to regard a business proposition in a strictly business light combined to make progress impossible.

Confronted with these stubborn if unfortunate facts, the two conferences did the only thing that could be done under the circumstances. The matter of the sale and purchase of the surpluses, which was the basis of the whole question, was left to further conferences, the hope being

expressed that meanwhile the individual States would make direct arrangements for the purchase of the Danubian excesses.

Full emphasis was placed upon the "moral" advance registered through the good-will of 24 Nations showing willingness, at least, to come together to discuss the possibilities of economic unity.

With his rare ability for placing the best possible interpretation upon a given situation, the father of the federation scheme told the correspondents to-day that the "general impression of the conference was good." The first practical enterprise of the European federation, said M. Briand, had been carried out in an atmosphere of realities.

"It was the initial experience for the federation, for which there are grounds for congratulations," continued the Foreign Minister. "It disclosed good-will and gave rise to expectations for European solidarity of the best kind. It is in this that we find the germ of hope for the future, which I will seek to develop with all the facilities at my command."

Statistics Gathered.

M. Briand went on to say that some persons had expected the conference to set up a kind of grain market for the sale and purchase of grains, but it was obvious that this was impossible. On the other hand, he declared, the conference had obtained precise indications and gathered statistics of the European agricultural position, while the Governments present had promised to do all they could to ameliorate the grave difficulties of the Danube States.

"A committee for the organization of this aid will meet in Paris in March, and a commission dealing with the proposed agricultural credit institute will meet at Geneva in May," continued M. Briand. "Both bid fair to be effective mediums. Furthermore, this week's conference were good preparatory meeting for the world grain conference opening in Rome on March 26.

"European agreements do not exclude world agreements for the control of production and economic exchanges. In this fashion there would be in each country an organization capable of knowing at any moment the state of production in that country and the methods of regularizing it. The whole world is interested in this result. Now, when there is economic depression, misery follows and with it a reduction of buying power. On the other hand, the control of production would place business upon a sounder foundation."

Questioned about the position of Russia and her eventual participation in a broad world grain scheme, M. Briand replied that Russia would have representatives at the March meeting of the grain conference and her delegates would then be able to state their position.

Delegates Less Hopeful.

The Foreign Minister's optimism was at variance with the depression among the departing delegations caused by the decision of the United States Farm Board to export to Europe and other places 35,000,000 bushels of wheat. It is presumed the wheat will be sold for the best price that can be obtained, or, in other words, at a figure competitive with Russian and Canadian grain. If such proves to be the case, it is the opinion of the delegates that "a free-for-all fight" for European markets will follow, with the European importing Nations purchasing wheat under the most favorable conditions obtainable.

The leaders of the conference feared that dumping this huge amount would wreck the world wheat markets, and hope was expressed that the world grain accord proposed at the parley would soon materialized. It was suggested that the United States, Canada and Argentina should send strong delegations to Rome, so that the foundation of a world agreement could be laid.

The decision to include Russia in all future grain conferences is recognition, however tardy, of the impossibility of solving the European grain crisis with the present largest European exporting nation on the outside. By the same reasoning, it was likewise found that the collaboration of the three great overseas producing nations which sell huge quantities on this side must also be obtained.

The first European grain conference was referred to in these columns Feb. 28, page 1516.

Delegates to Paris Grain Parley Say Action of Federal Farm Board in Selling Wheat Abroad Is Equivalent to Dumping on Depressed Market.

In a cablegram to the New York "Times" from Paris Feb. 27 it was stated that a feeling closely akin to consternation developed in the second European grain conference late that day when it learned that the United States Farm Board had decided to sell 35,000,000 bushels of wheat in Continental markets at a price considerably below that maintained at home. Reference to this was made in the "Chronicle" Feb. 28, page 1514. The "Times" in its cablegram said:

When the heads of the various delegations had partly recovered from their astonishment, keen interest was the reaction to the move characterized as "American dumping" on a scale comparable with that of Russia.

Some of the delegates hesitated to believe the American Government would consent to a scheme which, according to to-day's reports, does not differ from the Soviet selling methods which are widely denounced in the United States. Others recalled that Canada and Argentina were conducting extensive selling campaigns throughout Europe, in which the diplomatic representatives of the two nations were actively engaged.

Because of the high prices fixed by the Farm Board, Canada and Argentina have been able to obtain much business which had previously gone to the United States. With the Farm Board apparently determined to overcome this handicap, the question has naturally arisen here as to whether American diplomats will now become wheat salesmen.

Fear Further Depression.

The delegates' resentment was caused by the fact that United States competition would further depress the European wheat market. The only definite thing which the present conference accomplished was recognition of the fact that the European grain crisis could not be solved without the collaboration of the great wheat-producing countries overseas. Francois Poncet as President of the conference suggested a world grain agreement.

The delegates who accepted the reported decision of the Farm Board as a fact stressed that a world grain accord was imperative now. Unless such an understanding can be reached, these experts believe the European agricultural situation, especially in Rumania, Poland, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Hungary, will go from bad to worse with Russia and the United States dumping huge quantities of wheat, further depressing prices and demoralizing markets.

There was much speculation among grain experts as to the price which the Farm Board would fix for its European shipments. Russian high protein wheat is sold for about 10 cents a bushel under the price of the best Canadian product. If the American board desires to compete with the Russians it will have to undersell Canada.

Assuming the figure of 35,000,000 bushels to be accurate, observers here explain, it represents about half of the total amount of wheat which the Russians dumped on the European market from Aug. 1 1930, to Feb. 19 last. The Farm Board is understood to control 140,000,000 bushels. According to the estimates of French grain brokers, Europe must import about 320,000,000 bushels of wheat each year.

The board's plan will be awaited with no little anxiety, especially since the grain conferences have been able to advance very little the solution of Europe's agricultural troubles. The first conference, which dealt with last year's surpluses, failed to achieve practical results because of the manifold business obstacles in the way, and the present meeting, which concludes to-morrow morning, will have to adjourn with its problem of future surpluses no further along the road to solution.

Chairman Legge of Federal Farm Board Denies Intimation That Grain Stabilization Corporation Will "Dump" Wheat on Foreign Markets.

The Grain Stabilization Corp. has not sold, and will not sell, wheat at prices below the world price level, and any intimation that the corporation intends to "dump" wheat on foreign markets is erroneous, Alexander Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, stated orally Feb. 28. The "United States Daily" from which the foregoing is taken, went on to say:

Mr. Legge made the statement when there were called to his attention reports that the announced plan of the corporation to sell "not in excess of 35,000,000 bushels" of wheat on foreign markets had been compared at a European conference on the wheat situation to Soviet Russian "dumping."

Only about 20,000,000 bushels of the wheat will go to Europe, Mr. Legge said, the remainder going largely to the Orient.

The Corporation has been selling wheat for export at prices well above the world level, Mr. Legge said and on Feb. 28 George S. Milnor, manager of the Corporation, had telegraphed him that there was an active demand for United States wheat at prices above 70 cents at Gulf ports. Sales have been made to Antwerp in the last few days at 74 cents a bushel at Gulf ports, Mr. Legge said, while the Liverpool price was only 65 cents.

In comparison with domestic prices, Mr. Legge pointed out, the export price received is nine cents a bushel above the July future at Chicago, which represents the normal price, not artificially stabilized, in the United States. While the price of May wheat at Chicago is nine cents a bushel above the price received for the export wheat, this May price is maintained artificially by the Grain Stabilization Corp., Mr. Legge said.

Asked if foreign nations' antidumping laws might not be applied because the wheat is being sold abroad at a lower price than the price of old-crop wheat in the United States, Mr. Legge said technically the laws might be construed to apply, but he did not anticipate any difficulty in this direction because of the pledge that none will be sold below world price levels.

There is no comparison between sales of wheat by the corporation and Russian dumping, he said, because the Russian wheat was dumped on the market at prices below the world level, thereby depressing the world price, while the United States wheat will not be so sold.

The estimate that not more than 35,000,000 bushels will be exported in the next three or four months applies to all wheat which is out of position for practical sale in the United States, and only about 20,000,000 bushels of this will be sold in Europe, Mr. Legge said. The remaining 15,000,000 bushels is on the Pacific coast and will be sold largely in the Orient, thus not affecting Europe.

The spread of nine cents in the price of the export wheat at New Orleans over the Liverpool price represents really a differential of 14 to 15 cents a bushel, Mr. Legge said, when transportation costs are considered. The United States and Canada, he added, have practically the only wheat in the world of really high quality, and they obtain material price premiums for it. The Canadian premium is slightly higher than that obtained for United States wheat, he said.

The corporation will take a loss on the wheat it sells abroad, Mr. Legge said, but he could not estimate the amount of the loss.

An item concerning the proposal of the Grain Stabilization Corp. to dispose of 35,000,000 bushels of wheat abroad appeared in our issue of Feb. 28, page 1514.

General Manager MacFarland of Canadian Wheat Pool Commends Proposed Sale Abroad by Federal Farm Board of 35,000,000 Bushels of Wheat.

Canadian Press advices from Winnipeg, Feb. 28, said:

Announcement by the United States Farm Board that 35,000,000 bushels of wheat will be the maximum exported in the next four months was commended to-day by John I. MacFarland, General Manager of the Canadian Wheat Pool.

The Wheat Pool head said the announcement was "the most constructive and reassuring statement that has so far been made." He believed it would "clear the atmosphere of much apprehension which has been prevalent throughout exporting and importing countries regarding the quality of wheat which the United States might suddenly decide to throw on the world's markets."

The fact that the 35,000,000 bushels to be exported would not be sold at lower prices than those current in other exporting countries would have a beneficial and reassuring effect on the markets, he said.

Alexander Legge Resigns from Federal Farm Board—James C. Stone His Successor as Chairman.

It was made known yesterday (March 6) that President Hoover has accepted the resignation of Alexander Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board. James C. Stone was named by President Hoover as Chairman of the Farm Board succeeding Mr. Legge.

President Hoover, in announcing his acceptance of Mr. Legge's resignation, said: "I am certain I reflect the view of the agricultural community when I express intense regret at Mr. Legge's retirement."

C. C. Teague of the Farm Board has been elected Vice-Chairman to succeed Mr. Stone. Associated Press accounts from Washington yesterday (March 6) said:

Mr. Legge sent his resignation to the White House nearly two weeks ago. President Hoover is understood to have attempted to persuade him to remain in office another year.

Federal Farm Board to Sell Wheat to Mills.

The following is from the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" of last night (March 6):

According to a message from Kansas City, the Federal Farm Board will sell wheat to mills on a basis comparable with the price at which wheat is being sold for export, the wheat being given to mills at the set price and when proof is furnished that the flour has been exported the Board will rebate the difference between the domestic and the export price of wheat.

Big Farm Reserves Drop Grain Prices—Amount of Wheat Fed to Live Stock Proves Much Less Than Looked For.

From the New York "Times" we quote the following from Chicago March 2:

Wheat traders were surprised today by private estimates of grains in reserve on farms, an analysis of the domestic situation made by statisticians here indicating that estimates of the amount of wheat that would be or had been fed to live stock was materially below the lowest figures calculated earlier in the season.

Wheat futures showed fair strength early today on the Chicago Board of Trade, but weakened on scattered selling, the new crop months falling to a new low mark on the present downturn and closing $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ cent lower with the July at the inside within 2 cents of the lowest figure of the season.

Winnipeg was firm early, but closed $\frac{1}{4}$ cent lower. Buenos Aires was off $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. Liverpool finished $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ penny higher.

The local element and commission houses bought corn early on prospects of bullish estimates on farm reserves, but when the latter showed an average of 742,000,000 bushels, or 245,000,000 under those of last year, there was fairly general selling. The figures were construed as indicating heavy economies in consumption, as the crop of 1930 was 533,000,000 bushels below that of the previous year.

Liquidation in oats sent March to a new low quotation for the season. Final sales were at net losses of $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ cent. Farm reserves of 488,000,000 bushels, which were above trade expectations, compared with 396,000,000 a year before.

Rye declined $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents with wheat. Farm reserves were placed at 7,300,000 bushels, against 5,400,000 last year.

Federal Farm Board Reported As Again Supporting Wheat—Re-enters Market to Buy Old and New March to Prevent Further Break.

From its Chicago bureau the "Wall Street Journal" reported the following in its issue of February 28:

For the first time in a number of weeks the Stabilization Corporation was forced to support wheat Friday (Feb. 27). The Corporation put in open orders to buy old March at 79 cents and the new at 79 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents. This prevented any decline below these figures. Liquidation was from scattered longs who sought to avoid a delivery of the cash grain on March contracts on Monday. However, the open interest is around 9,000,000 bushels in both the old and new style contracts, part of which will be closed early in the month by a delivery of the cash grain.

Announcement of the change in the foreign policy of the Farm Board made Friday had little effect on the market, a decline of around 1 cent in the new crop futures from Thursday's finish being largely in sympathy with a break in corn to a new low figure for the season. Foreign markets practically ignored the Farm Board announcement and Winnipeg rallied after an early decline and closed practically unchanged, as did the Chicago market.

Action of one of the leading local banks in offering to loan only 60 cents a bushel on cash wheat was ignored as a market factor, as trade leaders regarded it as only natural in view of the artificial price maintained for the old crop grain by the Farm Board. All banks are expected to be making loans on the basis of the July future within a short time. The general practice of local banks at the present time is to loan 90% of the value of cash wheat based on the May future, but when the latter expires, loans are expected to be on basis of the July, which on the basis of the prevailing difference in the price of the May and the July would amount to around 12 cents a bushel. As far as is known, none of the local banks have asked for an increase in margins on cash wheat.

An item regarding the demand of Western banks for more margin on wheat appeared in our issue of February 28, page 1516.

Mexico Places Embargo on Wheat Imports.

From the "Sun" of last night we take the following (Associated Press) from Mexico City yesterday, March 6:

A bulletin of the Department of Agriculture published to-day places an absolute quarantine on all importations of wheat into Mexico.

The decree states that the measure is designed to prevent introduction of grain diseases into Mexico, but in view of recent protests against importations of Russian and other grain, the action was regarded as primarily intended to aid Mexican industry.

Representatives of workers in several Mexican oil refineries have petitioned the President and the Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor to place a similar embargo on importations of gasoline into Mexico, alleging that refineries will have to close down unless such action is taken.

Mexican Chambers of Commerce Petition Government to Prevent Dumping of Wheat Through Higher Tariff.

Associated Press accounts from Mexico City, March 2 said: Chambers of Commerce of Tampico and several other cities to-day petitioned the Government to take immediate steps to prevent dumping of cheap wheat on the Mexican market.

Unless a higher tariff is enacted Mexican wheat growers and dealers will face ruin, the petitioners stated, pointing out that under the prevailing tariff Russia is able to place her wheat on the market at a price which Mexican growers cannot meet.

Price-Fixing Planned by Mexico in Crisis—\$235,000 Said to Have Been Set Aside to Buy Necessaries for Sale to Workers at Cost.

The following from Mexico City, March 1 is from the New York "Times":

After many suggestions from as many sources for the alleviation of Mexico's economic, financial and industrial crisis, there was made public yesterday, although not officially, a plan which is regarded as the most practical solution yet offered.

It is based on the Government's decision to establish a commission to regulate the prices of articles of prime necessity. The commission would be made up of business men whose concerns are not affiliated in any way with the movement. Their efforts would be confined to elimination of speculation in any commodity which comes within the category of necessities of life.

"La Prensa," a morning tabloid, reported that 500,000 pesos had been set aside for the purchase of articles of prime necessity to be sold to the working and needy classes at cost.

President Rubio of Mexico Acts to Aid Silver Peso—Orders Banks to Put Gold and Stocks into Currency.

Associated Press advices from Mexico City March 4, are taken as follows from the New York "Times":

As a measure for stabilizing the silver peso, which in recent months has fallen greatly in value, President Ortiz Rubio has signed an order obliging banks established in Mexico to convert their reserve guarantees on silver deposits into silver currency.

It is estimated this will cause the withdrawal from circulation of 25,000,000 silver pesos and thus improve the percentage of silver money in the public's hands as compared with gold.

Gold and negotiable stocks held by the banks as guarantees for silver deposits must be changed into silver pesos under the terms of the order.

Loans to Peach and Fig Association—Receives \$185,000 from Federal Farm Board.

Complete confirmation of the closing of the loans of the Federal Farm Board to the California Peach and Fig Growers' Association, a California co-operative, was received on Feb. 24 by E. I. Feemster, President of the Association, according to Fresno, Cal., advices Feb. 25 to the New York "Journal of Commerce," from which we also take the following:

Under the terms of the loan the Association receives a total of \$185,000, of which \$135,000 is a facility loan and the other \$50,000 is for operating capital.

The \$135,000 was used to liquidate the obligation of the Association to the Bank of America, and now all bank indebtedness has been liquidated.

By reason of the financing of the Association by the Farm Board the grower members of the Association now have title to four of the Association plants at Dinuba, Reedley, Kingsburg and Fresno, subject only to the lien of the Farm Board. Six months ago the growers' association had no title to any of the peach and fig properties, title being previously held in the four plants by the California Peach & Fig Growers, Inc. a Delaware corporation, which still holds the title to plants in Hanford, Parlier, Sanger, Clovis, Fowler and Atwater.

Liquidation of the Delaware corporation of the association is being carried out by Feemster, the Farm Board financing clearing the way for the most advantageous sales of these properties that can be arranged. The Figarden plant has already been sold, but the Delaware company still has a definite equity under the contract of sale.

The four plants, Dinuba, Reedley, Kingsburg and Fresno, which are pledged to the Farm Board as security for the loan, have a valuation appraised by the Farm Board at nearly \$600,000, Feemster stated.

Negotiations for the loan were announced last summer, but the subsequent illness of Feemster and the details involved in effecting the transfer were responsible for the delay in the completion of the loan.

Acreage in Wheat Being Reduced, According to Chairman Legge of Federal Farm Board—Says Movement to Cut Planting Is Spreading.

The entire wheat and cotton situation "is in the hands of the jury," of growers, upon whom will depend future prices of the crops they raise, Alexander Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, stated orally Feb. 26. The "United States Daily" of Feb. 27 thus quoted him, and further stated:

Lower prices will result from continued heavy production by farmers but an improved situation is probable, if this production is curtailed, he explained.

The market is in such a condition that concerted action by the growers will have a beneficial effect, he said. Meanwhile, he added, there are indications that the movement among farmers to reduce wheat acreage is spreading, the Greater North Dakota Association recently having started a vigorous campaign for a reduction of acreage in its State. Similar movements have been developed in the Texas-Oklahoma region and in the extreme Northwest, he said, and in some cases as many as 90% of the wheat growers in a county have signed agreements to restrict acreage. In the Columbia basin of the Northwest, he said, the agreements have taken the form of contracts to feed 25% of the wheat production on the farms where it is produced, thus removing it from markets.

There will be a substantial market for wheat in Europe this Spring, Mr. Legge said, as demand there usually increases sharply by Apr. 1 and continues until the new crop is harvested. He said he would not venture to say what nations would supply the demand, but pointed out that Canadian

wheat has been selling in Liverpool at a premium as high as 18 cents a bushel above Argentine wheat, so that it might be possible that price differentials would not exclude United States wheat.

The recent conference of European interests on a possible agreement for absorption of the surplus wheat crop of the Danubian countries by European importing countries, which is reported to have ended without agreement, would not affect the United States, Mr. Legge said. The Danubian surplus is only a small percentage of the import needs of Europe, he added.

Reports of a change in policy by the Grain Stabilization Corporation probably are based on the intention of the Corporation to sell some of its wheat which is "out of position," that is not in the best position for domestic marketing, Mr. Legge said. This has been done by the corporation consistently, he said when it had wheat in such a position. Some of the wheat referred to at present, he said, is probably in Baltimore and in the Northwest. The amount of the sales will not be large, he said.

Senate Passes Resolution Authorizing Use of \$5,000,000 of \$45,000,000 Drouth Appropriation for Relief of Farmers Unable to Furnish Security.

On March 2 the U. S. Senate adopted a resolution (S. J. Res. 263) authorizing the use of \$5,000,000 from the \$45,000,000 drouth relief fund for loans to farmers in the drouth stricken area who are unable to furnish security. The resolution, introduced by Senator Caraway (Dem.), of Arkansas, was messaged to the House for consideration, said the "United States Daily" of March 3 which added:

In discussing his resolution and asking for its immediate consideration, Senator Caraway stated that "a vast number" of farmers in the drouth-stricken area are unable to meet the requirements for security set up by the Secretary of Agriculture in the administration of the \$45,000,000 fund for loans to farmers. The resolution leaves to the discretion of the Secretary of Agriculture the use of \$5,000,000 for loans to farmers of "character and energy" who cannot give sufficient security, he explained.

As adopted by the Senate the resolution reads:

Resolved, etc., that the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to use not to exceed \$5,000,000 of the \$45,000,000 appropriated by public resolution No. 114 of the 71st Congress, approved Jan. 15, 1931, for the purpose of making loans, advances and sales authorized by public resolution No. 112 of the 71st Congress, approved Dec. 20, 1930, to farmers in the drouth and/or storm-stricken or hail-stricken areas of the United States who are unable to furnish security therefor for the purposes designated by said act and all amendments thereto.

Drouth Relief Loans, Out of \$45,000,000 Appropriation, \$6,455,000.

Under date of March 4 Associated Press advices from Washington said:

Loans to farmers from the \$45,000,000 drouth-relief appropriation today totaled \$6,455,624. George L. Hoffman, chief of the seed loan bureau, said that loans the past week had doubled the total advanced to farmers.

Secretary Hyde of Department of Agriculture Liberalizes Regulations Governing Loans from \$45,000,000 Drouth Appropriation.

It was announced by the Department of Agriculture on February 27 that Secretary Hyde has liberalized the regulations, made December 30, 1930, governing the granting of loans from the \$45,000,000 fund provided for seed, fertilizer, feed and/or fuel and oil for tractors, so that loans up to \$75 may be made to farmers for buying feed for livestock—dairy cows, hogs and poultry—used for producing food for the farm family. The authority for this change was granted in the Act of Congress approved Feb. 14 1931. A further liberalization of regulations, approved by Secretary Hyde, provides that in the drouth and/or storm stricken areas of Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio and Michigan the limit of loans to the tenants of any one landlord in any one county be \$2,000 instead of \$600 for seed, fertilizer, feed and/or fuel and oil for tractors in 1931.

Provision in Interior Department Appropriation Bill Carrying \$20,000,000 For Drouth Relief.

Herewith we give the provision carried as a rider to the Interior Department Appropriation Bill signed by President Hoover on Feb. 14, appropriating \$20,000,000 for drouth relief.

Public Resolution Numbered 112 of the Seventy-first Congress for the relief of farmers in the stricken areas approved December 20 1930 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"Any money appropriated pursuant to the authorization contained in this section may be used in the purchase of feed for other livestock upon the same terms and conditions as such money may be used for the purchase of feed for work stock.

"In addition to the sums herein authorized, and appropriations made thereunder, there is hereby appropriated to be immediately available, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$20,000,000 to be used by the Secretary of Agriculture for the following purposes: (1) to make advances or loans to individuals in the drouth and/or storm or hail stricken areas of the United States for the purpose of assisting in forming local agricultural-credit corporations, livestock loan companies, or like organizations, or of increasing the capital stock of such corporations, companies or organizations qualified to do business with Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, or to which such privileges may be extended, and/or of making loans to individuals upon the security of the capital stock of such corporations, companies or organizations, and (2) to

make advances or loans to farmers for crop production for the crop of 1931 and for further agricultural rehabilitation in the drouth and/or storm stricken or hail stricken areas of the United States. The advances and loans made pursuant to this Act and amendment thereto shall be secured by liens on crops or by other security, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of Agriculture may prescribe."

The passage by Congress of the Interior Department Appropriation Bill was noted in our issue of February 21, page 1334.

Secretary of Agriculture Hyde States That \$10,000,000 of \$20,000,000 Drouth Relief Appropriation Will Be Reserved For Loans For Agricultural Purposes to Credit Corporations—Rules For Loans.

The general instructions and various forms for making advances or loans for assisting in forming local agricultural credit corporations, livestock loan companies or like organizations, or to increase the capital stock of such organizations qualified to do business with the Federal intermediate credit banks, have been approved by Secretary of Agriculture Hyde. \$10,000,000 of the \$20,000,000 appropriated by Congress Feb. 14, the Secretary announced on Feb. 27, will be tentatively reserved for the above purpose. The Department's announcement in the matter added:

According to the Secretary's instructions, loans may also be made to individuals in the drouth and/or storm stricken or hail stricken areas of the United States, upon the security of the capital stock of such corporations or companies, but in all cases the proceeds of such loans must be used to form part of the capital structure of the corporation or to expand its capital, or to replace any impairment of the capital structure of the corporation.

The Department of Agriculture expects to begin distribution of the necessary forms early next week and to be making these loans in a week or ten days. The forms will be sent to intermediate credit banks and to a long list of companies and individuals who have indicated a desire to form such credit organizations.

The capital stock of the credit corporations or livestock loan companies receiving these loans must be at least \$25,000. No definite stipulation is made in the instructions as to the extent of local participation in subscription of the capital structure, but the instructions state "that sufficient local capital must be subscribed to insure local interest and good management." The instructions emphasize that "the maximum benefit to the local community can only be realized by the largest possible contribution of local capital and the best obtainable local management."

The amount of individual loans, according to the instructions, will be determined on the merits of individual cases. The notes will bear 3½% interest. It is provided that loans may be renewed for a second year, depending upon conditions at the end of the first year, but in no case will an extension be granted beyond the second year. The Department's plan is to form a Committee of representative bankers in each State to assist in the administration of these loans, but definite arrangements have not been completed.

Chicago Congestion Forces Grain Shift—Grain Stabilization Corporation, Government Subsidiary, to Ship 500,000 Bushels, Aiding Elevators.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Chicago, March 4:

Shipments by rail of 500,000 bushels of wheat are to be made from Chicago by the Grain Stabilization Corporation, a government subsidiary, it was announced tonight. The grain will go to various locations, not announced, for storage to relieve the congested elevator situation here. The grain has not been sold.

Directors of the Chicago Board of Trade, after an investigation of the storage situation here, have decided that there is no emergency to call for the delivery of grain in cars on track. The speculative trade is much opposed to track deliveries, but elevator men favor it and sold 250,000 bushels of wheat to be taken out of Chicago private elevators or moved in from other localities for delivery on March sales. The open interest in March wheat is around 5,000,000 bushels, against almost 10,000,000 bushels a week ago.

Federal Farm Board officials say that shorts and hedgers can get all the March wheat they want in the pit at around 79 cents, the pegged price. There is no intention of squeezing shorts.

Senate Passes Resolution Asking Secretary Hyde Why \$20,000,000 for Drouth Relief Had Not Been Made Available—Secretary Hyde's Reply.

On Feb. 27 the U. S. Senate passed a resolution asking Secretary of Agriculture Hyde to inform it why the \$20,000,000 provided for in the Interior Department Appropriation Bill had not been made available to farmers in the drouth stricken area. The resolution was offered by Senator Caraway (Democrat) of Arkansas. At the request of Senator Bingham (Republican) of Connecticut, the preamble to the resolution was stricken out. In the preamble it was stated that "the Secretary of Agriculture without justification has delayed to make such loan available." As adopted the resolution reads:

Resolved, That the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby requested to inform the Senate immediately:

First, why the fund of \$20,000,000, appropriated in the Interior Department appropriation bill to be loaned for the relief of farmers in the drouth afflicted area, has not been made available for that purpose, and

Second, when he purposes to act in this matter.

The \$20,000,000 for drouth relief was provided in a rider attached to the Interior Department Appropriation Bill, signed on Feb. 14 by President Hoover, as noted in our issue of Feb. 21, page 1334.

The reply of Secretary Hyde to the above resolution was made as follows under date of March 2:

Department of Agriculture,
Washington, March 2, 1931.

The Honorable, the President of the Senate:
Dear Mr. President:

Replying to the request contained in S. Res. 479, I have the honor to inform the Senate that because of the extended debate upon the appropriation of \$20,000,000 contained in the Interior Department bill; and because of the uncertainty as to the provisions of the act, it was not possible to work out the administration and accounting problem entailed until the act was finally passed and its provisions definitely known.

Under clause (1) of the second paragraph of the appropriation, loans are authorized to individuals for the purpose of assisting in forming local agricultural credit corporations, livestock loan companies, and like organizations, or of increasing the capital stock of such corporations. The Intermediate Credit Bank System, the Federal Reserve System, the General Accounting Office and other agencies are, incidentally, involved in the administration of this clause.

Many conferences have been held with them in order that our regulations might not conflict with their regular course of business. It has been necessary to call in from field representatives of each of the Intermediate Credit Banks, which do business in the drouth areas. It has been necessary, also, to create State committees whose duties are to assist the Department in obtaining the widest possible distribution of the funds and the maximum usefulness of the agricultural credit corporations to be set up.

The plan of administration and the necessary instructions, forms, and legal documents were completed and delivered to the Government Printing Office several days ago. With commendable co-operation and efficiency, the Public Printer has delivered to us this morning the completed printed material which is today being forwarded to the State committees, which have been set up in nearly every State affected.

Under clause (2) of the second paragraph of the appropriation dealing with agricultural rehabilitation, difficult questions of accounting, of definition and of regulation have been encountered. It is desirable to use the emergency organization already created for the administration of public resolution 112, appropriating \$45,000,000 for loans for feed, seed and fertilizer, but at the same time the accounting must be kept separate. The regulations and instructions have been completed and telegraphed to each of the field officers of the Department for their guidance.

There exists now no reason why applications for loans under any and all sections of public resolution 112 and the \$20,000,000 appropriation may not now be received and payment made shortly thereafter.

ARTHUR M. HYDE,
Secretary.

Offering of \$15,000,000 Debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks—Books Closed.

Offering of \$15,000,000 Federal Intermediate Credit Banks 3% debentures for refunding purposes was announced early this week by Charles R. Dunn, Fiscal Agent. The bonds, it is stated, have been oversubscribed, and the books closed. Dated March 16 1931 and maturing in four, five and six months, the debentures were priced on application. Secured by loans and discounts representing advances made for production and marketing of crops and livestock under an Act of Congress approved March 4 1923, the debentures are exempt from all income taxes. No capital loans are made by the banks. The entire capital of the 12 Federal Intermediate Credit banks was subscribed for by the United States Treasury and all 12 banks are liable for the principal of and interest on the debentures. Previous offerings were noted in our issues of Dec. 6 1930, page 3637; Jan. 10, page 212, and Feb. 14, page 1146.

Resolution Before Illinois Senate for Appointment of Commission to Investigate Chicago Stock Exchange and Other Exchanges.

The following from Springfield, Ill., is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 20:

A resolution has been introduced into the Illinois State Senate by Senator Heusch of Cook County asking for a commission of five members of that body to investigate the operations and activities of stock exchanges in general and of the Chicago Stock Exchange and the Chicago Curb Exchange in particular to determine whether any unworthy stocks are being listed and to investigate the practices and operation of those exchanges as well as the requirements and standards prescribed. The resolution asks that rules of these exchanges as to the financing and organization of investment trusts be given special scrutiny.

The purpose of the bill is to determine whether or not the laws of this state adequately protect holders of securities traded on these exchanges.

Under the rules of the Senate, the bill was laid over for one day.

The Chicago Board of Trade was not mentioned specifically in the resolution.

Increase of \$119,410,740 in Outstanding Brokers' Loans on New York Stock Exchange During February—Total Feb. 28, \$1,839,756,058.

After falling to the new low figure of \$1,720,345,318 on Jan. 31, outstanding brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange expanded during February, and rose to \$1,839,756,058 on Feb. 28, an increase of \$119,410,740 as compared with the total at the end of January. In the Feb. 28 statement demand loans are shown as \$1,505,251,689, comparing with \$1,365,582,515 on Jan. 31, while time loans on Feb. 28 are reported as \$334,504,369, as against \$354,762,803

on Jan. 31. The Feb. 28 figures were made public as follows on March 3 by the Stock Exchange:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business Feb. 28 1931, aggregated \$1,839,756,058. The detailed tabulation follows:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.	Total Loans.
1 Net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies	\$1,333,865,050	\$311,796,369	
2 Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies, or others in the City of New York	171,386,039	22,708,000	
	\$1,505,251,689	\$334,504,369	
Combined total of time and demand loans			\$1,839,756,058

The scope of the above compilation is exactly the same as in the loan report issued by the Exchange a month ago.

The compilation of the Stock Exchange since the issuance of the monthly figures by it, beginning in January 1926, follows:

Year	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.	Total Loans.
1926—			
Jan. 30	\$2,516,960,599	\$966,213,555	\$3,513,174,154
Feb. 27	2,494,846,264	1,040,744,057	3,536,590,321
Mar. 31	2,033,453,760	966,612,407	3,000,066,167
Apr. 30	1,969,869,852	865,848,657	2,835,718,509
May 28	1,987,316,403	780,084,111	2,767,400,514
June 30	2,225,453,893	700,844,512	2,926,298,345
July 31	2,282,976,720	714,782,807	2,997,759,527
Aug. 31	2,363,861,382	778,286,686	3,142,148,068
Sept. 30	2,419,206,724	799,730,286	3,218,937,010
Oct. 31	2,289,430,450	821,746,475	3,111,176,925
Nov. 30	2,329,536,550	799,625,125	3,129,161,675
Dec. 31	2,541,682,885	751,178,370	3,292,860,253
1927—			
Jan. 31	2,328,340,338	810,446,000	3,138,786,338
Feb. 28	2,475,498,129	780,961,250	3,256,459,379
Mar. 31	2,504,687,674	785,093,500	3,289,781,174
Apr. 30	2,541,305,897	799,903,950	3,341,209,847
May 31	2,673,993,079	783,875,950	3,457,869,029
June 30	2,566,968,593	811,998,260	3,378,966,843
July 31	2,764,511,040	877,184,250	3,641,695,290
Aug. 31	2,419,206,724	928,320,545	3,347,527,269
Sept. 30	3,107,674,325	896,953,245	4,004,627,570
Oct. 31	3,023,238,874	922,898,500	3,946,137,374
Nov. 30	3,134,027,002	957,809,300	4,091,836,303
Dec. 31	3,480,779,821	952,127,500	4,432,907,321
1928—			
Jan. 31	3,392,873,281	1,027,479,260	4,420,352,541
Feb. 29	3,294,378,654	1,028,200,260	4,322,578,914
Mar. 31	3,059,749,000	1,059,749,000	4,119,498,000
Apr. 30	3,738,937,509	1,168,845,000	4,907,782,509
May 31	4,070,359,031	1,203,687,250	5,274,046,281
June 30	3,741,632,505	1,156,718,982	4,898,351,487
July 31	3,767,694,495	1,069,653,084	4,837,347,579
Aug. 31	4,093,889,293	957,548,112	5,051,437,405
Sept. 30	4,689,551,974	824,087,711	5,513,639,685
Oct. 31	5,115,727,534	763,993,528	5,879,721,062
Nov. 30	5,614,383,360	777,255,904	6,391,644,264
Dec. 31	5,722,258,724	717,481,787	6,439,740,511
1929—			
Jan. 31	5,982,672,411	752,491,831	6,735,164,241
Feb. 28	5,948,149,410	730,396,507	6,678,545,917
Mar. 30	6,209,908,520	594,458,888	6,804,457,408
Apr. 30	6,203,712,115	571,218,280	6,774,930,395
May 31	6,099,920,475	565,217,450	6,665,137,925
June 29	6,444,459,079	626,762,195	7,071,221,275
July 31	6,870,142,664	603,651,630	7,473,794,294
Aug. 31	7,161,977,972	719,641,454	7,881,619,426
Sept. 30	7,831,991,369	717,392,710	8,549,384,079
Oct. 31	5,238,028,979	870,795,889	6,108,824,868
Nov. 30	3,297,293,032	719,305,377	4,016,598,409
Dec. 31	3,376,420,785	613,089,488	3,989,510,273
1930—			
Jan. 31	3,528,246,115	456,521,950	3,984,768,065
Feb. 28	3,710,563,352	457,025,000	4,167,588,352
Mar. 31	4,052,161,339	604,141,000	4,656,302,339
Apr. 30	4,362,919,341	700,212,018	5,063,131,359
May 29	3,966,873,034	780,958,878	4,747,831,912
June 30	2,980,284,038	747,427,251	3,727,711,289
July 31	3,021,363,910	668,118,387	3,689,482,297
Aug. 30	2,912,612,666	686,020,403	3,598,633,069
Sept. 30	2,830,259,339	651,193,422	3,481,452,761
Oct. 31	1,980,639,692	569,484,395	2,550,124,087
Nov. 30	1,691,494,226	470,754,776	2,162,249,002
Dec. 31	1,519,400,064	374,212,835	1,893,612,899
1931—			
Jan. 31	1,365,582,515	354,762,803	1,720,345,318
Feb. 28	1,505,251,689	334,504,369	1,839,756,058

Financial Stock Clearing Company Suspends Operations Pending Improvement In Business.

The Financial Stock Clearing Company, Inc., 16 Beaver Street, this city, formed a year ago to clear trades in bank and insurance stocks, has temporarily ceased to function, owing to decreased trading in these and other unlisted shares of late. The New York "Times" in its issue of Mar. 3 said:

It was announced at the company's offices that the charter would be retained and that the company would become active again when business warranted.

Trading in bank stocks in the unlisted market became exceedingly active about two years ago, after some banks withdrew their stocks from listing on the Stock Exchange. In the bull markets of 1928 and 1929 the trading was particularly heavy, and these stocks, which previously never had been regarded as popular issues, became widely distributed.

At the time of the company's formation the deflation of late 1929 had apparently sent trading volume to minimum levels. Members subscribed to 100 shares of stock at par of \$100. Twenty-two firms, evenly divided between New York Stock Exchange and non-exchange houses, took out memberships. Theodore C. Noble of Noble & Corwin became president.

The organization of the Financial Stock Clearing Company was noted in our issue of Mar. 22 1930, page 1945.

American State Bank of Detroit Votes to Withdraw Stock From Detroit Stock Exchange List.

Associated Press accounts from Detroit, Mar. 4, stated:

The directors of the American State Bank announced today that they had voted unanimously to withdraw stock in their bank from listing on the Detroit Stock Exchange because of "excessive speculation that has taken place in bank stocks." The bank has resources of approximately \$50,000,000.

Market Value of Listed Shares on New York Stock Exchange March 1 \$57,054,766,481, Compared with \$52,061,956,709 on Feb. 1—Classification of Listed Stocks.

As of March 1 1931 there were 1,300 stock issues aggregating 1,297,879,293 shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$57,054,766,481. This compares with 1,303 stock issues aggregating 1,298,707,031 shares listed Feb. 1 on the Exchange, with a total market value of \$52,061,956,709. In making public the March 1 figures the Stock Exchange said:

As of March 1 1931, New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$1,839,756,058. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on this date was therefore 3.22%.

As of Feb. 1 1931 Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$1,720,345,318. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on that date was 3.30%. In the following table covering Feb. 1 and March 1, listed stocks are classified by leading industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and average share price for each:

	March 1 1931.		February 1 1931.	
	Market Values.	Aver. Price.	Market Price.	Aver. Price.
Autos and accessories	\$ 3,248,349,393	29.82	\$ 2,818,927,895	25.75
Financial	1,899,703,551	30.93	1,736,089,153	28.11
Building	4,262,339,457	65.01	3,838,143,077	59.00
Chemical	531,329,563	33.07	477,292,734	29.71
Electrical equipment manufacturing	2,006,327,067	48.95	1,693,397,818	41.32
Foods	3,221,315,275	46.24	3,045,193,058	43.75
Rubber and tires	308,403,634	25.06	273,717,846	20.76
Farm machinery	563,174,273	50.26	501,080,727	44.72
Amusements	590,501,790	26.36	547,592,036	24.44
Land and realty	147,100,692	27.83	136,419,255	25.91
Machinery and metals	1,710,698,152	34.93	1,546,137,657	31.58
Mining (excluding iron)	1,693,097,151	28.66	1,415,106,297	24.38
Petroleum	4,271,692,989	26.54	4,037,966,692	25.09
Paper and publishing	496,389,715	31.21	483,706,225	30.42
Retail merchandising	2,859,443,867	37.87	2,386,933,575	33.52
Railroads and equipments	8,053,579,965	69.75	7,910,929,823	68.62
Steel, iron and coke	3,048,620,497	79.59	2,801,763,936	73.15
Textiles	206,812,368	18.94	177,393,194	15.95
Gas and electric (operating)	4,198,354,376	61.95	3,817,348,214	56.38
Gas and electric (holding)	3,780,008,773	40.57	3,227,365,144	34.67
Communications (cable, tel. & radio)	4,518,721,194	121.89	4,145,181,076	111.92
Miscellaneous utilities	305,874,060	30.04	282,584,036	27.75
Aviation	199,950,734	13.00	156,963,150	10.21
Business and office equipment	433,913,439	41.56	382,085,364	36.59
Shipping services	41,054,935	19.69	39,159,580	18.79
Ship operating and building	38,526,763	12.69	37,945,084	9.60
Miscellaneous business	171,859,044	31.61	152,150,062	27.99
Leather and boots	259,697,039	36.92	236,412,425	36.88
Tobacco	1,708,552,274	53.48	1,610,066,705	50.47
Garments	34,218,776	17.00	29,451,165	14.67
U. S. companies operating abroad	1,238,331,363	34.31	1,058,834,430	29.34
Foreign companies (incl. Can. & Cuba)	1,168,824,262	28.20	1,035,919,276	25.01
All listed companies	\$57,054,766,481	43.96	\$52,061,956,709	40.09

Harold Winston Re-elected President of Cashiers Association at Third Annual Banquet.

The third annual banquet and entertainment of the Cashiers' Association of Wall Street, Inc., was held on Thursday night, Feb. 26, at the New Elks' Club, Brooklyn, at which time the annual election of officers and directors took place. Harold Winston, of H. L. Doherty & Co., who was unanimously re-elected President, expressed his gratification at the progress and increased membership of the organization since its inception. The increase last year amounted to 30%. George Failey, of G. H. Burr & Co., was elected first Vice-President; William C. Cavagnaro, of Harris, Ayers & Co., Second Vice-President; James D. McMeekan, of J. Roy Prosser & Co., Treasurer, and Joseph Carl, of Alexander Jacoby & Co., Inc., Secretary. The foregoing officers were also elected directors. Other directors serving are E. Noel Brown, of Shields & Co., for two years; Thomas Keely, of Green, Ellis & Anderson; Thomas Rooney, of Siesfeld & Co.; Watts Mason, of Merrill, Lynch & Co.; J. R. Lovett, of Frank C. Masterson & Co.; J. G. Murphy, of Purdy, Remick & Co., Inc., and Charles F. Kogel, of L. F. Rothschild & Co., for one year each.

W. C. Roney Elected President Detroit Stock Exchange.

William C. Roney was elected President of the Detroit Stock Exchange to complete the unfinished term of Max J. Stringer, who tendered his resignation after being transferred to New York, it was announced on Feb. 18, following a meeting of the Board of Governors. Mr. Roney was formerly Vice-President. John F. O'Hara was elected Vice-President to fill the office left vacant by Mr. Roney, and R. B. Porter was selected to complete Mr. Stringer's term on the Board of Governors.

Completion of New Detroit Stock Exchange.

Completion of the new Detroit Stock Exchange building at 415 Griswold Street, Detroit, was celebrated with a

dedicatory banquet on Thursday night, Feb. 26, with Charles F. Kettering, Vice-President of the General Motors Corp., as the principal speaker. Dinner was held on the trading floor of the new building. Mr. Kettering, whose subject was "Relationships Between Detroit Stock Exchange and Industry," was introduced by William C. Roney, President of the Exchange, who acted as toastmaster and delivered the address of welcome. An attendance of approximately 300 were present, composed of industrial leaders, bankers, local and State newspaper editors and members of the Detroit Stock Exchange.

Trading in Canadian Wheat Futures Inaugurated on New York Produce Exchange—A. D. Noyes, Financial Editor of New York "Times," Sees in Move "Positive Effort to Free Great Market"—Calls Situation Created by Government Perplexing.

Trading in Canadian bonded wheat futures was inaugurated shortly after noon on March 3 in the new pit especially prepared for this market on the floor of the New York Produce Exchange. The initial transaction was for 50,000 bushels for May delivery at 61.5 cents a bushel. Close to 1,000,000 bushels changed hands before the close, it is stated, the turnover being fairly well concentrated on this month but with July receiving some attention. Trading was at a premium ranging from $3\frac{1}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents over the Winnipeg market.

The floor of the Exchange as trading started was crowded with representatives of the grain trade, and shipping and financial interests gathered to participate in the ceremonies incident to the opening.

H. L. Bodman, President of the Exchange, initiated the ceremonies with an address in which he declared the new market represented "the crystallization of a merchandising procedure employed by the members of this Exchange ever since Canada became a factor in the world's grain market and New York merchants began to handle the distribution of her wheat." He added:

"We contend that New York, and in it this floor where we stand now, is most particularly equipped for the carrying on of the buying, selling and hedging of Canadian wheat. Every principal international grain house is represented or has its agent here to transact its business."

Explaining that the fundamentals of the grain trade are information and transportation, Mr. Bodman asserted that the position of the Exchange with respect to both these essentials was particularly fortunate. In requiring a Buffalo delivery, he pointed out, the Exchange does not in the least degree interrupt or dislocate the natural flow of Canada's wheat to market. The grades deliverable are the same as those provided in the rules of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange.

Alexander D. Noyes, Financial Editor of The New York "Times," hailed the new pit as "the first positive effort to free a great market, so far as circumstances will admit, from the fetters that have been fastened on it." He said that he was not familiar enough with the grain trade's machinery to be able to guess precisely what will be the effect of this new experiment of trading at New York in Canadian bonded wheat. Mr. Noyes continued:

"What does seem plain is that, under existing circumstances, Canadian grain constitutes the legitimate wheat market of North America. It would seem to follow that the interests of our grain producers and grain merchants, no less than the interests of Canadian merchants and producers, will be served through the placing of this country's capital, judgment and experience in ready contact with the Canadian supplies. Such action ought at least to exert some useful stabilizing influence on the confused world market."

Mr. Noyes said that he did not feel called upon to pass judgment on the experiment of the United States Government with the grain trade. "We have to take that situation as it stands," he declared, "and the situation is exceedingly perplexing. It is not even in principle analogous to the condition of things created in the war. The open wheat market, it is true, was suppressed in 1917 and 1918 as completely as it can possibly have been suppressed in 1930 and 1931." He went on to say:

"But the Grain Corporation of war time was created for a situation which organized private marketing could no longer meet. If it pledged the government's resources to fix the ruling price, at a time when it was forced by circumstances to do so, it supplemented that action through the taking over, by the Government board, of the entire enormous task of collecting, financing, moving and marketing all the country's wheat crop. If an open market no longer existed, at least the grain trade knew where it stood and what prices actually were, and it knew that the wheat which the Grain Corporation bought would be sold, for home consumption and for the all but unlimited export trade. No mountain of unsold grain would or could be left overhanging the market. The existing situation is different in all these vital particulars."

With Mayor Walker unable to attend the opening because he was indisposed, Charles Kerrigan, in his behalf, conveyed the felicitations of the City Administration to the Exchange on the establishment of the new market. H. H. Pike, Jr., President of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, and Philip B. Weld, President of the New York Cotton Exchange, also expressed their wishes for the success of the market, other speakers at the luncheon which followed the opening including Timothy J. Shea of the Attorney General's office, and William Beatty a former President of the New York Produce Exchange. Previous items in the matter appeared in our issues of January 24, page 587 and February 28, page 1518.

New Jersey Bureau Acts to Stop Dealers in Fraudulent Stocks—Division of Securities Lists Record Number of Abatement and Corrective Proceedings in Past Year.

The following Trenton, N. J., advices Feb. 28 are from the "United States Daily":

Prospective investors of New Jersey were saved a possible loss of more than \$50,000,000 through fraudulent stock deals by the activities last year of the Division of Securities of the Attorney General's Department, according to the annual report of Assistant Attorney General Richard C. Plumer, director.

The estimate is based, he explained, upon the par value of the stock of companies against which injunctions were obtained and others which ceased operations or changed their methods following investigations.

Volume of Work Listed.

"Proceedings were instituted during the year against 172 defendants in 58 suits and the par-value issues of the organizations against which decrees were taken aggregated \$18,285,000 while the number of shares of no par value totaled 29,010,500," it is stated in the report.

"Besides this 367 investigations were made and more than 100 organizations or individuals either ceased or modified their stock-selling activities following such investigations. The par value of issues of organizations which ceased or modified their stock-selling activities following investigation aggregated \$34,470,000 and the number of shares of no par value totaled 3,754,750.

"These figures give some idea as to the amount of money which those engaged in unlawful stock-selling operations were prepared to take from residents of New Jersey if there had been no agency to prevent it."

Prosecution Record Set in Year.

More suits were brought and more restraints obtained during the year than during the entire prior period in which New Jersey has had securities fraud legislation of any kind, continued Mr. Plumer. The act under which the division operates became effective July 4 1927.

Another important feature cited by Mr. Plumer was the establishment through the medium of opinions handed down by the Court of Chancery of a strong line of precedents which will be of aid, he said, in future prosecutions.

Glass Banking Committee Would Seek Data on Undigested Bond Issues—But A. M. Pope of First National Old Colony Corporation Says Compilation of Inventory Would Be Difficult and Dangerous—Doubts Banks Need to Mark Down Holdings.

The need for statistical information of the extent to which bond issues remain undigested in the hands of investment bankers that it may be determined what, if any, legislation regulating the flotation of such financial obligations may be desirable, was stressed on Feb. 25 at a hearing before the Senate Banking Probe Committee on the occasion of the appearance of Allan M. Pope, Executive Vice-President of the First National Old Colony Corp., New York. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce," from whose account we quote, also said, in part:

In connection with efforts of the Investment Bankers' Association, of which Mr. Pope is a member of the Board of Governors, to compile a regular inventory of unsold security issues in the hands of dealers, he considered the matter a difficult, not to say dangerous, undertaking. He expressed doubt as to whether the investment brokers would be willing to disclose their holdings in such a manner, if it were proposed to make such an inventory public periodically.

It was related by the witness than as long ago as 1927 a study of the money market was begun within his association, which more recently has culminated in the formation of a committee on money and credit. This committee has recently proposed that frequent confidential reports be made to some central authority, possibly the Federal Reserve Banks, by investment bankers of their holdings of various classes of securities, thereby still further clarifying the situation. This proposal, he said, is receiving consideration at the present time.

Keep Pace with Brokers' Loans.

It was pointed out by Dr. Parker Willis, technical adviser to the committee, that the issues of securities had about kept pace with the increase in the volume of brokers' loans, indicating an excess over the ordinary savings of the people who bought them. He inquired whether there should not be some kind of control over bond issues to prevent situations arising where the issuing houses have become saturated with them. Dr. Willis also wanted to know whether data could not be presented for the past three or four years, month by month, of the new issues carried on the shelves, loans required to carry them in that way, and suggestions for the adjustment of the new issues mechanism and the credit granting mechanism.

Mr. Pope expressed the belief that in many cases the questionnaire would not be answered. To be effective it would be necessary to have replies

from 600 or 700 investment houses. Senator Walcott (Rep., Conn.), Acting Chairman of the Committee, agreed with the witness that it probably would prove difficult to secure the desired information. He pointed out that efforts have been made over a period of years in the dry goods industry to have reports rendered on stocks of goods on the shelves.

"You can do this easily in normal times," said Senator Walcott, "but when you commence to have congestion, a man who has a heavy shelf of stock must keep quiet. I am perfectly certain, because I know every private banking house wants to know that information, they would not want to give away their position, if it is a weak one. Legislation might bring that out. It is very valuable information, but the question is how are we going to do it."

Opposes Extensive Regulation.

Col. Pope expressed himself as opposed to any extensive additional regulation.

"When the incentive to bring out new issues is produced by a real demand so that underwriters without any difficulty can sell their securities and make a profit, it is very difficult to stop them from doing it," he said. "Toward the end of 1929, just before the panic, the majority of ultimate purchasers had to borrow money in order to buy. That, of course, is a very bad situation, and soon this corrected itself, but I do not see how it is possible to legislate against the issuance of bonds. The correction comes from the aftermath, which, for some time hence, underwriting houses will remember—but the new generation does not always remember what has happened in the past. In normal times there is no necessity for correction. These are abnormal times, with a sensitive market. Every underwriting house knows exactly the result of the marketing of each new issue and sets its course in accordance with the results of the previous one."

"It is known within a few days how sticky they are," supplemented Senator Walcott.

Mr. Pope, replying to inquiries made of him by Dr. Willis, expressed the belief that little could be done through the regulation of issues by the New York Stock Exchange, particularly since a large proportion of the underwriting is done by non-member houses. He added that it had been the experience with blue sky laws in the various States that their operation has at times been more harmful than good.

Aside from a comparatively few instances, the witness indicated banks have not been drawn into the underwriting business by reason of excessive loans. He admitted that there might be some of the smaller institutions throughout the country that have found their portfolios pretty well saturated with non-liquid paper resulting from discounting for individual patrons, and he explained the difficult position the head of such an institution well might find himself in when appealed to by a patron for aid.

Questions Need of Marking Down.

The question arose as to the extent to which the banks should mark down the value of the securities they hold. It was pointed out by Dr. Willis that it had been testified that the banks must reduce their security loans by something like \$2,000,000,000 before they get on an even keel. It seemed to be the feeling in the committee room to-day that if all the banks marked down their holdings to present day market values, some of them might find themselves in an extremely difficult position. The witness questioned the need for this on the ground that where interest is being paid and there is every indication that the obligations will ultimately be met, the values are higher than listed quotations.

Mr. Pope's prepared statement submitted to Senator Carter Glass, Chairman of the Subcommittee, follows:

I understand it is the desire of your Committee to question me on the general subject of the relation of banks to investment houses, and the relations between the Investment Bankers' Association of America and investment bankers.

In referring to this general subject, I wish to make it clear that, although I am a member of the Board of Governors of the Investment Bankers' Association and am an officer of the First National Old Colony Corp., I understand that my presence before your Committee is in the capacity of a private individual. I wish particularly to have it understood that I am not in any sense speaking for the Investment Bankers' Association of America.

The increased size of individual security underwritings since the war has emphasized the need of co-operation between underwriters of securities and commercial banks. Such co-operation is to-day essential to the average underwriting investment house which finds it impractical regularly to employ capital of sufficient size to meet the only occasional demands of security underwritings of large amount. The co-operation by commercial banks in standing ready to loan funds to cover the commitments of investment houses is an additional assurance that such underwritings are sound as the banks must pass judgment on the securities to be underwritten as to whether acceptable as collateral for loans by them to the underwriting house.

Most investment bankers have more than one commercial bank with whom they consult and most large issues have several investment houses in the underwriting syndicate. The commercial banking support is therefore usually widespread. Only by this co-operation are underwritings of new issues of securities, both domestic and foreign, possible, without which American industry and trade would suffer and cease to expand.

In the last 10 years many of the major banking institutions of the country have developed investment banking affiliates. This has had a tendency to increase the commercial banker's knowledge of the investment market. Most of these affiliates that are underwriters have large sales organizations, and through their nationally and internationally distributed offices are able to keep in intimate contact with the ultimate purchaser. They have thereby so increased their knowledge of marketing conditions that a failure to reasonably successfully distribute a large issue of securities is rare. In some other countries where large issues are floated a failure to distribute large percentages of a new issue is not infrequent. I do not believe that this country could have developed industrially to the extent that it has since the war without the assistance of bank affiliates, because private capital probably could not have been found in sufficient volume in so short a time as to develop private investment houses to a point where they would have been in a position to handle this enormous increase in underwriting and distribution.

This vast mechanism of underwriting and distributing of both domestic and foreign securities is primarily to the benefit of our industry and trade. Foreign loans place funds in the hands of prospective foreign purchasers of our goods. Public utility, railroad and industrial securities are issued naturally to benefit those desiring funds for development or for other capital requirements. Even the distribution of securities for organizations

such as investment trusts indirectly benefits, as the funds acquired in turn support the markets for which trade and industry must turn for new money. In England I understand investment trusts are directly interested in underwritings.

It is obvious that at certain times, when the markets are particularly receptive to new issues, the tendency will always be to supply the demand, and it is obvious that at such times the pressure for supply will lead to a certain amount of unwise financing. The public demand is usually responsible for such conditions. However, at the present time, although money is cheap and although several large issues have been successfully marketed, nevertheless, due to the scientific knowledge of the investment bankers, the flow of new issues has been automatically regulated to such an extent that there is no flooding of the market.

It is impossible, by regulations, to supply good judgment, but it would appear possible to determine whether good judgment were being exercised by means of proper examination of bank affiliates to the same extent that examinations are required of the parent institutions. If this were done in the case of bank affiliates, it would help to insure the proper conduct of a large proportion of the underwriting houses of the country. My own experience leads me to the above conclusion. The First National Corp. was owned by the First National Bank of Boston, and as such was subject to examination by the examiners of the Federal Reserve Board. These examinations were admirably conducted, and their thoroughness assured me that the Federal Reserve Board had through the examiners' report an accurate knowledge of the business methods and the condition of the First National Corp.

Approximately at the time of the merger of the First National Corp. with the Old Colony Corp., because of the stock of the merged corporations was no longer owned by the First National Bank of Boston but beneficially owned by the stockholders of the bank, the examinations by the Federal Reserve Board ceased. We have attempted to have this periodic examination continued because of its thoroughness, but without success.

I would recommend that the affiliates of National banks be examined coincidentally with the examination of the parent institutions by the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and that the affiliates of banks examined by the Federal Reserve Board examiners be also examined. It would also seem advisable that State bank examiners examine the affiliates of State banks.

It is probably needless to remark that the regulations do not permit of loans to bank affiliates by the parent institution to any greater extent than would be loaned to any other similar organization.

The Investment Bankers' Association of America is an organization formed by investment bankers, and to-day has a membership of approximately 600 main offices and 1,200 registered branches. Practically all representative investment bankers of the United States are members. This organization is governed by the usual officers and by a Board of Governors selected from the principal financial centers of this country and one from Canada. While this organization obviously has no regulatory powers, the effect of the work of its various committees and the open discussions at its conventions is far-reaching in maintaining a high standard of practice among investment banking houses throughout the country.

As long ago as 1927 a study of the money market was begun within this Association, which more recently has culminated in the formation of a Committee on Money and Credit, of which I am a member. I bring this to your attention to point out that the investment bankers, some time before 1929, were carefully studying conditions with a view to safeguarding the issuance of new securities, and this committee has recently proposed that frequent confidential reports be made to some central authority, possibly the Federal Reserve Banks, by investment bankers of their holdings of various classes of securities, thereby still further clarifying the investment situation. This proposal is receiving consideration at the present time.

In connection with the investment by banks in bonds, it is obvious that many institutions whose officers are far removed from money centers or are unfamiliar with the investment markets will make mistakes, and many have been made. The improvement, however, in the holdings of banks in the last few years has been noticeable. This is due, at least in part, to the thought given to the subject by investment banking houses. I know of no better way to illustrate this fact than by describing the method adopted by the First National Old Colony Corp., which provides, through an investment supervision department, information to hundreds of banks relative not only to their present holdings but also relative to market conditions in general, and in particular provides information regarding the practices as followed by leading successful institutions in diversification of securities, not only by class but also by maturities. In this service, selected foreign bonds are included in their proper proportion.

In connection with the purchase of foreign bonds by banks, it might be interesting to note that in England a compilation was made in 1911 of the proportion of foreign securities floated from 1882 to that date in the English market, which was then the largest market for this class of securities in the world. Of the securities floated in the English market, only 4/10 of 1% of foreign loans were in default, while the defaults in domestic railroad and industrial developments averaged 1.84% and 2.07%, respectively. Of the approximately \$10,000,000,000 of bonds, debentures, and other interest-bearing securities of foreign governments, municipalities and corporations issued in this country since the war, I am advised that at present approximately \$30,000,000 are in default, or 3/10 of 1%. I have no available data comparing this with other securities issued in this country, but this record speaks for itself.

In connection with foreign loans, I would say that it seems one of the paramount duties of the underwriters of this country, for the sake of stimulation of trade and industry in America, to supply through the medium of new bond issues the legitimate needs of those foreign countries entitled to credit.

I understand that I am expected to touch upon the subject of so-called "Lombard" loans, or loans by a central bank against securities other than government bonds, acceptances and commercial paper as collateral. I am under the impression that this matter might well be carefully considered, particularly as a means by which, in this country, a Federal Reserve Bank might, under conditions of stress, make a loan to a bank unable to provide rediscountable paper and then at a rate several per cent. above the rediscount rate. It would seem that in normal times there would be no necessity for such loans as, for example, are made under certain conditions by the Bank of England. I believe an examination would show that in recent months some bank failures would have been legitimately averted had it been possible to have recourse to this method. In case Lombard loans should be authorized, a provision requiring the Federal Reserve Board to pass on the merits of each case might provide a proper safeguard.

With regard to the bankers' acceptance market, my knowledge comes from the operations of the First National Old Colony Corp., which is one

of the principal dealers in this country. Although in part due to the ease in money, there has been, however, a constant improvement in the distribution of bankers' acceptances, although the bulk of the buying is still confined to the principal financial centers, largely those on the East Coast. This corporation does not make acceptances and therefore is not in contact directly with the drawers of bills, but does, as a matter of business precaution, carefully scrutinize the bills as they are purchased. It has not come to our observation that there is any infringement of the Federal Reserve regulations. The present status of the bill market is a healthy one. The American Acceptance Council has been of great service in disseminating useful information to the dealers and to the investing public in bankers' acceptances.

As to the general use of Federal Reserve credit for undertakings such as I have described above, being an investment banker, my information is derived from observation and not from direct knowledge. I believe, however, that rediscounts can in general be ascribed to unforeseen reductions in deposits and not to meet requirements such as loans to industry or to investment bankers or other. In general, therefore, the bank rediscounting and the Federal Reserve Bank not only have no control over the purpose for which the original credit is used but further they have no control over the purpose for which 10 times this amount is used, as it is roughly calculated that a dollar of reserve credit makes available approximately 10 times that amount of bank credit.

Bankers Ask Delay on Proposed Changes in New York Banking Laws—Year's Study of 40 Broderick Amendments Urged on Legislative Committee at Albany—State Superintendent Seeks Early Action.

Representatives of leading bankers' organizations of the State appearing on March 4 at a joint legislative committee hearing, opposed almost as a unit the passage of about forty amendments to the present banking law sponsored by Joseph A. Broderick, Superintendent of Banks. According to a dispatch from Albany to the New York "Times" while Mr. Broderick argued at a joint meeting of the Senate and Assembly Committees on Banks for definite legislative action to curb abuses like those revealed in the Bank of United States investigation, the bankers' spokesmen expressed agreement in principle with some of the proposed amendments but called for more careful study and postponement of formal consideration for at least another year to allow time for a survey. The dispatch continued:

George V. McLaughlin, former State Superintendent of Banks, who represented the New York State Association of Trust Companies, and Jacob H. Herzog of the New York State Bankers' Association, were the chief spokesmen for the bankers.

Although questions asked by some of the Committee members indicated sympathy with many of the proposed laws, the demand of the banking interests for delay was expected to result in the confinement of measures introduced at the present session to a few minor changes of a non-controversial nature.

The principal amendments proposed by Mr. Broderick and offered in bills by Senator Campbell and Assemblyman Sargent called for segregation of thrift accounts in commercial banks, forced mergers by the Superintendent without vote of stockholders, stricter regulation of the relations of banks with their affiliates and the granting to the Superintendent of power to remove bank officers in emergencies.

During the inquiry into the Bank of United States operations it was charged that under the present law the bank officials had been able to injure the institution's status by improper activities such as those that the amendments are aimed to correct.

Statement Is Read by Herzog.

Mr. Herzog had a prepared statement giving the views of the State Bankers' Association. It said:

"The utter impossibility of carefully and properly considering this enormous volume of legislation, amounting almost to general revision of the banking law and allied statutes, is manifest. Time would not allow such consideration in the term of a single session.

"We do not say that none of these bills have merit, but we do feel that none of them is so important that it cannot be held over until another session of the Legislature so that the merits and demerits of the proposed legislation may be carefully considered.

"The State Bankers' Association finds it impossible to give its endorsement or approval to this mass of bills. We feel that opportunity properly to weigh this legislation has not been afforded us.

"There is a universal belief among our members that this proposed legislation should be referred to the special legislative committee on banking in order that this body may, in the course of the year, consider and analyze it, with every assistance the association can render in the public interest, and report to the Legislature of 1931 its findings and conclusions. That, we believe, would constitute the safest course."

Broderick Opposes Delay.

Mr. Broderick interposed objections to deferring consideration of the proposed changes. He took the stand that the bankers should devote more thought than in the past to the manner in which their affairs touched on the interests of the general public.

"I don't think it is to the best interest of the State," he insisted, "that the legislation proposed be put off for another year. Don't dismiss this bill with a wave of the hand. Banking is a quasi-public function. It is not like other business. There is a lot that can be done to aid the situation now. I am asking for your co-operation. These bills are necessary for the maintenance of sound banking in the State. Segregation of thrift accounts is right in principle. Is there any banker who can object to it? I ask you to give more thought to the public aspects of the situation rather than concentrate on the purely banking aspects."

The Committee proceeded to take up the proposed amendments one by one and in most cases some spokesman for the bankers expressed opposition on the grounds already stated.

In each instance Mr. Broderick rose to emphasize the need for passing the bills now.

"Shotgun Merger" Bill Is Defended.

The "shotgun merger" bill, which would permit the merger or sale of the assets of banks or trust companies in unsound condition without

requiring the vote of stockholders, as at present, was declared by Mr. Broderick to be one of the most necessary of the revisions proposed.

The Superintendent declared that such authority was essential to put through mergers quickly when a bank was threatened by a run or on reports of unsatisfactory conditions. Several weeks were often needed to get stockholders' approval of a merger, he said, and meanwhile a bank that could be saved by a merger might go under.

"There are times when the protection of depositors becomes more important than protection of shareholders," he said. "I say again what I said before, that certain large closings of recent days would have been avoided if this provision had been in the law. And I don't think that there is any disputing of this fact."

Mr. Broderick referred to the Bank of United States, where merger efforts failed just before the bank was closed.

In opposing the bill, J. Henry Walters questioned its constitutionality.

Segregation Termed a "Hardship."

In the discussion on segregation of thrift accounts, Bertrand L. Smith of Beacon, a savings banker; Walter Dewey of Utica, Mr. Walters and Mr. McLaughlin opposed the superintendent's views. They contended that undue hardship would be worked on commercial banks and trust companies in the application of the bill, even though there were validity in its principle.

On a bill which would abolish private banking in cities of over 75,000 population, Leon Lanterstein, appearing as a representative of R. H. Macy & Co., offered such strong objections that it was indicated that an amendment would be offered to meet his views.

Mr. Lanterstein said that the Macy Company maintained a system of cash credit accounts amounting to \$4,000,000 with 7,000 depositors and that the bill was so drawn that the company, acting as a private banker in this capacity, would have to abolish the entire system if the bill became law.

Mr. Broderick agreed that the Macy system operated efficiently and that the real intention of the bill was not to strike at the company's activities along this line. When Mr. Lanterstein suggested an amendment that would permit the company to continue its system, Mr. Broderick indicated that he would consent.

Savings Bank Tax Cut Urged Before Taxation Committee at Albany at Hearing on Fearon-Wallace Bill.

A large delegation representing savings banks of the State appeared at a joint Legislative Committee hearing at Albany, N. Y., on March 3, and urged passage of the Fearon-Wallace bill to revise the system of taxing savings banks and cut taxation by about \$1,500,000. The New York "Times" reported this in Albany advices which added:

Spokesmen representing the 122 bankers who crowded the joint meeting of the Taxation Committees contended that the amendments to fix the tax basis of savings banks on net income rather than on surplus as at present merely gave to savings banks the tax cuts provided for commercial banks in 1926.

The delegation was joined in approval of the bill by speakers for the Merchants' Association, the Real Estate Board and the State Bankers' Association.

The measure under consideration, sponsored by Senator Fearon and Assemblyman Wallace, would amend the present franchise tax on savings banks so that instead of fixing it at 1% on surplus the law would impose a 4½% tax on net income.

The bill would permit the savings bank to deduct from this interest paid to depositors up to 3½%.

Henry Bruere, President of the Bowery Savings Bank, and Philip A. Benson, Treasurer of the Dime Savings Bank of Brooklyn, delivered the main arguments in behalf of the measure.

The speakers contended that for many years the tax laws gave the savings banks preferential consideration to encourage thrift, but that amendments after 1901 had nullified it.

Report to Senate by Secretary of Treasury Mellon on Operations of Federal Land Banks—Information Called for From Federal Farm Loan Board—Applications for Loans in Final Quarter of 1930 Exceeded Same Period in 1929 by 37%.

Applications to the 12 Federal Land Banks for long-time, amortized, first farm mortgage loans were 37% greater during the last three months of 1930 than for the same period in 1929, and the banks closed during this three-month period in 1930 3,230 loans for an aggregate amount of \$12,741,700, which compares with 2,966 loans in an aggregate amount of \$10,420,700 closed during the last three months of 1929. These facts were brought out in the report sent by Secretary Andrew W. Mellon to the Senate on Feb. 26 in response to Senate Resolution 393 calling for data regarding the operations of the banks. The resolution which was passed by the Senate on Jan. 24 1930 was given in our issue of Jan. 31, page 766.

Commenting upon the attitude of the banks toward new business, the Secretary says:

Growth of Federal Land Banks.

"The policy of the Federal Land Banks with respect to loans is to grant all applications received which, in their judgment, meet the requirements of sound loans and which are eligible under the provisions of the Federal Farm Loan Act, and the Board is advised that the banks are encouraging applications of this character. In this connection, it may be desirable to review the loaning history of the banks to some extent in order that the decline in the volume of loans granted may be interpreted correctly. Except for the temporary recession during 1920-21, when the constitutionality of the law was being tested, the loaning operations of the Federal Land Banks expanded rapidly following their organization in 1917. By Jan. 1 1920 they had \$294,000,000 of loans on their books,

which constituted 3.7% of the estimated total farm mortgage debt in the United States. Five years later this volume had reached \$928,000,000, or 9.9% of the total debt, and by Jan. 1 1928, the latest date for which a Department of Agriculture estimate of the total debt is available, the volume of loans aggregated \$1,156,000,000, or 12.2% of the total debt. The largest amount loaned in any single year was in 1922 and since then, with the exception of 1926 and 1927, there has been a decline in the annual volume placed on the books.

Largely Replace Short-Term Loans.

"As pointed out in the annual reports of the Farm Loan Board, the trend of new loans made by the Federal Land Banks has paralleled closely the trend in the volume of applications received. Statistical tables published in these reports show that approximately 66% of the proceeds of all loans which have been submitted by the Federal Land Banks for approval as collateral for bonds was used to pay existing mortgages and about 11% was used to pay other debts thus making a total of approximately 77% which was used for refunding purposes. Similar proportions of the loans made by Joint Stock Land Banks were used for the purpose of refinancing existing indebtedness. Refunding operations in any substantial volume obviously could not be continued indefinitely, particularly in view of the fact that only a portion of the total farm mortgage indebtedness of the country is eligible to become loans of Federal Land Banks.

Eligibility.

"The Farm Loan Act imposes definite limitations on loans which these banks may make. In the first place, they are limited to loans to borrowers who are at the time, or shortly to become, engaged in the cultivation of the farm to be mortgaged. According to the latest available estimates of the Department of Agriculture, approximately 41% of the total mortgage debt of the country is secured by farms which are not owner-operated and which presumably therefore would be ineligible as the basis of loans by Federal Land Banks. A part of the mortgage debt also represents junior liens, while the loans of the Federal Land Banks are limited to first mortgages. The banks, moreover, are restricted to loans of \$25,000 or less, and the law states that preference shall be given to loans of \$10,000 and under. Further limitations apply to the purposes for which the proceeds of the loans may be used, the proportion of the appraised value of the land and improvements that may be loaned, and the basis of determining appraised value. In view of the fact, therefore, that the amount of loans eligible is thus definitely limited by the safeguards prescribed in the law, and in view of the fact that ordinarily most of the loans are made for refunding purposes, a decline from the volume of the first years of operations was inevitable. Furthermore, as no loans can be made in excess of 50% of the appraised value of the land and 20% of the appraised value of the permanent insured improvements at the time the loans are made, the dollar volume necessarily has been affected by the decline in farm land values in recent years.

"Data assembled by the Department of Agriculture show that the number of farms changing hands voluntarily has declined during the past five years, beginning with 29.6 per thousand in 1926 and decreasing thereafter to 23.5 per thousand in 1929 and 23.7 in 1930. In view of the relationship between real estate transfers and the need for farm mortgage financing, it is apparent that this reduction in real estate sales activity has been a contributing factor in the decrease in applications received and loans closed. It may be pointed out also that many of the sales being made do not require special financing by an outside agency for the reason that involuntary holders, in disposing of the farms owned by them, frequently accept as a part of the consideration mortgages on the land sold.

Bank Income.

"Aside from the funds available from capital stock subscriptions, amortization and other payments, the loaning operations of the Federal Land Banks are financed by the sale of bonds to the public. These bonds are exempt from Federal, State, local, and municipal taxation, but the Government has assumed no liability for the payment of either principal or interest. Each bank is primarily liable for its own bonds and, in addition, is jointly liable with the other Federal Land Banks, under the conditions stated in the law, for the principal of and interest on bonds issued by any of the other Federal Land Banks. The income of the banks is derived mainly from the difference between the rate of interest charged on loans and the rate of interest paid on the bonds, and, in accordance with the law, the current rate on new loans of each bank is limited to 1% above the rate of interest borne by the last issue of its bonds.

Owned Almost Entirely by Associations.

"The national farm loan association are the principal stockholders of The Federal Land Banks, and on Dec. 31 1930, they owned 98.3% of the capital stock of the banks, which, on that date, aggregated more than \$66,000,000. Individual borrowers through the Porto Rico branch of The Federal Land Bank of Baltimore owned 1.1%, individual borrowers through agents, 0.2%, and the Treasury of the United States 0.4%. In accordance with the provisions of the law, the original stock subscribed by the Treasury has been retired gradually from the proceeds of subscription for stock by national farm loan associations, with the result that the Government now owns no stock in 10 of the banks and owns only small amounts in The Federal Land Banks of Springfield and Berkeley.

"The national farm loan association, in turn, are owned and controlled entirely by farmers who have obtained loans from Federal Land Banks and who have subscribed for stock of their associations, as required by law, in amounts equal to 5% of their loans. Each association must indorse and become liable for the loans made to its members, and each borrower's stock is held by the association to protect it on its indorsement of the borrower's note. In addition, this stock carries the double liability feature. In the circumstances, it is readily apparent that losses resulting from unsound loans ultimately must fall upon the stockholder-borrowers and that it is very definitely to their interest that not only their local association but the entire Federal Land Bank system follow sound loaning policies.

Associations' Responsibility

"The association, it may be added, are more and more realizing their responsibility, that the Federal Land Bank system was designed by the Congress to be a permanent agency to function in good times and bad, and that, if it is to continue to serve in the manner intended, each unit must be maintained in a strong financial condition. Both the Banks and the associations have observed in recent years the effects of loaning policies which resulted in difficulties and losses, and naturally in the conduct of their operations, they are endeavoring to avoid the mistakes of the past.

"It is interesting to note, in this connection, the statistics showing the amount of farm mortgages held by 52 life insurance companies holding 91.8% of the admitted assets of all legal reserve companies, which were published in the "Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of

the Association of Life Insurance Presidents" (December 11 and 12 1930). These statistics indicate that the farm mortgage loans of these companies declined from \$1,982,548,000 on December 31 1927, to \$1,886,000,000 on December 31 1930, or a decline of almost 5%. On December 31 1930, the outstanding loans of Federal Land Banks were approximately \$32,500,000, or 2.8%, greater than on December 31 1927."

In respect to the accrual of land by these Banks through foreclosure, the report points out that the total real estate owned outright on Dec. 31 1930 amounted to 1% of the Banks' total assets compared with 0.6% a year earlier and that the sheriff's certificates, judgments, etc. (subject to redemption) totaled 0.6% of the total assets compared with 0.5% a year earlier. No comment is made by the Secretary regarding drouth conditions etc. as reasons for the increase. The report also shows that the Banks sold 2,285 farms in 1929 for a consideration of \$8,007,485 compared with 2,736 sales in 1930 amounting to \$8,308,103.

Other parts of the report deal with the volume of business transacted by the individual Banks, their bond sales during the last two years and the growth and responsibilities of national farm loan associations of which there are now 4,656 in the United States or one or more to practically every agricultural county.

According to the "United States Daily" replying to the inquiry in the same recollection as to the number of loans of Federal Land Banks made in 1929 and 1930, respectively, with the total for each year, the report said that \$64,252,500 was advanced on 17,132 applications in 1929 and \$47,971,000 was advanced in 1930 on 12,572 applications. The system banks floated \$18,850,000 in bonds in 1929 and \$36,300,000 last year.

Merchants' Association of New York Opposed to Bank Reform Bills Introduced in New York Legislature at Instance of Superintendent Broderick.

The Merchants' Association of New York announced on March 3 that in consequence of a study made by its Committee on Banking and Currency, it had decided to oppose the enactment at this session of the New York Legislature of the so-called banking reform bills which have been introduced at the instance of Joseph A. Broderick, Superintendent of Banks.

The Association sent a representative to Albany on March 3 to urge at the joint legislative hearing that action on all the bills be deferred for at least a year in order that they may be thoroughly studied during that period by the Joint Legislative Commission on Banking and Investment. The memorandum which the Association submitted at the hearing recorded that in the event the legislative leaders are determined to consider the measures on their merits at the present session, The Association is opposed to no less than nineteen of the bills, including the bill to permit overnight bank mergers and the proposed provision for the removal of officers and directors by the Superintendent of Banks. Thirteen bills that receive the endorsement of The Association deal, for the most part, with minor changes in the law.

Those who, as members of The Association's Committee on Banking and Currency, made the study for The Association and concurred in the report submitted to the Legislature included Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of the Board of the Manhattan Company, C. S. McCain, Chairman of the Board of The Chase National Bank; Percy H. Johnston, President of the Chemical Bank and Trust Company; Fred I. Kent and Henry Fletcher of Fletcher and Brown. This Committee made a report which was approved on March 2 by The Association's Executive Committee. A statement issued by The Association, based on this report, explained its position as follows:

"The Merchants' Association is convinced that there is now sufficient legislation on the statute books to make good banking supervision possible and it is opposed to the general tendency to enact more laws. The Association, therefore, views with favor the recent passage by the State Legislature of the joint resolution continuing the Joint Legislative Committee on Banking and Investment Trusts, and giving that Committee additional power to enable it to investigate the banking law generally.

"The Merchants' Association believes that the recommendations of the Superintendent of Banks and the measures designed to give effect to them are so important and so technical in character as to require more time than has been allowed for their consideration, not only by the State Legislature, through its Joint Committee, but also by the commercial, industrial and financial interests of the State and the public generally. The additional year for which the Joint Legislative Committee has been continued is none too much time to allow for an analysis and thorough study of the Superintendent's recommendations and the pending legislation by the interested parties mentioned.

"Furthermore, The Merchants' Association is convinced that existing business conditions make it unwise to tamper with legislation vitally affecting the fundamental financial structure of business. We may hope that

a year from now business conditions will be more stable and that such legislation as is now proposed may be then considered without the serious effect on the normal conduct of business which we are convinced would result from such consideration at this time.

"However, in the event that it is the judgment of the Committees of the Senate and the Assembly charged with the duty of reporting on the pending measures that these bills should have further consideration at this time, instead of having all or most of them held in abeyance until they are thoroughly considered by the Joint Legislative Committee, which it is the earnest hope of this Association will be the procedure adopted, The Association will record with the Legislature its conclusions with regard to certain of these pending measures."

In dealing with the bill to permit speedy bank mergers The Association's Committee reported:

"Your Committee recommends that The Association oppose this bill for the reason that it does not believe in the principle of depriving the stockholder of his vested rights and, in addition, the Committee has a serious doubt as to its constitutionality."

The report of the Committee with respect to the proposal empowering the Superintendent of Banks to remove bank officers and directors read as follows:

"The Committee believes that the power which would be given, provided this section became a law, would, if exercised by an arbitrary Superintendent, result unjustly and unequivocally to the officer affected and the stockholders. The Superintendent's power should be strengthened and it seems to your Committee that the best way to strengthen it would be to make it mandatory upon him in such cases that he or his representative call a meeting of the Board of Directors of the institution in question and present to them his findings and charges, a copy of which shall be sent to each absentee director against his personal signature."

In dealing with the Campbell-Sargent bill which gives the Superintendent of Banks the power to compel banks to charge off assets of doubtful character, the Committee's finding was as follows:

"Your Committee believes that the power which would be given, provided this Section became law, might, if exercised by an arbitrary Superintendent, result in bank failures otherwise avoidable. Undoubtedly, however, there should be protection to depositors when known losses are not charged off. It is, therefore, recommended in order to meet this situation, that in cases where the Superintendent finds losses in a bank's assets about which he cannot agree with the bank's officials as to charge-offs, he shall be required to have a meeting of the Board of Directors called at which there must be a quorum and at which he or his proper representative will present the matter personally to the Board of Directors. The minutes of this meeting shall be kept and the Superintendent shall send them to each absentee director for delivery against his personal signature."

The measure providing that no stock certificate of a bank or trust company shall represent the stock of any other corporation, was opposed on the ground that many banks and trust companies in this State already have such arrangements in effect.

The bill restricting loans to subsidiary corporations was opposed on the ground that "in well run companies it is an advantage to the institution to make such loans and those that are recklessly or carelessly run can circumvent the law by other means." The Committee found that the present law also adequately covered the subject of loans to officers and employees.

The Committee found that the bill to prohibit officers of banks or trust companies from becoming officers or employees of organizations engaged in selling securities, was of doubtful constitutionality.

In reference to the proposal to empower the Superintendent of Banks to require bank and trust company directors who may be obligated to their institutions for loans, to submit statements of their financial condition, the Committee reported that this power should be vested in the Board of Directors rather than in the Superintendent. The measure which would compel every bank director to review completely every loan or investment was pronounced to be impracticable and in many instances a physical impossibility. The Committee added that the "imposition of too many managerial duties on directors will have the tendency to drive substantial business men from serving on the boards of banks and trust companies."

In reference to the bill which would compel reports to stockholders of the attendance at bank directors' meetings, the Committee reported:

"Your Committee recommends that The Association oppose this bill as it is evident that the director who attends the most meetings is not always the best director."

Two bills which seek to compel commercial banks to separate their so-called thrift accounts and invest the funds thereof only in securities available to savings banks, were opposed on the ground that they would tend to bring about a non-liquid condition of banks and trust companies. Other bills which were opposed include that seeking to limit deposits with "other banks"; the measures which seek to prevent the investment of bank funds in convertible bonds; the measure to empower the Superintendent of Banks to compel appraisals of real properties owned by or securing credit extensions by banks, and the measure

which would force private bankers to discontinue receiving deposits.

The Association endorsed the proposed amendment which would prohibit the use of a name leading any one to believe that a banking institution was connected with the United States or with a State or a City Government. It also endorsed the bill requiring a 3% reserve against time deposits; the measure reducing to seven the number of directors who may adopt a resolution for transforming a bank into a trust company; a bill permitting mortgage loans to banking department employees; a bill permitting the Superintendent, in lieu of an examination, to accept the report of a clearing house association; a bill making the unauthorized use of the term "bank" a misdemeanor, and a bill making the falsification of books a felony.

Three bills affecting savings banks were endorsed. One of these measures would permit a savings bank to open a branch, another would permit savings banks to invest in the bonds of corporations supplying natural gas purchased from another corporation, and a third would permit a savings bank to change the location of its principal place of business.

Comptroller of Currency Pole Before Central Atlantic States Bank Management Conference Warns of Increased Governmental Supervision of Banks If Banks Fail in Maintaining Sound Management.

In addressing the Central Atlantic States Bank Management Conference, at Washington, D. C., on Feb. 26, Comptroller of the Currency John W. Pole observed that "good management must be a natural growth from within the institution." Incidentally, he said "if the bankers themselves fail by concerted action, upon their own initiative, to cast out from their midst those who would convert banking to their own private and selfish gain, to the detriment of the institution, there will certainly be new legislation, perhaps both State and National, for the removal of unsound management by Governmental action." The Comptroller's address, delivered under the title, "Public Aspect of Bank Management," follows:

I wish to congratulate the American Bankers' Association for its foresight in inaugurating these conferences on bank management. The subject goes to the very heart of our banking problems. It is the desire of all to see good bank management. The ways and means, however, of reaching this goal are beset with many difficulties and complications. Conferences such as these, however, will go further toward a solution than any other movement, educational or legislative.

While no doubt your deliberations will be confined largely to the technical phases of bank management I shall, nevertheless, take this occasion to direct attention to bank management in its public aspect. We appear in this country to be fully committed to the policy of governmental control over banking. All of our banking systems, whether State or National, operate under specific powers granted by legislative enactment and bank operations under these powers are supervised by a public official charged with the duty of holding the banks strictly within the confines of the statute. In addition to this statutory limitation the supervising officers frequently are given the power to make rules and regulations in the further application of the statutes. In banking as in many of our activities we are inclined to attempt to cure all defective operations by new statutory enactments and new governmental regulations.

In the final analysis, however, governmental action, whether statutory or regulatory, can only set the metes and bounds of bank operations. They can penalize violations of the law and can exercise a restraining influence upon banking practices within the law, but it is well known that good management cannot be produced by legislation or governmental fiat. Good management must be a natural growth from within the institution.

What constitutes good management can always be determined by the consensus of banking opinion. The larger the bank the more important becomes the question of management. Banks of metropolitan size bear a great responsibility to their shareholders and to the public, and it is essential that their banking policies and practices measure up to the highest existing standards. In our large cities the clearing houses have played an effective part in the development of local banking standards. The type of work done by these voluntary associations should be extended, if possible, to all banks. I know of no better instrumentality through which to build up in this country banking traditions strong enough to effectively discourage all types of bad banking. The business of banking in the United States is less than a century and a half old, but during that time we have passed through a great variety of banking experiences both good and bad. Perhaps the time has been too short, but we have not yet developed banking opinion to such a point that the adventurer and the outlaw cannot gain a foothold in our citadels of finance. There is therefore before this conference a great opportunity and a great objective.

Bankers, as a rule, do not welcome restrictive legislation, and that position can very well be understood. Legislative restrictions aimed at one type of practices may have unforeseen reactions in other directions. In the effort to produce sound banking by law there are inclined to grow up a great volume of statutory enactments aimed at admittedly unsound practices, but which may, in turn, hamper boards of directors of good banks in developing business policies. If the bankers themselves fail by concerted action upon their own initiative to cast out from their midst those who would convert banking to their own private and selfish gain, to the detriment of the institution, there will certainly be new legislation perhaps both State and National for the removal of unsound management by governmental action.

As you know, the supervising officer charged with the administration

of the banking laws becomes readily familiar with the character of the management of the banks under his jurisdiction. In the nearly 70 years' operation of the National Banking System Congress has not seen fit to confer upon any executive agency the power summarily to remove from office bank officers who might be engaged in practices which are inimical to the welfare of the bank. Several Comptrollers of the Currency have in the past recommended the grant of such authority, and I, myself, recently indicated to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency that such a statutory enactment might prove beneficial particularly as a restraining influence. A public officer is in a very difficult position when he sees a bank in the hands of management which must eventually wreck it and can do nothing except remonstrate until the bank reaches a state of insolvency. It is true that when the board of directors of a National bank violates the provisions of a banking statute the bank itself may be sued for the forfeiture of its charter, but this remedy is so violent that it has been used only upon one occasion. In any case, its enforcement would mean the closing of the bank, whereas an intermediate penalty such as the removal of officers might be enforced early enough to save the bank and to put it in good hands.

I realize that from the standpoint of the banker, banking is a private business similar to other gainful occupations, and that the fundamental business principles of freedom of action and unity of responsibility upon boards of directors should not be subjected to what might be called governmental interference. On the other hand, in banking there is a large public interest at stake—an interest both of the government and of the depositors—and so long as there is the possibility of a repetition of certain recent outstanding examples of bad management, whether through incompetency or through a willful disregard of responsibility and honor, there is the prospect of increasing the powers of governmental supervision as a remedy.

May I wish for this conference a most successful series of meetings?

March Financing of Treasury Department—Total of \$1,400,000,000 Offered—New Issue of \$500,000,000 of Treasury Bonds—\$900,000,000 of Treasury Certificates in Two Issues—Books Closed.

In the Treasury Department's March financing, announced by Secretary Mellon on March 1, a total of \$1,400,000,000 in Government obligations was offered. That total comprises an issue of \$500,000,000 or thereabouts of 3½% Treasury bonds dated and bearing interest from March 16 1931 and due March 15 1943, and two issues of United States Treasury certificates of indebtedness, one to the amount of \$300,000,000 or thereabouts (Series TS2-1931), bearing interest at the rate of 1½% and running for six months, being dated March 16 1931 and maturing Sept. 15 1931, and the other to the amount of \$600,000,000 or thereabouts (Series TM-1932), bearing interest at 2%, running for 12 months, dated and bearing interest from March 15 1931 and due March 15 1932. Applications in all cases were received at the Federal Reserve banks. The Treasury announces that it will accept in payment for the new Treasury bonds and certificates of indebtedness at par the 3½% Treasury notes of Series A-1930-32 and Series B-1930-32, which are due and payable on March 15 1931. Subscriptions for the Treasury bonds and the 12 month series of certificates, Series TM-1932, in payment of which 3½% Treasury notes of Series A-1930-32 and Series B-1930-32 are tendered, will be given preferred allotment. With respect to the six month series of certificates Series TS2-1931, subscriptions in payment of which 3½% Treasury notes are tendered will not be given preferred allotment. The books on the new bonds and certificates were closed on March 3. The New York Federal Reserve Bank in its notice under date of March 3 said:

In accordance with instructions from the Treasury Department, the subscription books for the current offerings of United States of America 3½% Treasury bonds of 1941-43, dated March 16 1931, and of two series of United States of America Treasury certificates of indebtedness both dated March 16 1931, Series TS2-1931 and Series TM-1932, closed at the close of business to-day, Tuesday, March 3 1931. Subscriptions received by us through the mails up to 10 a. m. Wednesday, March 4 1931, will be considered as having been received before the close of the subscription books.

The three issues were oversubscribed. Details of the results of the offering are given under another head.

As indicating the purpose of the new \$1,400,000,000 Treasury offering, Secretary Mellon stated on March 1 that about \$1,100,000,000 3½% Treasury notes of Series A-1930-32 and Series B-1930-32 and about \$30,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt become due and payable on March 15 1931. It is understood that a part of the new issues, besides taking care of the maturing Treasury certificates, will be used in meeting payments called for on soldiers' adjusted service certificates. From the Washington account March 1 to the New York "Times" we take the following:

The two series of Treasury notes called for redemption on March 15 amount, according to the latest Treasury statement, to \$1,109,372,550, of which \$625,546,350 represents the 3½% Series A-1930-32 and \$483,826,200 represents the 3½% Series B-1930-32.

As in the March securities program, \$1,109,000,000 will be devoted to caring for the March 15 redemption of 3½% Treasury notes, it being explained that the difference between this figure and the \$1,400,000,000 issue, or about \$291,000,000 of new money obtained under the proposed financing, would be devoted to caring for borrowings by veterans under the new loan law.

Under Secretary Mills explained that the bonus payments would be taken care of, in the beginning, out of that part of the March financing which is not devoted to the retirement of the two issues of \$1,109,000,000 3½% Treasury notes called for redemption March 15.

Mr. Mills told the Senate Finance Committee that it would be necessary to issue about \$1,600,000,000 in securities in March to finance all of the Treasury requirements, and the opinion was expressed also that the need of floating such a large series of Government securities would drive up the interest rates which the Treasury would have to pay.

On the whole, however, the rates quoted are low, and in one instance—that of 1½% set for the six months' securities—establishes a record for Treasury offerings of a similar maturity.

The 2% rate quoted on the 12 month certificates compares with 1½% offered on an issue of like maturity last December.

Record Low Interest Rate.

The 3½% quoted on the 12 year bonds is the same rate quoted on an issue callable in 15 years and maturing in 20 years, marketed June 15 1927, and on another issue callable in 12 years and maturing in 15 years, issued July 16 1928.

The announcement to-day showed that no situation was created by the veterans' loan bill, as passed, which made it necessary to raise the interest which the Government quoted even to approximate the 4% rate which some of the experts said might be necessary.

The fact that the Treasury limited its issues to \$1,400,000,000 means that short-term Treasury bills will have to be issued between March 15 and June 15 to meet the loan demands of the veterans. The Treasury also has maturing about \$60,000,000 in Treasury bills on May 4 and 5 and \$154,281,000 on May 18, which must be refinanced.

The March financing operation is one of the three largest since the war. In 1927 the Second Liberty Loan was refunded, entailing an operation of something over \$3,100,000,000. The following year the Treasury refunded the Third Liberty Loan, amounting to about \$2,100,000,000 at the time.

Secretary Mellon's announcement of March 1 follows:

The Treasury is to-day offering for subscription at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, a combined offering of 3½% Treasury bonds and of 1½% six month certificates of indebtedness and 2% 12 month certificates of indebtedness.

The Treasury bonds will be dated and bear interest from March 16 1931, will mature on March 15 1943 and will be redeemable at the option of the United States on and after March 15 1941.

The certificates of indebtedness are in two series, both dated and bearing interest from March 16 1931, one, Series TS2-1931, being for six months with interest at the rate of 1½% and maturing Sept. 15 1931, and the other, Series TM-1932, being for 12 months with interest at the rate of 2% and maturing March 15 1932.

The amount of the Treasury bond offering is \$500,000,000, or thereabouts. The amount of the offering of six month certificates of indebtedness is \$300,000,000, or thereabouts, and the amount of the 12 month offering of certificates is \$600,000,000, or thereabouts.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks. The Treasury will accept in payment for the new Treasury bonds and certificates of indebtedness at par the 3½% Treasury notes of Series A-1930-32 and Series B-1930-32, which become due and payable on March 15 1931.

Subscriptions for the Treasury bonds and the 12 month series of certificates of indebtedness, Series TM-1932, in payment of which 3½% Treasury notes of Series A-1930-32, and Series B-1930-32, are tendered, will be given preferred allotment. With respect to the 6 month series of certificates of indebtedness, Series TS2-1931, subscriptions in payment of which 3½% Treasury notes are tendered will not be given preferred allotment.

The Treasury bonds will be issued both in bearer and registered form in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The registered bonds will also be issued in the \$50,000 denomination. The certificates of indebtedness of both series will be issued in bearer form only in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000, the certificates of Series TS2-1931 having one interest coupon attached, payable Sept. 15 1931, and the certificates of Series TM-1932 two interest coupons attached, payable Sept. 15 1931 and March 15 1932.

The certificates of indebtedness will be exempt both as to principal and interest from all taxation except estate and inheritance taxes. The Treasury bonds will be exempt both as to principal and interest from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States or by any local taxing authority except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes commonly known as surtaxes and excess-profits and war-profits taxes now or hereafter imposed by the United States upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates (but not including any certificates of indebtedness issued after June 17 1929, because they were on that date made exempt from all taxation except estate and inheritance taxes) authorized by the Act approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000 owned by any individual, partnership, association or corporation, shall be exempt from taxes provided for in said clause (b) above.

About \$1,100,000,000 of 3½% Treasury notes of Series A-1930-32 and Series B-1930-32 and about \$30,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt become due and payable on March 15 1931.

Under another heading we give the details of the offering of the Treasury bond issue of \$500,000,000. The Treasury Department's circular, No. 432, detailing the two Treasury certificate issues, follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TREASURY CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS

Dated and bearing interest from March 16 1931.

Series TS2-1931, 1½%, due Sept. 15 1931.

Series TM-1932, 2%, due March 15 1932.

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of the Act approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve banks, Treasury certificates of indebtedness, in two series, both dated and bearing interest from March 16 1931, the certificates of Series TS2-1931 being payable on Sept. 15 1931, with interest at the rate of 1½% per annum, payable on a semi-annual basis, and the certificates of Series TM-1932 being payable on March 15 1932 with interest at the rate of 2% per annum, payable on a semi-annual basis.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve banks. Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates of Series TS2-1931 will have one interest coupon attached, payable Sept. 15 1931, and the certificates of Series TM-1932, two interest coupons attached, payable Sept. 15 1931 and March 15 1932.

The certificates of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except estate and inheritance taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority.

The certificates of these series will be accepted at par during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the certificates. The certificates of these series will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but will not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates of either or both series applied for and to close the subscriptions as to either or both series at any time without notice. The Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to make allotment in full upon applications for smaller amounts, to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects will be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of the allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before March 16 1931 or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive certificates. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district. The $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Treasury notes of Series A-1930-32 and B-1930-32 which were called for redemption on March 15 1931 by Treasury Department Circular No. 428, dated Sept. 10 1930, will be accepted at par in payment for any certificates of the series now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted, with an adjustment of the interest accrued, if any, on the certificates of the series so paid for.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve banks of the respective districts.

A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Office of the Secretary

Department Circular No. 432 (Public Debt).

March 2 1931.

To the Investor:

Almost any banking institution in the United States will handle your subscription for you, or you may make subscriptions direct to the Federal Reserve Bank of your district. Your special attention is invited to the terms of subscription and allotment as stated above. If you desire to purchase, at the market price, certificates of the above issues after the subscriptions close, or certificates of any outstanding issue, you should apply to your own bank, or, if it can not obtain them for you, to the Federal Reserve Bank of your district, which will then endeavor to fill your order in the market.

Subscriptions of \$3,734,000,000 to New Treasury Securities, Bonds and Certificates, Offered to Amount of \$1,400,000,000.

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon announced on March 5 that total subscriptions of \$3,734,000,000 were received to the offering of Government obligations totaling \$1,400,000,000, to which subscriptions were asked on March 2. Details are given elsewhere in this issue of the offering, which consisted of \$500,000,000 or thereabouts of $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ Treasury Bonds, and two issues of United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, one to the amount of \$300,000,000 or thereabouts (Series TS 2-1931) bearing interest at the rate of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$, and running for six months from March 16 1931 to Sept. 15 1931, and the other to the amount of \$600,000,000 or thereabouts, (Series TM-1932), carrying 2% interest, and running for 12 months from March 15 1931. In the case of the \$500,000,000 of $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ Treasury bonds of 1941-43 subscriptions aggregated \$2,111,000,000, \$4,000,000 in subscriptions was received for the \$300,000,000 $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ certificates, and \$1,223,000,000 for the \$600,000,000 2% certificates. Secretary Mellon's announcement on March 5 of the results of the offering follows:

Secretary Mellon announced that subscriptions for the March 16 offering of $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ Treasury bonds of 1941-43, $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ six-months Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness of Series TS 2-1931 and 2% 12-months Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness of Series TM-1932 closed at the close of business on March 3 1931.

The offering of $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ Treasury bonds of 1941-43 was primarily in the nature of a refunding operation, since holders of \$1,109,000,000 Treasury notes maturing March 15 were given preferred allotment up to the amount of the new issue. Noteholders took advantage of the offering in an amount in excess of the total amount offered. No bonds were therefore available for cash subscribers.

The exchange subscriptions aggregate over \$724,000,000. All of such exchange subscriptions were allotted 80% and all cash subscriptions were rejected. On this basis the total amount of $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ Treasury bonds of 1941-43 to be issued will be approximately \$593,000,000. Total subscriptions aggregate some \$2,111,000,000.

Reports received from the Federal Reserve Banks show that for the offering of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ Certificates of Series TS 2-1931, maturing Sept. 15 1931, which was for \$300,000,000 or thereabouts, total subscriptions aggregate some \$400,000,000. As previously announced, subscriptions for this series in payment of which $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Treasury notes maturing March 15 1931, were tendered, were treated as cash subscriptions. Allotments on all subscriptions were made as follows:

All subscriptions in amounts not exceeding \$10,000 for any one subscriber were allotted in full; subscriptions in amounts over \$10,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 were allotted 90%, but not less than \$10,000 on any subscription, subscriptions in amounts over \$100,000 but not exceeding \$1,000,000 were allotted 80%, but not less than \$90,000 on any one subscription, and subscriptions in amounts over \$1,000,000 were allotted 70%, but not less than \$80,000 on any one subscription.

Reports received from the Federal Reserve Banks show that for the offering of 2% Certificates of Indebtedness of Series TM-1932, maturing March 15 1932, which was for \$600,000,000 or thereabouts, total subscriptions aggregate some \$1,223,000,000.

Of these subscriptions about \$72,400,000 represent subscriptions for notes for which $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Treasury notes of Series A-1930-32 and Series B-1930-32, maturing March 15 1931, were tendered in payment, all of which were allotted in full.

Allotments on the cash subscriptions for the 2% certificates of Series TM-1932 were made as follows:

Subscriptions in amounts not exceeding \$1,000 were allotted in full; subscriptions in amounts over \$1,000 but not exceeding \$50,000 were allotted 80%, but not less than \$1,000 on any one subscription; subscriptions in amounts over \$50,000 but not exceeding \$100,000 were allotted 70%, but not less than \$40,000 on any one subscription; subscriptions in amounts over \$100,000 but not exceeding \$500,000 were allotted 60%, but not less than \$70,000 on any one subscription; subscriptions in amounts over \$500,000 but not exceeding \$1,000,000 were allotted 50%, but not less than \$300,000 on any one subscription, and subscriptions in amounts over \$1,000,000 were allotted 35%, but not less than \$500,000 on any one subscription.

Further details as to subscriptions and allotments will be announced when final reports are received from the Federal Reserve Banks.

Redemption of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Treasury Notes Series A and B 1930-1932—Circular of New York Federal Reserve Bank.

In a circular issued March 2 by Governor Harrison of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York holders of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Treasury notes, series A-1930-32 and series B-1930-32, called for redemption on March 15 1931, are urged to present their notes as promptly as possible. The call for the redemption of these notes was issued last September by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, and the circular in the matter was published in these columns Sept. 13 1930, page 1656. Governor Harrison's circular of the present week follows:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK
(Fiscal Agent of the United States.)
Circular No. 1023, March 2 1931.

REDEMPTION OF $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ TREASURY NOTES SERIES A—1930-32 AND SERIES B—1930-32.

Holders Urged to Present Their Notes as Soon as Possible to Insure Prompt Payment on Redemption Date.

To all Banks and Trust Companies in the Second Federal Reserve District and Others Concerned:

As previously announced in Treasury Department Circular No. 428, dated Sept. 10 1930, and in a statement of the Secretary of the Treasury made public on that date and quoted in Circular No. 998 of this bank, dated Sept. 10 1930, all $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Treasury notes of series A-1930-32 and series B-1930-32 have been called for redemption on March 15 1931, on which date the principal of any such notes then outstanding will be payable together with interest then accrued thereon, and interest on all such notes will cease on said redemption date, March 15 1931.

Such notes may be presented and surrendered at any time on or after the date of this present circular to Federal Reserve Bank of New York or its Buffalo branch for redemption on March 15 1931. At the present time there are approximately \$1,109,000,000 of such notes outstanding, consisting of approximately \$625,000,000 of notes of series A-1930-32 and approximately \$484,000,000 of notes of series B-1930-32; and holders are urged to present such notes as soon as possible in order to insure prompt payment on the redemption date. A supply of forms of application for redemption is enclosed.

Coupons dated March 15 1931, which become payable on that date should be detached and collected by the holders in regular course. Notes presented for redemption with the Sept. 15 1931, or any subsequently dated coupons detached will nevertheless be redeemed but the full face amount of any such missing coupons will be deducted.

The notes must be delivered at the expense and risk of the holder. Facilities for transportation of the notes by registered mail insured may be arranged between incorporated banks and trust companies in this district and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and holders may take advantage of such arrangements, when available, utilizing such incorporated banks and trust companies as their own agents.

It should be noted that the $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Treasury notes of series C-1930-32 are not included in the above mentioned call for redemption.

Notes Called for Redemption Acceptable in Payment for New Treasury Bonds and Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness to be Dated March 16 1931.

Subject to the terms and conditions of Treasury Department circulars Nos. 432 and 433, dated March 2 1931, the $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Treasury notes of series A-1930-32 and series B-1930-32 which have been called for redemption as stated above, will be accepted in payment for Treasury certificates of Indebtedness and Treasury bonds to be dated March 16 1931, subscribed for and allotted under the terms of said circulars. Treasury Department circular No. 433 provides that subscriptions for Treasury bonds for which payment is to be tendered in such Treasury notes will be given preferred allotment up to the amount of the offering of Treasury bonds.

Further information or additional supplies of forms of application for redemption may be obtained from this bank upon request.

GEORGE L. HARRISON,
Governor.

Treasury Department Circular Detailing Offering of $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ Treasury Bonds of \$500,000,000 or Thereabouts.

In another item we refer to the Treasury Department's March financing totaling \$1,400,000,000 and consisting of the offering of an issue of \$500,000,000, "or thereabouts," of Treasury bonds, and two issues of Treasury certificates, one, to the amount of \$300,000,000, maturing in six months and bearing $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ interest, and the other, for \$600,000,000, running for one year, and bearing 2% interest. The details of the certificate offerings are given in the item referred

to. The \$500,000,000 of Treasury bonds, which are offered at par and accrued interest, will bear 3½% interest; they will be dated and bear interest from Mar. 16 1931, and will become due Mar. 15 1943; they will be redeemable at the option of the United States at par and accrued interest on and after Mar. 15 1941. Interest will be payable Mar. 15 and Sept. 15. The Treasury bonds will be issued both in bearer and registered form in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The registered bonds will be issued in the \$50,000 denomination. Regarding the tax exemption privileges of the bonds, Secretary Mellon's announcement of the offering noted:

The Treasury bonds will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes commonly known as surtaxes and excess-profits and war-profits taxes now or hereafter imposed by the United States upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates (but not including any certificates of indebtedness issued after June 17 1929, because they were on that date made exempt from all taxation except estate and inheritance taxes) authorized by the Act approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000 owned by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from taxes provided for in said clause (b) above.

Secretary Mellon's announcement also said:

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks. The Treasury will accept in payment for the new Treasury bonds and certificates of indebtedness at par, the 3½% Treasury notes of Series A—1930-32 and Series B—1930-32 which become due and payable on Mar. 15 1931.

Subscriptions for the Treasury bonds and the 12-month series of certificates of indebtedness, Series TM—1932, in payment of which 3½% Treasury notes of Series A—1930-32 and Series B—1930-32 are tendered, will be given preferred allotment. With respect to the six-month series of certificates of indebtedness, Series TS2—1931, subscriptions in payment of which 3½% Treasury notes are tendered will not be given preferred allotment.

The Treasury Department's circular (No. 433) detailing the offering follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

3½% Treasury Bonds of 1941-43—Dated and bearing interest from Mar. 16 1931—Due Mar. 15 1943.

Redeemable at the option of the United States at par and accrued interest on and after Mar. 15, 1941.

Interest Payable Mar. 15 and Sept. 15.

The Secretary of the Treasury invites subscriptions, at par and accrued interest, from the people of the United States, for 3½% Treasury bonds of 1941-43, of an issue of gold bonds of the United States authorized by the Act of Congress approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended. The amount of the offering will be \$500,000,000, "or thereabouts."

Description of Bonds.

The bonds will be dated Mar. 16 1931, and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 3½% per annum, payable on Sept. 15 1931, on a semi-annual basis, and thereafter semi-annually on Mar. 15 and Sept. 15 in each year until the principal amount becomes payable. The bonds will mature Mar. 15 1943, but may be redeemed at the option of the United States on and after Mar. 15 1941, in whole or in part, at par and accrued interest, on any interest day or days, on four months' notice of redemption given in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe. In case of partial redemption the bonds to be redeemed will be determined by such method as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. From the date of redemption designated in any such notice, interest on the bonds called for redemption shall cease. The principal and interest of the bonds will be payable in United States gold coin of the present standard of value.

Bearer bonds with interest coupons attached will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. Bonds registered as to principal and interest will be issued in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, \$50,000, and \$100,000. Provision will be made for the interchange of bonds of different denominations and of coupon and registered bonds and for the transfer of registered bonds, without charge by the United States, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The bonds shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority, except (a) estate or inheritance taxes, and (b) graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations. The interest on an amount of bonds and certificates (but not including any certificates of indebtedness issued after June 17 1929) authorized by said Act approved Sept. 24 1917, as amended, the principal of which does not exceed in the aggregate \$5,000, owner by any individual, partnership, association, or corporation, shall be exempt from the taxes provided for in said clause (b) above.

The bonds will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but do not bear the circulation privilege and are not entitled to any privilege of conversion. The bonds will be subject to the general regulations of the Treasury Department, now or hereafter issued, governing United States bonds.

Application and Allotment.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks, as fiscal agents of the United States. Banking institutions generally will handle applications for subscribers, but only the Federal Reserve Banks are authorized to act as official agencies.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription, in whole or in part, and to allot less than the amount of bonds applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice; the Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to make allotment in full upon applications for smaller amounts, to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applica-

tions for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects will be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment.

Payment at par and accrued interest for any bonds allotted must be made on or before Mar. 16 1931, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment Federal Reserve Banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definitive bonds. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for bonds allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its district.

The 3½% Treasury notes of Series A—1930-32 and B—1930-32, which were called for redemption on Mar. 15 1931 by Treasury Department Circular No. 428, dated Sept. 10 1930, will be accepted at par in payment for any Treasury bonds of the issue now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted, with an adjustment of the interest accrued, if any, on the bonds so paid for. Subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in 3½% Treasury notes of Series A—1930-32 and B—1930-32, will be given preferred allotment up to the amount of the offering.

General Provisions.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve Banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve Banks of the respective districts.

Any further information which may be desired as to the issue of Treasury bonds under the provisions of this circular may be obtained upon application to a Federal Reserve Bank. The Secretary of the Treasury may at any time, or from time to time, prescribe supplemental or amendatory rules and regulations governing the offering.

A. W. MELLON, Secretary of the Treasury.

Treasury Department, Office of the Secretary, Mar. 2 1931.

To the Investor:

Almost any banking institution in the United States will handle your subscription for you, or you may make subscription direct to the Federal Reserve Bank of your district. Your special attention is invited to the terms of subscription and allotment as stated above. If you desire to purchase, at the market price, bonds of the above issue after the subscriptions close, or bonds of any outstanding issue, you should apply to your own bank, or if it cannot obtain them for you, to the Federal Reserve Bank of your district, which will then endeavor to fill your order in the market.

President Hoover Signs Bill Passed by Congress Providing for \$8,000,000,000 Liberty Loan Refunding Bonds—Section of Bill Exempting Additional Bonds from Surtax Stricken Out.

On March 3 President Hoover signed the bill amending the Second Liberty Bond Act, so as to increase the borrowing limit of the Treasury from \$20,000,000,000 to \$28,000,000,000. As enacted into law the bill is shorn of the section which would have made the additional bonds exempt from surtaxes. This provision, recommended by Secretary Mellon in his annual report, was carried in the bill passed by the House on February 20. The text of the bill as passed by the House was given in our issue of February 28, page 1528. The tax exempt provision of the House bill was eliminated by the Senate Finance Committee, so that the bill as reported to the Senate from the Committee read:

Be it enacted, etc., That Section 1 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended (Public, Numbered 43, 120, and 192, Sixty-fifth Congress, Sept. 24, 1917, April 4, 1918, and July 9, 1918, respectively), is hereby amended by striking out the figures "\$20,000,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "\$28,000,000,000."

In this form the bill was passed by the Senate on March 2, and the House on the same date concurred in the action of the Senate in thus amending the bill. The provision which was cut from the bill as it came from the House on Feb. 20, follows:

Sec. 2. That Section 7 of the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended (Public Numbered 43, Sixty-fifth Congress, Sept. 24, 1917), is hereby amended by adding thereto the following sentence: "Bonds authorized by Section 1 and certificates authorized by Section 6, of this Act, as amended, hereafter issued shall be exempt from graduated additional income taxes, commonly known as surtaxes, and excess-profits and war-profits taxes, now or hereafter imposed by the United States, upon the income or profits of individuals, partnerships, associations, or corporations, if and when the Secretary of the Treasury shall so prescribe in connection with the issue thereof."

Regarding the action of the Senate Committee we quote the following from Washington, March 1, to the New York "Times":

The effort to get through Congress a bill which would permit the Treasury to issue long-term bond offerings that would be exempt from surtaxes as well as the normal tax has been abandoned.

Senator Smoot, chairman of the Finance Committee, said tonight that the decision was made because of the opposition of Senator Couzens and La Follette in the Committee, which made it evident that there was no chance to obtain favorable action at this session.

The provision for exemption at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury was contained in an administration bill recently passed by the House which would permit the Treasury to issue another \$8,000,000,000 in bonds needed for refunding purposes in addition to the \$20,000,000,000 authorized under the second Liberty bond act.

Since the House action, however, the bill has been held up in the Senate Finance Committee, with Senator Smoot fighting to overcome the opposition of Senator Couzens and others to the exemption feature.

Smoot Explains Change in Plan

In giving up this part of the measure, Senator Smoot said:

"I shall report out the bill tomorrow with only the first section

remaining in it, the section which authorizes the issue of \$8,000,000,000 additional in long-term bonds by the treasury for refunding purposes. The second section, which provided for exempting such bonds from the surtax, will be deleted.

"I feel sure that authority for the additional issues will be granted, as there is no reason for opposition to such a proposal.

"The fight has been on the surtax exemption feature of the bill, and it is now obvious that there is no chance of getting a bill containing such a provision passed by the Senate in the few remaining days of the session.

"I shall report the bill without the exemption feature because the authorization is necessary, and we can't get it otherwise. It is the best we can get."

Senator Couzens said that he was opposed to the surtax exemption clause because he thought it unwise for the government to issue such tax-exempt bonds. He said that he was not influenced by the fact that States now issuing long-term bonds which are not subject to taxes might view with concern the government entering the long-term bond market on that basis.

Declaring that the Treasury had repeatedly expressed itself against the principle of tax-exempt bonds, he said he was surprised that it was asking for that privilege now.

Senator Couzens expressed the opinion that a great many of the Senators were opposed to the step and that the bill in its original form would have been defeated.

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Under the present laws the Treasury is authorized to issue short-term securities which carry the surtax exemption feature. Such issues do not come into sharp competition with bond issues by States and municipalities.

The House Ways and Means Committee in reporting the bill held that there appeared no valid reason why similar exemption privilege should not be extended to issues of long-term bonds.

The attitude of the Treasury has been that while it opposed the principle of tax-exempt securities, it should be applied to Federal Government securities to enable more effective competition with the States.

Under the present law corporations are able to obtain the Federal bonds on a tax-free basis, as corporations pay no surtaxes, whereas individuals are in no such favored position.

The Treasury had expected to carry on refunding operations at considerably smaller cost because bonds free from the surtax penalty would market at a lower rate of interest.

May Restrict Refunding

Had the bill been passed, it had expected to use the long-term bond issues much more freely for refunding purposes, but now the Treasury may be influenced to abandon such a program.

If the \$20,000,000,000 of bonds authorized by the second Liberty bond act, a margin of about \$1,300,000,000 still remains for use in refunding operations.

The \$8,000,000,000 additional has been asked by Secretary Mellon in contemplation of possible refunding of the first and fourth Liberty loans, of which \$8,201,173,000 are outstanding, into securities bearing a lower interest rate.

The first Liberty issue, \$1,933,537,000, is callable in 1932 and the fourth Liberty, \$6,268,332,000, is callable in 1933.

Secretary Mellon has pointed out that while it could not be determined long in advance what type of securities would be used in refunding the Liberties, it would be well for the Treasury to have wide latitude in planning the operations, and that the authority should be given well in advance of the call date of the bonds.

President Hoover's Request to Veterans' Bureau to Give Loan Priority to Needy Veterans—Gen. Hines Letter to President Regarding Veterans Receiving Relief.

Reference to President Hoover's request that the Veterans' Bureau "give complete priority" to applications for loans under the soldier bonus bill, be given to veterans who are in need, was made in our issue a week ago, page 1530. The President's statement regarding this, made known Feb. 28 to newspaper correspondents, said:

"Although I have been greatly opposed to the passage of the bonus legislation in its provisions for loans from the Treasury to people not in need, now that it is a law we propose to facilitate the working of it in every way possible.

"Inasmuch as the physical task of making loans to 3,500,000 veterans, or even half that number, who might apply, will require many months, even with the most intensive organization, I have requested Gen. Hines to give complete priority to applications from veterans who are in need, and have asked him to set up some machinery for the certification of these cases, especially giving regard to the certification of the veterans' service organizations and the various relief organizations dealing with unemployment.

The recent survey of the larger cities shows, in the opinion of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, that about 6% of the total number of veterans in industrial centers are now receiving support from the local unemployment and other relief committees. This bill will relieve some of the burden now being carried by these committees, but as the amount possible for many veterans to borrow under the bill is so small it is urgently necessary that the local committees shall continue their service to many veterans.

"I wish to compliment the veterans' service organizations for their co-operation in undertaking a campaign amongst all veterans, urging them not to take advantage of the loan provisions except in cases of absolute necessity. I understand they are placing it on the ground of assistance to the Federal Government in minimizing the amount of money we shall be called upon to borrow and upon the fact that loans upon the bonus certificates exhaust the protection of veterans' families under the endowment insurance features of the certificates.

"Taking General Hines's survey of the number of veterans being assisted by local committees as a basis, it would appear that if all loans were confined to need, the drain on the Treasury may be limited to 10% of the potential liability created by the law."

From the Washington account, Feb. 27, to the New York "Times" we take the following:

73,310 Veterans Aided in 18 Cities.

In an effort to ascertain the percentage of needy veterans, General Hines submitted to the President this afternoon a report on the situation in 18 cities of the country, the veteran population of which totals 898,469 persons. The survey, based on reports to the Red Cross and other charitable organizations during the past 90 days, showed that the number of ex-veterans receiving aid was 73,310. The largest number was in New York, where the "needy" veterans are estimated at 20,000 out of a total of 258,735 veterans for the city. The "needy" veteran cases in Philadelphia were returned as 4,083; for Boston, 2,936; Buffalo, 6,004, and Chicago, 10,900.

General Hines, in a letter to the President, explained the report as follows:

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION.

Washington, Feb. 26 1931.

My dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing herewith as complete information as it has been possible to secure as to the number of veterans and veterans' families who are receiving relief through organized charity.

These returns represent the reports from 18 cities whose veteran population is estimated as approximating 898,469. While, in my opinion, the figures on relief extended are indexes only, including, as they doubtless do, some duplication, and on the other hand in some instance, probably not including all cases to whom relief is being extended, it is interesting to note that from these figures the per cent. of veteran population represented who is actually in receipt of relief approximates eight, as some 72,310 cases are represented by the attached reports.

If we apply this per cent. to the 3,400,000 holders of bonus certificates, there would result a figure of approximately 272,000, which is, at least, indicative of the number of veterans at this time so in need as to seek relief from organized charity.

I might add it is my personal opinion, however, that these figures on the average are higher than probably the actual facts warrant, when we take into account possible duplications and also minor forms of relief which may be comprehended. I would say that a better average figure might be 6%. Further, I have checked back on certain reports originally received and modified figures have been used.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANK T. HINES, Administrator.

Figures on Veterans Helped.

The figures submitted by General Hines were as follows:

City—	Population.	Estimated Veteran Population.	Veterans or Veterans' Families to Whom Relief Was Afforded.
Boston	781,188	45,000	2,936(a)
Buffalo	573,076	*20,058	6,004(b)
Philadelphia	1,950,961	101,932	4,803(c)
New York	6,930,446	258,733	*20,000(d)
Cincinnati	451,160	22,820	735(e)
Birmingham	259,678	9,089	1,025(f)
New Orleans	458,762	17,500	498(g)
Chicago	3,376,438	a130,000	b10,900(b)
Indianapolis	364,161	*12,746	1,061(i)
Detroit	1,568,662	60,000	1,500(j)
Milwaukee	578,249	*20,239	4,150(k)
St. Louis	821,960	55,000	1,721(l)
San Antonio	231,542	7,000	1,085(m)
Kansas City	399,746	30,000	2,600
Minneapolis	464,356	23,000	6,492(n)
Denver	287,861	13,552	672(o)
Seattle	365,583	16,000	1,813
Los Angeles	1,238,048	56,000	4,320

* Estimated. a Cook County. b Chicago.

(a) Includes relief rendered by Red Cross to disabled veterans only and excludes relief rendered by Family Welfare Society, Catholic Charitable Bureau, St. Vincent De Paul Society and Industrial Aid Society, data for which organizations do not distinguish between veterans and others.

(b) Value of relief (\$150,908) includes relief extended by Red Cross, American Legion, Disabled Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, City Public Welfare Department, extent of duplication and period covered not shown.

President Hoover Vetoes Measure to Provide Veterans Hospital Facilities to Civilians Connected With Quartermaster Corps—Also Vetoes Bill for Relief of Alien Discharged from Service.

On Feb. 23 President Hoover sent to the House of Representatives two veto messages. One (we quote from the New York "Times") disapproved of a measure to provide veterans' hospital facilities to civilians who had been connected with the Quartermaster Corps and another bill would give World War veterans' benefits to an alien (Joseph Marko) dismissed from the army because he was an alien. In its account of the President's action the "Times" said:

Civilian Hospital Bill Vetoes.

The benefits of hospitalization and the privileges of the Federal soldiers' homes are for disabled veterans of the armed services only, and not for persons who were employed in civilian capacities in war times, the President said in vetoing the bill to grant such privileges to certain persons who served in civilian capacities in the Quartermaster Corps of the army during the war with Spain, the Philippine insurrection, and the China relief expedition.

The precedent created by the bill, the President declared, would commit the Government to a policy which, in justice, could not be confined to the civilians covered by this particular Act, but would justify civilians who were employed in other branches of war work in applying for and obtaining the same privileges.

The President's other veto was of a bill which proposed to give to one Joseph Marko, an alien, "all the rights, privileges and benefits of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act," despite the fact that he was discharged from the army because he was an alien. There were thousands of other aliens in exactly the same class as Marko, the President declared, and, that being so, he was unable to see any "special or peculiar merit" in the Marko case. Marko was discharged from the service at his own request.

Text of Quartermaster Civilians Veto.

The President's message vetoing the quartermaster civilians bill read: To the House of Representatives:

I am returning without approval House Bill 6997, entitled, "An Act to Confer to Certain Persons Who Served in the Quartermaster Corps or

Under the Jurisdiction of the Quartermaster General During the War With Spain, the Philippines Insurrection, or the China Relief Expedition the Benefits of Hospitalization and the Privileges of the Soldiers' Homes."

This bill proposes to open the doors of the hospitals and homes under the jurisdiction of the Veterans' Administration, which have been constructed from funds authorized by the Congress for the care and treatment of disabled ex-members of the military and naval forces of the United States, to a group of civilians employed by the Quartermaster Corps during the war with Spain, the Philippine Insurrection, and the China Relief Expedition. It is thus a departure from the policy of the Government with respect to the extension of such privileges.

It would commit the Government to a policy which, if once embarked upon, could not justifiably be restricted to this selected group of civilians who served during the three periods of hostility mentioned. In every war the Government is obliged to avail itself of the assistance of many who are not a part of the enlisted, enrolled or commissioned personnel of the army and navy, but who perform their duties under contracts providing, we must assume, for their proper compensation, inasmuch as they are entirely voluntary and terminable at the will of the employee.

Sees No Claim on Federal Bounty.

Their services under such contracts, no matter how effective or valiant, have never been regarded as giving them the same claim upon the bounty of the Government as those who entered the military or naval service and were subject to military law and to the rigors and hazards of war until the restoration of peace or disability or death released them. The Committee on Pensions, House of Representatives, was probably impressed by this thought when they amended the bill originally to eliminate the provision for a pension for this group.

I do not think we may lose sight of the fact that during the World War there were thousands of civilians engaged in occupations necessary to the carrying on of the combat forces who might argue as consistently as this group that they are entitled to consideration and hospitalization at the hands of the Federal Government. We quickly recall the arduous service performed by the many civilians who served with the troops overseas during the World War, to say nothing of those who served in cantonments and ports of embarkation and debarkation in the United States. Some were in the employ of the Government and others were not, but they worked in a common cause and it would be hard to draw the line between them.

I am advised by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs that it has not been possible to estimate the number who would become eligible for admission to hospitals and homes should this bill be approved, but that the Secretary of the Interior has furnished figures indicating that there were approximately 14,000 who had such service as would bring them within the provisions of this bill, approximately 7,000 of whom are now living.

Cites the Lack of Facilities.

From the legislative history I note that no consideration was given to this bill by the Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation, House of Representatives; the Committee on Finance of the Senate or the Committee on Military Affairs of either house.

These committees, under the rules, handle all legislation providing for the construction of additional hospital and domiciliary facilities for beneficiaries under the laws administered by the Veterans' Administration. They now have before them for action several bills which propose to authorize millions of dollars for additional construction for ex-service men who are already within the purview of the provisions of law relating to hospital and domiciliary care, but for whom facilities are not available.

I am informed that there are now on the waiting list 2,440 veterans who are in immediate need of hospitalization and 7,417 who are in need of treatment, but whose necessities may be characterized as less urgent. Certainly this bill should not be approved before the number of persons who might be eligible under it has been considered in relation to the present hospital construction program.

For these reasons I do not feel that I can approve this legislation.

HERBERT HOOVER.

The White House, Feb. 23 1931.

Text of Law Increasing Loan Basis of World War Veterans Service Certificates—(Soldier Bonus.)

We give herewith the text of the measure, increasing the loan basis of world war veterans adjusted service certificates, which, as we indicated in our issue of a week ago (page 1528) became a law as a result of its passage by the House (Feb. 26) and Senate (Feb. 27) over the veto (Feb. 26) by President Hoover; the bill had previously passed the House on Feb. 16, and the Senate Feb. 19. The measure as enacted into law follows:

To increase the loan basis of adjusted service certificates.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 502 of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof two new subdivisions to read as follows:

"(1) For the purpose of this section the loan basis provided in subdivision (g) shall at no time be less than 50 per centum of the face value of the certificate, and in no event shall the rate of interest on any loan made after this subdivision takes effect exceed 4½ per centum per annum, compounded annually. If at the time of application to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs for a loan the principal and interest on or in respect of any prior loan under this section have not been paid in full by the veteran (whether or not the loan has matured), then, on request of the veteran, the Administrator shall (1) pay or otherwise discharge such unpaid principal and so much of such unpaid interest (accrued or to accrue) as is necessary to make the certificate available for use as security for the new loan and (2) deduct the same from the then existing loan basis of the certificate.

"(m) Loans made by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs under this section may at his option be made out of the United States Government life insurance fund, or out of the Adjusted Service Certificate Fund created under section 505."

Sec. 2. Section 507 of such Act, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 507. All amounts in the fund shall be available for payment, by the Administrator, of adjusted service certificates upon their maturity or the prior death of the veteran, for payments under section 502 to banks on account of notes of veterans, and for making loans authorized by section 502, as amended."

SEC. 3. There is authorized to be appropriated such amounts as may be necessary to provide for the making of loans to veterans by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs under the World War Adjusted Compensation Act, as amended.

SEC. 4. This Act may be cited as the "Emergency Adjusted Compensation Act, 1931."

Prof. Ames of Dartmouth Quits American Legion as Protest Against Its Support of Veterans' Bonus Bill.

Professor Adelbert Ames, Jr., son of the Civil War General, resigned on March 1 from the American Legion as a protest against the action of Congress in passing the new veterans' loan bill. We quote from a Hanover (N. H.) dispatch to the New York "Times" which further said:

Professor Ames, a member of the Dartmouth Medical School faculty, resigned from the George Ryder Post of the American Legion in an open letter to John S. Gould, adjutant.

Professor Ames's letter said in part:

"The Legion no longer represents the veterans of the World War. In this time of national and world unemployment, want and suffering, the end of which is not in sight, the Legion has officially asked Congress to pass bills to give the veterans special privileges in the way of financial assistance. * * *

"In spite of all the good the Legion has done," said Professor Ames, "the recent events in Congress make me believe that its existence is a menace to our country. Advance what excuses they may, the underlying reason for the overwhelming vote on the bonus bill by members of Congress was due to a fear of or a desire to get votes from the veterans."

President Curbed on Tariff Revision—Customs Court in New York Rules the Flexible Act Permits Only Actual Change in Rate—Coolidge Schedule Upset.

A decision limiting Presidential powers under the flexible tariff provision to actual changes in rates, and declaring unconstitutional any step beyond, was handed down on Feb. 24 by Judges George M. Young and George Stewart Brown of the Third Division, United States Customs Court. This was noted in the New York "Times" of Feb. 25, from which the following is taken:

A dissenting opinion holding the President had implied powers beyond the strict limits set by the associates was given by Judge Genevieve R. Cline.

The majority decision, described by those in touch with tariff questions to be the most important since the constitutionality of the flexible clause was decided, was rendered in a test case brought by the Fox River Butter Company protesting against rate changes ordered by President Coolidge on Swiss cheese imports under the 1922 tariff act. Its importance, according to customs attorneys, lies in the fact that it decides for the first time the right of the President to change the phraseology of the tariff law, and if upheld on appeal to the higher courts would affect materially the use of the flexible clause in making the many rate changes expected under the current law.

The points in question arose when President Coolidge, acting under authority of the flexible provision of the tariff act in 1927, issued a proclamation fixing a rate of 7½ cents per pound but not less than 37½% ad valorem on cheese "having the eye formation characteristics of Swiss or Emmenthaler type." Paragraph 710 of the tariff law, to which the President's proclamation applied, dealt with "cheese and substitutes therefor" and fixed a minimum rate of 5 cents per pound and not less than 25% ad valorem.

Pointing out that the Supreme Court in its decision in the Hampton case covered only the right of the President to alter actual rates within the limits prescribed by Congress, the majority opinion holds that the minute the President changes the language of the law "he goes into a new field, he proceeds a thousand times further than changing rates to meet cost differences.

"When one writes new language, strikes out and inserts, writes new paragraphs (as is done here), he manifestly legislates," the opinion continues; "he makes new law. The simplest man on the street can see, without instruction from any court, that when the President does that he legislates. Most people know that the Constitution reposes that dangerous and heavy responsibility upon the Senators and Representatives whom the people elect in their states, no matter with what zeal Congress may seek to avoid the responsibility and pass this delicate trust on to the President. That is hardly an arguable proposition. It is difficult to support a self-evident proposition by argument. Either one sees it or his eyes are blind to the self-evident fact. No legal fiction can camouflage it."

If the President is permitted to change the wording of the tariff law, he can as logically exercise the power of writing the language "of all our Federal tax laws," the court found.

"We are not prepared to make a decision which legally authorizes the setting up of that Executive despotism in America," the decision continues, citing the fact that the Constitution gives legislative and taxing powers into the hands of Congress.

President Hoover's Message Vetoing Resolution for Government Operation of Muscle Shoals Nitrate and Power Properties.

In a message sent to the Senate on March 3, President Hoover vetoed the resolution previously passed by the House and Senate which would have provided for Government operation of the nitrate and power properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala. A move to override the President's veto was made in the Senate late at night on March 3, but it failed of securing the necessary two-thirds majority to pass the resolution over the veto. There were 49 votes to override, while 34 votes were registered as upholding the President. The congressional action on the resolution is indicated elsewhere in this issue of our paper. President Hoover's veto message follows:

To the Senate:

I return herewith, without my approval, Senate Joint Resolution 49, "to provide for the national defense by the creation of a corporation for the operation of the government properties at and near Muscle Shoals in the State of Alabama; to authorize the letting of the Muscle Shoals properties under certain conditions; and for other purposes."

This bill proposes the transformation of the war plant at Muscle Shoals, together with important expansions, into a permanently operated institution for the production and distribution of power and the manufacture of fertilizers.

Disregarding for the moment the question of whether the Federal Government should or can manage a power and fertilizer manufacturing business, we should examine this proposal from the point of view of the probabilities of success as a business, even if efficiently managed. Such an analysis involves a consideration of the capital invested, the available commercial power, the operating costs, the revenue to be expected and the profit and loss involved from this set-up. The figures and estimates given herein are furnished by the War Department upon the authority of the chief of engineers.

Value of the Old Plant and Further Capital Outlay Required

The following properties and proposed extensions are embraced in the proposed project:

(A) Wilson Dam and its hydroelectric equipment, valued at \$37,000,000, being the original cost of \$47,000,000 less \$10,000,000 applicable to navigation.

(B) The steam power plant at Muscle Shoals, valued at \$5,000,000, being a reduction for depreciation of \$7,000,000 from the original cost of \$12,000,000.

(C) Proposed further additions to the electrical plant at Muscle Shoals costing \$9,000,000.

(D) Proposed construction of Cove Creek Dam with hydroelectric plant with transportation line to Wilson Dam, \$41,000,000, of which \$5,000,000 may be attributed to flood control and improvement of navigation, or, say, \$37,000,000.

(E) Proposed construction of transmission lines for wholesale distribution of power within the transmission area, \$4,000,000.

(F) Nitrate plants, quarries, etc., at Muscle Shoals which originally cost \$68,555,000 but upon which no valuation is placed at present.

The total valuation of the old property to be taken over for the power portion of the project is, therefore, \$42,000,000 after the above deductions from original cost.

The new expenditures from the Treasury applicable to the power business are estimated at \$90,000,000, less \$5,000,000 which might be attributable to flood control, or a total of \$127,000,000 of capital in the electrical project. This sum would be further increased by accumulated interest charge during construction. As shown later on several millions further would be required for modernizing the nitrate plants. The total requirement of new money from the Federal Treasury for the project is probably \$100,000 even if no further extensions were undertaken.

Amount of Power Available from This Project

Assuming the additional power given by the construction of the Cove Creek dam and the use of steam power for five months in the dry season each year, and taking the average load factor from experience in that region, about 1,300,000 kilowatt-hours of continuous power could be produced annually. Considered as a general power business a portion of this must be held in reserve to protect consumers, leaving a net of about 1,000,000 kilowatt-hours annually of salable power. This amount would be somewhat increased if a large proportion of the 24-hour load were applied to fertilizer manufacture.

The secondary power for a period of less than seven months in the year is not regarded as of any present commercial value.

Operating Costs

The following is the estimated annual overhead and operating cost of the electrical end of the project including the steam plant necessary to convert 7-months secondary power into primary power as stated above.

Interest at 4% per annum on capital of \$127,000,000	\$5,080,000
Amortization	1,890,000
Operating and maintenance cost of hydroelectric plant	775,000
Operating and maintenance cost of steam plant	850,000
Operation and maintenance cost of transmission lines	550,000
Total	\$9,145,000

The estimated cost of production and distribution is, therefore, about 9.1 mills per kilowatt-hour. If only part of the transmission lines were constructed it would decrease capital and operating charges but would not comply with the requirement of equitable distribution through the transmission area.

Estimated Gross Income

The purpose of the bill is to provide production and wholesale distribution of surplus power and to give preference to States, municipalities and co-operative organizations. It further provides that the policy of the government must be to distribute the surplus power equitably among States, counties and municipalities within transmission distance of Muscle Shoals and provides for the construction of transmission lines to effect this purpose. Such a transmission system for wholesale purposes only is estimated to cost \$40,000,000. It is proposed to sell power at retail to householders, then there would be need of a great increase in the estimates of capital outlay and operation costs for such distribution. The average gross income of the power companies in that territory, including retail as well as wholesale power, is about 12 mills per kilowatt hour. This includes retail residential power averaging something over 50 mills per kilowatt hour. Miscellaneous industrial power realizes about 10 mills per kilowatt hour. The power sold wholesale to other companies and those engaged in municipal distribution averages about 7.2 mills per kilowatt hour.

It is impossible to compute Muscle Shoals income under this project upon a basis which includes retail power sales, as this is a project for wholesale distribution only. It is impossible to compute it upon the basis of miscellaneous industrial rates, as sales for industrial purposes from Muscle Shoals would presumably be mainly for manufacture of fertilizers and it would not be possible to average 10 mills per kilowatt hour. A rate of not over 2 mills would be a large charge for such power. While the load factor would be improved by large use for this purpose, the net result, however, would be to diminish the gross income below the above rates from municipal and miscellaneous industrial services.

Assuming that the whole 1,000,000,000 kilowatt hours should be sold to municipalities or other power distributors, it would on the basis of the realization of the private companies of 7.2 mills, yield a gross annual income to this project of about \$7,200,000, or a loss upon this basis of

nearly \$2,000,000 annually. This territory is now supplied with power and to obtain such an income it would be necessary to take the customers of the present power companies. To secure these customers it would be necessary to undercut the rates now made by them. It is difficult to estimate the extent to which it would be necessary to go in such rate cutting in order to secure the business. In any event it would of course diminish estimated income and increase the losses.

It is obvious that any estimate of income contains a large element of conjecture, as the proportions of industrial and municipal load cannot be foretold. But any estimate of the income of the project as set up by this legislation will show a loss.

The plants at Muscle Shoals were originally built for a production of nitrates for use in war explosives. I am advised by the War Department that the very large development in the United States by private enterprise in the manufacture of synthetic nitrogen now affords an ample supply covering any possible requirements of war. It is therefore unnecessary to maintain this plant for any such purpose.

This bill provides that the President for a period of twelve months may negotiate a lease of the nitrate plants for fertilizer manufacture under detailed limitations, but in failure to make such a lease the bill makes it mandatory upon the government to manufacture nitrogen fertilizers at Muscle Shoals by the employment of existing facilities or by modernizing existing plants or by any other process. I may state at once that the limitations put upon lessees in the bill are such that this provision is of no genuine importance. Inquiries have been made of the most responsible and experienced concerns that might possibly undertake such lease and they have replied that under the conditions set out in the bill it is entirely impractical for them to make any bid. The leasing provision is therefore of no utility. It may at once be dismissed. In consequence, the project we have to consider under this bill is the manufacture of fertilizers by the Federal Government.

The Department of Agriculture reports that these plants are now more or less obsolete and that with power at even 2 mills per kilowatt-hour, with proper charges included, could not produce the products for which they are constructed as cheaply as these products are now being sold in the wholesale markets. Therefore it would be necessary to modernize the equipment at an unknown cost in millions. There is no evidence as to the costs of nitrogen fertilizers by the newer equipment, and there is therefore no basis upon which to estimate the results to the government from entering upon such a competitive business. It can, however, be stated with assurance that no chemical industry, with its constantly changing technology and equipment, its intricate problems of sales and distribution, can be successfully conducted by the government.

The first essential of all business is competent management. Although the bill provides for the management by three directors, the Congress must from the nature of our institutions be the real board of directors and with all the disadvantages to a technical business that arise from a multitude of other duties, changing personnel, changing policies and regional interests. These three directors are to have political qualifications, as it is stipulated that not more than two shall be of one political party. They are to receive \$50 per diem, but are limited to \$7,500 each for the first year and \$5,000 annually thereafter.

The act provides that:

All members of the board shall be persons that profess a belief in the feasibility and wisdom, having in view the national defense and the encouragement of interstate commerce, of producing fixed nitrogen under this act of such kinds and at such prices as to induce the reasonable expectation that the farmers will buy said products and that by reason thereof the corporation may be a self-sustaining and continuing success.

In other words, they are to say that they believe in government manufacture of fertilizers and that it can be made a success on this set-up. We are thus supposed to appoint business administrators on the basis of their beliefs rather than their experience and competency. These directors are manifestly to have a political complexion and apparently the entire working force is likewise to have such a basis of selection, as the usual provision for the merit service required by law in most other Federal activities is omitted.

Three men able to conduct a \$150,000,000 business cannot be found to meet these specifications.

I am firmly opposed to the government entering into any business the major purpose of which is competition with our citizens. There are national emergencies which require that the government should temporarily enter the field of business, but they must be emergency actions and in matters where the cost of the project is secondary to much higher considerations. There are many localities where the Federal Government is justified in the construction of great dams and reservoirs, where navigation, flood control, reclamation or stream regulation are of dominant importance and where they are beyond the capacity or purpose of private or local government capital to construct. In these cases power is often a by-product and should be disposed of by contract or lease.

But for the Federal Government deliberately to go out to build up and expand such an occasion to the major purpose of a power and manufacturing business is to break down the initiative and enterprise of the American people; it is destruction of equality of opportunity among our people; it is the negation of the ideals upon which our civilization has been based.

This bill raises one of the important issues confronting our people. That is squarely the issue of Federal Government ownership and operation of power and manufacturing business, not as a minor by-product but as a major purpose. Involved in this question is the agitation against the conduct of the power industry. The power problem is not to be solved by the Federal Government going into the power business, nor is it to be solved by the project in this bill. The remedy for abuses in the conduct of that industry lies in regulation and not by the Federal Government entering upon the business itself.

I have recommended to the Congress on various occasions that action should be taken to establish Federal regulation of interstate power in co-operation with State authorities. This bill would launch the Federal Government upon a policy of ownership and operation of power utilities upon a basis of competition instead of by the proper government function of regulation for the protection of all the people. I hesitate to contemplate the future of our institutions, of our government and of our country if the preoccupation of its officials is to be no longer the promotion of justice and equal opportunity but is to be devoted to barter in the markets. That is not liberalism; it is degeneration.

This proposal can be effectively opposed upon other and perhaps narrower grounds. The establishment of a Federal-operated power business and fertilizer factory in the Tennessee Valley means Federal control from Washington, with all the vicissitudes of national politics and the tyrannies of remote bureaucracy imposed upon the people of that valley without voice by them in their own resources, the overriding of State and local government, the undermining of State and local responsibility.

The very history of this project over the past ten years should be a complete demonstration of the ineptness of the Federal Government to administer such enterprise and of the penalties which the local community suffers under it.

This bill distinctly proposes to enter the field of powers reserved to the States. It would deprive the adjacent States of the right to control rates for this power and would deprive them of taxes on property within their borders and would invade and weaken the authority of local government.

Aside from the wider issues involved, the immediate effect of this legislation would be that no other development of power could take place on the Tennessee River with the government in that field. That river contains two or three millions of potential horsepower, but the threat of the subjection of that area to a competition which, under this bill, carries no responsibility to earn interest on the investment or taxes will either destroy the possibility of private development of the great resources of the river or alternately impose the extension of this development upon the Federal Government. It would appear that this latter is the course desired by many proponents of this bill. There are many other objections which can be raised to this bill, of lesser importance but in themselves a warranty for its disapproval.

It must be understood that these criticisms are directed to the project as set up in this bill; they are not directed to the possibilities of a project denuded of uneconomic and unsound provisions, nor is it a reflection upon the value of these resources.

I sympathize greatly with the desire of the people of Tennessee and Alabama to see this great asset turned to practical use. It can be so turned and to their benefit. I am loath to leave a subject of this character without a suggestion for solution. Congress has been thwarted for ten years in finding solution, by rivalry of private interests and by the determination of certain groups to commit the Federal Government to government ownership and operation of power.

The real development of the resources and the industries of the Tennessee Valley can only be accomplished by the people in that valley themselves. Muscle Shoals can only be administered by the people upon the ground, responsible to their own communities, directing them solely for the benefit of their communities and not for purposes of pursuit of social theories or national politics. Any other course deprives them of liberty.

Proposes State Commission

I would therefore suggest that the States of Alabama and Tennessee, who are the only ones primarily concerned, should set up a commission of their own representatives together with a representative from the national farm organizations and the Corps of Army Engineers; that there be vested in that commission full authority to lease the plants at Muscle Shoals in the interest of the local community and agriculture generally.

It could lease the nitrate plants to the advantage of agriculture. The power plant it to-day earning a margin over operating expenses. Such a commission could increase this margin without further capital outlay and should be required to use all such margins for the benefit of agriculture.

The Federal Government should, as in the case of Boulder Canyon, construct Cove Creek dam as a regulatory measure for the flood protection of the Tennessee Valley and the development of its water resources, but on the same bases as those imposed at Boulder Canyon—that is, that construction should be undertaken at such time as the proposed commission is able to secure contracts for use of the increased water supply to power users or the lease of the power produced as a by-product from such a dam on terms that will return to the government interest upon its outlay with amortization.

On this basis the Federal Government will have co-operated to place the question into the hands of the people primarily concerned. They can lease as their wisdom dictates and for the industries that they deem best in their own interest. It would get a war relic out of politics and into the realm of service.

HERBERT HOOVER.

The White House, March 3, 1931.

President Issues Executive Order Placing Virgin Islands Under Civil Government—Transfers Supervision from Navy Department to Interior Department.

President Hoover issued an executive order Feb. 27 placing the Government of the Virgin Islands under the supervision of the Department of the Interior, as was stated in our issue of Feb. 21 page 1352. President Hoover in appointing Dr. Paul M. Pearson, of Swarthmore, Pa., as Governor of the Virgin Islands, announced that the Government of the Islands would be transferred from the Department of the Navy to the Department of the Interior. The executive order as given in the "United States Daily" of March 2 follows:

President's Order.

Executive Order: Placing the Government of the Virgin Islands under the supervision of the Department of the Interior.

I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, under the authority conferred upon me by the act of Mar. 3 1917, entitled "An act to provide a temporary government for the West Indian Islands, acquired by the United States from Denmark by the convention entered into between said countries on Aug. 4 1916, and ratified by the Senate of the United States on Sept. 7 1916, and for other purposes" (39 Stat. 1182), and by virtue of all other powers thereto me enabling, do hereby place the administration of the government of the Virgin Islands, including expenditures and the appointment of personnel, under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, subject to the entrance upon duty of a civil governor, and direct that the unexpended balance of the appropriations "Temporary government for the West Indian Islands for the fiscal year 1931," included in the Navy appropriation Act, shall be transferred, effective on the entrance upon duty of the civil governor, to the Department of the Interior.

Further, the Secretary of the Interior shall contract for the employment of and fix salaries of those persons employed in the government of the Virgin Islands of the United States whose position and salaries are not specified in the annual budgets of the two colonial councils, and he may, where necessary, contract to furnish to such persons, or to any other appointees to positions in the Islands, free transportation from the port of departure in the United States, including meals on the steamer, but no compensation or expenses for the journey to the port.

Under the authority recited herein I do hereby order and direct that all naval officers, nurses, enlisted men, and clerical employees of the Department of the Navy now assigned to the executive departments of the municipal

governments shall remain in their present positions until relieved by civil employees with the approval of the Secretaries of the Navy and Interior, but they shall be relieved not later than six months from the date of entrance upon duty of the civil governor.

The requirement that the governor of said Islands shall report to the President through the Secretary of the Navy, according to the instructions of the President in letter dated Oct. 12 1922, is hereby revoked, and the governor shall hereafter report to the President through the Secretary of the Interior.

(Signed) HERBERT HOOVER.

The White House, Feb. 27 1931.

Senate Upholds President Hoover's Veto of Resolution for Government Operation of Nitrate and Power Properties at Muscle Shoals.

In the Senate, at a night session on March 3, the veto by President Hoover earlier in the day of the resolution for the Government operation of the nitrate and power properties at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was sustained. While 49 votes were cast in favor of overriding the veto, against 34 to uphold the President, the necessary two-thirds majority to override the veto was lacking—the Washington account to the New York "Times" March 3 regarding the efforts to pass the legislation over the President's veto said in part:

With 83 votes cast, the President's adversaries would have had to muster a strength of 56 to send the measure to the House, where a large vote to sustain the veto was anticipated if the Senate had overridden it. The proponents of the Norris resolution lacked six and one-third votes for victory.

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The vote on the motion to override the veto was taken at 10:25 P.M., after Senator Smith, Democrat, of South Carolina, had made an impassioned speech appealing to his fellow-Senators to pass the measure over the President's disapproval. He was the author of the original measure, introduced in 1916, for Federal operation of the Muscle Shoals plants.

While the veto was expected, its receipt by the Senate caused irritation among the advocates of having those parts of the properties devoted to the manufacture and distribution of hydroelectric power operated by a Federal board, as the resolution provides.

When the Senate debate on the motion to override the veto began, it was apparent immediately that the friends of government operation were thoroughly angry.

Senator Black of Alabama, who started the discussion, accused President Hoover of a lack of good faith in his attitude toward the measure, of having sought the votes of Southern people by leading them to believe that the legislation would receive his approval.

During the evening Senator Norris of Nebraska, sponsor of the resolution, seemed ready to throw up the sponge.

Norris Tries to Table Plan.

He sought unanimous consent to lay the veto message aside in view of what he said was the hopelessness of attempting to pass the legislation over the Executive disapproval before Congress took its compulsory adjournment and in order not to hold up such legislation as the second deficiency appropriation bill.

Immediate objection was made by Senator Bingham of Connecticut, who, as a strong supporter of President Hoover, sought a "show-down" vote, and the discussion proceeded with Senator Norris having the floor.

Senator Norris accused the President of siding with "the power trust" in vetoing the resolution.

Senator McKellar of Tennessee also assailed the veto. Senators Glenn of Illinois and Kean of New Jersey defended the President.

Three Senators who voted for the Norris resolution when it passed the Senate last week switched to sustain the veto. They were Steck of Iowa, Democrat, and Couzens of Michigan and Thomas of Idaho, Republicans. Mr. Couzens was absent, but he was paired against upsetting the President's disapproval.

Three Democrats, including Mr. Steck, voted to sustain the veto. The two others were Senators Ransdell of Louisiana and Tydings of Maryland, who had voted against the passage of the Muscle Shoals measure last week. These three joined thirty-one Republicans in supporting the President, while sixteen Republicans, thirty-two Democrats and Senator Shipstead, Farmer-Laborite, voted to put the resolution on the statute books over the President's protest.

Representative Quin, Democrat, of Mississippi, announced to the House that the Senate had defeated the Muscle Shoals legislation. There was a spirited round of applause, which brought from Mr. Quin the comment that the House should be weeping instead of applauding over what the Senate had done.

It was noted in the "United States Daily" that thus for the second time in the 14 years that the problem has demanded the attention of Congress, legislation to solve the question has met defeat at the hands of presidential opposition, President Coolidge having killed a measure similar in its provisions by a pocket veto in 1928. It was added:

The resolution has been before Congress for many months, and was in conference between the two Houses from April, 1930, until a compromise agreement was reached last week.

Regarding the agreement reached in conference on Feb. 18 the "United States Daily" of Feb. 19 said:

Agreement on Muscle Shoals legislation, after a year of deliberation, was reached Feb. 18 by Senate and House conferees. The agreement was signed by all three of the Senate conferees and three of the five House conferees. A report on the compromise is expected to be made in the House Feb. 19, it was announced following the signing of the agreement.

Leasing Provision Changed

Save for the leasing provisions, the Norris resolution (S. J. Res. 49) as it was passed by the Senate remains intact, creating a Muscle Shoals Corporation, which is to have charge of production, distribution and sale of electric power to States, counties, municipalities, corporations, or

individuals. The corporation also is authorized to build transmission lines, to complete the dam at Muscle Shoals and build another unit to the steam plant. Construction of Cove Creek Dam on the Clinch River in Tennessee also is authorized.

In case the nitrate plants are not leased within 12 months, Senator Norris explained, provisions for operation of the plants by the Muscle Shoals Corporation under the Norris resolution become effective. If the lease, which is to be made by the President, is not made within 12 months, provisions for the lease become null and void, he said.

Those signing the compromise agreement include Senators McNary (Rep.), of Oregon; Norris (Rep.), of Nebraska, and Smith (Dem.), of South Carolina; and Representatives Wurzbach (Rep.), of Sequin, Tex.; Fisher (Dem.), of Memphis, Tenn., and Quin (Dem.), of McComb, Miss. Representatives Ransley (Rep.), of Philadelphia, Pa., and Reece (Rep.), of Johnson City, Tenn., did not sign the report. Mr. Reece stated that he would decide by Feb. 19 as to whether he would agree to the report.

The conference report was adopted by the House on Feb. 20 by a vote of 216 to 153, while the Senate adopted it on Feb. 23 by a vote of 55 to 28. According to the "Times" the measure was first acted upon viva voce without preliminary debate, and the roll-call was on an agreement to reconsider. On Feb. 28 President Hoover issued a statement in which he referred to the receipt of numerous messages urging his approval of the legislation, which he said had transformed the issue into a political symbol. The President's statement follows:

"I have received a multitude of telegrams from Governors and citizens in the Southern States urging approval of Senator Norris's Muscle Shoals project and requesting that I express my views upon it. Some of them express dissatisfaction with its principles, but consider it expedient to approve it. I have also many telegrams from citizens of the Southern States and other parts of the country protesting against the principles of the bill.

"It is obvious from the debate, the press and these many communications that Muscle Shoals legislation is no longer a question of disposing of a war activity to the advantage of the people primarily concerned. It has by this legislation been transformed into a political symbol and is expected to be a political issue.

"To be against Senator Norris's bill appears to be cause for denunciation as being in league with the power companies. It appears also to be emerging as the test of views upon government operation and distribution of power and government manufacture of commodities. In other words, its adaptation to the use of the people of the Tennessee Valley and to farmers generally is now enmeshed in an endeavor to create a national political issue.

"One side issue of this political phase is the use which has been made of Muscle Shoals to sidetrack effective action on the Federal regulation of interstate power in cooperating with the States. Before and since taking office I have proposed this as a measure of essential protection to the 75,000,000 consumers and several million investors in power securities in all walks of life, who use and own the 35,000,000 horsepower of the country.

"This public necessity has been held aside for eighteen months and time of Congress given to 1 per cent of the power and the interests of 1 per cent of the people of the United States which is the proportion of the Muscle Shoals problem to the whole.

"The bill calls for expenditure of ninety or a hundred million dollars from the Federal Treasury to expand a power plan which has been a by-product of other major purposes of navigation and national defense into a large undertaking by the government, the major purpose of which is to be the generation and distribution of power and the manufacture of fertilizer.

"In acting on the bill I have to consider whether it is desirable to adopt a change in Federal policies from regulation of utilities to their ownership and operation; whether the lease provision in respect to the fertilizer plant is genuinely workable; whether the method proposed in this bill will produce cheaper fertilizers for the farmers; whether the project is required for national defense; whether the proposals in this bill are in reality in the interest of the people of the Tennessee Valley, and in general to consider the commonplace unromantic facts which test the merits and demerits of this proposition as a business.

"This happens to be an engineering project and so far as its business merits and demerits are concerned is subject to the cold examination of engineering facts. I am having these facts exhaustively determined by the different departments of the government and will then be able to state my views upon the problem.

The President's statement, said the New York "Times," followed a conference he had with Representative Reece, Republican, of Tennessee, Secretary of War Hurley and Senator Heflin, Democrat, of Alabama. The "Times" added:

Representative Reece is one of the President's principal supporters in the Muscle Shoals controversy, while Senator Heflin stands by the settlement as sponsored by Senator Norris. Secretary Hurley spoke for the army engineers.

In his veto message sent to the Senate on Mar. 3, the full text of which is given elsewhere in our issue to-day, President Hoover said:

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I have recommended to the Congress on various occasions that action should be taken to establish Federal regulation of interstate power in cooperation with State authorities. This bill would launch the Federal Government upon a policy of ownership and operation of power utilities upon a basis of competition instead of by the proper government function of regulation for the protection of all the people.

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Adjournment of 71st Congress—Many Measures Fail as Third Session Closes—Senate Filibuster—Muscle Shoals Veto Sustained by Senate—Resolution for Veterans' Hospitals Is Passed—Proposal for Oil Inquiry Refused—Move to Restrict Immigration Further Killed—Action on Amendments to Copyright Act Not Completed.

The record for the 71st Congress was closed, Mar. 4, with adjournment of the third and final session. Vice President Curtis adjourned the Senate without date exactly at noon, and Speaker Longworth's final gavel was heard in the House at 12:05 p. m. The "United States Daily" further reporting the adjournment of Congress continued:

The final session of the House was used to dispose of several measures, held by its majority leaders to be essential, while the last session of the Senate saw only one piece of legislation regarded as important pass through the final stages. This was a joint resolution appropriating \$5,000,000 towards construction of additional veterans' hospitals that were authorized in a bill finally acted on in the House an hour earlier.

Senator Thomas Holds Floor.

Adoption of a resolution to notify the President that the House and Senate were ready to adjourn was the last act of the House, but that resolution failed to receive the attention of the Senate, where Senator Thomas (Dem.), of Oklahoma, held the floor and would not permit action. Senator Thomas was on his feet continuously from the hour the Senate convened, at 9 a. m., until the Vice President's announcement of adjournment, demanding a vote on his resolution (S. 418) for an inquiry into the oil industry. He had discussed the oil problems two hours during the preceding night session and had permitted a recess at 1:15 a. m., Mar. 4 only under an agreement that he be recognized when the recess expired.

Consequently President Hoover received no formal notification of the intention of the House and Senate to quit business, nor was he formally advised of their adjournment, as has been done heretofore at the end of sessions or of Congresses.

Many Bills Meet Death.

The end of the Congress saw the death of numerous pieces of legislation on which there had been recurring demands for action. Among these was the so-called maternity bill (S. 255) which the House had rewritten. The conference report on this measure was the pending business when the adjournment came. Senator Jones (Rep.), of Washington, in charge of the measure, had held it before the Senate constantly during the last 10 hours of the session, despite attempts of various Senators to persuade him to withdraw the measure.

Another bill that fell was the Vestal Copyright Act (H. R. 12549) which had passed the House and had been before the Senate intermittently during the last two weeks. Many amendments had been added by the Senate Committee on Patents, but Senate action had been taken on only a few of them before the conference report on the maternity bill was brought in.

Senate Sustains President's Veto.

Among the eleventh-hour actions of the Senate was to sustain the veto of the President on the Norris legislation for disposition of Muscle Shoals. There were 49 votes to override the veto with 34 to sustain it, being six short of the necessary two-thirds.

Attempts of Senator Reed (Rep.), of Pennsylvania, to bring the resolution (H. J. Res. 500) providing a restriction of immigration for two years before the Senate in the last two days of the session were blocked. However, the resolution had reached the calendar, a motion of the Pennsylvania Senator to discharge the Committee on Immigration from further consideration of it being carried.

Among other bills dying on the calendar was one (S. 3822) for the independence of the Philippine Islands. Another was a bill (S. 2497) to amend the Judicial Code in order to limit the power of injunction.

Senator Capper (Rep.), of Kansas, attempted during the last two days to obtain consideration of a bill (S. 5818) to limit oil importations, but failed, and the bill dies on the calendar.

Included among subjects on the table was the resolution (S. J. Res. 261) introduced by Senator Wheeler (Dem.), of Montana, to provide \$100,000,000 for relief of unemployed persons.

Nominations Are Returned.

A number of Executive nominations and a treaty were pending on the Executive Calendar of the Senate and were precluded from consideration.

A number of nominations were also pending in various committees. It is the practice in such cases for these nominations to be returned to the President by the Secretary of the Senate with a certification that they failed of confirmation. They must be renominated by the President at the opening of the next session of Congress, and whether or not the nominees are eligible for recess appointment varies with individual cases.

Art Treaty Is Delayed.

The treaty pending on the executive calendar, which was reported favorably Feb. 27 from the Foreign Relations Committee, was the international convention signed at Berlin, Nov. 13, 1908, relative to the protection of literary and artistic works.

The Rogers hospitalization bill (H. R. 16982) on which the House finally yielded to the Senate, was the outstanding legislation of the final day of Congress. When Representative Luce (Rep.) of Waltham, Mass., finally came into the House from a hitherto deadlocked conference on the measure and moved the House agree to the Senate amendment substituting its lump sum plan of more than \$20,000,000 of authorization for additional hospital facilities on a lump sum basis for the original House proposal of an allocated \$12,500,000, the House cheered wildly, and the legislation was written into statute law just before the session ended. Immediately Congress appropriated \$5,000,000 toward the \$20,000,000 program.

Appropriations Bills Lost.

A last-hour effort to get an appropriation of \$1,725,000 for Federal participation in the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago, already passed by the Senate, failed to become law.

Another large fund proposal that similarly lost out was the Temple bill (S. 6255) to authorize an additional appropriation of \$10,000,000 for carrying on the foreign service building program.

Representative Temple said the new \$10,000,000 fund would take care of pressing needs for consulates and embassies and that the proposal was to appropriate not more than \$2,000,000 each year out of the \$10,000,000 total. The bill was rejected by the House by a vote of 230 yeas to 135 nays, lacking the required two-thirds for consideration under suspension of the rules and the bill died with the Congress.

House Offers Tributes.

The House closed its session with tributes to a number of its Members. The clock was turned back 10 minutes to give additional time. Speaker Longworth (Rep.), of Cincinnati, Ohio, yielded the Speakership rostrum to Representative Byrns (Dem.), of Nashville, Tenn., who immediately recognized Representative Crisp (Dem.), of Americus, Ga. Mr. Crisp—son of a former Speaker of the House, Charles F. Crisp—paid a tribute to the fairness, impartiality and ability of Speaker Longworth and offered a resolution along the same line. Speaker Longworth, resuming the chair, made reply in which, besides expressing appreciation, he took occasion to say it was possible, though not probable, that it might be the last time he would address the House from the Speaker's rostrum. As the Speaker concluded, at 12:05, he declared Congress adjourned sine die.

Bill ("Lame Duck") to Abolish Short Session of Congress Dies in Deadlock.

The Norris so-called "lame duck" resolution, which would provide for a constitutional amendment incorporating reforms in the sittings of Congress, died on Feb. 28 as a result of disagreement between Senate and House conferees. Noting this a dispatch to the New York "Times" from Washington, Feb. 28, said:

"It is dead, I am very sorry to say," announced Senator Norris after the last of a series of conferences in which he had hoped to carry six years of effort to a successful conclusion.

The conference broke up when the House conferees refused to withdraw their support from an amendment to the resolution introduced by Speaker Longworth which would have limited the second session of Congress to four months, beginning on Jan. 4 of even-numbered years. Senator Norris, backed by Senator Borah, stood equally firm in his demand for an unlimited second session.

Under Senator Norris's resolution, which he will press again in succeeding Congresses and which, incidentally, has failed in a "lame duck" session, the meeting of an old Congress after an election in which new members have been chosen would be eliminated and changes would be made in inauguration dates.

Saw Danger of Filibuster.

The new Congress would meet on Jan. 4 of the new year following the election in November. The President would be inaugurated about two weeks later. The first session of Congress would be unlimited and it would meet for another unlimited session the following Jan. 4, to run, if it so desired, until the first of the next year, when the new Congress would take office.

Thus the gap of thirteen months between election and first meetings of Congresses that now obtains would be eliminated.

Senator Norris's opposition to the limitation of the second session, he said, was based on the fact that filibusters could not be prevented under existing rules and thus a small group might tie up all legislation in the closing days of the second session.

"The House conferees were willing to extend the time until June 4 for five months," he said. "Of course, the Senate conferees would not accept that or any other limitation.

Feared Control by Few.

"We proposed that Congress should have the right to provide for limitation of the second session through a statute, but not in the proposed amendment.

"We felt that under any limitation as we approach that date, Congress would become subject to the control of a few determined people."

As for the effect of this stipulation in the House, he pointed out that under the rules there the Speaker is virtually supreme in the last six days of a session, as he may recognize anyone on a motion to suspend the rules to pass upon any legislation.

Senator Norris remarked that other differences of opinion also obtained, but expressed the belief that an "agreement would have been reached if it had not been for the Longworth amendment."

Stating that immediate submission to the States of a Constitutional amendment abolishing the "lame duck" session of Congress depended largely on Senator Norris of Nebraska, Associated Press advices from Washington Feb. 25 added:

The House adopted a resolution for such submission yesterday. It substituted a measure of its own for the similar Norris resolution already approved by the Senate, but by amendment if limited the second session of Congress to four months.

This was distasteful to Mr. Norris, who has worked in season and out for the Constitutional change. He said he did not see how the limitation could be supported. If he decided to oppose the House resolution it will go to conference, and this late in the session may very well die there.

Longworth Sponsors Change.

House action came with Speaker Longworth on the floor in behalf of the measure. He it was, who insisted the second session be limited. The

resolution was adopted, 289 to 93, the majority following Longworth again away from Republican Leader Tilson, who pleaded with the House not to tinker with the Constitution.

Mr. Longworth pointed out that unless the second term were limited, Congress might remain in session perpetually.

If finally approved, the amendment will go to the State Legislatures for the usual process of ratification. It would become effective as soon as thirty-six of the forty-eight States have ratified. Thereafter this would be the Congressional schedule:

Election in November each even year, as at present.

First session convenes January 4 of following odd year, term unlimited.

Second session convenes December 1, odd year, adjourns May 4, even year.

Provides Special Election

In addition the amendment would have the President and Vice-President inducted January 24 following the quadrennial November election, instead of March 4. Provision also is included for emergency election of a President if the President-elect should die.

Mr. Longworth had opposed the resolution in its original form. The change he sponsored would clear the way for the political conventions and campaigns as well as furnishing a legislative breathing spell, he said. The House agreed with him on the point, 230 to 148, with party lines split. More than forty members joined in the six-hour debate required to reach final passage. Representative Gifford, Republican, Massachusetts, author of the resolution approved, led the successful side, joined by Mr. Crisp of Georgia, chief Democratic spokesman.

Reappointment Legislation Tabled by House Committee on Census.

All pending proposals to amend the law which automatically reapportions the representation of the States in the membership of the House of Representatives after March 4 were tabled for the late Congress by the House Committee on the Census Feb. 27. The "United States Daily" from which we quote added:

The Committee has been holding hearings for several weeks. The membership of the House will continue at 435 as at present, but with an increase in the number of Representatives from some States and decrease in some of the others.

A bill of Representative Thurston (Rep.), of Osceola, Iowa, to expand the membership to 475 was rejected by the Committee by a vote of 13 to 8. Proposals of Representative Edwards (Dem.), of Savannah, Ga., to expand the House membership by 27; of Representative Cochran (Dem.), of St. Louis, Mo., to change the date of effectiveness of reapportionment; and of Representative Knutson (Rep.), of St. Cloud, Minn., to defer the reapportionment two years were rejected.

The Associated Press stated that as a result of the tabling of the amendments the reapportionment announced by President Hoover last November on the basis of the 1930 census will go into effect at noon on March 4. Under it twenty-one States lose twenty-seven seats to eleven States.

Action on World Court Deferred by Senate Committee.

Regarding the defeat of legislation at the late session of Congress on the World Court protocols, we quote the following from the "United States Daily" of Feb. 12:

The position taken by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations that it would not report the World Court protocols to the Senate this session was reaffirmed Feb. 11 in disposing of a motion by Senator Walsh (Dem.), of Montana, to reconsider the previous decision, according to an oral announcement by Senator Borah (Rep.), of Idaho, chairman.

The vote was 10 to 8 against the proposal to reconsider, Mr. Borah said.

Senator Borah said the votes were recorded as follows:

For reconsideration: Republicans—Borah, Gillett; Democrats—Swanson, Robinson of Arkansas, Walsh of Montana, George, Black, and Wagner.

Against reconsideration: Republicans—Johnson, Moses, Capper, Reed, Fess, Goff, La Follette, Vandenberg, and Robinson of Indiana; Farmer-Labor—Shipstead.

Senators Harrison (Dem.), of Mississippi, and Pittman (Dem.), of Nevada, were absent.

Senator Smoot, Dean of Senate After 28 Years in Congress —Senator Simmons Retires.

Senator Smoot of Utah on March 4 became the dean of the Senate through the retirement of Senator Simmons of North Carolina after thirty years in the Senate and of Senator Gillett of Massachusetts after thirty-eight years in Congress. The Associated Press accounts from Washington stating this added:

Mr. Gillett, however, served but one term in the Senate.

Mr. Smoot's record of twenty-eight years in Congress is exceeded only by that of the dean of the House, Mr. Haugen, who today completed thirty-two consecutive years as Representative from Iowa.

Representative Longworth Again Selected Speaker of the House.

The present Republican organization of the House received on Feb. 26 the approval of the Republican caucus for service in the next Congress. The New York "Journal of Commerce" in reporting this said:

While there was considerable absenteeism, indicating no little disapproval on the part of Midwest and Far Western Republicans in the activities of the present Republican leadership there was no opposition to the selection for the fourth term of Speaker Nicholas Longworth.

Republican Floor Leader John Q. Tilson (Conn.) was nominated to succeed himself in that position as was Representative Vestal (Ind.) as Republican whip.

71st Congress Set Peace-Time Spending Record with \$10,249,819,215 Voted in Three Sessions.

The following Washington account March 4 is from the New York "Times":

The Seventy-first Congress passed into history as the heaviest spending peace-time Congress the United States has had.

For the two years of its existence, annual appropriations and permanent and indefinite allotments, such as amounts for the sinking fund, interest on the public debt and the government life insurance fund, aggregated \$10,249,819,215.

This was exceeded only by the wartime appropriation of the Sixty-fifth and Sixty-sixth Congresses, when in two sessions a total of \$43,467,785,897 was voted.

The appropriations of the Seventy-first Congress were:

First session (1929).....	\$199,310,597
Second session (1929-30).....	4,872,401,096
Third session (1930-31).....	5,178,107,522

A comparison of the last ten Congresses shows:

Congress—	Grand Total Appropriations.
Seventy-first (1929-31).....	\$10,249,819,215
Seventieth (1927-29).....	9,299,292,906
Sixty-ninth (1925-27).....	8,664,873,148
Sixty-eighth (1923-25).....	7,688,711,315
Sixty-seventh (1921-23).....	7,647,400,737
Sixty-sixth (second session, 1919-20).....	4,789,300,920
Sixty-fifth and first session of Sixty-sixth (war Congresses, 1917-19).....	43,467,785,897
Sixty-fourth (1915-17).....	3,557,695,195
Sixty-third (1913-15).....	2,431,055,150
Sixty-second (1911-13).....	2,020,666,340
Sixty-first (1909-11).....	1,956,125,776

Forty years ago the Fifty-first Congress astounded the country by going above the \$1,000,000,000 mark for the first time.

Senate Adjournment Without Notification to President—Unusual but Not Unprecedented.

The Senate's adjournment on March 4 without notifying President Hoover was unusual but not unprecedented, said Associated Press accounts from Washington on March 4, which further stated:

The appointment of the usual committee to notify the President of the adjournment was prevented by the filibuster of Senator Thomas.

G. L. Watkins, the Senate parliamentarian, said the formality was sometimes dispensed with when short sessions end with filibusters. It is always complied with at the end of long sessions, however, because then, if the President desired, Congress could remain in session. At the end of a short session adjournment is automatic. Mr. Watkins said the most unusual thing about the end of the session was the filibuster.

"That was the strangest filibuster I have ever seen," he said. "I never knew any one to filibuster to get action on legislation. Every filibuster I've seen has been to prevent legislation."

Bill Passed by Congress Declares "Star Spangled Banner" to Be National Anthem.

A bill passed by the Senate on March 3 and sent to the President to be signed declares "The Star Spangled Banner" to be the National anthem. The New York "Times" states that it passed the House last year and was agreed to by the Senate without change. The bill reads as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the composition consisting of the words and music known as the Star-Spangled Banner is designated the National anthem of the United States of America.

Congressional Action on National Bank Tax Bill Postponed as Result of Opposition Against Norbeck Measure.

From its Washington bureau March 1 the New York "Journal of Commerce" reported the following:

So general has been the opposition voiced against the Norbeck Bill to amend Section 5219 of the revised statutes, as amended, with respect to taxing National bank shares, since the measure was reported to the Senate last week, members of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee have indicated they will not press for action at this session of Congress.

Members of the Committee were swamped with telegrams and other communications in opposition to such amendment following the announcement of a favorable report on the measure, it was learned yesterday. The Committee's action came after the measure had been lying dormant for two years or since the public hearings were held by the Committee in February 1928. Reported in the same form as introduced by Senator Norbeck two years ago, the measure would provide that "in the case of a tax on shares, the taxes imposed shall not be at a greater rate than is assessed upon other moneyed capital used or employed in the business of banking."

In presenting a formal report to the Senate Chairman Norbeck declared the purpose of this bill is simply to restore to the States the right to tax National banks the same as State banks—"a right they had enjoyed for about a half century before it was abrogated by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States to such an extent that in many States it is now impossible or impracticable to tax national banks proportionately with State banks." The court held in effect that the rate applied to moneys and credits must, under certain conditions, be the basis of bank taxation. The result, he said, is that in certain States National banks have refused to pay their usual taxes and are paying one-tenth or less.

"Some States," he continued, "finding the condition intolerable, have been compelled to extend the same privilege to State banks, with the result that the tax burden falls heavily on other classes of property and other taxpayers in the community. It has been argued that it may be dangerous to grant this power to the States, but the answer is that the States have enjoyed such power for about fifty years and have not abused it.

"Exhaustive hearings were held on this question," he added. "Every interest was heard. Every one admits the unfairness of the present situation. A great injustice results. The Committee is of the opinion that the remedy lies in the proposed legislation."

President Hoover Lifts Embargo on Munitions Shipments to Brazil Imposed Against Insurgents.

Associated Press accounts from Washington on March 3 stated that the arms embargo imposed by the United States against the Brazilian insurgents in the revolution last Fall has been lifted by President Hoover on recommendation of S. Gurgel do Amaral, the Brazilian Ambassador, on the ground that the conditions which made it necessary no longer existed. The dispatches added:

The embargo was imposed on Oct. 22, two days before the revolution succeeded. It was lifted yesterday, announcement of the action being made today by the State Department.

The proclamation was given in our issue of October 25, page 2630—The following announcement by the Department of State on March 3 is from the "United States Daily."

The President yesterday (Mar. 2) issued a proclamation which raises the embargo on the shipment of arms and munitions of war to Brazil, which has been in force since Oct. 22, 1930. The embargo was proclaimed at the request of the Brazilian Government under a joint resolution of Congress, approved Jan. 31, 1922, and in keeping with the multilateral Convention on the Rights and Duties of States in the Event of Civil Strife, signed at Habana on Feb. 20, 1928, and in effect between the United States and Brazil.

The Brazilian Government through the Brazilian Ambassador in Washington has now requested that the embargo be lifted in view of the perfect order existing in Brazil. The President of the United States, gratified that the conditions making necessary the maintenance of the embargo are no longer present, has accordingly revoked the proclamation of Oct. 22, 1930.

The President's proclamation as given in the same paper follows:

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation: Whereas, by a proclamation of the President issued on Oct. 22, 1930, under a joint resolution of Congress entitled a "Joint Resolution to Prohibit the Exportation of Arms and Munitions of War from the United States to Certain Countries and for other Purposes" approved Jan. 31, 1922, it was declared that there existed in Brazil such conditions of domestic violence as were or might be promoted by the use of arms or munitions of war procured from the United States; and

Whereas, by the joint resolution above mentioned it thereupon became unlawful to export arms or munitions of war from the United States to Brazil except under such limitations and exceptions as were prescribed in the said proclamation:

Now, therefore, I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, do hereby find, as has been formally represented to this Government by the government of Brazil, that the conditions on which the Proclamation of Oct. 22, 1930, was based no longer obtain and I do hereby declare and proclaim that the said Proclamation of Oct. 22, 1930, is accordingly hereby revoked.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fifty-fifth.

(Signed) HERBERT HOOVER.

By the President: Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State.

Data Submitted to Senate Banking Committee by A. H. Wiggin of Chase National Bank of New York on Shifting of Loans from Peak September.

In its account of the hearing on March 2 before the Senate Sub-committee, when Northwest bankers were heard (to which reference is made in these columns elsewhere), the New York "Journal of Commerce" reported the following from its Washington correspondent:

Coincident with this discussion which indicated the Northwest group to be the outgrowth of the migration of banking business to the East coupled with the threat of Eastern invasion of the Northwest banking territory, the committee has received supplemental information from Albert H. Wiggin, chairman of the Governing Board, Chase National Bank, dealing with the stock market situation during the prepanic period.

In a series of 11 tables inserted in the record before the Glass Committee, Mr. Wiggin shows the trend of brokers' loans and has given an interesting statement of the shifting of loans from the bank's peak of \$1,075,525,927.68 on Sept. 27 1929. In another table there is presented statistical data of brokers' loans by the bank for the panic week.

It is shown that on Oct. 30 1929 the bank borrowed \$95,000,000 which on Nov. 1 was increased to \$100,000,000, which was the peak. This was curtailed until on Nov. 11 payment had been made in full.

Gets Data on Street Loans.

An outstanding feature of the Glass Committee investigation to date has been its study of the situation that immediately preceded and followed the bursting of the Wall Street bubble in 1929. The committee has been able to secure much intimate data showing the part that the banks played in supplying money for street use. Mr. Wiggin, through the medium of several tables, showed the trend of brokers' loans over given periods of time as reported by member banks in New York City for themselves and for the account of others and also as reported from various sources to the New York Stock Exchange.

The experience of the Chase National Bank in the matter of loans to brokers is said to be of particular interest to the Committee and it will be studied in connection with the activities of the Federal Reserve Board over the same period as indicated in memoranda furnished by Dr. Adolph C. Miller.

Among the tables submitted by Mr. Wiggin were the following:

SHIFTING OF LOANS.

	Sept. 27 1929.	Nov. 6 1929.
Demand loans of this bank (strict call).....	\$3,250,000	\$57,500,000
Other demand loans of this bank.....	40,182,624	109,495,244
Time loans of this bank.....	750,000	625,000
Call loans for account domestic banks.....	380,723,900	210,409,800
Time loans for account domestic banks.....	15,368,883	22,400,883
Time loans for account foreign banks.....	250,000	—
Call loans for account foreign banks.....	8,620,000	1,923,000
Call loans account firms, corporations and individuals.....	620,294,222	303,809,222
Time loans account firms, corporations and individuals.....	6,090,297	6,473,297
Total.....	\$1,075,529,927	\$712,636,447

This shows a reduction of \$363,000,000. Chase loans increased \$123,000,000 and customers' loans decreased \$468,000,000.

BROKERS' LOANS FOR THE PANIC WEEK (1929).

	Close of Business Oct. 23.	Opening of Business Oct. 31.	Increase or Decrease.
*Demand loans of this bank (strict call).....	\$245,000	\$188,630,000	+\$188,385,000
*Other demand loans of this bank.....	16,495,624	109,353,244	+92,857,620
*Time loans of this bank.....	525,000	625,000	+100,000
*Total brokers' loans of this bank.....	17,265,624	298,608,244	+281,342,620
Call loans for acct. of domestic banks.....	370,274,800	216,491,300	-153,783,500
Call loans for acct. of foreign banks.....	23,150,883	22,850,883	-300,000
Call loans for account of firms, corporations and individuals.....	8,650,000	1,773,000	-6,877,000
Time loans for account of firms, corporations and individuals.....	592,219,222	311,769,222	-280,450,000
Total.....	4,673,297	6,473,297	+1,800,000
Total.....	\$1,016,233,327	\$857,965,947	-\$158,267,380
Total loans and discounts of Chase Bank—demand, time loans, bills discounted and overdue.....	690,275,000	1062,807,000	+372,532,000

* From officers' bulletin, Chase National Bank.

Number of shares of the stocks held as collateral to brokers' loans at the opening of business Jan. 26, as compared with Jan. 22:

Name—	—In Loans—		Name—	—In Loans—	
	Jan. 26	Jan. 22		Jan. 26	Jan. 22
United States Steel.....	38,256	36,960	United Corp.....	275,038	270,412
General Motors.....	326,727	321,375	Electric Bond & Share.....	124,030	125,465
Chrysler Corp.....	186,175	178,183	American Super Power.....	77,140	86,415
Packard Motors.....	58,570	69,250	United Gas & Impt.....	82,274	96,212
Anaconda Copper.....	109,586	16,302	Kreuger & Toll.....	53,297	43,797
Kennecott Copper.....	115,433	122,618	Radio Corp.....	166,664	156,446
International Nickel.....	284,542	232,900	Montg. Ward & Co.....	119,778	125,415
Sinclair Consol. Oil.....	100,175	105,900	F. W. Woolworth.....	55,209	58,149
Standard Oil of N. J.....	104,527	106,773	Columbia Graphophone.....	46,700	48,100
Barnsdall Corp. A.....	61,100	84,700	Reynolds Tobacco B.....	105,324	99,123
Standard Oil of N. Y.....	74,005	81,200	Union Carbide & Carbon.....	55,230	52,824
Standard Oil of Ind.....	58,296	48,429	Gold Dust.....	62,453	47,575
Texas Corp.....	62,307	67,662	Commercial Solvents.....	78,887	86,225
Continental Oil of Del.....	82,887	94,221	Natural Foods Corp.....	63,764	70,113
Phillips Petroleum.....	127,202	113,547	Nat. Dairy Products.....	108,616	110,048
Atlantic Refining.....	47,857	59,975	Standard Brands, Inc.....	185,464	174,257
American Can.....	24,819	25,250	Texas Gulf Sulphur.....	42,160	45,772
Amer. Rad. Stand. San.....	64,150	75,915	Warner Bros.....	138,918	144,990
General Electric Co.....	93,436	96,052	Paramount Publix.....	98,245	95,535
Consolidated Gas Co.....	68,255	77,039	Radio Keith.....	10,214	116,231
American Tel. & Tel.....	45,998	46,511	General Theatre Equip., common.....	276,995	199,647
International Tel. & Tel.....	97,085	92,480	General Theatre Equip., preferred.....	87,792	59,637
Columbia Gas & Electric.....	69,369	83,534			
Commonwealth & South.....	105,630	121,300			
Adams Express.....	33,331	35,295			

Minnesota Group Bankers Before Senate Committee Declare System Aid to Northwest—Better Suited to That Region Than Chain or Branch Banks—Unit Institutions Believed Unaffected—Examination of Holding Companies and Affiliates by Government Agencies Recommended.

Four Minnesota bankers appeared before the subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee March 2 to explain banking conditions in that region. The group banking organizations were represented by J. C. Thomson, Vice-President and General Manager of the Northwest Bancorporation, and L. E. Wakefield, Vice-President of the First Bank Stock Corp., both of Minneapolis. The "United States Daily" from which we quote says that Elmer E. Adams, President of the First National Bank of Fergus Falls, testified as an independent unit banker in competition with the units of the groups. Otto Bremer, Chairman of the Board of the American National Bank, of St. Paul, appeared as an investor in the stock of many banks throughout the region, explaining, however, that he did not regard his holdings as constituting either a group or a chain organization. The account in the "United States Daily" went on to say:

Discuss Group Banking.

Mr. Thomson was the first witness, and gave the Committee information on the formation and operation of the Northwest Bancorporation. Group banking he declared to be the best suited to the needs of the Northwest territory which they serve, better, in his opinion, than either chain or branch organization, and an improvement over the unit system which it has in part supplanted. It is not a "cure-all," he told the Committee, but by reason of the combination of local interest, maintained by a local directorate, with the benefits of a supervisory organization, there has been provided, in his opinion, a type of banking structure, which has been accepted by the public and by the banks, and which is the best type for that section of the country.

"The First Bank Stock Corp. operates exclusively in the Ninth Federal Reserve District, a territory in which banking transactions naturally flow to the Twin Cities as the financial center," Mr. Wakefield told the Committee. "The Ninth District consists of the States of Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, the Northern Peninsula of Michigan and a small strip of the State of Wisconsin.

"Total deposits of the 2,218 existing banks in the Ninth District amount to \$1,594,000,000. Compared with the deposits of the banks of the United States, this item seems of comparative unimportance, particularly when it is remembered that the Chase National Bank of New York, alone, has over \$2,000,000,000 deposits and the National City Bank of New York with

deposits of \$1,460,000,000 almost equals the total of the Ninth District. A single bank in Chicago has deposits equal to two thirds of the Ninth District total. While the figures of the total bank deposits and resources in the Ninth District seem of relative unimportance in a country-wide comparison, yet these deposits and resources are of vital importance in the territory served.

"The development of the last few years towards larger units of business resulted in the disclosure of the inability, on account of size, of banks in the territory to care for the business of the territory, and group banking is a means of associating a substantial portion of the deposits and resources of the banks of the district so that they may be useful in the handling of the larger transactions originating in the territory.

"We have created a holding company, which is owned, directed and managed by a group of business men whose fortunes and businesses are in the territory served, and whose every interest is in the development and stability of business in the Ninth District. I feel absolutely certain that there can be no banking system devised which will be as responsive and intelligent in handling the banking transactions of the business people of the Ninth District as this institution, the stockholders of which are 90% within the district, the directors of the holding company being people either resident in the district or whose business interests are substantially there, and operating 112 banks and affiliates, each one of which has a local board of directors who are primarily interested in the welfare of the town in which they reside and where the bank which they direct pays its taxes."

Group System Said Aid to Banking Standards.

Mr. Wakefield told the committee that in his opinion group banking's greatest contribution to higher banking standards and greater security is in the field of management. "Probably no other business requires more constant exercise of judgment which is based solely on the knowledge and consideration of facts and devoid of emotional influences than does that of banking," the Minneapolis banker said.

"Our form of organization deliberately introduces into management a detached, impersonal viewpoint. We do not substitute holding company management for local management, but the actions of the local management are continuously subject to review of the holding company. This is simply applying the knowledge gained by the experience of the past ten years which demonstrated that good management could survive under the most trying conditions and that good management often found itself at odds with the popular state of feeling; and conversely, that the banks which rode to the peak on the wave of agricultural prosperity slid off to the depths with the agricultural collapse."

Mr. Wakefield praised the Federal Reserve System, calling it the backbone of the banking system of the country and declaring that he would not care to be in the banking business if it did not exist. He stated that his group would welcome examination of holding companies, affiliates and State banks in the group by the Comptroller of the Currency. There would be no objection, he continued, to safeguard against control of the Federal Reserve Bank by the groups, if thought necessary. It would be theoretically possible, he agreed, for the two Minneapolis groups to control the election of three of the directors of the Reserve Bank there and have some effect on the election of three others.

Plan to Enter Federal System Is Suggested.

H. Parker Willis, committee expert, suggested that the witness submit some plan for fitting the group systems into the Federal Reserve and ordinary banking structure of the country. He asked if there would be any objection to Federal charter, and Mr. Wakefield replied that he thought not. He further declared that to replace the double liability it might be found desirable to ask the groups to set up a surplus fund for that purpose.

Otto Bremer told the committee that he is a stockholder in some 40 banks, in which he takes a "friendly interest," serving on the boards of the State banks in many cases. Group banking is all right, in his opinion, when properly managed, and he declared that the ones in Minnesota are in that class. Branch banking he opposed as "un-American," and declared that there will always be a place for the unit bank.

Chas. H. Marcen, member of the Federal Trade Commission, also appeared before the committee. He said that he was interested in a bank in Litchfield, Minn., that had gone into the Northwest Bancorporation, and that he regarded the groups in that territory as a sound and satisfactory way of banking. They would not have been necessary, he declared, had it not been for the failures of many communities in the agricultural areas.

Mr. Wakefield objected to the paragraph in the Glass Bill, under consideration, by which only individual shareholders of banks in the Federal Reserve System could vote their stock.

The enactment of this provision, he declared, would be an injustice to the groups already formed, and might cause them to abandon the Federal Reserve System, and the National Banking System, a thing they would be most reluctant to do. The alternative, he declared, might be giving up the business altogether.

Mr. Adams told the Committee that the effect of the entrance into the field of the group banking systems had had a negligible effect upon the business of competing unit banks. "No unit bank which is properly conducted," he declared, "need fear the presence of a group-owned bank." All concede, he added, that banking management and administration have been improved as a result of the formation of the groups, with their higher requirements as to financial statements from borrowers, compensating balances, service charges, and the like.

Because of the many bank failures among State banks in Minnesota in recent years, many State banks are eager to drop the word "State" from their names, he said. There is some demand for local branch banking, restricted to one county, he explained, but in his opinion it is of doubtful necessity or advantage to either customers or banks.

There is a crying need, Mr. Adams declared, for banks to take care of the "poor" borrowers, who do not have adequate credit rating to deserve credit from ordinary commercial banks. The small banks and the local merchants have taken care of these people to considerable extent in the past, he said, but the chainstore units are not prepared to do so.

Mr. Thomson referred to the bank failures of recent years in the Ninth Federal Reserve District, over 20% of them having failed in the last 10 years, he declared. Most of the failures, he explained, were among the small banks of \$25,000 capital and less, and in towns of 10,000 population and smaller. A lack of confidence in the banks resulted, he stated, as illustrated by the fact that the increase in postal savings in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota had increased by more than \$18,000,000, or more than the gain for the entire United States. He cited one instance of a return flow from the savings deposit system to a unit in the Northwest Bancorporation group as indicative of the influence of the formation of the group.

The Northwest section is overbanked, according to Mr. Thomson, who stated that in 1920 there was one bank for every 1,200 people in the Ninth Federal Reserve District, and that there is now one bank for every 2,200 people. Senator Norbeck (Rep.) of South Dakota interposed that perhaps a scattered community needed more banks per capita than a more thickly settled region, and asked that the witness insert in the record a statement of

banking capital per capita for the ninth district as compared with others, declaring that such figures would be a much better test of whether or not there was an overbanked condition.

Not only was the Northwest in an overbanked condition, Mr. Thomson declared, but they were damaged more than other sections of the country by the entrance into the mortgage field of Government institutions. Moreover, he added, the officers of the many small banks were unable to sense the trend of economic conditions in many instances. Undercapitalization and inability to diversify were important causes of the failures, also, he added. Changing economic conditions, improved methods of transportation, the development of a more settled agricultural population, and restricted immigration were also mentioned as important factors.

The officials of the Northwest National Bank and of a number of other large banks felt it their duty, he declared, to do something to right the situation and provide for a more stabilized banking condition. Some banks in the territory had owners from eastern institutions to purchase their stocks. Industries were being forced to go East for their financing. Investors and trust prospects were looking in that direction for adequate banking facilities. This moved them, Mr. Thomson declared, to look for a banking set-up that would provide the benefits of a research bureau with central supervised management, to keep in touch with the trend of the times.

Expansion of Group Bank Unit Described.

In the case of his own group, Mr. Thomson stated, four of the leading banks of the territory co-operated on a partnership basis, exchanging their stock for the stock of the holding company. They now have 134 institutions in the group, 122 of which are banks and others investment affiliates, cattle loan companies, and similar corporations. Most of these have been acquired through exchange of stock, he explained.

Mr. Thomson quoted from a study made by officers of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis to the effect that "the recent and rapid development of the group form of banking was undoubtedly greatly accelerated by the epidemic of bank failures, but group banking or some other similar structure would have resulted from the necessity of creating in the Northwest stronger, safer and more dependable banks than formerly existed."

Mr. Thomson favored the examination of holding company and affiliates by the examining agencies of the Government. He declared that he sees no practical danger of the groups ever controlling the Federal Reserve Bank of the district. There is active competition between the largest groups, he said. The security issues of affiliated companies are not forced upon banking units of the group, Mr. Thomson declared, and as a matter of fact, most of them are purchased by other investors.

While most of the banks that have been absorbed by the group with which he is connected have been good banks, Mr. Thomson asserted that in many instances they had gone into towns to save the situation where some bank was in difficulties. Nineteen of the 31 taken over last year, he said, were of that character. Senator Norbeck declared that the banks taken over in his State had been good banks.

When asked by Senator Norbeck how wide an area a group banking system should be permitted to operate in, Mr. Thomson replied that it should be left to experience, and no legal limit set.

Capital Expenditures of Class I Railroads in 1930 Largest of Any Year Since 1926.

Capital expenditures made by the Class I railroads in 1930 for new equipment and additions and betterments to property used in transportation service were the greatest for any year since 1926, according to complete reports for the year just received from the rail carriers by the Bureau of Railway Economics. Capital expenditures actually made in 1930 totaled \$872,608,000, an increase of \$18,887,000 above such expenditures made in 1929 and an increase of \$195,943,000 above those in 1928. They also were an increase of \$101,056,000 above those made in 1927, but a reduction of \$12,478,000 under 1926. The further information, in the matter, made available March 3, follows:

Unexpended authorizations representing physically uncompleted work carried over into 1931 from 1930 amounted to \$396,679,000 compared with \$579,005,000, the amount of carry-over found on the books of the railroad companies on Jan. 1 1930.

The amount of capital expenditures devoted in 1930 to purchase of equipment was \$328,269,000 compared with \$321,306,000 in 1929. This was an increase of \$6,963,000 or 2.2% above the preceding year.

Roadway and structures expenditures aggregated \$544,339,000 compared with \$532,415,000 in 1929, an increase of \$11,924,000 or 2.2%.

Capital expenditures made in 1930 for locomotives amounted to \$88,494,000 compared with \$70,660,000 made in 1929. For freight cars, expenditures amounted to \$181,028,000 compared with \$191,917,000 in 1929. For passenger cars, capital expenditures in 1930 amounted to \$44,791,000 compared with \$38,670,000 in the preceding year. For "other equipment," capital expenditures amounted to \$13,956,000 compared with \$20,059,000 in 1929.

Capital expenditures for additional track in 1930 amounted to \$114,486,000 compared with \$129,148,000 in 1929. For heavier rail, expenditures totaled \$47,101,000 compared with \$46,862,000 the year before. For shops and engine houses, including machinery and tools, expenditures totaled \$29,179,000 compared with \$36,561,000 in 1929. Expenditures for additional ballast showed a reduction, having been \$11,455,000 in 1930 compared with \$17,049,000 in 1929. For all other improvements, \$342,118,000 were expended in 1930 compared with \$302,795,000 in 1929.

Capital expenditures made each year since the beginning of the railways' program for increased efficiency of operation in 1923 follow:

1923.....	\$1,059,149,000	1928.....	\$676,665,000
1924.....	874,744,000	1929.....	853,721,000
1925.....	748,191,000	1930.....	872,608,000
1926.....	885,086,000		
1927.....	771,552,000	Total.....	\$6,741,716,000

Capital expenditures during this eight-year period averaged \$842,715,000 per year. Expenditures in 1930, even in the face of a reduction in traffic and earnings, exceeded this average by \$29,893,000 and were exceeded by the expenditures of only three previous years—1923, 1924 and 1926.

Bond Underwriting by Bank Affiliates Increasing, According to Data Given Senate Banking Committee by C. E. Mitchell of National City Bank—Shows Trend from Investment Houses—Greater Participation by Former Also Cited—Favors Increased Reserve Requirement for Time, Lower for Demand Deposits.

The trend away from private bankers toward commercial banking institutions in the origination and distribution of bonds is indicated in statistical data presented to the Senate Banking Probe Committee by Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman of the National City Bank, New York. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" in making this known on Feb. 26, indicated as follows the statistics supplied by Mr. Mitchell:

In supplying the Committee with information as to the activities of houses which originated \$20,000,000 or more per year of bond issues, Mr. Mitchell showed that National and other bank affiliates increased their origination of bond issues from 12.8% of the total in 1927 to 23.3% in 1928, 41.5% in 1929, and 39.2% in 1930. In addition to their own originations, this group participated in a considerable volume of the issues by others. In 1927 theirs amounted to 20.6% in the total of participation, advancing to 44.8% in 1929 and 54.4% in 1930, although having dropped to 20.4% in 1928.

The originations by private bankers, according to the information furnished by Mr. Mitchell from the results of a study made by his bank, dropped materially over this span of years, for while the total was 78% in 1927, in 1928 it was 70.5%, in 1929, 54.5%, and in 1930, while there had been a slight recovery of position, it was only 55.4%.

Private Banking Participation Declines.

The statistics of participation in the issues by others in the case of the private bankers is even more gloomy from their standpoint, for while they handled 63.2% of the total of bond issues distributed in 1927, advancing to 68%, the following year in 1929 their share was but 48.9% and last year 38.8%.

The balance of the business reported upon by Mr. Mitchell was that of commercial banks and trust companies. In his tabulation he divides National bank affiliates and other bank affiliates, showing the great importance of the former. The Banking Probe Committee at the present time is indicating much concern over the growth of security affiliates of National banks, and is seeking means whereby to curb their activities. There has appeared to be no little sentiment in Congress, if not to legislate such affiliates out of existence, at least, so to restrict their activities that they may not involve the parent institutions in unethical or bad banking practices, if not actually illegal undertakings.

It is manifest that any legislation that may be the outgrowth of the present investigation of the operation of the Federal Reserve and National Banking acts will doubtless provide for the examination of security affiliates of National banks on a parity with the parent institutions, together with the requirement for the annual publication of a financial statement. It is not thought that it will be required of them to disclose their portfolios, although there may be some move looking toward the regulation of bond issues in view of the present condition of congestion on the shelves of the investment houses and in the portfolios of the banks.

Sees Reserve Differential Too Great.

In a further statement to the Committee Mr. Mitchell presented the following views additional to those presented by him on the general subject of banking on the occasion of his appearance as a witness before it on Feb. 2:

"1. *Member Reserves.*—I regard the differential between the legal reserve requirements for deposits and for demand deposits as altogether too great. The low reserve requirements for time deposits leads to bad banking practice inasmuch as there is afforded thereby an undue temptation to bankers to consider as time deposits those which are truly of a demand character, and the way is too often found to pay such deposits on demand and thus nullify the intent of the law. Low reserves required for time deposits as against reserves for demand deposits may be indicative to bankers as to the proper proportion of liquidity to be maintained as between these two classes of deposits, all to the detriment of sound banking practice. I hope it will be determined to increase the reserve requirement for time deposits and to lower the reserve requirement for demand deposits, but I make no attempt to prescribe the proper differentiation, realizing that this is a matter of study at the present moment by the Reserve Board.

"2. *Thrift Deposits.*—There has been some discussion before your Committee as to the propriety of such deposits in a commercial bank, with varying expressions of view. Such deposits are desirable, because of their outstanding constancy in volume, and not being subject to checking privileges but payable only on presentation of pass book, deserve a higher interest rate than can be afforded to checking accounts. They are customarily made under a provision giving the bank the right to delay payment on notice for periods varying from thirty to sixty days, and, therefore, are classified as time deposits and carry the legal reserve required for time deposits.

Would Classify Thrift as Demand Deposits.

"At the same time no commercial bank could afford to invoke the right to delay payment on these deposits without causing a run from checking depositors, and, if this were by chance to occur, such checking depositors would be preferred creditors over the savings depositors as to the best assets of the bank, which are the most liquid. The law should require that these thrift deposits be classified as demand deposits, a reserve rate established accordingly, and the provision for delay in paying on presentation of pass book eliminated. These deposits fluctuate so little, however, that I am of the opinion that a fair reserve requirement thereon should properly be somewhere between time reserve requirement and the reserve requirement for demand deposits on checking accounts. I notice that the suggestion has been made before your Committee that assets should be segregated to protect deposits of this class.

"Such segregation can only be justified if the provision giving the right to the bank to delay payment on notice is retained, but even then I refer to my original proposition that such notice could not be made effective without causing a run by checking depositors with the result that liquid assets would disappear, leaving for the protection of the thrift depositor only the slower and far less liquid assets segregated for his protection.

"I regard general bank liquidity as far more important than asset segregation, but if there be a question in determining the law I feel that a compromise should be reached in giving to any commercial bank accepting thrift deposits the option of classifying such deposits as demand deposits having all the rights of prompt withdrawal that checking deposits have or

classifying such deposits as time deposits and segregating assets for the protection thereof.

Urges Publicity on Segregated Assets.

"3. *Publicity.*—There should be a requirement that published statements of member banks must clearly set forth the amount of assets segregated or pledged for the protection of any special class of general depositors, such as Government, State and municipal depositors, or for the right to do any particular business such as the right to administer trusts, which in the State of New York, for instance, calls for a deposit of bonds with the State Treasurer to the amount of 10% of the capital; also they should clearly set forth the existence of any deposits preferred by law, such as trust or public moneys.

"Banks should not be permitted to advertise on windows or otherwise that they are designated depositories for public moneys such as Postal savings, United States Treasury, State of New York or City of New York, where such deposits are made only with segregation of assets, because such advertising is misleading and is designed only to establish confidence in the public mind that is not justified by the fact. Likewise I have often been impressed with the freedom with which banks advertise their membership in the Federal Reserve System as an obvious invitation for public confidence. Certainly, until requirements that do not now exist upon member banks with regard to the soundness of their banking practices can be established in the Reserve Act, such advertising misleads a public and throws a responsibility upon the system that is not justified."

In the table of participations, it is explained by Mr. Mitchell, the dollar figures represent the sum total of the issues and not the participations themselves, and in that particular, he suggests, is misleading. But, he added, this does not affect the percentage figures showing to what extent the various groups participated generally in distribution.

ORIGINATIONS.

	1927.	P. C. of Total	1928.	P. C. of Total
National bank affiliates.....	\$592,075,000	10.1	\$649,572,000	15.6
Other bank affiliates.....	162,714,000	2.7	320,664,000	7.7
Total bank affiliates.....	\$754,789,000	12.8	\$970,236,000	23.3
Commercial banks & trust companies.....	540,711,000	9.2	258,803,000	6.2
Private banks.....	4,566,574,000	78.0	2,923,975,000	70.5
Total.....	\$5,862,074,000	100.0	\$4,153,014,000	100.0

	1929.	P. C. of Total	1930.	P. C. of Total
National bank affiliates.....	\$714,998,000	24.6	\$1,279,485,000	27.6
Other bank affiliates.....	489,400,000	16.9	530,779,000	11.6
Total bank affiliates.....	\$1,204,398,000	41.5	\$1,810,264,000	39.2
Commercial banks & trust companies.....	115,201,000	4.0	248,980,000	5.4
Private bankers.....	1,585,933,000	54.5	2,556,841,000	55.4
Total.....	\$2,905,533,000	100.0	\$4,616,085,000	100.0

PARTICIPATIONS.

	1927.	P. C. of Total	1928.	P. C. of Total
National bank affiliates.....	\$1,661,037,000	12.6	\$908,968,000	8.9
Other bank affiliates.....	1,050,690,000	8.0	1,174,504,000	11.5
Total bank affiliates.....	\$2,711,727,000	20.6	\$2,083,472,000	20.4
Commercial banks & trust companies.....	2,131,368,000	16.2	1,191,380,000	11.6
Private bankers.....	8,310,011,000	63.2	6,956,949,000	68.0
Total.....	\$13,153,106,000	100.0	\$10,231,801,000	100.0

	1929.	P. C. of Total	1930.	P. C. of Total
National bank affiliates.....	\$1,238,306,000	17.6	\$4,303,183,000	33.6
Other bank affiliates.....	1,905,859,000	27.2	2,676,056,000	20.8
Total bank affiliates.....	\$3,144,165,000	44.8	\$6,979,239,000	54.4
Commercial banks & trust companies.....	440,509,000	6.3	877,603,000	6.8
Private bankers.....	3,427,000,000	48.9	4,992,085,000	38.8
Total.....	\$7,011,674,000	100.0	\$12,848,927,000	100.0

Mr. Mitchell's statements before the Glass Committee on Feb. 2 were referred to in our issue of Feb. 7, page 966.

Plans for Reorganization of Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. of New York—Reorganization Under Name of Mercantile Bank & Trust Co.

The names of nine prominent bankers and business men, tentatively selected as directors for the new Mercantile Bank & Trust Co., under which name it is proposed to reorganize the closed Chelsea Bank & Trust Co., were to be submitted yesterday (March 6) to Superintendent of Banks Joseph A. Broderick for approval, according to the New York "Evening Post" of last night, from which we take the following:

The nine men are Jules E. Brulatour, Robert Connolly, Vice-President of the Illinois Central; David H. Knott, President of the Knott Hotel Corp.; Louis Golde, President of D. Golde & Son; George Kern, financier; Tony A. Hardy, of Hardy & Hardy, attorneys; John T. Madden, President of the Alexander Hamilton Institute; William A. Lobb, Vice-President of the Chelsea Bank and Ernest K. Satterlee.

Announcement of the plans for reopening of the institution, which was closed by the State Banking Department Dec. 23 1930 after a run at its various branches, was made last night by Lamar Hardy & Hardy, counsel for the directors of the bank as well as for the backers of the new institution. A contract between the organization committee of the new bank and Superintendent Broderick for the sale and transfer of the assets of the Chelsea Bank has been submitted to the Superintendent and is now in the hands of Martin Conboy, legal representative of the State Banking Department in the liquidation of the closed bank.

All details of the contract have not been worked out, but within a day or so, it is expected, the contract in its final form will be ready for signature, provided Mr. Conboy approves.

The plan calls for the payment of 100% to more than 25,000 depositors of the closed bank in case they wish to withdraw their money. Mr. Hardy explained, however, that a great many large depositors have stated that they expected to leave their deposits with the new bank.

The statement issued by Mr. Hardy on March 5 said:

"The plans for the reorganization and reopening of Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. under the name Mercantile Bank & Trust Co. have reached the point where the directors of Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. have underwritten a capital of \$1,000,000 for the new institution. Twenty-five per cent. of this capital is expected to be paid in within 48 hours and the balance on the opening of the new bank. The total capital and surplus of the proposed new institution will be \$1,500,000.

"Part of the capital stock will go to the old stockholders for the assets of Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. and these old stockholders will have the first right to subscribe for the remaining capital of the new bank at \$20 a share. Under the terms of the underwriting agreement the directors will take up any stock not subscribed for by Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. stockholders.

"An announcement of the details of the plan of reorganization is necessarily premature at this time because the first step is the making of a contract between the organization committee of the new bank and the Superintendent of Banks for the sale and transfer of assets of Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. to the new bank. This contract will be submitted to stockholders of Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. for approval and then to the Supreme Court for final approval. The contract has been submitted to the Superintendent of Banks and is now in the hands of Martin Conboy, representing the State Superintendent of Banks in the liquidation of Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. All of the details of this contract have not been worked out, but it is expected that within the next day or two the contract, in final form, will be ready for signature."

A previous item with regard to the proposed reorganization of the institution appeared in our issue of Feb. 21, page 1348.

Laxity Laid to State Banking Superintendent Broderick as He Admits Bank of United States Made "Dishonest" Deals—Defends Delay in Closing—Holds Examinations Were Put Off a Year Due to Short Staff and Stress of Work.

Joseph A. Broderick, State Superintendent of Banks, was charged with neglect of duty on various points by Max D. Steuer on March 13 when Mr. Broderick took the stand before him in the investigation of the closed Bank of United States. The New York "Times" of March 4, from which we quote, in its account of the hearing said in part:

Mr. Steuer charged that Mr. Broderick delayed too long in closing the bank after he had had ample evidence that it was in a precarious condition and that he had violated the law in not informing directors of the bank of the situation as disclosed in a bank examiner's report in the Summer of 1930.

Mr. Broderick denied the first charge and asked permission to make reply to the second on his next appearance before Mr. Steuer on Friday. The permission was granted.

Another point on which Mr. Steuer charged Mr. Broderick with neglect was that he had permitted a whole year to pass between the examinations of the bank in 1929 and in 1930, when under the law such examinations should be made every six months. In this connection Mr. Steuer called Mr. Broderick's attention to a similar neglect in the City Trust Company case by Frank H. Warder, former Superintendent of Banks, now serving a term in Sing Sing.

Lays Delay to Short Staff.

Mr. Broderick informed Mr. Steuer that the delay was due to the tremendous pressure of work in the department and the inadequacy of personnel.

Mr. Steuer declined to accept this explanation and at one point in the examination advised Mr. Broderick in the future to "take sides with the depositors rather than with the people who looted the bank."

"I have always taken sides with the depositors," flared Mr. Broderick.

Mr. Broderick challenged Mr. Steuer's conception of the situation that led up to the closing of the bank. He declared that while the Banking Department in its reports for 1929 and 1930 took strenuous objection to the manner in which the bank had been conducted, to many of its loans and real estate deals and had urged changes in its policy and directing personnel there was no evidence that either the bank or its affiliates were insolvent, and that he had felt it his duty to try to save the bank if possible.

"To close a bank, as a demonstration of dissatisfaction with the way it is or has been conducted is an easy way out of the difficulty," declared Mr. Broderick in a prepared statement which he read into the record before submitting to interrogation. "But any incumbent of the office of Superintendent of Banks would be gravely remiss in his sworn duty if he did not exhaust every possible resource to save the situation before deciding that the doors must be closed."

Reviews Steps to Save Bank.

Both in his statement and testimony Mr. Broderick described in great detail the steps taken under his guidance to save the bank by a merger with other institutions. It was such a merger and not hasty closing of the bank which appeared to him as the proper way out of the situation, Mr. Broderick said.

The merger negotiations, he declared, failed because it proved impossible after prolonged negotiations to strike a bargain, until by resolution of the board of directors of the Bank of United States he was compelled to intervene and take over the bank.

In general Mr. Broderick was inclined to take a more lenient view of the situation and would not follow Mr. Steuer's in the latter's charges of fraud, dishonesty and violations of the law practiced by the bank officials, although he admitted that so far as some of the bank's real estate transactions were concerned he had not learned of them until after the closing of the bank.

Among these transactions were those of the Abenad Realty Corporation and the York Investment Company, through which, according to Mr. Steuer, money of the bank had reached the pockets of minor officers of the institution.

Mr. Broderick would not admit that the officers of the bank had actually violated the law in various deals that have occupied a prominent part in the investigation. All he would admit was that they had violated the spirit of the law and accepted practices of banking.

Among the deals on which Mr. Broderick took this point of view was the \$8,000,000 "juggling" transaction on which eight officers and directors of the bank have been indicted, a transaction in which the bank is supposed to have paid to itself a debt of \$8,000,000 owed it by two of its affiliates, and loans of \$12,000,000 by the bank to three of its affiliate corporations.

Mr. Broderick flatly denied that the Banking Department had ever approved the \$8,000,000 deal, a claim put forward by some of the officers of the bank. He hesitated in calling the bank officers dishonest and said that whatever their responsibility under the law may eventually be found to be "they were certainly not bankers." Admitting, finally, that the deal was dishonest, he refused to agree with Mr. Steuer that it was a violation of the law.

Differ on Assets.

At the close of the hearing Mr. Steuer and Mr. Broderick differed as to the actual present value and liquidating value of many of the bank's assets, particularly its real estate holdings. Mr. Broderick agreed to place at Mr. Steuer's disposal an accounting of these assets as based upon appraisals made by experts for the Banking Department. Mr. Broderick revealed that of the \$148,000,000 of outstanding loans of the bank, \$47,000,000 has been collected to date. Of this, he said, \$27,000,000 has been paid in cash and \$20,000,000 by offsets of deposits against indebtedness. The remaining \$101,000,000 in loans still outstanding have either all matured or will mature within the next month, Mr. Broderick said.

Mr. Steuer was particularly interested in obtaining from Mr. Broderick a clear picture of how the liquidation of the bank stood to date, saying: "The time has arrived when there ought to be something more than words, Mr. Broderick. If anybody is going to do anything, it ought to be done now or not at all. If any directors are going to do anything, they ought to do it now."

Mr. Steuer's statement was interpreted as having a reference to the new move launched by him and Attorney General Bennett for rapid completion of the liquidation of the bank or its reorganization, with the financial assistance of directors willing to help. In this connection he asked Mr. Broderick to prepare for him a complete statement of loans obtained from the bank by directors and believed to total \$5,000,000.

Hopes for Reorganization.

While disagreeing with Mr. Steuer on the present or liquidating value of the bank's assets, with Mr. Steuer taking a less optimistic view than Mr. Broderick, the Banking Superintendent declined to say how much the depositors may expect to get when the affairs of the bank are finally wound up. While Mr. Steuer appeared to press for a rapid liquidation, Mr. Broderick continued to hold out hopes for an eventual reorganization of the bank. It was for this reason that he seemed reluctant to prophesy as to what the ultimate return to depositors may be.

Mr. Broderick was assisted in his testimony on this aspect of the situation by August Ihfeldt Jr., Deputy Superintendent of Banks, who frequently supplied details to answers required by Mr. Steuer. It was to Mr. Ihfeldt that Mr. Steuer directed the question as to how much the depositors are likely to get. He got as far as:

"Certainly 50 cents on the dollar and besides"—

"No, no," interrupted Mr. Broderick, touching the deputy on the elbow. "You can't answer that."

"Well," said Mr. Steuer, "can you tell us confidentially? I believe the time has arrived for something besides words, don't you?"

"I certainly do," said Mr. Broderick, without, however, answering Mr. Steuer's specific question. Mr. Broderick had apparently come to the point at which he refused to permit Mr. Steuer to treat him as an ordinary witness and to assert the prerogatives of his own office.

A fact that will affect the prospects of the bank's liquidation was emphasized yesterday at the bankruptcy hearing held by Referee Robert P. Stephenson in the bankruptcy proceedings of four of the bank's affiliates when Robert P. Levis, counsel for the affiliates, declared that the assets of these corporations were "at present just a guess." The affiliates owe the bank about \$20,000,000.

The first charge of neglect of duty against Mr. Broderick in that he permitted a whole year to pass after his examination of the bank in 1929 was made by Mr. Steuer soon after Mr. Broderick took the stand.

Having established that the 1929 examination was as of July 13 and should have been followed by another examination on Jan. 30, Mr. Steuer proceeded with the interrogation of Mr. Broderick as follows:

Q.—When did you institute any other examination of the Bank of United States? A.—In June.

Q.—So that you waited practically for the expiration of the year, did you not? A.—No, we took it up at the earliest possible moment in the six months' period.

Q.—The 23d of June, 1930, was the earliest possible moment within the six months after the 15th of July, 1929? A.—When it would have been possible to have the Bank of United States examined, yes, sir. We happen to have 1,200 institutions that we had to take care of.

Q.—You might have forty-one million institutions, Mr. Broderick, that is not the question at all, and you know that is not the question, and I would like you to be good enough to let us treat with the questions that are asked and give the answers to them. The six months' period obviously would have expired on the 13th of January, 1930, wouldn't it? A.—Yes.

Q.—And the question is now that you waited until the 23d of June, 1930, before you did anything, isn't that so? A.—The next examination was in June.

Q.—Began as of the 23d of June, 1930? A.—Yes.

Q.—And you had had in the examination, in the report on the examination that was made in 1929, a warning as to the condition of the affiliate corporations and that a continuance of their methods would bring about the ruin of this bank, had you not? A.—Substantially so, yes.

Q.—Yes, and that warning you had personally received prior to September, 1929, from your examiner, had you not? A.—Yes.

Q.—You brought down from Rochester an examiner to make an examination in July, 1929, did you not? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—A man of very high standing as an examiner in the department? A.—One of the best.

In response to further questions from Mr. Steuer Mr. Broderick confirmed the fact that he had given a copy of the 1929 report to Bernard K. Marcus, president; Saul Singer, executive vice president, and Isidor J. Kresel, counsel and director of the bank. Concerning this report directors of the bank have told Mr. Steuer that Mr. Marcus had pictured it to them as representing the bank to be in a glowing condition. Mr. Broderick denied emphatically that he had ever given any such impression to the bank officers. He said the report contained clear specifications of many of the bank's weaknesses, together with recommendations for changes of policy and personnel. Among the recommendations was that \$12,000,000 loaned by the bank to affiliates be immediately called in and wiped off the books.

A clash between Mr. Steuer and Mr. Broderick occurred as to the legality and legitimacy of these loans, Mr. Broderick taking the view that

he was opposed to them because they constituted poor banking practice, with Mr. Steuer seeking to obtain from Mr. Broderick the admission that they were violations of the law. This Mr. Broderick hesitated to admit.

Tells of Seeing Bankers.

Mr. Steuer then questioned the Banking Superintendent on the deal whereby the bank sought to liquidate part of the affiliates' \$12,000,000 indebtedness by paying off \$8,000,000 of it with its own money. Mr. Broderick said that Mr. Marcus and two other officers of the bank, whose names he could not recall, had come to the office of the Banking Department and consulted him and Chief Examiner Egbert on the proposal to cut the indebtedness. Both he and Mr. Egbert "specifically disapproved" of the deal, he said. Nevertheless, he added, the deal was put through although he had not learned of this fact until the transaction had been accomplished. In proof of the department's disapproval Mr. Broderick submitted memoranda on the conversations with Mr. Marcus and the other two bank officers concerning the deal.

Banking Situation in South and Middle West.

In the State of Mississippi, the reopening of two banks, the Carroll County Bank at Carrollton and the Peoples' Bank & Trust Co. of North Carrollton, was reported in Richmond, Va., advices on Feb. 27, to the "Wall Street Journal."

On Feb. 28 announcement was made by J. S. Love, State Superintendent of Banks for Mississippi, of the reopening on that day of the Citizens' Savings Bank at Magnolia and the Bank of Walnut Grove at Walnut Grove, according to the Jackson (Miss.) "News" of that date. The Superintendent was reported as saying that he was well satisfied with the institutions' strengthened position after their temporary suspension. The Citizens' Savings Bank is capitalized at \$30,000 and has deposits of approximately \$300,000. F. C. Andrews is President and A. T. Leggett, Vice-President. X. A. Kramer, Mayor of McComb, Miss., and widely known south Mississippi financier, is identified with the reopened institution, it was announced. The Bank of Walnut Grove, which is headed by A. J. Barnett, is capitalized at \$10,000 and has deposits of approximately \$90,000. In conclusion the paper mentioned gave a list of Mississippi banks which had resumed business prior to the two institutions noted, as compiled by the State Banking Department. The list follows:

Merchants' & Farmers' Bank, Vardaman; Bank of Kilmichael, Bank of Winona, Mechanics' State Bank, McComb; People's Bank, Jonestown; Corinth State Bank, Corinth; People's Savings Bank, Starkville; Security Bank & Trust Co., Greenwood; Bank of Ethel; Bank of Blue Mountain, Ashland Branch Bank, Greenwood Bank & Trust Co.; People's Bank, Water Valley; Merchants' & Farmers' Bank, Ecu; McComb Savings Bank & Trust Co., McComb; Citizens' Bank, Sturgis; Bank of Lena, People's Bank & Trust Co., North Carrollton; Carroll County Bank, Carrollton; First National Bank, Corinth; First National Bank, McComb; First National Bank, Pontotoc.

In North Carolina, the Bank of Severn at Severn, which was closed for some weeks, has been reopened, according to press advices from Severn on Feb. 21, appearing in the Raleigh "News & Observer" of the same date. Short crops and low prices for peanuts, the dispatch said, had caused heavy withdrawals from the institution and the banking authorities decided to close the institution so that all depositors would fare alike as nearly as possible. The dispatch went on to say:

A check by the State Corporation Commission showed the books in excellent shape and authority was given to reopen upon sign-up of depositors to allow their money to remain in the bank two years. Nearly 100% of the depositors was thus signed up. The community showed its faith in the bank by coming up with \$10,000 in deposits on the day the bank reopened.

On Feb. 28 Associated Press advices from Asheville, N. C., reported that the Bank of Murphy at Murphy, one of the oldest banks in western North Carolina, would reopen on March 2 and that four other North Carolina banks which closed late last year were completing arrangements to resume business within the next few weeks. These institutions included, the dispatch said, the Farmers' & Traders' Bank, Weaverville; Bank of Leicester at Leicester, Bank of Franklin at Franklin, and the Citizens' Bank, Waynesville.

That the town of Wallave, N. C., and vicinity would have banking facilities on Mar. 2 for the first time since early December when the Bank of Duplin at Wallave closed its doors, was reported in a dispatch from Wallace on Feb. 28 printed in the Raleigh "News & Observer" which stated that the North Carolina Bank & Trust Co. (headquarters Greensboro), which had been appointed liquidating agent for the closed bank, would open an agency at Wallace on that day, Mar. 2, to do a general banking business. The dispatch went on to say:

It has been rumored that the Branch Banking & Trust Co. are contemplating opening a branch here, but nothing definite along this line has been ascertained. Should they open, Wallace will have more banking facilities than in 1927, when the Farmers' Bank & Trust Co. failed.

In the State of Kentucky, suit was brought in the Federal District Court at Louisville on Feb. 18 by Frederick W. Trinkle of Cincinnati, Ohio, for the appointment of a

Federal receiver for the Bancokentucky Co. and the recovery of \$37,578,966 from its directors for alleged mismanagement. An Associated Press dispatch from Louisville on the date named in reporting the matter said in part:

The plaintiff alleges the Bancokentucky secretly paid Gustave M. Mosler, while he was President of the Brighton Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, \$123,500 to influence bank stockholders to sell their shares to Bancokentucky. The plaintiff charges Mr. Mosler received \$118,500 in cash and 200 shares of Bancokentucky stock, valued at \$5,000, without the knowledge of other stockholders of the Brighton Bank & Trust Co.

Bancokentucky, holding company for the closed National Bank of Kentucky, already is in charge of a receiver appointed in State Courts here.

In its issue of Feb. 25, the "Wall Street Journal" stated that directors and officers of the Bancokentucky Co. had been named as defendants in a suit for \$60,824,976 filed in Louisville Circuit Court by Joseph S. Laurent, receiver for the company. The amount, the paper mentioned said represents losses suffered through wrongful acts and omissions of defendants, according to the plaintiff, who reveals for the first time a merger contract between Bancokentucky Co. and Caldwell & Co. (Nashville) which the petition alleges was hopelessly insolvent at the time.

On Feb. 27, Louisville advices by the Associated Press stated that announcement was made on that day by Federal Judge Charles L. Dawson of the sale of 67% of the assets of the National Bank of Kentucky (which closed Nov. 17 last) to the First National Bank of Louisville. The remaining assets will be liquidated by the receiver. We quote furthermore in part from the dispatch as follows:

The sale will enable the First National Bank to pay depositors of the closed bank a 67% dividend promptly, the Court announced. The disbursement, which will be made through the First National Bank, amounts to \$15,000,000. The sale, accomplishing the same object as a proposed new bank, of making funds immediately available, dispensed with the new bank plan.

Officers of the First National Bank, Paul C. Keyes, Receiver of the National Bank of Kentucky, members of the citizens' committee who had been working on the new bank plan, and Robert H. Neill, Chief National Bank Examiner for this Federal Reserve district, agreed on the terms of sale late Thursday (Feb. 26).

Judge Dawson and Robert F. Barse, assistant to John W. Pole, Comptroller of the Currency, who came here from Washington as the negotiations, near a conclusion, approved the sale contract.

Closing of the National Bank of Kentucky, which advertised its resources at \$54,000,000 and of which James B. Brown, was President, is under investigation by both the Federal and State Grand Juries.

According to the Louisville "Courier-Journal" of Feb. 28, indictments against James B. Brown, former President of the defunct National Bank of Kentucky, and Charles F. Jones, a former Vice-President of the bank, were returned on Feb. 27 by the Federal Grand Jury and by the Jefferson County Grand Jury. The Federal indictment charges Mr. Brown and Mr. Jones with wilful misapplication of bank funds in connection with a transaction on Oct. 3 1929, involving \$46,777.50. The Jefferson County Grand Jury indicted them on a charge of embezzlement in their capacities as former President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Bancokentucky Co.

W. T. ZurSchmiede, former Secretary of the Bancokentucky Co., also was indicted by the Jefferson County Grand Jury on the embezzlement charge. Mr. ZurSchmiede was formerly Cashier of the closed National Bank of Kentucky. The paper mentioned continuing said in part:

Mr. Brown and Mr. Jones, accompanied by Ben S. Washer, Mr. Brown's attorney, came to the United States District Clerk's office at 435 o'clock Friday afternoon (Feb. 27) and executed bonds. The Aetna Casualty & Surety Co. provided bond of \$10,000 for Mr. Brown and \$5,000 for Mr. Jones, which had been fixed by Federal Judge Charles I. Dawson. The cases are expected to be set for hearing when the Federal Court opens March 9.

Asked if he had any statement to make relative to the indictments, Mr. Brown replied, "No, sir." Mr. Jones said the same thing, while Mr. Washer added, "No statements."

Mr. Brown also is a director of the Louisville Gas & Electric Co., the Louisville & Nashville R.R., the American Turf Association and the Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky.

The Federal indictment charges that Mr. Brown and Mr. Jones, without consent of the bank directors, ordered Mrs. A. E. Latta, trading as Wakefield & Co. to purchase 11,550 shares of stock of the Van Camp Packing Co. It charged that Wakefield & Co. paid for the stock out of its account with the bank, thus creating an overdraft of \$170,000. Later the defendants caused the sum of \$254,100 of the bank's money to be paid to Wakefield & Co., making a difference of \$46,777.50 between the actual cost of the stock and the amount the defendants caused the bank to pay for it, the Federal True Bill charges.

The county charges resulted from the transactions involved in the execution of a note for \$2,000,000 by Mr. Brown to Wakefield & Co., the note later being indorsed to the Bancokentucky Co.

The Federal and county indictments were returned almost simultaneously. During the morning the Federal panel heard testimony of Paul C. Keyes, receiver for the National Bank of Kentucky; Henry D. Ormsby, Vice-President of the bank, and Mrs. Latta.

The county jury has other indictments under consideration, it was learned, and it is believed it will request that the next grand jury continue the investigation. The February jury ends its duties Saturday.

The Jefferson County indictment was a joint one, charging Mr. Brown with embezzling \$2,000,000 of Bancokentucky funds and converting them to his own use. Mr. Jones and Mr. ZurSchmiede are accused of aiding and abetting him in the commission of the crime. The second count of the county indictment accuses all three of conspiring in their positions as officers to embezzle the sum.

In the State of Ohio, the Peoples' Commercial Bank of Bellefontaine failed to open on Feb. 25 and subsequently

its assets were taken over by L. J. Fulton, State Superintendent of Banks for Ohio, according to Bellefontaine advices on that date to the Indianapolis "News." E. W. Patterson was President of the closed bank, and B. E. Skidmore, Cashier.

John G. Lonsdale of St. Louis Again Named as Chairman of Advertising Committee of Industrial Club of St. Louis.

John G. Lonsdale, President of the Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co., of St. Louis, has been chosen for the third time as Chairman of the Advertising Committee of the Industrial Club of St. Louis. To this Committee is delegated the responsibility of preparing advertising copy and advertising campaigns setting forth the advantages of St. Louis as a business and manufacturing center and as a home city. Two other important posts were added to Mr. Lonsdale's list of duties only recently when he became Vice-President of the United States Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Red Cross Committee headed by Calvin Coolidge and Alfred E. Smith.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the sale of a New York Stock Exchange membership for \$300,000. This is unchanged from the last preceding sale.

The New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange membership of John W. Jay was sold this week to J. W. Wooten, Jr. for \$10,250, an advance of \$250 over the last preceding sale.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the sale of a Chicago Stock Exchange membership for \$21,000 a decrease of \$2,000 from the last preceding sale.

A Chicago Board of Trade membership was reported sold this week for \$8,800. The last preceding sale was for \$8,500.

Arrangements were reported made for the sale of a Chicago Curb Exchange membership for \$4,000, an increase of \$600 over the last preceding sale.

The Irving Trust Co. of New York announced on March 4 the promotion of Leon J. Wehbring, Asst. Secretary, to the rank of Asst. Vice-President, and the appointment of O. B. Lowman, to be Asst. Resident Counsel.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chase National Bank of New York on March 4, Henry C. Titus was elected a Second Vice-President, and James J. Rogers and Einar C. Funk were appointed Asst. Cashiers. Mr. Titus is General Manager of the Equitable Eastern Banking Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Chase National Bank, operating chiefly in the Far East. Mr. Rogers is Manager of that corporation and Mr. Funk, Asst. Manager. The operations in New York of the Equitable Eastern Banking Corp. have been brought into close association with the operations of the Foreign Department of the Chase National Bank, the principal office having been moved to the head office of the bank at 18 Pine St. While its New York business will in the future be handled by the Foreign Department of the bank, the Equitable Eastern Banking Corp. will continue as an individual banking unit, operating in the Far East, with branches at Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientsin.

Effective Feb. 17, the First National Bank of Plattsburgh, N. Y., capitalized at \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Feb. 28. The institution was taken over by the Plattsburgh National Bank & Trust Co. of that place.

The First National Bank of Newton, Mass. (P. O. West Newton), capitalized at \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Feb. 16. The institution was absorbed by the Newton Trust Co.

The following with reference to the affairs of the Port Newark National Bank of Newark, N. J., which failed Aug. 8 last, appeared in a dispatch from that city on Mar. 2 to the New York "Times":

Stockholders of the closed Port Newark National Bank received notice today (Mar. 2) that John W. Pole, Controller of the Currency, had levied an assessment equal to the par value of the stock they hold as their liability under the law. The notices were sent out by F. Raymond Peterson, a national bank examiner and the receiver. Mr. Peterson is authorized to collect the assessment by suit or otherwise.

The order by the Controller declares that to pay the bank's debts it is necessary to enforce the individual liability of stockholders. It calls for the payment of \$200,000, the par value of the bank's stock.

The bank's stock, at \$100 par value, was offered at \$135 a share in 1926, \$25 being for surplus and \$10 for an equipment fund. It rose to about \$200 a share in June, 1928.

The bank was closed by the Controller on Aug. 8, 1930, following the filing of a receivership suit in Federal Court in Trenton by Edward M. Waldron, a stockholder, charging gross mismanagement and fraud. After the closing, Julius S. Rippel, Chairman of the Board of the Merchants & Newark Trust Co., revealed that the suit had been started just as steps were being taken to have his bank take over the port Newark. He said

he was ready to guarantee the stockholders of the Port Newark \$50 a share. Our last reference to the closed institution appeared in our Dec. 13 issue, page 3820.

Incident to the closing on Jan. 28 of the People's Banking & Trust Co. of Elizabeth, N. J., hundreds of depositors of the institution crowded the headquarters of the associated banks of Elizabeth on Mar. 2, to file applications for loans against their savings accounts, according to a dispatch from Elizabeth on that day, which continuing said:

Several policemen were necessary to keep the crowds in line. Depositors may borrow up to 50% of the balance in their savings account on presentation of passbooks. Six banks arranged to make the loans.

The closing of the People's Banking & Trust Co was noted in our Jan. 31 issue, page 790.

William A. Berry, a Vice-President of the Sea Coast Trust Co. of Asbury Park, N. J., and for nearly 25 years identified with banking in that section, died suddenly of heart disease in his office on Mar. 2. The deceased banker, who was 60 years of age, was active in building and loan associations. He also was active in years past in Republican organization affairs, and under the councilmanic form of government served as Mayor.

On Feb. 27 a charter was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency for the First National Bank of Haddon Heights, N. J., with capital of \$100,000. F. Morse Archer is President of the new institution.

The proposed consolidation of the Second National Bank, the Atlantic Safe Deposit & Trust Co., and the Equitable Trust Co., all of Atlantic City, N. J., was prevented on Mar. 2, when the stockholders of the Second National Bank voted to remain a Federal institution and not to become a State bank, as would have been necessary in order to effect the merger, according to advices from Atlantic City on Mar. 2 to the New York "Times." Announcement of the termination of negotiations, the dispatch said, was made by Judge Joseph Thompson, a director of the Second National Bank and President of the Atlantic Safe Deposit & Trust Co. Reference was made to the proposed consolidation of the banks in our Jan. 17 issue, page 440.

Referring further to the affairs of the Bankers' Trust Co. of Philadelphia, which was closed by its directors on Dec. 22 last, Harry Shapiro, counsel for the Depositors Protective Committee, announced on Monday of this week, Mar. 2, following a two-hour session attended by officials of the bank, that sufficient cash to pay 50% of the deposits will be available before the end of spring. All deposits up to \$200 will be paid in full upon reopening, according to present plans. The Philadelphia "Record" of Mar. 3, from which the above information is obtained, printed Mr. Shapiro's statement as follows:

Within one month after date of closing, December 22, 1930, enough securities and loans owned by the Bankers Trust Co. had been converted into cash to enable the Bankers Trust Co. to pay off all obligations to other banks, amounting to approximately \$9,000,000, and thus to obtain the return to the Bankers Trust Co. of approximately \$20,000,000 of securities pledged as collateral for such loans.

Since Jan. 21, when completion of this payment was announced by the Secretary of Banking, collection of loans has progressed rapidly, so that at the present time the bank has on hand approximately \$3,000,000 additional in cash.

It is confidently believed that before the end of spring sufficient of the remaining assets will have been converted into cash to justify an arrangement by which approximately 50% of the deposits can be made available by a reopening of the strategically located offices either by a new bank or an existing institution.

We wish depositors to know that the present discussions and studies which are taking place relate to the manner in which this should be done, rather than to the question of sufficiency of assets.

In the present unsettled condition of business generally, the committee is testing and checking carefully every angle of several plans which are under discussion, all having in mind the same object, which is to make available as rapidly as possible as high a proportion as practical of the deposits, leaving the balance to be worked out in the progress of liquidation by the old company.

A feature common to all the plans under discussion is to make available for payment in full at time of opening all deposits up to \$200.

The committee is meeting with the most active co-operation from officers and directors of the bank, and wishes to reassure depositors that no unnecessary time is being lost in the completion of the work.

Another meeting of the committee will be held in about a week to consider certain questions regarding methods of payment which were brought up for discussion to-day.

The Philadelphia "Ledger" of Mar. 3 in reporting the matter also gave the following:

President Judge Finletter in Common Pleas Court No. 4 yesterday dismissed three suits seeking to force repayments of deposits in the Bankers Trust. One was that of the city asking return of a deposit of approximately

\$200,000 made on the Saturday before the Monday morning closing of the institution. The Fireside Building Loan Association and Robert M. Bailly also were suing, seeking to have deposits to their credit applied to set off debts to the trust company.

Judge Finletter held that under the Banking Act provision is made for winding up affairs of banks that are similar to a receivership, with the Secretary of Banking occupying a position analogous to that of a receiver, and the Secretary should not, he held, pass on individual claims.

The Mountain City Trust Co. of Altoona, Pa., was closed Feb. 27 by order of the Pennsylvania State Banking Department, following a "run" on the institution which started when the Union Bank of Altoona, a private bank, closed its doors early in the week, according to a dispatch by the Associated Press from Altoona on the date named. In a statement at the close of last year, the dispatch said, the institution reported combined capital and surplus of \$437,963 and total resources of \$2,497,440. Liabilities, including capital stock, totaled \$162,963. A subsequent dispatch from Altoona by the Associated Press, Feb. 27, stated that J. D. Swigart, Chief Examiner of the State Banking Department for Pennsylvania, had reported the closed institution in sound condition. This dispatch said in part:

Unprecedented heavy withdrawals from all Altoona banks were caused to-day by the closing of the Mountain City Trust Co. following a run. . . .

Because of the danger of hold-ups and burglaries, due to depositors taking the money to their homes, Major Lynn Adams, of the State police, dispatched 18 troopers to aid the city police force of more than 60 and to patrol the highways entering Altoona.

Mr. Swigart, who came here to take charge of Mountain City Trust, the second Altoona bank to close this week, said there was no justifiable reason for the "run," which totaled \$27,000 from the time the bank opened until it closed midway in the morning. More than \$400,000 had been withdrawn from the institution since Tuesday (Feb. 24) noon.

The nine other Altoona banks will open to-morrow (Feb. 28) as usual, their officials said, but the Altoona Clearing House Association, following a meeting to-night, announced that strict enforcement will be made of rules governing the withdrawal of savings accounts. The banks require from 30 to 50 days' notices for savings.

People lined up in such large numbers at two banks that police had to maintain order. Clerks at all banks worked far into the night because of the heavy business.

The Dollar Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been consolidated with the People's-Pittsburgh Trust Co., the transfer of ownership taking place Wednesday night, Mar. 4, according to Pittsburgh advices on Mar. 5 to the New York "Times." The absorbed bank will be a branch of the People's-Pittsburgh Trust Co., and will continue operations at 524 Federal Street with its present staff.

The Dollar Savings & Trust Co. had total assets of \$16,290,000 on Dec. 31, and the People's-Pittsburgh had more than \$100,000,000. Invested capital of the two totals more than \$23,000,000, the dispatch said:

The Merchants' National Bank of Defiance, Ohio, and the First National Bank of that place, both capitalized at \$100,000, were placed in voluntary liquidation as of Feb. 10 and Feb. 17, respectively. These institutions were consolidated the early part of last year to form the National Bank of Defiance, as noted in our issue of April 26 1930, page 2905.

Mal S. Daugherty, former President of the defunct Ohio State Bank of Washington Court House, Ohio (which was closed by the State Superintendent of Banks on May 12 last), and brother of former United States Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty, was convicted on Mar. 4 by a jury in the Court of Common Pleas of defrauding the institution while he was President, according to Associated Press advices from Washington Court House on that date. The trial, which had lasted three weeks, ended when the jury found the banker "guilty" on all five counts in the indictment. Each carries a maximum penalty of 30 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000. Sentence will not be imposed until the Court acts on a motion for a new trial, which counsel for the defendant said would be filed in a few days. The dispatch mentioned said in part:

Aside from nervousness resulting from the long wait for the verdict, Daugherty showed no emotion as the decision was read.

A delay of almost two hours was caused when Judge Charles Bell of Cincinnati twice sent the jury back to correct a legal error in the verdict. Later it was learned the jurors had used the word "offense" in describing the five counts instead of the plural "offenses."

The judge was prohibited by law from explaining the nature of the error and the jurors were required to reread the written charge to complete the verdict.

The five counts in the indictment charge abstraction of funds, misapplication of the bank's credit, falsification of entries, an attempt to deceive a bank examiner, and the making of an invalid loan.

The investigation that led to the indictment of Daugherty was or-

dered last fall after he was declared a bankrupt, unable to meet his obligations.

Pending hearing of the motion for a new trial, Daugherty will continue at liberty under \$40,000 bond posted by his aged mother, who died last week, and his brother, Harry M. Daugherty.

A dispatch from Washington Court House by the United Press contained the following additional information:

On the stand he (the defendant) denied the charges and blamed Columbus banking interests for the collapse of the bank which closed last May. The State, throughout, sought to show that Daugherty, by using the names of his wife and son, mulcted the bank of more than \$30,000.

It was brought out during the trial that prior to the bank's collapse, Harry M. Daugherty contributed \$100,000 in an effort to keep the bank from closing. More than 4,000 depositors lost most of their money when the bank failed.

Just prior to his indictment Mal Daugherty was adjudged bankrupt.

A subsequent dispatch (Mar. 5) from Washington Court House said in part:

Sixteen indictments were returned against Daugherty as a result of the failure of the bank last May and his subsequent bankruptcy, but he was tried on only one indictment involving abstraction of \$5,350. John Perrill, wealthy Fayette County farmer, signed two blank checks which Daugherty filled in for a total of \$5,350 and accredited to his account, according to the evidence. The checks were secured by a note bearing Mr. Perrill's name, but the farmer denied signing it.

Prosecutor Norman McLean also contended that during 1929 Daugherty added approximately \$12,000 to his accounts on loans credited to others; that the defendant approved loans when the bank's reserves were low, and that his wife owed \$42,000 which had not been repaid.

Daugherty came into national attention a few years ago when as president of the Midland National Bank he refused a Senate commission permission to inspect the books in a hunt for alleged bribe money in Government oil deals. He was cited for contempt of the Senate, but was never prosecuted. The Midland and two other banks were later merged to form the Ohio State Bank.

The indictment of the former banker was noted in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 1, 1930, page 2837.

Two Lawrenceburg, Ind., banks, the People's National Bank and the Dearborn National Bank, are to be consolidated under the title of the People's National Bank of Lawrenceburg, according to Lawrenceburg advices on Feb. 26 to the Indianapolis "News." The new organization will be capitalized at \$175,000, with surplus of \$150,000. The officers will be as follows: Ambrose E. Nowlin, Chairman of the Board; William H. O'Brien, President; Cornelius O'Brien and August A. Koch, Vice-Presidents; Orlando M. Keller, Cashier, and Clarence Hunter, Assistant Cashier.

W. R. McGaughey, President Illinois Bankers' Association, recently severed his connection with the Citizens' National Bank, Decatur, Ill., of which he had been Executive Vice-President since 1929 and with which he had been identified since 1919, and has become a Vice-President of the Millikin National Bank of Decatur. This position includes a similar relationship to the Millikin Trust Co., which is under the same ownership and management as the Millikin National Bank. Mr. McGaughey was born on a farm near Mount Zion, May 31 1879, and is a graduate of the James Millikin University, class of 1906. He has been active for a number of years in the affairs of the Illinois Bankers' Association, of which he was elected President in 1930. Among other interests Mr. McGaughey is a director of the Mount Zion State Bank, Mount Zion, Ill., and the Purity Baking Co., and a member of the Board of Managers of the James Millikin University.

The Ham National Bank of Mount Vernon, Ill., was placed in voluntary liquidation on Nov. 7 1930. The institution was taken over by the Third National Bank of Mount Vernon.

A charter was granted by the Comptroller of the Currency on Feb. 27 for the First National Bank in Durand, Durand, Wis. The new bank is capitalized at \$50,000. John Brunner, Jr., is President, and G. C. Schiefelbein, Cashier.

From the Nashville "Banner" of Feb. 17 it is learned that the stockholders of the American National Bank of Nashville on Feb. 27 voted to increase the capital of the institution from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 by the issuance of 100,000 shares of new stock of the par value of \$10 a share. This new stock will be given to the Fourth & First Banks, Inc., for the assets of the old Fourth & First National Bank, which was recently acquired by the American National Bank. At the same meeting, the stockholders also voted to increase the number of directors of the institution from 30 to 48. Practically all the new directors

elected were former members of the Board of the Fourth & First National Bank. We quote furthermore in part from the paper mentioned:

With the increase of the capital stock of the American National Bank to 300,000 shares from 200,000 shares, the institution now has a \$3,000,000 capital, a surplus of \$3,000,000 and approximately \$500,000 in undivided profits, making it the largest bank in any Southern city, population considered.

The bank's deposits have shown a substantial increase since its last report on Dec. 31 1930, when deposits of \$43,917,000 were shown. At the close of business Feb. 26, according to President Paul M. Davis, the bank's deposits were \$47,194,000.

The American National Bank is now located in its new quarters at the corner of Fourth Avenue and Union Street, formerly occupied by the Fourth & First National Bank, which have been remodeled to take care of the expanding business of the institution. The former quarters of the bank in the Stahlman Building are now occupied by the Stahlman Building branch of the American National Bank, in charge of Buford Wilson, Assistant Vice-President.

It was announced Friday (Feb. 27) that the branch bank of the American National at 808 Broadway would absorb the Vauxhall branch of the Fourth & First National, and that other consolidations and changes in branches would be announced later. This matter is being handled by Parkes Armistead, Vice-President.

On the basis of present market quotations, the 100,000 shares of additional stock voted by the stockholders Friday represents a transaction of between \$7,500,000 and \$8,000,000.

The new directors include the following: Bruce P. Shepherd, Harry L. Williamson, J. H. Ambrose, John W. Barton, W. S. Bransford, M. L. Fletcher, Samuel E. Linton, Walter Keith, Leland Hume, Percy D. Maddin, Charles S. Martin, Charles Nelson, B. Kirk Rankin, D. F. C. Reeves, Thomas W. Smith, Edwin Warner, and Burton Wilkerson.

Officers of the bank, headed by P. D. Houston, Chairman of the Board, and Paul M. Davis, President, were elected at the directors' meeting some weeks ago, at which time tentative plans for the increase in capital stock and increase in the bank's directorate were made.

Two Gainesville, Tex., banks, the Lindsay National Bank and the First National Bank, capitalized at \$200,000 and \$250,000, respectively, were consolidated on Feb. 27 under the title of the First National Bank of Gainesville, with capital of \$200,000.

A. L. Baker, former Vice-President of the defunct Texas National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, which was closed the early part of last year, must serve 10 years in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for his part in the bank's failure, according to Associated Press advices from Fort Worth on Feb. 17, from which we quote in part as follows:

A total sentence of 20 years was imposed by Judge Wilson in the Federal District Court Monday (Feb. 16), but 10 years are to be suspended after Baker serves the first 10.

The sentence came after a scathing denunciation by Judge Wilson. When the jury returned to the courtroom after signing the verdict of "guilty," Federal District Attorney Norman A. Dodge announced to the Court that "this is the indictment of A. L. Baker, charged with various misapplications and false entries." W. P. McLean, attorney for the defense, waived reading of the indictment.

Baker rose. "I plead guilty; guilty only technically, as I have explained to you under oath," he said in a firm voice.

His sentence specifies five years on the first count of misapplication, five on the first count of false entry, five for the remainder of the false entry counts, and five for the remainder of the misapplication counts, with 10 years suspended.

Baker was indicted jointly with B. B. Samuels, former President of the bank, on 24 counts of misapplication and 38 of false entry. Samuels at present is ill in a New York hospital.

Our last reference to the affairs of the Texas National Bank appeared in the "Chronicle" of July 5 1930, page 65.

The First National Bank of Frost, Tex., with capital of \$75,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Feb. 22. It has been succeeded by the Frost National Bank.

William F. Angus has been appointed a director of the Royal Bank of Canada (head office Montreal), according to the Montreal "Gazette" of Feb. 21. Mr. Angus is a well known figure in the business and industrial life of Montreal. He is a Vice-President of the Canadian Car & Foundry Co.; Canadian Steel Foundries; Pratt & Letchworth Co. and Dominion Bridge Co. He is also a director of the Bell Telephone Co.; Northern Electric Co.; Foundation Co.; Canadian Locomotive Co. and President of the National Bridge Co.

Associated Press accounts from Paris March 5 announced the death on March 4 of Andre Lazard, one of the directors of Lazard Freres. From the New York "Times" we take the following:

Mr. Lazard's death occurred at Nice. He was born in Paris in 1869, the son of Simon Lazard, one of the founders of the firm of Lazard Freres et Cie. He was admitted on July 1 1900, as a partner in the firm, which has international affiliations, being connected with Lazard Freres of 120 Broadway, this city, and other banking houses. He had been senior partner of the firm since the death some years ago of Michel Lazard, a brother, and was a director of Lazard Brothers & Co., Ltd., of London. Frequent visits to New York were made by him.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Price movements on the New York Stock Exchange this week, have been towards lower levels. Railroad issues have been especially depressed as a result of the unsatisfactory January earnings statements. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank issued after the close of business on Thursday showed a decrease of \$8,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district. This is the first drop in brokers' loans since Feb. 4. Call money renewed at 1½% on Monday, continued at that rate until Thursday afternoon when it advanced to 2%, was renewed at 1½% on Friday and again advanced to 2%. The market displayed considerable irregularity on Saturday, particularly in the industrial group in which the price range was considerably lower throughout the day. Railroad stocks also were weak, due largely to the decline in the net income of many prominent carriers. The drop in this group ranged from 2 to 4 or more points. Copper shares and public utilities were in fairly good demand, but in most cases failed to hold their early gains. Local traction shares were stronger and closed at higher levels, Brooklyn Manhattan, for instance, moved up to 67¼, with a gain of 3¼ points. I. R. T. was another strong issue and closed at 33½ with an advance of 3½ points. American Car & Foundry improved 1¼ points to 81¼ and International Business Machine was up about 3 points and closed at 173.

On Monday the early trading showed moderate gains all along the line, but later in the day the trend downward and the heavy selling wiped out practically all of the morning advances. Leading issues like United States Steel, American Can, and General Electric were offered in large quantities and the losses ranged from fractions up to five or more points. Auburn Motors staged a spectacular upshoot to 215, but was unable to hold its gain and dropped back to 203¼ where it was fractionally higher on the day. The principal changes on the side of the decline were Allied Chemical & Dye 6¾ points to 163¾, American Can 3¼ points to 121¾, American Power & Light 3¾ points to 56¼, American Smelting 3½ points to 52¾, American Water Works 4½ points to 74, Worthington Pump 5½ points to 92½, Westinghouse 4¾ points to 98¾, Standard Gas & Electric 3¾ points to 80½, J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co. 5½ points to 114½, New York Central 5¼ points to 120¼, and General Electric about 2 points to 50¾.

Trading on the New York stock market was somewhat lighter on Tuesday, and considerable irregularity was apparent during the forenoon. Moderate rallying tendencies developed in the later transactions though the market continued dull and the advances were largely confined to fractions. The principal changes, however, were on the side of the decline and included such active stocks as Crucible Steel, two points to 55; American Tobacco, 2½ points to 114¼; American & Foreign Power pref., four points to 84; Industrial Rayon, 3¾ points to 74; Remington Rand, 2½ points to 15¼; St. Louis & San Francisco, four points to 43½ and United Carbon, 5½ points to 19½. Radio Corporation was under pressure for a brief period, and American Can and United States Steel were off for a short time but both recovered and closed within a fraction of the previous final.

Stocks were again lower on Wednesday, fresh weakness in some of the railroad issues carrying many active shares to lower levels. Some of the more popular speculative stocks broke quite sharply as the selling waves swept over the market and recessions ranging from one to five or more points were quite numerous throughout the general list. The outstanding losses among the rails were New York Central 3¾ points, Santa Fe 5½ points, Union Pacific 2¾ points and Lackawanna 3 points. Other noteworthy losses included such active stocks as Westinghouse Electric, three points; Allied Chemical & Dye, 4½ points; Auburn Auto, 5¼ points and Bethlehem Steel, 2½ points. Public utilities, as a group, showed considerable strength, Brooklyn Union Gas moving up about 2¼ points to 119¼, while Standard Gas & Electric forged ahead about three points to 83½, and numerous other active issues were fractionally higher.

The market was rather dull and uninteresting during the forenoon on Thursday, but rallied briskly in the afternoon. During the first hour, United States Steel and American Can were again the leaders and registered moderate gains. Public utilities extended their gains, and railroad issues which had been somewhat reactionary in previous sessions displayed a stronger tone. Included in the fairly long list of advances in this group were Atlantic Coast Line 4 points, Atchison 3½ points, Wabash 1 point, Union Pacific 1¾ points, New York Central 2¼ points, Southern Pacific 1 point, Southern Railway 1¼ points and Rock Island 1½ points. Public utilities were represented on the side of the advance by Pacific Gas & Electric 1¼ points, American & Foreign Power

3¼ points, American Power & Light 2½ points, Brooklyn Union Gas 2 points, Columbia Gas & Electric 1½ points, Consolidated Gas 3 points, Electric Power & Light 2 points and Peoples Gas Co. 1¾ points. Other strong stocks were J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co. 3¾ points, Air Reduction 2¾ points, American Can 4 points, American Telephone & Telegraph 3½ points, Eastman Kodak 4 points, Ingersoll Rand 7¼ points, Westinghouse 2½ points and Worthington Pump 3½ points. The market turned sharply downward on Friday following the wave of selling that flowed into the market during the morning session. Heavy losses ranging from 1 to 11 or more points were registered in the specialties and also in the general list. A brisk demand for public utilities served as a check on the decline of this group during the early trading but they were unable to withstand the pressure and turned downward during the afternoon. Selling pressure was lifted to some extent during the final hour, but the intermittent rallies failed to lift prices off the bottom. Auburn Motor was especially hard hit and broke 17½ points to 181½. Mullins Manufacturing Co. was another weak spot and dropped 7¾ points to 25½. Other prominent stocks, showing weakness at the close included Westinghouse 3¼ points to 94¾, Union Pacific 3 points to 194, Columbia Carbon 3½ points to 93½, Anaconda Copper 1¾ points to 39½, Allied Chemical & Dye 7 points to 155, and American Can 3¼ points to 120¾. The final tone was weak.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Mar. 6 1931.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Fer'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Saturday	1,747,875	\$2,876,000	\$1,657,000	\$832,150	\$5,365,150
Monday	3,318,055	5,437,000	2,880,000	467,000	8,784,000
Tuesday	2,936,470	5,539,500	3,338,000	722,500	9,600,000
Wednesday	3,087,527	6,386,500	3,588,000	1,635,500	11,610,000
Thursday	2,731,071	6,036,000	4,055,000	344,000	10,435,000
Friday	3,860,745	7,722,000	3,078,000	175,000	10,975,000
Total	17,681,743	\$33,997,000	\$18,596,000	\$4,176,150	\$56,769,150

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Mar. 6.		Jan. 1 to Mar. 6.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Stocks—No. of shares.	17,681,743	19,596,130	122,619,086	149,758,520
Bonds.				
Government bonds....	\$4,176,150	\$3,113,000	\$40,499,550	\$19,558,100
State & foreign bonds...	18,596,000	10,900,500	136,407,500	115,613,000
Railroad & misc. bonds	33,997,000	42,234,500	320,188,500	326,010,500
Total bonds	\$56,769,150	\$56,248,000	\$497,095,550	\$461,181,600

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Mar. 6 1931.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	27,088	\$3,000	a29,481	\$29,000	771	\$11,300
Monday	52,534	6,250	a51,604	34,700	1,497	5,700
Tuesday	41,955	5,000	a39,075	50,000	1,200	8,700
Wednesday	45,739	2,000	a46,700	31,000	1,150	3,400
Thursday	33,485	1,000	a45,565	37,000	466	18,100
Friday	8,911	5,000	13,254	---	1,278	66,000
Total	209,712	\$22,250	225,679	\$181,700	6,362	\$113,200
Prev. week revised	281,148	\$47,000	296,198	\$145,200	9,159	\$155,700

a In addition, sales of warrants were: Saturday, 400; Monday, 600; Tuesday, 200; Wednesday, 400; Thursday, 500.

Course of Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings this week will 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, March 6) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 8.1% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$10,307,624,628, against \$11,229,599,596 for the same week in 1929. At this centre there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 4.0%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended March 6.	1931.	1930.	Per Cent.
New York	\$5,782,656,078	\$6,025,000,000	-4.0
Chicago	398,768,819	503,985,599	-21.3
Philadelphia	393,000,000	520,000,000	-24.5
Boston	359,000,000	398,000,000	-8.9
Kansas City	83,976,714	114,649,487	-26.8
St. Louis	85,500,000	106,000,000	-29.3
San Francisco	142,959,000	221,983,300	-35.6
Los Angeles	Will no longer report clearings.		
Pittsburgh	130,691,920	147,442,247	-11.4
Detroit	123,456,065	142,862,242	-13.6
Cleveland	97,748,852	110,982,196	-11.9
Baltimore	85,234,164	87,066,624	-2.1
New Orleans	42,810,691	51,587,002	-17.0
Twelve cities, five days	\$7,725,802,303	\$8,429,538,607	-8.4
Other cities, five days	863,884,887	985,342,950	-12.3
Total all cities, five days	\$8,589,687,190	\$9,414,881,647	-8.8
All cities, one day	1,717,937,438	1,814,717,949	-5.4
Total all cities for week	\$10,307,624,628	\$11,229,599,596	-8.1

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 had to be in all cases 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 Feb. 28. For that week there is a decrease of 37.5%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$7,439,324,125, against \$11,896,597,936 in the same week of 1930.

Outside of this city there is a decrease of 39.5%, the bank clearings at this centre recording a loss of 36.4%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve Districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District, including this city, the totals show a contraction of 36.2%, in the Boston Reserve District of 40.9% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 40.0%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are smaller by 35.4%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 32.9% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 38.3%. The Chicago Reserve District suffers a loss of 40.7%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 47.8% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 36.0%. In the Kansas City Reserve District, the decrease is 42.5%, in the Dallas Reserve District 31.0% and in the San Francisco Reserve District 38.08%.

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with 6 columns: Week End, 1931, 1930, Inc. or Dec., 1929, 1928. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston to 12th San Fran.), Total, and Canada.

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve Districts of the clearings for the month of February. For that month there is a decrease for the entire body of clearing houses of 20.6%, the 1931 aggregate of the clearings being \$33,077,901,109 and the 1930 aggregate \$41,670,120,620. In the New York Reserve District the falling off is 18.3%, in the Boston Reserve District 24.3% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District 29.2%. The Cleveland Reserve District shows a loss of 17.2%, the Richmond Reserve District of 15.9% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 21.1%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals have dropped 28.0% in the St. Louis Reserve District 30.6% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District 18.7%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals have fallen behind by 25.6%, in the Dallas Reserve District by 19.0% and in the San Francisco Reserve District by 23.4%.

Table with 6 columns: February 1931, February 1930, Inc. or Dec., February 1929, February 1928. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston to 12th San Fran.), Total, and Canada.

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the two months back to 1928:

Table with 5 columns: 2 Months 1931, 2 Months 1930, Inc. or Dec., 2 Months 1929, 2 Months 1928. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston to 12th San Fran.), Total, and Canada.

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 for the years 1928 to 1931 is indicated in the following:

Table with 5 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Month of January and Month of February.

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for February and the two months of 1931 and 1930 are given below:

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Stock—Number of shares, Railroad & miscell. bonds, State, foreign, &c., bonds, U. S. Government bonds, and Total bonds.

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1931 and 1930:

Table with 6 columns: 1931, 1930, %, 1931, 1930, %. Rows include Month, Clearings Total All, and Clearings Outside New York.

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of February and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statements:

Table with 12 columns: City, February 1931, February 1930, February 1929, February 1928, Jan. 1 to Feb. 28 1931, Jan. 1 to Feb. 28 1930, Jan. 1 to Feb. 28 1929, Jan. 1 to Feb. 28 1928. Rows include New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Newark, Detroit, Louisville, Omaha, Providence, Milwaukee, Buffalo, St. Paul, Denver, Indianapolis, Richmond, Memphis, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Hartford, and Total.

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for February and for the week ended Feb. 28 for the last four years:

CLEARINGS FOR FEBRUARY, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING FEB. 28

Large table with 11 columns: Clearings at, Month of February, Two Months Ended Feb. 28, Week Ended Feb. 28. Rows include First Federal Reserve District, Maine-Bangor, Portland, Mass.—Boston, Fall River, Holyoke, Lowell, New Bedford, Springfield, Worcester, Conn.—Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, R. I.—Providence, N. H.—Manchester, and Total (14 cities).

CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Month of February, Two Months Ended Feb. 28., Week Ended Feb. 28., and sub-columns for years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Inc. or Dec., and percentage change. Rows include various Federal Reserve Districts and cities such as New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, etc.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Curb Exchange trading was comparatively quiet this week, reactionary movements throughout the week causing irregular price movements. Utilities led in point of activity. Electric Bond & Share com. dropped from 58 1/4 to 53 1/2, sold up to 59 3/8 and reacted finally to 55 3/8. Amer. & Foreign Power warrants sold down from 27 1/4 to 23 3/8, up to 28 5/8 and at 26 finally. Amer. Gas & Elec. com. lost 4 1/2 points to 78 then moved up to 83 1/4, the close to-day being at 80. Amer. Light & Trac. com. was off from 54 1/2 to 50 1/4 sold back to 54 and ended the week at 52. Commonwealth Edison moved down irregularly from 251 to 245 and finished to-day at 247. Pa. Water & Power gained some four points to 70 1/8 and sold finally at 70. Oils were very quiet and show few changes of importance. Humble Oil & Ref. declined from 63 1/2 to 58 1/2. Vacuum Oil declined from 63 7/8 to 59 1/8; Gulf Oil sank from 68 5/8 to 64. A few of the industrial issues show moderate gains. Mead, Johnson & Co. com. ranged upward from 97 to 108 and closed to-day at 106 3/8. Great Atl. & Pac. Tea com. lost five points to 210 then sold up to 225 1/2. Deere & Co. com. declined from 42 to 36 1/2 and closed to-day at 37 1/2. Alum. Co. com. dropped from 164 1/2 to 156 and sold finally at 160. Bonds were active and higher.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 1774.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Table with columns: Week Ended Mar. 6, Stocks (Number of Shares), Rights, Bonds (Par Value) Domestic, Foreign Government, Total. Rows for Saturday through Friday and a Total row.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Feb. 11 1931:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £140,350,917 on the 4th inst. (as compared with £139,485,856 on the previous Wednesday) and represents a decrease of £7,274,705 since Dec. 31 1930.

The shipment of bar gold which arrived from South Africa this week amounted to about £708,000, none of which was available in the open market yesterday, having been sold forward. However, about £325,000 from an outside source was on offer and was disposed of at the fixed price of 84s. 11 1/4 d. per fine ounce.

The whole of this gold was consigned to Belgium, who again appears as an important purchaser in the London market.

Movements of gold at the Bank of England during the week have resulted in a net influx of £175,695. Receipts totaled £254,711, of which £250,000 was in sovereigns from South Africa, and withdrawals consisted of £25,000 in sovereigns taken for export and £54,016 in bar gold.

The Transvaal gold output for the month of January last amounted to 914,576 fine ounces, as compared with 908,492 fine ounces for December 1930 and 882,801 fine ounces for January 1930.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 2d inst. to mid-day on the 9th inst.:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports. Rows for Rumania, Brazil, British West Africa, British South Africa, Straits Settlements and Dependencies, British India, Other countries.

SILVER.

The week under review opened with prices at 12 3/4 d. for cash and 12 9-16 d. for two months' delivery but on the 6th inst., free selling on account of the Indian Bazaars and China found the market poorly supported and caused a sharp fall of 1/2 d. to 12 1/4 d. and 12 1-16 d. A further fall of 1/4 d. on the 9th inst. brought quotations down to yet another record low level, namely, 12d. for cash and 11 15-16 d. for two months. The low prices thus reached attracted buying, support being given by the India Bazaars who bought silver for prompt shipment as well as to cover bear sales; consequently the market made a good recovery, especially as sellers showed more reluctance following steadier advices from Shanghai. The free selling from America has not continued; on the contrary American operators have been keen buyers at the lower rates. China has both bought and sold.

A premium on silver for cash delivery was re-established during the week and varied between 1-16 d. and 1/2 d.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 2d inst. to mid-day on the 9th inst.:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports. Rows for Germany, Java, United States of America, Mexico, Other countries.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with columns: (In Lacs of Rupees), Feb. 7, Jan. 31, Jan. 22. Rows for Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in India, Silver coin and bullion out of India, Gold coin and bullion in India, Gold coin and bullion out of India, Securities (Indian Government), Securities (British Government), Bills of exchange.

The stocks in Shanghai on the 7th inst. consisted of about 91,000,000 ounces in sycee, 153,000,000 dollars and 1,530 silver bars, as compared with about 92,200,000 ounces in sycee, 155,000,000 dollars and 980 silver bars on the 31st ult.

Quotation during the week:

Table with columns: Date, Cash, 2 Mos., Bar Silver per Oz. Std., Bar Gold per Oz. Fine. Rows for Feb. 5, Feb. 6, Feb. 7, Feb. 9, Feb. 10, Feb. 11, Average.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are respectively 5-16d. and 3-16d. above those fixed a week ago.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table with columns: Date, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fr. Rows for Silver per oz., Gold, p. fine oz., Consols, British 4 1/2 %, French Rentes, French War L'n.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Table with columns: Date, Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.), Foreign. Rows for Feb. 5, Feb. 6, Feb. 7, Feb. 9, Feb. 10, Feb. 11, Average.

Public Debt of the United States—Completed Returns Showing Net Debt as of Dec. 31 1930.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States, as officially issued Dec. 31 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:

CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.

Table with columns: Dec. 31 1930, Dec. 31 1929. Rows for Balance end of month by daily statement, Add or Deduct—Excess of deficiency of receipts over or under disbursements on related items, Deduct outstanding obligations, Total, Balance, deficit (-) or surplus (+).

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.

Table with columns: Title of Loan, Interest payable, Dec. 31 1930, Dec. 31 1929. Rows for 2s Consols of 1930, 2s of 1916-1936, 2s of 1918-1938, 3s of 1961, 3s conversion bonds of 1946-1947, Certificates of indebtedness, 4 1/4s First Liberty Loan, 4 1/4s First Liberty Loan converted, 4 1/4s First Liberty Loan, converted, 1932-1947, 4 1/4s First Liberty Loan, 2d conv., 1932-1947, 4 1/4s Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-1935, 4 1/4s Treasury bonds of 1947-1952, 4s Treasury bonds of 1944-1954, 3 1/2s Treasury bonds of 1946-1956, 3 1/2s Treasury bonds of 1943-1947, 3 1/2s Treasury bonds of 1940-1943, 2 1/2s Postal Savings bonds, 5 1/2s to 5 3/4s Treasury bonds, Treasury bills, series maturing Feb. 16 1931, Treasury bills, series maturing Mar. 17 1930.

Table with columns: Dec. 31 1930, Dec. 31 1929. Rows for Aggregate of interest-bearing debt, Bearing no interest, Matured, interest ceased.

Table with columns: Dec. 31 1930, Dec. 31 1929. Rows for Total debt, Deduct Treasury surplus or add Treasury deficit, Net debt.

A total gross debt Dec. 31 1930, on the basis of daily Treasury statements, was \$16,028,087,087.07, and the net amount of public debt redemption and receipts in transit, &c., was \$431.75.

No reduction is made on account of obligations of foreign governments or other investments.

PRICES ON BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

Closing quotations of representative stocks on the Berlin Stock Exchange as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns: Date, Per Cent of Par. Rows for Allg. Deutsche Credit (Adca) (8), Berlin Handels Ges. (12), Commers-und-Privat Bank (11), Darmstadter u. Nationalbank (12), Deutsche Bank u. Disconto Ges. (10), Dresdner Bank (10), Reichsbank (12), Algemeine Kunststoffe Unle (Aku) (18), Allg. Elektr. Ges. (A.E.G.) (9), Deutsche Ton- und Steinzeugwerke (11), Ford Motor Co., Berlin (10), Gelsenkirchen Bergwerk (8), Gestufert (10), Hamburg-American Lines (Hapag) (7), Hamburg Electric Co. (10), Harpener Bergbau (6), Heyden Chemical (5), Hotelbetriebl (10), I. G. Farben Indus. (Dye Trust) (14), Kali Chemie, Karstadt (12), Mannesmann Tubes (7), North German Lloyd (8), Phoenix Bergbau (6 1/2), Polyphonwerke (20), Rhein-Westf. Elektr. (R.W.E.) (10), Sachsenwerk Licht u. Kraft (7 1/2), Siemens & Halske (14), Leonhard Tiets (10), Ver. Stahlwerke (United Steel Works) (6).

* Ex-dividend.

Main table with 3 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed. Days Inclusive. It lists various companies like Spencer Trask, Standard Oil, and Public Utilities.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with 3 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., and When Payable. It details dividends for various railroad and public utility companies.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Webster-Eisenlohr, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Wellington Oil (quar.)	*30c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
West Michigan Steel Foundry (quar.)	*25c	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 2
West Va. Pulp & Paper, 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 16	Holders of rec. Nov. 2
Wesson Oil & Snowdrift, common (qu.)	50c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14a
Western Can. Flour Mills, com. (quar.)	35c	Mar. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 28
Weyenberg Shoe Mfg., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Wheeling Steel Corp., pref. A (quar.)	*2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 12
Preferred B (quar.)	*2 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 12
Wood (Alan) Steel Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Western Reserve Investing, pr. pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14a
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	50c	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Weston Electrical Instrument, com. (qu.)	25c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a
Class A (quar.)	50c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19a
White Rock Mineral Springs, com. (qu.)	\$1	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14a
Common (extra)	50c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14
Second preferred (quar.)	5	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14
Second preferred (extra)	2 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 14
Wilcox-Rich Corp., class A (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 20
Will & Baumer Candle Co., pref. (quar.)	2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Winsted Hosiery, com. (quar.)	*2 1/4	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Common (quar.)	*2 1/4	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15
Common (quar.)	*2 1/4	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Wise (Wm. H.) & Co., 8% pref. (quar.)	*20c	Feb. 16	Holders of rec. Feb. 2
Worthington Pump & Mach., pf. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a
Preferred A (acct. accum. divs.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a
Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a
Preferred B (acct. accum. divs.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr. Co. (monthly)	25c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Wurlitzer (Rudolph), pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20
Yale & Towne Mfg. (quar.)	50c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 11a

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

‡ The New York Curb Exchange Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

a Transfer books not closed for this dividend.

d Correction. e Payable in stock.

f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. j Payable in preferred stock.

i Gen'l Gas & Elec. class A dividend is payable in class A stock and scrip at rate of \$5 per share unless notice of holders election to take cash is received prior to March 10.

m All transfers received in London on or before March 3 will be in time for payment of dividend to transferees.

n Commercial Invest. Trus conv. pref. dividend will be paid in com. stock at rate of 1-52 shares unless holder notify company on or before March 16 of his desire to take cash.

o Central States Elec. conv. pref. series of 1928 div. payable \$1.50 in cash or 3-32d. share com. stock; series of 1929, \$1.50 cash or 3-64ths share com. stock.

p American Cities Power & Light class A dividend is payable in class B stock at rate of 1-32d share.

r Utilities Power & Light class A div. payable 1-40th sh. class A stock or 50c. cash. Class B, 1-40th share com. stock or 25c. cash. Stockholders will receive stock unless holder notifies company by close of business March 13 of his desire to take cash. Common stock dividend is payable 1-40th share com. stock or 25c. cash.

w Less deduction for expenses of depository.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House.

Beginning with March 31 1928, the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued and now makes only the barest kind of a report. The new returns show nothing but the deposits, along with the capital and surplus. The Public National Bank & Trust Co. and Manufacturers Trust Co. are now members of the New York Clearing House Association, having been admitted on Dec. 11 1930. See "Financial Chronicle" of Dec. 31 1930, page 3812-13. The figures given below therefore now include returns from these two new members, which together add \$35,750,000 to the capital, \$37,339,600 to surplus and undivided profits, \$155,680,000 to the net demand deposits and \$103,966,000 to the Time deposits. We give the statement below in full:

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDED SATURDAY, FEB. 28 1931

Clearing House Members.	*Capital.	*Surplus and Undivided Profits.	Net Demand Deposits Average.	Time Deposits, Average.
Bank of N. Y. & Tr. Co.	\$ 6,000,000	14,178,200	67,337,000	13,449,000
Bank of Manhattan Tr. Co.	22,250,000	54,439,900	251,255,000	54,842,000
Bank of America, N. A.	36,775,300	40,579,700	160,507,000	54,260,000
National City Bank	110,000,000	114,554,300	1,024,687,000	199,893,000
Chemical Bk. & Tr. Co.	21,000,000	43,426,000	245,929,000	29,819,000
Guaranty Trust Co.	90,000,000	207,442,800	897,125,000	199,843,000
Chat. Phen. N. B. & Tr. Co.	16,200,000	16,586,000	161,561,000	34,691,000
Cent. Ban. Bk. & Tr. Co.	21,000,000	87,278,200	448,107,000	81,676,000
Com. Exch. Bank Tr. Co.	15,000,000	35,431,300	182,495,000	37,279,000
First National Bank	10,000,000	114,009,500	252,580,000	34,168,000
Irving Trust Co.	50,000,000	85,390,500	390,576,000	50,909,000
Continental Bk. & Tr. Co.	6,000,000	11,353,100	13,449,000	751,000
Chase National Bank	148,000,000	209,775,900	1,404,295,000	207,015,000
Fifth Avenue Bank	500,000	3,842,100	26,962,000	3,333,000
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	86,887,300	450,057,000	70,179,000
Title Guar. & Trust Co.	10,000,000	24,830,000	35,545,000	1,191,000
Marine Midland Tr. Co.	10,000,000	9,527,100	48,381,000	5,452,000
Lawyers Trust Co.	3,000,000	4,622,500	17,300,000	2,284,000
New York Trust Co.	12,500,000	35,554,700	187,359,000	52,596,000
Com'l Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co.	7,000,000	9,992,600	44,902,000	4,194,000
Harriman N. B. & Tr. Co.	2,000,000	2,811,900	28,037,000	6,499,000
Public N. B. & Tr. Co.	8,250,000	13,729,300	39,193,000	33,899,000
Manufacturers Trust Co.	27,500,000	23,610,300	116,487,000	70,067,000
Clearing Non-Member.				
Mech. Tr. Co., Bayonne	500,000	924,800	2,726,000	5,263,000
Totals	658,475,300	1,250,778,000	6,550,852,000	1,253,557,000

* As per official reports: National, Dec. 31 1930; State, Dec. 31 1930; Trust Companies, Dec. 31 1930.

Includes deposits in foreign branches as follows: (a) \$287,007,000; (b) \$118,664,000; (c) \$129,073,000; (d) \$57,018,000.

e As of Feb. 27 1931.

The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House. The Public National Bank & Trust Co. and Manufacturers Trust Co., having been admitted to membership in the New York Clearing House Association on Dec. 11 1930, now report weekly to the Association and the returns of these two banks are therefore no longer shown below. The following are the figures for the week ending Feb. 25:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25 1931.

NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures.

	Loans, Disc. and Invest.	Gold.	Other Cash Including Bk. Notes.	Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—						
Bryant Park Bk.	\$ 2,265,600	\$ 78,500	\$ 90,800	\$ 266,700	-----	\$ 1,720,900
Grace National	19,696,902	2,800	70,625	2,064,011	1,643,515	17,197,903
Brooklyn—						
Brooklyn Nat'l	9,322,800	18,300	149,200	567,200	531,100	6,704,200
Peoples Nat'l	6,760,000	5,000	106,000	462,000	114,000	6,680,000

TRUST COMPANIES—Average Figures.

	Loans, Disc. and Invest.	Cash.	Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—					
Bk. of Europe & Tr.	\$ 14,106,991	\$ 671,361	\$ 97,040	-----	\$ 12,801,370
Empire	79,589,300	*4,221,900	9,007,600	2,962,600	80,220,900
Federation	15,582,783	122,708	1,035,629	341,097	15,312,793
Fulton	18,435,400	*2,217,100	1,889,700	100,000	17,783,100
United States	69,440,722	3,380,000	9,313,137	-----	52,762,905
Brooklyn—					
Brooklyn	121,806,000	2,447,000	22,939,000	2,161,000	127,320,000
Kings County	28,078,324	2,248,502	4,631,996	-----	28,395,587
Bayonne, N. J.—					
Mechanics	8,484,777	306,029	740,164	300,722	8,355,366

* Includes amount with Federal Reserve Bank as follows: Empire, \$2,721,600; Fulton, \$2,116,900.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Week Ended Mar. 4 1931.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended Feb. 25 1931.	Week Ended Feb. 18 1931.
Capital	\$ 94,075,000	Unchanged	\$ 94,075,000	\$ 94,075,000
Surplus and profits	96,982,000	Unchanged	96,982,000	96,982,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest'ts	1,006,763,000	-176,000	1,006,939,000	1,023,454,000
Individual deposits	612,422,000	+857,000	611,565,000	621,490,000
Due to banks	280,220,000	+3,323,000	152,744,000	165,380,000
Time deposits	6,416,000	-1,415,000	7,831,000	7,942,000
United States deposits	20,264,000	-3,900,000	16,364,000	18,960,000
Exch. for Clearing House	120,883,000	+5,390,000	115,493,000	117,101,000
Due from other banks	80,755,000	+1,061,000	79,694,000	81,218,000
Res've in legal deposit'les	5,886,000	-52,000	5,438,000	5,476,000
Cash in bank	2,559,000	-151,000	2,710,000	2,888,000
Res've in excess in F.R. Bk				

Philadelphia Banks.—Beginning with the return for the week ended Oct. 11 1930, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association began issuing its weekly statement in a new form. The trust companies that are not members of the Federal Reserve System are no longer shown separately, but are included with the rest. In addition, the companies recently admitted to membership in the Association are included. One other change has been made. Instead of showing "Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank" and "Cash in Vault" as separate items, the two are combined under designation "Legal Reserve and Cash."

Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in Vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with Legal Depositaries" and "Cash in Vaults."

Beginning with the return for the week ended May 14 1928, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association discontinued showing the reserve required and whether reserves held are above or below requirements. This practice is continued.

	Week Ended Feb. 28 1931.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended Feb. 21 1931.	Week Ended Feb. 14 1931.
Capital	\$ 82,534,000	Unchanged	\$ 82,534,000	\$ 82,534,000
Surplus and profits	258,365,000	Unchanged	258,365,000	258,365,000
Loans, disc'ts, and invest'ts	1,458,648,000	+1,726,000	1,456,922,000	1,460,362,000
Exch. for Clearing House	32,721,000	+1,343,000	31,378,000	30,206,000
Due from banks	190,342,000	+29,013,000	161,329,000	154,433,000
Bank deposits	250,006,000	+1,715,000	248,291,000	248,077,000
Individual deposits	753,563,000	+24,893,000	728,650,000	729,020,000
Time deposits	424,621,000	+5,750,000	418,871,000	413,933,000
Total deposits	1,428,190,000	+32,363,000	1,395,827,000	1,391,020,000
Reserve with F. R. Bank	114,590,000	-479,000	115,069,000	117,171,000

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Mar. 5 and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the System as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's Comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 1709, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAR. 4 1931

Table with 11 columns representing dates from Mar. 4 1931 to Mar. 5 1930. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total deposits, etc.).

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of Foreign Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets," to "Total bills and securities." The latter item was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provision of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which, it was stated, are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAR. 4 1931

Table with 15 columns for cities: Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold redemption fund, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes received from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agents, Issued to Federal Reserve Banks, etc.).

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On sales of 100-share lots. Lowest. Highest. PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On sales of 100-share lots. Lowest. Highest. Includes stock names like P W Paper Co., Alleghany Corp., and various other companies with their respective share prices and ranges.

* Bid and asked price; no sales on this day; x Dividend; y Ex-rights

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see third page preceding.

Table with multiple columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots.; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930. Columns include dates (Saturday Feb. 28, Monday March 2, Tuesday March 3, Wednesday March 4, Thursday March 5, Friday March 6), sales for the week, shares, stock names, and price ranges.

* Bid (and ask) prices; no sales on this day. # Ex-dividend; % Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fourth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930. Rows list various stocks like Debenham Securities, Deere & Co, Detroit Edison, etc., with their respective prices and shares.

* Bid and asked price; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. s Ex-rights. d Ex-divi

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see sixth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT (Saturday Feb. 28, Monday March 2, Tuesday March 3, Wednesday March 4, Thursday March 5, Friday March 6); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Matheson Alkali Works, May Dept Stores, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. D Ex-dividend and ex-rights. S Ex-dividend. F Ex-rights.

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For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930. Rows include various stock listings like Indus. & Misc. (Con.), Pittsburgh Coal, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sale on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see eighth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Feb. 28 to Friday Mar. 6) and \$ per share prices for various stocks.

Sales for the Week

Table listing stock names and their sales volume for the week, including Indus. & Miscell. (Concl.) Par, Thatcher Mfg., Preferred, etc.

PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots.

Table showing the range of share prices since Jan. 1, with columns for Lowest and Highest prices, and a section for PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day * Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Type, Price, Range, and Date. Includes sections for Foreign Govt. & Municipals, Railroad, and Bonds N. Y. Stock Exchange.

Cash sales. Option sales.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

* Cash sale. * Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan 1. Includes sections for N.Y. Stock Exchange and Bond Exchange.

Cash sale. d Due May. e Due August. s Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

*Cash sale. †Option sale.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week Ended March 6.											N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week Ended March 6.										
BONDS		Interest Period	Price		Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.	BONDS		Interest Period	Price		Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold	Range Since Jan. 1.				
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week Ended March 6.			Friday March 6.	Low	High	Low			High	N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week Ended March 6.		Friday March 6.	Low	High	Low			High			
Metr Ed 1st & ref 5s ser C	1953	J S	104 3/4	105 1/2	105 1/2	105	1	102 1/2	105	M N	98	99 3/4	98 3/4	99 3/4	11	90	100				
1st 4 1/2 ser 10	1963	J S	101 1/8	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	67	99 1/2	102	M N	88	88	82 1/2	88	154	75	88				
Metrop Wat Serv & Dr 5 1/2 ser	1950	A O	68	72 1/2	67 1/2	71	28	60 1/4	75	F A	86 1/4	86	81 1/2	86 1/2	141	75 1/2	86 1/4				
Met West Side E (Chic) 4s	1938	F A	68 1/2	73	75	Jan 31	1	71 1/2	77	F A	82	82	82	2	76	82					
Mlag Mill Mach 7s with war	1956	J D				Jan 31	1	75	75 1/2	A O	84 1/2	84	81	84 1/2	122	74 1/2	84 1/2				
Without warrants		J D	73	Sale	70	73	29	62 1/2	73	J J	76	76	72 1/2	76	60	63	76				
Midvale St & O coll tr s f 5s	1936	M S	102 7/8	Sale	102 1/2	102 3/4	33	100 1/4	103	M N	61 1/4	Sale	61 1/4	64	83	41	67				
Midvale Ry & Lt 1st 5s B	1961	J D	102 1/8	Sale	101 1/4	102 1/2	30	99 1/2	102 1/2	F A	85	Sale	85	85 1/2	10	84 1/2	88 1/2				
Montana Power 1st 5s A	1943	J J	104 1/2	Sale	104 1/2	105	16	103	105	M S	106 1/2	Sale	106 1/2	107	8	105 1/2	107 1/2				
Deb 6s series A	1962	J D	102	Sale	101	102	34	99	103	M S	106 1/2	107 1/2	105	Jan 31	1	105	105 1/2				
Montecastini Min & Agric		J J	98 1/8	Sale	98 1/8	98 1/4	5	91 1/2	99	M N	82	80	85	Dec 30	1	99 1/2	101 1/4				
Without warrants	1937	J J	96 1/4	98 1/2	97 3/4	98 1/4	22	92	98 1/4	A O	92 1/2	Sale	92	93 1/2	376	87	93 1/2				
Montreal Tram 1st & ref 5s 1941	1955	J J	99 1/8	100 3/4	99 1/2	99 3/4	6	98 1/2	100 1/2	M N	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	2	97 1/2	100				
Gen & ref s f 5s series A	1955	A O	93 1/8	95 1/2	92	Feb 31	1	90 3/4	94 3/4	J J	88	89	88	Feb 31	1	87 1/2	92				
Gen & ref s f 5s ser B	1955	A O	93 1/8	95 1/2	92	Feb 31	1	90 3/4	94 3/4	J J	88	89	88	Feb 31	1	87 1/2	92				
Gen & ref s f 4 1/2 ser C	1955	A O	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	Dec 30	1	81 1/2	82 1/2	J J	107	Sale	106 1/2	107	129	103 1/2	107 1/4				
Gen & ref s f 6s ser D	1955	A O	93 1/8	95 1/2	92	Jan 31	1	91 1/8	98 3/4	F A	93 1/2	Sale	86 1/2	93 1/2	18	75 1/2	93 1/2				
Morris & Co 1st s f 4 1/2	1939	J J	82	82 1/2	82	82 1/2	10	79 1/2	82 1/2	M N	82	Sale	79 1/2	82	25	72 1/2	82				
Mortgage-Bond Co 4s ser 2	1966	A O	70	80	73	June 30	1	67	82 1/2	J J	60	61	60	60 1/2	6	60	61				
10-25 year 5s series 3	1932	J J	97 3/4	98 1/4	95 1/2	98 1/4	5	97	98 1/4	A O	70 1/4	82 1/2	85	Feb 31	1	60	91 1/4				
Murray Bond 1st 6 1/2	1934	J D	94	94 1/2	94	94	1	92 1/2	97	M N	87	90 1/4	87	87	4	86 1/2	90 1/2				
Mutual Fuel Gas 1st 6 1/2	1947	M N	105	105 1/2	105 1/2	Feb 31	1	102 1/2	105 1/2	F A	87	87 1/2	87	87	109	87 1/2	92 1/2				
Mut Un Tel gtd 6s ext at 5%	1941	M N	102 1/4	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	1	102 1/2	102 1/2	M N	80 1/2	Sale	80 1/2	84	129	77 1/2	86 1/2				
Namm (A I) & Son—See Mfrs Tr		J J	51 1/2	53 1/2	51 1/2	52	11	49 1/2	52 1/2	M N	80 1/2	Sale	80 1/2	84	299	78 1/2	90				
Nassau Elec guar gold 4s	1942	J J	95	97	95	Feb 31	1	95	95 1/2	J D	81	Sale	80 1/2	87 1/2	26	76 1/2	93				
Nat Acme 1st s f 6s	1951	J D	101 1/8	Sale	101 1/2	102	354	95 1/2	102	J D	21 1/4	Sale	19	21 1/2	29	17 1/2	25				
Nat Dairy Prod deb 5 1/2	1948	F A	17 1/8	Sale	17	18 1/2	20	11 1/2	25 1/2	J D	100 1/2	101 1/2	101	101 1/2	5	95	101 1/2				
Nat Radiator deb 6 1/2	1947	F A	106 1/8	106 1/2	106	Feb 31	1	104	106	J D	100	Sale	99 1/2	100 1/4	140	88 1/2	100 1/4				
Newark Consol Gas cons 5s	1948	J D	92	94 1/4	92	93 1/2	33	87	95	F A	72 1/8	78	67 1/2	Feb 31	1	60	67 1/2				
Newberry (J J) Co 5 1/2 notes	40	A O	104 3/4	105 1/2	104 3/4	104 3/4	22	103 1/8	105 1/2	M S	99 1/4	Sale	98 1/2	100	54	98	100 1/2				
New Eng Tel & Tel 6s A	1952	J D	91	Sale	89	91	19	85	91	J D	101 1/4	Sale	101 1/4	102	174	100 1/4	102 1/2				
1st g 4 1/2 series B	1961	M N	90 3/8	Sale	88 1/4	90 3/8	30	74 1/2	84 1/2	J D	103 1/4	Sale	103 1/4	104	4	98	101				
New York Pub Serv 1st 5s A	1952	A O	76 1/4	Sale	74 1/2	76 1/4	7	74 1/2	84 1/2	M S	98 1/4	Sale	97 1/4	98 1/4	10	75	84				
First & ref 6s series B	1955	A O	69 1/8	Sale	69 1/8	71	13	69 1/8	85 1/2	M S	103	Sale	103	103 1/2	6	102 1/4	103 1/2				
N Y Dock 50-year 1st 4s	1951	F A	115	Sale	114 1/2	115	56	113 1/2	115 1/2	M S	98 1/4	Sale	97 1/4	98 1/4	10	95 1/2	98 1/2				
Serial 5% notes	1938	A O	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	106 1/2	15	104 1/2	106 1/2	M S	103 1/4	Sale	103 1/4	103 1/2	27	104 1/2	105 1/2				
N Y Edison 1st & ref 6 1/2 A	1941	A O	109 3/4	111 1/4	109 3/4	110 1/2	49	107 1/2	110 1/2	J J	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	105 1/2	27	104 1/2	105 1/2				
1st lien & ref 5s series B	1944	A O	109 3/4	111 1/4	109 3/4	110 1/2	49	107 1/2	110 1/2	J J	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	105 1/2	27	104 1/2	105 1/2				
N Y Gas El Lt H & Pr g 5s	1948	J D	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	99	19	97 1/2	99 1/2	F A	106 1/2	106 1/2	106	106 1/2	20	105	106 1/2				
Purchase money gold 4s	1949	F A	95	100 1/2	95	100 1/2	11	95	100 1/2	J J	103 1/2	103 1/2	103	103	6	102	103 1/2				
N Y L E & W Coal & RR 5 1/2 A	1942	M N	100	Sale	96	Dec 30	1	95	100	F A	104	Sale	103 1/2	104 1/2	116	103	105 1/2				
N Y L E & W Dock & Imp 5s	43	J J	40	50	43 1/2	Oct 30	1	40	50	J J	100 1/4	Sale	100	100 1/4	64	97 1/2	100 1/4				
N Y Rys 1st R E & ref 4s	1942	J J	40	40	40	Dec 30	1	40	40	J J	64	Sale	62	64	9	61	68				
Certificates of deposit		A O	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/2	Jan 29	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	M S	10 1/4	15	10 3/8	10 3/4	2	10 3/8	10 3/4				
30-year adj inc 6s	Jan 1942	A O	4	4	4	Dec 30	1	4	4	J D	108 1/8	Sale	108 1/8	108 1/8	1	107 1/2	108 1/8				
Certificates of deposit		J J	23 1/2	Sale	21 1/2	27 1/2	77	25	34 1/2	M S	105 1/4	Sale	105	Jan 31	1	104	105 1/4				
N Y Rys Corp Inc 6s	Jan 1965	A O	53 1/8	59	52	53	7	45	53	M S	97	Sale	96 1/8	97	2	91 1/4	99				
Pror lien 6s series A	1965	M N	106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	7	106	107	J D	107 1/4	Sale	107	107 1/2	55	104 1/2	107 1/2				
N Y & Richmond Gas 1st 6s A	1951	M N	88 1/2	9	8 1/2	Feb 31	1	7	8 1/2	J D	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101	390	97 1/2	102				
N Y State Rys 1st cons 4 1/2	1962	M N	8 1/2	Sale	8 1/2	8 1/2	1	7	8 1/2	J D	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101	46	97 1/2	102				
Registered		M N	8 1/2	Sale	8 1/2	8 1/2	1	7	8 1/2	J D	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101	46	97 1/2	102				
Certificates of deposit		M N	8 1/2	Sale	8 1/2	8 1/2	1	7	8 1/2	J D	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101	46	97 1/2	102				
60-yr 1st cons 6 1/2 series B	1962	M N	105 1/8	109 1/4	108 1/2	108 1/2	12	107 1/2	108 1/2	J J	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	14	96 1/2	99 1/2				
N Y Steam 1st 25-yr 6s ser A	1947	M N	102 3/4	Sale	102 3/4	103	19	100 1/2	103	J J	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	14	96 1/2	99 1/2				
1st mtg 5s	1951	M N	111 1/2	Sale	111 1/2	112	38	111 1/2	112 1/2	J J	101 1/4	Sale	101 1/4	102	3	100 3/4	102				
N Y Teleg 1st & gen s f 4 1/2	1939	M N	101 1/2	Sale	101 1/2	102 1/4	1	102	102 1/4	M S	98 1/4	Sale	98 1/4	99	8	88 1/2	100				
30-year debent 6s	Feb 1949	A O	106 1/4	Sale	106 1/4	106 1/2	68	106 1/4	107 1/8	M S	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	10	98 1/2	99 1/2				
60-year ref gold 6s	1941	F A	97 3/4	98 1/2	97 1/2	98	10	95	98	J D	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	101	50	99 1/2	101				
N Y Trap Rock 1st 6s	1946	J J	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	1	102	102 1/2	M N	58	60	62	3	60	72					
Niagara Falls Power 1st 6s	1932	J J	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	1	102	102 1/2	M N	98 1/2	Sale	98 1/2	99	8	88 1/2	100				
Ref & gen 6s	Jan 1932	J J	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	1	102	102 1/2	J J	103 1/4	Sale	103 1/4	103 1/2	11	102 1/2	104 1/8				
Niag Lock & O Pr 1st 5s A	1955	A O	105	Sale	104 3/4	107 1/2	12	103 1/2	107 1/2	A O	68	71	69 1/2	Jan 31	1	69 1/2	70				
Niagara Share deb 5 1/2	1950	M N	96 1/2	Sale	95	96 1/2	15	89 1/2	97	A O	106 1/2	Sale	106 1/2	106 1/2	5	104 1/2	105 1/2				
Norddeutsche Lloyd 20-yr																					

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Feb. 28 to Mar. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table listing Boston Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows are categorized by Railroads, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

* No par value. † Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Feb. 28 to Mar. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table listing Chicago Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Abbott Laboratories, Acme Steel, Adams Mfg, etc.

Table listing various stock transactions. Columns include Stocks (Continued), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Ainsworth Mfg Corp, All-Amer Mohawk, Allied Motor Ind, etc.

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.						
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.			
Midland Util—											
6% prior lien	100	83	83 1/2	70	79	Jan	90 1/4	Feb			
6% class A pref.	100	82	82	110	80	Jan	84 1/2	Feb			
7% prior lien	100	97 1/4	99 1/4	110	95	Jan	100	Feb			
Miller & Hart Inc conv pf.		20	21	400	20	Mar	24	Feb			
7% preferred		95 1/4	95 1/4	100	91 1/4	Feb	95 1/4	Mar			
Miss Val Util pr lien pld.		95 1/4	95 1/4	50	92 1/4	Jan	97	Jan			
Mo-Kan Pipe Line com.	6	8 1/2	7 1/2	8,450	5 1/2	Jan	10 1/2	Jan			
Mohawk Rubber Co com.		35	38	450	35	Mar	38 1/2	Jan			
Monaghan Mfg Corp A.		23	23	30	19	Jan	25	Jan			
Monroe Chem Co—											
Common		4 3/4	4 3/4	100	4 3/4	Mar	5 1/2	Jan			
Preferred		23 1/2	25	50	22	Jan	25	Feb			
Morgan Lithograph com		7 1/4	6 1/4	250	4 1/4	Jan	9	Feb			
Muncie Gear Co—											
Common		2 1/4	2 1/4	100	1 1/4	Feb	2 1/4	Mar			
Class A		2 1/4	2 1/4	100	1 1/4	Jan	3 1/4	Feb			
Muskegon Motor Spec—											
Convertible A.		15	15	50	10	Jan	15 1/4	Feb			
Nachman-Springfilled com*	10	10	11 1/2	600	9 1/2	Feb	11 1/2	Feb			
National Battery Co pref.		23 1/2	24	40	23 1/2	Mar	25 1/2	Jan			
Nat Elec Power A part.		24	25 3/4	750	22	Jan	25 1/4	Feb			
7% preferred		90	90	100	90	Jan	95	Feb			
Nat'l Family Stores com.		3 1/4	4	950	3 1/4	Mar	6	Jan			
National Leather com.	10	3 1/4	3 1/4	150	3 1/4	Jan	1	Jan			
Nat Pub Serv 3 3/4 pref.		43 1/2	42	43 1/2	40 1/2	Jan	43 1/2	Feb			
Natl Rep Inv Tr allot cts		31	31	150	30	Jan	31	Jan			
Nat Secur Invest Co com.		7 1/2	7	1,050	3 3/4	Feb	7 1/2	Feb			
Certificates		72 3/4	73	400	64	Jan	76	Feb			
Nat Shareholders com.		10	10	100	10	Mar	10	Mar			
Nat'l Standard com.		30	31	1,150	25 1/2	Jan	31 1/2	Feb			
Nat Un Radio Corp com.		4 3/4	4 1/2	600	1 3/4	Jan	5	Feb			
Noblist-Sparks Ind com.		43 3/4	44	1,150	35	Jan	35	Feb			
North Amer Car com.		22	20	4,600	20	Mar	31 1/2	Feb			
No Am Lt & Pr Co com.		69	65 1/2	15,000	61	Jan	70 1/2	Mar			
N & S Am Corp A com.		10	11 1/4	900	8	Jan	11 1/4	Mar			
Northwest Bancorp com.	50	32 3/4	34	450	31 1/2	Jan	37	Jan			
Northwest Eng com.		16 1/2	18	550	12 1/4	Jan	18	Mar			
Northwest Util—											
7% preferred	100	95 1/2	94	96	85 1/4	Feb	98	Feb			
Prior lien pref.	100	100 1/4	101	210	89 3/4	Jan	102	Feb			
Oshkosh Overall Co com.		5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	10	5 1/4	Feb	5 1/2	Feb		
Conv preferred		22 1/4	22 1/4	40	22 1/4	Jan	22 1/4	Mar			
Penn Gas & Elec A com.		8 1/2	9 1/4	100	8	Feb	11 1/4	Jan			
Perfect Circle (The) Co.		32	32	50	25	Jan	35	Feb			
Pines Winterfront com.	5	19	18 1/2	22	5,550	15 1/4	Jan	22	Mar		
Polymet Mfg Corp com.		5 1/4	4 1/2	7,100	2	Jan	5 1/4	Mar			
Potter Co (The) com.		7 1/4	8	200	6	Jan	9	Jan			
Pub Serv of Nor Ill com.		25 1/2	25 1/2	475	20 1/4	Jan	26 1/2	Feb			
6% preferred	100	135	135	135 1/4	50	122 3/4	Jan	135 1/4	Mar		
7% preferred	100	139	140	80	129 3/4	Jan	147	Feb			
Q R S De Vry Corp com.		2 1/4	2 1/4	3 1/2	13,100	1 1/4	Feb	3 1/2	Feb		
Quaker Oats Co—											
Common	100	163	161 1/4	163 1/4	70	155	Jan	170	Jan		
Preferred		119	120	120	80	113	Jan	120	Mar		
Railroad Shares Corp com*	4 1/2	4 1/2	5	1,550	3 1/4	Jan	5	Feb			
Raytheon Mfg Co v t c com*	12	11 1/2	13 1/4	2,600	5	Jan	14 1/2	Feb			
Reliance Internat A com.		5 1/4	5 1/2	450	3	Jan	5 1/2	Feb			
Rollins Hos Mills conv pf.		38	38	50	31	Jan	38	Feb			
Ryerson & Sons Inc com.		25	25 1/4	500	24 1/4	Jan	26	Jan			
Sally Frocks Inc com.	100	6	9	350	4	Jan	9	Mar			
Sangamo Electric Co.		24	25	300	23	Jan	26 1/2	Feb			
Saxet Co common		9 1/4	8 1/4	150	8 1/4	Mar	10	Feb			
Seaboard P S Co—											
Convertible pref.		47	48	80	44 1/4	Jan	48	Feb			
80 preferred		71 3/4	71 3/4	90	68 3/4	Jan	85	Jan			
Seaboard Util Shares Corp*		8 1/2	5 1/4	7,850	5 1/4	Jan	5 1/4	Jan			
So Colo Pow Elec A com.	25	22 1/4	22 1/4	50	19	Jan	22 1/4	Jan			
South'n Union Gas com.	25	9 1/2	11	1,600	7 1/4	Jan	12	Feb			
Southwest Dairy Pr com.		1 1/4	1 1/4	10	1 1/4	Mar	1 3/4	Mar			
So West Gas & El 7 pt 100		96 1/2	98	320	94	Jan	98	Mar			
Southwest Lt & Pr pref.		92 1/4	93	20	87 1/4	Jan	94 1/4	Jan			
Standard Dredge com.		4 1/4	4 1/4	1,000	4	Feb	8	Jan			
Convertible pref.		9	8 1/2	2,250	8 1/2	Feb	16	Jan			
Steinle Radio Co				100	1/2	Jan	1	Feb			
Studebaker Mail Order A.		3	3 1/2	200	2	Jan	3 1/2	Mar			
Super Mail Corp com.		6	6	300	4 1/4	Jan	7	Feb			
Swift International.	15	38	36 1/2	39	7,500	34 1/4	Feb	39 1/2	Feb		
Swift & Co.	25	30 1/4	29 1/4	30 1/4	2,750	28 1/4	Jan	30 1/4	Jan		
Teleph Bond & Sh A.		54	55 1/4	150	51 1/4	Feb	55 1/4	Feb			
Tennessee Prod Corp com.		6 1/2	6 1/2	50	5	Jan	7 1/2	Feb			
Texas-La Power pref.	100	70	70	100	70	Feb	70	Feb			
Thompson J R com.	25	31 1/4	34	900	25	Jan	34	Mar			
Time-O-Stat Cont pf A.		25 1/4	25 1/4	50	16 1/4	Jan	26 1/4	Feb			
Transformer Corp of Am.		3 1/4	3 1/4	50	2	Jan	3 1/4	Jan			
12th Street Stores A.		9 1/4	9 1/4	140	9 1/4	Mar	11	Feb			
Twin States Nat Gas pf A.		3 1/4	1 1/4	2,450	1/4	Feb	2	Jan			
United Amer Util Inc com*		7 1/2	8 1/4	200	5 1/2	Jan	9	Feb			
Class A		13	13	50	10 1/4	Jan	16	Feb			
United Corp of Amer pf.		12	12 1/2	600	7	Jan	12 1/2	Feb			
United Gas Co com		10 1/2	10 1/2	7,050	10	Feb	11 1/4	Feb			
United Pts & Pubs—											
Common		6	6 1/4	100	6	Mar	10	Jan			
United Pub Util 86 pref.		64	65	30	64	Mar	65	Mar			
U S Gypsum.	20	43	42 1/4	44 3/4	1,550	38	Jan	46	Feb		
U S Radio & Telev com.		29 1/2	25 1/4	30 3/4	53,900	14 1/4	Jan	31 1/4	Feb		
Utah Radio Prod com.		4 1/4	4 1/4	1,300	2 1/4	Jan	5 1/4	Feb			
Util & Ind Corp com.		8 1/4	8 1/4	6,750	5 1/4	Jan	9 1/4	Feb			
Convertible preferred.		19	18 3/4	2,100	15	Jan	19 1/4	Feb			
Utilities Power & Lt Corp											
Common non-voting.		13	12 1/4	14 1/4	1,600	9	Jan	14 1/4	Feb		
Class A		29 1/2	29 1/2	30 3/4	2,400	22 1/4	Jan	30 3/4	Mar		
Viking Pump Co com.		12	8 1/2	12 1/2	540	8	Feb	12 1/2	Mar		
Preferred		27 1/4	25 1/4	28	590	25	Jan	28	Mar		
Vorelone Corp part pf.			3 1/4	4 1/4	510	1 1/4	Feb	4 1/4	Mar		
Vortex Cup Co.		21 1/2	21	21 3/4	1,100	18 1/2	Feb	22	Feb		
Class A.		27 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4	700	25	Feb	29	Feb		
Wahl Co (The) common.		3	3	100	2	Jan	3	Feb			
Warchel Corp conv pref.		10	10	140	10	Jan	10	Jan			
Ward (Montgomery) & Co											
A.	103 1/2	102	104	200	95	Jan	104	Mar			
Waukesha Motor Co com		60	69	90	45	Jan	73	Feb			
Western Cont Util Inc A.		14	14 1/2	150	14	Mar	22	Jan			
Western Pow Lt & Tel cl A		22 1/4	22	22 1/4	480	20 1/4	Jan	23	Jan		
Wextark Radio Stores com.		1 1/4	1 1/4	2 1/4	36,700	1/2	Feb	3	Jan		
Weboldt Stores Inc com.		12	12	12 1/4	350	12	Feb	14 1/2	Jan		
Williams Oil-O-Matic com.		6	6	100	5 1/4	Jan	6	Jan			
Windsor Bank Sns com.	10	6 1/2	6	6 1/2	1,750	5 1/4	Jan	6 1/2	Jan		
Yates-Amer Mach part pf		5 1/2	8	800	4	Jan	9	Feb			
Zenith Radio Corp com.		4 1/4	4 1/4	5 1/4	3,950	2 1/4	Jan	5 1/4	Feb		

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Feb. 28 to Mar. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Commercial Credit, Preferred B, Consol Gas E L & Power, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies including Cleve Securities P L pref, Cleveland Trust, Clew Worsted Mills, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Feb. 28 to Mar. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Aluminum Indus Inc, Am Laund Mach, Am Rolling Mill, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Feb. 28 to Mar. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Bank & Trust Stocks, First National Bank, Franklin-American Tr, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Feb. 28 to Mar. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Air-Way El Appl pref, Apex Electrical Mfg, Byers Machine, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Feb. 28 to Mar. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Bolsa Chica Oil A, Byron Jackson, Central Investment Co, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock transactions for various companies including Emco Derrlek & Equ Co, Pacific Finance Corp, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.—Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, Feb. 28 to Mar. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of securities transactions including Aero Klemm, American Corp, Amer Insur, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Feb. 28 to Mar. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for various companies including Anglo & Lon P Nat Bk, Bank of California, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (Feb. 28) and ending the present Friday (Mar. 6). 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 of stock transactions for various companies including Aluminom Co, Aero Supply Mfg Co, and others. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with 15 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), Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various companies like Amer Capital Corp, American Cigar, Amer Cyanamid, etc.

Stocks (Continued) Par.	Friday	Week's Range		Sales	Range Since Jan. 1.		Friday	Week's Range	Sales	Range Since Jan. 1.		
	Last Sale Price.	Low.	High.	for Week. Shares.	Low.	High.			Last Sale Price.	Low.	High.	for Week. Shares.
Noma Elec Corp com	6 1/4	6	6 1/4	700	4 1/4	Jan 6 1/4	Feb	42 1/2	47	200	42 1/2	Mar 49
Norden Corp Ltd com	5	7-16	1 3/4	11,200	1/4	Feb 1/2	Mar	29	30 3/4	900	29	Mar 30 3/4
Nor Amer Aviation warr	7-16	1 3/4	1 3/4	7,300	1 1/2	Jan 2	Feb	8 1/2	9 3/4	6,100	5 1/2	Jan 9 3/4
No & So Amer Corp		9 1/2	11	850	8	Jan 11 1/2	Feb	19 1/2	19 1/2	1,300	14 1/2	Jan 19 1/2
Northam Warren Corp pf		40	40	100	29	Jan 40	Feb	8 1/2	7 3/4	3,600	5 1/2	Jan 9 1/2
N'west Engineering com		16 1/2	18 1/2	500	12	Feb 18 1/2	Mar	74 1/2	74 1/2	100	68	Jan 74 1/2
Novadel-Agene Corp com	50	48	50	1,000	38 1/2	Jan 51 3/4	Feb	5 1/2	4 3/4	3,400	2 1/2	Jan 5 1/2
Oilstocks Ltd class A	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	500	3 3/4	Jan 5 1/4	Feb	6 1/2	6 1/4	100	3	Jan 7
Outboard Motor Co B	3	2 3/4	3 1/4	1,700	2 1/4	Jan 3 1/2	Jan	6 1/4	6 1/4	7	2,400	5
Oversas Securities Co	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	600	4 1/2	Jan 6	Feb	12 1/2	12 1/2	200	12	Feb 12 1/2
Ovington Bros part pref		5 1/2	5 1/2	2	2	Jan 5	Jan	22 1/2	24 3/4	700	16 1/2	Jan 24 1/2
Paramount Cap Mfg com		3 1/2	4 1/4	200	3 1/2	Jan 5	Feb	7 1/2	7 3/4	8	600	3 1/2
Parke Austin & Lipscomb												
Participating preferred		8	8	100	8	Mar 12	Feb	7 1/2	8 3/4	4,400	6 1/2	Jan 8 1/2
Parke, Davis & Co	29 1/2	29	29 1/2	900	28	Feb 30 3/4	Jan	70	87 1/2	150	70 1/4	Feb 70 1/4
Patterson-Sargent Co com		28 3/4	28 3/4	200	26	Jan 28 1/2	Mar	1 1/2	1 3/4	300	1 1/2	Jan 2
Pennrod Corp com v t c	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	20,100	6 1/2	Jan 8 1/2	Feb	5 1/2	6 1/4	400	5 1/2	Jan 6 1/4
Pepperell Mfg	100	78 3/4	78 3/4	60	76 1/4	Feb 78 3/4	Feb	25	25 1/4	200	21	Jan 29
Permyan Elec Co com		1 3/4	1 3/4	100	1	Jan 1 1/2	Feb	50	50	200	50	Mar 52 1/2
Pet Milk 7% pref	100	93	100	30	93	Mar 100	Mar	17 1/2	18 1/4	400	13	Jan 20
Phillip Morris Cons com		1 3/4	1 3/4	200	1 1/4	Jan 1 1/4	Mar	21 1/2	23	400	17	Jan 24 1/2
Philippe (Lou) Inc com B	18 1/2	17	19	2,200	13	Jan 10 1/4	Mar	81	81	10	60	Jan 85
Phoenix Secur Corp com	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	3,200	1 1/2	Feb 2	Feb	3 1/2	4 1/2	1,900	3	Jan 4 1/2
Preferred A		2 3/4	2 3/4	500	2 3/4	Mar 2 3/4	Mar	11	11 1/4	3,200	12 1/2	Jan 12 1/2
Pie Bakeries of Amer cl A	38 3/4	35	38 3/4	5,100	27	Jan 38 3/4	Mar	21 1/2	22 1/4	4,500	9 7/4	Jan 10 1 1/2
Pilot Radio & Tube cl A	11 1/4	9 1/2	11 1/4	15,900	3 1/2	Jan 11 1/4	Mar	21 1/2	22 1/4	4,500	9 7/4	Jan 10 1 1/2
Pitney Bowes Postage												
Meter Co	6 1/4	6 1/4	7 3/4	4,800	5 1/2	Jan 8 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	5 1/2	25	100	Jan 102
Pittsburgh Forgings Co	11 1/2	10 1/2	12	2,100	10 1/2	Mar 12	Mar	2	3	800	2 1/2	Jan 3 1/2
Pitts & Lake Erie RR com	50	108 1/2	108 1/2	150	102	Jan 108 1/2	Feb	3 1/2	3 3/4	300	1 1/2	Jan 4 1/2
Pitts Plate Glass com	25	41	41	100	36	Jan 42 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	1 3/4	1,400	1 1/2	Jan 1 1/2
Polymet Mfg com	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	3,800	1 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Jan	17	15 1/2	2,700	9 1/2	Jan 23 1/2
Powdrell & Alexander		25 1/2	25 1/2	300	24 3/4	Feb 25 1/2	Mar	3 1/2	3 3/4	700	3 1/2	Jan 4 1/2
Pratt & Lambert Co		31 1/2	31 1/2	100	30 1/2	Jan 31 1/2	Feb	15	16	2,000	14	Jan 14
Prudential Investors com	12 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/4	4,700	8 1/2	Jan 13 1/4	Feb	10 1/2	10 1/2	100	10 1/2	Mar 10 1/2
Preferred	89 1/2	88	89 1/2	200	88	Mar 89 1/2	Mar					
Public Utility Holding Corp												
Com with warrants	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	12,900	6	Jan 8 1/2	Feb	102	102	25	100	Jan 102
Com without warrants	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	2,100	5	Jan 7 1/4	Feb	2 1/2	3	800	2 1/2	Jan 3 1/2
\$3 cum pref		33 1/2	33 1/2	100	31 1/2	Jan 36 1/2	Feb	38 1/2	38 1/2	3,300	33 1/2	Jan 38 1/2
Warrants	1	1	1 1/2	7,500	1/4	Jan 1 1/2	Jan	9 1/4	9 1/4	10,500	5 3/4	Jan 5 3/4
Pyrene Mfg com	10	7 1/4	7 1/4	300	7 1/2	Feb 7 1/4	Feb	16 1/2	16 1/2	13,100	11 1/2	Jan 16 1/2
Q-R S De Vry com		2 1/2	3 1/2	600	2 1/2	Mar 3 1/2	Mar	28 1/2	28 1/2	100	28 1/2	Mar 28 1/2
Radio Products com		2 1/2	2 1/2	300	2	Jan 2 1/2	Jan	107 1/2	107 1/2	40,400	14 1/2	Jan 14 1/2
Railroad Shares Corp		4 1/2	4 1/2	300	3 1/2	Feb 4 1/2	Mar	80	78	20,400	70 1/4	Jan 86 1/4
Railway & Util Inv com A		5 1/4	5 1/4	100	4 1/2	Feb 5 1/4	Feb	107 1/2	107 1/2	400	102 1/2	Jan 107 1/2
Rainbow Lum Prod A	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,000	2 1/2	Jan 2 1/2	Jan	52	50 1/2	7,100	43	Jan 54 1/2
Common class B		1 1/2	1 1/2	1,300	1 1/2	Feb 2	Jan	5 1/4	4 1/2	2,100	3 1/2	Jan 5 1/2
Raytheon Mfg v t c		12	13	200	11	Feb 13 1/2	Feb	17 1/2	15 1/2	587,000	9 1/2	Jan 18 1/2
Reeves (Daniel) Inc com		24 1/2	24 1/2	100	24 1/2	Jan 24 1/2	Mar	95	94 1/2	100	82 1/2	Jan 95 1/2
Reliance Internat com A		5	5 1/2	500	2 1/2	Jan 6	Feb	80	80	100	80	Jan 88 1/2
Common B		1 1/4	1 1/4	100	1 1/4	Jan 1 1/4	Feb	7 1/2	7 1/2	10,600	5	Jan 8 1/2
Reliance Management com		5 3/4	7	1,650	3	Jan 7 1/2	Feb	106 1/2	106 1/2	60	104	Feb 106 1/2
Reynolds Investing com		3	3 1/2	4,200	2 1/4	Jan 5	Feb	21 1/2	21 1/2	1,900	15	Jan 30
Richmond Radiator pref		1	1 1/4	5,000	1/4	Jan 1 1/4	Jan	89	87 1/2	89	85 1/2	Jan 89 1/2
Rike-Kumler Co com		4 1/4	4 1/4	100	4	Feb 5	Jan	85 1/2	81 1/2	165	67 1/2	Jan 91 1/2
Roosevelt Field		22 1/2	22 1/2	100	22 1/2	Jan 24	Jan	20 1/2	21 1/2	700	19	Feb 21 1/2
Rossia International		2 1/2	3 1/4	900	1 1/2	Jan 3 1/4	Mar	3 1/2	3 1/2	12,200	3 1/2	Jan 3 1/2
Royal Typewriter com		3 1/4	3 1/4	3,400	2 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Feb	25	25	100	22	Jan 25
Rubelord Co	32 3/4	31 3/4	32 3/4	300	34 1/2	Feb 38	Jan	148	148	125	139 1/2	Jan 153
Ryerson (Jos T) & Sons		25	25 1/2	200	23	Jan 25 1/2	Jan	120 1/2	120 1/2	25	115	Jan 120 1/2
Safety Car Heat & Lt.	100	83	83	50	81	Jan 90 1/2	Jan	26 1/2	25 3/4	6,300	21	Jan 28
St Regis Paper Co com	10	17 1/2	21 1/2	78,100	13 1/2	Jan 21 1/2	Mar	26 1/2	26 1/2	600	25 1/2	Jan 26 1/2
7% cum pref	100	107 1/2	110 1/2	100	107 1/2	Mar 110 1/2	Mar	101 1/2	101 1/2	300	98 1/2	Jan 102
Saxet Co com	8 1/2	8 1/2	9	1,600	6 1/2	Jan 10 1/2	Jan	1	1 1/4	5,200	3/4	Jan 1 3/4
Schulte Real Estate	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	100	3 1/4	Jan 3 1/4	Jan			2,600	3/4	Jan 3 1/4
Schulte-United 5c to \$1 St	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	3,100	3 1/4	Jan 3 1/4	Jan	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,200	3	Jan 3 1/2
Seaboard Util Shares	4 1/2	4 1/2	5	500	3 1/2	Jan 5 1/2	Feb	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	3 1/2	Feb 3 1/2
Securities Corp Gen'l com		27	29 1/2	1,200	19 1/2	Jan 30 1/2	Feb	20 1/2	21 1/2	1,900	17 1/2	Jan 21 1/2
Segal Lock & Hardware	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5,100	4	Jan 5 1/2	Feb	81	81	60	79	Feb 81
Selberling Rubber com		1 1/2	1 1/2	200	4 1/2	Jan 7	Feb	16	17 1/2	500	15 1/2	Jan 18 1/2
Selby Shoe com		1 1/2	1 1/2	3,300	1 1/2	Jan 1 1/2	Feb	17 1/2	18 1/2	7,800	14	Jan 14 1/2
Selected Industries com	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	9,300	2 1/2	Jan 4 1/2	Feb	82 1/2	83	3,000	18 1/2	Jan 24 1/2
\$5 1/2 prior stock	67	65 1/2	70	3,900	44 1/2	Jan 70	Mar	11 1/2	11 1/2	25,400	9	Jan 12 1/2
Allot et full paid		70	70 1/2	3,100	45 1/2	Jan 70 1/2	Mar	66 1/2	66 1/2	100	54	Feb 68 1/2
Allot et full paid stpd	69 1/2	68 1/2	71	3,200	53 1/2	Jan 71 1/2	Mar	81 1/2	81 1/2	1,000	81 1/2	Jan 81 1/2
Sentry Safety Control	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	7,400	1 1/2	Feb 3 1/2	Feb	50	51	1,200	48	Jan 51 1/2
Sheaffer (W A) Pen	40 3/4	40 1/4	41 3/4	200	40 3/4	Jan 42	Jan	247	245	251	130	221
Shenandoah Corp com	7	6	7 1/4	6,700	3 1/4	Jan 7 1/4	Mar					
6% conv pref	50	34 1/2	35 3/4	4,800	30	Jan 36	Feb					
Sherwin-Wms Co v t c	66	66	66	100	60 1/2	Jan 66	Mar					
Signature Hos com v t c	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/2	300	1 1/4	Feb 1 1/2	Feb					
Silica Gel Corp com v t c	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	1,100	5 1/4	Jan 10 1/2	Feb					
Singer Mfg	336	340	340	60	333	Jan 343 1/2	Feb					
Smith (A O) Corp	185	192	192	350	135	Jan 192	Mar					
Southern Corp com	4	4 1/4	4 1/4	1,000	2 1/2	Jan 4 1/4	Feb					
Southeast Dairy Prod												
7% pref with warr	100	15 1/2	15 1/2	30	10	Jan 17	Feb					
Spanish & Gen Corp Ltd												
Am dep rets ord reg	£1	55	55	200	3/4	Jan 1/2	Mar					
Stand Invest \$5.50 pref		5 1/2	5 1/2	100	36	Jan 55	Feb					
Stand Motor Constr		7/8	1	700	3/4	Jan 1	Jan					
Starratt Corp com	9	9	10 1/2	800	9	Mar 12 1/2	Jan					
6% cum preferred	50	23	21 1/2	1,200	20	Feb 25 1/2	Feb					
Stein Cosmetics com		5	5 1/2	500	4	Jan 6	Feb					
Strauss (Nathan) Inc com	9 1/2	9 1/2	10	7,100	4 1/2	Jan 10	Mar					
Strauss-Roth Stores com	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	8,200	1 1/2	Mar 6	Jan					
Stromberg Carlson Tel		17	17	200	15 1/2	Feb 18 1/2	Jan					
Stroock (S) & Co		11 1/2	11 1/2	9	100	9	Jan 15 1/2	Mar				
Stutz Motor Car Co	26	24 1/2	26 1/2	5,500	18 1/2	Jan 26 1/2	Mar					
Sullivan Machinery		22 1/2	22 1/2	25	19	Jan 22 1/2	Mar					
Sun Investing com		6 1/2	7	400	4	Jan 7 1/2	Feb					
\$3 conv pref		40 1/2	40 1/2	200	36	Jan 40 1/2	Mar					
Swift & Co	25	30 1/2	30 1/2	1,100	28 1/2	Jan 30 1/2	Jan					
Swift International	15	37 1/2	37 1/2	900	34 1/2	Feb 39 1/2	Feb					
Syracuse Wash Mach cl B		6 1/4	7 1/4	800	4	Jan 7 1/4						

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			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.				Low.	High.					
N E Power Assoc com...	100	74	74	74	10	70	Feb	75	Feb	Salt Creek Producers...10	6 3/4	6 3/4	7	1,800	6 3/4	Jan	7 1/2	Jan	
Preferred...	85	84 3/4	85 3/4	85 3/4	180	79 1/2	Jan	86	Feb	Southland Royalty Co...	5	5 3/4	6	8,800	5 3/4	Jan	5 3/4	Feb	
New Engl Tel & Tel...	100	140 1/4	140 1/4	140 1/4	50	140 1/4	Mar	140 1/4	Mar	Sunray Oil...	5	3 3/4	4 3/4	10,800	3 3/4	Jan	4 3/4	Jan	
N Y Pow & Light 56 pref...	100	101 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	50	101	Jan	102 1/2	Jan	Texon Oil & Land Co...	5	11 3/4	11 3/4	500	9 3/4	Jan	12 3/4	Feb	
N Y Telap 6 1/2 pref...	100	118	118 1/2	118 1/2	50	113 3/4	Jan	118 1/2	Mar	Union Oil Associates...	25	21 1/2	21 1/2	100	21 1/2	Jan	24 1/2	Jan	
Nagara Hud Pow com...	10	14	13 1/4	14 1/4	109,800	9 3/4	Jan	21 1/4	Mar	Venezuela Petroleum...	5	1	1 1/2	2,700	1 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	Jan	
Class A opt warrants...	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	15,300	1 3/4	Jan	3	Feb	"Y" Oil & Gas Co...	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	1 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	Feb	
Class B opt warrants...	8	7	2 1/2	2 1/2	3,300	1 3/4	Jan	2 1/2	Feb										
Class C warrants...	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	63 1/2	Feb	65 1/2	Mar										
Nor Amer Lt & Pw com...	100	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	1,300	2 1/2	Jan	4 3/4	Mar										
Nor Amer Util Sec com...	4 3/4	3 3/4	4 3/4	4 3/4	75	97	Jan	102 1/4	Mar										
Nor Pub Serv 7 1/2 pf...	100	111	111 1/2	111 1/2	50	109 1/2	Feb	112	Feb										
7% preferred...	100	136 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2	2,600	123 3/4	Jan	138 1/2	Feb										
Nor States P Corp com...	100	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2	50	101	Jan	107 1/2	Feb										
7% preferred...	100	98 1/4	98 1/4	98 1/4	30	95 1/4	Feb	98 1/4	Feb										
6% preferred...	100	94	94	94	10	94	Mar	94	Mar										
Northwest Util 7% pref...	100	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	1,000	103 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	Mar										
Ohio Pub Serv 1st pf A...	100	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	50	106 1/2	Feb	108 1/2	Jan										
Oklahoma G & E 7% pf 100	100	1,600	26 1/2	27 1/2	1,500	19 3/4	Jan	28 1/2	Feb										
Pacific Gas & El 1st pref...	25	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	1,600	26 1/2	Jan	28 1/2	Feb										
Pacific Pub Serv cl A com...	26 3/4	26 3/4	27 1/2	27 1/2	100	8	Feb	9 1/2	Feb										
Pa Gas & Elec class A...	100	110 1/2	111	111	100	108 1/2	Jan	111	Mar										
Pa Power & Light 8 1/2 pref...	100	104 3/4	104 3/4	104 3/4	25	103	Feb	104 3/4	Mar										
S6 preferred...	70	66	70 1/2	70 1/2	1,200	59	Jan	70 1/2	Mar										
Pa Water & Power...	24 1/4	23 1/4	24 1/4	24 1/4	1,800	20	Jan	26 1/2	Feb										
Peoples Lt & Pow class A...	100	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	100	28	Feb	31 1/2	Feb										
Phila Co new com...	100	34	34	34	100	34	Mar	34	Mar										
Phila Elec Pow 8% pref...	25	34	34	34	100	34	Mar	34	Mar										
Piedmont Hydro-Electric	100	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	2,500	9 1/4	Jan	10 3/4	Mar										
Option warrants news...	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	25	98	Feb	103 1/2	Mar										
Pub Serv (Okla) 5% p 100	100	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	30	83 1/2	Jan	86	Feb										
Puget Sound P & L 5 1/2 pref...	99 1/2	42 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	100	42 1/2	Mar	46	Feb										
S6 preferred...	100	100	100	100	50	100	Mar	100	Mar										
Quebec Pow Co...	100	1,400	15 1/2	17 1/2	1,400	15 1/2	Jan	17 1/2	Jan										
Rochester G & E pref D 100	100	56	56	56	100	50	Jan	56	Mar										
Rockland Light & Pow...	10	27	27 1/2	27 1/2	200	25 1/2	Jan	27 1/2	Feb										
Shawinigan Water & Pow...	25	25 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	500	24 1/2	Jan	25 1/2	Mar										
Sou Calif Edison 6% p B25	25	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	100	29 1/2	Jan	30 1/2	Feb										
5 1/2% pref class C...	25	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	200	6	Jan	7 1/2	Feb										
7% preferred class A...	100	161 1/2	161 1/2	161 1/2	10	161 1/2	Mar	161 1/2	Mar										
Southern Union Gas...	100	120 1/2	120 1/2	120 1/2	100	118 1/2	Jan	120 1/2	Feb										
Sou West Bell Tel 7% pf 100	100	97	97	97	25	94	Jan	97	Feb										
Southwest Gas & E 7% pf 100	4 3/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4,000	3 1/4	Jan	6 1/4	Feb										
Southwest Gas Util com...	46	46	46	46	1,200	35 1/2	Jan	49 1/2	Feb										
Standard Pow & Lt com...	100	100	101	101	300	32 1/2	Jan	50	Feb										
Common class B...	100	100	101	101	300	98 1/4	Feb	101	Mar										
Preferred...	100	3 1/2	5	5	200	3 1/2	Mar	5	Mar										
Stand Pub Serv class A...	100	91 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	400	81	Jan	94	Feb										
Swiss Amer Elec pref...	100	57 1/4	59	59	200	47 1/4	Jan	61	Feb										
Tampa Electric Co...	100	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	200	108 3/4	Mar	112 1/2	Mar										
Texas Pr & Lt 7% pf...	100	44 1/4	44 1/4	44 1/4	10	44 1/4	Mar	44 1/4	Mar										
Tacony & Palmyra Bridge...	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	104 1/4	10	104 1/4	Mar	108 1/2	Jan										
Toledo Edison 6% pref 100	100	14 1/2	15	15	600	13 1/2	Feb	17 1/2	Jan										
Twin States Nat Gas cl A...	100	5,800	3 1/2	3 1/2	5,800	3 1/2	Jan	3-16	Jan										
Union Nat Gas of Can...	100	10 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	90,700	7 1/2	Jan	11 1/2	Jan										
United Electric Serv warr...	10 1/2	91 3/4	92 3/4	92 3/4	2,000	86	Jan	93 1/2	Feb										
United Gas Corp com...	92 3/4	3 1/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	3,000	2 1/2	Jan	4 1/2	Jan										
Warrants...	32 1/2	30 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	83,200	23	Jan	34 1/2	Feb										
United Lt & Pow com A...	69 3/4	65	69 3/4	69 3/4	2,000	60	Jan	69 3/4	Jan										
Common B...	104	102 1/2	104	104	1,400	94 1/4	Jan	104	Feb										
S6 conv 1st pref...	7	6 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/4	19,000	4 1/4	Jan	8 1/2	Feb										
U S Elec Pow with warr...	13	12 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	9,400	9	Jan	14 1/2	Feb										
Warrants...	61 1/2	26 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	600	21	Jan	31 1/2	Mar										
Util Power & Light com...	101	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	150	98 3/4	Jan	101 1/2	Feb										
Class B vot tr cts...	100	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	150	98 3/4	Jan	101 1/2	Feb										
Western Power tr 100	100	101	101 1/2	101 1/2	150	98 3/4	Jan	101 1/2	Feb										

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Consol Textile 8s.....1941	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	91,000	17	Feb	30	Mar	Middle West Util 5s-1932	100 1/2	100 1/4	5,000	98 1/2	Jan	100 1/2	Feb	
Consumers Power 4 1/2s '58	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	242,000	80 1/4	Jan	87	Mar	Conv 5% notes-1933	97 3/4	98	14,000	93	Jan	99	Jan	
Cont'l G & El 5s.....1937	93 1/4	93 1/4	93 1/4	17,000	91 1/2	Jan	85	Jan	Conv 5% notes-1934	97 1/4	97 3/4	13,000	92 1/4	Jan	97 1/4	Mar	
Continental Oil 5 1/2s-1937	102	101 3/4	102 1/2	22,000	100 1/2	Jan	102	Jan	Conv 5% notes-1935	95 1/4	95 1/4	29,000	92 1/4	Jan	97	Jan	
Crane Co 10-yr s 1 s-1940	100 1/2	100	101	50,000	96 1/2	Jan	101	Mar	Milw El Ry & Lt 5s-1971	101 1/4	100 1/4	108,000	99 3/4	Jan	101 1/4	Mar	
Cruce Steel deb 5s-1940	100	100	100	5,000	100 1/2	Jan	106	Mar	Minnea Gas Lt 4 1/2s-1967	102 1/2	103 1/4	19,000	101 1/4	Jan	103 1/4	Mar	
Cuban Telephone 7 1/2s 1941	104 1/4	104 1/4	106	5,000	100 1/2	Jan	103	Feb	Minn Pow & Lt 4 1/2s-1950	92 1/4	91 1/4	40,000	89 1/2	Feb	92 1/4	Jan	
Cudahy Pack deb 5 1/2s 1937	100	99 1/2	100	32,000	94 1/2	Jan	100	Feb	Miss Power & Light 5s 1957	95	94	26,000	91 1/2	Jan	95	Feb	
Sinking fund 6s-1946	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	4,000	100 1/2	Jan	103	Feb	Miss River Pow deb 5s 1951	97 1/4	96	84,000	93 1/4	Jan	98	Mar	
Deny & Salt Lake 6s-1960	100	100	100	6,000	99 1/4	Jan	100 1/2	Feb	Miss River Pow 6s Aug 15 '44	104 1/2	104 1/2	14,000	96	Jan	106 1/2	Feb	
1st 6s series A.....1950	100	100	100	1,000	99 1/4	Jan	100 1/2	Feb	With warrants.....1966	105 1/4	106 1/4	12,000	99 1/4	Jan	106 1/2	Mar	
Det City Gas 6 1/2s ser A-1947	107	107 1/4	107 1/2	12,000	105 1/2	Jan	107 1/2	Mar	Without warrants.....1966	96	95	96 1/2	12,000	90 1/4	Jan	96 1/2	Mar
1st 5s series A.....1950	102 1/2	101 1/4	102 1/2	28,000	100 1/2	Jan	102 1/4	Mar	Miss River Pow deb 5s 1951	102 3/4	104	8,000	102 3/4	Jan	104	Mar	
Detroit Int Bdg 9 1/2s-1952	20	19 1/2	20	7,000	15 1/2	Feb	30	Jan	Montreal L H & P Con 5s '51	104	103 1/2	27,000	102	Jan	104	Feb	
Dixie Gulf Gas 5 1/2s-1937	94	94	95	7,000	83	Jan	95	Mar	1st ref 5s ser B-1970	104	104 1/2	3,000	102 1/4	Jan	105	Mar	
With warrants.....1967	103 1/4	102 1/2	103 1/4	32,000	102 1/2	Mar	103 1/4	Jan	Narragansett Elec 5s A '57	102 1/4	102 1/4	8,000	101 1/2	Jan	103	Jan	
Duquesne Gas 1st 6s-1945	103 1/4	102 1/2	103 1/4	32,000	50	Jan	70 1/2	Jan	Nat Food Products 6s 1944	106 1/2	107	67	3,000	106 1/2	Mar	67 1/2	Mar
6 1/2% notes-Mar 15 '35	55	57 1/4	57 3/4	32,000	50	Jan	70 1/2	Jan	Nat Pow & Lt 6s A-2020	106 1/2	106 1/2	36,000	105 1/2	Jan	106 1/2	Mar	
East Utilities Investing- 5s with warrant.....1954	63 1/4	59	63 1/4	235,000	55 1/4	Jan	71	Jan	5s series B-2020	92 1/4	89 1/4	93	164,000	87 1/4	Jan	93	Feb
Edison El (Boston) 5s-1933	102 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/4	9,000	101 1/4	Jan	103 1/4	Mar	Nat Public Service 5s-1973	73 1/4	73 1/4	73 1/4	63,000	75 1/4	Jan	75	Jan
4% notes-Nov 1 1932	100 1/4	100	101	2,000	100	Jan	101 1/2	Feb	Nat Tea Co 5s May 1 1935	98 1/2	99 1/4	99 1/4	40,000	96 1/4	Jan	99 1/4	Mar
El Paso Nat Gas 6 1/2s-1938	89 1/4	87	89 1/4	196,000	82 1/4	Jan	89 1/4	Mar	Nebraska Pow deb 6s 1922	110	110	110	6,000	108	Jan	110	Mar
1st s f 6s '43	106	106	106	1,000	100	Jan	107	Feb	Neisner Bros Realty 6s 1948	70	72 1/2	7,000	70	Mar	80	Jan	
Empire Oil & Refg 5 1/2s '42	77 1/2	77 1/4	78	50,000	77	Jan	80 1/4	Jan	Neveda-Calf Elec 5s-1956	92	91 1/2	92	27,000	91	Jan	93 1/2	Jan
Eroole Marcell El Mfg	71 1/2	69 1/4	71 1/2	43,000	63 1/2	Jan	71 1/2	Mar	N E Gas & El Assn 5s-1947	90 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2	57,000	85 1/4	Jan	90 1/2	Mar
6 1/2s with warrants-1953	80 1/4	77 1/4	80 1/4	35,000	65 1/4	Jan	80 1/4	Mar	Conv deb 5s-1948	90 1/2	89 1/2	90 1/2	43,000	88 1/4	Jan	93 1/2	Jan
European Elec 6 1/2s-1965	80 1/4	77 1/4	80 1/4	35,000	65 1/4	Jan	80 1/4	Mar	Conv deb 5s-1948	89 1/2	89 1/2	109,000	83 1/4	Jan	90	Jan	
Without warrants.....1967	86 1/4	84 1/4	86 1/4	16,000	82	Feb	86 1/4	Mar	N Y & For Inv 5 1/2s-1948	79 1/4	82	9,000	76	Jan	82	Mar	
Eur Mtg & Inv 7s C-1967	86 1/4	84 1/4	86 1/4	16,000	82	Feb	86 1/4	Mar	With warrants.....1967	96 3/4	97 1/4	307,000	93 1/4	Jan	97 3/4	Mar	
Fairbanks Morse Co 5 1/2s 1942	97	97	97 1/4	4,000	95	Jan	98	Jan	N Y P & L Corp 1st 4 1/2s '67	97 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2	105 1/2	Jan	105 1/2	Jan	
Farm Nat Mtge Inst 7s '63	78	81	81	13,000	73	Feb	81	Mar	Nippon Elec Pow 6 1/2s 1953	91 1/4	92	17,000	84	Jan	92	Feb	
Federal Water Serv 5 1/2s '54	85	85	87 1/4	7,000	76 1/4	Jan	90	Feb	Nor Ind Pub Serv 5s 1966	102 1/2	103 1/2	11,000	99 1/4	Jan	103 1/2	Mar	
Finland Residential Bank 6s-1961	80 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/4	4,000	75	Jan	82	Feb	1st & ref 5s ser D-1969	103 1/4	102 1/2	103 1/4	23,000	99	Jan	103 1/4	Mar
Firestone Cot Mills 5s-1948	85 1/4	84 1/2	85	24,000	81 1/4	Jan	86	Jan	1st & ref 4 1/2s ser E-1970	95 1/4	93 1/2	95 1/4	114,000	90 1/4	Jan	95 1/4	Mar
Firestone T & R Cal 5s '42	86	86	86 1/4	6,000	84 1/2	Feb	86 1/4	Jan	Nor Ohio P & Lt 5 1/2s 1951	103 1/4	102 1/2	103 1/4	8,000	98 1/4	Jan	103 1/2	Feb
Fisk Rubber 5 1/2s-1931	24 1/2	27	30,000	16 1/2	Jan	27 1/2	Feb	Nor Ohio Tr & Lt 6s-1956	97 1/4	98	26,000	93	Jan	98	Mar		
Florida Power & Lt 5s-1954	88 1/4	87 1/4	89 1/4	161,000	83	Jan	89 1/4	Mar	No Sta Pow 6 1/2% notes '33	102 1/2	102 1/2	7,000	101 1/4	Jan	103	Feb	
Garlock Packing 6s-1939	90	90	90	1,000	85	Jan	90 1/2	Feb	5 1/2% notes-1940	100 1/2	101	15,000	99	Jan	101	Jan	
Gatineau Power 1st 5s 1956	93 1/4	93 1/4	94 1/2	99,000	91 1/4	Jan	94 1/2	Jan	1st lien 5s series A-1948	105 1/4	105 1/2	8,000	104	Jan	105 1/2	Feb	
Deb 6s series B.....1941	92 1/4	92 1/4	92 1/4	17,000	89	Jan	92 1/4	Feb	1st lien 5s series B-1950	104 1/4	103 1/4	31,000	102 3/4	Jan	104 1/2	Mar	
Gen Brome Corp conv 6s '40	60 1/2	59 1/2	60 1/2	9,000	58	Jan	61	Feb	North Texas Util 7s-1935	97	95	98	7,000	95	Jan	98 1/4	Feb
Gen Indus Alcoh 6 1/2s '44	83 1/4	83 1/4	85	5,000	29 1/2	Jan	35	Feb	Without warrants.....1967	97	95	98	7,000	95	Jan	98 1/4	Feb
Gen Pub Serv conv 5s-1953	80	80	80	5,000	80	Mar	84	Jan	Ohlo Edison 1st 5s-1960	102 1/4	101 1/4	102 1/4	97,000	99	Jan	102 1/4	Mar
Gen Rayon 6s-1948	48	45 1/4	48	14,000	45	Feb	48 3/4	Jan	Ohlo Power 6s B-1952	102 1/4	102 1/4	13,000	101	Feb	103 1/4	Mar	
Gen Vending Corp- 6s with warrant Aug 15 1937	12	12	12	4,000	10	Jan	14 1/4	Jan	4 1/2s series D-1956	98 1/4	97 1/2	99 1/4	168,000	96	Jan	99 1/4	Mar
Georgia & Fla 6s ser A-1946	10	10	10	5,000	8	Jan	10 1/4	Feb	Okla Gas & Elec 5s-1950	103 1/4	101 1/2	102 1/4	86,000	100	Jan	102 1/4	Mar
Georgia Power ref 5s-1967	101 1/4	100 1/4	101 1/4	102,000	98 1/4	Jan	101 1/4	Jan	Oswego Riv Power 6s-1931	100 1/4	100 1/4	9,000	100	Jan	101 1/2	Feb	
Gestuel deb 6s-1963	82 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	25,000	70 1/4	Jan	84 1/4	Mar	Pac Gas & El 1st 4 1/2s-1957	99	97 1/2	99 1/4	149,000	96 1/4	Feb	99 1/4	Mar
Without warrants.....1963	84	84 1/4	84 1/4	2,000	73	Jan	88 1/4	Mar	1st 6s ser B-1941	111	111 1/4	8,000	109 1/4	Jan	111 1/4	Feb	
Gillette Safety Razor 5s '40	88 1/4	87 1/4	88 1/4	255,800	84	Jan	90 1/4	Jan	1st & ref 5 1/2s C-1952	106	106	106 1/2	41,000	104 1/4	Jan	106 1/4	Mar
Gildden Co 5 1/2s-1935	90	90 1/2	90 1/2	35,000	88	Jan	93	Jan	1st & ref 4 1/2s F-1960	99	97 1/2	99 1/2	303,000	97	Feb	99 1/2	Mar
Gobel (Adolph) 6 1/2s 1935	75	75	78	41,000	74	Jan	82	Feb	Pacific Investment 5s-1948	71 1/4	71 1/4	4,000	70	Feb	75 1/4	Jan	
Grand (F & W) Properties conv deb 6s-Dec 15 1948	71	70 1/2	71	3,000	68	Jan	74	Jan	Without warrants.....1948	71 1/4	71 1/4	4,000	70	Feb	75 1/4	Jan	
Grand Trunk Ry 6 1/2s-1936	108	108	108	4,000	105 1/2	Jan	108	Jan	Pac Pow & Light 5s-1955	98 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2	113,000	95 1/4	Jan	98 1/4	Jan
Gt West Pow (Cal) 5s-1946	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4	1,000	102	Jan	103 1/4	Feb	Pacific Western Oil 6 1/2s '43	80 1/4	81 1/2	9,000	65 1/2	Jan	84 1/4	Jan	
Ground Gripper Shoe 6s '44	25	25	25	12,000	18	Jan	27	Feb	Penn Cent L & P 4 1/2s-1977	94 1/4	93 1/2	95 1/4	43,000	92 1/4	Jan	95 1/4	Mar
Guardian Investors 5s-1948	85 1/4	85 1/4	85 1/4	13,000	84 1/2	Jan	85 1/2	Mar	6s-1979	101	101	2,000	100	Jan	101	Mar	
With warrants.....1967	102	102	102 1/2	41,000	100 1/4	Jan	103	Feb	Penn-Ohio Edison 6s-1950	103	102 1/2	103	33,000	100 1/2	Jan	103 1/4	Jan
Gulf Oil of Pa 6s-1937	103	103	104	41,000	101 1/4	Jan	104	Feb	Without warrants.....1959	100	99	100	26,000	97 1/2	Jan	100	Mar
Sinking fund deb 5s-1947	100 1/4	99 1/4	100 1/4	40,000	96	Feb	101 1/4	Feb	Deb 5 1/2s ser B-1959	80	83	8,000	80	Jan	83	Jan	
Gulf States Util 6s-1956	99 3/4	99 1/4	100 1/4	40,000													

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and date. Includes entries like Staley Mfg Co 1st 6s, Stand Gas & Elec 6s, etc.

Alabama Pow 1st & ref 5s 1956 Mar 4 \$1,000 at 103 3/4. American Solvents & Chemical 6 1/2s; 1936; with warrants; Feb. 5, \$1,000 at 53. Associated Gas & Elec. deb. 4 1/2s, 1949, Jan. 2, \$3,000 at 63.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Franklin T. Birdsall, member of the New York Curb Exchange and for 20 years with E. H. Rollins & Sons, and Monroe F. Hess, formerly of Cowen & Co. have formed a partnership under the firm name of Birdsall & Hess...

* No par value. † Correction. ‡ Sold under the rule. c Sold for cash. s Option sales. † Ex-rights and bonus. w When issued. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

(f) Sales of Associated Laundries com. vot. tr. cfs. reported in the issue of Feb. 28 was an error. Should have been com. stock.

e "Under the rule" sales as follows: Appalachian Elec Pow. 5s 1956, Feb. 16, \$24,000 as 102 1/4 at 103. Consol Gas Utilities, class B v. t. e., Jan. 8, \$100 at 55.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities

Table with multiple columns for stock categories: Public Utility Stocks, Aeronautical Stocks, Chain Store Stocks, Industrial Stocks (Concl.), N. Y. Bank Stocks (Concl.), Trust Companies, and Chicago Bank Stocks. Each entry includes the stock name and its price in Par, Bid, and Ask columns.

*No par value. †Last reported market. ‡New stock. §Ex-dividend. ¶Ex-dividend of \$65. ††Ex-rights.

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Table of financial data with columns: Par, Bid, Ask, and multiple columns of security names and prices. Includes sections for Investment Trusts, Insurance Cos., and Industrial & Railroad Bds.

Quotations for Other Over-the-Counter Securities

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* No par value. † Last reported market. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights.

Foreign Trade of New York—Monthly Statement.

Table with columns: Month, Imports, Exports, and Customs Receipts at New York. Data spans from January to December 1930 and 1929.

Movement of gold and silver for the twelve months:

Table with columns: Month, Imports, Exports, and S'ilver—New York. Data spans from January to December 1930 and 1929.

Current Earnings—Monthly, Quarterly and Half Yearly.

CUMULATIVE INDEX COVERING RETURNS IN PRESENT AND PREVIOUS ISSUE.

Below will be found all returns of earnings, income and profits for current periods, whether monthly, quarterly or half-yearly, that have appeared the present week. It covers all classes of corporate entities, whether railroads, public utilities, industrial concerns or any other class and character of enterprise or undertaking. It is all inclusive in that respect, and hence constitutes an invaluable record.

The accompanying index, however, is not confined to the returns which have come to hand the present week. It includes returns published by us in our issue of Feb. 28, Feb. 21 and also some of those given in the issue of Feb. 14. The object of this index is to supplement the information contained in our "Monthly Earnings Record," which has been enlarged so as to embrace quarterly and semi-annual statements as well as monthly reports. The "Monthly Earnings Record" was absolutely complete up to the date of issue, Feb. 13, embracing every monthly, semi-annual and quarterly report which was available at the time of going to press.

The index now given shows the statements that have become available in the interval since then. The figures in most cases are merely for a month later, but there are also not a few instances of additions to the list, representing companies which had not yet made up their returns when the February number of the "Monthly Earnings Record" was issued.

We mean to continue giving this current index in the "Chronicle" each week, furnishing a reference to every return that has appeared since the last preceding number of the "Monthly Earnings Record." The latter is complete in and by itself, and for most persons will answer all purposes. But to those persons who are desirous of seeing the record brought down to date every week, this further and supplementary index in the "Chronicle" will furnish an invaluable addition. The "Chronicle" index in conjunction with the "Monthly Earnings Record" will enable any one at a glance to find the very latest figures of current earnings and income, furnishing a cumulative record brought down to date each and every week—an absolutely unique service. A further valuable feature is that at the end of every return, both in the "Chronicle" and the "Monthly Earnings Record," there is a reference line showing by date and page number the issue of the "Chronicle" where the latest complete annual report of the company was published.

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J. D. Adams Mfg. Co.	Feb. 28 1629		Community Power & Light Co.	Feb. 21 1397		Illinois Power Co.	Feb. 28 1601	
Adams Mills Corp.	Mar. 7 1801		Concord Electric Co.	Mar. 7 1795		Indiana Service Corp.	Mar. 7 1796	
Aetna Rubber Co.	Mar. 7 1801		Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y.	Feb. 28 1607		Interborough Rapid Transit Co.	Feb. 28 1601	
Ahumada Lead Co.	Feb. 28 1629		Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore	Mar. 7 1795		International Harvester Co.	Feb. 28 1606	
Air Way Electric Appliance Co.	Mar. 7 1801		Consumers Company	Mar. 7 1807		International Railway	Feb. 28 1617	
Akron Canton & Youngstown Ry.	Feb. 28 1613		Consumers Power Co.	Feb. 28 1600		International Salt Co.	Mar. 7 1816	
Alabama Power Co.	Feb. 28 1599		Continental-Diamond Fibre Co.	Mar. 7 1783		International Silver Co.	Mar. 7 1816	
Aldred Investment Corp.	Mar. 7 1802		Continental Shares Inc.	Feb. 28 1611		Interstate Public Service Co.	Mar. 7 1797	
Allegheny Steel Co.	Feb. 28 1621		Crane Co.	Mar. 7 1808		Intertype Corp.	Feb. 28 1629	
Amalgamated Leather Cos.	Mar. 7 1802		Cream of Wheat Corp.	Mar. 7 1808		Irving Investors Management Co.	Mar. 7 1816	
American Can Co.	Feb. 28 1621		Dallas Power & Light Co.	Feb. 21 1397		Jackson & Curtis Securities	Feb. 28 1629	
American Cigar Co.	Mar. 7 1803		Dartmouth Mfg. Co.	Feb. 28 1625		Jacksonville Traction Co.	Mar. 7 1784	
American Colortype Co.	Feb. 28 1621		Davenport Hosiery Mills Inc.	Feb. 28 1625		Johns-Manville Corp.	Mar. 7 1817	
American Commercial Alcohol, Inc.	Feb. 21 1397		Delaware Lackawanna RR.	Feb. 28 1605		(Mead) Johnson & Co.	Mar. 7 1817	
American Commonwealth Power Co.	Mar. 7 1783		Denver & Rio Grande Western Ry.	Feb. 28 1603		Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.	Mar. 7 1817	
American Corp.	Feb. 28 1599		Derby Oil & Refining Co.	Feb. 28 1625		Kansas City Power & Light Co.	Feb. 28 1601	
American Equities	Feb. 28 1621		Detroit Edison Co.	Feb. 21 1397		Kansas City Southern Ry.	Feb. 21 1400	
American & Foreign Power	Feb. 14 1213		Detroit Street Rys.	Feb. 21 1397		Kansas Gas & Electric Co.	Mar. 7 1784	
American Fruit Growers, Inc.	Feb. 28 1599		Diamond Shoe Corp.	Mar. 7 1809		Kaufmann Department Stores	Mar. 7 1817	
American Furniture Mart.	Feb. 28 1621		Diesel-Wemmer Gilbert Corp.	Mar. 7 1809		Kelly-Springfield Tire Co.	Feb. 28 1612	
American Hawaiian S. S. Co.	Mar. 7 1803		Doehler Die Casting Co.	Mar. 7 1809		Lawson Corp.	Mar. 7 1818	
Amer. La France & Foamite Corp.	Feb. 28 1621		Douglas Aircraft Co.	Feb. 28 1625		Lehigh Valley Coal Corp.	Feb. 28 1629	
American Locomotive Co.	Feb. 28 1608		Eastern Hosiery Mills	Mar. 7 1809		Loft, Inc.	Feb. 28 1601	
American News Co., Inc.	Mar. 7 1789		Eagle-Picher Lead Co.	Mar. 7 1809		Lone Star Gas Corp.	Feb. 14 1214	
American Safety Razor Corp.	Feb. 28 1622		Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry.	Mar. 7 1795		Louisiana Power & Light Co.	Feb. 21 1398	
American Smelting & Refining Co.	Mar. 7 1789		Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.	Mar. 7 1783		Ludlum Steel Co.	Mar. 7 1818	
American Stores Corp.	Mar. 7 1804		Eastern Texas Electric Co. (Del.)	Mar. 7 1795		McCord Radiator & Mfg. Co.	Mar. 7 1818	
American Telegraph & Teleg. Co.	Mar. 7 1789		Eastern Utilities Assoc.	Mar. 7 1783		McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.	Mar. 7 1819	
American Utilities & General	Feb. 28 1622		Eaton Axle & Spring Co.	Feb. 28 1626		Mackay Cos.	Feb. 28 1601	
American Water Wks. & El. Co., Inc.	Mar. 7 1783		Edmonton Radial Ry.	Feb. 28 1600		Mahoning Coal RR.	Feb. 28 1604	
Ann Arbor	Feb. 28 1603		Electric Controller & Mfg. Co.	Mar. 7 1810		Maine Central RR.	Feb. 28 1604	
Armstrong Corp. Co. & Subs.	Mar. 7 1804		Electric Power & Light Co.	Mar. 7 1796		(H. R.) Mallinson & Co., Inc.	Mar. 7 1819	
Arundel Corp.	Mar. 7 1804		Electric Storage Battery Co.	Mar. 7 1810		Manhattan-Dearborn Corp.	Mar. 7 1819	
Asbestos Corp., Ltd.	Mar. 7 1804		El Paso Electric Co.	Mar. 7 1796		Market Street Ry.	Feb. 21 1398	
Associated Oil Co.	Mar. 7 1791		Engineers Public Service Co.	Mar. 7 1784		Melville Shoe Corp.	Mar. 7 1820	
Associated Gas & Electric Co.	Mar. 7 1783		Erle RR, Co.	Feb. 28 1604		Memphis Power & Light Co.	Mar. 7 1784	
Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Sys.	Feb. 28 1603		Evans Auto Loading Co. Inc.	Mar. 7 1811		Mengel Company	Mar. 7 1784	
Atlantic Gulf & W. Indies S.S. Lines.	Feb. 28 1600		Exeter & Hampton Electric Co.	Mar. 7 1796		Metro Goldwyn Pictures Corp.	Feb. 21 1398	
Atlantic Refining Co.	Feb. 28 1611		Exchange Buffet Corp.	Feb. 28 1600		Midvale Co.	Feb. 28 1629	
Atlas Plywood Corp.	Feb. 28 1600		Fairbanks Co.	Mar. 7 1811		Minnesota Power & Light Co.	Mar. 7 1784	
Autocar Co.	Feb. 28 1608		Fall River Gas Works Co.	Mar. 7 1783		Mississippi Power Co.	Feb. 28 1601	
Babcock & Wilcox Co.	Mar. 7 1804		Federal Light & Traction Co.	Mar. 7 1784		Mississippi Power & Light Co.	Feb. 21 1398	
Baltimore & Ohio RR. Co.	Mar. 7 1788		Federal Mining & Smelting Co.	Mar. 7 1811		Missouri-Kansas Texas Lines.	Feb. 28 1604	
Bangor & Aroostook RR. Co.	Mar. 7 1786		Federal Screw Works	Mar. 7 1811		Mobile & Ohio RR.	Feb. 28 1614	
Bangor Hydro Elec Co.	Mar. 7 1783		(Marshall) Field & Co.	Feb. 28 1626		Motor Wheel Corp.	Mar. 7 1820	
Barnet Leather Co.	Mar. 7 1805		First National Stores	Feb. 21 1398		Murray Corp. of America	Feb. 28 1630	
Barnsdall Corp.	Mar. 7 1788		Freeport Gas & Electric Light Co.	Mar. 7 1796		(F. E.) Myers & Bro	Feb. 28 1601	
Baton Rouge Electric Co.	Mar. 7 1794		Gabriel Company	Feb. 28 1612		National Acme Co.	Mar. 7 1821	
Bearings Co. of America	Feb. 28 1623		(Robert) Gair Co.	Mar. 7 1812		National Lead Co.	Feb. 28 1610	
Beech-Nut Packing Co.	Mar. 7 1805		Galveston Elec. Co.	Mar. 7 1784		National Tea Co.	Mar. 7 1821	
Bell Telephone Co. of Canada	Feb. 28 1615		Galveston-Houston Elec. Co.	Mar. 7 1784		Neptune Meter Co.	Mar. 7 1821	
Birmingham Electric Co.	Mar. 7 1783		Galveston-Houston Elec. Ry. Co.	Mar. 7 1784		(The) Nevada-Calif. Electric Corp.	Mar. 7 1821	
Blackstone Valley Gas & Elec. Co.	Mar. 7 1783		General Cable Corp.	Mar. 7 1812		Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.	Feb. 21 1398	
Butte & Superior Mining Co.	Feb. 28 1606		Georgia & Florida RR.	Mar. 7 1787		Newport Co.	Mar. 7 1822	
(Sidney) Blumenthal & Co.	Feb. 28 1623		Georgia Power Co.	Feb. 28 1601		New York Central RR.	Feb. 21 1400	
Bon Ami Co.	Feb. 28 1623		(Adolph) Gobel, Inc.	Feb. 28 1601		New York Investors, Inc.	Feb. 28 1822	
Borden Co.	Feb. 28 1606		Gold Dust Corp.	Mar. 7 1813		New York New Haven & Hartford	Feb. 28 1604	
Boston Elevated Ry.	Feb. 28 1600		Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	Mar. 7 1813		New York Ontario & Western Ry.	Feb. 28 1604	
Boston & Maine RR.	Feb. 28 1600		Gould Coupler Co.	Feb. 21 1397		New York Steam Corp.	Mar. 7 1797	
Brazilian Trac., Lt. & Pr. Co., Ltd.	Feb. 28 1600		Grand Rapids RR.	Feb. 28 1609		New York Telephone Co.	Mar. 7 1791	
Briggs & Stratton Corp.	Mar. 7 1806		Grand Union Co.	Mar. 7 1814		New York Westchester & Boston Ry.	Feb. 28 1602	
Brockton Gas Light Co.	Mar. 7 1794		Green Bay & Western RR. Co.	Mar. 7 1791		Noblitt Sparks Industries	Feb. 28 1604	
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Sys.	Feb. 28 1600		Greif Bros. Co. operation Corp.	Mar. 7 1784		Norfolk & Western Ry. Co.	Feb. 28 1604	
Buckley Pipe Line Co.	Feb. 28 1624		(Rud.) Guenther-Russell Law, Inc.	Mar. 7 1814		North Boston Lighting Properties	Mar. 7 1798	
Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.	Mar. 7 1783		Gulf Coast Lines	Mar. 7 1787		North American Cement Corp.	Mar. 7 1785	
Burroughs Adding Machine Co.	Mar. 7 1806		Gulf Power Co.	Feb. 28 1601		Ohio Bell Telephone Co.	Mar. 7 1798	
(J. I.) Case Co.	Mar. 7 1807		Harnischfeger Corp.	Mar. 7 1815		Ohio Edison Co.	Feb. 28 1602	
Cabot Mfg. Co.	Feb. 28 1624		Hathaway Bakeries Inc.	Mar. 7 1815		Ohio Public Service Co.	Mar. 7 1798	
Canada Iron Foundries	Feb. 28 1624		Hayes Body Corp.	Mar. 7 1815		Oppenheim, Collins & Co.	Feb. 28 1601	
Canadian National Rys.	Mar. 7 1786		Hazel Atlas Glass Co.	Mar. 7 1815		Orange & Rockland	Feb. 28 1602	
Canadian Pacific Ry.	Mar. 7 1783		Hclla Mining Co.	Mar. 7 1815		Pacific Finance Corp.	Mar. 7 1823	
Canadian Western Nat. Gas Light Heat & Co.	Feb. 28 1615		Holland Furnace Co.	Mar. 7 1815		Pacific Steamship Co.	Mar. 7 1823	
Capital Traction Co.	Feb. 28 1616		Honolulu Oil Corp. (& Subs.)	Mar. 7 1815		Pacific Telephone & Telegraph	Feb. 28 1618	
Central Arizona Light & Power Co.	Mar. 7 1783		Honolulu Rapid Transit Co., Ltd.	Feb. 28 1601		Park Utah Consolidated Mines Co.	Mar. 7 1823	
Central Illinois Light Co.	Feb. 28 1606		Hoover Steel Ball Co.	Mar. 7 1816		Penick & Ford, Ltd.	Mar. 7 1823	
Central Illinois Public Service	Feb. 28 1616		(Geo. A.) Hormel & Co.	Mar. 7 1816		(J. C.) Penny Co.	Mar. 7 1823	
Central Vermont Ry.	Feb. 21 1399		Houston Elec. Co.	Mar. 7 1815		Pennsylvania Gas & El. Co. (& Subs.)	Mar. 7 1798	
Century Ribbons Mills Co.	Feb. 28 1624		Houston Lighting & Power Co.	Mar. 7 1784		Pennsylvania Ohio Detroit RR.	Feb. 28 1614	
Cespedes Sugar Co.	Feb. 28 1624		Houston Oil Co. of Texas	Feb. 28 1627		Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.	Mar. 7 1784	
Chain Belt Co.	Feb. 28 1624		Howe Sound Co.	Feb. 28 1628		Pere Marquette Ry. Regional System	Feb. 28 1604	
Chesapeake & Potomac Teleph. Co.	Mar. 7 1794		Hudson Coal Co.	Feb. 28 1628		Pere Marquette Ry.	Feb. 21 1400	
Chicago North Shore & Milw. RR.	Feb. 28 1616		Hudson & Manhattan RR.	Feb. 21 1398		Philadelphia Electric Co.	Mar. 7 1799	
Chicago Railway Equipment Co.	Feb. 28 1625		Hupp Motor Car Corp.	Feb. 28 1628		Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.	Mar. 7 1799	
Chicago South Shore & South Bend	Feb. 28 1616		Idaho Power Co.	Feb. 21 1398		(The) Philippine Ry. Co.	Mar. 7 1787	
Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.	Mar. 7 1795		Illinois Northern Utilities	Feb. 28 1617		Phillips-Jones Corp.	Feb. 28 1631	
Cincinnati Union Stock Yards	Feb. 28 1625		Illinois Power & Light Co.	Feb. 21 1398		Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR.	Feb. 21 1400	
Cities Service Co.	Feb. 21 1397		Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada	Feb. 28 1628		Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry. Co.	Feb. 28 1604	
Claude Neon Electrical Products	Mar. 7 1807		Indiana Harbor Belt RR.	Feb. 21 1400		Ponce Electric Co.	Mar. 7 1799	
Coast Counties Gas & Elec. Co.	Mar. 7 1795		Indiana Hydro Electric Power	Feb. 28 1617		Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp.	Mar. 7 1799	
Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co.	Mar. 7 1807					Powdrell & Alexander Inc.	Mar. 7 1824	
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Table listing various companies, their financial issues, and publication details. Columns include Name of Company, Issue of Chronicle, When Published, Page, and Issue of Chronicle.

American Commonwealths Power Corp. (And Affiliated Companies)

Financial statement for American Commonwealths Power Corp. showing 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 with columns for 1930 and 1929. Includes Gross revenues, Oper. exps., Annual dividend, and Balance available.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc. (and Subsidiary Companies)

Financial statement for American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc. showing Month of January and 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31 for 1931 and 1930. Includes Gross earnings, Oper. exp., Net Income, and Balance.

Arundel Corporation.

Financial statement for Arundel Corporation showing Month of January and 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31 for 1931 and 1930. Includes Net profit after depreciation & taxes.

Associated Gas & Electric Co. System.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings and Expenses of Properties Since Dates of Acquisition (Actual). Shows 12 Months Ended Dec. 31 with columns for 1930, 1929, and Increase/Decrease.

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.

Financial statement for Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. showing Month of January and 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31 for 1931 and 1930. Includes Gross earnings, Oper. exps., Net Income, and Balance.

Birmingham Electric Co. (National Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Financial statement for Birmingham Electric Co. showing Month of December and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31 for 1930 and 1929. Includes Gross earnings, Oper. expenses, Net earnings, Total income, and Balance.

Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co.

Financial statement for Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co. showing Month of January and 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31 for 1931 and 1930. Includes Gross, Net operating revenue, and Surplus after charges.

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co. Earnings for Month of January 1931.

Financial statement for Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co. showing Net income after taxes, but before depreciation and depletion.

Canadian Pacific Ry.

Financial statement for Canadian Pacific Ry. showing Month of January and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31 for 1931, 1930, and 1929. Includes Gross earnings, Working expenses, Net profits, and Kettle Valley now included.

Central Arizona Light & Power Co. (American Power & Light Co. Sub.)

Financial statement for Central Arizona Light & Power Co. showing Month of December and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31 for 1930, 1929, and 1931. Includes Gross earnings, Oper. exp. and taxes, Net earn. from oper., Total income, and Balance.

Continental-Diamond Fibre Co. (Exclusive of European Subsidiaries.)

Financial statement for Continental-Diamond Fibre Co. showing Period End. Dec. 31 for 1930-3 Mos., 1929, and 1930-12 Mos., 1929. Includes Net inc. after deprec., taxes, &c., Shs. com. stk. outstg., and Earnings per share.

Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.

Financial statement for Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc. showing Month of January and 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31 for 1931, 1930, and 1929. Includes Operating revenue, Operating expense, Operating deficit, Other income, and Net deficit.

Eastern Utilities Associates.

Financial statement for Eastern Utilities Associates showing Month of January and 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31 for 1931, 1930, and 1929. Includes January gross, Net oper. revenue, and Surplus after charges.

Fall River Gas Works Co.

Financial statement for Fall River Gas Works Co. showing Month of January and 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31 for 1930, 1929, and 1931. Includes Gross, Net operating revenue, and Surplus after charges.

Engineers Public Service Co. (And Constituent Companies.)

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Depreciation of equip., Taxes, Net oper. revenue, Inc. from other sources, Balance, Interest and amortiz., Divs. on pref. stock of constit. cos. (accrued), Balance, Divs. on pref. stock of constit. cos. (accrued), Balance, Amount applic. to com. stock of constituent cos. in hands of public, Balance applic. to reserves and to engineers Public Service Co., CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS STATEMENT, Prior earned surplus, Balance after interest and amortization, Total, Retirement reserve*, Balance, Net direct charges, Balance, Dividends paid or declared, Constituent companies—preferred, Constituent companies—common, Engineers Public Service Co.: Preferred, Common cash, Common stock, Earned surplus.

* Amount set aside by the Directors of Constituent Companies during the twelve months period. Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 8 '30, p. 972, and Feb. 28 '31, p. 1605.

Federal Light & Traction Co. (And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Total income, Fed. inc. & profits tax (estimated), Net income from oper., Interest and discount, Net income, Preferred stock dividends, Central Arkansas Public Service Corp., New Mexico Power Co., Springfield Gas & Electric Co., Balance after charges.

Galveston Electric Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross, Net oper. revenue, Surplus after charges.

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges.

Galveston-Houston Electric Railway Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges.

Greif Bros. Cooperaage Corp. (And Subsidiaries)

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Manufacturing profit after deducting materials used, labor, manufacturing expense and depletion, Depreciation, Selling, general & administrative expense, Interest on gold notes, Other interest charges, Balance, Dividends received, Interest earned, Sundry income—net, Net profit before Federal taxes, Provision for estimated Federal taxes, Net profit, Balance—Oct. 31 1930, Total surplus, Dividends paid on class A common stock, Balance, January 31 1931.

Houston Electric Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges.

Jacksonville Traction Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross, Net operating revenue, Deficit after charges.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 7 '31, p. 1030

Houston Lighting & Power Co. (National Power & Light Co. Sub.)

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross earn. from oper., Oper. expenses and taxes, Net earn. from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. and deduct., Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

Kansas Gas & Electric Co. (American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross earn. from oper., Oper. exp. and taxes, Net earn. from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. and deduct., Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

Memphis Power & Light Co. (National Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross earn. from oper., Oper. exp. and taxes, Net earn. from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. and deduct., Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle, Apr. 19 '30, p. 2769

Mengel Company. (And Subsidiaries.)

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Net sales, Costs, Depreciation, Interest charges, Misc. items (net), Federal tax, Invest. adjustment, Net loss.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 17 '30, p. 3555

Minnesota Power & Light Co. (American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross earn. from oper., Oper. exp. and taxes, Net earn. from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. and deduct., Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

The Nevada-California Electric Corp. (And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Jan. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross operating earnings, Maintenance, Taxes, Other oper. & gen. exps., Total operating & general expenses & taxes, Operating profits, Non-oper. earn. (net), Total income, Interest, Balance, Depreciation, Balance, Disc. & exp. on secs. sold, Misc. additions & deductions (net cr.), Surplus avail. for red. of bonds, divs., &c.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 15 '30, p. 1115

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. (Lehigh Power Securities Corp. Subsidiary)

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Dec. 31-1931, and 1930. Rows include Gross earnings from oper., Oper. exp. and taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. & deductions, Balance, Dividends on preferred stock, Balance.

Northern Texas Electric Co.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges.

Pullman Company.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Sleeping Car Operations, Total revenues, Net revenue, Operating income.

Railway Express Agency, Inc.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Revenues, Expenses, Operating income.

Sierra Pacific Electric Co.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges.

Southern California Edison Co., Ltd.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross earnings, Expenses, Taxes, Total net income.

Stanley Co. of America.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Consolidated net profit after depreciation, interest, Federal taxes, &c.

(L. S.) Starrett Co.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Sales, Operating profit, Total income, Net income for the period.

Tampa Electric Co.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges.

Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include 9 Months Ended Jan. 31, Earnings per share on 600,000 shares.

U. S. Radio & Television Corp.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Net income after charges and Federal taxes, Earnings per share on 142,705 shs. capital stock (no par).

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 include 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 1 roads in the country.

Table with 6 columns: Month, Gross Earnings 1930, Gross Earnings 1929, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), Length of Road 1930, Length of Road 1929. Rows include January, February, March, etc.

Table with 5 columns: Month, Net Earnings 1930, Net Earnings 1929, Amount, Per Cent. Rows include January, February, March, etc.

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 7 columns: Railroad Name, Gross from Railway 1931, Gross from Railway 1930, Net from Railway 1931, Net from Railway 1930, Net after Taxes 1931, Net after Taxes 1930. Rows include Ann Arbor, Aitch Topeka & Santa Fe, etc.

Georgia & Florida RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Net revenue from oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway revenue, etc.

Gulf Coast Lines.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Railway oper. income.

Philippine Ry.

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross operating revenue, Oper. expenses & taxes, Net revenue, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 26 '30, p. 2950

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual, &c., Reports.—The following is an index to annual and other reports of steam railroads, public utilities, industrial and miscellaneous companies published since and including Feb. 7 1931.

This index, which is given monthly, does not include reports in to-day's "Chronicle," nor monthly, quarterly and half-yearly statements published in the "Current Earnings" section.

Boldface figures indicate reports published at length.

Large index table listing companies and their report pages. Includes Acme Steel Co., Adams (J. D.) Mfg. Co., Affiliated Investors, etc.

Large index table listing companies and their report pages. Includes Federal Metals Corp., Field (Marshall) & Co., Finance Co. of America at Baltimore, etc.

Reading Company.

(33rd Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1930.)

Extracts from the remarks of President Agnew T. Dice, together with income account and comparative balance sheet for the year 1930, will be found in the advertising pages of this issue.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS—YEAR ENDED DEC. 31.

Table with columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927, 19139 and rows for Average miles operated, Number of tons of mdse., freight carried, etc.

RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEAR.

Large table with columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927 and rows for Ry. Oper. Revenues, Coal, Merchandise, Passenger, etc.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for years 1930 and 1929, and rows for Assets (Invested in road, Imps. on leased, etc.) and Liabilities (1st pref. stock, 2nd pref. stock, etc.).

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co.

(Preliminary Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1930.)

The remarks of President Daniel Willard, together with condensed income account and balance sheet, will be found in the advertising pages of this issue.

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927 and rows for Rev. freight (tons), Rev. tons one mile, Rev. per ton mile, etc.

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927 and rows for Rev. from frt. transp'n, Rev. fr. pass. transporta., Rev. from mail, express, etc.

Table with columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927 and rows for Total ry. oper. exp., Transportation ratio, Total operating ratio, etc.

COMPARATIVE CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Table with columns for years 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927 and rows for Assets (Invest. in prop. used in transportation, Inv. in sep. oper. cos., etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Com. stock, etc.).

Barnsdall Corporation (and Subsidiary Cos.).

(12th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1930.)

M. C. Brush, Chairman, and E. B. Reeser, President, state in part:

Operations.—Operations of corporation and subsidiaries in the production of crude oil, gas, casinghead gasoline were limited, due to over-production in the entire industry and curtailment programs carried out in the various states in which Barnsdall operates.

Drilling of new wells was restricted to only those necessary to protect interests in expiring leases or prevent drainage by adjoining operations. The refining branch of the entire industry throughout the year was on a very unsatisfactory basis as to operations, overproduction and price. Prices reached the lowest levels in many years. Barnsdall's refinery operations were restricted and consequently much less efficient than if operated at capacity.

Realizing the importance of balancing and improving its operations, the corporation spent more than \$1,000,000 in enlarging and modernizing refineries. These improvements were not completed until December; consequently the benefits were not reflected in 1930 operations.

Remarkable progress has been made during the year in securing permanent markets for the output of the Corporation's refineries. Barnsdall products are distributed under its own name through 2,191 bulk and service station outlets, an increase over 1929 of 1,598 stations, or 27%.

Barnsdall is distributing its products in 15 states as compared with six states in 1929. These additional outlets were acquired during 1930 through the purchase of substantial interests in MonaMotor Oil Co. of Council Bluffs, Ia; O'Neil Oil Co., of Wis.; Petroleum Products Co., of Minneapolis; Advance Oil Co., of Chicago; Beacon Oil Co. of Indiana; and through contracts with numerous distributors who handle Barnsdall products under the Barnsdall trade-mark.

This large expansion required the corporation to enter upon an intensive advertising campaign in newspapers, over the radio, installation of highway signs, &c., and necessitated repainting of stations, globes, highway signs &c. Of the large amount expended, \$352,661 represents expenditures which have been deferred as applicable to future sales.

To further strengthen the operations of the corporation, the Great Lakes Pipe Line Co. was organized by a group of oil companies to construct and operate a pipe line for the transportation of gasoline from refineries to

metal content of the reservoir is known as normal stock. Variations in the price of the normal stock are as immaterial from year to year as are variations in the price of the land upon which a plant is situated, for the reason that it will only be at the end of the company's activities that such variations will be of any practical consequence.

At the close of each calendar year, the normal stock is valued at cost or market, whichever is lower, and the metal stock reserve account debited or credited with the difference between the so adjusted value and the value as per books before adjustment.

Based upon the experience up to and including 1929, the four metals (silver, copper, lead and zinc) had been protected through the metal stock reserve account against what was believed to be any drastic fall in price.

A stock of the three metals, copper, lead and zinc, but not of silver, in excess of that necessary for operation (called normal stock as above described) was also accumulated during the year, as is usually inevitable in times of very rapidly falling prices.

Financial Condition.—Company remains in excellent financial condition. Total current and miscellaneous assets on Dec. 31 stand at \$87,013,298, or 5.35 times current and miscellaneous liabilities of \$16,275,985.

There was on hand at the end of the year, in cash and U. S. Government bonds and notes, \$24,932,506. Company is not a borrower from any bank or institution.

Acquisitions.—Company continues to be active in the acquisition of new properties and during the year acquired a substantial interest in the Mining Trust Ltd., which has approximately 75% of the stock of Mount Isa Mines Ltd., owning a lead mine in Australia which in tonnage and value of ore reserves is the most important lead property discovered during the last 15 years.

Company has also materially increased its holdings in General Cable Corp. and Revere Copper & Brass Inc.

It has been active in the investigation of new mining properties, several of which, now under investigation, afford considerable promise.

During the year the new zinc smelter at Rosita, Mexico, was started in operation and promises well. The new Mercury refinery, started in late 1929, more than realized, in the first full year of operation, our estimated outcome.

Consolidated Income and Profit & Loss Surplus Account.

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1930, 1929, 1928, 1927) and rows for Net earnings, Other income, Total net earnings, General & admin. exp., Research & exam. exp., Corporate taxes, Int. on ser. 'A' & 'B' 5% bds., Deprec. & obsolescence, Ore depletion, Net income, Preferred dividends, 2nd pref. divs., Common dividends, Surplus for period, Previous surplus, Total surplus, Reserve for, Extra. obso. cont., &c., Mine & new bus. invs., Employees' pension, Metal stock, Profit & loss, surplus, Shares com. stock outstanding, Earnings per share, a Incl. estimated U. S. and Mexican income taxes, y Giving effect to 3-for-1 split-up.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (INCLUDING SUB. COS.)

Table with columns for 1930, 1929 and rows for Assets (Property, Investments, Prep. tax. & ins., Def. notes rec., In-plant assets, Cash, Cash on dep., Call loans, U. S. and Can. Govt. sec., Accts. & notes rec., Maters. & sup., Metal stocks, Employees' pension fund) and Liabilities (Pref. stock, 2nd pref. stock, Common stock, Bds. outstanding, 1st M 'A', Accts., notes, &c. payable, Int. on bonds, Divs. payable, Acct. tax. not due, Res. for obso. cont., &c., Res. for mine & new business investing, Due holders of B bonds, Empl. pen. res., Res. for met. stk, Misc. susp. cred. accounts, Surplus).

Total-----237,165,597 241,067,856 x Represented by 1,825,845 no par shares, and 1,365 shares of \$100 par value. When the exchange of no par shares for \$100 par shares has been completed there will be 1,829,940 no par shares outstanding.—V. 131, p. 2382.

The Studebaker Corporation, South Bend, Ind.

(20th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1930.)

President A. R. Erskine, South Bend, Ind., March 6 wrote in part:

Last year was a very poor one for profit making in the automobile industry. An overly optimistic production in the earlier months, falling to find a ready spring and summer demand, had to be liquidated at cut prices, and following this, came the worst fourth quarter the industry had experienced in many years.

From a commercial or competitive standpoint, much shifting of position occurred last year but fortunately both Studebaker and Pierce-Arrow cars emerged with gains to their credit. Studebaker registrations at the close of the year showed it had gained fifth position in competitive rank, by makes, from twelfth position in 1929. As unit standing is determined measurable by prices, because low prices produce big sales, Studebaker cannot hope to outrank popular low priced cars in unit sales. In dollar volume lies a truer measure of effectiveness and Studebaker is now fourth in this respect.

The net sales of the consolidated companies in 1930 amounted to \$86,083,939.95, as compared with \$145,303,833 the previous year, a decrease of 40.8%, and the net profits, after increased depreciation reserves, were \$1,540,202, as against \$11,918,261, a decrease of 87.1%. After reserves for the Pierce-Arrow Class A minority stockholders' interest, and after deducting the preferred dividends paid on the Studebaker and Pierce-Arrow preferred stocks, there remained \$527,715 net profits of 1930 applicable to Studebaker common stock, or 27 cents per share, as against \$5.53 the year before.

The directors declared dividends on the common stock amounting to \$7,355,298 or \$3.75 per share out of surplus profits of previous years. On Jan. 27 1931, they reduced the dividend rate to \$1.20 per annum and declared 30 cents for the first quarter.

We held out Studebaker production below demand all year, producing 4,000 cars less than sales, and reduced our combined inventories over \$8,000,000.

The corporation made the following progressive moves last year: 1. It signaled its seventy-eighth year as the world's oldest manufacturer of individual transportation vehicles by introducing to the world, for the first time, free wheeling under positive gear control, which has since been adopted by Lincoln, Pierce-Arrow, and Hupmobile as standard equipment and bids fair to revolutionize the industry in America and abroad.

2. It refitted and developed its new line of Studebaker passenger cars, in the price range from \$795 to \$2,600, which are the best in quality and performance that have ever borne the Studebaker trade name.

3. It put on the market a new line of Studebaker trucks and commercial cars, ranging in price from \$695 to \$4,375.

4. It improved and refined the present new line of Pierce-Arrow passenger cars, which range in price from \$2,685 to \$10,000, and which also are the best cars in quality and performance that have ever borne the Pierce-Arrow trade name.

5. It put on the market a new line of six cylinder heavy duty Pierce-Arrow truck chassis, priced from \$2,950 to \$7,000 at the factory.

6. It amortized, under the provisions of the charter, 2,200 shares of Studebaker preferred and 3,500 shares of Pierce-Arrow preferred stock and thereby increased the equities of the respective common stockholders. It purchased in the open market 15,400 shares of Pierce-Arrow Class A stock which will increase Studebaker's share of Pierce-Arrow net profits, after deduction of its preferred dividends, to 91.96%.

7. It effected economies in men and methods which will enable it to make approximately \$4,000,000 of net profits in 1931 upon the same volume of business as last year, providing existing prices are not measurably decreased.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927 and rows for Number of vehicles sold, Net sales, Net earnings, Reserves for depreciation, Charges to repairs and replacements, Balance of earnings, Interest received, Total income, Debenture premium and expenses, Reserves for income taxes, Net profits for year, Minority stockholders, interest in Pierce-Arrow class A stock, Dividends paid on Studebaker Corp. pref. stock, Dividends paid on Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. preferred stock, Balance net profits applicable to Studebaker common stock, Surplus account Jan. 1, Disc. on Pierce pref. stock red, Total surplus, Dividends paid on Studebaker Corp., common stock (\$5), Appropriation for stock div. Studebaker Corp., Appropriation to reduce the cost of Studebaker Corp.'s invest. in the Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. to book value, Losses and expense incidental to centralizing factory operations at South Bend, Adj. of 56,368 shs. treas. com. stk. to basis of capital value, Approp. to further reduce book value of Detroit plants and property not presently used in mfg. operat., a Surplus account, Dec. 31, Earnings per share com. stk. outstand, b Includes special surplus of

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with columns for 1930, 1929 and rows for Assets (Cash, Sight drafts and accept. outstg. domes. & for., Investments, Notes and accts. receivable, Inventories, Deferred charges, Branch house rl. estate & leaseholds & prop. not presently used in mfg. operations, Studebaker com. & pref. stock, & Pierce-Arrow pref. st. incl. that held for empl. and retirement, RI. estate contr. rec. & home sites held for sale to employees, Mfg. plants & prop. at South Bend, Ind.; Buffalo, N. Y. & Walkerville, Ont., Trade name, goodwill and patent rights) and Liabilities (Notes Payable, Pierce-Arrow Accts. payable, Dep. on sales contracts, Sundry creditors & res., incl. accrued pay-rolls, Reserves for U. S. & Canadian inc. taxes, Purch. money oblig. Pierce-Arrow, Minority stockholders' int. in Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co., 7% cum. pref. stk., Common stock, Surplus).

Total-----119,903,897 134,207,323 a After reserve for doubtful accounts of \$251,279. b After reserve for depreciation of \$5,556,307. c After reserves for depreciation of \$16,796,091. d Represented by 1,905,045 no par shares. e Includes special surplus of \$7,695,000. f Includes common stock held for employees.—V. 132, p. 871.

Associated Oil Co. and Subsidiary Cos.
(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1930.)

COMPARATIVE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31.

	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
xTotal volume of business done.....	\$49,984,577	\$65,269,908	\$72,815,785	\$74,468,799
yTotal expenses.....	33,426,208	45,596,372	59,041,481	65,380,035
Operating income.....	\$16,558,369	\$19,673,536	\$13,774,304	\$9,088,764
Other income.....	448,814	683,391	686,516	605,250
Total income.....	\$17,007,183	\$20,356,926	\$14,460,820	\$9,694,014
Int., disc. & premium on funded debt.....	882,884	1,040,857	1,201,274	1,361,358
Deprec. & dep. charged off.....	5,160,435	5,313,819	5,203,187	4,804,696
Est. Federal income tax.....	161,131	473,719	465,612	-----
Cancelled leases, &c.....	3,587,447	4,587,832	-----	-----
Net income.....	\$7,215,255	\$8,940,700	\$7,590,748	\$3,527,960
Surplus at beg. of year.....	32,681,671	28,903,307	27,599,829	28,317,382
Transfer from reserve for conting.....	-----	-----	600,133	-----
Gross surplus.....	\$39,896,956	\$37,844,007	\$35,790,710	\$31,845,341
Net adjustment applic. to prior periods.....	925,020	183,367	675,569	Cr.2,167,641
Approp. for fire losses & other conting.....	303,883	338,144	1,631,010	-----
Dividends paid.....	4,580,824	4,580,824	4,580,824	6,413,154
Unapprop. surplus.....	\$34,187,229	\$32,681,671	\$28,903,307	\$27,599,828
Earns. per sh. on 2,290,412 shs. cap. stk. (par \$25).....	\$3.15	\$3.90	\$3.31	\$1.54

x Total volume of business done by Associated Oil Co. and its subsidiaries as represented by their combined gross sales and earnings, exclusive of inter-company sales and transactions. y Total expenses incident to operations, including repairs, maintenance, administrative, insurance, and other charges (exclusive of depreciation, depletion, development expense, loss on retirement of physical properties, and Federal income tax).

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Fixed assets.....	\$73,526,507	\$76,823,696	Capital stock.....	\$7,260,300
Inv. in cos. affil.....	6,101,952	6,591,133	Funded debt.....	11,869,000
Other investm'ts.....	5,155,953	3,783,970	Accts. payable.....	2,247,489
Invested res. id.....	1,583,037	1,379,154	Notes payable.....	1,000,000
Due fr. affil. eos.....	639,774	866,320	Due affil. cos.....	1,885,092
Cash.....	2,385,470	4,126,035	Wages, int. & misc accts. paym.....	1,039,657
Notes & accts receivable.....	4,206,218	4,757,462	Fed. tax (est.).....	1,479,762
Mater. & sup.....	1,356,712	1,469,583	Deferred liab'ty.....	408,552
Merchandise.....	20,619,470	16,898,246	Res. for conting.....	2,233,037
Def. & unadjus.....	1,611,942	1,697,889	Prem. on cap.stk.....	3,578,917
			Surplus.....	34,187,229
Total.....	\$117,187,038	\$118,393,489	Total.....	\$117,187,038

x After reserves for depreciation and depletion of \$55,699,961.—V. 131, p. 3534.

New York Telephone Company.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1930.)

President J. S. McCulloh, New York, March 2, wrote in substance:

The year 1930 was one of definite progress in serving company's customers and in preparing for the requirements of the future. Advances in the quality, dependability and scope of the service accompanied the program of additions and improvements. Gross expenditures for construction purposes totaled \$98,179,817.

Telephone growth was temporarily checked by the unfavorable economic conditions. The total telephones in service at the end of 1930 was 2,622,658. 708,931 stations were installed and 727,071 were disconnected. 3,680 were added through consolidation and purchase, giving a net decrease in company stations of 14,460. However, the total number of stations in service was 151,993 higher than at the beginning of 1929 and nearly 600,000 above five years ago. The general business recession was also reflected in the volume of local telephone traffic although the average daily total held above 12,000,000 calls reached and passed for the first time in 1929.

The principal expenditures in 1930 for plant additions, betterments and replacements were divided as follows: Land and buildings, \$13,993,549; central office equipment, \$26,077,376; subscribers' equipment, \$27,821,368; exchange lines, \$18,707,409; toll lines, \$10,127,248. These expenditures, expenditures extended with benefit to many fields of employment and production.

Thirteen new buildings and additions to 9 others were completed in 1930, increasing the aggregate floor space in company-owned buildings

by 1,263,000 square feet to a total of more than 9,000,000. The company now owns 220 buildings and occupies leased quarters in 340 others.

The completions include two new structures, one of 19 stories and one of 16, and large additions to two others, in N. Y. City; a 7-story headquarters building for Nassau and Suffolk counties at Hempstead, L. I.; a 9-story extension of the Walker-Lispenard building in N. Y. City.

The exchange wire system was increased by 595,323 miles and the toll system by 284,151 bringing the aggregate wire mileage to approximately 13 3/4 millions. About 13 1/2 millions are now enclosed in protective cable, with some 1 1/2 million miles of this total underground.

The company's effort to obtain adequate rates, which was initiated some ten years ago, was further advanced by a decree of the Federal Court granted on Dec. 27, 1929. Early in 1930 the company announced rate schedules to make effective the increase authorized by the court's decree. The Public Service Commission thereupon, on its own motion, initiated a proceeding to establish new rates throughout the State of New York. This proceeding was concluded by a decision and order made by the Commission on May 1, 1930. The Commission's order in some respects changed and modified the schedule of rates proposed by the company but permitted increases over the rates in effect at the beginning of the year.

On Nov. 1, 1930, the toll rates and practices for service between points within the State of New York, not included in the Commission's order of May 1, were so changed as to make them consistent with the toll rates and practices for interstate service. These changes included the introduction of the reverse call privilege on station-to-station calls and other practices designed to make the service more useful.

Plant additions were financed principally by funds borrowed from the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. On Mar. 31, 1930 \$31,450,000 in common stock was issued and sold to the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. The proceeds were used to liquidate a like amount previously borrowed from that company.

Notwithstanding the general recession in business activities the company was enabled, with the aid of the increases in rates effected during the year, to earn and pay the usual dividend on its common stock. Without such increases the company would have failed to earn its dividend by several million dollars.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Telephone oper. earns.....	\$213,693,528	\$199,642,411	\$180,908,592	\$186,495,378
Telephone oper. exp.....	154,645,884	144,569,542	129,493,917	134,052,206
Rentals.....	6,333,877	5,461,604	4,779,540	4,665,194
Taxes.....	13,673,507	12,692,132	13,164,313	14,189,548
Uncoll. operating rev.....	1,653,084	1,250,844	856,065	-----
Net earnings.....	37,387,173	35,668,290	32,614,757	33,588,430
Other income (net).....	4,083,175	3,653,276	5,245,298	5,059,126
Total earnings.....	41,470,348	39,321,566	37,860,055	38,647,556
Interest.....	10,779,526	9,454,235	8,691,035	10,334,770
Debt discount & expense.....	211,794	211,788	-----	-----
Net income.....	30,479,028	29,655,543	29,169,020	28,312,786
Pref. dividends (6 3/4 %).....	1,625,000	1,625,000	1,625,000	1,625,000
Common divs. (8 %).....	24,335,000	22,448,000	22,448,000	22,448,000
Balance, surplus.....	4,519,028	5,582,543	5,096,020	4,239,786
Shares com. stock outstanding (par \$100).....	3,120,500	2,806,000	2,806,000	2,806,000
Earned per share.....	\$9.24	\$9.99	\$9.81	\$9.51

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate.....	\$115,461,168	\$101,916,353	Preferred stock.....	25,000,000
Telephone plant and equip.....	606,979,654	563,237,994	Common stock.....	312,050,000
Furn., fixtures, tools, &c.....	13,723,842	12,836,566	Prem. on cap.stk.....	171,244
Cash & deposits.....	7,625,413	8,571,877	Bonded debt.....	130,436,480
Bills and accts receivable.....	18,599,994	18,979,404	Real est. mtgs.....	839,520
Marketable sec.....	150	150	Accts. & bills pay.....	14,632,950
Mater' & suppl's.....	2,709,334	3,102,882	Notes payable.....	13,753,403
Accrued interest.....	-----	-----	Acer. liabilities.....	8,973,832
Not due.....	1,984,528	1,642,564	Adv. from syst-tem corp's.....	67,600,000
Adv. to syst. corps.....	95,000	-----	Services billed in advance.....	2,166,115
Miscell. invest.....	1,350,905	-----	Deferred credits.....	570,162
Stocks & bonds.....	40,602,481	39,675,618	Res. for amort. of intang. capital.....	1,392,652
Sinking funds.....	1,381,993	619,142	Deprec'n res' ve.....	179,241,400
Unamortiz. debt disc. & exps.....	2,401,864	2,623,274	Surplus.....	59,662,816
Prepaid exp's.....	1,880,059	1,793,817		
Deferred debts.....	1,694,341	773,905	Total.....	\$816,490,574
Total.....	\$816,490,574	\$755,773,547	Total.....	\$816,490,574

—V. 132, p. 1412, 1222.

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STEAM RAILROADS.

Capital Expenditures For Rail Equipment Increased.—The American Railway Association reports the capital expenditures of class I railroads in the United States for new equipment addition and betterments to property used in transportation service aggregated \$872,608,000, the largest total for any year since 1926. N. Y. "Times," March 3, p. 43.

Urge Coordination of Rails and Trucks.—Plans for coordination between railroads and trucking concerns on shipments of interstate freight were laid before the I.-S. C. Commission on March 5. N. Y. "Times," March 5, p. 16.

Freight Cars and Locomotives Placed in Service in January.—Class I railroads of the United States in January placed 1,344 new freight cars in service, the car service division of the American Railway Association announced. In the same period last year, 8,659 new freight cars were placed in service. The railroads on Feb. 1 this year had 8,799 new freight cars on order compared with 33,924 on the same day last year, and 30,216 on the same day two years ago.

The railroads also placed in service in January this year, 16 new locomotives, compared with 80 in the same period in 1930. New locomotives on order on Feb. 1 this year totaled 94 compared with 441 on the same day last year.

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

Freight Cars in Need of Repairs.—Class I railroads on Feb. 1 had 147,651 freight cars in need of repairs or 6.7% of the number on line, according to the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 4,362 cars above the number in need of repair on Jan. 15, at which time there were 143,289, or 6.5%. Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on Feb. 1 totaled 104,674, or 4%, a decrease of 339 compared with the number on Jan. 15, while freight cars in need of light repairs totaled 42,977, or 2%, an increase of 4,701 compared with Jan. 15.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 28.—(a) Railway consolidations endorsed by R. C. Stephenson, President of American Bankers Association, p. 1537.

Beaver Mead & Englewood RR.—Sale.

See Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. below.—V. 129, p. 3468.

Boston & Maine RR.—Valuation Placed at \$309,829,375.

Based on the final valuation of the properties of the company of \$230,897,118 as of June 30 1914, the company on March 2 stated that the value of the road as of Dec. 31 1930, was \$309,829,375. This figure represents the addition of \$74,203,118 in net additions and betterments since valuation

date of the I.-S. C. Commission, and includes \$4,728,139 of non-carrier property.

The value of \$309,829,375 as of Dec. 31 compares with a book value of \$284,448,842, and a total capitalization in the hands of the public of \$246,808,200. After deduction of all capitalizations except common stock, the company states, this valuation shows a balance of \$102,492,975 for the 394,728 shares of common, or an equity of \$260 a share for this stock.

The company continues: "The final valuation discloses that Boston & Maine earnings may reach at least \$13.76 a share of common stock before they become subject to recapture under the provisions of the Transportation Act, it is stated. This figure represents the balance available for common stock dividends after all necessary deductions on the basis of a net railway operating income of 5 1/2 %, which has been set as the fair return. As recapture is not effective until 6 % has been earned, and as only one-half of the earnings above that amount is subject to recapture, a somewhat greater amount of earnings per common share could be paid without recapture. In addition, any earnings on income other than that from purely transportation activities would accrue to common stockholders without being subject to recapture in 1930 Boston & Maine earnings from all sources were \$4.02 per common share."

Preferred Stockholder Loses Suit.

The full bench of the Massachusetts Supreme Court has dismissed the bill in equity brought by Arthur W. Joslin, holder of preferred stock, against the Boston & Maine R.R. and directors and the Boston R.R. Holding Co., which holds some of its common stock, seeking to enjoin payment by the railroad of any dividends on its common stock until dividends have been declared and paid on the preferred stock for 1925-26-27-28 at 6 % and to order the amount of the dividend declared in Feb. 1930 of 1 % on the common stock amounting to \$395,051 paid to the preferred stockholders.

The full bench says that it follows the decision in the Federal Supreme Court case of Wabash Ry. against Barclay. It says that in that case and in the present case the preferred stock was non-cumulative and the preference over junior stock related only to the current year. The Boston & Maine has outstanding \$3,149,000 preferred stock on which dividends for those four years unpaid would amount to \$755,952. The full court says that accumulated profits and surplus give to stockholders no right to a distribution of dividends until the directors in the exercise of their discretion vote and declare the same and no contention was made in this case that the exercise of their discretion was abused by the directors.—V. 132, p. 1216.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Permanent Certificates Ready.

The Bankers Trust Co. is now prepared to make delivery of 4 1/2 % equipment trust certificates, series C, in permanent coupon form. It is announced.—V. 132, p. 1614.

Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific RR.—Budget.—

President Henry A. Scandrett says: "The decline in our gross business for the first three weeks in January was at a lower per cent from a year ago than the decrease in the final week of January and the first week in February. However, this does not necessarily mean that general business is becoming worse; for whether the trend is up or down it always proceeds in minor waves, one wave meaning moving as to the general direction. The company will buy 23,000 tons of rails in 1931. We had 12,000 tons left over from 1930 and will lay 35,000 tons this year. We are considering the acquisition of additional locomotives, but have made no provision in our budget for their purchase. Our equipment is in excellent condition. Less than 2% of our freight cars are in bad order. We will not purchase more freight or passenger cars this year.

"Excluding the probability of the purchase of the locomotives our budget for additions and betterments this year will amount to approximately \$15,000,000. The budget for 1930 was much larger. In that year as in the two years preceding it was necessary for the St. Paul to buy substantial amounts of equipment. Our rolling stock is in such good shape at present that we would not buy additional cars in 1931 even if conditions were normal. Our roadway is being well maintained.

"Our lumber business does not show much change. It is about 30% to 35% less than a year ago. The industry in the Pacific Northwest is being operated at 40% of capacity. The conditions as to price are not good.

"Passenger business is continuing its downward trend. Reduction of the rate to two cents a mile on branch lines has not had a thorough test as to what results it will produce."—V. 132, p. 1406.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Dividend Decreased.—

The directors on March 4 declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼% (\$1.25 per share) on the common stock, par \$100, payable March 31 to holders of record March 13. This compares with quarterly distributions of 1¾% (\$1.75 per share) made on this issue from March 30 1929 to and incl. Dec. 31 1930.—V. 132, p. 1026.

Chicago & Western Indiana RR.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission, Feb. 19, authorized the company to issue \$228,000 50-year gold bonds, to be sold at not less than 89 and int. and the proceeds used to pay indebtedness and for additions and betterments.

The report of the Commission says in part: The applicant has entered into negotiations with Lamborn, Hutchings & Co. of Chicago, Ill., for the sale of the bonds at not less than 89 and int., net, after deduction of a brokerage commission of ¼ of 1%. On that basis the average annual cost to the applicant will be approximately 4.33%. The proceeds are to be used to pay an indebtedness to the Wabash Railway in the amount of \$116,000 and for additions and betterments.—V. 131, p. 2890.

Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry.—Dissenting Stockholders' Arbitrators Value Stock at \$310 per Share.—

The arbitrators selected by the dissenting stockholders of the company and the New York Central RR., March 5, fixed the final valuation of the remaining minority stock of the Big Four at \$310 a share as of Feb. 1 1930, the effective date of the 99-year lease of the Big Four by the New York Central.

The I.-S. C. Commission, in approving the lease of this subsidiary to the New York Central on a rental dividend basis of \$10 a share annually for the common stock, provided that stockholders who elected not to accept the guaranteed dividend had the right to sell their shares to the New York Central at the fair value as of the effective date of the lease.

It also provided that if a fair value could not be agreed upon, the matter should be decided by three arbitrators. A stockholders' protective committee, which represented 19,419 shares, agreed on Nov. 14 1929, to accept \$240 a share, but this was not agreeable to all the minority holders. The arbitrators, who yesterday set the price at \$310 a share, were former Supreme Court Justice Robert McO. Marsh, former Controller William A. Prendergast and former Representative Isaac Siegel. The hearings were begun on Nov. 6 1930, and were ended on March 2.

Abandonment of 13 Miles of Road.—

The I.-S. C. Commission, Feb. 17, issued a certificate authorizing the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis Ry. to the New York Central RR., lessee, to abandon that part of the Big Four's White Water division between Beeson's and Hagerstown, 13.6 miles, in Wayne County, Ind.—V. 132, p. 1026, 652.

Connecting Railway Co.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission, Feb. 11, modified its order of Dec. 30 1930, so as to permit the Pennsylvania RR. to sell at not less than 99 and int. \$2,032,000 of Connecting Ry. 1st mtge. 4¼% gold bonds not held by it.

The supplemental report of the Commission says in part: The Pennsylvania states that, in pursuance of the authority granted, the bonds have been issued and delivered to it, and to reimburse its treasury for the advances heretofore made, it proposes, subject to our approval, to sell the bonds to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. of N. Y. City, at 99% of par and int. from Sept. 15 1930. On that basis the average annual cost of the proceeds of the bonds will be approximately 4.57%.—V. 132, p. 307.

Connecting Terminal RR.—Control By Western New York & Pennsylvania RR.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the acquisition by the Western New York and Pennsylvania Ry. of control of the Connecting Terminal RR., by purchase of the capital stock.

The report of the Commission says in part: The Pennsylvania RR. controls the Western New York & Pennsylvania RR., through ownership of more than 99% of its capital stock and operates its properties under the terms of a lease which became effective July 1 1930, and extends for a period of 999 years.

The Pennsylvania also controls the Connecting Terminal RR., through ownership of its entire capital stock.

In order to acquire control of the Terminal, the Western New York now proposes to pay to the Pennsylvania (1) \$20,000 for the entire capital stock of the Terminal; (2) \$365,013 to cover the aggregate amount due the Pennsylvania for advances made by it to the Terminal; and (3) \$500,000 for the purpose of acquiring the bonds. The foregoing amounts, aggregating \$885,013, will be paid in cash by the Western New York from funds now available.

The proposal herein is said to be in line with the policy of the Pennsylvania for many years past to amalgamate the various companies of its system. Control of the Terminal as contemplated by the applicant would effect the elimination of material costs incidental to the maintenance of a separate corporate organization.—V. 123, p. 79.

Death Valley RR., Ltd.—Abandonment Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission, Feb. 11 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon, as to interstate and foreign commerce, its entire line of railroad extending from Death Valley Junction in a westerly direction to Ryan, approximately 20.35 miles, all in Inyo County, Calif.

The report of the Commission says in part: The applicant was incorporated on Jan. 26 1914 in California. Its line of railroad was completed and put in operation on Dec. 1 1914. It is of narrow gauge construction and was built for the purpose of transporting mining equipment and supplies from the line of the Tonopah & Tidewater RR. at Death Valley Junction to the borax mines of the Pacific Coast Borax Co., located at Ryan, the western terminus of the line, and borax ore from the mines to the borax company's reduction mill at Death Valley Junction.

About three years ago the borax company shut down its mines served by the line in question and transferred its mining activities to extensive and richer borate deposits in Kern County, Calif., on the main line of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., with a visible supply there for at least 50 years, and it is represented that there is no likelihood of the reopening of the mines at Ryan. About three years ago the applicant operated some of its buildings at Ryan to hotel use, and the applicant operated a gasoline motor coach during the hotel season, November to May, to accommodate passenger traffic, and such freight service was operated as was

necessary to handle water and supplies for the hotel. The hotel project was abandoned in January 1930, due to lack of patronage, and since then traffic has practically ceased. The mining town of Ryan, built by the borax company, and formerly occupied solely by its employees, is now uninhabited.—V. 131, p. 3872.

Dodge City & Cimarron Valley Ry.—Bond Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Feb. 24 authorized the company to issue a registered first-mortgage 6% gold bond, series B, for \$1,800,000, to be delivered to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. in satisfaction of a like amount of its indebtedness to that company for advances for capital purposes.—V. 122, p. 3207.

Green Bay & Western RR.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings.....	\$1,769,231	\$1,996,633	\$1,797,564	\$1,579,392
Operating expenses....	1,309,698	1,465,034	1,333,317	1,226,557
Net revenue.....	\$459,532	\$531,599	\$464,247	\$352,835
Other income.....	96,219	96,156	87,850	91,098
Total income.....	\$555,751	\$627,755	\$552,097	\$443,924
Tax rents, &c.....	185,260	192,543	172,819	142,562
Net income.....	\$370,491	\$435,212	\$379,278	\$301,362
Div. A dividends.....	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Common dividends....	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Div. B dividends....	70,000	70,000	70,000	35,000
Res. for additions & betterments.....	125,000	200,000	150,000	81,769
Balance, surplus.....	\$20,491	\$10,212	\$4,278	\$29,593
Prof. & loss surplus....	386,793	369,919	359,913	364,629

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Assets	\$	\$	\$	\$
Investments in:			Liabilities—	
Road.....	10,083,512	9,989,408	Capital stock.....	2,500,000
Equipment.....	1,695,948	1,439,825	Fund. debt unmat.	7,600,000
Miscell. phy. prop.	21,911	19,509	Due to railroads..	7,626
Investm'ts in affil. cos.....	265,414	265,414	Audited accts. & wages pay.....	130,443
Cash.....	209,321	441,814	Miscell. accts. pay.	6,116
Special deposits....	49,393	45,182	Mat. payments on	8,281
Due from railroads	6,578	5,489	Other current liab.	1,752
Due from agents....	14,318	14,904	Sunday def. liab..	16,198
Miscell. accts. rec.	33,529	38,059	Tax liability.....	27,451
Materials & sup....	399,187	393,043	Accrued deprec....	528,420
Other cur. assets....	154	477	Oth. unadj. credits	4,356
Working fund adv.	154	154	Additions to prop. through inc. & surplus.....	1,363,404
Proj. under cons..	54,393	65,840	Approp. sur. not specifically inv.	61,235
Oth. unadj. debits	33,263	10,663	Dividends & other payments.....	225,000
Total.....	12,867,076	12,729,779	Profit & loss.....	386,793
			Total.....	12,867,076

—V. 132, p. 1026.

International-Great Northern RR.—Defers April 1 Int.—

The directors on Feb. 27 determined that no interest on the adjustment mortgage 7% gold bonds, series A, covering the six months ended Dec. 31 1930, will be due and payable on April 1 1931. From Oct. 1 1928 to and incl. Oct. 1 1930, the company paid 3% semi-annually on this issue.—V. 131, p. 110.

Lehigh Valley RR.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—

The directors on March 4 declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼% (62½ cents per share) on the outstanding common stock, par \$50, payable April 1 to holders of record March 14. The company, from July 1919 to and incl. January 1931, paid regular quarterly dividends of 1¾% (87½ cents per share) on this issue, and, in addition, in January 1927 paid an extra of 3% and in January 1930 and extra of 2%. The directors also declared the regular quarterly of \$1.25 per share on the preferred stock, par \$50, payable April 1 to holders of record March 14. President E. E. Loomis, following the meeting, stated that because of the prolonged business depression resulting in a reduction in all classes of railroad traffic and the consequent sharp reduction in earnings, the directors, in order to conserve cash resources, voted to reduce the quarterly dividend scheduled for payment April 1 from 87½ cents to 62½ cents a share or from a 7% rate to a 5% rate. Further, the management stated that it hoped the reduction would be temporary and that it is the purpose to announce a resumption of the regular rate as soon as earnings will permit. If it is possible the full \$3.50 a share or 7% dividend for the year will be paid, it was said.—V. 132, p. 652.

Michigan Central RR.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Feb. 20 authorized the company to issue \$4,000,000 ref. & imp. mtge. bonds, series C, to be delivered to the New York Central RR. at par in reimbursement for expenditures in respect of maturing bonds of the former.

Authority was also granted to the New York Central RR. to assume obligation and liability in respect of the bonds pursuant to the terms of a lease dated Jan. 2 1930 between that company and the Michigan Central RR.; the bonds to be sold at not less than 100½ and int.

The report of the Commission says in part: Arrangements have been made by the New York Central for sale of the bonds to P. Morgan & Co. at 100½ and int., a basis of approximately 4.475%. The proceeds will be used to pay the \$4,000,000 of Michigan Central 5% bonds maturing March 1, or to reimburse the New York Central's treasury for expenditures made in retiring such bonds. See offering in V. 132, p. 1217.

Listing of \$4,000,000 Ref. & Improvement Mtge. 4½%.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,000,000 additional refunding & imp. mtge. 4½% gold bonds, series C, dated Jan. 1 1929, due Jan. 1 1979.—V. 132, p. 1217.

Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR.—Acquisition of Beaver, Meade & Englewood Road.—

President M. H. Cahill has announced the purchase by the "Katy" of the Beaver Meade & Englewood RR. for \$1,850,000. The Beaver road extends from Beaver to Eva, Okla., a distance of about 85 miles.—V. 132, p. 652.

New Orleans Texas & Mexico Ry.—Interest Payment.—

The directors have declared an interest payment on the 5% non-cum. income bonds at the rate of 2¼%, covering the six months' period ended Dec. 31 1930, payable April 1 upon presentation and surrender of coupon No. 29.—V. 131, p. 2050.

New York Central RR.—New Financing to the Amount of \$75,000,000 Reported Under Way.—

Offering of a new issue of \$75,000,000 4½% refunding and improvement mortgage bonds, series A, dated Oct. 1 1913, and due on Oct. 1 2013, is expected to be made soon by a syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. according to reports in the financial district. The company applied on Feb. 6 last to the I.-S. Commerce Commission for authority to issue the bonds, but at the time it was stated that no plans had been made for public offering of the issue. However, in view of the improvement in the general bond market in the last few days, it is considered likely that the issue could be absorbed readily.—V. 132, p. 1407, 1217.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Construction Recommended.—
A favorable recommendation has been made by an I.-S. C. Commission examiner on the proposal of the Northern Pacific to build a 24-mile branch line extending off its Redwater branch, near Woodrow, to a point near Bloomfield, Mont. The extension will serve an agricultural territory. The Northern Pacific proposal is opposed by the Great Northern and favored by the Montana Board of Railroad Commissioners.—V. 132, p. 1407.

North Texas & Santa Fe Ry.—Construction.—
The I. S. C. Commission Feb. 11 issued a certificate authorizing the company to acquire and complete a line of railroad under construction from Spearman to a point approximately 0.9 mile south of the depot at Morse, 18.6 miles, in Hansford and Hutchinson Counties, Tex.

The report of the Commission says in part:
By supplemental certificate dated Nov. 6 1930 we authorized the Panhandle & Santa Fe Ry. to construct a line from Spearman to Morse, in Hansford and Hutchinson Counties, Tex., subject to the condition that construction be commenced on or before July 1 1931, and be completed on or before Jan. 1 1933. This is the line which the applicant proposes to acquire and complete. It is stated that construction began on Jan. 7 1931, and that it is expected that the line will be completed during the summer of 1931. Necessary funds are to be made available through advances to the applicant by proprietary interests.
The applicant is not an operating company. It owns a line of railroad extending from Spearman to Shattuck, Okla., but on March 1 1920 this line was leased to the Panhandle for a term of 10 years, and thereafter subject to cancellation on 90 days' notice. The Panhandle and the applicant are affiliated through common control by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.

It is contemplated that the applicant will continue to be a non-operating railroad corporation and that, subject to our approval and authorization, the line proposed to be acquired and completed by the applicant will be leased to the Panhandle for operation.
In support of this plan it is represented that if, upon completion by the Panhandle, the cost of constructing the line should be financed through bonds issued by that carrier, under its general mortgage dated July 1 1928, then under the terms of the Santa Fe's general mortgage dated Dec. 12 1895 and adjustment mortgage dated Dec. 12 1895, the bonds would become subject to the liens of those mortgages and have to be pledged with the trustee thereunder, by virtue of which the Santa Fe would be prevented from using approximately \$500,000 of bonds as security in obtaining the funds for its corporate purposes. But if the applicant be authorized to acquire and complete the line, as proposed, and hereafter be authorized to issue bonds to the Santa Fe in reimbursement of a substantial part of the advances to be made to it by that carrier for payment of construction costs, then the Santa Fe would be able to pledge the applicant's bonds under a first-lien and refunding mortgage proposed hereafter to be made by the Santa Fe.

It is expected that by this means the Santa Fe will be enabled to raise funds for its corporate purposes on advantageous terms and, it is urged, the public interest will be served by the improved credit of the parent company.—V. 120, p. 2143.

Panhandle & Santa Fe Ry.—Construction.—
A supplemental certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under date of Nov. 6 1930 has been revoked by the I.-S. C. Commission as to any and all parts of the line of railroad authorized to be constructed by the Panhandle & Santa Fe Ry. from Spearman to Morse in Hansford and Hutchinson Counties, Tex., which are not constructed and completed. See also North Texas & Santa Fe Ry. above.—V. 132, p. 1027.

Paulista Ry. (Companhia Paulista de Estradas de Ferro), Brazil.—To Redeem Bonds.—
Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., as fiscal agents under the loan, have drawn by lot and called the redemption on Mar. 15 \$87,500 of Paulista Ry. 1st & ref. mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds, series A, making a total of \$1,204,500 bonds redeemed by the sinking fund. Payment is to be made at 102 at the office of Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., N. Y. City.—V. 131, p. 1563.

Pennsylvania RR.—Estimated Results for 1930—To Increase Indebtedness.—

By carrying on an active program of improvements during 1930 and by practicing "prudent economy" in operation, the company made every effort "to offset the results of the world-wide depression." General W. W. Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania RR., told stockholders in a letter accompanying the quarterly dividend checks mailed Feb. 27.

The winter quarterly dividend of 2% or \$1 per share, was mailed to 235,025 stockholders, the largest number on record and an increase of 1,645 compared with the last previous dividend paid on Nov. 30 1930. The dividend goes to practically every country on the globe.

The Pennsylvania RR. has never failed to pay a cash return on its stock since 1847, an unbroken dividend record of 84 years. Total payments, including the present dividend, amount to \$995,084,438.

"The gross revenues in 1930 were about 17.1% less than in 1929 due to the general business depression," the president's letter said. "Expenses were necessarily reduced, but without detriment to the railroad or its ability to serve the public. The gross revenues were \$574,446,955, a decrease of \$118,691,776 compared with 1929. The net income equalled 10.5% on the average outstanding capital stock, which was increased during the year; 17.32% was earned on the average stock outstanding in 1929."

"Every effort was made to offset the results of the world-wide depression by practicing prudent economy in the operations on the one hand, and on the other by carrying out an active program of electrification and necessary improvements to the railroad, terminals, shops, equipment and facilities, which gave widespread employment. In this constructive manner your company and its subsidiary companies expended over \$100,000,000."

In connection with last year's expenditures for electrification and improvements, President Atterbury recently announced that work would be speeded up to complete a broad improvement program, originally scheduled to cover 2½ years. This program contemplates the expenditure of \$175,000,000 in rushing to completion improvements at Philadelphia, Baltimore and Newark, N. J., and electrification of the Pennsylvania's entire line from New York to Washington.

Decision to speed up work on this huge program, President Atterbury said, was made because of favorable commodity prices, to aid the employment situation and because of favorable conditions for new financing.

Consent of the stockholders being requisite before the company can incur further funded indebtedness in excess of the present available margin (amounting to but slightly more than \$55,000,000), they will be asked at the annual meeting to be held April 14 to approve an increase of the authorized indebtedness, in the additional amount of \$150,000,000; and to grant authority to the board of directors, in its discretion, to issue and dispose of bonds or other obligations from time to time, but not in excess of the aggregate amounts authorized by the stockholders. This is essential in order that the board may have sufficient authority to properly provide for the company's capital requirements, thus enabling the management to continue the progressive development of the property, equipment and facilities; and retire its outstanding obligations.—V. 132, p. 1408, 1027.

Philadelphia Baltimore & Washington RR.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Feb. 11 modified its orders of Sept. 13 1927 and July 12 1929 so as to permit the Pennsylvania RR. to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, and to sell at not less than par and int., \$11,301,000 of Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington RR. gen mtge. gold bonds, series C.—See offering in V. 132, p. 653.

Pittsburgh Youngstown & Ashtabula Ry.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I. S. C. Commission Feb. 11 modified its order of Nov. 9 1927 so as to permit the Pennsylvania RR. to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of, and to sell at not less than 98½ and int., \$1,485,000 of Pittsburgh, Youngstown & Ashtabula Ry. 1st gen. mtge. bonds, series D, now held by it.

The supplemental report of the Commission says in part:
The Pennsylvania has arranged, subject to our approval, to sell the Series D bonds to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York City, at 98½ and int. from Dec. 1 1930. On that basis the annual cost of the proceeds of the bonds will be approximately 4.58%.—V. 130, p. 3706.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Postpones Dividend Action.—The directors on March 4 announced that they have

decided that action on the common dividend, customarily paid on April 1, be postponed. This stock has been on an \$8 annual basis, the last payment of \$2 quarterly having been made on Jan. 2 1931.

"The company refused to amplify the above statement, but its bankers did not consider it likely that the road's board of directors would hold a meeting between now and April 1, the customary date for payment of a dividend. A wide divergence of opinion existed at the meeting, some directors wanting to declare a payment of \$1 a share.

Receives Tax Credits of \$317,869.—
Tax credits totaling \$317,869 have been allowed the company by the Internal Revenue Bureau, on account of overassessments in income taxes for the years 1921 and 1922.—V. 132, p. 1408, 1207.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Registrar.—
The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for certificates of deposit representing 250,000 shares of 4.2% pref. stock and 22,731 shares of 6% pref. stock.—V. 132, p. 1614.

South American Rys. (Del.).—Moves Offices.—
See Public Utility Holding Corp. of America under "Public Utilities" below.—V. 132, p. 1614.

Southern Pacific Co.—Construction, &c.—
See Oregon Electric Ry. under "Public Utilities" below.—V. 132, p. 1408, 1217.

Southern Railway.—Bonds Authorized.—
The I.-S. C. Commission Feb. 25 authorized the company to issue \$1,310,000 1st consol. mtge. gold bonds, to be sold at not less than 107 and int., \$1,310,000 of the proceeds to be used to retire an equal amount of underlying bonds maturing March 1 1931 and the remainder of the proceeds to be used for general corporate purposes.

The report of the Commission says in part:
Arrangements have been made for sale of the bonds to J. P. Morgan & Co. at 107 and int., on which basis the average annual cost to the applicant will be approximately 4.65%. Of the proceeds of the bonds \$1,310,000 will be used to pay the maturing bonds, while the remainder, approximately \$100,000, will be used for the applicant's general corporate purposes.

Listing of \$1,310,000 Additional First Consol. Mtge. 5s.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$1,310,000 additional 1st consol. mtge. 5% bonds, due July 1 1994, making the total amount applied for \$91,997,000 (of an authorized issue of \$120,000,000).—V. 132, p. 1614, 1216.

South Plains & Santa Fe Ry.—Bond Authorized.—
The I.-S. C. Commission Feb. 26 authorized the company to issue a registered first-mortgage 6% gold bond, series B, for \$1,400,000, to be delivered to the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway in satisfaction of a like amount of indebtedness to that company for advances for capital purposes.—V. 129, p. 3798.

United New Jersey RR. & Canal Co.—Bonds Authoriz.—
The I.-S. C. Commission Feb. 11 modified its order of Aug. 16 1929 so as to permit the Pennsylvania Railroad to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of, and to sell at not less than par and int. \$6,020,000 of the United New Jersey RR. & Canal Co. gen. mtge. 4¼% gold bonds now held by it.

The supplemental report of the Commission says in part:
The Pennsylvania has arranged, subject to our approval, to sell the bonds to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of N. Y. City, at par and int. from Sept. 1 1930. A statement was submitted by the Pennsylvania, giving estimates of its cash and resources and requirements for the year 1931, and showing that the requirements will exceed the resources by a large amount. Therefore, it appears that it will be necessary for it to obtain additional funds from other sources, such as by selling bonds as herein proposed.—V. 129, p. 1436.

Warrior River Terminal Co.—Stock Authorized.—
The I.-S. C. Commission Feb. 12 authorized the company to issue at par \$1,750,000 capital stock (par \$100 each); not more than \$1,044,329 of the stock, or the proceeds thereof, to be used to pay a like amount of company's indebtedness, and not less than \$105,670 of the stock, or the proceeds thereof, to be used to pay for additions and betterments to road and equipment made or acquired subsequent to August 31 1930 or to repay advances made for such purposes subsequent to that date.

The report of the Commission says in part:
The applicant was incorp. in Alabama in 1926, with an authorized capital stock of \$2,000, which by amendments to its charter, has been increased to \$1,250,000 (par \$100). It has issued \$100,000 of stock, all of which, except directors' qualifying shares, is owned by the Inland Waterways Corp.

The proposed stock is to be sold to the applicant's proprietor at par. The applicant proposes to use the stock or the proceeds thereof to discharge its indebtedness to its proprietor, to provide funds for completing additions and betterments to its property and the acquisition of equipment furnished by its proprietor, and to increase its working capital. Statements filed in support of the application show proposed expenditures in the amount of \$105,670 for addition and betterments to road and for equipment. They also show that as of Aug. 31 1930 the applicant's indebtedness to its proprietor company was as follows:

Notes	\$639,638
Advances	455,480
Interest on advances	96,074
Total	1,191,193
Less payments	145,674

Unpaid balance 1,045,519

The notes, one for \$619,801 and the other for \$19,837, were authorized by our order of May 24 1928. The note for \$619,801 evidences indebtedness for advances made by the proprietor company prior to Sept. 30 1927 for the following purposes: \$400,000 to pay notes representing the purchase price of the applicant's railroad; \$22,691 to pay interest on the purchase-money notes; \$182,226 for equipment and for additions and betterments to road, and \$14,883 for working capital. The note for \$19,837 represents interest on these advances. The advances totaling \$455,480 were made by the proprietor company during the period Oct. 1 1927 to Aug. 31 1930 for the following purposes:

Additions and betterments	\$247,857
Equipment	199,362
Property paid for out of advances and subsequently retired	8,260
Total	\$455,480

—V. 126, p. 3586.

Western New York & Pennsylvania Ry.—Buys Control of Connecting Terminal RR. for Pennsylvania RR.—

See Connecting Terminal RR.—V. 131, p. 4213.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 28.—Increase in water power development in United States during 1930 over a million horse power, p. 1495.

American Cities Power & Light Corp.—5% in Stock Declared on Class B Stock.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1-32nd of one share of class B stock upon each share of convertible class A stock, optional dividend series, payable May 1 1931, to holders of record Apr. 4 1931. Class A stockholders have the option of receiving 75 cents i. cash in lieu of the dividend in class B stock, provided written notice is received by the corporation on or before April 14 1931.

The directors decided to act upon the declaration of stock dividends on the class B stock semi-annually, instead of quarterly as in the past. Accordingly a semi-annual dividend of 5% in class B stock was declared on the class B stock, payable Aug. 1 1931, to holders of record July 3 1931. Previously the corporation made quarterly distributions of 2½% in class

B stock on this issue, the last dividend at this rate being paid on Feb. 1 1931.—V. 132, p. 841.

American Commonwealths Power Corp.—Earnings.—For income statement for 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 1027.

Appalachian Gas Corp.—Subs. Gets Large Sales Contract.
 A contract calling for deliveries to the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co. of 2,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas per day for the remainder of the present winter season, and of 5,000,000 feet daily next winter, has been entered into by the Wayne United Gas Co., according to an announcement made by H. E. Danner, Vice President of Appalachian Gas Corp., the parent company. Gas is delivered to the customer's pipeline near West Liberty, Ky., for transmission to Louisville, Ky.
 The Wayne United Gas Co., which owns or controls gas rights in approximately 45,000 acres in West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio also sells gas to Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Co. and Owens-Illinois Glass Co. under sales contract calling for 5,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas for daily delivery to the glass companies' plants in Kanawha City, W. Va. The Appalachian Gas Corp. owns 91% of the outstanding common stock of the Wayne United Gas Co.—V. 132, p. 1218.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Output Gains—Earnings.
 The Associated Gas & Electric System's weekly output report shows gains for both the electric and gas departments in the week ended Feb. 28 1931 when compared with the same week in 1930 and this in face of the fact that the holiday, Washington's Birthday, was observed during this week in 1931 while it fell in the preceding week in 1930. A total of 59,479,797 k.w.h. of electricity were generated in the week ending Feb. 28 1931 compared with 58,101,146 in the same week of 1930, a gain of 1,378,651 k.w.h. or 2.4%. Gas sent out amounted to 376,501,700 cu. ft., an increase of 6,690,400 cu. ft., or 1.8%.
 For income statement for 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 1408.

Associated Telephone Utilities Co.—To Change Conversion Privilege.
 The stockholders at the annual meeting called for April 15 will vote on an amendment to the articles of incorporation extending period within which \$6 conv. pref. stock, series A, may be converted into two shares of common stock from Dec. 31 1931 to Dec. 31 1932, after which pref. stock may be converted into 1 1/4 shares of common stock.—V. 132, p. 1615.

Baton Rouge Electric Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1930.	1929.
Gross earnings	-----	\$1,366,596	\$1,252,094
Operating expenses	-----	692,092	613,091
Maintenance	-----	63,379	70,811
Taxes	-----	130,188	111,062
Net earnings	-----	\$480,937	\$457,130
Income from other sources	-----	15,073	11,520
Total income	-----	\$496,010	\$468,650
Interest & amortization	-----	145,485	112,728
Net income	-----	\$350,525	\$355,922
Prior earned surplus	-----	672,804	625,916
Total surplus	-----	\$1,023,329	\$981,838
Retirement reserve	-----	115,000	115,000
Net direct charges	-----	-----	146
Dividends:	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stock	-----	29,750	29,724
Common stock	-----	194,945	164,164
Earned surplus	-----	\$683,634	\$672,804

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1930.	1929.	Liabilities—		1930.	1929.
Property, plant, & c.	\$5,419,413	\$4,670,334	Preferred stock	-----	\$425,000	\$425,000	
Cash	176,129	118,522	Bonds	-----	1,950,000	1,950,000	
Notes receivable	875	-----	Notes payable	-----	1,100,000	250,000	
Accts. receivable	230,657	171,524	Accts. payable	-----	127,206	51,886	
Materials & suppl.	97,833	96,550	Accts. not yet due	-----	111,971	106,753	
Prepayments	63,074	61,018	Retirement reserve	-----	523,554	657,968	
Sinking funds	9,900	9,900	Appropriated res.	-----	-----	-----	
Special deposits	2,200	2,100	for retirements	-----	101,656	646	
Unamortized debt	-----	-----	Contrib. for exten.	-----	44,439	33,081	
disc. & expense	152,568	158,688	Operating reserves	-----	25,406	24,432	
Unadjusted debits	53,106	1,178	Unadjusted credits	-----	45,157	49,511	
			Common stock	-----	\$1,027,733	\$1,027,733	
Total	\$6,205,755	\$5,289,313	Earned surplus	-----	683,634	672,804	
			Total	-----	\$6,205,755	\$5,289,313	

x Represented by 41,041 shares of (no par).—V. 130, p. 3707.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania.—Acquisition.
 The I.-S. C. Commission Feb. 17 approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Ferguson Valley Farmers Telephone Co. An appropriation of \$701,117 for new construction in March has been voted by the directors, bringing the total for the year to date to \$2,683,922.—V. 132, p. 1219.

Brockton Gas Light Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings	-----	\$1,144,849	\$1,093,770	\$997,301	\$959,434
Oper. exps. & taxes	-----	885,445	851,240	819,752	756,463
Net earnings	-----	\$259,404	\$242,530	\$177,549	\$202,970
Other income	-----	3,552	4,449	6,006	3,180
Gross income	-----	\$262,956	\$246,979	\$183,555	\$206,150
Income deductions	-----	33,064	14,622	19,553	13,917
Net income	-----	\$229,891	\$232,357	\$164,002	\$192,234
Dividends	-----	229,532	228,455	163,952	163,952
Balance	-----	\$359	\$3,902	\$50	\$28,282

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1930.	1929.	Liabilities—		1930.	1929.
Plant and equip.	\$3,857,343	\$3,587,768	Capital stock	-----	\$2,869,150	\$2,869,150	
Investments	17,915	19,016	Notes payable	-----	905,000	475,000	
Cash	283,436	202,945	Accts' payable	-----	31,739	56,982	
Accts' receivable	204,863	201,203	Customers' depos.	-----	9,073	8,905	
Materials and supplies	200,066	191,246	Accruals	-----	24,523	30,993	
Prepaid accounts	20,999	17,190	Other adj. credits	-----	-----	25	
			Res'v' for deprec.	-----	255,623	291,023	
			Other reserve	-----	1,867	-----	
			Surplus	-----	487,648	487,289	
Total	\$4,584,622	\$4,219,368	Total	-----	\$4,584,622	\$4,219,368	

—V. 130, p. 1825.

Central Public Service Corp.—Operating Costs Reduced.
 President Albert E. Peirce states:
 "Our company has reduced operating costs by over \$1,500,000 annually in the last six months, and I believe that other utility operators have effected corresponding savings. The growth of most public utility companies has been so rapid in the last four or five years that the savings to be realized were not fully apparent. With the decline in operations last year, opportunity was presented for a thorough examination of results. It was found that numerous ways were presented for gaining higher efficiency and reducing operating costs. Because of the fact that these changes were not completed until the latter months of 1930, the full effect of the reduced operating ratio will not be apparent to stockholders of this other public utility corporations until current year."—V. 132, p. 1028.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. (District of Columbia).—Earnings for Calendar Years.

	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Telephone oper. rev.	\$8,654,335	\$8,334,166	\$7,914,206	\$7,247,802
Telephone oper. exps.	6,286,029	6,145,666	5,573,494	5,268,823
Uncollectible oper. revs.	43,768	32,993	39,368	15,492
Taxes assignable to oper.	570,370	513,015	546,126	536,583
Operating income	\$1,754,167	\$1,642,492	\$1,755,219	\$1,426,903
Net non-oper. income	60,159	75,149	40,786	44,670
Total gross income	\$1,814,327	\$1,717,641	\$1,796,005	\$1,471,574
Deduct—Rent & miscell.	52,065	49,181	39,381	35,965
Bond and other int.	464,085	350,733	279,901	225,623
Dividends	1,080,000	1,040,000	1,040,000	1,040,000
Bal. for corp. surplus	\$218,236	\$277,728	\$436,723	\$169,986

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1930.	1929.	Liabilities—		1930.	1929.
Land and bldgs.	\$5,590,170	\$5,539,656	Common stock	-----	15,000,000	13,000,000	
Tel. plant & equip.	24,522,665	24,247,671	Long-term debt	-----	6,793,776	7,441,732	
General equipment	676,407	673,785	Accts' payable	-----	562,903	866,078	
Cash and deposits	185,361	213,641	Subscr. dep. & ser.	-----	-----	-----	
Marketable securities	2,501	2,501	billed in adv.	-----	272,042	122,549	
Accts' receivable	1,028,420	793,256	Accrued liabilities,	-----	-----	-----	
Materials & suppl.	109,362	92,376	not due	-----	227,929	265,682	
Acrr. inc. not due	1,000	800	Def'd credit items	-----	409	407	
Def'd debit items	168,177	165,507	Fixed cap. res'v'e	-----	6,054,020	6,877,121	
			Surplus	-----	3,372,984	3,155,654	
Total	\$32,284,063	\$31,729,223	Total	-----	\$32,284,063	\$31,729,223	

—V. 130, p. 2024.

Chicago District Electric Generating Corp.—Preferred Stock Offered.—Public offering of 30,000 shares of \$6 cum. pref. stock is being made at \$97 per share and div. by the Utility Securities Co. This issue is the first stock of the corporation offered for sale to the public.
 Preferred as to assets and cumulative dividends over the common stock. Callable at \$107.50 per share and divs.; entitled on liquidation to \$100 per share and divs. Dividends payable Q-M. Dividends free from normal Federal income tax. Transfer office, Utilities Stock Transfer Co., 72 West Adams St., Chicago. Registrar, Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago.

Data from Letter of Samuel Insull, Jr., President of the Company.
Business.—Corporation (name changed from State Line Generating Co.), organized in Indiana, furnishes power at wholesale under long term contracts with Commonwealth Edison Co., Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana Public Service Co. and Inter-State Public Service Co.
Properties.—Company has constructed and is operating a large and advanced type of generating station on the site which it owns, located on the shore of Lake Michigan immediately east of the Illinois-Indiana State line and adjoining the corporate limits of the City of Chicago. The total area of the site owned is approximately 50 acres. Of this site, 76 acres, acquired by the company from the State of Indiana, were formerly submerged land and have been filled in under authority of a Federal permit. The power station site combines the essential advantages of central location for the important loads served in the district, abundant supply of clean condensing water, excellent railway service for the provision of coal, and storage accommodations for some 500,000 tons of coal. In addition to the existing means of serving the plant with fuel by rail, arrangements have been made whereby it may be transported to the station by water.

The first unit, of 208,000 kilowatts capacity, of the power station has been in successful operation since July 1 1929. Construction on the second unit of 132,000 kilowatts capacity and the third unit of 125,000 kilowatts is now in progress. The second unit will be placed in operation in 1932 and the third unit will go into operation in the following year so that by the end of the year 1933 units having a total capacity of 465,000 kilowatts will have been installed and placed in operation. The present intention is to construct from time to time thereafter additional large units until the station shall have an ultimate minimum capacity of 1,000,000 kilowatts.

The operation of the company assures a supply of energy at the lowest possible cost. Company owns no transmission system beyond the limits of its own property and no sub-stations except those required for its own use and sells its entire output under said contracts with the four contracting companies at its property line. The size and character of the four contracting utility companies, together with the nature of the power contracts entered into by them with the Chicago District Electric Generating Corp., assure the latter company a certain source of income.

Capitalization.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock issuable in series, (no par)	200,000 shs.	230,000 shs.
Common (no par)	1,500,000 shs.	717,600 shs.
Funded Debt		
1st mtge. 4 1/2% gold bonds, series A, due Sept. 1 1970	-----	\$15,000,000
5-year 5 1/2% gold debentures, due Oct. 1 1935	-----	8,000,000
x This issue.		

Earnings.—Corporation has contracts running to the year 1979 for the furnishing of electrical energy by it to Commonwealth Edison Co., Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana Public Service Co. and Interstate Public Service Co. These contracts together cover the station's entire output from its initial capacity and from that now being installed as well as that from additional turbine units later to be installed when mutually agreed to by the company and the contracting companies.

Under the terms of these contracts, regardless of the amount of electricity taken, monthly payments are to be made to the company by the contracting companies (in the proportions in which they or their subsidiaries now own the common stock of the company) aggregating a sufficient amount to pay (1) all taxes, insurance and charges to retirement expense and (2) a return to be fixed by the company but not to exceed annually 8% of the company's investment (such charges to retirement expense and the return being subject, in respect to energy sold to Northern Indiana Public Service Co. and Interstate Public Service Co., to review by the Public Service Commission of Indiana) and in addition to pay other actual operating costs except the cost of fuel burned.

Each contracting company is entitled to its proportionate part of the total output and is being billed monthly for the cost of the fuel burned on the basis of the amount of electricity actually taken by such company.

The company started operation July 1 1929. For the year ended Dec. 31 1930, operating revenue of \$6,593,013 was reported by the company. Estimated earnings for the year ending Dec. 31 1931 are as follows:

Operating revenue	-----	\$6,842,299
Oper. exps. (incl. charge for retirement and taxes except Fed. taxes)	-----	4,816,808
Net operating income	-----	\$2,025,491
Other income	-----	22,500
Total income	-----	\$2,047,991
Other deductions	-----	67,850
Balance	-----	\$1,980,141
Interest on funded debt	-----	1,115,000
Net income	-----	\$865,141
Pref. stock div. requirements, this issue, (on a per annum basis)	-----	180,000

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to provide in part the funds necessary to meet expenditures for construction during the year 1931 of the second and third generating units above mentioned.
Ownership.—All of the outstanding common stock is owned directly or through subsidiaries as follows: Commonwealth Edison Co., 40%; Public Service Co. of No. Illinois, 30%; Northern Indiana Public Service Co., 20%; Interstate Public Service Co., 10%.—V. 132, p. 490.

Chicago Local Transport. Co.—Deposit Time Extended.
 The time for the deposit of securities under the reorganization plan, providing for a unification of the Chicago local transportation systems, has been extended by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., reorganization managers, to March 31. Previously, the time had been extended from Jan. 26 to Feb. 28.

This further extension was to provide time for additional deposits of securities, which, as of Feb. 20, amounted to \$159,972,850, or 75.4% of the total of \$212,079,046 outstanding. Since the announcement of the plan on Dec. 9, last, there have been deposited approximately \$24,000,000 of the various issues, or an average of approximately \$2,000,000 a week. That rate, it was stated, is being maintained at this time.—V. 132, p. 1616, 1219.

Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee RR.—Balance Sheet—New Income Debentures Issued.—

The balance sheet for 1930 (given in V. 132 p. 1616) gives effect to the issue and sale on Jan. 2 1931 of income debentures series "A" of \$2,500,000 and retiring with the proceeds thereof the notes payable falling due Jan. 1 1931 of \$2,500,000 which notes were issued Feb. 1 1930 to retire the 3-year 5 1/2 % gold notes falling due on that date. Compare V. 132, p. 1616.

Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

(Consolidated with earnings statement of Union Gas & Electric Co., which operates the properties of Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co., as lessee, paying as rental the entire net income of the property.)

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, showing earnings, operating expenses, taxes, net operating earnings, other income, total net earnings, fixed charges, net income, and pref. div. requirements.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, showing Assets (Property, Cash, Special deposits, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, bonds, etc.).

Total. 121,792,911 121,686,544 x This account includes receivables due from Union Gas & Electric Co., lessee, representing construction work in progress on the books of the lessee company, which when completed and transferred to this company will reduce this amount and correspondingly increase its property account, and also represents other working capital items such as customers' accounts, materials and supplies, &c. y Represented by 750,000 no par shares.—V. 131, p. 3366, 1255.

Cities Service Co.—Offer Made to Preferred Stockholders of Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.—See latter company under "Industrials" below.—V. 132, p. 1409.

Coast Counties Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, showing operating revenue, operating expense, maintenance, net operating income, non-operating income, gross corporate income, interest deductions, other deductions, depreciation, federal income tax, net income, previous surplus, total surplus, surplus adjustments, preferred stock, common stock, and surplus at Dec. 31.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, showing Assets (Properties, plant & equipment, construction work, special deposits, etc.) and Liabilities (Long term debt, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, etc.).

Total. 10,857,301 10,065,471 x After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$1,681,137.—V. 131, p. 1255, 627.

Concord (N. H.) Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927, showing operating revenues, total operating expenses, income from operations, non-operating revenues, gross income, income deduction, net income, preferred dividends, common dividends, and balance, surplus.

Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.—New Securities Listed on "When Issued" Basis.—

The New York Produce Exchange has admitted to trading on a "when, as and if issued" basis \$5 preferred stock and 4 1/2 % debentures of Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.

The fact that the 4 1/2 % debentures and 5 % preferred stock are being traded in on the Produce Exchange leads bond dealers to believe that the offering of the former is not far away. It is unofficially reported that the amount of debentures will be \$40,000,000 and the latter at 100. Debentures are likely to appear within a short time following action by the P. S. Commission, while the preferred shares will first be offered to stockholders, it is said.—V. 132, p. 1607, 1220.

Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927, showing revenue from electric sales, revenue from gas sales, miscellaneous operating revenue, revenue from steam sales, gross operating revenue, operating expenses, retirement expense, taxes, net operating revenue, net revenue, fixed charges, net income, preferred dividends, common dividends, surplus, profit and loss surplus, shares common stock outstanding, earnings per share, and V. 132, p. 1029.

Eastern Massachusetts St. Ry.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1930, 1929, and 1928, showing total revenue from transportation, total revenue from other ry. operation, total railway operating revenue, ways and structures, equipment, power, conducting transportation, traffic, general and miscellaneous expense, taxes assignable to railway operations, operating revenue, non-operating income, gross income, rent for leased roads, miscellaneous income, interest on funded debt, interest on unfunded debt, miscellaneous debits, net income, dividends, sinking fund stock, preferred B stock, adjustment stock, common stock, balance, surplus, and V. 132, p. 1029.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, showing Assets (Road and equip, deposits in lieu of mtge. prop. sold, misc. phy property, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital Stock, First preferred, sinking funds, etc.).

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Eastern Texas Electric Co. (Del.) & Subs.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1930, 1929, and 1928, showing gross earnings, operating expenses and taxes, income from other sources, deduction, interest and amortized charges, balance, preferred dividends, common dividends, and interest on funds for construction purposes.

Balance. \$689,919 \$1,084,178 \$736,731 a Interest on funds for construction purposes. b Interest, amortization charges and dividends on securities of constituent companies held by the public.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, showing Assets (Prop., plant, &c., cash, notes receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, constituent stock, etc.).

Total. 55,728,614 50,509,659 x Represented by 123,281 shares (no par).—V. 131, p. 3205.

organization established to operate the unified cable and radio services. He will be under the direction of Clarence H. Mackay, who continues as President of the Postal Telegraph and Commercial Cables companies and of the Mackay Radio & Telegraph Co. and John L. Merrill, who remains President of All America Cables, Inc.

F. W. Phelan, Vice-President of All America Cables, will be in charge of operations of the cables to Central and South America. John Goldammer, Vice-President of Commercial Cables, will occupy a similar position with regard to the European and Far Eastern cable business. A. Y. Tuel, Vice-President of the Mackay Radio & Telegraph Co. will be in charge of radio operations of the system.

All the commercial activities of these companies will be under the direction of Clinton B. Allsopp, Vice-President of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. The engineering will be under the direction of J. K. Roosevelt, Vice-President of All America Cables. R. A. Gannt, Vice-President of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. will continue in charge of the operations of the Postal Telegraph system in the United States.

As a result of the unification the separate cable and radio offices of the International system are being consolidated to expedite the handling of traffic, while Postal Telegraph offices throughout the country will pick up and deliver messages for all the international traffic as well as the domestic traffic. Aside from the changes in the headquarters organization there will be practically no changes in the operating staffs in this country or throughout the world.

According to the announcement, "this consolidation of management puts into effect more perfectly the underlying principle which the International system has always advocated and which it believes essential for good service to the public in the international field."

Plan for Merger with Radio Corp. of America Ended.—See latter company below.—V. 131, p. 4053.

Interstate Public Service Co.—Annual Report.—

Sales of electrical energy during the year totalled 209,864,177 k.w.h., compared with 226,852,808 k.w.h. sold in 1929, a decrease of 7.49%. Sales of electricity for residential purposes increased 11.96%, however.

Sales of gas in 1930 aggregated 745,802,140 cu. ft., compared with 652,676,000 cu. ft. in 1929, an increase of 14.27%. Sales of gas to residential customers increased 3.77%.

The company began the year 1931 with a realignment of properties as a result of purchase and sale of properties between it and the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., another company of the Midland United group. Interstate sold properties in what are known as the Goshen-Warsaw and Monticello districts and purchased properties in what are known as the Lafayette, Crawfordsville, Lebanon and Frankfort districts. This realignment, according to the report, makes a more logical grouping of properties for both companies and facilities operations.

Table with columns for Earnings, Cal. Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Gross earnings including merchandise sales, Net earnings, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Rental of leased ry. prop, etc.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets—1930, 1929 and Liabilities—1930, 1929. Rows include Fixed capital, Cash, Notes & accts. rec., Materials and supp., Sundry adv. & exp., Prepayments, Subscrip. to capital stock, Misc. assets (incl. inv. in affil. cos.), Unamortized debt, etc.

Total—66,953,818 65,091,911. x Represented by 163,199 shares (no par). y Par \$100; exchanged during 1930 for no par value shares.—V. 132, p. 656.

Manila Electric RR. & Lighting Corp.—Tenders.—

Offers for the sale to the sinking fund of 5% 50-year 1st lien & collat. trust sinking fund gold bonds sufficient in amount to exhaust the sum of \$97,069 available, are invited by The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, successor trustee, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest. Offers will be opened at noon, March 9.—V. 126, p. 577.

National Gas & Electric Corp.—Time for Deposits Extended.—

D. H. Frazer Jr., Sec'y, in a notice to holders of the 3-year convertible 5 1/2% gold notes says:

As notes in excess of 77% of the aggregate amount outstanding have been deposited under the deposit agreement dated as of Jan. 31 1931, and we are desirous of giving all note holders the opportunity to deposit their notes, the time for the deposit of notes has been extended to March 21.

In order that the plan may become operative, it is necessary that at least 80% in principal amount of the notes be deposited, and holders of undeposited notes are, therefore, advised that their notes should be deposited at once with the depository, First Union Trust & Savings Bank, 33 South Clark St., Chicago.

Under the plan it is contemplated to pay to holders 20% of the principal amount of their deposited notes in cash and to extend to Feb. 1 1933, the maturity of the notes with respect to the remaining 80% and increase the interest rate from 5 1/2 to 6%.

Purchasers of the National company have agreed to have exchanged the \$2,010,000 face amount of 6% unsecured demand notes held by the American Commonwealths Power Corp. for 25,000 shares of a preference stock, which shall be junior to the \$6.50 dividend series of cumulative preferred stock outstanding.

The plan will reduce National's note indebtedness from \$4,633,000 to \$2,623,000, consisting of \$823,000 commercial loans and \$1,800,000 unsecured notes.—V. 132, p. 1031.

New England Public Service Co.—Output Gains.—

This company, which supplies electric energy through operating subsidiaries located in large sections of Maine and New Hampshire and a portion of Vermont, reports an increase of over 19,000,000 kwh. for the first seven weeks of 1931. This is a gain of 18% over the same period in the previous year and a further gain of 2% reached in the first month of this year.

This increase follows a consistent gain enjoyed throughout the past year, which showed an increase in kilowatt hour output of nearly 5% over 1929. Operation of the new 300-ton capacity newsprint plant of the Maine Seaboard Paper Co. at Bucksport, Me., accounts for a major portion of the current increase, supplemented by a normal increase in pivotal industries as recorded in consumption of kilowatt hours. The aggressive industrial proportion work of the New England Public Service Co. in the territory which it serves has been a factor in keeping up the increase in use of power, it is stated.—V. 131, p. 3877.

New York Rys. Corp.—Bus Plans Fought by Bondholders—Groups Protest Franchise for Omnibus Corporation—Call Financing Unfair.—

The following is taken from the New York "Times": The granting of a bus franchise to the New York City Omnibus Corp. as part of a program for complete motorization of the Manhattan surface car lines of the New York Railways Corp. will be vigorously opposed by bondholding groups of the latter corporation.

The opposition is due to alleged failure of the New York Railways Corp. to make adequate provision for certain of its bondholders in a drastic recapitalization and refinancing plan now in preparation.

Several drafts of the refinancing plan have already been submitted to bondholders' groups and in each instance have met with strong disapproval. The dissenting bondholders have already organized protective committees and have filed with the Board of Estimate their requests that they be heard before any franchises are voted either to the New York Railways Corp. or the Fifth Avenue Coach Co.

One committee represents the Broadway & Seventh Avenue Ry., on whose bonds interest has been for some time in default. The second committee represents bondholders of the Thirty-fourth Street Crosstown Ry., the Twenty-third Street Ry. and the Bleeker Street & Fulton Ferry R.R. Both committees are headed by William C. Delafield.

It is understood that the refinancing plan to which the committees object proposes to make the bonds of the subsidiary companies which they represent a third lien on franchises and other property upon which they now are a first lien. Ahead of them, under the proposed plan, would come about \$9,000,000 of second mortgage obligation incurred through the raising of new money for bus operation and equipment, and the present first prior lien 6% New York Railways Corp. first mortgage bonds now secured by real estate said to be worth more than 150% of that issue.

One of the complaints of the protective committees is that the new plan proposes to make this first mortgage also a blanket lien upon the bus franchises which would replace the perpetual franchises now held by the subsidiaries which they represent. Another complaint is that the proposed refinancing would not only compel acceptance of bonds which would be a third instead of a first lien but would compel present bondholders to submit to a "scaling down" of their holdings by turning them in on less than a parity basis for the new bus bonds.

Says Values Are Overlooked.

Members of the protective committee voiced yesterday their belief that the refinancing plan was unfair to bondholders who now rely upon their first liens on perpetual franchise for specific routes. They asserted that the Omnibus Corp. of Chicago, which controls the Fifth Avenue Coach Co., which in turn controls the New York Railways Corp., is primarily a motor bus organization, and said that the refinancing plan failed to take into consideration the real value of some of the surface car lines incorporated in the New York Railways system.

It is understood that the refinancing plan is being promulgated through J. & W. Seligman & Co. Only tentative proposals have been put forward thus far, because of the uncertainty regarding the term and form of franchise which the Board of Estimate might approve. At present it is indicated that a flat 25-year franchise would be granted, or at least one for that term with the city having the right to recapture after 10 years. J. C. Ritchie, head of the Omnibus Corp. and the New York Railways Corp., has let it be understood that no refinancing plan could be formulated which would be effective if the term were shorter than 25 years.—V. 131, p. 3529.

New York Telephone Co.—New Construction.—

The expenditure of \$3,492,295 for new construction throughout the State was authorized by the board of directors at the regular monthly meeting held Feb. 25, according to an announcement made Feb. 27 by President J. S. McCulloch. This brings the total appropriations for the first two months of this year to \$9,215,385, of which \$7,162,685 has been provided for the extension of facilities in the metropolitan area.—V. 132, p. 1412.

Niagara Hudson Power Corp.—United Corp. Increases Holdings to 22%.—

See United Corporation below.—V. 132, p. 656, 311.

New York Steam Corp.—Annual Report.—

President David K. Johnson says in part:

The fiscal year has been changed to coincide with the calendar year. While gross and net earnings for the six months ended Dec. 31 1930, showed increases over those for the corresponding period of the previous year, a report for a period less than a complete cycle of 12 months is misleading in the case of the corporation, the business of which has wide seasonal variations.

The quantity of steam billed to consumers during the year was 9,984,873,000 pounds, compared with 8,590,802,000 in 1929, an increase of 1,394,071,000, or over 16%. However, during the calendar year 1930, the corporation delivered to consumers 10,189,919,000 pounds of steam, compared with 8,596,178,000 in 1929, an increase of 1,593,741,000 or 18 1/2%. Thus there was an increase of approximately 200,000,000 pounds of steam delivered to consumers but not billed as applicable to the year. While the cost of generating and delivering this amount of steam is included in the operating expenses, the increase in unbilled income, amounting to approximately \$190,000, is not included in the revenues for the year. This situation was brought about by a change in accounting methods, made in September 1930, in order to facilitate the preparation of bills to consumers and of monthly operating reports.

Capital expenditures amounted to \$6,080,795 in 1930 and \$4,826,007 in 1929. These expenditures, as well as the bond sinking fund payments, were financed out of earnings, through bank loans and through the sale of \$2,075,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds in the spring of 1929 and the sale of \$6,000,000 common stock in the fall of 1930.

At a special meeting of stockholders, held on Oct. 20 1930, the stockholders authorized an increase in the authorized number of shares of common stock (no par) from 30,000 shares to 500,000 shares, and the change of all previously authorized shares of common stock into eight times the number of shares of the same class, by the issue to stockholders of seven additional shares of common stock with respect to each share held by them. At the same meeting, the stockholders also directed that 120,000 additional shares of common stock be offered to holders of common stock for subscription, pro rata, on or before Nov. 24 1930, at the price of \$50 a share, at the rate of four shares for every one share of previously outstanding common stock held. The offering made in accordance with such authorization was fully subscribed, and the entire 120,000 shares of stock were sold at \$50 a share.

The Consolidated Gas Co. of New York increased its holdings in the common stock by the acquisition and the exercise of rights to purchase the newly issued stock, and at the present time owns approximately 74% of the 360,000 shares outstanding.

Comparative Income Account.

Table with columns for Year End. Dec. 31—1930, 1929 and Years Ended June 30—1930, 1929. Rows include Operating revenues, Non-operating revenues, Gross earnings, Operation expenses, Maintenance expenses, Taxes, Federal income tax, Prov. for retirements, etc.

Table with columns for Net earnings, Interest on funded debt, General interest, Amortiz. of bond disc. & expense, Miscell. deductions, Int. charged to construc., Net income, Preferred dividends.

Balance, surplus, \$1,061,541 \$665,139 \$1,053,463 \$379,554 Surplus Account.—The surplus account Dec. 31 1930 shows: Surplus balance Dec. 31 1929, \$1,903,197. Add surplus net income, \$1,703,471; total surplus, \$3,606,668. Deduct divs. on preferred stock, \$641,930; other surplus charges (net), \$26,228; surplus Dec. 31 1930, \$2,938,510. x Includes taxes.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Property and plant account.....	\$7,162,390	Preferred stock.....	\$1,500,000
Investments, at cost.....	1,330,810	Common stock.....	1,200,000
Sinking fund deposits.....	72	Pref. stock of subsid. cos.....	213,900
Unamortized bond disc. & exp.....	319,997	Subs. to pref. stock of sub. cos.....	22,300
Def'd charges & prepaid accts.....	43,352	Funded debt.....	4,875,200
Due from affiliated companies.....	2,542	Deferred liabilities.....	50,041
Cash in banks & working funds.....	53,892	Due to affiliated companies.....	61,752
Special dep. pay. on demand.....	\$4,020	Notes payable.....	70,000
Accounts receivable.....	\$217,123	Accounts and wages payable.....	25,416
Accr. int. & divs. receivable.....	8,118	Other current liabilities.....	2,920
Estimated unbilled gas.....	18,548	Accrued liabilities.....	98,159
Materials and supplies.....	129,915	Reserves.....	883,143
Due on subser. to pref. stock of subsidiary companies.....	16,052	Surplus.....	379,001

Total.....\$9,381,832 Total.....\$9,381,832
 x Reserve for uncollectible accounts of \$15,261.—V. 130, p. 1115.

Philadelphia Electric Co.—Listing of \$40,000,000 First & Refunding Mortgage Gold Bonds 4% Series.—
 The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$40,000,000 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds 4% series due Feb. 1 1971.

Income Account for Calendar Years.

	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Operating revenue.....	\$65,280,980	\$61,902,211	\$56,443,203	\$52,542,039
Operating expenses:				
Operation.....	22,309,909	22,722,899	22,050,693	22,257,480
Maintenance.....	2,924,789	2,841,887	2,785,993	3,215,327
Renewals & replacements.....	5,767,911	5,323,553	4,549,062	2,890,869
Taxes other than Federal.....	2,397,310	2,127,722	1,671,399	1,358,001
Taxes, Federal inc. tax.....	2,337,517	2,237,563	2,211,159	2,209,113
Taxes, other Federal.....	67,029	71,862	81,436	30,572
Operating income.....	\$29,476,515	\$26,576,721	\$23,093,480	\$20,580,677
Non-operating income.....	488,442	1,247,906	787,946	529,015
Gross income.....	\$29,964,957	\$27,824,630	\$23,881,426	\$21,109,692
Income deductions.....	8,420,949	8,756,872	8,366,914	6,808,370
Net income.....	\$21,544,007	\$19,067,757	\$15,514,511	\$14,301,323

Condensed Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed cap. (book value).....	348,549,741	336,514,175	
Investments.....	5,802,707	14,099,055	
Sk. fd. & special deposits.....	8,653,151	6,875,474	
Cash.....	7,120,146	7,147,645	
Notes receivable.....	331,366	16,650	
Accts. receivable.....	7,526,031	8,733,614	
Mats. & supplies.....	3,739,527	3,836,286	
Prepd. accts.....	300,567	176,037	
Unam. debt disc. and expense.....	5,110,491	5,793,247	
Suspense accts.....	1,467,959	500,541	
Total.....	383,601,639	383,692,724	
			Total.....
			388,601,684
			383,692,724

a Represented by 130,058 (no par) shares. b Represented by 10,349,230 (no par) shares.—V. 132, p. 1618, 850.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—		1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross passenger earnings.....	\$51,023,086	\$49,907,817	\$54,832,614	\$56,070,709	
Other oper. receipts.....	1,011,604	1,001,736	1,002,907	857,437	
Total.....	\$52,034,691	\$55,909,553	\$55,835,522	\$56,928,146	
Expenses:					
Maintenance.....	\$5,825,129	\$7,053,527	\$6,601,333	\$8,958,699	
Oper. of power plants.....	3,448,027	3,260,884	3,135,802	3,385,004	
Operation of cars.....	18,081,040	19,430,055	19,161,756	20,093,203	
General.....	5,505,709	6,118,961	6,499,419	7,577,753	
Taxes, incl., paving.....	2,862,397	3,310,797	3,402,066	3,306,762	
Depreciation.....	3,189,961	2,803,319	3,536,838	---	
Total expenses.....	\$38,912,263	\$41,977,544	\$42,337,215	\$43,321,422	
Operating income.....	13,122,428	13,932,009	13,498,306	13,606,724	
Non-operating income.....	916,109	1,243,331	1,390,208	980,918	
Net earnings.....	\$14,038,537	\$15,175,340	\$14,888,515	\$14,587,642	
Interest.....	1,177,214	1,115,638	1,191,986	1,354,828	
Rentals.....	8,096,288	8,761,993	9,989,439	9,270,629	
Sink. fund city contract.....	180,000	180,000	180,000	180,000	
Broad St. subway rental accrual.....	406,625	780,200	---	---	
Frankfort Elev. rental.....	780,200	---	---	---	
Net income.....	\$2,798,210	\$4,337,509	\$3,527,089	\$3,782,185	
Preferred dividends.....	(7%) 1,980,200	(7) 1,913,333	(7) 2,005,537	(7) 1,369,531	
Common dividends.....	(8%) 2,399,744	(8) 2,399,744	(8) 2,399,644	(8) 2,399,644	
Balance, surplus.....	def\$581,534	\$24,431	def\$878,092	\$13,010	
Com. shs. outst. (par \$50)	599,944	599,924	599,924	599,924	
Earns. per share on com.	\$3.01	\$4.04	\$2.53	\$4.03	

Ponce Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—		1930.	1929.
Gross earnings.....		\$387,514	\$346,604
Operation expenses.....		169,025	152,438
Maintenance.....		20,743	24,050
Taxes.....		40,224	28,048
Interest.....		2,142	6,885
Net income.....		\$155,580	\$135,184
Prior earned surplus.....		14,979	13,181
Total surplus.....		\$170,559	\$148,364
Retirement reserve.....		40,000	40,000
Net direct charges.....		336	12,948
Preferred dividends.....		26,614	26,887
Common dividends.....		58,800	53,550
Earned surplus.....		\$44,810	\$14,979

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Property, plant, & c.....	\$1,285,372	\$1,304,482	
Cash.....	51,291	22,040	
Notes receivable.....	1,060	---	
Accts. receivable.....	81,062	77,639	
Materials & suppl's.....	38,159	34,433	
Prepayments.....	1,599	2,825	
Unadjusted debits.....	1,149	1	
Total.....	\$1,459,692	\$1,441,471	
			Total.....
			\$1,459,692
			\$1,441,471

Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp.—Omits Pref. Dividend.—The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% which would ordinarily be payable April

1 on the 7% non-cumul. pref. stock, par \$100. From October 1928 to and incl. January 1931, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 1 3/4% on this issue.

All of the common stock is owned by the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings.....	\$37,923,357	\$40,258,363	\$39,119,376
Oper., general exps., taxes & dep.....	35,020,662	34,503,281	33,675,291
Net earnings.....	\$2,902,696	\$5,755,082	\$5,441,085
Charges of assoc. cos.—Gen. int.....	272,461	161,162	127,436
Int. on the Commercial Cable Co. 4% bonds and deb. stock not converted.....	---	4,297	23,201
Divs. on the Mackay Cos. 4% pref. shares not converted.....	---	69,738	156,824
Minority stockholders' equity in net income.....	---	15,500	245,696
Int. on collateral trust 5% gold bonds.....	2,533,465	2,531,714	2,433,131
Net income.....	\$96,769	\$2,972,671	\$2,545,797
Divs. on 7% non-cum. pref. stock.....	2,137,065	2,133,882	1,983,975
Balance.....	df\$2,040,296	\$838,789	\$470,822

Portion of earnings of assoc. cos. applicable to period prior to July 1 1928, effective date of acquisition of properties, less adjustments for int. and div. charges applicable to such prior period..... 222,634

Consolidated Surplus Account Dec. 31.			
Paid-in & earned surplus—Jan. 1 1930.....			\$7,138,148
Net income as above (before dividends).....			96,769
Credit from sale of common stock at \$40 per share of which \$15 per share was credited to paid-in surplus.....			9,158,850
Total surplus.....			\$16,393,767
Dividends on 7% non-cumulative preferred stock.....			2,137,065
Extraordinary expenditures incurred in developing new business, training employees for automatic operation and extension of service by opening of new offices, etc., of which \$756,748 was accumulated prior to Jan. 1 1930.....			2,442,592
Expenditures incurred in repairing cable breaks resulting from earthquake.....			754,425
Sundry surplus debits.....			1,613
Paid-in surplus—Dec. 31 1930.....			\$11,058,072
x After giving effect for full year to interest charges on bonds and dividend requirements on preferred stock issue during the year to acquire properties.—V. 131, p. 3711.			245,696

Power, Gas and Water Securities Corp.—Earnings.—

Income Statement for Year Ended Dec. 31 1930.		
Interest on securities.....		\$329,314
Dividends on stocks.....		179,790
Profit on sale of securities.....		26,931
Total income.....		\$536,035
Operating & miscellaneous expense.....		63,743
Interest on funded debt.....		250,000
Provision for Federal income tax & amortization of debt discount & expense.....		19,065
Net income for year.....		\$203,227
Earned surplus Jan. 1 1930.....		\$164,644
Miscellaneous additions to surplus.....		347
Total surplus.....		\$368,219
Dividends on 6% preferred stock.....		75,000
Earned surplus Dec. 31 1930.....		\$293,219
Capital surplus.....		400,000
Total surplus.....		\$693,219

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.				
Assets—		Liabilities—		
Cash.....	\$31,006	\$79,095	Preferred stock.....	\$1,250,000
Accts. receivable.....	1,638	7,717	Common stock.....	1,000,000
Interest receivable.....	113,329	---	Long term debt.....	5,000,000
Misc. accts. rec.....	---	62,612	Liability for sec. sold under repurchase agreement.....	1,365,566
Securs. & cash held by trustee.....	5,568,244	5,701,108	Notes & accts. pay.....	96,160
Other investments.....	3,455,167	2,783,135	Accr. taxes, acerd divs. on 6% pf. stk. & accr. int. on funded debt.....	71,290
Def'd debits, incl. unamort. debt disc. & expense.....	306,850	320,903	Surplus.....	693,219
Total.....	\$9,476,235	\$8,954,570	Total.....	\$9,476,235

x 100,000 shares of no par value.—V. 130, p. 2771.

Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois.—Expend., &c.
 "It is probably some evidence of the opinion of our management as to what is likely to happen in our own line of business, that we are proposing to go ahead on about the same basis of expenditure in 1931 as in 1930," said Chairman Samuel Insull at the annual stockholders' meeting Feb. 24. Expenditures made for the improvement of facilities and to take care of the development of the company's business must be made some time in advance, according to Mr. Insull.

Authorization was voted by the stockholders to issue 200,000 additional shares of no par common stock in all respects on a parity with the present common stock of the company. Such stock is to be issued from time to time as seen fit by the board of directors.

Records of the company's operations in 1930 showed a savings to customers of \$928,000 because of reduced rates instituted last August. It was anticipated that the total savings over a 12 month's period would amount to approximately \$1,750,000.

In reviewing the company's business of 1930 it was shown to be the best year in its history. Gross business amounted to \$35,405,930 in 1930 or upwards of 6% more than the preceding year. After paying out \$4,754,670 in dividends, which was somewhat in excess of the dividends paid in 1929, \$2,809,376 was carried to surplus, which is approximately \$227,000 more than the amount carried to surplus in 1929.—V. 132, p. 1619.

Public Utility Holding Corp. of America.—Moves.
 This corporation, the United States & Overseas Corp., and the South American Railways Co. announce the removal of their main offices from 1 Exchange Place, Newark, N. J., to 11 Commerce St., Newark, N. J.—V. 132, p. 1032.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross earnings.....	\$17,056,347	\$16,375,536	\$15,141,396	\$14,925,482	
Operating expenses.....	8,705,684	9,101,181	7,633,712	7,386,968	
Taxes.....	855,086	798,682	825,437	1,177,698	
Net earnings.....	\$7,495,576	\$6,475,673	\$6,682,246	\$6,360,815	
Other income.....	685,817	670,048	513,528	507,042	
Total income.....	\$8,181,393	\$7,145,720	\$7,195,774	\$6,867,857	
Int. and amortization.....	3,634,792	3,125,277	3,075,201	3,349,626	
Net income.....	\$4,546,601	\$4,020,443	\$4,120,573	\$3,518,230	
Prior pref. dividends.....	550,000	549,975	586,256	699,528	
Preferred dividends.....	2,046,099	1,969,352	1,577,796	1,298,635	
Common dividends.....	1,115,559	811,316	---	---	
Surplus.....	\$834,943	\$689,800	\$1,956,521	\$1,520,067	
Shares of common stock outstanding (no par).....	811,316	202,829	202,829	202,829	
Earns per share.....	\$2.40	\$7.41	\$9.65	\$7.49	

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, divided into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Prop., plant, investments, and various receivables. Liabilities include Bonds, Coupon notes, and various payables.

Total... 141,161,310 132,286,595. Includes securities of Puget Sound Power & Light Co. owned and held for sale by Puget Sound Power & Light Securities Co.

Radio Corp. of America.—Plan to Merge Communication Interests with International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. Dissolved.—The Radio Corp. of America and the International Telephone & Telegraph Corp. have dissolved the accord reached in March 1929...

This decision was necessitated by the fact that despite the increasing influence of communication mergers in foreign countries and the obvious advantage to American communications interests from consolidation of their services...

Rockland Light & Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927.

Table showing earnings for Rockland Light & Power Co. for calendar years 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Includes operating revenues, expenses, and net income.

—V. 132, p. 1619.

Southern Bell Telep. & Teleg. Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927.

Table showing earnings for Southern Bell Telep. & Teleg. Co. for calendar years 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Includes operating revenues, expenses, and net income.

—V. 131, p. 4056.

Southern California Gas Co.—Bonds Sold.—Tucker Hunter Dulin & Co.; Chase Securities Corp.; Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.; Dean Witter & Co.; Blyth & Co., Inc.; American Securities Co.; Peirce, Fair & Co. and E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc. have sold at 95½ and int. to yield 4.77%...

Dated March 1 1931; due March 1 1961. Principal and int. payable at the principal office of Chase National Bank, New York; interest also payable at holder's option at Union Bank & Trust Co. of Los Angeles...

part on any interest date or dates, on 30 days' notice at par and int., plus a premium commencing with 5% and decreasing 1% of principal amount on March 1 1937 and each sixth anniversary thereof...

Issuance.—Approved by the Railroad Commission of California. Data from Letter of A. B. Macbeth, Pres. of the Company.

Business.—Company (controlled by Southern California Gas Corp., a subsidiary of Pacific Lighting Corp.) was organized in 1910 in California. It supplies natural gas, a small amount of manufactured gas and butane gas direct to domestic consumers...

Properties.—The system consists of over 5,100 miles of transmission and distribution mains varying in size from 2 inches to 26 inches, with adequate compressor and holder station facilities to render uninterrupted service.

Natural gas distributed by the company is obtained from independent producers operating in 15 fields (one of these being Kettleman Hills) in four widely separated sections of Southern California.

Capitalization to Be Outstanding with Public upon Completion of Present Financing.

1st mtge. & ref. 4½% 1961 (this issue) \$12,500,000. 1st mtge. & ref. 5% 1957 8,646,000.

Underlying bonds (1st & ref. series B 5½%) x6,170,000. Preferred stock 6% cumulative (par \$25) y4,555,700.

Common stock (352,000 shares at \$25 par) 8,800,000. Paid-in premium on common stock 2,400,000.

Additional bonds may not be issued under underlying mortgages except for the purpose of pledge under one of such mortgages or under the mortgage indenture securing the present issue.

Security.—Bonds now offered will be secured in the opinion of counsel by a direct 1st mtge. lien on the properties acquired in 1927 from Midway Gas Co., Central Counties Gas Co., River Bend Gas & Water Co. and Hanford Gas & Power Co.

Annual interest requirements on entire funded debt to be presently outstanding totals \$1,335,800. The balance available for interest, as shown above, in 1928 was more than 4.6 times the requirements...

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, divided into Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Plant properties, Cash, Securities, Materials & suppl., Accounts receivable, Deferred charges. Liabilities include Common stock, Pref. stock, Shares of 100, par value, Funded debt, Current liabilities, Consumers' advan. for construction, Reserves, Surplus.

Total... 29,565,856 23,333,022. Springfield Gas Light Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927.

Table showing earnings for Springfield Gas Light Co. for calendar years 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Includes operating revenues, expenses, and net income.

Income from operations \$6,566,473. Net income \$1,079,442.

Springfield Gas Light Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927.

Table showing earnings for Springfield Gas Light Co. for calendar years 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Includes operating revenues, expenses, and net income.

Income from operations \$633,066. Net income \$665,422.

Springfield Gas Light Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927.

Table showing earnings for Springfield Gas Light Co. for calendar years 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Includes operating revenues, expenses, and net income.

Income from operations \$633,066. Net income \$665,422.

Springfield Gas Light Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927.

Table showing earnings for Springfield Gas Light Co. for calendar years 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Includes operating revenues, expenses, and net income.

Income from operations \$633,066. Net income \$665,422.

Springfield Gas Light Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927.

Table showing earnings for Springfield Gas Light Co. for calendar years 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Includes operating revenues, expenses, and net income.

Income from operations \$633,066. Net income \$665,422.

Springfield Gas Light Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the cum. pref. stock, \$3 convertible series, payable April 1 to holders of record March 13, and the regular quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share on the cum. pref. stock, \$3 series with stock purchase privilege, and of \$1.50 per share on the cum. pref. stock, \$6 series, both payable May 1 to holders of record April 15.—V. 132, p. 1032.

Toho Electric Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—
[Converted into dollars at 50 cents per yen.]
12 Months Ended Oct. 31—
Gross operating earnings— \$24,370,313 1930. 1929. 1928.
Oper. exps., maint., taxes & deprec. 17,955,529 17,822,054 17,183,229
Net operating earnings \$6,414,784 \$7,490,284 \$7,092,203
Other income 4,847,398 3,488,155 3,305,254
Gross income available for interest \$11,262,182 \$10,978,439 \$10,397,457
Interest 4,918,847 3,875,278 3,409,537
Amortization of bond discount 708,962 545,613 455,706
Proport. of net inc. applic. to min. int. 5,545
Balance for dividends, reserves, &c. \$5,628,828 \$6,557,548 \$6,532,214
—V. 132, p. 495.

United Corp.—Extents Holdings in Niagara Hudson.—
The corporation has acquired an additional 4,070,000 shares of the common stock of the Niagara Hudson Power Corp., bringing its interest in that company up to 5,743,250 shares, or 22%, it was announced March 3 by George H. Howard, President of the United Corp.
The additional block of Niagara Hudson stock, which is worth more than \$55,000,000 in the market on the basis of current prices, was acquired from the St. Regis Paper Co. in exchange for 2,170,666 shares of the common stock of the United Corp. This represents the transfer of practically the entire block of St. Regis's holdings in Niagara Hudson, acquired at the time of the organization of the latter company in August 1929.
The basis used in the exchange was the equalization of dividend returns, it was indicated (one share of United for 1.8 shares of Niagara Hudson). United Corp. common stock is now on a 75-cent annual basis and Niagara Hudson pays 40 cents a year. Inasmuch as the deal represents a simple exchange of stock, there will be no necessity of public financing at this time, it was stated.

Through the contract with St. Regis, the United Corp. becomes the largest stockholders in the Niagara Hudson Power Corp. The latter corporation is the outstanding factor in the utility field in Northern and Western New York State. The increase in the holdings of United Corp. in Niagara Hudson to 22% is regarded as a further indication of the growing co-operation between Niagara Hudson and Consolidated Gas of New York. United has an interest in Consolidated Gas.
United Corp. has made application to the New York Stock Exchange to list the additional 2,170,666 shares, bringing total outstanding shares to 14,531,197. The United Corp. has 24,000,000 shares of common authorized.—V. 132, p. 1620.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Dividends.—
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share on the class A stock, payable April 1 1930 to holders of record March 5. Holders have the option of taking additional class A stock at the rate of 1-40th of a share for each share held in lieu of cash dividend.
The regular dividend of 25 cents per share was declared on the class B stock and common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 5. Holders have the option of receiving common stock at the rate of 1-40th of a share for each share of class B or common stock held.
On Jan. 2 1931 an extra of 15 cents a share was paid on the class A stock, and one of 2½ cents a share on the class B and common stock (see V. 131, p. 3531).
As to the class A, class B and common stocks, unless by the close of business Mar. 13 1931, the stockholder advises 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, it is announced.—V. 132, p. 1620.

Virginia Electric & Power Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years—
1930. 1929. 1928. 1927.
Total gross earnings \$17,150,297 \$17,091,490 \$16,244,501 \$15,471,570
Operation expenses 6,728,219 6,475,796 6,293,596 6,354,755
Maintenance expenses 1,368,270 1,523,183 1,507,136 1,532,638
Taxes 1,393,677 1,338,536 1,390,839 1,301,569
Net earnings \$7,660,131 \$7,763,974 \$7,052,932 \$6,282,609
Inc. from other sources 62,886 19,191 26,882
Balance \$7,723,017 \$7,773,165 \$7,079,814 \$6,282,609
Int. & amort. charges 1,777,453 1,836,104 1,904,850 1,563,300
Balance \$5,945,564 \$5,937,061 \$5,174,965 \$4,719,308
Preferred dividends 1,135,792 1,048,461 1,044,980 953,177
Common dividends 2,649,004 2,151,071 1,673,056 1,673,056
Bal. for res. & retire \$2,160,768 \$2,737,529 \$2,456,929 \$2,093,074

Consolidated Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets—
1930. 1929.
Plant & property \$79,576,546 74,903,488
Cash 1,126,610 1,380,507
Notes receivable 103,948 1,183,352
Accts. receivable 1,478,161 1,385,989
Materials & suppl. 824,565 808,719
Prepayments 203,311 194,761
Subscribers to 6% preferred stock 7,506
Miscell. investm'ts 12,662 12,660
Sinking funds 6,254,180 5,738,287
Special deposits 421,466 444,108
Unamortized debt disc't. & expense 1,083,928 1,190,287
Unadjusted debts 143,390 78,620
Treasury securities 506,000 532,000
Total \$91,742,273 86,787,476
Liabilities—
1930. 1929.
Preferred stock \$19,149,714 14,763,600
Pref. stock subser. 47,799
Common stock 15,137,260 15,163,529
Sub. co. pref. stock 750,000
Bonds 39,155,000 39,165,000
Equipment notes 13,075 42,975
Notes payable 1,818,000 1,018,000
Accounts payable 378,569 388,253
Accts. not yet due 1,005,642 959,155
Retirement reserve 9,688,755 9,093,639
Approp. reserve for retirements 402,291 412,437
Contrib. for exten. 75,384 69,351
Operating reserves 116,177 144,012
Unadjusted credits 150,939 240,285
Earned surplus 4,603,648 4,577,242
Total \$91,742,273 86,787,476

Washington Water Power Co.—Tenders.—
The City Bank Farmers Trust Co., as trustee, announces that it has \$62,839 to invest for the quarterly purchase of the 1st ref. mtge. 5% bonds of 1909, due 1939, and will receive offers until noon, March 10. Proposals should be delivered to the office of the trustee, 22 William St., N. Y. City.—V. 132, p. 1620.

Wayne United Gas Co.—Contract.—
See Appalachian Gas Corp. above.—V. 131, p. 2394.

Youngstown & Ohio River RR.—Property Sold.—
The property of the company has been sold at foreclosure to Briggs & Turivas, Inc., of Chicago. The sale has been confirmed but settlement has not yet been made with the master commissioner. The sale price was \$125,000. While all of the charges have not been fixed, it is estimated that about \$25,000 or approximately \$20 per \$1,000 bond, will be available for the bondholders.
Briggs & Turivas, Inc., it is understood, plan to try to operate the property but the order under which the property was sold provided that the purchaser might discontinue operation, and it is believed that the State Utilities Commission will not oppose discontinuance.—V. 131, p. 3045.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Advance Price of Export Copper.—Copper Exporters, Inc. has advanced the price of copper ¼ cent to 10.80 cents a pound c.i.f. London, Hamburg and Havre. "Wall Street Journal," March 2, p. 7.
Ingot Brass Prices Advanced.—A leading ingot brass manufacturer in the Chicago territory has advanced prices of brass ¼ cent a pound. "Wall Street Journal," March 4, p. 11.
Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 28.—(a) Bill introduced by representative McFadden proposes federal capital issues board—Would

pass on foreign and domestic issues in excess of \$100,000, p. 1485. (b) Falling off in chain store sales in New York Federal Reserve District in January as compared with same month last year, p. 1494. (c) Oakland Motor Car Co. recalls 500 employees, p. 1498. (d) Packer Hides at lowest prices since 1893 in heavy buying, p. 1498. (e) Weavers strike at American Woolen Co. plant in Maynard, Mass., p. 1500. (f) Rutherford (N. C.) Textile Plants to go on full time, p. 1500. (g) Chalmers Knitting Mills at Amsterdam, N. Y., on full time, p. 1500. (h) Bread prices cut 20%—Great Atlantic & Pacific acts on suggestion of United States Senate, p. 1515. (i) Moore, Hill & Evans, Inc., Los Angeles Brokerage Firm, suspended from Los Angeles Stock and Curb Exchanges, p. 1518. (j) U. S. Senate passes bills regulating security issues—Designed to apply in District of Columbia on foreclosures, stocks and bonds, p. 1527. (k) Minnesota legislature rejects iron ore tax—Kills attempt to increase levy to 10% from 6%, p. 1531.

Abbott Laboratories.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years—
1930. 1929.
Gross profit \$2,938,478 \$2,448,904
Depreciation and amortization 99,194 76,809
Selling, administrative and research expenses 2,296,220 1,708,580
Federal tax provision 61,000 72,500
Net profit for year \$482,064 \$591,014
Dividends paid and provided for 315,452 289,856
Balance, surplus \$166,612 \$301,158
Profit and loss surplus 1,070,530 996,688
Shares common stock outstanding (no par) 145,000 120,000
Earnings per share \$3.32 \$4.91
—V. 132, p. 2896.

Adams Bldg. Trust, Washington, D. C.—Bonds Called.
All of the outstanding 15-year 6% bonds, due Nov. 1 1939, have been called for redemption May 1 next at 105 and int. at the Atlantic National Bank of Boston, 10 Post Office Square, Boston, Mass.—V. 119, p. 2882.

Adams-Millis Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—
Calendar Years—
1930. 1929.
Net sales \$7,633,654 \$6,962,008
Net income before taxes 1,072,786 1,063,829
Provision for Federal and State income taxes 166,750 154,500
Net profit after taxes \$906,035 \$909,329
First preferred dividend 122,500 122,500
Second preferred dividends 29,704 33,687
Common dividends 312,000 312,000
Balance \$441,831 \$441,142
Earned per sh. on 156,000 shs. com. stk. (no par) \$4.83 \$4.82
—V. 132 p. 313.

Administrative & Research Corp. (Md.)—Earnings—
To Acquire Own Shares.—
This corporation, sponsors of Corporate Trust Shares, reports for the year 1930 consolidated net income, after provision for Federal income tax, of \$959,052, equivalent to \$5.019 per share on the 191,068 combined shares of class "A" and class "B" stock of no par value outstanding at the end of the year. The item of net income includes that of the corporation's subsidiaries, American Basic-Shares Corp., American Depositor Corp. and Administrative & Research Corp. of New York.
In his report to the stockholders, President John Y. Robbins states that the directors have determined to set aside a fund for the purchase of a limited number of shares of class "A" and class "B" stock in the open market at the best price obtainable, but not to exceed \$12.50 per share. Additional amounts will be appropriated from time to time for this purpose. In making these purchases preference will be given to the class "A" stock. The shares so purchased may be held in the treasury or may be resold or may be retired from time to time in the discretion of the board of directors.
Referring to the corporation's activities during 1930, President Robbins states in his report: "Both the volume of sales and net earnings have steadily increased during the past year. Sales of Corporate Trust Shares totaled 12,008,000 shares, a record for shares issued and sold in that year or any other year by any fixed investment trust. Sales for the month of January 1931 set a new monthly record for Corporate Trust Shares, and we are hopeful that our 1931 sales will exceed last year."
After the payment of \$163,521 in dividends last year, the corporation reported a consolidated earned surplus as of December 31 1930 of \$811,404.—V. 132, p. 1415.

Aero Supply Manufacturing Co., Inc.—New Officers.—
Frank N. Ames, of Corry, Pa., recently Chairman of the board, has been elected President to succeed George I. Stich, resigned. L. T. McElroy has been elected Vice-President in charge of production; Sam J. Irvine, Vice-President in charge of sales and development, and Luke E. Graham, Vice-President and Treasurer.—V. 131, p. 4218.

Aetna Rubber Co.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years
1930. 1929.
Gross profit from sales after deducting cost of material, labor, manufacturing exp. & moving exp. \$179,058 \$52,503
Interest earned & other income 16,240 48,805
Total income \$195,298 \$101,307
Sell., adminis. & other charges against inc., incl. deprec. & taxes 227,477 189,958
Net loss \$32,179 \$88,651
Previous surplus 404,993 567,184
Deductions 402
Balance, surplus \$372,814 \$478,132
Dividends paid 7,511 73,939
Surplus \$365,302 \$404,193
—V. 130, p. 4053.

Air Way Electric Appliance Corp.—Earnings.—
Calendar Years—
1930. 1929. 1928. 1927.
Gross sales \$4,028,309 \$2,536,656
Mfg. adm. sell. expense 2,579,172 1,751,286
Manufact. income \$645,931 \$1,449,137 \$785,370
Depreciation 53,703 45,951 39,944 26,573
Other items 80,328 174,063 21,983
Net inc. from fac. sal's \$592,227 \$1,469,266 \$1,235,580 \$736,814
Net inc. from other oper. 40,832 427,705 43,359 47,489
Non-operating income 336,480 143,580
Total \$633,059 \$1,896,971 \$1,615,420 \$927,884
Federal income tax 69,867 212,765 213,776 140,970
Net income for year \$563,192 \$1,684,206 \$1,401,643 \$786,914
Surplus at beginning of year 2,012,800 1,496,852 870,835 384,050
Adjustment of taxes ———— Dr. 27,854 258 ————
Profit from purchase of preferred stock 5,948
Total surplus \$2,581,941 \$3,153,204 \$2,272,738 \$1,170,963
Dividends paid 821,190 1,140,403 684,381 275,129
Miscell. deductions 16,504
Discount on pref. stock 75,000 25,000
Adjust. to reflect European companies at book values, &c. 38,271
Reserve charge for contingencies 20,000
Surplus at end of year \$1,702,478 \$2,012,801 \$1,496,853 \$870,836
Shares of common stock outstanding 400,000 400,000 400,000 100,000
Earnings per share after preferred dividends \$1.07 \$3.86 \$3.29
—V. 131, p. 3878.

dividend of \$1.75 per share on the outstanding \$30,000,000 7% non-cumulative preferred stock, par \$100, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 17. Previously, the company made quarterly distributions of \$1.50 per share on the common stock.—V. 131, p. 3713.

American Cigar Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Net earnings, a loss	\$1,590,870	\$1,893,958	\$2,767,079	\$2,877,944
Prof. dividends (%)	600,000	330,000	344,952	389,910
Common dividends	—	(S)1,600,000	(S)1,600,000	(S)1,600,000
Balance, surplus, def	\$2,190,870	def\$30,042	\$822,127	\$888,034
Profit & loss, surplus	1,862,039	x4,052,911	3,917,973	3,160,826
Shares of com. outstanding (par \$100)	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Earns. per sh. on com	Nil	\$7.84	\$12.11	\$12.44

x After adding \$164,979 for adjustment of prior years. a Net earnings of company and those companies all of whose stock is owned by American Cigar Co., after deducting all charges for expenses, management and Federal taxes, &c.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate, mach., &c., less deprec. (aft. deduc. res.)	9,362,724	4,981,610	Preferred stock	10,000,000
Brands, patents, &c.	1	1	Common stock	20,000,000
Leaf tobacco, &c.	20,339,026	16,234,074	Amounts owing to affiliated cos.	8,077,737
Bonds & stocks	7,312,359	6,627,637	Prov. for prof. div.	150,000
Cash	338,711	1,452,237	Bills & accts. pay.	482,482
x Due from cos.	1,733	17,800	Tax reserves	700,935
Bills & accts. rec.	3,882,403	6,851,167	Reserve for depreciation, &c.	87,541
Prepaid ins., &c.	36,236	125,047	Surplus	1,862,040
Total	41,273,194	36,289,576	Total	41,273,194

x Amounts owing to this company by companies in which it directly or indirectly owns part of the stock.—V. 130, p. 1831.

American Composite Shares Corp.—Bankers Obtain Block of Trust Depositor Stock.

The stockholders have approved sale of a block of the company's stock (reported in press as 20,000 shares), to the following syndicate: Brown, Cress & Co., Ann Arbor; Burden, Cole & Co., New York; R. S. Dickson & Co., Charlotte, N. C.; E. F. Gillespie & Co., New York; Glover, MacGregor & Cunningham, Pittsburgh; The Industrial Co., Grand Rapids; Prescott Lyon & Co., Pittsburgh; E. B. Palmer Co., San Francisco; Peabody & Co., Chicago; Singer, Deane & Scribner, Pittsburgh; J. A. Sisto & Co., New York; Joel Stockard & Co., Detroit.

The agreement covering the sale of the stock to this group provides for ultimate distribution of control to a group of 28 additional investment bankers in principal cities to the end that the company, depositor for American Composite Trust Shares, a cumulative type fixed trust, will be co-operatively owned and controlled by a nation-wide group of 40 representative dealers. American Composite Trust Shares were first offered to the public in June of 1930.

Officials elected for the ensuing year were: John W. MacGregor, Chairman; E. F. Gillespie, President; Warren R. Palmer, Vice-President and Treasurer; Norman B. Ward, Vice-President; Robert C. Hardy, Secretary. Directors: Robert F. Ames, R. A. Bigger, William E. Brown, Ross Byron, John Cole, Samuel K. Cunningham, Arthur G. Deane, C. H. Donnelly, Harold J. Gallagher, E. F. Gillespie, Robert C. Hardy, Prescott L. Lyon, John W. MacGregor, E. B. Palmer, Warren R. Palmer, J. A. Sisto, Norman B. Ward.—V. 132, p. 1226.

American Department Stores Corp.—February Sales.—The corporation reports sales for February 1931 of \$569,219, as compared with \$549,706 for February 1930, representing a decrease of \$19,513 or 3.3%.—V. 132, p. 658, 1226.

American Equities Co.—New Directors.—W. W. Freeman, President of the Intercontinentals Power Corp., has been elected a director. The following directors were re-elected: B. A. Howe, G. W. Cain, B. C. Hunt, G. W. Treat, P. G. Gossler, J. H. Briggs, E. Walker, D. O'Melveny, W. H. Snow, T. J. Walsh, F. J. Leary, J. B. Miller, E. B. Robinette, W. H. Wildes, A. McAndrew, and G. N. Lindsay.—V. 132, p. 1621.

American-Hawaiian Steamship Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	*1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Operating earnings	\$13,525,267	\$13,265,261	\$12,589,304	\$11,479,749
Operating expenses	12,667,801	11,871,202	11,331,835	10,742,418
Net profit from oper. & recov. in prior years	\$857,466	\$1,394,059	\$1,257,469	\$737,332
Net profit on sale of vessels & investments	559,759	506,171	59,334	78,918
Int. & divs. rec. on inv. & from other sources	230,151	381,062	201,207	279,734
Total income	\$1,664,736	\$2,307,417	\$1,518,009	\$1,095,983
Interest on notes payable	124,450	43,213	42,396	79,100
Losses arising from adjust. of prior years	—	5,136	—	20,519
Adjust. prior yrs. & S. S. "Malolo" final settlement & extraord items	—	—	100,471	—
Prov. for depreciation	1,225,607	956,692	964,327	914,013
Prov. for Federal inc. tax	29,155	114,955	26,000	—
Net profit for year	\$285,523	\$1,187,421	\$384,816	\$82,351
Dividends paid	x3,748,800	944,800	475,602	—
Balance, surplus, def	\$3,463,277	\$242,621	def\$90,786	\$82,351
Earns. per sh. on 475,602 shs. cap. stk. (par \$10)	\$0.60	\$2.49	\$0.81	\$0.17

x A special dividend of \$8 a share paid out of surplus July 15 1930.
* Includes Williams Steamship Corp.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1930.	1929.		1930.	1929.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Plant, equip., &c.	x8,817,716	7,140,235	Capital stock	4,756,020	4,756,020
Invest. other cos.	1,000,000	1,750,000	Excess rev. uncompleted voyages	105,648	269,271
Unexpired ins., &c.	286,117	217,658	Purchase money obligations	1,960,500	860,625
Notes receivable	—	a500,000	Commit fuel oil contracts	—	620,100
Adv. pay. on fuel oil contracts	1,235,939	1,416,090	Accounts payable	318,207	413,635
Accts. receivable	590,644	841,068	Dividends payable	—	944,800
Supplies	46,607	34,772	Ships' replace fund	370,136	2,086,815
Cash	1,193,871	609,528	Insur. reserve	53,346	—
Call loans	—	2,400,000	Earned surplus	5,945,945	7,405,455
Mark securities	202,800	2,261,262	claims award	2,119,091	2,378,803
yEmp. stock acct.	136,108	136,108	—	—	—
Mixed claims awards rec.	2,119,091	2,378,803	—	—	—
Total	15,628,893	19,735,524	Total	15,628,893	19,735,524

a Williams Steamship Corp. x After depreciation of \$11,370,563. y Employees stock ownership plan pending—7,002 shares company stock.—V. 131, p. 1423.

American Investment Co. of Illinois.—Divs. Resumed.—The directors have declared a dividend of 15 cents per share on the class B stock, payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 24. The last distribution amounting to 25 cents per share was made on Mar. 1 1926.—V. 121, p. 2879.

American Locomotive Co.—Equipment Order.—The Amtorg Trading Corp. on Feb. 26 announced the purchase of 10 steam locomotives from the American Locomotive Co. and the Baldwin

Locomotive Works. The locomotives are of the 2-10-4 and 2-10-2 types. This is the first purchase for the Soviet Union of locomotives of these types in the United States.—V. 132, p. 1608, 1416.

American News Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net sales after intercompany & inter-branch sales	\$52,871,128	\$56,863,195	\$54,586,650
Cost of sales	35,350,297	38,509,608	36,805,705
Gross profit	\$17,520,831	\$18,353,587	\$17,780,945
Operating exp. (incl. depreciation)	16,810,692	16,834,340	16,629,074
Operating profit	\$710,139	\$1,519,246	\$1,151,871
Other income	327,654	315,919	266,115
Total net income	\$1,037,793	\$1,835,166	\$1,417,987
Provision for Federal income taxes	105,000	210,000	160,000
Net profit	\$932,793	\$1,625,166	\$1,257,987
Dividends	840,000	800,000	700,000
Balance, surplus	\$92,793	\$825,165	\$557,987
Common stock outstanding (no par)	216,000	200,000	200,000
Earns. per share	\$4.32	\$8.12	\$6.28

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1930.	1929.		1930.	1929.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	3,135,856	3,532,809	Accts. payable	5,457,958	5,477,044
U. S. Gov't & New York City oblig.	—	—	Dividend payable	108,000	100,000
& acct. interest	2,125,569	2,083,952	Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes	220,011	612,337
Accts. & notes rec.	4,362,248	4,506,854	Customers & agents dep. & def. cred.	503,862	491,426
Inventories	5,094,488	5,067,985	Prov. for possible claims	2,075	9,957
Land, bldgs., &c.	y7,043,481	6,779,705	Capital stock	x10,800,000	10,800,000
Mtgs. receivable	558,555	488,250	Surplus	9,413,118	9,074,987
Deferred charges	361,130	290,076	Total	26,505,024	26,565,751
Goodwill	3,823,396	3,826,120	Total	26,505,024	26,565,751
Total	26,505,024	26,565,751	Total	26,505,024	26,565,751

x Represented by 216,000 shares no par value. y After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$3,141,773.—V. 132, p. 1226.

American Re-Insurance Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31.

	1930.	1929.		1930.	1929.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Investments	\$7,352,183	\$7,918,304	Workmen's comp. & liability legal loss reserve	\$2,441,317	\$2,712,424
Mtgs. loans on real estate	110,000	60,000	Reserve for losses & claims other than workmen's compensation & liability	228,706	57,441
U. S. Gov't & New York City oblig.	135,176	292,102	Unearn. prem. res.	824,512	788,572
Accts. & notes rec.	68,200	35,628	Reserve for taxes, re-insurance, &c.	220,000	220,000
Prems. not over 90 days due (net)	56,742	62,358	Volun. catastrophe reserve	500,000	500,000
Accrued interest	22,860	—	Capital stock	1,000,000	1,000,000
Re-insur. recover.	—	—	Surplus	2,530,626	3,089,956
Total	\$7,745,161	\$8,368,392	Total	\$7,745,161	\$8,368,392

—V. 132, p. 1416.

American Rolling Mill Co.—Common Dividend Omitted—Earnings.

The directors have voted to omit the dividend on the common stock for the current quarter. It was stated that "this action was taken by the directors in order to maintain the strong liquid position of the company in the interest of its stockholders." Heretofore 50 cents a share quarterly had been paid, on the common stock, the last distribution at this rate having been made on Jan. 15 1931.

The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the 6% pref. stock, payable April 15 to holders of record March 31, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the series B pref. stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 16. Net income after depreciation, interest and Federal taxes for the year ended Dec. 31 1930, amounted to \$114,094, equal after preferred dividends to three cents a share on the 1,710,805 shares of common outstanding at the end of the year. This compares with \$6,110,570, or \$4.40 a share on the average number of common shares outstanding during 1929 and to \$4.24 a share on 1,428,623 shares outstanding Dec. 31 1929.—V. 132, p. 1622.

American Safety Razor Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1930.	1929.		1930.	1929.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Fixed assets	1,968,093	1,333,982	Accounts payable, trade	131,701	114,293
Cash in banks & on hand	765,818	1,244,283	Miscellaneous and accrued items	57,478	103,156
Marketable secur.	1,145,790	1,168,117	Dividends payable	—	249,512
Accts. & notes rec.	960,283	837,272	Fed'l income tax	331,487	235,108
Sundry accts. rec.	82,661	62,885	Capital stock	a10,485,000	10,485,000
Inventories	1,233,264	991,248	Consolidated surplus	3,595,669	3,540,431
Inv. of adv., &c., supplies	76,924	100,802			
Due from affil. cos.	12,576	12,502			
Stock in affil. cos.	271,600	271,600			
Other investments	477,563	518,597			
Deferred charges	138,761	218,211			
Good-will, patents & trade marks	7,468,001	7,468,001			
Total	14,601,335	14,727,501	Total	14,601,335	14,727,501

a Represented by 200,000 shares of no par value. Our usual comparative income account for the year ended Dec. 31 1930 was published in V. 132, p. 1622.

American Steel Foundries.—Annual Report.

George Scott, President, says in part: In view of the general business depression existing during the year, the results were probably as good as could reasonably be expected. The freight cars ordered by the railroads during the year were 46,360 as compared with an average of 88,233 ordered for the past 10 years. More than 80% of these cars were ordered in the first half of the year. The total net tonnage shipped by company during the year was 403,437 tons, as compared with 600,626 tons for 1929. The balance sheet shows a ratio of quick assets to liabilities of 6.3 to 1. The working capital is \$13,772,367. The net additions to property for the year were \$706,817. The "property sold and plant dismantled during the year" of \$1,003,598 is in respect of the transfer of the chilled iron wheel foundry at Cleveland, O., to a new operating company in which this company has a joint investment now included in "investments and miscellaneous securities" and also for the steel foundry plant at Sharon, Pa., inoperative since 1918 and dismantled during the year. The loss of dismantlement in excess of the depreciation reserve provided has been charged to surplus account in the amount of \$158,788. The new plant of the General Steel Castings Corp. at Eddystone, Pa., in which this company has a substantial interest, was completed and commenced operations during the early part of the year. It is difficult to state the prospects for the year 1931. The unfilled orders on hand at the present time are low. By far the greater part of company's business, and that of its subsidiary, Griffin Wheel Co., comes from the railroads. Our earnings will depend largely upon the purchase of new equipment of freight cars, passenger cars and locomotives in the near future. The purchase program of the railroads will in turn depend upon general business conditions. There should be some increase over the past year in our volume of repair business for maintenance of equipment which, during the last six months, has been very light.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate, plant, equipment, good will, &c.-----	31,602,818	32,139,351	Common stock-----	33,611,000
Inventories-----	4,541,001	4,906,785	Preferred stock-----	6,335,000
Pref. stk. skg. fund-----	92,039	183,072	Capital stock of sub. company-----	273,465
Accts. & notes rec.-----	1,421,513	5,005,313	Accts. payable-----	783,087
Investments-----	9,043,294	8,369,078	Pay-rolls accrued-----	275,586
U. S. Gov. securs.-----	7,033,362	6,819,913	Reserve for Federal &c. taxes-----	799,013
Cash-----	3,306,895	1,701,223	Com. div. payable-----	744,765
Deferred charges-----	76,046	101,946	Reserves-----	863,676
			Surplus-----	13,427,379
Total-----	57,116,970	59,226,645	Total-----	57,116,970

a Real estate buildings, plant machinery, tools, equipment, patents and good-will, as per balance sheet Dec. 31 1929, \$40,097,847, plus additions during year, \$706,816; total \$40,804,664; less property sold and plant dismantled during the year, \$1,003,598 and reserve for depreciation, \$8,198,247. b Common stock authorized, 1,000,000 shares; issued, 993,020 shares of no par value. c Preferred stock authorized, \$22,468,200; issued, 63,350 shares of \$100 each.

Our usual comparative income account was published in V 132, p. 1034.

American Stores Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Number of stores-----	2,728	2,644	2,546	2,133
Gross sales-----	142,770,477	143,346,157	137,311,513	120,604,568
Cost of sales-----	114,258,548	115,324,058	111,945,218	96,861,007
Expenses-----	21,175,011	20,219,426	18,627,927	15,741,973
Net earnings-----	7,336,918	7,802,673	6,738,368	8,061,588
Other income-----	285,406	488,304	412,508	507,868
Total income-----	7,622,324	8,290,977	7,150,876	8,569,456
Depreciation-----	929,175	866,155	830,207	899,219
Reserve for Fed. taxes-----	763,000	830,000	750,000	1,047,909
Net income-----	5,930,149	6,594,822	5,570,669	6,622,328
Dividends-----	3,768,256	4,055,928	4,132,198	4,060,641
Surplus for year-----	2,161,894	2,538,894	1,438,471	2,561,687
Shares outstanding-----	1,478,791	1,551,728	1,678,677	1,619,675
Earnings per share-----	\$ 4.01	\$ 4.25	\$ 3.31	\$ 4.98

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Real estate, plants, and equipment, 12,573,029	12,573,029	11,846,603	Capital stock-----	24,375,503
Good-will-----	1	1	Accts. payable and accruals-----	2,373,237
Treasury stock, b. 13,013,755	10,414,209	10,414,209	Dividends payable-----	740,896
Trustee for empl. stock subser's-----	982,037	2,260,337	Federal and State taxes-----	848,800
Cash-----	4,189,808	6,163,101	Reserve for contingencies-----	59,214
Marketable secur.-----	2,937,787	2,680,418	Capital surplus-----	600,100
Inventories-----	12,916,965	12,616,157	Earned surplus-----	19,521,299
Accts receivable-----	219,721	214,161		
Loans to employees (secured)-----	1,133,409	1,158,985		
Acct. interest and rents-----	34,770	40,941		
Deferred charges-----	517,766	560,305		
Total-----	48,519,048	47,955,218	Total-----	48,519,048

a Represented by 1,761,403 1-3 shares of no par value. b Includes the following number of shares: 209,675 1-3 at Dec. 31 1929 and 282,612 1-3 at Dec. 31 1930.—V. 132, p. 1226.

American Woolen Co.—Proposed Profit Sharing Agreem't.

At the annual meeting to be held on March 24 the shareholders will be asked to approve several changes in the by-laws. These are to provide for the office of Chairman of the Board; for such number of Vice-Presidents as the directors may determine, instead of three as at present; for a larger executive committee than the executive committee of three now permitted; and to ratify and approve profit-sharing agreements in which provision three other executive officers (all of whom are directors) in which provision is made for the payment of additional compensation based upon percentage of a part of net earnings when, as and if the company makes a profit above all operating expenses, these contracts to be open to the inspection of stockholders at the annual meeting.

Operating Loss Shown for 1930.—

The report of operations of this company will disclose an operating loss for 1930 of approximately \$5,000,000 after all charges including depreciation, it is stated. This will compare with a deficit of \$2,293,000 in 1929. The statement for the first half year of 1930 showed a net deficit of \$2,499,000; the final six months reflected almost the same results.

The 1930 loss was due to the same causes as in the previous year. There was a sharp slump in all grades of wool domestic and foreign, which inevitably necessitated inventory write-offs, and general business depression caused a contraction in sales, which prevented the mills of the system from running on an average of even 50% capacity.

The Dec. 31 statement is expected to reveal the strongest cash position in the history of the company, it is said. Floating debt, it is stated, was of only nominal size and there was an abundance of cash assets.

Mills Resume Operations.—The Boston "News Bureau" of Feb. 28 had the following:

The wheels of the Ayer, Wood and Washington mills of the American Woolen Co., twice stopped in the past two days, turned busily on Feb. 27, as a result of the strike vote on Feb. 26. The workers decided overwhelmingly to return to work and about 90% of the approximately 10,000 operatives in the three mills returned to their tasks.—V. 132, p. 497.

Anglo American Corp. of South Africa, Ltd.—Underwrites Issue of Rhodesian Anglo American, Ltd., Debentures.—

See latter company below.—V. 132, p. 1417.

Armstrong Cork Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.
Gross profits from operations-----	loss \$72,644	\$7,189,339
Depreciation and obsolescence-----	1,284,514	1,432,074
Net operating profit-----	loss \$1,357,158	\$5,757,265
Other income-----	y 464,898	340,962
Total income-----	loss \$892,260	\$6,098,226
Interest and other expenses-----	669,949	487,690
Federal income taxes, estimated-----	1,802,204	630,000
Inventory adjustment-----		
Net income-----	loss \$3,364,413	\$4,980,537
Previous surplus-----	13,606,180	13,652,253
Sundry adjustments-----	269,120	
Total surplus-----	\$10,510,887	\$18,632,789
Federal taxes paid in 1929-----	1,852,775	3,443,498
Dividends paid-----	303,771	
Co.'s securities acquired reduced to market value-----		
Balance-----	\$8,354,339	\$14,849,548
Add 1928 adjustments-----		1,632
Total-----	\$8,354,339	\$14,851,180
Less special reserve for contingencies-----		1,000,000
Contingent liab. for Fed. taxes in prior years, est.-----		45,000
Surplus-----	\$8,354,339	\$13,606,180
Earns. per share on avge. number of shares outst.-----	Nil	\$4.14
x Exclusive of losses of foreign subsidiaries estimated at \$750,000.		
y Including dividends from Canadian subsidiary amounting to \$200,000.		

John J. Evans, President, says in part:

Company's operating loss developed during the last quarter of the year, when diminution in domestic sales volume came so suddenly and sharply that efforts made to mitigate its effect did not avail in time to turn the tide.

Despite 1930 losses, company has never been in a more liquid financial position than it is to-day. The ratio of liquid assets to current liabilities on Dec. 31 last was 8.2 to 1; and the ratio of current assets to current liabilities 15.8 to 1. The book value of the stock is \$35 per share.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash-----	5,410,807	2,776,495	Notes and loans payable-----	4,596,450
Quasi Govt. securs. at cost-----	2,000,000		Accounts payable and accr. exps.-----	748,889
Customers' notes & accts. receivable-----	2,168,004	4,285,980	Accrued interest on 5% debentures-----	62,212
Misc. accts. rec.-----	142,522	229,450	Dividends payable-----	306,750
Due from foreign subs. current-----	281,633	170,157	Prov. for Federal tax, prior years-----	71,920
Inventories-----	11,025,986	18,544,365	Payment by custs. on account of un-completed contrs.-----	289,140
Adv. to foreign subsidiaries, &c.-----	1,310,969	1,321,454	Due to foreign subs.-----	285,233
Notes & accts. rec.-----	898,566	184,120	5% debentures-----	14,931,000
Loans to employees-----	661,421		Res. for coning-----	1,000,000
Prepaid expenses-----	766,025	523,717	Capital stock-----	35,118,040
Inv. in & advs. to wholly owned foreign subs.-----	5,857,136	3,205,147	Surplus-----	8,354,339
Co.'s stock & debts-----	471,835			
Other inv. at cost-----	1,071,893	561,896		
Property, plant & equipment-----	25,797,553	25,402,347		
Paid-up licenses, less amortizat'n.-----	346,885	341,491		
Deferred charges-----		67,535		
Deb. disc't. & exp.-----	757,137			
Good-will-----	624,772			
Total-----	59,593,151	58,247,926	Total-----	59,593,151

x Represented by 1,239,247 shares of no par value. y After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$9,077,084.—V. 132, p. 1034.

Arundel Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for month of January 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 1034.

Asbestos Corp., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Profits-----	loss \$89,068	\$710,192	\$812,946	\$1,357,380
Investment income-----	61,432	69,623	104,093	107,314
Total income-----	loss \$27,636	\$779,814	\$917,039	\$1,464,694
Bond interest-----	456,029	461,481	466,880	469,568
Depreciation-----	300,000	300,000	200,000	300,000
Net profit-----	def \$783,666	\$18,333	\$250,159	\$695,126
Preferred dividends-----			521,927	521,927
Surplus-----	def \$783,666	\$18,333	def \$271,768	\$173,199
Trans. from capital & surplus account-----		2,756,010		
Expend. on better. & develop. of ore bodies. Dr.-----	345,337			
Stripp. drill. & develop. written off-----	Dr. 100,000	Dr. 769,184		
Obsolete plants & bldgs. written off-----		Dr. 2,151,182		
Sale of stock-----			187,500	
Previous surplus-----	148,138	294,159	378,427	205,228
Adj. affect. prior years-----	92,958			
Profit and loss-----	def \$987,906	\$148,138	\$294,159	\$378,427

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Property-----	y 18,851,364	19,300,617	Funded debt-----	7,484,142
Trustees-----	55,563	31,615	Preferred stock-----	7,456,400
Deferred charges-----	62,024	168,064	Common stock-----	5,000,000
Investments-----	325,073	650,673	Surplus-----	148,138
Inventories-----	920,655	933,930	Reserves-----	156,280
Accounts & bills-----	207,517	497,092	Bank loans-----	800,000
Cash-----	18,293	42,939	Accounts payable-----	180,794
Deficit-----	987,906		Accrued liabilities-----	10,236
			Bond interest-----	340,549
Total-----	21,423,402	21,624,931	Total-----	21,423,402

x 200,000 shares of no-par value. y After reserve of \$1,533,739.—V. 132, p. 1035.

Associated Quality Cannerns, Ltd.—Omits Common Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Mar. 1 on the common stock, no par value. From Dec. 1 1928 to and incl. Dec. 1 1930, the company paid quarterly dividends of 37½ cents per share on this issue.—V. 130, p. 3882.

Atlantic Gulf & West Indies S.S. Lines.—Div. Dates.—

The directors on Feb. 25 declared four quarterly dividends of 1¼% each on the 5% non-cumulative pref. stock, par \$100, payable March 30, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 30 to holders of record March 11, June 10, Sept. 10 (not Oct. 10 as previously stated), and Dec. 10, respectively. A year ago, four quarterly dividends of like amount was declared for the year 1930. On Feb. 28 1929 the company placed this stock on a \$4 annual div. basis and at that time declared four quarterly dividends of 1% each.—V. 132, p. 852, 1622.

Auburn Automobile Co.—2% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 2% stock dividend and the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 21. Like amounts were paid in each of the 13 preceding quarters. Previous stock distributions were 5% each made on Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1926.—V. 132, p. 1623.

(Joseph) Bancroft & Sons.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about March 31 on the common stock. On Sept. 30 and Dec. 31 1930, the company paid quarterly dividends of 30 cents per share on this issue, as against 62½ cents per share previously.—V. 131, p. 1424.

Babcock & Wilcox Co.—Annual Report.—

President A. G. Pratt, Feb. 26, says in part: When the Fuller Lehigh Co. was acquired in 1926 it was realized that manufacturing operations then and since carried on by it at Fullerton, Pa., would eventually be consolidated with those at one or more of your company's plants. During the early part of the present calendar year all manufacturing operations of the Fuller Lehigh Co. were transferred to the Barberton Works and its executive offices and the greater part of its engineering staff moved to New York. These steps will result in decreased manufacturing costs and they have also made possible a reorganization and consolidation of the engineering staffs of the two companies under the direction of E. G. Bailey, who, in addition to being the President of Fuller Lehigh Co., has been elected a Vice-President of your company. The company recently acquired a substantial interest in the Lummus Co., organized to design and install equipment for the distillation and refining of petroleum, alcohol and chemicals. Others interested in the company are The Superheater Co. and individuals who controlled the former Walter B. Lummus Co. It is expected that in due course sales to The Lummus Co. will materially increase your company's output and profits.

Earnings for Calendar Years.

	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Unfilled orders	\$9,773,146	\$13,698,756	\$9,647,411	\$10,985,507
Gross profits	2,005,172	2,054,134	1,695,427	1,666,890
Other income	693,110	1,112,753	833,067	980,714
Total income	\$2,698,282	\$3,166,887	\$2,528,494	\$2,647,604
Depreciation, &c.	400,342	387,357	411,681	393,058
Federal taxes	230,200	233,000	57,904	185,000
Loss on sale of invest's			3,829	
Net income	\$2,067,740	\$2,546,530	\$2,055,080	\$2,069,546
Dividends	1,589,000	2,043,000	1,589,000	1,589,000
Surplus	\$478,740	\$503,530	\$466,080	\$480,546
Profit and loss surplus	7,703,510	7,224,770	6,721,239	6,255,160
Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$100)	227,000	227,000	227,000	227,000
Earned per share	\$9.11	\$11.21	\$9.05	\$9.11

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Real estate, mach., equipment, &c.	6,092,590	5,709,720	Capital stock (par)	22,700,000	22,700,000
Dies, patt. & draw.	223,000	223,000	Accounts payable	411,220	656,996
Cash	4,912,499	4,067,219	do subs. cos.	370,609	18,535
Notes & accts. rec., &c. (less reserve)	4,246,910	5,810,890	Dividends payable	794,500	1,248,500
Deferred assets	215,473	330,515	Advances on contr.	193,270	272,753
Other market sec.	3,083,043	1,215,895	Comm. wages, &c.	470,299	458,894
Inventories	3,918,891	4,184,229	Res. for Fed'l taxes	364,314	328,007
U. S. Gov't securs.	2,106,304	3,484,358	Res. for cont'g's	2,500,000	2,500,000
Accrued interest	30,662	45,686	Surplus	7,703,509	7,224,770
Inv. in other cos.	9,352,148	8,563,031			
Cash advanced to affiliated cos.	1,241,320	1,713,854			
Deferred charges	79,880	55,055			
Total	\$35,507,722	\$35,408,454	Total	\$35,507,722	\$35,408,454

x After deducting \$74,317 for reserve for doubtful notes and accounts.—V. 130, p. 2966.

Bank & Insurance Shares, Inc.—Public Offering of Deposited Bank Shares, Series A.—

Public offering was made Feb. 18 of Deposited Bank Shares N. Y. series A, a fixed investment trust, each unit of which consists of 15,000 shares, representing a participating interest in 561 shares of 19 leading New York banks and trust companies. The offering price was at the market (about 7 1/2%). The Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities, of Philadelphia, is trustee, and the depositor and national distributor is Bank and Insurance Shares, Inc., of Philadelphia and New York.

A new feature in the set-up of the trust is its substantial surplus fund which at all times is invested in trust shares. Proceeds from the rights and stock dividends of the deposited stocks are placed in this fund and immediately invested in shares of the trust. Split-ups are retained in the portfolio.

The regular cash dividends of the trust are pro rata semi-annual disbursements of the accumulated regular and extra cash dividends of the underlying companies, on which accumulation interest is allowed by the trustee. An additional dividend amounting to 5% per annum of trust shares outstanding in the hands of the public is paid from surplus fund semi-annually. The certificate holder has the option of receiving this return either in additional trust shares or in their equivalent cash. No substitution of deposited stocks is permitted, except in cases of mergers, reorganizations, &c. Elimination under certain specified conditions is at the discretion of the depositor. The proceeds of any such eliminations revert to the surplus. The banks included in the portfolio of the trust are:

No. of Shares	New York Banks—	No. of Shares	New York Banks—
40	The Bank of America Nat'l Assn.	60	Empire Trust Co.
6	Bank of New York & Trust Co.	1	First National Bank of New York
30	Bankers Trust Co.	7	Guaranty Trust Co. of New York
6	Brooklyn Trust Co.	90	Irving Trust Co.
12	Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.	40	Manhattan Co.
30	The Chase National Bank	30	National City Bank of New York
35	Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.	18	New York Trust Co.
60	Chemical Bank & Trust Co.	45	Public National Bank & Trust Co.
25	Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co.	25	Title Guarantee & Trust Co.
		1	United States Trust Co. of N. Y.

—V. 132, p. 1418.

Bankus Corp.—Schedules Filed.—

The company has filed schedule in bankruptcy listing liabilities \$22,925,892 and assets of \$49,994,968, the main item being stocks and securities carried at a book value of \$49,798,229. The securities consist of 24,920 Bank of United States units, 7,047 Consolidated Indemnity & Insurance Co., 50 Storn Development Corp., 500 Abraham & Strauss, 12,050 Bonwit-Teller common, 13,272 Bonwit-Teller preferred, 500 Kaybee Stores units, 1,000 Tri Utilities common warrants, 100 Antur Holding Corp., 100 Landbery Holding Corp., 100 Minerva Development Corp., 100 Rurik Holding Corp., 100 Vanfed Realty Corp., 100 Warwick Holding Corp., 100 Westford Development Corp., 419,764 City Financial class A, 299,999 City Financial class B, 127,886 Municipal Financial class A and 64,016 Municipal Financial class B.

Principal creditors listed are Chase National Bank, \$1,324,706, secured; Bank of United States, \$1,448,113, secured; Colonial Bank Safe Deposit Co., \$221,047, secured; City Safe Deposit Co., \$602,855, secured; City Financial Corp., \$2,921,295, Bolivar Development Corp., \$3,267,313; Municipal Financial Corp., \$642,643; Clarence Holding Corp., \$145,830; McArdle & McArdle, \$45,209; Rose Loewith, \$19,826; Seligson & Co., \$5,025; Herman Segal, \$5,207; C. B. Snyder, \$5,038; S. W. Straus & Co. is also listed as a creditor for \$2,250,000 under a repurchase agreement upon which the Morris White Holding Corp. is stated to be principally liable. The schedules were signed by Hyman S. Lipschutz, assistant treasurer of the corporation.—V. 132, p. 131, 315.

Barnet Leather Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Loss from operation	\$193,910	\$993,853	\$305,002	\$261,765
Miscellaneous income	2,286	6,954	19,717	19,865
Total deficit	\$191,624	\$986,899	\$285,286	\$241,900
Fed. and State taxes				10,705
Depreciation		75,498	80,499	69,861
Interest		71,366		
Extraordinary charges			26,975	
Prov. for shrink, in invest. values	50,000			
Loss on tannery equip. & office fixtures	42,692			
Total deficit	\$284,316	\$1,133,763	\$392,760	\$322,467
Preferred dividends		15,124	70,000	70,000
Balance, deficit	\$284,316	\$1,148,887	\$462,760	\$392,467

John C. Lilly, President, says in part: After agreement reached between the directors of the company and the Lilly Leather Co., it was decided to accept the offer of the General Leather Co., Newark, N. J., to purchase the current assets and liabilities of the Lilly Leather Co. for \$75,000. The Barnet Leather Co., Inc.'s investment in the Lilly Leather Co. is represented by one-half interest in \$75,000 of notes of the General Leather Co. together with the plant and equipment at Woburn, Mass., and other minor assets.

The principal single asset of the corporation is naturally the extensive plant, equipment, machinery and real estate at Little Falls, N. Y., representing a book value of \$1,012,807. It is hoped by the management that a purchaser for said property may be obtained in the near future, and a realization procured that will be entirely satisfactory to the stockholders of the company.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Real estate, equipment, &c.	\$1,012,808	\$1,104,048	Preferred stock	\$864,200	\$864,200
Furniture	28,616	47,872	Common stock	2,000,680	2,000,680
Cash	148,342	25,616	Notes payable		150,000
Accts. receivable	87,077	350,178	Accounts payable	5,173	23,864
Inventories	173,481	508,955	Res. for taxes	5,300	
Investments	202,500	49,600	Commissions	4,490	14,859
Prepaid exp., &c.	1,381	12,767	Accrued pay-roll		8,374
Deficit	1,244,256	959,939			
Total	\$2,879,844	\$3,061,977	Total	\$2,879,844	\$3,061,977

x Issued 40,000 shares of no par value. y After deducting \$987,755 reserve for depreciation.—V. 131, p. 3534.

Beacon Manufacturing Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Real est. bldgs. & machinery	\$2,910,478	\$2,752,974	Capital stock	\$2,356,200	\$2,416,500
Cash & accts. rec.	1,343,459	1,972,969	Notes payable	250,000	250,000
Inventories	892,509	905,777	Accounts payable	76,320	143,150
Insurance prepaid	5,000	5,000	Reserve accounts	25,000	100,000
			Deprec. & guaran.	500,000	500,000
Total	\$5,151,448	\$5,636,720	Total	\$5,151,448	\$5,636,720

—V. 126, p. 2795.

Beech-Nut Packing Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross sales	\$24,238,661	\$25,098,306	\$24,721,569	\$23,521,578
Cash discount allowed	371,939	394,458	407,525	385,829
Delivery freight	920,689	971,759	946,521	861,943
Net sales	\$22,946,033	\$23,732,089	\$23,367,523	\$22,273,806
Cost of goods sold	14,130,173	14,947,551	14,921,794	14,675,143
Selling expenses	5,542,350	5,512,504	4,884,651	4,392,664
Admin. & general exps.	562,504	538,384	453,693	449,402
Net earnings	\$2,711,004	\$2,733,559	\$3,107,385	\$2,756,597
Other income	391,136	426,867	696,358	335,292
Total income	\$3,102,141	\$3,160,426	\$3,803,743	\$3,091,888
Charges	373,843	178,417	622,153	424,231
Reserve for Federal taxes	262,825	279,056	412,821	366,193
Net profit	\$2,465,472	\$2,702,953	\$2,768,768	\$2,301,464
Preferred dividends	315	315	315	72,986
Common dividends	1,338,750	1,290,692	1,338,750	1,155,000
Divs. to minority stockholders of sub. cos.		744	23,018	5,172
Stock dividend (5%)	1,585	425,000		
Stock div. to min. stockholders of sub. co.	14,300			
Sundry adjustments	78,427			
Balance, surplus	\$1,032,094	\$986,202	\$1,406,685	\$1,068,306
Previous surplus	6,558,599	5,551,110	5,144,425	4,077,741
Adjustments (net)		Cr. 21,287		Cr. 25
Res. for general adver.			Dr. 1,000,000	
Profit & loss, surplus	\$7,590,693	\$6,558,599	\$5,551,110	\$5,146,073
Shares com. stock outstanding (par \$20)	446,250	446,250	425,000	425,000
Earned per share	\$5.52	\$6.06	\$6.51	\$5.24

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Real est., bldgs. & sec'd	\$4,166,230	\$4,294,631	Common stock	\$8,925,000	\$8,925,000
Mfgs. and secured loans on real est.	89,307	92,120	Pref. stock, class A	4,500	4,500
Pats. tr.-mks., &c.	220,643	171,841	Min. stk. contr. cos.	91,800	47,000
Securities owned y	1,057,188	1,053,603	Notes & accts. pay.	105,035	188,590
Cash	1,931,650	1,423,908	Short-term notes, matur. or called	2,612	623
Adv. against purch. of Chicle	52,243	334,092	Dividends payable	334,766	334,521
Marketable secur.	1,225,349	85,442	Expenses & taxes	46,171	171,767
Accts. & notes rec.	1,201,308	1,832,285	Federal tax reserve	262,826	279,056
Inventories (cost)	8,866,376	8,598,820	Other reserves	836,805	1,054,930
Bond int. purch.	4,963		Deferred liabilities	257,205	119,688
Deferred assets	1,092,850	1,322,930	Surplus paid in	1,450,700	1,380,700
			Earned surplus	7,590,693	6,558,599
Total	\$19,908,114	\$19,209,673	Total	\$19,908,114	\$19,209,673

x After deducting \$2,462,235 depreciation. y Securities of affiliated companies not controlled, \$781,694; other industrial corporations, \$226,333, and temporary investments of \$49,163.—V. 131, p. 2700.

Bentley Chain Stores, Inc.—Plans to Avert Receivership.

According to press dispatches from St. Louis two plans whereby receivership action would be halted if acceptable to creditors have been submitted to referee in bankruptcy by the company, against which bankruptcy proceedings are pending. Under one plan it offers to pay 25 cents on the dollar of all claims. The second plan suggests reorganization and advancement by creditors of sums equal to a certain percentage of claims, for which two-year judgment notes for their claims in full will be given together with demand judgment notes for amounts advanced.—V. 132, p. 1623, 1227.

Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Chairman Schwab in Plea for Bonus System—Puts Its Continuance Up to Shareholders.—

Charles M. Schwab, Chairman of the Board of the corporation, who recently defended the bonus plan of that company, has notified stockholders that the whole question of continuing the bonus will be brought up at the annual meeting April 14. Mr. Schwab says he will ask the shareholders to approve the continuance of the bonus system for which he assumes all responsibility.

The administration of the bonus plan has been attacked in a stockholders' suit. A petition for writ of mandamus, to compel the Bethlehem Steel Corp. to permit Samuel D. Hopkin, a stockholder, to inspect the list of stockholders of the company in order that he may circulate them in his campaign against the bonus system was filed in the New York Supreme Court Feb. 28. Prior to the filing of that petition another group of stockholders filed a suit against the officers of the company in the Court of Chancery of New Jersey to compel an accounting and refunding of a portion of the bonuses paid.

Mr. Schwab's letter does not state in full the total amount of bonus payments by the Bethlehem Steel Corp. or its predecessor, the Bethlehem Steel Co., under his administration. He gives a detailed statement of bonuses paid for the years 1918 to 1930 inclusive, which shows that the total payments amounted to \$25,151,218. Appended to his letter is an extract from the Bethlehem's annual report for 1918 showing payments of \$8,022,866 for the years 1911 to 1916 inclusive, while in 1917 bonuses totaled \$3,913,832, making a total for the period from 1911 to 1930 inclusive of \$37,087,417. Bonus payments prior to 1911 are not given, although it is known that the company made some.

Eugene G. Grace, President of the corporation, received the highest bonus. His average for the period 1918 to 1930 was \$814,993 a year, which brought the total bonus payments to him for that period up to \$10,594,909. Mr. Grace's salary during that period was \$12,000 a year, with the result that his total compensation for the 13 years was \$10,750,909.

Bonus payments varied widely during the period. The greatest total distribution was made in 1918, when 21 officers received total bonuses of \$3,826,033. Mr. Grace received a bonus of \$1,386,193 that year. He received two other bonuses in excess of \$1,000,000 each. One was in the year 1929, when he received \$1,623,753, and the other was in 1930 when he received \$1,015,591. His smallest bonus was \$231,790 paid in 1922. That year also registered the minimum aggregate payments by the corporation. They came to only \$607,290. The average annual bonus payments to each of the other officers and heads of departments during the period 1918 to 1930 were less than \$200,000 a year.

Explaining the basis of bonus payments, Mr. Schwab says that in years of poor earnings the amounts have been relatively low, while in the very

good year 1929 the amounts were relatively high. They totaled \$3,425,306 that year, or second only to 1918.

Taking cognizance of criticism leveled at the Bethlehem Steel Corp. for making bonus payments when not paying dividends to stockholders, Mr. Schwab says:

"There is, of course, no relation between compensation to executives and the payment of dividends. During the four years 1925 to 1928 inclusive, when no dividends were paid on our common stock, the net earnings of your corporation after the bonus payments and after the preferred dividends aggregated \$43,801,999, or over \$6.08 a share per year on the common stock outstanding. No one can reasonably deny that the reinvestment of those earnings in the business in lieu of paying them out in dividends increased the intrinsic value of the common stock. Nor can anyone seriously urge that the compensation of executives which is based upon earnings should be withheld from them merely because those earnings are thus reinvested."

Bonus Suit Postponed.

Hearing on the suit of the minority stockholders to recover from the directors and officers of the company approximately \$36,000,000 which, it is claimed, was paid to the officers and directors of the corporation in bonuses since 1911, was continued for one week March 3 by Vice-Chancellor John A. Backes, in Newark, N. J., at the request of counsel of the defence. Attorneys for the complainants agreed to the adjournment without comment.

Asks Writ Against Company—Hopkins Group Demands List of Stockholders in Fight on Bonus Payments.

The New York "Times" of March 1, says: A petition for a writ of mandamus to compel the corporation to permit Samuel D. Hopkins, a stockholder, to inspect the list of stockholders of the corporation so that he may circulate them and arouse opposition to the company's plan of bonus payments for executives was filed in the New York Supreme Court Feb. 28. Papers in connection with the petition were served upon Grayson M.-P. Murphy, a director of the corporation. A hearing in the action is scheduled for March 9.

Mr. Hopkins, who stated that he owned 169 shares of Bethlehem's common stock, is a member of the Midvale committee of Bethlehem stockholders. This group, composed of stockholders of the old Midvale Steel & Ordnance Co., who received their Bethlehem stock for part of the Midvale assets in 1923, was formed as a protective body several months ago. In January, after investigating the bonus payments, it announced that it believed Bethlehem's stockholders had a "meritorious claim for redress" and would seek restitution of the bonuses. The committee announced that it was ready to make its representations general for all stockholders and to receive authority from other stockholders to act on their behalf.

With a view to carrying out this purpose, Mr. Hopkins's petition declares, the committee made a written request on Jan. 9 to the Bethlehem company for permission to examine the list of stockholders. The request was referred to the corporation's attorneys. Since then, the petition alleges, Mr. Hopkins and the committee have made several ineffectual attempts to obtain access to the list but have been turned back each time by Bethlehem's representatives, who said the matter was still in the hands of the company's attorneys.

Companies Asked Merger Ban Be Reversed.

In a petition in error filed March 5 in the Court of Appeals at Youngstown, Ohio, the Bethlehem Steel Corp. and the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. ask that the judgment given to opponents of their merger be reversed. The petition charges that Judge David G. Jenkins, who enjoined the merger, erred in overruling a motion for a new trial and that the facts set forth in the original petition are not sufficient in law to maintain the action. The plaintiffs in error assert that "the judgment was clearly and manifestly against the weight of evidence and is contrary to law."—V. 132, p. 1623, 1228.

Blum's, Inc.—Defers Preferred Dividend.

The directors have decided to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 87½c. per share due March 1 on the \$3.50 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value. The last quarterly distribution at this rate was made on Dec. 1 1930.—V. 130, p. 3883.

Briggs & Stratton Corp.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.
Net profits from operations	\$949,342	\$1,680,940
Depreciation	68,115	61,081
Net income	\$881,227	\$1,619,859
Other income, less miscellaneous charges	168,308	183,708
Total income	\$1,049,535	\$1,803,567
Federal income taxes	112,881	192,722
Wisconsin income and surtaxes	54,301	111,826
Net profits, carried to surplus	\$882,353	\$1,499,019
Balance Jan. 1	2,876,083	2,053,952
Surplus transferred to fixed capital in connection with reclassification of capital in accordance with resolution of board of directors		\$155,140
Profit on sale of investment in former subsidiary company (net)		62,943
Total surplus	\$3,758,436	\$3,460,773
Common stock dividends	594,438	478,751
Prov. for reduction to market, of miscellaneous stock investments	32,404	58,283
Recapitalization expenses written off		47,657
Investment in affiliated company written off	28,500	
Balance, Dec. 31 1929	\$3,103,094	\$2,876,083
Earnings per share on 300,000 shares capital stock (no par)	\$2.94	\$4.99

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

	1930.	1929.		1930.	1929.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	\$48,243	\$266,839	Accounts payable	\$4,173	\$8,258
Marketable secur.	1,910,904	1,501,281	Accrued liabilities	56,732	79,721
Demand loan	50,000		Prov. for Federal & Wisconsin income tax	193,000	270,501
Accounts and notes receivable	207,538	303,026	Deferred liability	74,000	103,063
Inventories	382,375	496,664	Capital stock	3,000,000	300,000
Cash surrender val. of life insurance	45,662	40,699	Surplus	3,103,094	2,876,083
Prepaid expenses	29,229	31,290			
Miscell. stock investments	66,403	96,735			
Real est., bldgs., plant machinery, equipment, &c.	\$1,020,641	961,091			
Pat'ts, trade-marks and goodwill	1	1			
Total	3,760,998	3,697,626	Total	3,760,998	3,697,626

x After depreciation of \$778,472. y Represented by 300,000 no par shares.—V. 132, p. 1418.

British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.—Divs.—Talons.

A second interim dividend on the ordinary stock for the year ending Sept. 30 1931 of 10d. for each £1 of ordinary stock free of British income tax will be payable on March 31 1931. Holders of bearer stock to obtain this dividend must deposit coupon No. 139 with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, 32, Lombard St., London, E. C., for examination three clear business days (excluding Saturday) before payment is made. A similar interim dividend was paid on this stock on Jan. 19 last.

The usual half-yearly dividend of 2½% on the 5% preference stock for the year ending Sept. 30 next will also be payable on the same date. Coupon No. 55 must be deposited with the National Provincial Bank, Ltd., Savoy Court, Strand, London, W. C. for examination three clear business days (excluding Saturday) before payment is made.

If holders of share warrants to bearer, as prima facie evidence of ownership, will deposit No. 2 talon (the last coupon attached to that talon will be paid on March 31 next) on or after April 1 at the company's office, Westminster House, 7, Millbank, London, S. W. 1., they will receive in exchange a new talon (No. 3) with a supply of coupons attached. The directors reserve the right in every case if they think fit to call for the production of the warrant. As the company's shares have been converted into stock the new coupons will be coupons for the payment of dividends on

stock. The share warrants which shareholders at present hold are good delivery for the appropriate amount of stock on the London Stock Exchange and all Provincial Stock Exchanges in England, and are at any time convertible into registered stock at the company's office.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, as one of the above company's London bankers, is prepared to receive at its main office, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, talons detached from share warrants to bearer and to obtain for the holders thereof the new coupon sheets to be attached to said warrants. These services are offered as a convenience and protection to the shareholders. A fee, based on the amount of holdings, in addition to actual incidental expenses, such as postage and insurance, incurred by our New York and London offices, will be charged.—V. 132, p. 1624.

Bucyrus-Monighan Co.—New Name.

See Monighan Mfg. Corp. below.

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for month of January see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 1228.

Burns Bros. (Coal)—Plans to Issue \$9,000,000 of Notes to Decrease Stated Value of Common Shares—10-Year Voting Trust Proposed.

The directors have approved a plan for the private sale of \$9,000,000 of 5% notes. The plan has been approved by the company's principal creditors and will be submitted to the stockholders for their approval at the annual meeting April 9.

Details of the plan, including a proposal to reduce the amount at which the common stocks are carried on the company's books, will be mailed to stockholders shortly.

President Noah H. Swayne, stated that the annual report of the company which will be sent to stockholders within a few days will show that operations for 1930 resulted in a deficit for the company.

A statement issued by Burns Bros. reads as follows: "Approval of the issue and sale of \$9,000,000 of 5% notes maturing serially over a period of 10 years was made by Burns Bros. directors. Arrangements have been made for the private sale of the notes at par for cash, subject to the approval of the plan by stockholders."

"This financing plan has met with the friendly co-operation of bank creditors and the few principal coal creditors, Lehigh Valley Coal Co., and Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Co."

"Stockholders will be asked to act upon the plan at the annual meeting on April 9. The plan called for a reduction in the capital amounts allocated to the common stock in order to provide a satisfactory working surplus, and for the deposit of common stock under a 10-year voting trust, in return for substantial concessions made by the principal creditors under the plan."—V. 132, p. 1419.

Burroughs Adding Machine Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross profit on sales of mach., service, parts, accessories, suppl., &c.	\$23,319,717	\$29,503,446	\$14,354,166	\$12,869,046
Other income	964,060	827,677	642,673	547,190
Total income	\$24,283,777	\$30,331,124	\$14,996,840	\$13,416,236
Sales, gen. & misc. exps.	15,567,150	17,143,475	5,443,093	5,030,900
Prov. for U. S. Fed. tax.	1,211,136	1,503,092	1,278,482	1,184,397
Net profit	\$7,505,490	\$11,684,556	\$8,275,264	\$7,200,939
Surplus at Jan. 1	9,007,090	10,001,787	13,219,330	14,204,719
Conting. reserve adjust.		812,375		
Total	\$16,512,580	\$22,498,719	\$21,494,594	\$21,405,658
Dividends	7,382,073	10,392,417	4,468,807	3,186,329
Stock dividend			5,000,000	5,000,000
Good-will written off			2,024,000	
Patents written off		3,099,212		
Profit & loss surplus	\$9,130,507	\$9,007,090	\$10,001,787	\$13,219,330
Shs. com. stk. out. (no par)	5,000,000	5,000,000	1,000,000	800,000
Earned per share	\$1.50	\$2.33	\$8.28	\$9.00

Business Recovery Corp.—New Short Term Fixed Trust Offered by Local Bankers.

Business Recovery Trust Shares, a new short-term investment trust of the capital accumulation type, which includes principally stocks of the "business man's investment" class, and all listed on the New York Stock Exchange, has been formed by Business Recovery Corp., as depositor under the sponsorship of Stein Bros. & Boyce. Although the trust runs for 5½ years, a unique feature provides that the trustee, upon notice that the liquidating value of the unit has increased more than 100% of the original unit price, shall notify trust share holders and, except where extension of the trust to the final date is desired, shall sell the deposited stocks and distribute the proceeds. The Union Trust Co. of Maryland has been named trustee.

Sponsors call attention to the fact that during a period of business depression the majority of stocks are usually severely undervalued and the greatest percentage of increase should come from those stocks which have been most deflated and represent companies whose earnings respond quickly to improved conditions.

Each Business Recovery Trust Share represents a 1-800th interest in a unit of 292 shares of common stocks of 35 different companies. The stocks are reported to be selling at an average of about \$25 per share and an average of about 35% of their 1929-30 highs. The offering price of the trust shares is based on current quotations of the underlying stocks and is now about 10%. The sponsors state that "the common stocks in this trust have been selected on the basis of current values and their active participation in any industrial and stock market recovery."

Blocks of 800 trust shares or multiples thereof are convertible into the deposited stocks and blocks of less than this amount may be converted into cash through the trustee.

Elimination of any of the stocks in the portfolio may be made upon recommendation of the depositor, together with the affirmative vote of 50% of the Trust Shares voting.

Union Trust Co. of Maryland, as trustee, will hold the deposited stocks and receive all dividends, &c., for the benefit of the trust share holders. Stock dividends and split-ups which result in an addition of one or more full shares to the unit will be retained. All rights and fractional stock dividends will be sold and the proceeds, together with cash dividends, will be distributed proportionately semi-annually to the trust share holders.

Each unit is composed of the following common stocks:

No. of Shares.	No. of Shares.
8 Amer. Rad. & Stand. Sanitary Corp.	4 Loew's Inc.
6 American Rolling Mills Co.	16 Lorillard (P.) Co.
6 Associated Dry Goods Corp.	2 McKeesport Tin Plate Co.
20 Aviation Corp.	10 Mid-Continent Petroleum Corp.
6 Caterpillar Tractor Co.	6 Monsanto Chemical Works.
10 Chrysler Corp.	8 Montgomery Ward & Co. "A"
6 Columbia Gas & Electric Corp.	6 National Cash Register Co. "A"
8 Commercial Credit Co.	6 National Dairy Products Co.
10 Continental Oil Co.	8 Ohio Oil Co.
10 Davison Chemical Co.	4 Pullman, Inc.
6 General Foods Corp.	10 Radio Corp. of America
6 General Motors Corp.	12 Republic Steel Corp.
16 General Theatres Equipment Co.	4 Sears, Roebuck & Co.
4 Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	6 Shattuck (F. G.) & Co.
6 Grand-Silver Stores, Inc.	10 Standard Brands, Inc.
20 International Nickel Co.	4 Stone & Webster, Inc.
8 Kennecott Copper Corp.	12 U. S. Rubber Co.
8 Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.	

Butte & Superior Mining Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Chronicle" of Feb. 28 1931, page 1600.

In announcing abandonment of operations at its mine, company states in its 65th quarterly report: "Quarterly and annual reports issued during the past two years or more have described the increasing difficulties and latterly heavy losses accompanying utmost endeavors to make possible a continuance of productive operations. These obstacles have been due, in part, to diminishing ore reserves and failure of exhaustive and expensive development work to disclose any new ore bodies of consequence, but even more so to low market prices and declining demand for all metals produced, which necessitated restricting and finally discontinuing production because of inability, entirely aside from the factor of metal prices, to dispose of mine products."

"In the report for the third quarter announcement was made that it had become necessary Nov. 1 1930, to discontinue mining operations except as to a limited amount of unfinished exploration. Since that time it has appeared obvious, in the opinion of your company's managing officials, that conditions permitting profitable extraction of remaining ore reserves could not be expected for a long time, if at all, consideration being given to the heavy expenses required meanwhile to keep the mine in accessible condition."

"Salvaging will be completed as rapidly as economically possible—probably within the first quarter of 1931—whereupon all underground workings of the mine will be abandoned."

"Cost during the quarter of completing scheduled exploratory work, most of which gave negative results, was \$14,112, which amount was carried into deferred expense account and, therefore, represents a cash outlay not included in the stated loss to surplus."

The company in the fourth quarter mined 6,130 tons of zinc ore averaging 14.62% zinc and 7.75 ounces silver a ton compared with 11,051 tons in third quarter of 1930, averaging 15.36% zinc and 7.38 ounces silver. Average price received for silver during fourth quarter was 35.95 cents an ounce and for zinc 4.09 cents a pound compared with 35.63 for silver and 4.33 for zinc in third quarter.—V. 131, p. 3373.

Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd.—Larger Quar. Div.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 14. Previously, the company paid quarterly dividends of 87 1/2 cents per share on this issue. On Jan. 1 last, an extra distribution of \$1 per share was also made.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 87 1/2 cents per share on the preferred stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 14.—V. 132, p. 855.

Capital Administration Co., Ltd.—Add'l Pref. Retired.

The company, in accordance with resolutions adopted by the board of directors Dec. 19 1930 has acquired and cancelled 1,700 additional shares of its 6% cumulative preferred stock, series A, making a total of 14,500 shares so cancelled.—V. 132, p. 1624, 1038.

(J. I.) Case Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1930, 1929, 1928, 1927) and rows for various financial items like Profits from sale of production & other income, Federal and State tax, Depreciation on plant, &c, Reserve for contingencies, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Total, Preferred dividends, Common dividends.

P. & L. surp. Dec. 31 \$11,981,339 \$11,254,133 \$9,439,066 \$6,939,327 Shares of com. outstanding (par \$100) 194,960 194,471 130,000 128,578 Earnings, per sh. on com. \$9.67 \$13.75 \$25.01 \$23.94

a After deducting interest charges, reserve for inventories and depreciation, but before making provision for Federal and State taxes.—V. 131, p. 4220.

Cecil Hotel, Atlanta, Ga.—Notice to Bondholders.

The holders of the bonds on the Cecil Hotel originally signed by John A. Manget and secured by a deed of trust to G. L. Miller & Co., Inc., trustee, which bonds matured on April 1 1927, and the holders of coupons which matured on Oct. 1 1926, are notified that there has been deposited with the Clerk of the Superior Court of Fulton County, Atlanta, Ga., certain moneys out of which certain payments are to be made to the holders of the bonds and coupons upon the presentation of such bonds and coupons. Only the bonds and coupons maturing on the dates named are to share in the fund, it being represented that other bonds and coupons of these issues have been paid in full.

Notice is also given that the right to share in this fund expires within six months from Feb. 16 1931, as to any bonds and coupons not presented to the Clerk of the Court before that time, after which date no further claims can be made by the holders.

Charis Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Gross profit on sales, Selling & administrative expenses, Net profit on sales, Other trading income, Income on investments, Net profit before taxes, Federal income taxes, Net profit after taxes, Earnings, per sh. on 100,000 shs. com. stk.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets (1930, 1929) and Liabilities (1930, 1929) showing Cash in bank & on hand, Securities invest., Accounts receiv., Inventory, Machinery & fix., Real estate, Deferred assets, Accounts payable, Res. for Fed. taxes, Capital stock, Surplus.

Total—\$1,335,244 \$1,092,559 \$1,335,245 \$1,092,559 x After depreciation.—V. 132, p. 1624.

Chicago Dock & Canal Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1.25 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the common stock, both payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 26.—V. 131, p. 1570.

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.—Defers Preferred Div.—

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 87 1/2 cents per share due April 1 on the \$3.50 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value. The last distribution at this rate was made on Jan. 1 1931.—V. 131, p. 2701.

Claude Neon Electrical Products Corp., Ltd. (Del.) (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1930, 1929) and rows for Gross profit on rentals, sales and royalties received from sublicensees, &c, Selling, administrative and general, Other deductions—Net, Provision for Federal income tax, Net profit from operations, Profit from sale of capital stock of licensee company, less Federal income tax thereon, Net profit, Shs. com. stk. outstanding (no par), Earnings, per share.

Note.—Data for the year ended Dec. 31 1929 do not include operations of Electrical Products Corporation of Oregon or Electro Therapy Products Corporation, Ltd., which were acquired during 1930 and are included in the figures for that year.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets (1930, 1929) and Liabilities (1930, 1929) showing Cash, acc'ts. rec., & inventory, Sund. acc'ts., inv., &c., Investm't in rental equipment, Land, bldgs. & eq., Pat. rights & eq. will, Neon Sign rental contr. (contra), Deferred charges, Accts. pay., divs. & Fed. inc. tax, Mtg. obligations, Res. for maint. & losses on Neon signs, gen. contingencies, &c., Deferred income, Def. gross prof., est. Res. for maint. comm. & losses, Minority Interest, Preferred stock, Com. stk. & surpl., x2.

Total—\$8,448,918 \$6,280,623 Total—\$8,448,918 \$6,280,623 x Represented by 264,237 no par shares.—V. 132, p. 1625.

Coca-Cola International Corp.—Larger & Extra Divs.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share and a quarterly dividend of \$3.50 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record Mar. 12. This compares with quarterly dividends of \$3 per share paid in each of the four preceding quarters.—V. 131, p. 3536.

Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1930, 1929, 1928, 1927) and rows for Net sales, Cost of sales, adv'g, sell. exps., freight, shipping, &c, Depreciation, Net profit from oper., Add: Colgate & Co. Can. & Brazil subsid. prof., Total operating profit, Other income, Total income, Interest paid, Prov. for State, Fed. & foreign taxes, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Balance surplus, Earnings, per sh. on 1,999,970 shs. com. stock.

* Includes operations of Kirkman & Son, Inc., acquired during the year. Surplus Account.—Balance earned, surplus, Jan. 1 1930, \$12,596,993; surplus for 1930, \$8,550,056; less profits from properties prior to date of acquisition, \$509,030; total, \$8,047,025; surplus resulting from sale of subsidiary less \$1,500,000 carried to special reserve, \$42,809; total, \$20,689,877. Less—Dividends, \$4,652,448; exchange adjustment, \$259,854; balance earned, surplus, Dec. 31 1930, \$15,768,576; paid-in surplus, Jan. 1 1930, \$3,138,520, less good-will purchased in connection with properties acquired in 1930 written-off and miscellaneous adjustments, \$897,138; total surplus, Dec. 31 1930, \$18,009,959.—V. 132, p. 1039.

Colonial Chair Co.—Defers Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have decided to defer the quarterly dividend of 43 3/4 cents per share due April 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$25. From July 1 1929 to and incl. Jan. 1 1931, regular quarterly distributions at this rate were made.—V. 131, p. 1570.

Commercial Investment Trust Corp.—Retires Debts.—

The corporation announced the redemption and payment on March 2 at 104 1/4% of the entire remaining outstanding \$8,835,000 6% conv. debentures, due March 1 1948. These debentures, to the extent of \$15,000,000, were issued March 1 1928 at par. No additional financing was required for this redemption.—V. 132, p. 1625.

Commercial Solvents Corp.—Omits Stock Distribution.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, payable March 31, to holders of record March 10, but omitted the declaration of the semi-annual stock dividend which ordinarily is payable about this time. The company paid 2% in stock on Nov. 1 1928, on April 1 and Oct. 1 1929, and on March 31 and Sept. 30 1930. The following statement was issued by the directors: "Any action regarding a stock dividend for 1931 has been deferred until the November meeting of the board."—V. 132, p. 1039.

Congress Hotel Co. of Chicago.—Bonds Off List.—

The Governing Committee of the Chicago Stock Exchange has approved removing from the list the 4 1/2% first mortgage bonds of the Congress Hotel Co., the 7% prior preferred stock of the Merchants & Manufacturers Securities Co., and the 6% collateral trust gold debentures of the Northwestern Debenture Bond Co.—V. 121, p. 2881.

Construction Materials Corp.—To Issue Notes.—

The stockholders at a meeting on April 4 will be asked to ratify the proposed creation of funded debts by the parent company and a subsidiary. The obligation of the parent company will "take the form of an issue of \$1,500,000 of 6% two-year notes. It is proposed that the Sensibar Transportation Co., a subsidiary be empowered to issue and sell \$1,650,000 at 6% mtg. bonds, due in 1943. The proceeds of the two issues will be used in part to retire obligations incurred in connection with improvements in the company's boat facilities and for general purposes.—V. 131, p. 3211.

Consumers Company.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1930, 1929, 1928, 1927) and rows for Total sales, Oper. and other inc., Admin. & gen. expenses, Deprec. & depletion, Interest and discount, Federal taxes, Net profit, Prop. pref. dividends, Preferred dividends, Balance, Previous surplus, Income tax refund, Adj. of res. for conting., Apprec. due to appraisal of capital assets, Adj. acct. retire. of bds. & list of addit. com. stock, Total surplus, Adj. of prop. values due to disposal of capital assets, Prem. on pref. stock & unamort. disc. on notes, Def. chg. sub. to amort., Miscell. adj. prior year, Profit & loss surplus, Earnings, per sh. on com.

Total—\$1,900,683 Nil \$2,419,851 \$0.69 \$2,403,211 \$0.01 \$2,590,145 \$0.58 x Including net profit from sale or disposal of capital assets.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1930.		1929.		1930.		1929.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Land, bldgs., equip	19,565,703	19,712,373	6% prior pref. stk.	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000
Real est., contracts	757,818	1,137,182	7% cum. pref.	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	4,500,000
Good will	2,500,000	2,500,000	Common stock	3,665,550	3,665,550	3,665,550	3,665,550
Deferred charges	279,782	335,200	6% bds., series A	7,000,700	7,000,700	7,935,000	7,935,000
Cash	1,598,724	1,316,262	Notes pay. 1931-32		346,500		
U. S. Liberty loan			(see p.)				
bonds—		51,036	Purch. oblig.	3,130,621	2,830,349		
Notes receivable	87,244	233,658	Reserve	57,387	68,517		
Accts. receivable	3,761,864	3,590,121	Accts. payable	792,611	1,046,059		
Consumer Co 1st			Notes payable	1,941,892	829,225		
mtg. bonds	415,700		Accrued expenses	757,273	852,070		
Investments	160,029	162,180	Surplus	1,900,683	2,419,851		
Inventories	1,986,374	2,108,610					
Total	31,093,219	31,146,622	Total	31,093,219	31,146,622		

x After reserve for depreciation and depletion of \$6,888,890.—V. 131, p. 3714.

Container Corp. of America.—Omits Dividend.
The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable April 1 on the class A common stock, no par value. From Jan. 1 1930 to and incl. Jan. 1 1931, the company paid quarterly dividends of 30 cents per share on this issue.

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the preferred stock has been declared, payable April 1 to holders of record March 11. The preliminary statement for the year ended Dec. 31 shows net a profit of slightly in excess of \$100,000 after depreciation, interest and Federal taxes, against \$774,418 in 1929, or 52 cents a share on the 588,289 no-par shares of class B common stock then outstanding, after dividends on the 7% preferred and class A common stock.—V. 131, p. 3211.

Continental-Diamond Fibre Co.—Earnings.
For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 3048.

Continental Gin Co., Inc.—Smaller Dividend.
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 16. On Oct. 1 1930 and Jan. 1 1931 quarterly distributions of \$1 per share were made, as compared with \$1.25 previously.—V. 131, p. 1902.

Contocook Mills Corp.—Liquidation Approved.
The stockholders on Feb. 26 authorized the directors to proceed as they may see fit to liquidate the assets of the corporation. They also approved the acceptance of an offer of the Republic Knitting Mills Co. of Detroit for the assets, machinery, raw materials, supplies and business of the Pawtucket Hosiery Co., a wholly owned subsidiary. See also V. 132, p. 1421.

Cooper-Bessemer Corp.—Omits Common Dividend.
The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1 on the common stock. From July 1 1929 to and incl. Jan. 1 1931, the company made quarterly distributions of 50c. per share on this issue.

1930.		1929.		1930.		1929.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Real est., mach.	58,313,894	54,261,234	Preferred stock	14,711,900	14,700,000		
& equipment	1,855,319	1,864,709	Common stock	59,809,550	50,221,600		
Inv. in other cos.	33,035,810	35,167,431	10-yr. 5% gold	12,000,000			
Inventories	6,138,185	5,789,177	notes	4,362,043	5,631,882		
Cash			Accts payable				
Notes & accts			Res. for Federal	1,644,827	3,055,405		
receivable	11,214,884	14,692,148	Conting. reserve	3,085,413	4,448,769		
U. S. Govt. secs.	8,936,062	3,481,672	Mln. stkhlds.				
Other securities	424,946		Int. in sub. cos.	288,845	279,703		
Subscrip. to cap.			Surplus	24,016,521	27,491,499		
stk. on def'd							
pay. plan		662,487					
Total	119,919,100	115,918,859	Total	119,919,101	115,918,859		

x After deducting \$27,259,992 for depreciation reserve. y After deducting \$859,629 reserve for doubtful accounts. z Includes stock valued at \$803,900 subscribed for but not used.—V. 132, p. 1421.

Cream of Wheat Corp.—Earnings.
Calendar Years—
1930. 1929. x1928.
Manufacturing profit \$3,907,480 \$4,012,688 \$3,656,368
Expenses, &c. 1,858,586 1,953,687 1,788,503
Operating profit \$2,048,894 \$2,059,001 \$1,867,865
Other income 71,981 66,598 58,546
Total income \$2,120,875 \$2,125,599 \$1,926,411
Federal taxes, &c. 252,711 243,477 224,086
Net profit \$1,868,164 \$1,882,122 \$1,702,325
Dividends y1,500,000 750,000 1,500,000
Surplus \$368,164 \$1,132,122 \$202,325
Earnings per share on 600,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par) \$3.11 \$3.13 \$2.83
x Predecessor companies. y Includes dividends declared and payable Jan. 2 1931.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1930.		1929.		1930.		1929.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Land, bldgs., mach	\$915,310	\$957,908	Capital stock	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000		
& equipment	731,871	929,298	Accounts payable	46,286	78,356		
Cash	1,494,206	793,200	Accrued payrolls				
Marketable securities	230,096	312,835	gen. taxes, &c.	36,376	34,838		
Accts. receiv., &c.	531,667	523,870	Federal taxes, &c.	252,711	239,006		
Inventories	1	1	Dividends payable	450,000	450,000		
Goodwill			Capital surplus	1,240,953	1,240,953		
Deferred charges	106,225	132,914	Earned surplus	792,750	406,873		
Total	\$4,019,076	\$3,650,026	Total	\$4,019,076	\$3,650,026		

x After depreciation of \$392,884. y Represented by 600,000 no-par shares.—V. 132, p. 1421.

Credit Service, Inc.—Extra Distribution.
The corporation announces that a profit sharing of 2% for the semi-annual period ended Feb. 28, has been declared to holders of the 6% debenture bonds. This is the 11th profit sharing declared, totaling 32%, which is in addition to the regular 6% interest, which together with profit sharing has amounted to 80% since their organization in 1923.—V. 132, p. 1039.

Cuban-American Sugar Co.—Announces Plan to Exchange 8% Bonds for New Issue.—In connection with the maturity on March 15 1931, of \$6,000,000 1st mtg. coll. 8% gold bonds, George E. Keiser, President, has announced that a new \$3,000,000 issue of first mortgage 8% collateral bonds, due 1936, will be authorized and that the holders of the present bonds will be given an opportunity to exchange present bonds in part for the new bonds. The company offers in exchange for each \$1,000 of outstanding 8% bonds, \$590 cash and \$500 principal amount of first mortgage collateral sinking fund gold bonds, 8% series of 1936. Of the cash payment, \$500 will constitute payment of principal, \$40 payment of accrued interest to March 15 1931, and the remaining \$50 will represent a 10% cash discount on the new bonds.

The offer of exchange has been underwritten by the company's bankers, who have agreed to purchase from the company at 90 and accrued interest, a sufficient amount of the new bonds to make the plan effective.

President Keiser in a notice to the holders of the first mortgage bonds, says:
The new bonds will be direct obligation of company and will be issued under a trust agreement, with City Bank Farmers Trust Co. as trustee, authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$5,000,000 of bonds, of which \$3,000,000 will be presently issued as the 8% series due 1936 and will constitute the sole funded debt of the company presently to be issued. The new bonds will be specifically secured by the pledge of the same first mortgage bonds of subsidiary companies which are now pledged as security for the old bonds, which first mortgage bonds are now or will be secured by direct first mortgages on practically all of the fixed property now owned or hereafter acquired by the said subsidiary companies.

The fixed property is carried at total book values of over \$43,000,000 (of which over \$11,000,000 represents land), and at net book values aggregating over \$26,000,000, after deducting depreciation. The trust agreement will contain appropriate release provisions.
The new bonds will be dated March 15 1931, will mature March 15 1936, and will be callable, as a whole at any time, or in part on any interest payment date, upon 30 days' prior notice, at 104% if red. on or before March 15 1932, the premium decreasing 1/4% each six months thereafter; in each case plus int. Interest will be payable semi-annually without deduction for the normal Federal income tax up to 2%. The new bonds will be issued in coupon form in denom. of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250, registerable as to principal only.

The Cuban-American Sugar Co. is incorporated in New Jersey and controls, through 100% stock ownership, subsidiary companies which own and operate six raw sugar producing properties in Cuba having an aggregate capacity of 2,300,000 bags of raw sugar per annum, and two refineries, one in Cuba and the other in Louisiana, having an aggregate daily melting capacity of 1,875,000 lbs. of raw sugar, of which 1,350,000 lbs. daily capacity is represented by the Louisiana refinery. The two principal raw sugar properties, viz: Chaparra and Delicias, are operated as a single unit and constitute one of the largest sugar estates in the world.

Upon completion of the present financing operation, the consolidated capital structure of the company and its subsidiaries will be:

	Authorized.	Issued.
1st mtg. coll. sinking fund gold bonds	\$5,000,000	*\$3,000,000
7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100)	10,000,000	7,893,800
Common stock (par \$10)	10,000,000	10,000,000

* 8% series due 1936.

Consolidated Statement of Income (Company and its Subsidiaries).

Year Ended	Bags of Raw Sugar Produced	Pounds of Refined Sugar	Net Earnings Before Deprec.	Interest & Federal Taxes	Depreciation Charged	Net Earnings After Deprec.	Aver. c.&f. New Yrk Price Per Lb.
1931	1,829,818	100,358,102	\$8,547,159	\$1,209,926	\$6,757,085	3.46	
1932	2,256,736	199,975,777	4,662,215	1,243,786	3,418,429	2.98	
1929	1,847,746	232,679,019	11,057,834	1,304,560	9,753,073	5.24	
1924	1,853,202	252,925,188	9,887,260	1,332,126	8,555,133	4.18	
1925	2,135,259	212,510,063	4,350,772	1,443,390	2,907,381	2.56	
1926	1,922,310	294,456,000	3,090,196	1,304,072	1,786,123	2.57	
1927	1,851,649	340,171,554	3,925,821	1,284,061	2,641,760	2.96	
1928	1,686,467	303,135,161	2,343,562	1,304,515	1,039,046	2.46	
1929	2,254,584	405,892,264	3,479,805	1,308,816	2,170,989	2.00	
1930	2,178,790	305,604,248	x73,474	1,288,962	x1,362,437	1.47	

x Losses. y Price of raw sugar during the calendar year referred to in left column.

The loss indicated for the last fiscal year was occasioned by the unprecedented low prices of sugar then obtaining. In previous periods as well the company has encountered adverse conditions but has nevertheless always paid interest on its funded and other obligations. Its raw sugar properties are among the best in Cuba, and its refineries in Cuba and the United States are first class.
Since the issuance, in March 1921, of the old bonds, of which about \$6,000,000 are now outstanding in the hands of the public, the company has paid an aggregate of over \$14,000,000 in dividends on its preferred and common stocks, and has increased its investment in fixed assets by about \$8,000,000. Upon completion of this financing operation, the new bonds will be issued at the extraordinarily low rate of less than \$1.50 per bag of normal annual output of raw sugar, and the consolidated net current assets of the company and its subsidiaries (not including planted and growing cane and advances to planters) will amount to substantially more than twice the principal amount of new bonds outstanding.

This exchange offer is occasioned by the fact that, although the company and its subsidiaries have consolidated net current and working assets of over \$17,000,000, and net current assets (excluding planted and growing cane and advances to planters) of nearly \$12,000,000, the management does not deem it wise to draw on working capital to such an extent as would be necessary to discharge the entire amount of old bonds now outstanding without resorting to any long-time financing. The management deems it proper that the new issue be first offered to the holders of the old bonds.

Bondholders desiring to take advantage of this exchange offer may do so by depositing their old bonds with City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 22 William St., N. Y. City, which will issue, in exchange therefor, its certificates of deposit which will be exchangeable on and after March 16 1931 for cash at the rate of \$590 and for new bonds (when issued) at the rate of \$500 for each \$1,000 of old bonds deposited with the March 15 1931 coupon attached.—V. 131, p. 4211.

Cuban Dominican Sugar Co.—Protective Committees Formed for Bondholders of Corporation and Subsidiary.
Following the announcement Feb. 27 of Frederick B. Adams, President of Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp., that interest due on March 1 1931 on the first mortgage 7% bonds of Sugar Estates of Oriente, Inc., one of its important subsidiaries, would not be paid, in which he indicated that all bond interest of the corporation and its subsidiaries would be passed until a plan of reorganization has been formulated, protective committees have been formed to represent the holders of these bonds, as well as holders of the first lien 20-year sinking fund 7 1/2% gold bonds, dated Nov. 1 1924 of Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp.

The bondholders' protective committee for the Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp. 1st lien 7 1/2% says:
The financial affairs and condition of Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp. have been adversely affected by the long continued depression in the raw sugar industry. Sugar Estates of Oriente, Inc., a corporation all of the common stock of which (other than directors' qualifying shares) is owned by Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp. and pledged by it under the trust indenture pursuant to which the first lien 20-year sinking fund 7 1/2% gold bonds of Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp. are issued, has defaulted in the payment of interest payable on March 1 1931, upon its first mtg. 7% sinking fund gold bonds.
In view of the financial condition of Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp. and in view of the default by Sugar Estates of Oriente, Inc., in the payment of interest, as above mentioned, a bondholders' Protective Committee has been formed to represent the interests of the holders of 1st lien 20-year

• Incl. \$682,700 notes payable (deferred and secured by bonds) and \$158,902 account partially deferred on contract. f Prior years. g Represented by 73,705 no par shares. h Represented by 74,640 no par shares.
x After giving effect to plan of reorganization, sale of \$1,000,000 of new bonds, and anticipated arrangements with noteholders.—V. 132 p. 1626, 1422.

Evans Auto Loading Co., Inc.—Changes Name, &c.
The stockholders on March 4 approved a change in name to **Evans Products Co.** President E. S. Evans points out that nearly half of the capital of the company is now involved in the battery plate separator business and also that the company is now engaged in the manufacture of wood block flooring. Previously the activities of the company were confined to automobile loading devices.

Production of Evanite wood block flooring is under way in the Howard City plants of the National Wood Products Co., a subsidiary, it was announced by President E. S. Evans. The Howard City plants were purchased by the Evans corporation recently in line with the diversification policy followed by that corporation during the past two years. Evanite block flooring contains special patented features new to the flooring trade, Mr. Evans states.

Earns for Calendar Year	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross profit from sales	\$515,917	\$1,345,956	\$1,078,825	\$956,309
Selling & admin. expense	330,658	400,591	293,182	255,189
Net profit from sales	\$185,258	\$945,365	\$785,643	\$701,120
Adjust. of freight allow.	40,637	35,838	53,162	18,663
Royalties received	11,498	14,070	11,289	8,455
Interest received	9,263	18,545	13,992	1,416
Miscellaneous				
Total profit	\$246,657	\$1,013,818	\$869,595	\$754,219
Interest paid	101,082	43,170	4,738	1,368
Capital stock				10,000
Special losses	x364,432	73,749		
Federal taxes		94,500	104,806	102,000
Surplus net profit—loss	\$218,857	\$802,399	\$760,051	\$640,851
Dividends paid		701,359	466,140	371,000
Balance, surplus—loss	\$218,857	\$101,040	\$293,910	\$269,850
Shares outstanding (par \$5)	244,494	244,494	200,000	100,000
Earnings per share	Nil	\$3.28	\$3.80	\$6.41
x Inventory loss				

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.			
Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—
Cash	367,966	209,689	Notes & accts. pay.
Accts. & notes rec.	350,357	645,981	Accruals
Inventories	1,034,677	1,649,179	Reserve for taxes
Cash surren. value			Common stock
Life insurance	33,050	21,500	Bonds & mtg. pay.
Deferred charges	67,533	86,846	Capital surplus
Deposit P.M. Ry.	2,203	3,462	Earned surplus
Investments	43,888		
Timber tracts	1,439,718	1,502,202	
Plant, buildings, equipment, &c.	1,196,695	1,261,778	
Patents & licenses	825,113	831,142	
Treasury stock	35,235	100,162	
Sink fund depos.	1,846	4,057	
Depos. & adv. on timber cont.		4,053	
Total	5,398,281	6,320,051	Total

—V. 132, p. 1626.

Evans Products Co.—New Name.
See Evans Auto Loading Co., Inc. above.—V. 132, p. 1626.

Fairbanks Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—			
Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross profit	\$617,971	\$943,612	\$677,072
Operating expenses	440,035	451,430	411,439
Operating profit	\$177,937	\$492,182	\$265,632
Other income	43,431	60,495	52,317
Total income	\$221,368	\$552,677	\$317,949
Depreciation	128,944	127,560	115,675
Interest, reserves, &c.	65,500	71,500	80,983
Federal taxes	8,600	35,000	18,250
Prov. for bad debts	4,947	7,056	
Net profit	\$13,377	\$311,561	\$103,040
Earns. per sh. on 10,000		\$31.16	\$10.30
hs. 8% pf. (par \$100)	\$1.34	\$3.16	\$10.30

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.			
Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—
Plant & equip.	\$1,556,454	\$1,647,848	8% 1st pref. stk.
Cash	164,049	129,555	8% pref. stk.
Call loans	800,000	900,000	Com. stock
Notes & accts. rec.	168,776	188,705	Accts. pay., &c.
Inventories	714,683	734,874	Accrued interest
1st pref. stk. sink fd	165,134	165,134	Gold notes (curr.)
Gold notes repurch.	168,852	29,440	Taxes & other contingencies
Goodwill	400,000	400,000	Gold notes
Prepaid expenses	12,195	16,665	Minority stock
			Fairbanks Co. of Cuba
			Deficit
Total	\$4,149,943	\$4,212,221	Total

x After depreciation of \$1,130,412.—V. 131, p. 3375.

Federal Mining & Smelting Co.—Earnings.—			
Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.
Value of production	\$6,753,450	\$10,300,978	\$9,383,700
Cost, royalty, &c.	5,623,088	7,618,172	6,993,072
Balance	\$1,130,361	\$2,682,806	\$2,390,628
Other income	59,057	185,954	126,123
Total income	\$1,189,418	\$2,868,761	\$2,516,752
Gen. exp., incl. tax, &c.	237,795	348,074	458,461
Depreciation	289,476	318,930	357,401
Net earnings	\$662,147	\$2,201,757	\$1,700,890
Profit on stk. purchased	5,697	10,763	11,145
Incr. in book value of stock held			21,000
Prof. on stk. sold in 1927			246,522
Incr. in book val. of prop	Dr299,448	587,914	1,849,852
Net profit on sale of min. property	7,871	9,498	99,275
Adjust. of Fed. inc. taxes prior years			200,000
Previous surplus	7,000,312	4,580,419	1,183,548
Total surplus	\$7,376,579	\$7,390,351	\$5,065,710
Preferred dividends	239,888	390,038	485,293
Common dividends			503,270
Profit & loss surplus	\$7,136,691	\$7,000,313	\$4,580,419
Shs. of com. outstanding (par \$100)	49,328	50,328	50,328
Earnings per share	\$8.39	\$36.00	\$24.15

—V. 131, p. 4060.

Fabrics Finishing Corp.—Sale.
Announcement has been made at Paterson, N. J., that the Newport Silk Dyeing & Finishing Co., Inc., a newly formed company, has purchased the Flory Division of the defunct Fabrics Finishing Corp. from the bondholders

committee, which recently bought in all the Fabrics plants at a receiver's sale. The Newport Co. has established offices at 777 River St., where Flory & Son conducted the business. The Flory plant, which has been one of the most modern tin-weighing units in the Paterson dyeing district, is now being remodeled by the new owners. Extensive alterations are being made, and additional machinery and equipment is being installed for the purpose of doing pure dyeing, as well as weighting. (American Wool & Cotton Reporter.)—V. 132, p. 1423, 663.

Federal Screw Works (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross prof. before deprec	\$1,048,348	\$1,847,439	\$1,502,223	\$1,041,151
Selling expenses	256,535	244,966	194,550	159,173
Admin. & general exps.	210,428	274,194	314,093	290,692
Income from operations before deprec.	\$581,384	\$1,328,280	\$993,580	\$591,286
Other income	11,950	22,897	33,851	9,831
Other deductions		7,329	16,795	11,581
Net income before deprec., int. & Federal income tax	\$593,334	\$1,343,848	\$1,010,636	\$589,536
Provision for deprec.	229,062	233,124	176,689	162,084
Interest on gold notes	125,904	130,000	130,000	130,000
Federal income tax	28,142	b117,687	84,474	35,694
Net profit	\$210,225	c\$863,037	c\$619,473	c\$261,757
Dividends paid	396,825	519,170	183,000	78,000
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (no par)	158,500	159,000	159,000	159,000
Earnings per share	\$1.33	\$5.42	\$3.90	\$1.65

a Including earnings prior to dates of acquisition of subsidiaries and Chelsea Screw Co. (acquired in 1928 and merged in 1929), adjusted for int. on convertible 10-year gold notes and Federal income tax at 12%.

b Based on taxable income for 1929 adjusted for a full year's interest on the convertible 10-year gold notes, Federal income tax for 1929, computed at the rate of 11% effective for that year, would have been \$102,943.

Omits Common Dividend.

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1 on the common stock, no par value. A quarterly distribution of 25c. per share was made on Jan. 2 1931, compared with quarterly dividends of 75c. per share paid from April 1 1929 to and incl. Oct. 1 1930.—V. 131, p. 3537.

First National Stores, Inc.—No of Stockholders.

The corporation announces that there are 6,583 stockholders on its books, 2,615 holding preferred stock, 3,968 being holders of common stock as of Jan. 27 1931. The present number of common stockholders is over twice that of 1926, when the present common was issued.—V. 132, p. 1424.

(M. H.) Fishman & Co., Inc.—February Sales.

	1931.	1930.	Increase.
February	\$104,211	\$81,271	28.2%
Two months	200,303	164,390	21.8%

—V. 132, p. 319, 1041.

Fisk Rubber Co.—Interest Defaulted.

Notice has been received by the Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange that the interest due March 1 1931 on the 1st mtge. 20-year 8% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1941, is not being paid.—V. 132, p. 501, 319.

Flint Mills, Fall River, Mass.—\$30 Liquidating Div.

We have been advised that this company on Feb. 14 last paid a liquidating dividend of \$30 per share to stockholders of record Feb. 6 1931.—V. 132, p. 663.

Florsheim Shoe Co.—To Decrease Stock.

The stockholders will vote March 20 on the question of decreasing the authorized 6% cum. pref. stock from \$4,231,000, par \$100 each, to \$3,892,000, \$100 each.—V. 132, p. 319, 136.

(George M.) Forman Realty Trust.—Deposits, &c.—

It is announced that new bonds totaling \$5,582,000 have been issued by the George M. Forman Realty Trust Exchanges of the remainder of the more than \$9,000,000 old Forman company bonds already turned in to the trust by investors, including numerous owners in New York and vicinity, will proceed as fast as the technical and clerical details can be handled, William G. Lodwick, president said. "This distribution of the new bonds and the accompanying trust shares included in the arrangement for conserving the interests of investors in 27 distressed properties is going ahead rapidly," he said. "In fewer than 90 working days more than \$9,000,000 of the \$14,500,000 bonds involved have been entrusted to our organization."—V. 132, p. 1626.

Fourth National Investors Corp.—Changes Stated and Par Value of Common Stock.

At the annual meeting of stockholders held March 3, proposals to reduce the capital of the corporation represented by the shares of common stock from \$40 to \$1 per share and to change the shares of common stock without par value into the same number of shares of common stock with a par value of \$1 per share were ratified.—V. 132, p. 1424.

General American Tank Car Corp.—To Acquire Entire Fleet of Refrigerator, Tank and Stock Cars of Swift & Co.

Another step in the diversification program of this corporation was announced on Feb. 25 by President Lester N. Selig. The corporation has completed negotiations involving the acquisition of 6,000 refrigerator, tank and stock cars, comprising the entire fleet owned by Swift & Co., one of the largest meat packers in the world, whose shipments amount to about 200,000 carloads each year.

The corporation's announcement further states: Swift & Co. has operated its own car department since it was organized and this is the first instance of a large packer transferring that vital phase of its business to an outside concern. The packers will retain the cars in their service under a long term lease from the General American Tank Car Corp.

This is an important forward step on the part of the packers and the General American Tank Car Corp. in forming a great, flexible, economic transportation system to provide the greatest possible economic link between the packers, the railroads and the shipping public generally. The two companies are carrying out the policy that in these trying days for the railroads the question arising out of special car transportation can be better handled with them and for them by a great company able to furnish all types of special cars in order to give the railroads and all others interested the co-operation, standardization of equipment, operating convenience and economies, and research that are so needed to-day.

In commenting on this transaction, Mr. Alden B. Swift, Vice-President of Swift & Co., said, "The General American was the logical organization to handle an operation of this magnitude and importance and to cope with the transportation problems that may arise in the future. Its wide experience in freight car operations, its diversified equipment and its vast facilities and resources made the General American the best agency in the country to co-operate with us in working out a sound economic car operating program."

The shipment of food products is now the most important part of the General American Tank Car Corp.'s business. In addition to the cars devoted to the packing industry, General American operates a fleet of approximately 40,000 cars of various types such as cars for the transportation of petroleum products, alcohol, alkalies, commercial acids, chlorine asphalt, milk, molasses, and liquefied gases, as well as a diversified line of refrigerator cars, express cars, stock cars and numerous other types of equipment. The company's engineering department offers to produce a railroad freight car for shipment of any commodity, and to support that claim maintains an elaborate research department in Chicago. Its plants are located at Chicago, Sharon, Pa. (Pittsburgh District) Fort Worth, Los Angeles, Tulsa, St. Louis, Spokane, Buffalo, Lincoln, New Jersey (New York District) and New Orleans, where it operates the largest terminal for storing bulk liquids in the country.

The company now has assets totalling upwards of \$100,000,000 and has maintained an uninterrupted dividend record since its inception. For the year ended Dec. 31 1930, the company reports earnings of \$8.03 per share on its outstanding capitalization of 811,647 shares of common stock, the highest earnings in the history of the company.

Omits Stock Div.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly stock dividend of 1% customarily payable about this time but declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 13. The latter rate has been paid since and incl. Oct. 1 1927, while quarterly dividends of 1% in stock were paid from April 1 1929 to and incl. Jan. 1 1931.—V. 132, p. 1425.

(Robert) Gair Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Profit on production.....	\$2,297,861	\$2,591,647	\$3,069,506	\$4,053,640
Other income.....	49,359	158,574	189,768	49,388
Total income.....	\$2,347,220	\$2,750,220	\$3,259,271	\$4,103,028
Expenses, &c.....	2,311,853	2,505,832	2,282,039	2,063,384
Depreciation.....	584,767	725,370	704,376	657,293
Loss on sales of secur.....	-----	7,459	-----	-----
Taxes, bond and other interest, &c.....	-----	-----	238,548	378,927
Adjust. of inventory.....	296,157	-----	-----	-----
*Special expenses.....	525,026	-----	-----	-----
Oper. net income...def.	\$1,370,583	def\$488,441	\$34,310	\$1,003,424
Prof.on sale of cap.assets	-----	-----	1,408,357	-----
Total income...def.	\$1,370,583	def\$488,441	\$1,442,668	\$1,003,424
Preferred dividends.....	-----	-----	110,717	244,755
Common dividends.....	-----	-----	118,750	-----
Class A partic. shares.....	-----	535,173	265,833	-----

Balance.....def.\$1,370,583 dfr\$1,023,614 sur\$947,368 sur\$758,669
 Shs. com. outst. (no par) 500,000 500,000 500,000 473,468
 Earnings per sh. of com. Nil Nil \$2.13 \$1.60
 * Adjustments and special expenses in respect of investments written down to market value, salaries of released employees, moving exps., &c.

Surplus Account.—Operating surplus Dec. 31 1929, \$81,297; net loss for 1930, \$1,370,583; balance deficit Dec. 31 1930, \$1,289,286. Capital surplus Dec. 31 1929, \$6,312,832; adjustments arising from appraisal of properties in 1930 and from disposal of equipment, \$3,466,379; balance, capital surplus Dec. 31 1930, \$2,177,092.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.	
\$	\$	\$	\$	
Cash.....	1,185,939	789,760	-----	
Trade & mts. acc'ts & notes rec'le.	1,003,247	1,224,840	-----	
Marketable sec.....	48,000	822,928	-----	
Notes receivable.....	164,336	-----	-----	
Inventories.....	1,644,438	2,379,537	-----	
Sundry investm'ts	6,627	49,590	-----	
Land, buildings, equip., &c.....	10,440,289	13,510,545	-----	
Good-will.....	1	1	-----	
Deferred charges.....	60,165	107,395	-----	
Total.....	14,553,041	18,884,596	14,553,041	18,884,596

x Represented by 200,000 class A participating shares (no par); 500,000 class B shares (no par); rest retired and in treasury, 13,592 class A stock, \$642,222; 1,100 class B stock, \$10,500. y After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$4,648,510.

New First Vice-President.—

Edwin R. Marshall has been elected 1st Vice-President. He is Executive Vice-President of the First National Old Colony Corp.—V. 132, p. 1627.

General Cable Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross profit on sales.....	\$5,563,431	\$11,990,797	\$9,333,907
Selling, general & administrative exps	4,120,945	4,462,823	4,417,048
Depreciation.....	1,262,093	1,249,573	-----
Losses attrib. to abnorm. decline in market prices of copper & other raw materials.....	-----	1,525,000	-----
Net operating profit.....	loss\$1,344,608	\$6,278,395	\$4,916,890
Miscellaneous income (net).....	137,656	87,323	378,523
Total.....	loss\$1,206,952	\$6,365,718	\$5,295,383
Interest on 1st mtge. bonds.....	861,000	890,558	907,574
Provision for Federal income tax.....	-----	516,000	500,000
Approp. for inventory reserve.....	-----	250,000	-----
Net income.....	loss\$2,067,951	\$4,709,160	\$3,887,809
Previous surplus.....	5,573,554	2,276,892	948,093
Profit on sales of securities, &c.....	892,831	1,082,461	-----
Total.....	\$4,398,434	\$8,068,513	\$4,835,902
Dividends declared—preferred stock.....	1,050,000	875,000	1,050,000
Class A stock.....	800,476	1,619,959	1,509,010
Approp. in respect of invent. reduct.....	1,175,000	-----	-----
Earned surplus.....	\$1,372,958	\$5,573,554	\$2,276,891
Shares common stock (no par).....	484,860	484,860	457,500
Earnings per share on common.....	Nil	\$4.72	2.90

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—		
1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.	
\$	\$	\$	\$	
Cash & marketable securities.....	7,037,762	7,909,395	-----	
Notes & acct. rec.	3,674,070	8,697,843	-----	
Inventories.....	12,881,578	18,091,908	-----	
Prepaid expenses.....	336,881	416,286	-----	
Sundry investm'ts	438,154	164,046	-----	
Other assets.....	429,314	220,405	-----	
Fixed assets.....	27,378,086	27,589,605	-----	
Good-will & pat'ts	8	8	-----	
Total.....	52,175,856	63,089,497	52,175,856	63,089,497

x Represented by 400,188 shares class A and 484,860 common shares, both of no par value.—V. 131, p. 3376.

General Indemnity Corp. of America, Rochester, N. Y.—Acquires Controlling Interest in General Casualty & Surety Co. of Detroit.—

Walter L. Todd, General Manager of the Todd Company and Vice-President of the General Indemnity Corp. of America, has announced the purchase of a majority interest in the General Casualty & Surety Co. of Detroit. The business of the two companies is to be combined with headquarters in Rochester, the original office of the General Casualty & Surety Co. at Detroit being maintained as a branch office. The present officers of the General Indemnity Corp. of America are: President, W. Roy McCann (also President of the Stromberg Carlson Telephone Mfg. Co.); Vice-President and General Manager, H. F. Witzel (formerly Vice-President of the General Reinsurance Corp. of New York); Vice-President, Walter L. Todd (also Vice-President and General Manager of the Todd Company); Treasurer, George W. Todd (also Treasurer of the Todd Company); Vice-President, G. J. Tuttle; Secretary, Wallace I. Miller. The board of directors of the General Indemnity Corp. of America includes besides the above: James E. Gleason of the Gleason Works; Frank W. Lovejoy, General Manager of the Eastman Kodak Co.; Milan F. Pratt, President of Ontario Finance Corp.; Raymond N. Ball, President of Lincoln-Alliance Bank & Trust Co.; Wm. T. McCaffery, President of Lincoln-

National Bank & Trust Co. of Syracuse, N. Y.; Carl S. Potter, Vice-President of Security Trust Co. of Rochester; Geo. W. Robeson, President of Robeson-Rochester Corp.; Robert G. Watson, President of Rochester Trust & Savings Deposit Co.; Libanus M. Todd, President of the Todd Company and a director of the Union Trust Co.; Edward G. Miner, President of the Pfaulder Company; Albert A. Hopeman, President of A. W. Hopeman & Sons; E. S. Gordon, of Gordon & Kaelber; Geo. L. Todd, of the Todd Company.

The General Indemnity Corp. of America, licensed to operate in 44 States in the Union, will now have resources of over 3½ million dollars.

With this new acquisition, the General Indemnity Corp. has added to its lines of forgery insurance, those of automobile and other forms of liability, burglary, plate glass and allied lines of the general casualty and surety field, which it will continue to write at manual rates. It has added to its present agent and special representation, a list of nearly 1,000 leading insurance agents throughout the country.

The General Indemnity Corp. of America was organized in 1914 primarily for the purpose of providing indemnity for users of check writing and check signing equipment. As originator of check alteration insurance, it soon included the writing of forgery bonds, covering all forms of check forgery and alteration fraud. It has established branch offices and agent representation in all important cities. It has enjoyed remarkable increase in volume.

The General Casualty & Surety Co. of Detroit was organized under its present name in 1917 and has become one of the leaders among casualty companies in the Middle West, writing general casualty and surety lines. Its experience, resources and representation, together with well over \$1,000,000 in annual premium income, make an important contribution to the growth of the General Indemnity Corp. of America, the announcement added.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930.

Assets—	Liabilities—
Investments at market value:	Capital.....\$1,000,000
U. S. Gov. bonds.....	Res. for unearned premiums... 356,437
State, County & municipal bonds.....	Res. for commissions on unpaid premiums..... 35,582
RR. bonds & stocks.....	Reserve for taxes..... 8,463
Public Utility bonds & stks.....	Reserve for other liabilities... 29,203
Industrial & other bonds & stocks.....	Surplus..... 786,322
Mtgs. owned at book value.....	-----
Cash in banks.....	-----
Prem. in course of collection.....	-----
Interest accrued on securities.....	-----
Agents balances.....	-----
Total.....	\$2,216,007

General Leather Co.—Stock Distribution to Common Stockholders of Reynolds Spring Co.—Probable Listing.—
 See Reynolds Spring Co. below.—V. 130, p. 2974.

General Motors Corp.—New Frigidaire Policy.—
 A complete three year guarantee covering both the cabinet and the mechanism of the 1931 line of Frigidaire household electric refrigerators is announced by E. G. Biechler, President and General Manager of the Frigidaire Corp., a General Motors subsidiary. "This dual guarantee is the broadest in the history of the Frigidaire Corp.," said Mr. Biechler. "We have been able to adopt it because of the experience we gained with current frigidaires and the fact that all of our household models are finished in permanent porcelain-on-steel. We have just completed a series of dealer meetings throughout the country where the new line was presented and announcement made of the most intensive advertising campaign in our history. Reports from these meetings indicate a decided upturn in our business during the coming months."—V. 132, p. 1425.

General Motors Export Co.—Expansion in Australia.—
 Negotiations for the merger of General Motors (Australia) Pty. Ltd., with Holdens Motor Body Builders, Ltd., one of the leading industries of Australia, into a new company to be known as General Motors & Holdens Ltd., are under way in Australia, it was announced on Feb. 26 by Graeme K. Howard, General Manager of the General Motors Export Co. The negotiations have progressed to the point of an agreement which lacks only formal ratification by the stockholders of Holdens Motor Body Builders Ltd., who will meet March 5.

An official announcement further goes on to say: The merger will constitute the third important liaison of General Motors with a strong native industry in the intensive period of its participation in international trade during the last 11 years. The other two instances were the acquisition of Vauxhall Motors Ltd. of Luton, England, in 1925, and the linking of General Motors and Adam Opel A. G., known as the "General Motors of Germany," at Russelsheim, Germany, in 1928.

General Motors (Australia) Pty. Ltd., has operated automobile chassis assembly plants at Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Brisbane and Adelaide, Australia, since 1926, buying its bodies from Holdens Motor Body Builders, Ltd.

Holdens Motor Body Builders Ltd. now manufactures 80% of the bodies of all automobiles sold in Australia, exclusive of Ford, supplying distributors of American as well as British cars.

Mr. Howard stated that the body plant will continue to operate as a separate Holdens body unit and will continue to manufacture for the trade at large. The fact that E. W. Holden will continue in active control of the body building business will ensure a continuance of the present satisfactory relations existing between Holdens and the distributors of automobiles throughout Australia.

Through the merger, General Motors & Holdens Ltd. obtains an Australian directorate of high calibre. E. W. Holden becomes Chairman of the Board in active charge of the Australian operations, and Sir Wallace Bruce, A. G. Rymall and Sir John Butters will become directors. A. N. Lawrence, Managing Director of General Motors (Australia) Pty. Ltd. remains a director and Managing Director of the new company. Mr. Holden, who has been Chairman and Managing Director of Holdens, is a director of the Bank of Adelaide, member of the Council of Adelaide University, and Councilor for the city of Adelaide. Sir Wallace Bruce is senior partner in the firm of Wallace Bruce & Co., President of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Australia, Trustee of the Savings Bank of South Australia, Lord Mayor of Adelaide, and a director of six other important companies. Mr. Rymall is a director of various Australian industrial, agricultural, banking and insurance companies. Sir John Butters has been a director of General Motors (Australia) Pty. Ltd., and for many years was Chief Commissioner at Canberra.

As a result of the merger, it is estimated that over 1,500 Australasian shareholders in Holdens Motor Body Builders Ltd., which includes many prominent citizens, will become shareholders in the newly formed company, General Motors & Holdens Ltd. The sound financial position of Holdens Motor Body Builders Ltd. is indicated by the June 30 1930, balance sheet which discloses current liabilities covered by assets 24-to-1. Actual cash covered liabilities 3½-to-1.

The body plant property is located at Woodville, Adelaide, South Australia, and covers an area of 40 acres, owned by the company. This plant offers many facilities for supplemental manufacture, such as steel cabinets, fruit boxes, &c., the company having produced over one million of the latter in the past six months. It is expected that a number of other types of production will be accomplished with the furtherance and development of this program, and the local trend towards local industrial development.—V. 130, p. 142.

General Refractories Co.—Notes Offered.—Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.; White Weld & Co.; and the First National Old Colony Corp., and Graham, Parsons & Co., are offering \$5,000,000 two-year 5% gold notes at 99¼ and interest to yield 5.40%.

Dated March 2 1931; due March 1 1933. Principal and int. (M. & S.) payable in U. S. gold coin at New York Trust Co., New York, trustee, Denom. \$1,000*. Red. as a whole or in part at any time on 30 days' notice to and incl. March 1 1932 at 100½; and thereafter prior to maturity at 100¼; plus int. in each case. The principal of an interest of these notes is payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Company also agrees to reimburse holders upon proper and timely application for payment of Mass. taxes based on or measured by income, or as to savings banks and savings departments, measured by deposits invested in notes, up to 6% of interest, which the holder of any note is required to pay by reason of his ownership thereof, all as provided in the indenture.

Data from Letter of Pres. Burrows Sloan dated March 2.

Capitalization—Authorized, Outstanding.
 2-year 5% gold notes (this issue) \$5,000,000 \$5,000,000
 Capital stock (no par) 600,000 shs. *300,000 shs.
 * Listed on the New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges.

Company.—Incorp. Oct. 24 1922 in Pennsylvania as a holding and operating company to consolidate and operate the properties and businesses of General Refractories Co. (old company), originally established in 1911; Hayes Run Fire Brick Co., Inc., established in 1905; and the Pennsylvania Fire Brick Co., Inc., established in 1900. Subsequently, several other companies were acquired in various sections of the country, two companies having been acquired during the past year. The most recent acquisitions afford new sales territories, resulting in a more economical distribution of the company's products.

The company is the second largest manufacturer of high grade refractory material in this country, producing over 20% of the total manufactured. Its products which include clay, silica, magnesite and chrome brick, are used in blast furnaces and stove work; open hearth, soaking pit, heating and puddling furnaces; bee hive and by-product coke ovens; cupolas; malleable furnaces; glass works; lime and cement kilns; boiler settings; copper refining and smelting furnaces; gas works; oil refining stills; paint and chemical industries; sugar refineries and wherever a material with intense heat resisting properties is required. In addition to the principal kinds of refractory brick, the company has developed many specialties, such as locomotive arch brick, industrial furnace shapes, various high temperature cements and plastic fire brick.

Properties.—20 plants are operated by the company and its subsidiaries in various sections of the country, having a combined annual capacity of approximately 300,000,000 refractory bricks. In addition, these plants have a capacity of approximately 100,000 tons per annum in the aggregate of ground magnesite and chrome ore, other ground raw materials and refractory cements. Almost all of the plants are of brick, steel and concrete construction and are entirely fireproof. The plants are well located for the economical distribution of finished products to the principal brick-consuming centers of the country. Plants are located adjacent to mineral deposits of the company, and raw materials are in many cases transported from mine to plant over the company's tracks. The Stone & Webster Engineering Corp. is of the opinion that the plants and equipment of the company are of adequate design, efficiently arranged, and well maintained; and that the factory methods appear to be well developed to manufacture and operate efficiently.

The fireclay and ganister (silica) properties of the company consist of a total of 34,500 acres, of which 27,346 acres are owned and 7,154 acres are leased. In addition, the company owns lands containing an estimated 1,231,600 net tons of high aluminum clay and leases acreage containing an estimated 966,900 net tons of the same material. Company also owns a substantial interest in the Northwest Magnesite Co. which company owns the only known large commercial magnesite deposit in the United States. All the mineral acreage has been thoroughly surveyed and proven by actual mining or quarrying operations and deposits are estimated to be sufficient in extent to supply the needs of the company for more than 50 years. The properties of the company are located in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Georgia, Wisconsin, Missouri and Illinois. The mines are fully equipped with modern machinery and appliances. Additional equipment consists of 84 miles of industrial railroad track, 18 miles of railroad sidings, 16 steam locomotives, 3 electric locomotives, and 5,383 industrial railway cars.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures made in the recent acquisition of additional plants and mineral properties, and for other corporate purposes.

Earnings.—Consolidated earnings (company and subs.) including earnings from all properties now owned, excluding interest charges, &c. (*, non-recurring after this financing, have been as follows:

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.
Earns. from operations, before taxes, interest, &c.	\$2,535,009	\$3,181,306	\$2,051,900
Miscellaneous income	333,903	236,669	199,222
Total	\$2,868,912	\$3,417,975	\$2,251,122
Corporate, municipal & income taxes	332,520	291,570	188,941
Deprec. & deplet. res. from earnings	\$2,536,392	\$3,126,405	\$2,062,181
	316,704	325,152	287,843
Balance available for interest	\$2,219,688	\$2,801,253	\$1,774,338
Calendar Years—	1927.	1926.	1925.
Earns. from operations, before taxes, interest, &c.	\$2,225,014	\$2,177,048	\$2,049,465
Miscellaneous income	86,011	64,268	59,770
Total	\$2,311,025	\$2,241,316	\$2,109,235
Corporate, municipal & income taxes	259,280	296,294	235,249
Deprec. & deplet. res. from earnings	\$2,051,745	\$1,945,022	\$1,873,986
	310,828	278,991	261,804
Balance available for interest	\$1,740,917	\$1,666,031	\$1,612,182
Interest requirements on these notes	\$250,000		

Note.—The above earnings for 1929 and prior years do not include operating results of Evens & Howard Fire Brick Co. acquired in 1930 as these figures are not now available. This property has operated at a profit in each month since acquisition.

* Interest charges, &c. excluded: 1930, \$101,270; 1929, \$103,410; 1928, \$300,303; 1927, \$304,313; 1926, \$309,546; 1925, \$340,088.

The balance available for interest as shown above, for the year ended Dec. 31 1930, was equivalent to more than 8.8 times annual interest charges on these notes. For the six years ended Dec. 31 1930, this balance averaged about 7.8 times such interest charges.

As of Jan. 1 1931, unfilled sales orders were about 3% in excess of unfilled sales orders on the corresponding date of 1930.

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1930.

[After eliminating inter-company items and giving effect as of that date to the issuance of \$5,000,000 5% notes and liquidation of notes payable in the amount of \$3,105,000.]	
Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash.....\$2,363,200	Current: Accounts payable.....\$449,119
Notes receivable.....344,432	Accrued accounts.....170,991
Accts. rec., net after allow.....1,085,938	Allow. for Fed. income taxes.....240,249
Inventories.....3,221,567	2-year 5% gold notes.....5,000,000
Accrued income receivable.....85,894	Capital stock and surplus.....\$22,338,781
Marketable secur. (at cost).....170,213	
Employees' mortgages.....1,970	
Miscellaneous investments.....838,081	
Empl.' stock subscriptions.....779,151	
Deferred accts., incl. note discount expense.....779,642	
Patents at cost.....37,250	
Real estate, buildings, machinery & equipment.....\$18,491,802	
Total.....\$28,199,140	Total.....\$28,199,140

x After allowance for depreciation and depletion. y Capital stock, without par value, authorized 600,000 shares, issued 300,000 shares, and surplus.—V. 132, p. 860, 502.

General Talking Pictures Corp.—Wins Patent Suit.—

The company has issued the following statement:
 In a decision handed down this week by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, for the Third Circuit, the validity of the Ries Patent, No. 1,607,480 was unanimously upheld.

This patent, relating to the slit system used in the recording of the voice and sound on talking picture film is owned by the General Talking Pictures Corp., who sued upon it in the Federal Courts. The Western Electric Co., who assumed the defense of this suit, appealed from the decision which was handed down in that court by Judge Morris.

The Court of Appeals decision is probably the most far reaching adjudication ever made in the motion picture industry, for by the declaration of the validity of the Ries patent, the door is opened for General Talking Pictures to sue for damages estimated in amounts of millions of dollars from the present and past infringers, who have used the Ries patents in recording of sound on film.

M. A. Schlesinger, President of the General Talking Pictures will make no announcements as to his immediate steps, but it is certain that infring-

ing actions against R. C. A. and Western Electric will be begun immediately, with the possibility that most if not all of the leading producing corporations will also be named as defendants.—V. 131, p. 1903.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Stockholders' Suit.—

In Equity Session of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, Judge William M. Prest of the Probate Court, Suffolk County was appointed Master on the ex-parte motion filed by Daniel J. Murphy, counsel for Maurice J. Curran in the Gillette Safety Razor Co. stockholders' suit. Hearings will probably commence in April.—V. 132, p. 1627, 137.

Glenside Woolen Mills.—Tenders.—

This company, through the American Express Bank & Trust Co., trustee, is inviting tenders for \$26,368 of its outstanding 1st mtge. 15-year sinking fund 7½% conv. gold debentures, the purchases to be made through moneys held in the sinking fund. No tender will be accepted at a price exceeding 105 and int. All tenders must be submitted before noon March 20 1931.—V. 115, p. 2841.

Gold Dust Corp. (& Subs.).—Annual Report.—

Period—	Cal. Year 1930.	aCal. Year 1929.	—Years End. Aug. 31— 1928.	1927.
Profit after Fed. taxes	\$8,413,322	\$9,520,870	\$3,148,577	\$2,354,278
Depreciation	1,284,416	1,132,395	247,334	252,833
Interest	440,089	801,511	169,474	273,795
Net profit	\$6,688,816	\$7,586,963	\$2,731,769	\$1,827,650
Preferred dividends	366,930	327,845		
Common dividends	4,491,961	4,379,402	907,305	
Standard Mill. Co. div.:				
Preferred		48,639		
Common		169,219		
Surplus	\$1,829,925	\$2,661,860	\$1,824,464	\$1,827,650
Shs. com. stk. outstand'g	1,805,002	1,788,052	304,485	294,643
Earnings per share	\$3.50	\$4.03	\$8.97	\$6.20

a Includes Standard Milling Co. and the subsidiary companies for period prior to consolidation with Gold Dust Corp. b Due to the change in the fiscal year from Aug. 31 to Dec. 31 the earnings for the last few months of 1928 are not included in our compilation. The company's report shows that Gold Dust Corp. and subs. had a net profit for the four months ended Dec. 31 1928 of \$716,814 American Linseed Co. and subs. earned \$2,453,896 for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, and Standard Milling Co. in the last six months of 1928 earned \$923,923.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Land, bldgs., equip. &c.	\$11,941,069	\$13,421,465	Capital stock	\$16,203,411	\$15,940,098
Good-will, &c.	1	1	Funded debt	1,061,000	14,907,000
Call loans	2,400,000	7,700,000	Accounts payable		1
Investments	5,871,008	5,387,237	Federal tax, &c.	4,163,476	4,259,528
Cash	5,423,131	3,451,775	Sundry reserve	1,276,188	1,486,586
Accts. rec. less res.	3,703,316	5,358,078	Dividends payable	1,128,861	1,118,595
Inventories	10,986,098	17,262,012	Surplus	16,821,825	15,233,216
Deferred charges	330,138	364,754			
Total	\$40,654,761	\$52,945,323	Total	\$40,654,761	\$52,945,323

a Represented by 61,160 no par shares of \$6 preferred stock and 1,805,002 shares no par common stock. b After deducting \$15,246,193 for depreciation and adjustment of plant value.—V. 131, p. 3716.

Goodyear Textile Mills Co., Los Angeles.—Earnings.—

Year Ended Dec. 31—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross profit	Not available	\$251,542	\$268,265	\$233,309
Other exps., incl. Fed. tax		27,670	32,192	31,234
Net profit	\$199,779	\$223,872	\$236,073	\$202,075
Preferred dividends	133,721	133,721	133,721	133,721
Common dividends	100,000	85,000	100,000	—
Surplus	def\$33,942	\$5,151	\$2,352	\$68,354
Earns. per sh. on 10,000 shs. com. stk. (par \$100)	\$6.61	\$9.15	\$10.24	\$6.84

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Calif. (& Subs.).—

Earns. Cal. Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Net sales	\$20,018,568	\$26,233,596	\$26,109,252	\$23,590,315
Cost, sell., adm. & gen. exp.	19,817,287	23,789,764	24,151,808	20,798,328
Operating income	\$201,281	\$2,443,832	\$1,957,443	\$2,791,987
Other income	216,619	273,252	306,870	157,765
Total earnings	\$417,900	\$2,717,084	\$2,264,314	\$2,949,753
x Interest	135,532	150,037	191,780	288,867
Federal taxes	18,269	273,480	189,568	307,454
Res. for conting., &c.				250,000
Reserve for loss on commitments	468,000			
Net profit	loss\$203,900	\$2,293,568	\$1,882,966	\$2,103,432
Prof. divs. paid (7%)	559,699	559,699	559,699	559,699
Common divs. paid	1,500,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Rate	(37½%)	(50%)	(25%)	(25%)
Balance, surplus	loss\$763,599	\$233,869	def\$676,733	\$543,736
Shares common stk. outstanding (par \$100)	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Earnings per share	Nil	\$43.34	\$33.08	\$38.59

x Including amortization of note discount.
 Note.—All of the common stock is owned by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1930.	1929.	Liabilities—	1930.	1929.
Land, bldgs., machinery & equip.	\$7,034,174	\$7,500,816	7% pref. stock	\$7,995,700	\$7,995,700
Investments	1,436,461	1,584,688	Common stock	4,000,000	4,000,000
Inventories	4,306,215	4,892,211	Funded debt		2,257,000
Accts. & notes rec.	1,655,165	1,558,922	Accounts payable	z1,500,274	1,707,868
Cash in banks and on hand	2,555,482	971,433	Accr. int. on notes	42,425	46,551
Call loans		3,200,000	Reserve for loss on commitments	468,000	
Deferred charges	141,969	185,713	Surplus	3,123,067	3,886,666
Total	\$17,129,466	\$19,893,734	Total	\$17,129,466	\$19,893,734

x After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$5,341,473. y After deducting reserves of \$269,841. z Including income taxes.—V. 130, p. 1470.

(W. R.) Grace & Co., N. Y.—U. S. Contract, &c.—

Four twin-screw express liners will soon be built by the Kearney, N. J., yards of the Federal Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. for the Panama Mail Steamship Co. These ships, operating between San Francisco and Los Angeles and New York, follow the award of a mail contract by the U. S. Government to W. R. Grace & Co., of which the Panama Mail Steamship Co. is a subsidiary.

The ships will be propelled by two 6,000-hp. General Electric geared turbines, and auxiliaries will be electrified by General Electric equipment. Each vessel will have a deadweight capacity of 16,600 tons, will be 508 feet long and will have a beam of 72 feet. Each ship will have a loaded speed of 19 knots. At sea, the supply of auxiliary electricity will normally be from two 500-kw. generators attached to the reduction gears of the propulsion equipment, but this electricity may also be obtained from two 500-kw. turbine generator sets. The latter two sets will float on the electric system when the vessel is operating at the higher speeds but, when the speed drops below 70% of maximum, the turbine generator sets will automatically take over the electric load of the auxiliaries. In port, electricity will be supplied from a 200-kw. turbine generator set.—V. 132, p. 137.

(F. & W.) Grand-Silver Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and Increase. Rows include February, Two months, and Total.

Grand Union Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Jan. 3 '31, Dec. 28 '29, Dec. 29 '28. Rows include Years Ended, Sales, Cost of sales, Depreciation, Store exp., Profit from operations, etc.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Consolidated Balance Sheet table with columns for Jan. 3 '31, Dec. 28 '29. Rows include Assets (Cash, Accts. receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Conv. pref. stock, Common stock, etc.).

a After reserve for depreciation of \$736,125. b 166,718 no par shares. c Represented by voting trust certificates representing 270,348 no par shares. d Initial surplus, \$904,291; capital surplus, \$721,936; earned surplus, \$1,276,910.—V. 132, p. 1426.

(W. T.) Grant Co. (Del.)—February Sales.—

Sales for February 1931 totaled \$4,347,489, an increase of 11.08% over the \$3,913,591 sales reported in the corresponding month in 1930. Sales for January and February totaled \$8,457,655 as compared with \$7,697,202 for January and February 1930, an increase of 9.87%.—V. 132, p. 320, 1043.

Great Lakes Pipe Line Co.—New Line to Be Completed Before July 1—Total Cost of Line About \$18,000,000—\$12,000,000 Bond Issue to Be Floated.—See Barnsdall Corp. under "Financial Reports" above.—V. 132, p. 861.

Great Northern Paper Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930.

Balance Sheet table for Great Northern Paper Co. with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Cash & marketable securities, Accounts & notes receivable, etc.

Greif Bros. Cooperage Corp.—Earnings.— For income statement for 3 months ended Jan. 31 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 137.

Grigsby-Grunow Co.—Proposed Acquisition—Rights to Subscribe to New Bonds.—

The stockholders will vote March 10 on authorizing the acquisition by this company of all the assets, properties, business and good-will of Majestic Household Utilities Corp. (except \$1,000 in cash) as constituted on Dec. 31 1930, and subject to all changes which have occurred or will occur to the date of the consummation of any such acquisition of such assets, (it being understood that the boards of directors of both companies have a majority of directors in common) the consideration for the said transfer to be as follows: (a) The issuance by this company to Majestic Household Utilities Corp., or its stockholders or nominees, of 375,000 shares of the common stock without par value of this company, fully paid and non-assessable; and (b) the assumption by this company of the liabilities of Majestic Household Utilities Corp., as of Dec. 31 1930, and subject to all changes which have occurred or will occur to the date of such acquisition of said assets, (all inter-company accounts and investments between Grigsby-Grunow Co. and Majestic Household Utilities to be eliminated).

The merger will be accomplished by an exchange of stock upon a basis of one share of the common stock of Grigsby-Grunow Co. for each share of the common stock of Majestic Household Utilities Corp.

The stockholders of the Majestic corporation will also vote on March 10 on approving the proposed consolidation.

The stockholders will also vote on authorizing the issue and sale by this company of \$5,000,000 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, to be dated as of March 1 1931, and to mature on any part of the real estate and assets mortgage or trust deed upon all or any part of the real estate and assets of this company, including real estate and assets to be acquired from Majestic Household Utilities Corp.; such bonds to be convertible into common stock of no par value of this company as follows: Each \$100 of bonds to be convertible during the calendar year 1931 into 12 shares of common stock; during 1932 into 10 shares; during 1933 into eight shares, and on and after Jan. 1 1934, until the bonds are paid, into five shares; the said bonds and trust deed securing the same to be otherwise in such form and to have such terms and provisions as shall be determined in the discretion of the President or the Vice-President and Treasurer of this company.

The stockholders will further vote on authorizing the issuance to stockholders of record March 11 1931, of bond subscription warrants evidencing the right of stockholders to subscribe for and purchase bonds of the proposed \$5,000,000 bond issue, at 97 1/2% of par on the basis of one \$100 bond for each 45 shares of common stock held on said date, such warrants to expire and become wholly void at the close of business on March 31 1931, and such warrants to be in such form as to be redeemable all or part on any interest day upon 45 days notice at 102 1/2% or before March 1 1932; thereafter decreasing 1/4% per annum. Interest will be payable March 1 and Sept. 1. A sinking fund of \$500,000 per annum, beginning July 1932, shall be provided for redemption of bonds which will be issued in denominations of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. The purpose of issue is to permit the acquisition of the assets, &c., of Majestic Household Utilities Corp. by Grigsby-Grunow Co. and to provide the additional working capital required.

The bonds will be a first mtge. on all the real estate and fixed assets owned by the company, including those acquired from Majestic Household Utilities Corp., and including land, leaseholds, buildings and improvements, machinery and equipment, and upon certain intangible property of the company, including patents, patent rights, trade-marks, trade names,

formulae, copyrights, franchises, &c., which the company's books show as of a value of \$15,899,429 as at Dec. 31 1930. Subscriptions in the nature of an underwriting of the bond issue at 97 1/2% to the extent of around \$2,000,000 are already assured and are rapidly mounting, it is announced. These subscriptions, however, are subject to the prior rights of stockholders to subscribe.

Pro Forma Balance Sheet as of Dec. 31 1930 of Grigsby-Grunow Co. x

Pro Forma Balance Sheet table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Accts. & notes receivable, Inventories, etc.

a After deducting \$350,380 for reserves for doubtful accounts and cash discounts. b After deducting \$2,362,885 for reserves for depreciation. c Represented by 2,372,897 no par shares. x After giving effect (a) to acquisition by Grigsby-Grunow Co. of all assets (except \$1,000 cash) and the assumption by it of all liabilities of Majestic Household Utilities Corp., in consideration of the issuance of 375,000 shares of common stock of Grigsby-Grunow Co.; (b) to the application of the proceeds of the sale of a \$5,000,000 6% 1st mtge. gold bond issue at 97 1/2%; and (c) to elimination of inter-company accounts and investments of Grigsby-Grunow Co. and Majestic Household Utilities Corp.

Note.—The company is also contingently liable to its distributors in the maximum sum of \$599,912, which the distributors may deduct from their new merchandise purchases over the first five months of 1931, in equal monthly amounts.

The Majestic Household Utilities Corp. was organized by the Grigsby-Grunow Co. management with 500,000 shares of capital stock in April 1930. Of the capitalization, 125,000 shares were retained by Grigsby-Grunow Co. for patents, licenses, &c., turned over to the new corporation. The remaining 375,000 shares were offered for public subscription at \$25 a share. Of the original \$9,375,000 secured by the Majestic corporation from this financing, approximately \$7,800,000 was expended for plant and equipment and \$280,649 for land. Engineering, development and organization expense cost some \$1,500,000, leaving Majestic without working funds.

Inasmuch as Majestic, which began manufacturing refrigerators only last October, has no established earning power, and thus is unable to obtain needed working capital of itself, the management deemed it necessary to merge the two companies to simplify the task of reorganizing Majestic's finances. The Grigsby-Grunow Co.'s balance sheet as of Dec. 31 last showed a working capital of \$5,888,619.

The balance sheet of the Majestic Household Utilities Corp., as of Dec. 31 last, showed current assets of approximately \$2,000,000, against current liabilities of around \$3,600,000. Plant and equipment was carried at approximately \$7,800,000.

A letter by B. J. Grigsby, Chairman of the Board and President of the Grigsby-Grunow Co., to Majestic distributors, and to suppliers of materials, to the Majestic corporation, states: "At this writing creditors having claims aggregating \$750,000 have signed and delivered subscription agreements for the full amount of their claims. In addition, other creditors having claims aggregating the further sum of \$700,000 have expressed unqualified approval of the merger and financing plan, and have assured us that similar subscription agreements for bonds presently will be executed by proper officers of their respective companies. Furthermore, B. J. Grigsby and J. R. Caldwell, directors of both companies, who are creditors of Grigsby-Grunow for cash advanced in the aggregate of \$425,000, have agreed to take these bonds for the full amount of their indebtedness upon the same conditions and terms as these bonds are offered you. Majestic distributors have expressed their desire to co-operate with us in this plan of reorganization."

Deliveries, &c.—

The company on Feb. 25 reported that from Jan. 21 to Feb. 21, last, 61,688 Majestic radio sets had been delivered from the factory all over the United States and Canada.

The Majestic Household Utilities Co. was reported to have unfilled orders for more than 82,000 Majestic refrigerators. These orders run to June 30 for delivery. Although the plant now is not in active operation, it will be put into full production as soon as the financing incident to the merger of the two companies is completed. The refrigerator plant, which is the most modern in the United States, is prepared to go to work at a day's notice. Inventory, including the freezing mechanisms, insulating and boxes, are on hand to begin work at once.

An immediate dealer response to announcement made by the Grigsby-Grunow Co. concerning its new radio models Nos. 61, 62 and 63, is indicated in the statement made on March 4 by Vernon A. Collamore, General Sales Manager, that up to the close of business on March 3 orders for 10,000 radios of the new models had been booked. Production of the new "Sixty" series started at the Grigsby-Grunow plant on March 2. The new radios, it was explained by Mr. Collamore, supplement the Grigsby-Grunow models Nos. 21, 22 and 23 which went into production last fall. Retail sales, he said, are generally keeping daily pace with the volume at this time last year and in some localities increased distribution over a year ago is reported.

Operating Economics Effectuated.—

Operating economies which will enable a permanent annual saving of \$1,500,000 have been effected by the Grigsby-Grunow Co., it was announced on Feb. 26 by Don M. Compton, Vice-President and General Manager. These economies are not merely incidental to a through realignment of the organization, the stepping up of efficiency and the welding of production and sales methods. The radio tube plant, it was stated, is currently producing approximately 40,000 tubes a day, taking care of replacement orders and new set demands.—V. 132, p. 1426.

Guaranty Co. of North America.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$2.50 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the capital stock, par \$50, both payable April 15 to holders of record March 31. Like amounts were paid on Jan. 15 last.—V. 131, p. 4222.

(Rudolph) Guenther-Russell Law, Inc.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Guenther-Russell Law, Inc. with columns for 12 Mos. Ended, Dec. 31 '30, Dec. 31 '29, June 30 '29, June 30 '28. Rows include Net income from operations, Miscell. deductions, Net inc. before taxes, State franchise & Fed. income taxes, Net profit, Net profit per share.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Balance Sheet table with columns for 1930, 1929. Rows include Assets (Cash, Accounts and notes, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Due to officers and employees, etc.).

Total.....\$1,372,435 \$1,502,991 —V. 131, p. 1573.

Guilford Realty Co.—Increases Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable March 31 to holders of record March 20. Previously the company made quarterly distributions of 30 cents per share on this issue.—V. 129, p. 3332.

Hammond Clock Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.—

Table with columns: Assets, Dec. 31 '30, Sept. 30 '30, Liabilities, Dec. 31 '30, Sept. 30 '30. Rows include Cash, Notes & acc'ts. rec., Accrued royalties, Inventories, Fixed assets, Goods-will, Patents, and Deferred charges.

Harnischfeger Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1930, 1929. Rows include Gross profit, Selling, administrative and general expenses, Operating profit, Interest and other income, Total income, Federal and State income taxes, financing exps. and sundry profit and loss charges, Net profit, Balance beginning of year, Total surplus, Common div. on old stock paid in pref. stock, Preferred dividend paid in cash, Common dividend paid in cash, Balance, end of year, and Earns. per sh. on 300,000 shs. com. stk. (no par).

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Assets, 1930, 1929, Liabilities, 1930, 1929. Rows include Cash, Marketable bonds, Notes & acc'ts rec., Acrued interest, Due by empl. & misc. receivables, Inventories, Empl. subser. to pref. stock, Misc. inv. at cost, Land, bldgs., ma. chln'y, eq., &c., and Deferred charges.

Hartman Corp.—Merger Rumor Denied.—

Reports published on March 1 that the Simmons Co. and the Hartman Corp. are considering a consolidation was emphatically denied by Edward G. Felsenthal, Vice-President of the Hartman Corp. "There is no connection between the Simmons Co. and the Hartman Corp., and there has not been any discussion of a merger between officials of either company. Such a consolidation never has been contemplated nor discussed even in a tentative way between the two companies," said Mr. Felsenthal.

Hathaway Bakeries, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Period—53 Wks. End. Year Ended Jan. 3 '31, Dec. 31 '29. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Selling, administrative & general expenses, Miscellaneous charges, Depreciation, Federal income taxes, Interest, Net income, Dividends paid, Balance, surplus, Previous surplus, Minority interest of subsidiary, Premium on minority stock acquired and preferred stock of subsidiary retired, and Surplus.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with columns: Assets, Jan. 3 '31, Dec. 31 '29, Liabilities, Jan. 3 '31, Dec. 31 '29. Rows include Cash in banks & on hand, Cust. acc'ts. rec., Misc. acc'ts. rec., Inventories, Due for subs. to capital stock, Accts. for purchase of autos, Due from officers & employees, Misc. investm'ts., Prepaid expenses, Cap. stk. of Co. at cost, Prop. plant & equip, and Deferred charges.

Total.....\$5,010,691 \$4,677,910 x After depreciation of \$1,121,240. y Represented by 20,000 of \$7 cum. conv. pref. stock (no par); 35,221 shares class A stock (no par); and 150,000 shares of class B stock (no par).—V. 131, p. 4061.

Hayes Body Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1930, 1929. Rows include Sales, Cost and expenses, Depreciation, Operating loss, Other income, Net loss, Interest and other charges, and Total loss.

Hazel-Atlas Glass Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share, both payable April 1 to holders of record March 18. Like amounts were paid on Jan. 2 last.

Consolidated Earnings Statement.

Table with columns: Years Ended—Dec. 27 '30, Dec. 28 '29, Dec. 29 '28, Dec. 31 '27. Rows include Manufacturing profit, Selling, gen'l & adm. exp., Provision for Conting's., Other deductions, Depr. of bldg.s, eq., &c., and Estimated Fed. taxes.

Table with columns: Balance, surplus, Shares of capital stock outstanding (\$25), Earnings per share, and a note about deducting cost of goods sold and stock dividend.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with columns: Assets, Dec. 27 '30, Dec. 28 '29, Liabilities, Dec. 27 '30, Dec. 28 '29. Rows include Cash on hand & on deposit, U.S. Govt. &c. secs, Customers' trade accept. & notes receivable, Customers' acc'ts. receivable, Inventory, Value of life insur., Subser. to cap. stk, Miscell. notes & accts. receiv., &c, Leased equipment, Coal lands & lease-holds, gas wells, equip., &c., Patents, and Prepaid expenses & supplies invent.

Total.....21,940,267 21,712,189 x After deducting reserve for depletion and depreciation of \$8,389,688.—V. 132, p. 1233.

Hecla Mining Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Gross revenue, Operating expenses, Operating income, Depreciation & depletion, Taxes, Net income, Dividends, Surplus, Shs. com. out. (par 25c.), and Earns. per share on com.

Total.....\$961,216 \$1,879,478 \$1,582,983 \$1,575,691

Shs. com. out. (par 25c.) 1,000,000 900,000 700,000 1,000,000

Earns. per share on com. \$0.96 \$1.88 \$1.58 \$1.58

—V. 132, p. 1627.

Heywood-Wakefield Co.—Defers 1st Pref. Dividend.—

The directors have voted to defer the semi-annual dividend due March 1 on the \$7 cum. 1st pref. stock. On March 1 and Sept. 2 last, semi-annual distributions of \$1.75 per share were made on this issue.—V. 132, p. 1233.

(R.) Hillier's Son Corp., N. J.—New Name, &c.—

See United Chemical & Drug Corp. below.

Holland Furnace Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Calendar Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Net sales, Cost of sales, Sell., adm. & gen. exp., Other deductions, less other income, Interest paid, Depreciation, Provision for Fed. taxes, Net profit, Balance, Jan. 1, Adjust. of Fed. tax, Total surplus, Dividends on pref. stock, Dividends, com. (cash), Dividends com. (stock), Adj. of pr. yr. Fed. taxes, Disc. on stk. sold to emp., Adj. of amort. of bond discount and expense, Amt. trans. to cap. surp., Prov. for possible allow. on stk. sold to empl., Profit and loss surplus, Shs. of com. stk. outst'g., Earnings per share.

Total.....\$1,655,029 \$2,202,378 \$1,245,190 \$1,229,214

Balance, Jan. 1 4,212,146 4,174,986 3,430,502 4,324,436

Adjust. of Fed. tax 53,230

Total surplus.....\$5,867,175 \$6,377,364 \$4,730,922 \$5,553,650

Dividends on pref. stock 98,475 108,635 112,000 112,000

Dividends, com. (cash) 1,188,539 225,455 138,761 277,238

Dividends com. (stock) 916,844 294,660 1,733,910

Adj. of pr. yr. Fed. taxes Cr630

Disc. on stk. sold to emp. 4,203 5,267

Adj. of amort. of bond discount and expense 910,711 5,247

Amt. trans. to cap. surp. 4,606

Prov. for possible allow. on stk. sold to empl. 4,606

Profit and loss surplus \$4,575,556 \$4,212,146 \$4,174,986 \$3,430,502

Shs. of com. stk. outst'g. 432,196 432,196 402,857 373,391

Earnings per share \$3.60 \$4.85 \$2.81 \$2.99

—V. 132, p. 1043.

Holophane Co., Inc.—Smaller Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 40 cents per share on the common stock and the regular semi-annual dividend of \$1.05 per share on the pref. stock, both payable April 1 to holders of record Feb. 28. On April 1 and Oct. 1 1930 the company made quarterly distribution of 50 cents per share on the common stock.—V. 130, p. 983.

Honolulu Oil Corp., Ltd. (& Subs.)—Annual Report.—

During the year 1930 Honolulu Oil Corp., Ltd., acquired 944,315 shares out of the total of 944,900 shares outstanding of Honolulu Consolidated Oil Co., through an exchange of stock on a share-for-share basis. Subsequent to Dec. 31 1930 the remainder, 585 shares, of the outstanding stock of Honolulu Consolidated Oil Co. was acquired and the net assets of the company were transferred to Honolulu Oil Corp., Ltd.

During the past year company settled with the U. S. Government on back tax matters up to and including the year 1926. This resulted in a refund by the Treasury Department of \$501,209. Of this amount, \$342,779 represented refund for overpaid taxes of previous years and has been credited to earned surplus. The balance, \$158,430, represented interest on overpaid taxes and has been credited to income, as interest received and accrued during 1930.

During the past year, with the Standard Oil Co. of Calif. as a 50% partner, company purchased the entire capital stock of the Kettleman Oil Corp.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Marketable securities, Notes and accounts receivable, Refund rec., Fed. inc. tax., Due from officers & employees, Inventories, Acrued interest receivable, Treasury stock purchased, Inv. in stock of, and def'd accts. receiv' re fr. other cos., Special funds, Fixed assets, and Prepaid and deferred charges.

Total.....\$49,481,948 Total.....\$49,481,948

x After deducting reserve for depreciation, depletion and intangible development costs, \$29,404,395. y Represented by 944,315 shares.

of Mountain Producers Corp. were paid during 1930, our auditors have made the following computations, subject to audit by the Internal Revenue Department:

		Paid from Earnings or Surplus.	Paid from Depletion Reserves or Other Capital Sources.
Date of Dividend—			
Jan. 1 1930	-----	51.62%	48.38%
Apr. 1 1930	-----	54.15%	45.85%
July 1 1930	-----	54.28%	45.72%
Oct. 1 1930	-----	54.29%	45.71%

Moxie Co.—Initial Class A Dividend.—An initial quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share has been declared on the \$3 cum. class A stock, no par value, payable March 31 to holders of record March 14 (see also V. 132, p. 141).—V. 132, p. 1237.

Municipal Bankers Corp. (of Toronto)—Proposes Lower Interest.—New Bonds Would Pay \$2 for One Year, \$4 for Four and \$5 for Each \$100 Thereafter.—Assets Largely Are Second Mortgages.—The following is taken from the Toronto "Financial Post":

Municipal Bankers Corp. bond and debenture holders of every class are asked to accept a proposed reorganization plan whereby they accept equal par value for their holdings in general mortgage bonds of a newly created company, Municipal Bankers Corp. (1931) the new bonds bearing interest at 2% for one year from March 15 1931 to March 15 1932, 4% from March 15 1932, March 15 1936, and 5% from March 15 1936, to March 15 1946, when they will mature. Present rates run from 5½% to 7%.

The sales agreement provides for consolidating all the bond and debenture indentures including \$115,200 10-year 7% bonds falling due in July next and \$201,600 debentures as well as what the company has called its dollar-for-dollar, bonds, aggregating \$2,080,000, in one issue secured by one trust deed amounting to \$2,396,800.

While it is admitted that the 7% bonds and the debentures are not protected as well as the dollar-for-dollar bonds, the company's officers believe that the holders of dollar-for-dollar bonds would be well advised to consent to a dilution of their security by 13.25% in order to keep the company as a going entity. It is argued that such a company can do much better for its bondholders in the end than could possibly be done under liquidation. These dollar-for-dollar bonds are covered dollar-for-dollar by government and municipal bonds and by mortgages, but the greater part of the security consists of second mortgages which would not fare so well under liquidation.

The company also faces a situation created by the fact that it has about \$500,000 tied up in foreclosures on second mortgages. It is in the position that under the dollar-for-dollar provision it cannot sell properties except for 100 cents on the dollar even where such a procedure has become obviously impossible. Under the new company the dollar-for-dollar provision will no longer obtain, the company will take whatever measures appear best to realize on doubtful assets and will reinvest the balance. This, it is felt, will in reality be best for the company as increasing its revenue and improving the quality of securing assets.

Municipal Bankers Corp. had gross earnings in 1930 of \$178,000; the requirements for bond interest were \$150,000 and for other expenses \$37,000, so that interest and expenses together exceeded income by \$9,000. Under the new plan the requirements for interest at \$2 for each \$100 bond and debenture would take \$48,000 in interest and there would be \$51,000 which the company proposes to use to pay interest coupons on present bonds falling due next month. This will require \$99,000, but it will give the company a leeway of \$42,000 with which to meet the present critical situation. After March 15 1932, interest requirements under the new plan would be \$96,000, and after March 15 1936, \$120,000.

There are current liabilities of \$95,000 which it is hoped to clear off the books, and it is the hope of officers that in from eight to ten years by careful conservation of assets and elimination of doubtful items all the bonds may be restored to a basis where assets behind them will conservatively be on a dollar-for-dollar basis including 7% mortgage bonds and debentures whose present position is doubtful as to securing assets are concerned.

While the willingness of holders of dollar-for-dollar bonds to accept these proposals has yet to be tested, seeing that these involve dilution of their security, it is stated that many of these bondholders also hold 7% mortgage bonds or debentures. They want to see something done to protect their investment. Others have been appealed to on the ground that there is a moral if not legal obligation, and others on the ground that, by yielding an apparent legal advantage, the practical advantage of preventing bankruptcy will more than offset any loss from such a concession.

This company has been regarded as a subsidiary of Canadian Terminals, Ltd., and the latter does possess some of its bonds and common stock. However, the new proposals emanate from the company itself, and it is understood that Canadian Terminals will not be in charge of future conduct. All of the capital stock of the new company is to be vested in five voting trustees to be selected by security holders who will assume responsibility for the management of the new company through such directors "as they, in their sole discretion, shall think fit to appoint."

The letter to bondholders outlining the new proposals is signed by G. C. Lawrence, general manager.

Municipal Financial Corp.—Schedules Filed.—Schedule in bankruptcy filed in the Federal District Court lists liabilities at \$10,356,485, including claims listed and secured amounting to \$8,420,740, and assets of \$11,321,945. The schedule for Delaware Bankers Corp. shows liabilities of \$447,255 and assets of \$261,445. Both of these companies are subsidiaries of Bankus Corp., which is an affiliate of the Bank of United States.

Assets of Municipal Financial Corp. consist principally of notes, securities and investments in subsidiaries and affiliated companies amounting to \$6,136,193; stocks and securities, including \$37,835 Bank of United States stock units, totaling \$3,172,275; accounts receivable \$1,797,187, of which total \$848,931 represents a claim against the Marcus-Singer Managers Syndicate and a claim of \$816,750 against City Financial Corp.; interest in a building loan agreement of \$211,624 and cash of \$4,665.

The Bank of United States is listed as a secured creditor for \$4,000,000 and the schedule estimates the value of securities pledged for this loan as \$1,450,000. Municipal Safe Deposit Co. is listed as a secured creditor for \$2,009,318 and City Safe Deposit Co. for \$2,411,422. The claims of the two latter companies are secured by 55 shares of Premier Development Corp. stock.—V. 128, p. 415.

National Acme Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Manufacturing profit	\$1,503,327	\$3,596,451	\$2,419,818	\$1,143,363
Admin., sales, &c., exp.	852,919	973,977	802,880	736,267
Other deductions	135,474	363,965	263,105	238,950
Federal income tax	-----	252,075	180,000	-----
Depreciation	575,896	-----	-----	-----
Balance	def\$60,964	\$2,066,434	\$1,173,832	\$168,146
Other income	69,524	94,921	35,282	33,931
Net profit	\$8,560	\$2,101,355	\$1,209,114	\$202,077
Dividends paid	662,590	687,500	125,000	-----
Balance, surplus	def\$653,940	\$1,413,855	\$1,084,114	\$202,077
Shs. capital stock outstanding (par \$10)	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000
Earned per share	\$0.1	\$4.20	\$2.04	\$0.41

—V. 132, p. 141.

National Bearing Metals Corp.—Omits Dividend.—The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually paid March 1 on the common stock. The last regular quarterly distribution of 25 cents per share was made on this issue on Dec. 1 1930.—V. 129, p. 140.

National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—Sales.

	1931.	1930.	Decrease—
Feb. gross cash receipts	\$1,998,838	\$2,423,715	\$424,877 17.5%
Two months	4,541,065	5,113,052	571,987 11.2%

—V. 132, p. 1237, 1048.

National Investors Corp.—Changes Par Value of Common Shares.—At the annual meeting of stockholders held on March 3 a proposal to file a certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of New York changing

the shares of the common stock without par value into the same number of shares of common stock with a par value of \$1 per share was approved.—V. 132, p. 1434.

National Radiator Corp.—Bondholders' Protective Committee Opposes Reorganization Plan Dated Feb. 11 1931.—

C. Hood, Chairman of the bondholders protective committee representing the holders of the 6½% debentures, in a letter to the bondholders announces that the committee has carefully considered the plan of reorganization, sponsored by the present management and has unanimously decided that the plan should be opposed by the debenture holders. He accordingly urged the bondholders not to deposit the debentures under the plan.

A summary of the reasons leading to the above conclusion is presented as follows:

(1) **Loss of First Mortgage Position.**—The debentures are now equally as good as first mortgage bonds. The company owes only negligible amount of indebtedness in addition to the debenture debt. There is no other funded debt. Under the present indenture no mortgage or pledge of the company's properties is permitted except after securing these debentures as a first and prior lien. The plan of the management removes this safeguard and permits the future mortgage or pledge of the company's properties without reserving for the proposed new debentures a prior first mortgage position.

(2) **Loss of Income from Debentures.**—The debentures now require a fixed payment at the rate of 6½% per annum. The plan removes this requirement and makes the payment of interest contingent upon earnings. For the first three years, only 40% of these earnings are made available for the interest on the new debentures. For three years past, there have been no earnings. If you had held a debenture such as the plan proposes to give you, instead of the one you now hold, you would not have received a dollar of income from your investment for three years past.

(3) **Reduction of Coupon Rate.**—Not only are you asked under the plan of the management to make your debenture interest contingent upon earnings, but, should there be earnings, you are then asked to accept 5% interest instead of 6½%. Thus, not only are you asked to make sacrifices during lean periods, but even assuming the company should enjoy prosperous years, your income from the new debentures would remain limited to 5%.

(4) **Elimination of Sinking Fund.**—Under the present indenture the debentures have the benefit of a generous sinking fund under the operation of which all but \$537,000 of the outstanding debentures would have been paid off before their fixed maturity. Under the plan of the management, the sinking fund is eliminated. No matter how substantial the earnings in excess of 5% might be, there is no requirement that the new debentures be paid off before maturity. Under the plan, on March 1 1946 there would be outstanding \$5,500,000 of the new debentures. Under the present indenture, only \$1,531,000 of debentures would be outstanding on that date. In the meantime, \$9,185,000 of your debentures would have been retired at a premium under the existing indenture.

(5) **Reduction in Principal Amount.**—Not only are you asked to give up your first mortgage position and your fixed income and the benefits of the sinking fund, and to reduce the coupon rate, but even that reduced interest rate is again cut in half by the reduction of your principal debt by 50%. You are asked to take a \$500 bond for every \$1,000 bond now held by you. Even if the 5% were payable as a fixed charge instead of out of income, the 5% on \$500 would only be equal to 2½% on the \$1,000 debenture now held by you. You would therefore be consenting to a reduction of coupon from 6½% to 2½%—payable only if earned.

(6) **Loss of Feb. 1 1931 Coupon.**—No provision has been made under the plan for the interest which matured Feb. 1 1931. This represented a loss of a half year's interest on all outstanding debentures.

(7) **No Correction in Management.**—The plan completely fails to deal with the most vital question of management. The majority of the present board of directors were on the board of directors when the debentures were sold to you in August 1927. Practically ever since that time, the management of this company has been unable to produce any earnings. The plan itself shows a consistent and continuous record of substantial losses, in comparison with consistent substantial earnings of the constituent companies which were merged, for three years prior to the merger. During the last three years, competitor companies, under better management, have earned substantial profits. Adverse industrial conditions therefore afford no proper alibi to the management of this company for their consistent record of failure, year after year. Do you wish to perpetuate such a management? That is what the plan will do. Are you willing to sacrifice 50% of your principal and 4½% out of your 6½% coupon, so that such management may have a larger fund, free from any lien in your favor, to mismanage and fritter away? Assets have dwindled from \$19,374,000, exclusive of good will of December 1928, to \$12,800,000, exclusive of good will, in December 1930, a loss of \$6,574,000. Are you willing to permit the balance of these assets to be mismanaged down to a zero?

We believe that the foregoing presents sound and sufficient reasons why you should not deposit your debentures under the plan sponsored by the present management, which proposes no remedy for its incompetence. This committee realizes that criticism alone will not remedy the conditions complained of. It does not intend to limit its activities to criticism. It intends to present a definite, constructive program to the debenture holders, after a careful survey, study and analysis of the condition of the company and the conditions which have brought about the present sad plight of these debentures. In line with that intention, this committee has retained the eminent engineering firm of Coverdale & Colpitts and the well-known accounting firm of Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Co. to aid it in arriving at well grounded conclusions as to the course best designed to conserve the interest of the debenture holders.

To accomplish these purposes in the interests of the debenture holders, this committee needs your immediate support. Passive acquiescence in the above views is neither fair to the many debenture holders who have already deposited their bonds nor will it result in the most effective representation of your interests by us. This committee represents only debenture holders. It does not represent any other security holders. Its sole objective is the preservation of your interests. It is entitled to your immediate full and unqualified support. That support will best be evidenced by refusing to deposit your debentures under the plan of the management and by promptly forwarding them to any of the depositories above named.

Reorganization Committee Announce Over 44% of Bonds Deposited.—

The reorganization committee, for which Bankers Trust Co. is depository, has announced the deposit with it of more than \$4,718,000 of the corporation's 6½% debentures, together with substantial amounts of the corporation's preferred and common stocks. The deposited debentures now amount to more than 44% of the total outstanding issue, which the committee stated they considered to be most gratifying. Rudolph B. Fiershem, Chairman of the executive committee of National Radiator Corp., and Vice-President of The Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo, John H. Waters, President of National Radiator Corp., and Charles O. Cornell, of Cornell, Linder & Co., are the members of this committee, of which Armand Erpf of 50 Broad St., New York City, is Secretary.—V. 132, p. 1434, 1238.

Neisner Bros., Inc.—February Sales.

	1931.	1930.	Increase.
February	\$944,001	\$865,709	\$78,292
Two months	1,979,052	1,685,155	292,897

—V. 132, p. 324, 1049.

National Tea Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Sales	\$85,245,761	\$90,210,077	\$85,831,696	\$58,801,377
Operating profits	1,431,226	3,081,082	3,399,833	b2,379,041
Federal taxes	162,000	349,735	377,393	333,000
Net income	\$1,239,926	\$2,731,266	\$2,822,440	\$2,046,041
Preferred dividends	109,081	162,217	260,272	219,663
Common dividends	961,815	1,057,966	598,900	597,682
Balance, surplus	\$169,029	\$1,511,084	\$1,963,267	\$1,228,696
Shs. com.outst'g (no par)	660,000	660,000	150,000	150,000
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$1.71	\$3.89	\$17.08	\$12.17

b Includes stock div. of National Tea Co., Minneapolis, amounting to \$50,000.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, and rows for Assets (Property, Treasury stock, Invest. & advances, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, 5-yr. gold notes, etc.).

x Represented by 660,000 no par shares. y After reserve for depreciation of \$4,609,353.—V. 132, p. 1238.

Neptune Meter Co. (N. J.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927, and rows for Calendar Years (Net income, Pref. dividends, Common dividends) and Balance, surplus.

x After providing for depreciation, interest and all other charges including income tax.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, and rows for Assets (Cash, Marketable secur., Notes & accts. rec., etc.) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Accts. payable, etc.).

x After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$1,671,776. y After deducting reserve for bad debts and allowances of \$78,883. Represented by 229,104 shares of no par value.—V. 132, p. 670.

New England Investors Shares, Inc.—Secret Indictments Against Two Lawyers Nolle-Prossed.—

The Boston "News Bureau" March 5 had the following: "Attorney-General Warner nolle-prossed secret indictments returned by Suffolk County Grand Jury as a result of investigation of affairs of New England Investors Shares, Inc., against James M. Swift, a lawyer, of Fall River and formerly State Attorney-General; also indictments against Edmund H. Talbot, a Boston lawyer. Grand jury returned 35 secret indictments against 15 individuals in nature of conspiracy and violation of blue sky law. Operations of company involved about \$8,000,000. It issued stock on a partial payment basis. Mr. Swift and Mr. Talbot were indicted, with others, on charges of conspiracy to perpetrate a fraud; of conspiracy to misuse money of Discount Co. of New England, selling agent for New England Investors Shares, Inc., for selling securities without being authorized by Department of Public Utilities; and of conspiracy to use money of New England Investment Trust, Inc.

New Haven Clock Co.—Omits Common Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1 on the common stock. In each of the two preceding quarters a distribution of 25 cents per share was made on this issue.—V. 132, p. 324, 142.

Newport Company.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1930, 1929, 1928, and 1927, and rows for Calendar Years (Net sales, Cost of sales, Provision for depreciation, etc.) and Balance, Dec. 31.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, and rows for Assets (Prop., plant & eq., Form & process, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Pur. money oblig., Notes payable, etc.).

x After depreciation of \$4,881,625. y Represented by 33,361 shares (par \$50) of \$3 class A convertible stock and 521,220 shares of no-par common.—V. 132, p. 1049.

New York Investors, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, and rows for Calendar Years (Income—Interest, Commissions, fees, &c., Profit & management fees from syndicates, Profit from sales or real estate, etc.) and Surplus.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 (Company only).

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, and rows for Assets (Cash, Marketable sec., Accts. receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Accts. payable, Notes payable, etc.).

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930.

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929, and rows for Assets (Cash, Marketable securities, Prudence bonds & certificates, etc.) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Accts. pay., sundry dep., &c., etc.).

x Represented by 1,004,424 no par shares. Note.—Contingent Liability—Mortgages sold guaranteed \$61,963,725.—V. 131, p. 3218.

New York Transit Co.—Dividend Decreased.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 10c. per share on the capital stock, par \$10, payable April 15 to holders of record March 20. Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of 40c., the last distribution at this rate having been made on Jan. 15 1931. During 1930, the company also paid two extra dividends of 10c. each.—V. 132, p. 1435.

Niagara Share Corp. of Md.—Quarterly Dividend.—

A regular quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, par \$5, payable April 15 to holders of record March 25. This rate was also paid on the old common shares of \$10 par value from April 15 1930 to and incl. Jan. 15 1931. The stockholders on Jan. 13 last approved a change in the par value of this stock, one new share being issued in exchange for each old share.

Nichols Copper Co.—Reduces Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on both the class A and B shares payable April 1 to holders of record March 20. Three months ago a dividend of 43 1/2 c. was paid, as against 75c. per share six months ago. From June 30 1930, both the class A and class B stock are on a parity as to dividends. Prior to that date class A shares had preference to the amount of \$1.75 a share a year.—V. 131, p. 3542.

Niles-Bement-Pond Co.—Omits Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the outstanding 192,496 shares of common stock, no par value, payable March 31 to holders of record March 21, but decided to omit the extra dividend of 25c. per share usually declared at the same time. In 1930 the company paid four regular quarterly dividends of 50c. and four extra dividends of 25c. per share.—V. 131, p. 3719.

Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1930, 1929, and 1928, and rows for Calendar Years (Gross sales, Returned sales, discounts, &c., Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Expenses chargeable to selling, etc.) and Total surplus.

x Including \$29,875 reserved for stock dividend payable Jan. 1 1931.

Petroleum, Heat & Power Co.—New Financing—Rights Offer Received for Unsubscribed Common Stock.—See Mexican Petroleum Co. above.

Petroleum Industries, Inc.—Defers Preferred Div.—The directors have voted to defer the dividend on the \$50 par value pref. shares, due at this time. The last previous payment was made Oct. 15 1930, amounting to 75 cents a share.—V. 127, p. 3716.

Phillips Petroleum Co.—Omits Dividend.—The directors on March 3 voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1 on the common stock, no par value. From Jan. 2 1930 to and including Jan. 2 1931, quarterly distributions of 50 cents per share were made. A 5% stock dividend was also paid on Jan. 2 1930.

President Frank Phillips made the following statement: Because of demoralized prices of petroleum and its products, which are the lowest since organization of the company in 1917, an operating loss for the last quarter of 1930 is shown, in addition to heavy shrinkage in inventory values. It is therefore deemed to be the best interest of the stockholders to conserve cash until conditions improve and the program now under way is completed, which should result in ultimate large profits under normal conditions than could otherwise be obtained. Audit of the company will be completed and annual statement mailed to stockholders within two weeks.—V. 131, p. 3888.

Pilot Radio & Tube Corp.—Reopens Plant.—The corporation, whose factory is at Lawrence, Mass., reports that its plant was reopened this week, with the return of its full force.—V. 132, p. 1631.

Polymet Manufacturing Corp.—Sales.—Table with columns: Month, 1930, 1929, Increase. Rows: December, January, February.

Powdrell & Alexander, Inc.—Earnings.—Table with columns: Calendar Years, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows: Gross sales, Expenses, Taxes, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus for year, Shs. com. outst. (no par), Earnings per share.

Prairie Oil & Gas Co.—Acquisitions.—This company has acquired from the stockholders of the Long Oil Co of Manhattan, Kan., about 90% of the outstanding stock of the latter company. The Long company, which operates about 30 service stations, will not lose its identity. The Prairie company had offered \$55 a share for the Long Oil Co. stock in letters to the stockholders, asking them to deposit their shares at the First National Bank of Manhattan, Kan. The company has also arranged to acquire the assets of the Keeton Oil Co., operating about 40 bulk and service stations in Central Kansas.—V. 132, p. 1437.

Prince & Whately Trading Corp.—Off List.—On and after Monday, Mar. 2 1931, the pref. stock, series A and com. stock was dropped from the Boston Stock Exchange list, the company having taken steps to close its Boston transfer and registration offices.—V. 132, p. 1437.

Producers & Refiners Corp.—Earnings.—Table with columns: Calendar Years, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows: Gross sales and earnings, Prod. oper. gen'l and adminis. expenses, Gross earnings, Other income, Total earnings, Deduct—Depreciation, Int. and bond expense, Net deficit, Previous deficit, Total deficit, Adjust of surplus due to appraisal, Inv. & accts. written off, Loss on account of surrender of leases, &c., Total deficit Dec. 31, Includes depletion.

Purity Bakeries Corp.—Plan Stock for Employees.—Plans for the formation of a new company whereby executives and managerial employees of this corporation will be permitted to benefit through ownership of the stock, have been announced. The new corporation, to be known as the Purity Bakeries Management Corp., will have an authorized capital stock of \$50,000, divided into 50,000 shares of \$1 par value. Such officers and other employees of the company as the board of directors may determine will be enabled to buy the stock at \$1 a share, the total number of shares of stock to be sold at the outset not to exceed 20,000. Subsequently additional shares will be issued. An initial option to purchase all or any part of 10,644 shares of capital stock of the Purity Bakeries Corp. at a price not less than the cost to the parent company was granted the new company under the five-year plan. During the existence of the plan, cash payments of 2 1/2% of consolidated net earnings of Purity Bakeries Corp. will be made annually to the new net earnings of Purity Bakeries Corp. provided these earnings, before deduction for certain Federal taxes, after depreciation for certain reserves, amount to not less than \$6 a share on the Purity Bakeries Corp. stock. In order to inaugurate the plan an amendment to the parent company's incorporation was made, giving the board of directors the right to sell and issue common stock to employees of the corporation and to purchase this stock in the open market for re-sale to employees.—V. 132, p. 1437.

Rainier Pulp & Paper Co.—New Financing.—The stockholders will vote March 3 on approving an offering of \$2,500,000 conv. 1st mtge. 6% bonds and also on amending the articles of incorporation to permit additional class A and B stock to be issued to allow conversion. The directors propose to issue \$500,000 to present stockholders currently. No determination has been reached as to when a further offering will be made, it is understood. Conversion privileges probably will be one share of A and 1.23 shares of B stock valued at \$33.33 for conversion ratio.—V. 132, p. 1052.

Remington Rand, Inc.—Omits Common Dividend.—The directors on March 3 decided to omit the quarterly dividend which ordinarily would be payable about April 1 on the common stock, no par value. From April 1 1930 to and including Jan. 1 1931, quarterly distributions of 40 cents per share were made on this issue.—V. 132, p. 1241.

Regal Shoe Co.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—Table with columns: Assets, 1930, 1929, Liabilities, 1930, 1929. Rows: Real esty. & bldgs., Imp'ts, &c., Advanced exp. & deferred charges, Good-will, Cash, Accts. receivable, Sundry accts. rec., Merchandise inv., Advance payments, Life insurance, Prepaid insurance, Mtge. notes receiv., Preferred stock, Common stock, Accts. payable, Acct'd exp., adv. by tenants, res. for taxes & sundry other acct., Acct'd. pref. stk. div, Surplus.

Reynolds Investing Co., Inc.—Earnings.—Earnings for the Year Ended Dec. 31 1930.

Reynolds Investing Co., Inc.—Earnings.—Table with columns: Dividends received, Interest received & accrued, Profit on closed syndicates, Profit on option contracts, Net profit on sales of investment bonds, Total income, Net loss on sales of stocks, Loss before deducting expenses, Operating expenses, Interest paid and accrued, Amortization of debenture discount, Net loss before adjustment of investment values, Dividends paid July 1, Total deficit.

Reynolds Investing Co., Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930.—Table with columns: Assets, 1930, 1929, Liabilities, 1930, 1929. Rows: Cash in banks, Dividends receivable, Sundry notes & accts. receiv., Acrued interest receivable, Refunds, bBonds, preferred stocks, com. stk. & spec. interests, Investment in 86,097 shares of corp.'s com. stock, Syndicate deposits (market value of participations), Purchase contract, subscrip. to com. & conv. stocks in Selected Industries, Inc. (contra) market value, Unamortized discount on bds. & pref. stock, Demand notes payable, Loan payable, Accts. pay., purch. contracts, Accounts payable, Prov. for State taxes (Del.) & for accrued interest, Funded debt, 5% gold debenture bonds, Preferred stock, Common stock, Reserved for warrants on debentures, Reserved for 396 shares of old stock (exchanged 4 for 1) 1,584 shares, Capital surplus, Amount allocated to surplus upon the acquis. of net assets of Reynolds Brothers, Inc., Excess of par value over cost of corp.'s deb. bonds purchased & retired, Arising from repurch. of \$6 pref. stock, less \$11,561 discount on pref. stock written off, Earned surplus.

Total Securities aggregating \$2,851,134 have been deposited as collateral to secure notes and loans payable of \$550,000 per contra. Market values of investments: Dec. 31 '30, Feb. 5 '31. Based on published quotations. Remainder, unlisted securities, at values furnished by company officials or at cost. Total included in this item is an investment comprising 1-7th of the outstanding capital stock of a company which Reynolds Investing Co., Inc., values at \$321,000 in excess of the amount based on published quotations at Dec. 31 1930 and \$172,000 in excess of such quotations at Feb. 5 1931, the company's valuation being based on a pro forma balance sheet giving effect to revaluations of investments. A list of the securities owned is given in the report.—V. 131, p. 4226.

Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.—Preferred Stockholders Receive Exchange Offer.—Henry L. Doherty & Co., March 2, in a notice to the holders of pref. stock of the Richfield company, says in part: We are prepared to offer to the holders of preferred stock of the Richfield company, stock of Cities Service Co. in exchange therefor, on the basis of two shares of Cities Service Co. pref. "B" stock, plus one share of Cities Service Co. common stock for, and in exchange for, each five shares of the preferred stock of the Richfield company. We will endeavor to fill orders for purchase or sale of fractional shares at the market. The preference B stock of Cities Service Co. is entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of 60 cents per share per annum after the payment of the dividends upon the 5% non-cum. stock or the common stock. In event of liquidation of the company, the holders of the preference B stock are entitled to the sum of \$10 per share and accrued dividends prior to payment of any amount on the 5% non-cum. stock or the common stock. Henry L. Doherty & Co. shall not be required to accept a total of more than 109,000 shares of the pref. stock of the Richfield company under this offer (same to be accepted in the order of its receipt), nor to accept such preferred stock under this offer after 30 days from the date hereof.

Preferred Stockholders' Committee Report.—In connection with the public offering made by the Cities Service Co. of an exchange of two shares of preference B stock and one share of common stock of the Cities Service Co. for five shares of the preferred stock of the Richfield Oil Co. of Calif., Gurney E. Newlin, Chairman of the preferred stockholders' protective committee of the Richfield company, stated that in view of the fact that the valuation by the receiver in equity of the properties of the Richfield company had not been as yet completed, the committee did not at this time have sufficient information to enable them to make any recommendation to the preferred stockholders. The preferred stockholders' protective committee is comprised of Gurney E. Newlin, former President of the American Bar Association and director of the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles; Ray D. Robinson, one of the largest holders of the preferred stock; James S. MacDonnell, President of the First National Bank of Pasadena; George T. Cameron, President of the Chronicle Publishing Co. of San Francisco; and Thomas W. Streeter of New York. Newlin and Ashburn is counsel for the committee.—V. 132, p. 1631.

Reynolds Spring Co.—Annual Report.—Distribution of General Leather Co. Common Stock to Stockholders.—For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 1930, see "Chronicle" of Feb. 28 1931, page 1602. Charles G. Munn, President, commenting on the results for the year, says: The operating loss for the year amounted to \$62,138, plus an inventory reduction of \$119,333, making a total loss for the year of \$181,521.

Owing to the declaration of a dividend in kind of the capital stock of the General Leather Co., to the reserve set up for loss on investment in H. J. Grigolet Co., and to the dissolution of the National Appliance Co., subsidiaries, the statements do not comprise consolidated accounts.

The net deficit of the Reynolds Spring Co. at Jan. 1 1930, aggregating \$509,690, has been eliminated by the surplus arising from the reduction in the common capital stock of the company amounting to \$4,934,903.

The following amounts have been written off against the resulting paid-in surplus:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Net loss for the year ended Dec. 31 1930, Write down of fixed assets, patents, good-will, &c., Reserved for losses on investments, doubtful accounts, &c., and Dividend in kind, General Leather Co.

The directors passed the following resolution relative to the dividend: "That after the taking effect of the reduction of the outstanding common capital stock of no par value of Reynolds Spring Co. to 148,566 shares that a liquidating dividend of General Leather Co. common stock to every share of Reynolds Spring Co. stock (new) be and the same is hereby declared payable on March 31 1931, to the common no par value stockholders of record on March 14 1931, provided, that the preferred stock of the Reynolds Spring Co. is totally cancelled or totally owned by Reynolds Spring Co. as of Feb. 28 1931.

It is the intention of the General Leather Co. to apply for a listing of its stock as soon as possible. At Sept. 30 1930, there were outstanding \$643,800 common stock, par \$100, and the company at that date also had a surplus of \$1,710,631.

The Leather company under Mr. Lilley's management is meeting with a great deal of success of sale of new products, and there have been several leather companies retired from business during the past year which should greatly lessen competition.

At this time business in every unit has shown a decided improvement and it appears that the automobile industry will show a considerable gain in production over the past few months.

At the next annual meeting of stockholders to be held on March 11, it is our intention to reduce the authorized common stock (no par value) from 1,000,000 shares to 250,000 shares.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930 (After Giving Effect as at that Date to Authorized Reduction in Capital Stock).

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930. Assets: Cash, Notes receivable, Accounts receivable, Accrued interest receivable, Inventories, Investment fund-employees, Land, buildings, machinery, equipment, &c., Patents and good-will, Deferred charges. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Accrued salaries, wages, taxes, &c., Accrued interest payable, Mortgage payable, Reserve for doubtful notes and accounts, Reserve for deprec. of prop., Reserve for contingencies, Reserve for loss on invest., 7% pref. class A stock, 7% pref. class B stock, Common stock, Paid-in surplus.

x Represented by 148,566 shares (no par) to be issued.—V. 132, p. 1052.

Rhodesian Anglo American, Ltd.—Debentures Offered.

A total of £1,500,000 (or its equivalent in United States dollars) debentures was offered to members registered on Jan. 14 at par, payable 25% on acceptance, May 15, Sept. 15 and Jan. 15, 1932, respectively, in the proportion of £20 of debentures for every 100 or part of 100 shares. Alternatively, members may apply for debentures in the American form on the basis of one \$1,000 debenture for every 1,000 shares, fractions being disregarded. Installments may be paid at any time prior to the due dates under discount at 4% per annum, or such higher rate as may be fixed from time to time by the directors. No transfer of debentures in the English form will be accepted in respect of debentures less than 50% paid. The debentures in the English form will be registered and will be in denominations of £20, £40, £100, £500 and £1,000. The debentures in the American form will be in the denomination of \$1,000 and will be to bearer with coupons attached for the payment of interest. Principal and interest on the debentures in the American form will be payable at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St., N. Y. City, in United States dollars.

Power has been reserved to create an additional £1,500,000 ranking par passu, \$500,000 of which will be kept in reserve to provide for the option mentioned below. The debentures will be secured by trust deed (to the Royal Exchange Assurance) as a first floating charge on the whole of the assets and undertaking, including uncalled capital, and will be redeemed on Dec. 31 1945 at par or at the company's option, in whole or in part on any previous interest payment date on three months' notice at 101% plus accrued interest. In addition, the company will have the right to purchase the debentures in the market at any time at not exceeding par. Subscribers for each £20 of debentures in the English form will receive an option on 10 shares of 10s. at 12s. per share, exercisable on or before July 31 1932, and a further option on 20 shares of 10s. at 20s. per share, exercisable on or before July 1 1938. The above options will be in the form of separate certificates in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 100 and 1,000 shares in such proportions as the subscribers may elect. Subscribers for each \$1,000 debentures in the American form will receive an option on 103 shares of 10s. at 12s. per share, exercisable on or before July 31 1932, and a further option on 206 shares of 10s. at 20s. per share, exercisable on or before July 1 1938. These options will be in the form of detachable certificates attached to the provisional scrip certificates for the debentures and will be exchangeable under the conditions stated thereon for option certificates in denominations of 1, 5, 10, 100 and 1,000 shares at the holder's option. The company will at all times retain sufficient unissued ordinary shares to satisfy all outstanding options and will not, while any such options are outstanding, issue any bonus shares by way of capitalization of its reserves and accumulated profits. The company also undertakes that prior to the expiration of the options it will not issue any of its ordinary shares at a lower price than 12s. per share without first obtaining the written consent of the underwriters of this issue.

The debentures will bear interest at 7 3/4% per annum. The issue has been underwritten by the Anglo American Corp. of South Africa, Ltd., at a commission of 3%, together with the right exercisable at any time up to Dec. 31 1931 to subscribe for a further \$500,000 debentures at the same price less the same underwriting commission and carrying similar options on shares. Acceptances of debentures in the English form, together with remittance, were to reach the company's transfer office, 5 London Wall Bldgs., E.C.2, London, not later than Feb. 24. Acceptances of debentures in the American form, together with remittance, drawn in favor of J. P. Morgan & Co., were to reach the company's New York agents, Newmont Mining Corp., 14 Wall St., N. Y. City not later than Feb. 24. (London "Stock Exchange Weekly Official Intelligence.")—V. 132, p. 1438.

Rossia International Corp.—New Director.—Leon P. Broadhurst, President of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Co., Hartford, Conn., has been elected a member of the board. Leon P. Broadhurst, President of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Co., Hartford, Conn.), Rodney Hitt (Vice-President of the Rossia International Corp., Hartford, Conn.), and Clarence A. Rich (Vice-President of the Rossia Insurance Co. of America, Hartford, Conn.) have been added to the board of the First Reinsurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., a wholly-owned subsidiary.—V. 131, p. 4065.

Ross Gear & Tool Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years: 1931, 1930, 1929. Net inc. after all chgs. & Fed. taxes, Earnings per share on 150,000 shs. capital stock (no par).

Royal Dutch Co.—To Redeem 28,500,000 Guilders 5% Debentures.—Announcement is made that the company plans to redeem early in May all of the outstanding 50-year 5% debentures which were issued to the amount of 28,500,000 guilders in 1930. The debentures will be redeemed at 102 1/2% and int. They were issued for retirement of a similar amount of outstanding priority shares. No new financing will be necessary for the retirement of these debentures.

A year ago the company through Dillon, Read & Co. and their associates sold \$40,000,000 of 4% debentures.—V. 132, p. 507.

Ruhr Chemical Corp. (Ruhrchemie Aktiengesellschaft)—Bonds Called.—

Dillon, Read & Co., fiscal agent, announce that \$105,000 of 6% sinking fund mortgage bonds, series "A," due April 1 1948, have been drawn for redemption April 1 1931. 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.—F. 131, p. 2911.

St. Regis Paper Co.—Sells Holdings in Niagara Hudson Power Corp.—See United Corp. under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 131, p. 285, 488.

Salt Creek Consolidated Oil Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 7c. per share, payable April 1 to holders of record March 14. The company, from April 1 1929 to and incl. Jan. 2 1931 paid quarterly dividends of 10c. per share.—V. 130, p. 2229.

Sarnia Bridge Co., Ltd.—Defers Class A Dividend.—

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share due April 1 on the class A cumulative participating stock, no par value. The last distribution at this rate was made on Jan. 2 1931.—V. 131, p. 2079.

Savage Arms Corp.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years: 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. x Profit, Depreciation, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Other deductions, Federal & State taxes, Net profit, 1st pref. dividends, 2nd pref. dividends, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Shares com. stock (no par), Earnings per share, x After deducting all expenses incident to operations, including those for ordinary repairs and maintenance of plants, ordinary taxes and depreciation charges in 1927 and 1928. y Par \$100.

Wilfred L. Wright, President, says in part: During the year payment was made for the shotgun assets of the A. H. Fox Gun Co. of Philadelphia. In May the company purchased the assets of The Davis-Warner Arms Corp. of Norwich, Conn. Since Jan. 1 1931 the assets of The Crescent Fire Arms Co. of Norwich, Conn., have been purchased and the equipment and organizations of the two latter companies are being consolidated in the Crescent plant.

This has been accomplished by using treasury stock and cash without resorting to outside financing, and inventories as shown reflect a corresponding increase over 1929. These purchases enable us to offer a complete line of sporting arms and strengthen our relations with the trade and consumers.

Comparative Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets: Fixed assets, Patents, good-will, &c., Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Inventories, Deferred assets. Liabilities: 2nd pref. stock, Common stock, Surplus, Accounts and notes payable, Reserves, Accrued items.

x After deducting \$4,077,967 for deprecia on and including investment in J. S. Arms Co. y Represented by 167,715 shares common stock (no par).—V. 131, p. 3889.

Schulte-United 5c. to \$1 Stores, Inc.—Bankruptcy Petition Filed.—

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in Federal District Court by the company. No schedules of assets or liabilities were filed. This action was taken pursuant to a resolution enacted by the board of directors on Jan. 16, when the company's inability to meet its present obligations was admitted. The company is a creditor to the extent of approximately \$15,000,000 of Schulte-United, Inc., the operating company, now in the hands of receiver.—V. 132, p. 327.

Schulze Baking Co.—Smaller Div. on Conv. Pref. Stock.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the \$3 cum. conv. partic. pref. stock, no par value, and the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Apr. 1 to holders of record Mar. 16. The company from Apr. 1 1927 to and incl. Jan. 1 1931, paid quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share on this issue.—V. 131, p. 2709.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Sales.—

Period Ended Feb. 26—1931, 1930, Decrease, % Dec. Four weeks, Eight weeks.

—V. 132, p. 1632, 1053.

Second National Investors Corp.—Reduces Stated and Par Value of Common Stock.—

At the annual meeting of stockholders held on March 3, proposals to reduce the capital of the corporation represented by the shares of common stock from \$5 to \$1 per share and to change the shares of common stock without par value into the same number of shares of common stock with a par value of \$1 per share were ratified. See also V. 132, p. 1439.

Siemens & Halske (A. G.), Berlin-Siemensstadt, Germany.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Years Ended Sept. 30 1930. Gross profit, Int. on loans incl. int. reserved for loans of 1930, Depreciation on buildings, Welfare contributions: Compulsory, Voluntary, Net profit, Previous surplus, Total surplus.

A balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1930, together with an income account for the year ended Sept. 30 1930, will be found in the advertising pages of to-day's issue.—V. 132, p. 1241.

Sivyer Steel Castings Co.—Omits Common Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually paid about March 1 on the common stock, no par value. From June 1 1930 to and incl. Dec. 1 1930 the company made quarterly distributions of 50c. per share on this issue.

Smith-Alsop Paint & Varnish Co.—Omits Com. Div.—

The directors recently declared the regular quarterly of 8 1/2 cents a share on the \$50 par value preferred, but omitted the quarterly dividend on the common no-par shares now due. The preferred dividend was payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 20. From Dec. 1 1929 to and incl. Dec. 1 1930, quarterly distributions of 12 1/2 cents per share were made on the common stock, no par value.—V. 129, p. 2246.

(A. O.) Smith Corp.—Balance Sheet Jan. 31.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Cash.....	6,163,142	Preferred stock.....	1,344,000
Good-will.....	2,221,751	Common stock.....	4,000,000
Marketable securities.....	5,400,724	1st M. 6 1/4% bds.....	3,622,000
Accounts and notes receivable.....	1,041,867	Accounts payable.....	892,806
Inventories.....	3,883,073	Payroll.....	221,875
Other assets.....	406,664	Dividends payable.....	273,520
Land, bldgs. &c.....	19,050,645	Accrued items.....	1,501,392
Deferred charges.....	43,770	Reserve for conting.....	949,930
		Surplus.....	25,406,426
Total.....	38,211,651	Total.....	38,211,651

x After deducting \$12,035,453 reserve for depreciation and amortization. y After reserve for doubtful accounts of \$298,523. z Represented by 500,000 shares of no par value. Our usual comparative income account for the six months ended Jan. 31 1931 was published in V. 132, p. 1602—V. 132, p. 1632.

Southern Asbestos Co.—Bal. Sheet Dec. 31 1930.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash, accounts receivable, less reserve, inventories at lower cost or market, &c.....	\$446,898	Accts. pay., accrued exps., prov. for Fed. & State inc. taxes in prior years; amount pay. in 1931 under agreement for cancellation of commission contract (disputed by company).....	\$31,485
Investment—real estate.....	19,950	Amount pay. in 1932 under agreement for cancellation of commission contract (disputed by company).....	20,708
Claim for overpayment for former officer under commission contract—action pending to recover.....	14,225	Net worth applicable to capital stock.....	1,368,793
Property, plant & equip.—at cost \$576,851, less reserve for depreciation \$110,162.....	466,689		
Processes, formulae, contracts & goodwill.....	518,000		
Total.....	\$1,470,986	Total.....	\$1,470,986

Note.—Company had purchase commitments for \$204,000 of raw materials at prices in excess of market; these agreements have been modified and the officers anticipate that the loss thereon will be nominal. The action above mentioned is to recover in all \$32,772; independent auditors have approved the claim to the extent of \$14,225, which amount is entered in the above balance sheet.—V. 131, p. 2549.

South Porto Rico Sugar Co.—Omits Common Dividend.—

The directors on March 4 decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about April 1 on the outstanding 745,735 shares of common stock, no par value. A distribution of 35 cents per share was made on this issue in each of the three preceding quarters.

Treasurer F. M. Schall, in a statement to the stockholders, commenting on the omission of the dividend on the common stock, said: "In view of the present low price of sugar and the abnormal condition of the sugar industry as a whole, the directors have decided to omit the dividend on the common stock. The company's cost of production has been further substantially reduced for the current crop and its financial position continues strong and liquid. Nevertheless, the directors feel that it is to the best interests of the stockholders that their company's cash position be maintained."—V. 131, p. 3039.

Specialized Shares Corp.—Defers Pref. Dividends.—

The directors recently voted to defer the quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share due March 1 on the 6% cumulative class A pref. stock, par \$50, and on the 3% cumulative class B pref. stock, no par value. The last distribution on these issues were made on Dec. 1 1930.—V. 131, p. 1433.

Stanley Co. of America.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 months ended Nov. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 3722.

Stephen's Fuel Co., Inc.—Defers Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have voted to defer action on the second pref. stock div. due at this time. The last distribution amounting to \$1.75 a share, was made on Dec. 1 1930.—V. 132, p. 675.

Sterchi Bros. Stores, Inc.—Defers Dividend.—

The directors have voted to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% due April 1 on the 7% cumulative convertible 1st preferred stock, par \$100. The last distribution on this issue was made on Jan. 1 1931.—V. 131, p. 3382.

Stone & Webster Engineering Corp.—Gets \$7,000,000 Contract.—

The corporation has received a contract from the Southern California Edison Co., Ltd., covering the design and construction of a 94,000 kilowatt extension to the latter's Long Beach steam plant No. 3 at Long Beach, Calif., which is located on the Coast about 15 miles south of Los Angeles. The work covered by the contract amounts to approximately \$7,000,000 and construction work on the condensing water intake and tunnels is already under way.

On the completion of this contract the Stone & Webster Engineering Corp. will have installed at the Long Beach plant, since 1923, a total of about 435,000 kilowatts of steam electric generating capacity, making it the largest plant of its kind on the Pacific Coast and one of the most important in the country.—V. 132, p. 144.

Sugar Estates of Oriente, Inc.—Bondholders' Protective Committee.—

The following notice was issued to the holders of the 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds March 3: "The company, a subsidiary of Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp., has defaulted in the payment of the interest coupons which matured on March 1 1931, on its 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds. The board of directors attributed its inability to meet the payment to the unsatisfactory conditions in the sugar industry in general and the long-continued low market price for sugar, resulting in the depletion of the current assets and the impairment of the borrowing power of said company.

Due to such default on the bonds and to the financial condition of the company, it is vitally important that the holders of the bonds take appropriate concerted action to protect their interests.

The undersigned have consented to act as a protective committee for the holders of said bonds who shall deposit them under a deposit agreement dated as of March 3 1931.

Deposits may be made with City Bank Farmers Trust Co., as depository, at its office, 22 William St., New York, N. Y.

The deposited bonds must be in negotiable form and must be accompanied by the coupon due March 1 1931 and all subsequent coupons.

It is important that the bonds be promptly deposited, so that concerted action may be taken through united representation on behalf and in the interest of the bondholders who become parties to the deposit agreement.

Application will be made to list the certificates of deposit on the New York Stock Exchange.

Depositors will be allowed to withdraw their deposited bonds, without cost or expense to them, at any time within 30 days after the first publication of notice of the adoption of any plan of reorganization or readjustment pursuant to the deposit agreement.

Committee.—F. Shelton Farr, Chairman (Farr & Co.), Joseph P. Ripley (The National City Co.), Roswell O. Tripp (Potter & Co.), Horatio L. Whitridge (J. S. Wilson Jr. & Co.), with Nelson Stuart, Secretary, 22 William St., New York, N. Y., and Hornblower, Miller, Miller & Boston, Counsel.—V. 132, p. 1633.

Supertest Petroleum Corp., Ltd.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common and ordinary stock, payable April 1. Previously, the company paid quarterly dividends of 20 cents per share on these issues, and, in addition, on Dec. 31 1930 an extra distribution of 50 cents per share were made.—V. 131, p. 3890.

Superior Steel Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1930.	1929.	1930.	1929.
Property (net).....	\$4,253,639	Capital stock.....	\$4,754,223
Government securities.....	202,429	1st mtge. 6%.....	1,686,000
Cash, &c.....	652,761	Accounts payable.....	103,253
Notes & accts. rec.....	282,908	Other curr. liabls.....	44,477
Treas. sec., &c.....	286,497	Surplus.....	312,990
Inventories.....	1,118,831		
Deferred charges.....	103,908		
Total.....	\$6,900,973	Total.....	\$6,900,973

Our usual comparative income account for the 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 was published in V. 132, p. 1399.—V. 132, p. 1440.

Swift & Co.—Sale of Entire Fleet of Refrigerator, Tank and Stock Cars.—

See General American Tank Car Corp. above.—V. 132, p. 1056.

Texas Corp.—Owns Over 60% of Indian Refining Co. Stock.

The February issue of the "Texaco Star" contains the following: The Texas Corp. entered into an agreement on Nov. 1 1930, with certain directors and stockholders of the Indian Refining Co. under which agreement it offered to exchange one share of its stock for each eight shares of Indian stock, providing among other things that at least 51% of Indian stock must be deposited for exchange or the agreement would not become operative.

On Jan. 14 1931, the Texas Corp. declared the plan effective and we now own more than 60% of the stock of the Indian Refining Co. The principal assets of the Indian Refining Co. are distributing facilities mainly in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Ohio and a refinery located at Lawrenceville, Ill., with a daily crude charging capacity of approximately 16,000 barrels.—V. 132, p. 508.

Thermoid Co.—Annual Report.—

R. J. Stokes, President, says in part: Summarizing from operating statement we showed net profit before Federal taxes available for note interest and depreciation of \$666,161, which was over 3 1/4 times our interest requirements for the period. After interest and depreciation we had available for preferred dividends \$383,765, which is 1.94 times actual preferred dividends paid and 1.72 times present maximum requirements. Dividends on preferred stock for the period were \$195,875, whereas the maximum annual requirements including all preferred stock issued in the acquisition of Southern Asbestos Co. and now outstanding amounts to \$221,116. After preferred dividends paid, there remained from operations the sum of \$184,890 applicable to common stock, equivalent to over 72 cents per share.

The above figures as to earnings do not include the operations of Southern Asbestos Co., now over 95% owned. We received no dividends in 1930 upon our investment in this company. Its regular operations for the year after depreciation write-offs of \$26,154, as compared with depreciation taken in 1929 of \$31,300, showed a small profit.

Consolidated Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1930.

Gross profit before depreciation.....	\$1,582,360
Selling, administration and general expense.....	925,463
Operating profit.....	\$656,896
Miscellaneous income net.....	9,264
Net income.....	\$666,161
Interest on gold notes.....	174,628
Depreciation.....	110,767
Balance.....	\$380,765
Preferred dividends paid.....	195,875
Balance applicable to common stock.....	\$184,890
Earnings per share on common.....	\$0.72

x Company paid regular quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share Nov. 1 1929 and Feb. 1 and May 1 1930. Aug. 1 1930 dividend passed.

Note.—No reserve is set up for Federal taxes as Thermoid Co. expects to file a single tax return consolidating the operations of all subsidiaries, including Southern Asbestos Co.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$582,973	Accounts payable and accruals.....	\$337,295
Notes & accts. rec., less reserve.....	552,093	5 Year 6% sinking fund gold notes.....	2,870,500
Inventories.....	1,015,297	Reserve for loss on purchase commitments.....	120,000
Prepaid expenses.....	16,391	Preferred stock.....	3,158,800
Investment in cap. stk. of Sou. Asbestos Co. (at cost).....	3,953,137	Common stock and surplus.....	\$2,218,379
Sundry investments.....	32,380		
Company's own pref. stk and notes repurchased for sinking fund (at cost).....	41,604		
Property, plant & equipment.....	\$2,379,482		
Deferred charges.....	131,555		
Good-will, patents, trademarks and processes.....	1		
Total.....	\$8,704,974	Total.....	\$8,704,974

x After deducting \$817,849 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 256,026 shares outstanding (no par). 93,564 shares reserved for conversion of 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock, 57,010 shares for stock purchase warrants and 20,000 shares subject to other options.—V. 132, p. 676.

Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 9 months ended Jan. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 131, p. 3547.

Transamerica Corp.—Dividend Outlook.—

Chairman Elisha Walker stated that in view of the current operations and outlook for this corporation, there is every assurance of continuance of the dividend on the present basis.

Mr. Walker intimated, in advance of the annual report which probably will be issued during the coming week, that stockholders should not be disappointed if the report fails to show full dividend coverage for the year at the present \$1 rate. The intimation is given in response to reports that the corporation might show upwards of \$1.50 a share. Business conditions in the last year have operated against any such earnings figures, it was pointed out.

It is also intimated that the corporation should be able to show a book value of \$25 a share, figuring bank holdings at twice the breakup value as was done in the last report.—V. 132, p. 1441.

Trans-Lux Daylight Picture Screen Corp.—Director.—

John Zanf, for 21 years Vice-President of Fox Film Co. has been elected Vice-President of the Trans-Lux Corp.—V. 132, p. 1441.

United Biscuit Co. of America.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—		1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross profit.....	\$9,174,929	\$9,347,834	\$7,285,281	
Expenses and depreciation.....	6,653,620	7,560,413	5,354,821	
Operating profit.....	\$2,521,309	\$2,787,421	\$1,930,460	
Other income.....	49,297	82,779	35,598	
Total income.....	\$2,570,606	\$2,870,200	\$1,966,058	
Interest.....	235,563	270,046	271,536	
Federal taxes.....	283,145	294,396	204,284	
Other deductions.....	46,835	51,661	284,382	
Net profit.....	\$2,005,062	\$2,254,097	\$1,205,856	
xSubsidiaries' net profit.....		\$1,937,796	269,519	
Total net profit.....	\$2,005,062	\$2,160,301	\$1,475,375	
Preferred dividends.....	116,050	128,126	131,339	
Common dividends.....	771,500	749,095	564,844	
Surplus.....	\$1,117,512	\$1,283,080	\$779,192	
Shs. com. stock outstanding (no par).....	470,766	484,438	444,777	
Earnings per share.....	\$4.01	\$4.39	\$3.02	
x Net profit of companies acquired during the year prior to date of acquisition.....				

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Assets (Cash, Investments, etc.), Liabilities (Notes payable, Accts. payable, etc.), and years 1930, 1929, 1930, 1929.

Text providing details and notes for the Consolidated Balance Sheet, including a note about the common stock.

Union Metal Mfg. Co.—25c. Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share...

United Carbon Co.—Omits Common Dividend.—The directors on March 3 voted to omit the quarterly dividend...

The company stated the above action was taken to conserve its cash position and to supply funds for the large expansion program...

President Oscar Nelson says in part: Net profit for 1930 is considered satisfactory by the management for a period during which there was a continued decline in the price of carbon black...

The outstanding feature of the year's natural gas operations was the execution of a contract, late in 1930, between the United Carbon Co. and the Warfield Natural Gas Co....

In the 1928 annual report, the management announced the sale of certain gas and oil leases, wells, &c., located in Kentucky, comprising 7,000 acres, partially developed, for \$960,000.

Anticipating the successful marketing of gas from this territory, the management conducted an active drilling campaign during the year 1930, completing 30 productive wells...

During the year company purchased, in the open market, 36,300 shares of its own common stock at an aggregate cost of \$1,338,056, an average of \$36.86 per share.

The productive capacity of the carbon black plants is in excess of 127,000,000 pounds. The output of these plants in 1930 was approximately 90,000,000 pounds, or only 70% of capacity.

Consolidated Earnings for Calendar Years.

Table with columns: 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Carbon black sales, Natural gas sales, Gasoline oil and other sales, Total net sales, etc.

Balance, as shown by books, Dec. 31 To set aside stated value of 212,564 com. shares at \$25 per share.

Balance per balance sheet. Common stock (no par) Earnings per share.

* Depreciation and depletion deducted in above cost of sales and expenses amounted to \$1,153,490 in 1930.

a Includes other charges. b Before applying the participating feature of the preferred stock.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, 1930, 1929, 1930, 1929. Rows include Land, buildings, equip't, Cash, U. S. Gov't secur., etc.

Total. 23,400,120 23,146,095. Total. 23,400,120 23,146,095. x Before depreciation. y Represented by 397,885 shares of no par value.—V. 132, p. 328.

United Chemical & Drug Corp.—Acquisition Denied.—The R. Hillier's Son Corp. have announced that recently published statements regarding disposition of R. Hillier's Son Co., Inc., are incorrect.

The United Chemical & Drug Corp. recently acquired the King & Howe, Inc. line of domestic and foreign specialties, and its executive offices are located at Bridgeport, Conn.—V. 132, p. 1635.

United Securities Trust Associates.—Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, Jan. 31 '31, Jan. 16 '30. Rows include Cash and demand coll. loans, Time coll. loans, Securities (at cost), etc.

Total. \$8,139,417 \$8,081,330. Total. \$8,139,417 \$8,081,330. Liquidating Value.—On Feb. 9 1931 liquidating value of outstanding stock was \$40.05 per share.—V. 131, p. 2081.

United States & Overseas Corp.—Moves Offices.—See Public Utility Holding Corp. of America under "Public Utilities" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 1057.

United States Playing Card Co.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 6 1/2 cents per share, payable April 1 to holders of record March 21.

Chairman John Omwake stated that it was the intention of the directors to increase the dividend in subsequent quarters if business justified and that this declaration was not to be considered as a regular rate.—V. 131, p. 2914.

U. S. Radio & Television Corp.—Earnings.—For income statement for 6 months ended Jan. 31 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Current assets as of Jan. 31 1931 amounted to \$2,672,750 and current liabilities \$658,870, comparing with \$1,734,740 and \$545,136 respectively, as of July 31 1930.—V. 130, p. 3735.

United States Tobacco Co.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.10 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 16.

To Retire Pref. Stock.—The stockholders on March 3 approved a proposal to change the company's charter to permit the retirement of 29,200 shares of preferred stock which have been accumulated at an average price of less than \$125 a share.

Utah Apex Mining Co.—Acquisition.—The company has purchased control of the adjoining New Bingham Mary Mining Co.'s property, for which it has agreed to pay off the mortgage held against the New Bingham concern by the Simon Bamberger Co.

Valvoline Oil Co.—Tenders.—

The Chase National Bank of New York, as successor trustee, announces to holders of 15-year 7% gold debentures, due May 1 1937, that it will purchase an amount of these debentures sufficient to exhaust \$15,205 at prices not exceeding 104 and int.

Viau Biscuit Corp., Ltd.—\$14 Accumulated Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of \$14 per share on the outstanding pref. stock, payable March 4 to holders of record Feb. 28.

Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Co.—Earnings.—Calendar Years—1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, etc.

Total income. Bond interest. Rentals, expenses, &c.—Net loss. Preferred dividends. Deficit.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns: Assets, Liabilities, 1930, 1929, 1930, 1929. Rows include Real estate, plant and equipment, Securities owned, etc.

Total. 15,046,629 18,759,735. Total. 15,046,629 18,759,736.—V. 132, p. 872.

Waitt & Bond, Inc.—Smaller Class B Dividend.—
The directors have declared a quarterly payment of 20 cents a share on the class B stock, payable March 31 to holders of record March 16. This compares with a quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share paid on Dec. 30 last.—V. 130, p. 4262.

Walworth Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1930. 1929. 1928. 1927.
Gross profit on sales... \$4,673,013 \$7,460,588 \$5,274,940 \$5,761,367

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
1930. 1929.
Assets—
Plant & equip... \$15,628,467 \$15,633,963
Cash... 1,192,150 945,206

Warren Bros. Co.—New Financing Probable.—
It is stated that the company is considering financing which may take the form of convertible bonds.—V. 132, p. 1057.

Webster Eisenlohr, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1930. 1929. 1928. 1927.
Gross profit... \$1,638,407 \$2,003,345 \$1,394,551 \$1,614,878

Worthington Pump & Machinery Corp. (& Subs.).—
Earnings. Cal. Years— 1930. 1929. 1928. 1927.
Bills to customers... \$15,343,075 \$16,520,838
Cost of sales... 14,686,452 16,085,537

Westinghouse Air Brake Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1930. 1929. 1928. 1927.
Net profit, all sources... \$8,415,549 \$11,011,165 \$8,246,052 \$9,852,795

White Motor Co.—New Officer.—
Nelson S. Gottshall has been appointed Assistant to the President. He was formerly eastern sales manager of the Bishop & Babcock Manufacturing Co.—V. 131, p. 4068.

Winchester Repeating Arms Co. (Del.).—Time for Deposit of Debentures Extended to April 1.—
An extension of 30 days in the time allotted for the deposit of Winchester Repeating Arms Co. (Conn.) 1st mtge. 20-year 7 1/2% gold bonds, due April 1 1941, has been granted holders by the protective committee formed immediately following the receivership of the company last January.

Youngstown (Ohio) Sheet & Tube Co.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—
The directors on March 4 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding 1,200,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable April 1 to holders of record March 14. Previously, the company paid quarterly dividends of \$1.25 per share on this issue.—V. 132, p. 1245.

The committee headed by Medley G. B. Whelpley, Chairman, in a notice to holders of 5-year 6 1/2% debentures, due Feb. 1 1934, announces an extension of time for deposit until April 1 1931. In the notice the committee points out that it is important that as many debenture holders as possible should be represented in matters relating to the receivership and with respect to any reorganization plan.

Holders who have not deposited their debentures are urged to deposit before April 1 next, with the depository, the American Express Bank & Trust Co., or with any of the sub-depositaries, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston; The Northern Trust Co., Chicago, and the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Co., San Francisco.

Time for Depositing Bonds Also Extended to April 1.—
An extension of 30 days in the time allotted for the deposit of Winchester Repeating Arms Co. (Conn.) 1st mtge. 20-year 7 1/2% gold bonds, due April 1 1941, has been granted holders by the protective committee formed immediately following the receivership of the company last January.

The notice of this extension, sent out by the committee, of which Earle Baillie is Chairman, points out that during the short time elapsed since then, just under one-half of the bonds have already been deposited with the committee.
"The committee regards these deposits as very satisfactory," the notice continues, "but bondholders should understand that in order to enable the committee to protect the interests of the bondholders most effectively in the important questions growing out of the receivership and in the consideration of any reorganization plan, the committee should be in position to speak for substantially all of the bonds. To accomplish this result it is essential, in view of the fact that the bonds are widely held in small amounts throughout the country, that all holders of small amounts of bonds, as well as the larger holders, should deposit their bonds with the committee.

"It is particularly important that as many bonds as possible should be deposited before April 1 1931, when the next coupon for interest on the bonds will be due. The committee has accordingly extended the time within which the bonds may be deposited for thirty days. All bondholders who have not already deposited their bonds are urged in their own interest to do so promptly and in any event prior to April 1 1931."
The committee reports that transferable certificates of deposit will be issued in respect to deposited bonds and that application has been made to list such certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The Chase National Bank of the City of New York is depository for the committee, with the National Shawmut Bank of Boston, Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, and Crocker First Federal Trust Co. of San Francisco acting as sub-depositaries.—V. 132, p. 1635, 872.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Sales Decline.—
Sales for February and two months, without consideration of change in number of stores during the year, compare as follows:

February 1931. 1930. Changes.
February... \$19,385,584 \$20,030,307 Dec. \$644,723
Two months... 38,627,929 38,435,467 Inc. 192,462

In commenting on February's operations, President H. T. Parson stated: "The first two weeks of the month showed a loss of \$540,026 in sales from a year ago for the same period whereas during the last two weeks in February our sales were only off \$104,697, so that February showed a substantial improvement in sales in the last half of the month. Four districts, covering 510 stores, showed a gain for February."—V. 132, p. 1057.

Operating profit... \$1,930,178 \$2,142,410 \$656,623 \$435,301
Int. received, &c., net... 392,916 526,946 81,965 102,349
Int. & divs. from invest... 235,489 235,489 62,696

Gross income... \$2,323,093 \$2,669,356 \$974,076 \$600,343
Reserve for Fed'l taxes... 267,000 140,000
Net income... \$2,056,093 \$2,529,356 \$974,076 \$600,343

Dividends on—
Class A pref. (14%) 782,997 782,997
Class B pref. (12%) 1,238,601 1,238,601
Balance... 334,495 \$507,759 \$974,076 \$600,343
Previous surplus... 5,659,169 4,939,396 4,539,008 3,938,665

Total surplus... \$5,693,664 \$5,659,169 \$5,513,084 \$4,539,008
Plant adjustment... 573,688
Profit & loss surplus... \$5,693,664 \$5,659,169 \$4,939,396 \$4,539,008

Control of inventories has been maintained on a conservative basis and a more rapid turnover has been realized. This has contributed to prompt service and deliveries to customers and has reduced losses through obsolescence. The reduction in inventories during the year amounted to \$642,811 after full provision for slow moving and obsolete materials.

Total billings for the year were 9% less than for the preceding year, while profit on billings from manufacturing and trading was only 1-10th of 1% less than the preceding year. The income from other sources was \$134,031 less than in 1929, which reduction is primarily due to the fact that lower rates of interest prevailed throughout the year.

Unfilled orders at Dec. 31 1930 amounted to \$4,529,060, which is an increase over the amount at the beginning of the year.

There has been little change in the disposition of the remaining portion of the Blake and Knowles property at East Cambridge, Mass., it having been an unfavorable year for disposing of real estate."

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1930. 1929. Liabilities— 1930. 1929.
Property, plant & equip... 9,102,719 9,103,471
Foreign securities... 2,803,586 2,803,586
Cash... 6,012,290 1,224,793

Total... 29,552,650 29,692,393.
x After depreciation of \$8,478,729. y Represented at \$5,592,833 class A 7% pref. stock, \$10,321,671 class B 6% pref. stock, and \$12,992,149 common stock. z Government securities only.

New Officers.

H. C. Beaver, formerly Executive Vice-President of the Rolls Royce Co. of America, has been elected a Vice-President of the Worthington corporation, and will devote his efforts principally to the administration of the sales department. Elmer E. Yakes has been advanced to the office of Vice-President in charge of direct manufacturing and engineering.—V. 132, p. 872.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
 PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

Friday Night, March 6 1931.

COFFEE on the spot was dull and lower; Santos 4s were 8¼ to 9c.; Rio 7s 5½ to 5¾c. and Victoria 7-8s at 5¼ to 5¾c. These are the lowest prices for 10 years. Withdrawal of government support in Brazil, lower cost and freight offers and the large stocks in the United States explain the decline clearly enough. Fair to good Cucuta 12½ to 13c.; prime to choice 14¼ to 15¼c.; washed, 15½ to 16c.; Colombian Oceana, 12¼ to 12¾c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 13 to 13½c.; washed, 16¼ to 16¾c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 17 to 17¼c.; Medellin, 18 to 18¼c.; Manizales, 17¼ to 17¾c.; Mexican washed, 16¾ to 18¼c.; Puerto Rico, washed, 17 to 19c.; Surinam, 12 to 12½c.; East India Ankola, 23 to 24c.; Mandheling, 23½ to 32c.; Genuine Java, 24½ to 25½c.; Robusta, washed, 9¼ to 9¾c.; Mocha, 16 to 16½c.; Harrar, 16 to 16½c.; Abyssinian, 12¼ to 12¾c.; Salvador, washed, 15¼ to 17c.; Nicaragua, washed, 14½c.; Guatemala prime, 17½ to 17¾c.; good, 15¼ to 16c.; Bourbon, 13½ to 14c.; Hayti, Trie-a-la-main, 13½ to 14c.; Machine, 13 to 13½c.; San Domingo, washed, 15¼ to 16¼c. On March 2 no doubt because of the fluctuations in milreis exchange, the supply of cost and freight offers were rather scarce. They included for prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 8.40 to 9¼c.; 3s at 8.45c.; 3-4s at 8.20 to 8½c.; 3-5s at 8 to 8½c.; 4-5s at 8 to 8.15c.; 5-6s at 7½c.; 7-8s at 6¼c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 8c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.35c.; Rio 7s 5.30c. and 7-8s at 5.20c. Part 2-3s and 3s fairly well described were offered for prompt shipment at 7¾c. Victoria 7-8s for March-May shipment equal were here at 4.90c. and for June and July at 5c. On March 3 cost and freight offers reflected an easier market in Brazil. They were generally 10 to 15 points lower. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2s were offered at 8¼c.; 2-3s at 9.15c.; 3s at 8¾c.; 3-4s at 8.15 to 8¾c.; 3-5s at 8 to 8.15c.; 4-5s at 7.90 to 8c.; 5s at 7½c.; 5-6s at 7½ to 7¾c.; 6s at 7.35 to 7¾c.; 6-7s at 6¾c.; 7-8s at 6½ to 6.60c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 9.35c.; 3-4s at 7¾c.; 3-5s at 7.95c.; 7s at 7.20c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.20c.; 3-4s at 8.15c.; Rio 7s at 5.10c.; 7-8s at 5c.; 8s at 4.90c.; Victoria 7-8s at 5 to 5.10c.

On March 4 cost and freight coffee was unchanged to slightly higher. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 8.80c.; 3s at 8.35 to 8.70c.; 3-4s at 8.20 to 8.60c.; 3-5s at 8.00 to 8½c.; 4-5s at 8.10c.; 5s at 7.65; 5-6s at 7.70 to 7¾c.; 6s at 7½c.; 7-8s at 6.90 to 7.15c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 8.10c.; 7-8s at 6.70c.; Bourbon 4s well described, rain-damaged, were offered for prompt shipment at 7.45c.; Santos Peaberry 3s at 8.30c.; 3-4s at 8¾c.; 4s at 8.10c.; Rio 7s at 5.15c.; 7-8s at 5.05c.; 8s at 4.95c. Victoria 7-8s for May-June shipment were offered firm at 4.95c., and Rio 7s for March to Dec. shipment inclusive at 5.05c. On the 5th cost-and-freight offers were 10 to 25 points higher but buying did not seem to improve. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2s were held at 8.95c.; 2-3s at 9.05c.; 3s at 8.60 to 9.05c.; 3-4s at 8½ to 8.85c.; 3-5s at 8¼ to 8.70c.; 4-5s at 8.30c.; 5s at 7¾c.; 6s at 7.60 to 7.80c.; 6-7s at 7½c.; 7-8s at 6½ to 7.40c.; part Bourbon 3s at 8¼c.; 3-4s at 7.80c.; 3-5s at 8¼c.; 7-8s at 6.80c.; Peaberry 3-4s at 8½c.; 4s at 8.35c.; Rio 7s at 5.30c.; 7-8s at 5.20c.; 8s at 5.10c.; Victoria 7-8s at 5.15c. To-day cost-and-freight offers were in many instances slightly higher. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 8¾ to 9¼c.; 3s at 8¾ to 9.80c.; 3-4s at 8.40 to 8¾c.; 3-5s at 8.15 to 8.55c.; 4-5s at 8.10 to 9c.; 5-6s at 7.60c.; 6s at 7.85c.; 7-8s at 6.70 to 7.20c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 8.30c.; Peaberry 4s at 8.30c.; Rio 7s at 5.20 to 5.35c.; 7-8s at 5.10 to 5¼c.; 8s at 5c.; Victoria 7-8s at 5.05 to 5.30c. On Feb. 28 futures advanced 5 to 14 points with sales of 24,000 bags of Santos and 15,500 bags of Rio, with Brazilian exchange slightly higher.

On Feb. 28 Santos exchange was net 1-32d. lower at 4 3-32d. and the dollar 60 higher at 12\$060. The Rio exchange was 1-32d. higher at 4 3-32d. and the dollar 120 lower at 12\$070. Rio spot price 125 reis higher at 11\$575 for No. 7. On the 2nd inst. prices ended 2 points off to 3 points up on Rio futures here with sales of 16,250 bags; Santos ended 4 to 11 points higher with sales of 44,000 bags. On March 2 Brazilian exchange was 1-32d. higher this morning at 4½d. in both Rio and Santos. The dollar rate in Santos was 60 lower at 12\$000 and in Rio 90 lower at 11\$980. The Rio spot quotations was advanced 125 reis to 11\$700 for No. 7. Futures on the 3rd inst. ended 4 to 10 points lower on Rio with sales of 20,750 bags and 5 to 14 lower on Santos with sales of 60,500 bags with cost and freight prices 10 to 15 points lower. On March 3 Brazilian exchange was easier with Rio 3-64d. lower at 4 5-64d., and the dollar 140 higher

at 12\$120. Santos was 3-64d. lower at 4 5-64d. and the dollar 150 higher at 12\$150. Spot Rio 11\$700. On the 4th inst. futures advanced 6 to 23 points owing to higher Brazilian cables and home and foreign buying.

A March 4 Brazilian exchange showed Rio advancing 1-64d. to 4 3-32d., with the dollar 40 lower at 12\$080; Santos was 1-64d. lower at 4 7-64d. and the dollar 60 higher at 12\$060. There were 5 D notices issued. The Santos Coffee Bolsa reopened on March 4 with only four positions traded in. Basis the four soft and the limit any call 500 reis. Opening quotations were 16\$750 for March, 16\$900 for April and 17\$050 for May. On March 4 the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange stated the world's visible supply of coffee (exclusive of interior stocks) at 5,878,768 bags, an increase for the month of 423,534 bags, against 5,320,877 bags on March 1 last year. On March 4 Duuring & Zoon of Rotterdam cabled their monthly statistics as follows: Arrivals of all kinds during February 1,020,000 bags, of which 464,000 were Brazilian. Deliveries during February, all kinds were 937,000, including 467,000 Brazilian. Stocks in Europe on March 1 were 1,788,000 bags. World's visible supply on March 1, 5,878,000 bags. E. Laneville, of Havre placed the world's visible supply on March 1 at 5,872,000 bags against 5,458,000 on Feb. 1 and 5,315,000 last year. They place the arrivals of all kinds for the eight months of the season at 5,093,000 bags against 5,118,000 last year. The world's deliveries for the same time were 15,820,000 against 14,564,000 last year. On the 5th inst. Rio futures here closed 2 points lower to 2 higher with sales of 17,000 bags. Santos futures closed 4 to 10 points higher with sales of 32,500 bags with cost and freight prices up 10 to 25 points. Spot Rio 7s were 5½c.; Santos 4s, 8¼ to 8¾c.

On March 5 Santos opened unchanged for futures, with Exchange 1-32d. higher at 4 5-32d. dollars 100 lower at 11\$900. Rio exchange opened 3-64d. higher at 5 3-32d. and dollars 150 lower at 11\$900. Rio spot was 125 higher at 11\$975. To-day futures closed 6 points lower to 4 higher on Rio with sales of 10,000 bags and 6 lower to 1 higher on Santos with sales of 36,000 bags. Final prices are 36 to 41 points higher for the week on both. To-day Brazilian exchange was easier at the time of the New York opening, Santos 1-64d. advance, reacted and showed a net loss of 1-64d. at 4 11-64d; dollars 150 higher at 11\$850, Rio exchange was 1-64d. lower at 4 11-64d.; dollars 150 higher at 11\$850.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial.....	5¼ @	July.....	5.26 @ nom
March.....	5.11 @ nom	September.....	5.31 @ nom
May.....	5.17 @	December.....	5.37 @ nom

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial.....	8½ @	July.....	8.17 @
March.....	8.05 @ 8.07	September.....	8.21 @ nom
May.....	8.12 @	December.....	8.22 @

COCOA to-day closed 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 44 lots. March ended at 5.25c.; May, 5.30c.; July, 5.50c.; Sept., 5.70c. Final prices are 19 to 20 points lower than a week ago.

SUGAR.—Spot Cuban raws were 3.28c. duty paid. Refined was 4.50c. Receipts at U. S. Atlantic ports for the week were 59,958 tons, against 53,839 in the previous week and 39,108 in the same week last year; meltings 52,088 tons, against 48,842 in previous week and 49,469 last year; importers' stocks 161,608, against 161,608 in previous week and 348,118 in same week last year; refiners' stocks 113,210 tons, against 105,340 in previous week and 158,015 last year; total stocks 274,818, against 266,948 in previous week and 504,133 last year. The production in Cuba to March 1, according to the Cuba Sugar Club was 1,522,000 tons, against 1,736,000 to March 1, last year. On Feb. 28 futures declined 1 point with sales of only 6,300 tons of which over 50% was in Sept. On the 2nd inst. futures declined 2 to 4 points on hedge selling of distant months. Spot raws were 1.28c. c. & f. Cuban interests bought. Europe sold for hedge account, 10,000 tons it is said sold at 1.28c. c. & f. On the 2nd inst. sales were made of 31,000 bags of prompt shipment Cuba at 1.28c. c. & f. On March 2 Havana cabled figures of the Cuban sugar crop movement for the week ending Feb. 28: Old crop arrivals 17,162 tons; exports, 29,737 tons; New York 16,504; Philadelphia, 3,802; New Orleans, 800; Savannah, 4,578; Galveston, 3,658; Belgium, 395. Stock, 652,220 tons. New crop arrivals, 99,906 tons; exports, 18,118 tons; New York, 5,476 tons; Boston, 3,410; Baltimore, 1,205; New Orleans, 5,524; Savannah, 2,503; stock, 482,589 tons. Grinding 135; weather dry and mild. The London terminal market at 3:15 p. m. was steady at ½d. advance to ¼d. decline. Private cables reported a quiet but steady market for raw sugar with sellers for March shipment at 6s 1½d. equivalent to 1.17c. f. o. b. According to some reports, the trade demand is improving while others say it is slow.

On the 3rd inst. futures ended unchanged to 2 points higher. There was some covering of hedges. Cuba was selling. Of

spot raws 17,000 tons sold it appears at 1.25 to 3.25c. On March 3, 31,000 bags of Cuba for prompt shipment sold at 1.28c. c. & f. Futures on the 4th inst. closed 1 to 2 points lower in a light speculation, i.e., 11,350 tons. Cuban interests, it was said, bought about 5,000 tons of July. Refined was 4.50c. with light trading. On the 4th inst. 20,000 bags of Cuban raw sugar for prompt shipment sold to an operator at 1.25c. c. & f. It is reported that sales were made on the 4th inst. to the United Kingdom of 10,000 tons of raw sugars, probably including a cargo of Cubas and (or) San Domingos at 6s c.i.f., equivalent to 1.14c. Cuba with further sellers at that price and buyers at 5s. 10½d., or 1.11c. f.o.b. Cuba. On March 4 early London cables reported that market steady at the decline with refiners awaiting further developments on this side. There were sellers of 96 degree centrifugals for March and April shipment at 6s. 1½d. c.i.f., with a possibility that 6s. ¾d. could be accepted, with a limited buying interest at 6s. Mauritius crystals sold for March shipment at 10s. 3d. c.i.f., equivalent to 1.14c. f.o.b. or Cubas. Havana cabled: "Pres. Machado sent a bill to Congress regarding organization of the Cuban Institute for the Stabilization of Sugar. It is said it will consist of five members appointed by the President of Cuba and their obligation is to act in behalf of Cuba in dealings with other producing countries." Pusa, India, cabled March 4: "The Indian import duty effective March 1, has been increased 1¼ rupees per cwt., on all grades of sugar. This is equivalent to about 40c. per 100 pounds. On the 5th inst. refined was 4.40c., but in most cases it appears it will be 4.50c. tonight, but 4.50c. was retroactive to the opening on the 5th inst. Spot Cuban raws were 3.25c., nominal duty paid. Futures on the 5th inst. closed 1 to 4 points net lower on selling by Cuban and other producers, and liquidation by tired holders. Europe bought Sept. and there was other buying by the trade on a scale down. Some of the selling of September was supposed to be for hedge account against recent purchases of Philip-pines.

On March 5 London cables reported an easy market with sellers for April shipment at 6s and refiners showing only a casual buying interest. Samarang, Java, cabled that it is expected that a favorable decision will be reached on March 14 limiting exports from this year's crop to 2,300,000 tons. Java whites for June-July-August shipment were sold at 8½ guilders which represents an advance of ¼ guilder over last sale price. To-day some sold May and bought Sept. Cuba and Porto Rica have latterly been selling Jan. and March 1932. Some 40,000 bags of Cuba for prompt shipment with outport options to a refinery sold at 1.23c. c. & f. Futures ended to-day 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 35,300 tons. Final prices show a decline for the week of 4 to 9 points. According to Associated Press despatches from Batavia, Java yesterday, the Government has introduced a bill temporarily restricting sugar exports which under the measure would be banned entirely without Government permission. The maximum exports for the entire Dutch East Indies would be fixed annually under the measure by Government decree. A breach of the regulations would be punishable by a maximum of a year's imprisonment or a maximum fine of 10,000 guilders (about \$4,000). Ships carrying such exports would be liable to confiscation. Mauritius crop it is said has been damaged by a severe hurricane. The Cuban Department of Commerce reports production in the Island to Feb. 1 at 1,560,920 tons with an average yield of 11.94% as against 11.46% last year. Other advices state that 137 mills are grinding. To-day in London raw sugar lower and steady at the decline. A parcel of Centrifugals for March shipment was reported sold to Liverpool at 5s. 10½d. c. i. f., equal to about 1.11c. f. o. b. for Cubas with further sellers.

Prices were as follows:

Spot unofficial	1.23@	September	1.37@	1.38
March	1.17@	December	1.45@	1.46
May	1.21@	January	1.47@	1.48
July	1.29@			

LARD on the spot advanced; prime Western 8.90 to 9c.; Refined Continent 9¼c.; South America 9½c.; Brazil 10½c. Futures on Feb. 28th advanced 15 points on buying by packers and foreign houses. This offset lower prices for grain and hogs. Contract stocks of lard at Chicago on March 1st showed an increase of 2,372,826 lbs. while during the same month last year there was an increase of 13,491,651 lbs. The total contract stocks of lard was 22,234,312 lbs. with other stocks 4,366,672 lbs. On March 1st last year the total stock was 44,593,490 lbs. and on Feb. 1st of this year the total was 24,328,762 lbs. of which 20,156,256 lbs. was contract grade. On the 2nd inst. futures advanced 17 to 20 points regardless of the decline in grain and hogs. Total Western receipts of hogs were 121,800 against 122,000 last year. Contract deliveries were 3,500,000 lbs. Liverpool lard was 9d. to 1s. higher. Exports of lard last week were 11,810,000 lbs. against 9,511,000 lbs. the week before.

On the 3rd inst. futures advanced 5 to 7 points with hogs up 10c. and corn higher. Western receipts were 82,800 against 91,600 a year ago. Prime Western cash was 9.20 to 9.30c.; Refined Continent 9¾ to 9½c.; South America 9¾c.; Brazil 10½c. Futures on the 4th inst. ended 7 to 8 points higher with cash markets up. Outside demand was reported for September and the receipts of hogs are expected to fall off in the near future. Cash prime Western 9.25 to 9.35c. on the 4th inst.; Refined Continent 9¾ to 9¾c.;

South America 9¾c.; Brazil 10½c. On the 5th inst. futures declined 3 to 5 points with hogs unsettled and less speculative demand. Prime Western cash was 9.25 to 9.35.

To-day futures ended 10 to 12 points higher with corn stronger. Final prices show a rise of 52 to 60 points for the week owing to better prices for corn and hogs and at times some outside demand.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March	8.40	8.60	8.67	8.75	8.72	8.85
May	8.60	8.77	8.82	8.90	8.87	8.97
July	8.77	8.95	9.00	9.07	9.02	9.15

PORK quiet; mess, \$26.50; family, \$27.50; fat backs, \$18.50 to \$21.50. Ribs cash, 11.12c. Beef dull; mess nominal; packet, \$15 to \$16; family, \$17 to \$18.50; extra India mess, \$34 to \$36; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3.25; No. 2, \$5.50; six pounds, South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues, \$70 to \$75. Cut meats steady but quiet; pickled hams 10 to 16 lbs., 14¼ to 16¼c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs. 14¾ to 16¾c.; bellies clear, dry salted boxed, 18 to 20 lbs. 12½c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 13¼c. Butter, lower grades to extras, 23 to 28½c.; high scoring, 29 to 29½c. Cheese, flats, 16 to 22½c. Eggs, medium to extra, 18¾ to 22½c.; closely selected, 22¾ to 23c.; premium marks, 24c.

OILS.—Linseed was in fair demand with crushers quoting 9.4c. for raw oil in earlots cooperate basis. It was intimated, however, that a few points under this could be done on a firm bid. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 4½c.; spot N. Y. tanks, 4¾c.; Corn, crude tanks f.o.b. mills, 7¾ to 7½c.; Olive, Den. 82 to 85c.; Soya bean, earlots, drums, 7.1c.; tanks, Edgewater, 6.5c.; Domestic tank cars, f.o.b. Middle Western mills, 6.0c.; Chinawood, N. Y. drums earlots, spot, 6½c.; Tajks, 5½c.; Pacific Coast tanks, 6 to 6.2c. Edible, olive, 1.65 to 2c. Lard, prime 12½c. extra strained winter, N. Y., 9½c. Cod, Newfoundland, 48c. Turpentine, 48 to 56c. Rosin, \$4.35 to \$8.75.

Cottonseed Oil sales to-day including switches 97 contracts; Crude, S. E. 6½c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	7.40@	July	7.89@	---
March	7.49@	August	7.85@	8.00
April	7.55@	September	7.98@	8.03
May	7.76@	October	7.94@	8.05
June	7.78@			

PETROLEUM—The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reduced gasoline in tank cars ½c. at all of its deep water terminals along the Atlantic Seaboard. A similar reduction was made by the Atlantic Refining Co. earlier. The Warner-Quinlan Co. lowered the price of United States motor in tank cars at its local terminal to 6¼ to 7c. It was previously quoting 7½c. The Crew Levick Co. subsidiary of the Cities Service Refining Co. cut the price at New York and Philadelphia ½c. to 7c. Demand for gasoline has improved a little of late and increased buying is looked for very soon. Sentiment has improved considerably owing to the drop of 64,000 bbls. in last week's daily average production of crude oil. Domestic heating oils were rather more active and steady. Grade C bunker fuel oil was fairly active at \$1.05 refineries. Diesel oil was in rather better demand at \$1.85 same basis. Kerosene was quiet with 41-43 gravity still quoted at 6¼ to 6½c. tank cars refineries. Lubricating oils were in better demand. The Standard Oil Co. of New York later on reduced the tank car price of U. S. Motor ½c. to 7c. at its local refinery, thus meeting the cuts announced earlier in the week by other companies.

Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and its products."

RUBBER.—On Feb. 28 prices ended 5 to 10 points higher with sales of 90 tons of No. 1 standard and 679 of old "A". No. 1 standard ended on that day with March, 7.62 to 7.70c.; July, 8.05 to 8.09c.; Dec., 8.55 to 8.58c.; old "A" ended with March, 7.60c.; May, 7.80 to 7.90c.; July, 7.90 to 8c. Outside prices: Spot Feb. and March 7½ to 7¾c.; April-June, 7½ to 8c.; July-Sept., 8 to 8½c. Singapore closed quiet and unchanged; March 3 9-16d.; April-June, 3 11-16d.; July-Sept., 3½d.; No. 3 Amber Crepe, 3¼d., unchanged. London stocks for the week increased 74 tons to 82,185 tons compared with 82,111 tons a week ago. Liverpool stocks increased 221 tons to 44,776 tons, against 44,555 tons in the previous week. On the 2nd inst. prices advanced 8 to 20 points for the fifth day in succession with sales of 300 tons of No. 1 standard, 10 of new and 70 of old "A". No. 1 standard ended with March, 7.70 to 7.75c.; July, 8.13 to 8.16c.; Sept., 8.32 to 8.37c.; Nov., 8.53c.; Dec., 8.66c.; Jan., 8.76c. New "A" ended with March at 7.72c.; May at 8.02c.; July, 8.12c.; Sept., 8.22c. Old "A" March, 7.70c.; May, 8c.; July, 8.10c.; Dec., 8.60 to 8.70c. Outside prices: spot and March, 7¼ to 7¾c.; April, 7½ to 8c.; April-June, 8 to 8½c.; July-Sept., 8½ to 8¾c.; Oct.-Dec., 8¾ to 8¾c.; spot first latex thick, 7¼ to 8c.; thin pale latex, 8½ to 8¾c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 7¾ to 7¾c.; specky crepe, 7 to 7¾c.; rolled brown crepe, 7 to 7¾c.; No. 2 amber, 7½ to 7¾c.; No. 3, 7¾ to 7¾c.; No. 4, 7¼ to 7½c. On March 2 London closed with March, 3½d.; April, 3 15-16d.; May, 4 to 4 1-16d.; June, 4 1-16d. to 4½d.; July-Sept., 4½ to 4 3-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 4 5-16d.; Jan.-March, 4 7-16 to 4½d.

On the 3d inst. prices advanced 44 to 50 points as the Dutch Committee was on the way to London to discuss restriction. London advanced. Sentiment was more bullish here. It was believed that something will come of the London conference. Sales here were about 1,600 long tons. At the Exchange No. 1 standard closed at 7.85 to 7.95c.;

May at 8.10c.; July at 8.30 to 8.35c.; Sept. at 8.55c.; Dec. at 8.55c.; Old "A" March, 7.70 to 7.80c.; May, 8.10 to 8.20c.; Sept., 8.40c. Spot and March outside, $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 8c.; first latex thick, 8 to $8\frac{1}{2}$ c.; No. 2 amber, $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{3}{4}$ c. On March 3d, London closed 3-16 to $\frac{1}{4}$ d. net higher, with March, $4\frac{1}{4}$ d.; April, 4 3-16d.; May, 4 3-16 to $4\frac{1}{4}$ d.; June, $4\frac{1}{4}$ to 4 5-16d.; July-Sept., $4\frac{3}{8}$ d.; Oct.-Dec., $4\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Jan.-March, $4\frac{5}{8}$ d. London cabled: "In a written reply to a question raised in the House of Commons concerning the Stevenson restriction scheme the Under-Secretary for the Colonies said that it is not Lord Passfield's intention to appoint a committee or to undertake any review of the circumstances in which the Stevenson Scheme was removed." There was some selling on this. On March 3d, Singapore closed steady at 1-16d. advance; March, $3\frac{5}{8}$ d.; April-June, $3\frac{1}{4}$ d.; July-Sept., 3 15-16d.; No. 3 Amber Crepe, 3 5-16d., up 1-16d.

On the 4th inst. prices advanced 40 to 60 points in a short market and with a restriction conference soon to assemble. Actual rubber was up $\frac{3}{8}$ c. in some cases. No. 1 standard ended with March at 8.30c.; May, 8.50c.; July, 8.68 to 8.70c.; October, 9c.; sales 850 tons. New "A" March, 8.24c.; October, 8.94c.; sales 30 tons. Old "A" March, 8.20 to 8.30c.; May, 8.50c.; July, 8.70 to 8.80c.; Sept., 8.80 to 8.90c.; October, 8.90c.; sales 125 tons. Outside prices: Plantation, spot and March $8\frac{1}{4}$ to $8\frac{3}{8}$ c.; April $8\frac{3}{8}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ c.; April-June, $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{5}{8}$ c.; July-Sept., $8\frac{3}{4}$ to 9c.; Oct.-Dec., 9 to $9\frac{1}{4}$ c.; spot, first latex, thick, $8\frac{1}{4}$ to $8\frac{1}{2}$ c.; thin, pale, latex, $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{3}{4}$ c.; clean, thin, brown No. 2, $7\frac{7}{8}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ c.; specky crepe, $7\frac{1}{4}$ to $7\frac{5}{8}$ c.; rolled, brown crepe, $7\frac{3}{4}$ to 8c.; No. 3, $7\frac{3}{4}$ to 8c.; No. 4 amber, $7\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{3}{4}$ c. On the 5th inst. prices declined 20 to 30 points with sales of 510 tons of No. 1 standard, 20 of new "A" and 45 of old "A." At the Exchange May No. 1 standard closed on the 5th inst. at 8.27 to 8.28c.; July at 8.47c.; Sept. at 8.56 to 8.70c.; December at 8.95 to 9c.; New "A" December at 8.92c.; old "A" 8 to 8.10c. for March, 8.20 to 8.30c. for May, 8.40 to 8.50c. for July and 8.90 to 9c. for December; Outside prices, spot and March, $8\frac{1}{8}$ to $8\frac{1}{4}$ c.; April, $8\frac{1}{4}$ to $8\frac{3}{8}$ c.; first latex, thick, $8\frac{1}{4}$ to $8\frac{3}{8}$ c.; thin, pale, $8\frac{1}{2}$ to $8\frac{5}{8}$ c.; No. 2 amber, $7\frac{3}{4}$ to 8c. On March 5, London opened firm at $\frac{1}{8}$ d. advance and at 2.38 p. m. was quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. advance; March offered at 4 3-16d.; April offered at $4\frac{1}{4}$ d.; May, $4\frac{1}{4}$ d.; June offered at $4\frac{3}{8}$ d.; July-Sept., 4 7-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 4 9-16d., and Jan.-March, 4 11-16d. Singapore closed 3-16d. to $\frac{1}{4}$ d. advance; March, 3 15-16d.; April-June, $4\frac{1}{8}$ d.; July-Sept., 4 5-16d.; No. 3 amber crepe, 3 9-16d., up 3-16d. London closed 1-16d. lower, with March 4 1-16d. to $4\frac{1}{4}$ d.; April, $4\frac{1}{8}$ to 4 3-16d.; June, $4\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 4 5-16d.; July-Sept., 4 5-16d.; Oct.-Dec., $4\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Jan.-March, $4\frac{5}{8}$ d.

To-day prices closed 7 to 14 points lower on No. 1 standard with sales of 71 lots and was 10 to 20 off on old "A" with sales of 35 lots. Final prices show an advance for the week of 40 points. To-day prices declined here at an expected increase in London's stock for the week of 2,000 tons. London cable was net 1-16d. lower to 1-16d. higher with March 4 1-16d.; April $4\frac{1}{8}$ d.; May 4 3-16d.; June $4\frac{1}{4}$ d.; July-Sept. $4\frac{3}{8}$ d.; Oct.-Dec. $4\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Jan.-March 4 9-16d. to $4\frac{3}{8}$ d. To-day Singapore closed steadier at decline of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. to 5-16d.; March 3 11-16d.; April-June $3\frac{5}{8}$ d.; July-Sept. 4d.; No. 3 Amber Crepe 3 5-16d., off $\frac{1}{4}$ d.

HIDES.—On Feb. 28th prices advanced 60 to 70 points in an evidently oversold market; the sales were 3,600,000 lbs., certainly a good showing for a Saturday. The closing was with March, 9.10c.; May, 9.70c.; Sept., 11.10c.; Dec., 12.15 to 12.25c. Sales of packer and frigorifico were reported of 43,350 hides with some packer hides up $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Outside sales included: 1,850 light native cows, Feb. at $7\frac{1}{2}$ c., $\frac{1}{2}$ c. advance; 7,000 heavy native steers, Feb. $7\frac{1}{2}$ c., $\frac{1}{2}$ c. advance; 1,000 light Texas steers, Feb., 7c.; 8,000 branded cows, Feb., 7c.; 6,000 Colorado steers Feb. 7c., $\frac{1}{2}$ c. up; 3,000 butt branded steers, Feb. $7\frac{1}{2}$ c., $\frac{1}{2}$ c. up; 3,000 light native cows, March, $7\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 2,000 heavy native cows, March, $6\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 1,000 heavy native steers, March, $7\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 2,000 branded cows, March, $6\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Packer type—5,500 native cows and steers, March, 7c.; 5,500 branded cows and steers, March, $6\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 4,000 frigorifico steers Feb. 11, 9-16c. On the 2d inst. prices declined 5 to 11 points with sales of 4,400,000 lbs. and outside 4,000 Feb. heavy native steers sold at 8c., 4,000 frigorifico Feb. steers at 11 9-16c. and 4,500 frigorifico Feb. light steers at $10\frac{3}{4}$ c. Frigorifico market was dull last week with a turnover for only 12,000 Argentine steers at 11 9-16c. to $11\frac{3}{4}$ c., and 6,000 Uruguayan steers at $12\frac{1}{2}$ to $12\frac{1}{4}$ c. On the 3d inst. futures declined 10 to 20 points with sales of 1,720,000 lbs. Profit taking explained the decline. There were sales of 900 Nov.-Dec. light native cows at $7\frac{1}{2}$ c. and 13,000 Feb. frigorifico steers at 11 15-16c. At the Exchange, March closed at 8.80c.; May at 9.45c.; July at 10.15c.; Sept. at 10.85c.; Dec. at 11.95c.; Jan. at 12.05c.

On the 4th inst. prices advanced 55 to 60 points with sales running up to 5,360,000 lbs. March ended at 6.35c.; May at 10c.; Sept. 11.45 to 11.49c.; Dec. 12.50. Sales outside were 30,000 hides including descriptions of February hides: light native cows at 8c., up $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Colorado steers at $7\frac{1}{2}$ c., $\frac{1}{2}$ c. up; butt branded steers 8c., up $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and heavy native steers at 8c., unchanged from last previous business. Common dry Cucutas 13 to 14c.; Orinocos $10\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Maracaibo, &c. $9\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Santa Marta 10 to $10\frac{1}{2}$ c. New York City calfskins

5-7s 1.10 to 1.20c.; 7-9s 1.35c.; 9-12s 2.15 to 2.25c. On the 5th inst. sales jumped to 6,920,000 lbs. at an advance of 40 to 45 points. The market acted short. Covering was the order of the day. Recent outside business has been at steadily rising prices. New outside speculation seemed to have entered the market. The closing at the Exchange on the 5th inst. was with May at 10.45c.; Sept. at 11.85 to 11.86c.; Dec. at 12.90c. There was nothing new in spot hides. To-day prices ended 35 to 45 points lower with sales of 68 lots. March closed at 9.35c.; May at 10c.; Sept. at 11.50c. and Dec. at 12.55c. Final prices however, are 85 to 90 points higher than a week ago.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Prospects seemed to be brightening. Bookings increased at some decline in rates to Liverpool. Sugar tonnage was in better demand.

CHARTERS included grain bookings of 45 loads, some to French Atlantic at 10c., some to Rotterdam at 8c. and about 20 loads to Antwerp at 8c., $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. and 9c., all prompt March; 9 loads to Rotterdam, March, 9c., and 4 loads Havre, 10c., March; 2 loads Rotterdam, 8c., March; 7 Havre, Dunkirk, March, 10c.; 6 same, April, 10c.; 13 Antwerp, $7\frac{1}{2}$ c., March; a few loads Antwerp, 9c.; 5 to Scandinavia at 14c., and some to French Atlantic at 10c. Sugar, prompt Santo Domingo-United Kingdom-Continent, 14s. Coal, prompt March, part cargo, Marseilles, \$2.50. Trips, prompt north Atlantic, redelivery United Kingdom-Continent, \$1.10. Time and trips: West Indies round, \$1.10; same, \$1; prompt north of Hatteras, redelivery United Kingdom-Continent, \$1.25; West Indies round, 85c.; prompt West Indies round, 85c. Tankers, clean, March, Black Sea-Vladivostok, 17s.6d.

COAL met with more inquiry for the domestic trade though export business was distinctly dull. Bunker prices were mostly unchanged. Higher prices were paid but seaboard markets acted better than those in the interior.

TOBACCO has been in moderate demand here at about steady prices. To the "U. S. Tobacco Journal." Oxford, N. C.: In the past week the market here sold 1,265,542 lbs. of tobacco, which brought \$76,679.89. This makes the total sales to date 27,665,562 lbs., at a value of \$4,009,175.77, an average of \$14.49. Raleigh, N. C.: January tobacco sales in North Carolina, which brought an average of \$10.66 per 100 lbs., against \$16.80 for 1930, brought total producers' sales for this season to 539,461,542 lbs. Last season's sales to Feb. 1 1930 were 473,048,438 lbs. At Danville, Va., the season was extended to March 6. Recently poor quality brought the season's lowest prices. Sales, 45,513,453 lbs.; average, \$9.81. Mayfield, Ky.: 798,785 lbs. at an average of \$5.49, 30c. lower than the preceding week. Paducah, 508,150 lbs., averaging \$5.03 for the week, going down \$1.47 from the week before. Murray, 286,850 lbs., at an average of \$4.87, \$1.24 lower than the week before. At Hopkinsville, of dark, sales were 1,547,920 lbs. at an average of \$8.45, or 20c. higher than last week. Burley was to have only one more sale, on March 5. Past week this section sold 319,710 lbs. at an average of \$7.00, up 70c. from the previous week. At Clarksville, 1,275,030 lbs. sold, averaging \$11.16, or 41c. lower than the preceding week. At Springfield sales were 1,282,890 lbs., at average of \$12.80, or 25c. higher. At Owensboro, sales of dark tobacco, 1,418,930 lbs., average \$6.98; of Burley, 503,345 lbs., averaging \$6.93. Dark \$1.24 and Burley 92c. higher. Henderson, 845,540 lbs. sold at average of \$7.12, 61c. higher. At Madisonville, 433,030 lbs., average \$5.78, or 8c. higher.

The One Sucker district (Bowling Green, Franklin, Russellville, Scottsville and West Moreland) sold 1,102,820 lbs. of dark tobacco last week, average \$6.11, and 62,395 lbs. of Burley, average \$7.05. Dark, 5c., and Burley, \$1, lower. At Lynchburg, sales, 246,993, average \$5.70, which was the same as last week. Blackstone, sales, 273,481, average \$10.29, up \$2.74. Farmville, sales, 229,000, average \$5.70, or 25c. lower.

At Martinsville, Va., sales of leaf passed the 1929-1931 record. Sales for the first three days of last week were 90,844 lbs.; total for the season, 4,758,906 lbs., netting the growers \$309,350.98. This was the best record made by Martinsville for several years. At Lynchburg, Va., sales of dark loose leaf last week, 246,998 lbs.; total for 1931 crop, 6,160,221 lbs., a decrease of 716,931 lbs. when compared with a year ago. But prices were somewhat stronger than during the previous week, although the general average was only \$5.71. Offerings were largely of inferior grades, for which there was a poor demand. Medium grades were duller, this resulting from too much of that kind of tobacco. Good and fine long leaf was scarce and sold high. Abingdon, Va., burley tobacco market closed last week, ending the 1930-31 buying season which commenced Dec. 10 with the highest prices in the Appalachian region, but which had sagged drastically during the last three weeks. Prices paid on opening day were slightly above 20 cents, but the closing averaged only 11c. At Blackstone, Va., some good tobaccos sold at good prices, but as a whole all grades are lower, with the common and medium types showing the largest decline.

COPPER was advanced to $10\frac{1}{2}$ c. for domestic account. A significant fact was that a sale at that price was said to have been made by one of the leading producing companies. Heretofore business has been mainly in the hands of custom smelters. The export price was 10.80c. c.i.f. Europe. Domestic demand continued quiet. Sales for export on the 4th inst. were 400 tons as against 480 on the previous day. The American Brass Co. advanced brass $\frac{1}{4}$ c. and bronze and copper $\frac{3}{8}$ c. Two fairly good domestic purchases were made during the week, involving 1,500,000 lbs. for the Western Union Telegraph Co. and 8,500,000 lbs. by the Pennsylvania RR. Co. The former company purchases regularly without regard to current quotations,

the purchase by the Pennsylvania RR. Co. was for electrification purposes and it is understood that its purchases for this undertaking will approximate 60,000,000 lbs. London on the 4th inst. declined for the second day in succession. Spot standard there fell 6s. 3d. to £46 7s. 6d.; futures off 5s. to £46 13s. 9d.; sales 55 tons spot and 550 futures. The bid price of electrolytic fell 7s. 6d. to £49 7s. 6d., the asked price being reduced 5s to £50; there was a further decline of 3s. 9d. at the second London session with sales of 75 tons of spot and 175 tons of futures. On the National Metal Exchange 6 lots of new contract sold; 3 March at 9.35c., one September at 9.65c. and two November at 9.75c. March and April closed at 9.35c., with 5 points higher for each succeeding month. The market was very quiet later on but prices remained firm. London on the 5th inst. dropped 10s. on spot standard and futures fell 6s. 3d. at the first session; at the second session there was a rise of 5s. on standard; sales, 50 tons spot and 650 futures. Electrolytic sagged 2s. 6d. to £49 5s., the asked price being unchanged at £50. Today futures ended unchanged to 5 points higher; sales, 25 tons. March ended at 9.35c.; May at 9.45c.; June, 9.50c.; July, 9.55c.; September, 9.71c.

TIN declined to 26 3/4c. for prompt Straits at one time and closed at 26 3/4c. on the fourth inst. with sales of 100 tons. The tendency of prices has been downward since the restriction scheme became operative. This restriction plan is different from many other stabilizing schemes for it is compulsory, having government sanction, and many believe that it will not be very long before it will have a tendency to strengthen the market. Futures on the National Metal Exchange on the 4th inst. closed unchanged to 10 points higher with sales of 5 lots of March and 1 of June. March ended at 26.60c.; June, 26.90c. London on the 4th inst. dropped £1 on all descriptions; standard closed at £121 7s. 6d. for spot and £122 17s. 6d. for futures; sales 135 tons spot and 275 futures. Spot Straits closed at £124 12s. 6d.; Eastern c. i. f. London closed at £124 17s. 6d. on sales of 200 tons. Later on trade was very dull with Straits quoted at 26 3/4 to 26 7/8c. Futures on the National Metal Exchange ended unchanged to 10 points higher with no sales. March ended at 26.60 to 26.70c.; April, 26.70c.; nominal; May, 26.85c. nominal; June, 27 to 27.10c.; July, 27.10c.; bid August, 27.25 to Feb. 28.40c., all nominal. Tin afloat is 8,562 tons; arrivals thus far this month: Atlantic ports, 1,020 tons; Pacific ports, 100 tons. In London on the 5th inst. standard advanced 2s. 6d. to £121 10s. for spot and £123 for futures; sales 110 tons spot and 640 futures. Spot Straits declined 7s. 6d. to £124 5s.; Eastern c. i. f. London ended at £124 12s. 6d. on sales of 100 tons. At the second London session on that day standard fell 5s. on sales of 60 tons spot and 180 tons of futures. To-day futures ended 20 to 40 points higher; sales 30 tons. March closed at 27c.; May at 27.15c.; July, 27.40 to 27.50c.; August, 27.50c.

LEAD was very quiet at 4.60c. New York and 4.35c. East St. Louis. February statistics will be issued in about two weeks. They are awaited with unusual interest in view of the poor showing made in Jan., when shipments were the lowest in history. There was a better demand from the automobile industry and corrodors recently. London on the 5th inst. fell 1s. 3d. to £14 2s. 6d. for spot and £14 5s. for futures; sales 150 tons futures.

ZINC showed little change in prices, and the demand was still small. Prices were 4.05c. for March and April, and 4.05 to 4.10c. for more distant positions. Feb. statistics are expected within a few days and may have some bearing on the future course of prices. In London on the 5th inst. prices dropped 1s. 3d. to £12 16s. 3d. for spot; futures off 2s. 6d. to £13 6s. 3d.; sales 650 tons of futures.

STEEL demand for locomotives has increased somewhat. Chicago was inquiring for 16,000 tons of 30 to 48-inch pipe for city works and the Pacific Coast wants 7,500 tons. Some shipping projects will require 18,000 tons. At Chicago strip steel advanced on cold rolled strip \$1 and on hot \$2. The advances went into effect on Feb. 28th. The new prices of hot rolled steel are \$1.70 to \$1.80. Cold rolled steel now sells for \$2.63. Manufacturers of cold rolled strip steel are operating at 35 to 40% of capacity, a gain of about 5% over recent weeks. The feeling is more cheerful. The chief demand comes from builders, automobile concerns and oil and gas companies for pipe. New projects are said to be larger than for some time past. Steel output in February was larger than in January. Steel mills are working at 53% which is an improvement since early in January. Steel strips have recently advanced in Chicago. Some predict a general advance in steel before long.

PIG IRON has remained quiet here but some reports state that quite a good business had been done in Rhode Island and Connecticut. A better inquiry for basic iron was reported in the East. But buying was cautious. Prices are low but buyers appear to be afraid that they will go lower. Pig iron output in February increased 10%. It was the smallest production in nine years. But it was large enough and more than large enough to meet the demand.

WOOL.—A government report on the 5th inst. said that there was a moderate trade though somewhat slower than the latter part of last week. Most of the demand is for 58-60s and finer territory wools. Some houses are moving fair quantities of 56s and occasional small lots of 48-50s.

A little 12 months Texas wool is moving at 62 to 65c. scoured basis. Prices on territory wools are steady as compared with sales earlier in the week. Another Boston report said that wool auctions closed at Sydney and Melbourne on the 5th inst. with prices fully maintained. At Perth on March 2 demand good; offerings 16,000 bales, the bulk of which were sold to Yorkshire and the Continent, with America competing sharply for super-merino fleeces. Compared with the previous sales all descriptions were 10% higher; average merinos and skirtings were occasionally 15% higher. Prices realized included Glen Oakland at 13 1/2d., Byron at 13 3/4d., Cull Culli at 13d. and Yaringa at 10 1/2d. At Melbourne on March 2 compared with the previous sale crossbreds were 10% to 15% higher. The market was stirred by large Japanese buying, amounting indeed, to about 65% of the offerings. Continental and local buying was quiet. Yorkshire was quiet.

At the Liverpool wool sales on Feb. 27th 556 bales of River Plate wools were offered and sold. Demand good. Prices advanced 10% above January levels. Offerings of 3,114 bales of Peruvian wools met with a dull market at unchanged prices. At Liverpool on March 5th the carpet wool auctions closed on a very firm basis. At Melbourne on March 5th offerings met with the sharpest demand of the season. Prices were 10% above the sales on Feb. 19th. Top prices paid were: Merinos 15 1/4d.; comebacks 15 1/2d. At Sydney on March 5th sales ended. Demand sharp. Japan was the largest buyer. Compared with opening prices merinos were 25% higher and comebacks and greasy crossbreds 15% up. The next series will be held March 16-26. Offerings will total 80,000 bales, leaving 60,000 for the April sales. At Christchurch on March 5th 13,100 bales were offered and 12,900 sold. Representative selection of crossbreds, but merinos poor. Demand from Japanese and Continental buyers was brisk. Yorkshire was quiet. Compared with the Wellington sales on Feb. 13th crossbreds were 15 to 20% higher and merinos 7 1/2 to 10% dearer. Fine medium crossbreds were wanted and closed firm. Prices realized were: Merinos super 8 3/4d. to 9 1/2d.; average merino 7d. to 8 1/2d.; crossbreds 56-58s, 7 1/2d. to 10 3/4d.; 50-56s, 7 to 10 1/2d.; 48-50s, 6 1/2 to 8 1/2d.; 46-48s, 6 to 8d.; 44-46s, 5 to 6 1/2d.

SILK to-day ended 1 to 5 points lower with sales of 1,530 bales. March closed at 2.55 to 2.59; April 2.48 to 2.55; May 2.46 to 2.49; July 2.42 to 2.43; Sept. 2.39 to 2.40. Final prices are unchanged to 1 point higher for the week.

COTTON

Friday Night, March 6 1931.

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 118,571 bales, against 119,362 bales last week and 113,438 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1930, 7,800,698 bales, against 7,395,249 bales for the same period of 1929-30, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1930 of 405,449 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	2,929	3,637	6,951	1,103	2,975	1,647	19,242
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	505	505
Houston	2,373	2,617	2,827	2,162	634	9,615	20,228
Corpus Christi	271	141	51	99	219	89	870
Beaumont	—	—	—	—	—	125	125
New Orleans	5,867	624	5,834	10,874	2,272	8,115	33,586
Mobile	324	844	639	4,815	6,784	358	13,764
Pensacola	223	—	—	—	—	—	223
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	16	16
Savannah	2,254	3,923	5,150	1,754	2,960	2,550	18,591
Charleston	441	409	2,531	1,129	1,038	1,327	6,875
Wilmington	290	201	131	4	571	657	1,854
Norfolk	302	399	197	127	236	556	1,817
Boston	—	—	—	58	180	—	238
Baltimore	—	347	—	—	—	290	637
Totals this week.	15,274	13,142	24,311	22,125	17,869	25,850	118,571

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1930 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Mar. 6.	1930-1931.		1929-1930.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1930.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1929.	1931.	1930.
Galveston	19,242	1,314,553	12,260	1,649,024	601,830	335,162
Texas City	505	109,294	435	133,329	40,968	12,252
Houston	20,228	2,742,935	13,718	2,512,052	1,334,195	917,345
Corpus Christi	870	568,040	409	381,746	74,230	18,899
Beaumont	125	22,944	—	14,754	—	—
New Orleans	33,586	1,220,753	14,347	1,433,834	797,605	465,561
Gulfport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	13,764	518,539	3,150	361,080	248,562	34,844
Pensacola	223	54,478	1,500	30,270	—	—
Jacksonville	16	485	—	384	1,352	867
Savannah	18,591	652,170	1,825	430,546	360,310	57,850
Brunswick	—	49,050	—	7,094	—	—
Charleston	6,875	276,631	493	177,848	175,903	21,391
Lake Charles	—	56,649	—	8,780	—	—
Wilmington	1,854	57,314	313	85,789	16,492	21,603
Norfolk	1,817	137,946	799	137,372	89,044	60,805
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	—	1,125	150	2,855	229,112	97,090
Boston	238	1,137	247	1,529	2,808	1,822
Baltimore	637	16,643	666	26,284	1,290	1,214
Philadelphia	—	12	—	679	5,213	5,093
Totals	118,571	7,800,698	50,312	7,395,249	3,978,914	2,051,798

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1930-31.	1929-30.	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.
Galveston.....	19,242	12,260	27,086	22,069	57,825	25,592
Houston.....	20,228	13,718	19,556	11,520	48,707	10,822
New Orleans.....	33,586	14,347	21,094	16,802	53,578	33,100
Mobile.....	13,764	3,150	6,205	2,871	3,690	1,765
Savannah.....	18,591	1,825	4,523	4,942	22,911	18,124
Brunswick.....	6,875	407	1,356	2,589	12,302	6,868
Charleston.....	1,854	313	1,380	4,374	5,239	715
Wilmington.....	1,817	799	1,988	1,328	6,552	4,505
Norfolk.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
N'port N., & C.	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total this wk.	118,571	50,312	86,941	70,755	217,975	105,260
Since Aug. 1—	7,919,269	7,395,249	8,197,009	7,095,729	10,917,197	8,112,350

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 189,694 bales, of which 18,606 were to Great Britain, 22,273 to France, 56,404 to Germany, 8,490 to Italy, nil to Russia, 61,099 to Japan and China and 22,822 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 140,056 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 5,007,137 bales, against 5,425,573 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Mar. 6 1931. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston.....	3,748	5,077	14,631	3,918	—	14,630	7,247	49,251
Houston.....	1,645	11,455	23,699	4,472	—	15,139	7,325	63,735
Texas City.....	725	440	738	—	—	—	760	2,663
Corpus Christi.....	—	1,041	175	—	—	3,316	550	5,082
Beaumont.....	—	125	—	—	—	—	—	125
New Orleans.....	9,088	4,125	7,705	—	—	8,288	5,676	34,882
Mobile.....	920	—	—	—	—	—	—	920
Pensacola.....	223	—	—	—	—	—	—	223
Charleston.....	—	—	4,032	—	—	—	—	4,032
Norfolk.....	1,690	—	3,324	—	—	—	14	5,028
New York.....	—	10	—	100	—	—	—	110
Los Angeles.....	367	—	1,915	—	—	13,470	1,250	17,002
San Francisco.....	200	—	185	—	—	6,256	—	6,641
Total.....	18,606	22,273	56,404	8,490	—	61,099	22,822	189,694
Total 1930.....	19,332	19,494	47,270	23,391	—	13,323	17,246	140,056
Total 1929.....	25,490	21,225	26,509	26,780	—	33,721	12,995	146,720

From Aug. 1 1930 to Mar. 6 1931. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston.....	133,939	147,745	177,244	78,379	—	204,498	170,955	912,760
Houston.....	173,427	387,638	391,464	151,684	3,435	346,232	197,493	1,651,373
Texas City.....	15,167	12,157	11,265	1,425	—	2,469	4,894	47,377
Corpus Christi.....	62,333	150,825	98,284	17,975	—	112,675	44,028	486,120
Beaumont.....	4,380	5,331	9,055	300	—	—	4,050	23,116
Lake Charles.....	1,927	12,590	24,678	9,806	—	—	5,906	56,789
New Orleans.....	139,829	79,919	124,356	74,629	25,844	174,423	69,317	688,317
Mobile.....	105,244	6,420	63,279	1,916	—	11,904	2,767	191,530
Pensacola.....	12,261	—	38,921	1,000	—	2,175	202	54,559
Savannah.....	122,652	1,760	196,802	9,707	—	31,809	7,021	369,751
Charleston.....	7,793	—	41,257	—	—	—	—	49,050
Brunswick.....	54,769	263	90,740	—	—	—	9,295	155,067
Wilmington.....	7,845	—	10,037	19,550	—	—	2,751	40,183
Norfolk.....	37,345	2,347	21,213	691	—	1,360	539	63,495
Gulfport.....	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	50
New York.....	1,956	6,242	2,104	1,171	—	2,449	5,382	19,304
Boston.....	2,739	300	332	—	—	55	312	3,738
Baltimore.....	—	205	—	—	—	—	—	205
Los Angeles.....	11,230	3,245	18,665	300	—	97,803	8,167	139,410
San Diego.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	400	400
San Francisco.....	4,130	—	3,485	50	—	35,693	1,185	44,543
Seattle.....	—	—	—	—	—	10,000	—	10,000
Total.....	899,016	816,987	1,323,181	368,583	29,279	1,039,451	530,640	5,007,137
Total 1929-30.....	1,099,422	717,213	1,474,247	545,165	78,040	956,720	554,766	5,425,573
Total 1928-29.....	1,549,468	676,817	1,622,527	500,316	132,782	1,867,969	598,907	6,267,613

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 this matter, we will say that for the month of January the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 14,010 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 17,651 bales. For the six months ended Jan. 31 1931 there were 125,763 bales exported, as against 117,088 bales for the six months ending Jan. 31 1930

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:

Mar. 6 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coastwise.	
Galveston.....	3,700	3,300	4,200	11,000	1,500	23,700
New Orleans.....	3,670	1,516	2,505	20,435	100	28,226
Savannah.....	—	—	500	—	300	800
Charleston.....	—	—	—	—	250	250
Mobile.....	1,351	—	—	11,419	266	13,036
Norfolk.....	—	—	—	—	—	89,044
Other ports *..	3,000	2,500	4,500	38,000	1,000	49,000
Total 1931.....	11,721	7,316	11,705	80,854	3,416	115,012
Total 1930.....	16,593	12,478	11,530	63,287	4,100	107,988
Total 1929.....	28,238	13,330	11,120	75,115	6,979	134,782

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been rather more active, and at one time prices advanced, but latterly they have receded under liquidation, and what was taken to be heavy selling by the co-operatives, coincident with a dubious outlook apparently for a sufficient reduction in the acreage. On Feb. 28 prices closed moderately higher after an early decline, with the cables from Liverpool, Alexandria, and Bombay all lower. Egyptian in Alexandria declined 95 to 110 points, Bombay 5 to 6 rupees, and Liverpool was irregular. Indian politics were apparently deadlocked. But later came a rally, and the ending was at a net advance of some 5 to 10 points. Contracts were not plentiful. The weather at the South was too rainy, especially in Southern Texas. Austin, Texas, wired that

Central Texas was having entirely too much rain, that it was too wet for any kind of farm work. Nueces County reported delay in planting, and that some early planted cotton had poor stands. Galveston wired that the indications pointed to a wet spring, which means a late start for the crop; that the valley is getting a very late start, and that it is too wet all over the coast country for breaking land. The textile industry was looking up. There was a good demand for spots, but nothing out for sale.

On the 2nd inst. prices advanced at first on strong cables from all over the world. Liverpool, Alexandria, and Bombay were all higher, largely because of a report that political peace in India was likely to be declared this week. But later the advance was lost, and a net decline followed of some 3 to 7 points, owing to a weaker technical position, a decline in stocks, and scattered liquidation.

On the 3rd inst. prices ended barely steady at a small advance on most months, though March was down a point. Cables were higher, and peace was reported near in India. Alexandria sakels advanced 12 to 24 points. In Liverpool, Bombay was buying. The talk was that the Indian boycott was about to be lifted. Manchester was more active. Worth Street reported advances on some goods of 1/2 to 1/2c. Some 83% of the cotton industry in the United States, it was stated, would conform to the recommendation that night work by women and minors be discontinued. This is said to represent over 26,000,000 spindles, including 75% of those in night running mills. The Association of Cotton Textile Merchants issued a bullish comment on the market. Fertilizer sales for seven months ending Feb. 28 were stated at 970,775 tons against 1,571,743 tons during the same time last season and 1,224,319 two years ago. Rains fell in the belt where they are not wanted. Frost was indicated for the Rio Grande Valley. The South, as a whole, wants dry, warm weather to push field work. It is believed that weevil survival will be large.

On the 4th inst. prices advanced a dozen points on the news that political peace had been declared in India and reports that the Indian boycott had been lifted. Silver was higher. The trade, Japanese, the co-operatives, and spot firms bought. Spot markets were higher, with noticeably larger sales at the South than on the same date last year. But the tone was not aggressive here. Speculation was quiet except when Wall Street and Liverpool sold freely of July. Worth Street reported a better business. In one day the sales were 200,000 pieces of print cloths. Manchester reported that a good business was pending there with India and China. But Liverpool was sluggish. Since last Friday it had imported 24,474 bales, a total thus far this season of 88,000 bales, and later this will be substantially increased. This caused some selling. Stocks were irregular.

On the 5th inst. prices declined 10 points or less, with foreign markets lower and the co-operatives reported heavy sellers of March, May and October. This was offset in a measure by good buying of May attributed to Bombay. Japanese also bought. The trade bought. Shorts covered. At Alexandria sakels fell 45 to 52 points, and in Liverpool at one time 18 American points, though there was a rally there later. Manchester seemed a bit doubtful whether the Indian boycott had been entirely dropped. Chairman Legge was reported as expressing doubt whether the acreage would be reduced enough, adding that without sufficient reduction prices would fall greatly. Another Farm Board official estimated the next carryover at 8,700,000 bales against 6,187,000 last July, adding that more cotton exists than can be sold.

To-day prices declined 16 to 17 points, with Alexandria down 40 to 50 points, Liverpool none too steady, and other foreign markets more or less depressed. The resignation of Chairman Legge had some effect. And the aftermath of his prediction that the acreage will not be reduced enough was not without its effect. Stocks moreover were lower. And the technical position seemed to be a little weaker. There was no aggressive speculation. The outside public does not come in. On advances there is no follow-through demand. Worth Street was somewhat less active after the recent sharp demand, but prices were firm. Japanese and co-operatives are said to have bought to some extent. But the offerings were evidently larger. One firm had reports that the average reduction in the acreage in the belt would be 8 1/2%. That was a wet blanket. It is true that the same report estimated the reduction in fertilizers as averaging 37%. But bearish factors outweighed everything else for the moment, and the closing was barely steady, generally at the lowest of the day. Final prices show a decline for the week of 5 to 10 points, the latter on March. Spot cotton dropped 20 points to-day to 11.05c. for middling. This shows a net decline for the week of 10 points.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS:

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Mar. 6 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1931.....11.05c.	1923.....30.05c.	1915.....8.65c.	1907.....11.35c.
1930.....14.50c.	1922.....18.85c.	1914.....13.00c.	1906.....11.20c.
1929.....20.70c.	1921.....11.25c.	1913.....12.70c.	1905.....7.85c.
1928.....18.70c.	1920.....40.00c.	1912.....10.35c.	1904.....16.25c.
1927.....14.50c.	1919.....26.15c.	1911.....14.40c.	1903.....10.10c.
1926.....19.75c.	1918.....33.60c.	1910.....14.75c.	1902.....9.12c.
1925.....25.35c.	1917.....18.05c.	1909.....9.85c.	1901.....9.91c.
1924.....29.95c.	1916.....11.55c.	1908.....11.55c.	1900.....8.81c.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table with 6 columns: Date (Feb. 28 to Fri. 11.05) and Middling upland prices (11.20 to 11.05).

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table with columns for Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contr't, Total) for days from Saturday to Friday.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures price ranges for various months from March to February, with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Feb. 26 1931 and since trading began on each option:

Table with columns for Option for, Range for Week, and Range Since Beginning of Option, listing various months and years.

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.

Large table showing visible supply of cotton with columns for Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Stock at Manchester, Total Great Britain, and various other categories like Indian cotton, American cotton, etc.

Table with columns for East Indian, Brazil, &c., Liverpool stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, Indian afloat for Europe, Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat, Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, Stock in Bombay, India, Total East India, &c., Total American, and Total visible supply.

Continental imports for past week have been 148,000 bales. The above figures for 1931 show a decrease from last week of 138,518 bales, a gain of 2,106,810 bales over 1929, an increase of 2,778,917 bales over 1928, and a gain of 3,215,523 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 period of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Table showing movement to Mar. 6 1931 and movement to Mar. 7 1930 for various towns, with columns for Receipts, Shipments, and Stocks.

Total, 56 towns 51,583 4,388,703 106,961 1461836 63,779 5,603,233 96,161 1256075

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma. The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 52,846 bales and are to-night 205,761 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 12,196 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Table showing overland movement for Mar. 6 and 1930-31, with columns for Week, Since Aug. 1, and 1929-30.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 26,119 bales, against 10,295 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 46,210 bales.

Table showing in sight and spinners' takings with columns for Week, Since Aug. 1, and 1929-30, including receipts at ports to March 6 and net overland to March 6.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table showing movement into sight in previous years with columns for Week, Bales, and Since Aug. 1.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.

Table of closing quotations for middling cotton on various days of the week (Saturday to Friday) for different locations like Galveston, New Orleans, etc.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.

Table of New Orleans contract market data including dates from March to December and corresponding bid/ask prices.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that fairly good rains have fallen during the week in most sections of the cotton belt.

Table of weather reports including Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer readings for various locations like Galveston, Texas, and Memphis.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the point named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing river heights at various points (New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc.) for March 6 and 7, 1931.

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.

Large table showing receipts from plantations with columns for Week Ended, Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, and Receipts from Plantations for years 1930 and 1929.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1930 are 8,690,052 bales; in 1929-30 were 8,417,401 bales, and in 1928-29 were 8,669,701 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 of Cotton Takings, Week and Season, comparing 1930-1931 and 1929-1930 with columns for Week and Season.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,515,000 bales in 1930-31 and 3,260,000 bales in 1929-30.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Table of India Cotton Movement from all ports, showing receipts at Bombay and exports from various regions like Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, and Total.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 39,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 12,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 195,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table of Alexandria Receipts and Shipments, including Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales) for 1930-31, 1929-30, and 1928-29.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Mar. 4 were 180,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 18,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report, received by cable to-night from Manchester, states that the market in both yarns and in cloths is steady. Orders are coming in more freely from Levant. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table of Manchester Market prices for various cotton grades (32s Cop, 8 1/4 Lbs, etc.) for years 1930 and 1929.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 189,694 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Table of Shipping News showing destinations like Galveston, Michigan, To Ghent, To Rotterdam, To Japan, etc., with dates and bale counts.

GALVESTON—		Bales.
To China—Feb. 26—Kofuku Maru, 991	Feb. 28—Lindenbank, 295	1,352
To Bremen—Feb. 27—Muenster, 2,306	Feb. 28—West Tacook, 5,164	14,631
To Barcelona—Feb. 27—Lafcoma, 1,316		1,316
To Liverpool—Feb. 28—Minnie de Larrinaga, 1,504		1,504
To Manchester—Feb. 28—Minnie de Larrinaga, 2,244		2,244
To Dunkirk—Feb. 28—Vasaholm, 715; Michigan, 394		1,109
To Marseilles—Feb. 27—Chester Valley, 759		759
To Genoa—Feb. 27—Chester Valley, 1,125		1,125
To Oslo—Feb. 28—Vasaholm, 178		178
To Gothenburg—Feb. 28—Vasaholm, 450		450
To Copenhagen—Feb. 28—Vasaholm, 477		477
To India—Feb. 28—Silver Elm, 3,451		3,451
To Venice—Mar. 3—Terrestea, 1,693		1,693
To Trieste—Mar. 3—Terrestea, 1,100		1,100
To Fiume—Feb. 28—Terrestea, 100		100
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Feb. 25—Architect, 4,734		8,545
Feb. 27—Barbadian, 3,811		
To Manchester—Feb. 25—Architect, 243	Feb. 27—Barbadian, 300	543
To Japan—Feb. 25—Lindenbank, 1,200	Feb. 26—Rio de Janeiro, 1,780	6,063
Feb. 27—Steelmaker, 3,083		
To China—Feb. 25—Lindenbank, 1,175	Feb. 26—Rio de Janeiro, 500	2,225
Feb. 27—Steelmaker, 550		
To Bremen—Feb. 26—Ingram, 1,715	Feb. 28—Bayou Chico, 5,453	7,168
To Hamburg—Feb. 26—Ingram, 413	Feb. 28—Bayou Chico, 124	537
To Mexico—Feb. 27—Alegria, 200	Baja California, 2,400	2,600
To Laguayra—Feb. 28—Austangan, 165		165
To Bogota—Feb. 28—Iriana, 200		200
To Lapaz—Feb. 28—Iriana, 100		100
To Havre—Feb. 28—City of Omaha, 2,400	Mar. 2—Missouri, 525	2,925
To Dunkirk—Mar. 2—Missouri, 1,200		1,200
To Antwerp—Mar. 2—Missouri, 500		500
To Ghent—Feb. 28—City of Omaha, 50		50
To Rotterdam—Feb. 28—City of Omaha, 2,061		2,061
NORFOLK—To Bremen—Feb. 28—West Harcuvar, 3,324		3,324
To Liverpool—Mar. 6—Artigas, 250		250
To Antwerp—Mar. 2—Ala, 14		14
To Manchester—Mar. 6—Artigas, 1,440		1,440
PENSACOLA—To Manchester—Feb. 27—Architect, 223		223
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Japan—Feb. 27—Effna, 3,142		3,142
To Bremen—Mar. 5—August Leonhardt, 175		175
To China—Feb. 27—Effna, 174		174
To Havre—Feb. 28—Oakman, 966		966
To Dunkirk—Feb. 28—Oakman, 75		75
To Ghent—Feb. 28—Oakman, 550		550
HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Feb. 25—Minnie de Larrinaga, 541		541
To Manchester—Feb. 25—Minnie de Larrinaga, 1,104		1,104
To Havre—Feb. 26—Michigan, 4,877	Feb. 28—Nashaba, 4,672	9,549
To Dunkirk—Feb. 25—Vasaholm, 982	Feb. 26—Michigan, 756	1,838
Feb. 28—Nashaba, 100		
To Ghent—Feb. 26—Michigan, 401	Feb. 28—Nashaba, 953	1,354
To Oslo—Feb. 25—Vasaholm, 272		272
To Copenhagen—Feb. 25—Vasaholm, 100		100
To Norrkoping—Feb. 25—Nasaholm, 500		500
To Aalborg—Feb. 25—Vasaholm, 400		400
To Stockholm—Feb. 25—Vasaholm, 144		144
To Abo—Feb. 25—Vasaholm, 50		50
To Vejle—Feb. 25—Vasaholm, 29		29
To Gothenburg—Feb. 25—Vasaholm, 600		600
To Marseilles—Feb. 28—Chester Valley, 68		68
To Genoa—Feb. 28—Chester Valley, 2,310		2,310
To Venice—Feb. 28—Terrestea, 1,862		1,862
To Trieste—Feb. 28—Terrestea, 200		200
To Fiume—Feb. 28—Terrestea, 100		100
To Bremen—Feb. 27—Neidenfels, 6,830	Feb. 28—Ingram, 6,251	23,699
Mar. 4—Western Queen, 10,618		
To Rotterdam—Feb. 28—Nashaba, 633	Mar. 5—Edam, 1,484	2,117
To Japan—Feb. 28—Asuka Maru, 2,245	Rio de Janeiro, 3,750	14,579
Mar. 3—Effna, 2,932	Mar. 5—Argun Maru, 5,652	1,759
To Barcelona—Feb. 28—Lafcoma, 1,759		1,759
To China—Mar. 3—Effna, 110	Mar. 5—Argun Maru, 450	560
To Genoa—Feb. 28—Express, 100		100
To Havre—Mar. 4—Vincent, 10		10
SAN FRANCISCO—To Great Britain—Feb. 28—(?) , 200		200
To Germany—Feb. 28—(?) , 185		185
To Japan—Feb. 28—(?) , 3,157		3,157
To China—Feb. 28—(?) , 3,099		3,099
MOBILE—To Liverpool—Feb. 25—Barbadian, 582		582
To Manchester—Feb. 25—Barbadian, 338		338
CHARLESTON—To Bremen—March 3—Saccarappa, 4,000		4,000
To Hamburg—March 3—Saccarappa, 32		32
LOS ANGELES—To Liverpool—Feb. 27—Fresno Star, 50		50
28—Musician, 190		190
To Manchester—Feb. 28—Pacific President, 50	Mar. 2—Vancouver City, 167	217
To Bremen—Feb. 27—Vancouver, 915	Witell, 1,000	1,915
To Japan—Feb. 27—Bokuyo Maru, 5,140	Golden Dragon, 2,950	11,620
Feb. 28—Golden Mountain, 1,750	Tsuyama Maru, 2,250	1,850
Mar. 2—Asama Maru, 950	President Polk, 1,430	
To China—Mar. 2—Asama Maru, 1,500	President Polk, 350	1,250
To India—Feb. 27—Bokuyo Maru, 100	Feb. 28—Tsuyama Maru, 500	125
Mar. 2—President Polk, 650		650
BEAUMONT—To Havre—Mar. 4—West Moreland, 125		125
TEXAS CITY—To Liverpool—Feb. 27—Minnie de Larrinaga, 690		690
To Manchester—Feb. 27—Minnie de Larrinaga, 35		35
To Havre—Feb. 26—Nashaba, 440		440
To Ghent—Feb. 26—Nashaba, 100		100
To Bremen—Mar. 3—Neidenfels, 738		738
To India—Feb. 28—Silverden, 660		660

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COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Stand. ard.		High Density.	Stand. ard.		High Density.	Stand. ard.
Liverpool	.45c.	.60c.	Stockholm	.60c.	.75c.	Shanghai	.45c.	.60c.
Manchester	.45c.	.60c.	Trieste	.50c.	.65c.	Bombay	.40c.	.55c.
Antwerp	.45c.	.60c.	Fiume	.50c.	.65c.	Bremen	.45c.	.60c.
Havre	.31c.	.46c.	Lisbon	.45c.	.60c.	Hamburg	.45c.	.60c.
Rotterdam	.45c.	.60c.	Oporto	.60c.	.75c.	Piraeus	.75c.	.90c.
Genoa	.50c.	.65c.	Barcelona	.48c.	.55c.	Salonica	.75c.	.90c.
Oslo	.50c.	.65c.	Japan	.40c.	.55c.	Venice	.50c.	.65c.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Feb. 13.	Feb. 20.	Feb. 27.	Mar. 6.
Sales of the week	18,000	25,000	40,000	34,000
Of which American	7,000	14,000	17,000	17,000
Sales for export	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Forwarded	29,000	40,000	41,000	53,000
Total stocks	893,000	888,000	873,000	912,000
Of which American	493,000	192,000	481,000	465,000
Total imports	37,000	29,000	42,000	86,000
Of which American	11,000	18,000	9,000	2,000
Amount afloat	116,000	117,000	133,000	170,000
Of which American	41,000	33,000	46,000	63,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Moderate demand.	Good inquiry.	A fair business doing.	Good inquiry.	A fair business doing.	A fair business doing.
Mid. Up'lds	6.02d.	6.15d.	6.15d.	6.15d.	6.18d.	6.09d.
Sales	4,000	6,000	6,000	7,000	7,000	6,000
Futures Market opened	Quiet, unch'd to 1 pt. dec.	Quiet but st'd'y, 5 to 8 pts. adv.	St'd'y, 1 pt. dec. to 1 pt. advance.	St'd'y, unch'd to 1 pt. advance.	Quiet, 3 to 5 pts. advance.	Easy 10 to 12pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.	Irregular, 3 pts. dec. to 2 pts. adv.	Quiet, 8 to 11 pts. advance.	Quiet but st'd'y, 2 pts. adv. to 2 pts. dec.	Quiet, unch'd to 1 pt. dec.	Quiet, 4 to 5 pts. advance.	Quiet, 8 to 9 pts. decline.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Feb. 28 to March 6.	Sat.		Mon.		Tues.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12.15	12.30	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00	12.15	4.00
New Contract	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
March	5.88	6.00	5.99	6.00	6.01	6.00	6.03	6.05	6.03	6.05	5.94	5.99
April	5.93	6.04	6.03	6.03	6.04	6.03	6.03	6.06	6.08	6.09	6.01	6.03
May	5.93	6.09	6.08	6.07	6.08	6.07	6.07	6.09	6.11	6.10	6.01	6.03
June	6.03	6.13	6.12	6.11	6.12	6.12	6.11	6.13	6.16	6.05	6.07	6.07
July	6.08	6.18	6.17	6.16	6.17	6.17	6.16	6.18	6.21	6.10	6.12	6.12
August	6.12	6.22	6.21	6.20	6.21	6.20	6.21	6.22	6.25	6.14	6.16	6.16
September	6.15	6.25	6.24	6.23	6.23	6.24	6.23	6.25	6.28	6.17	6.19	6.19
October	6.19	6.29	6.28	6.27	6.27	6.28	6.27	6.29	6.32	6.21	6.23	6.23
November	6.23	6.33	6.32	6.30	6.30	6.31	6.30	6.32	6.35	6.25	6.27	6.27
December	6.27	6.37	6.35	6.34	6.34	6.35	6.34	6.37	6.39	6.29	6.31	6.31
January (1932)	6.30	6.40	6.39	6.37	6.37	6.38	6.37	6.40	6.42	6.32	6.34	6.34
February	6.34	6.44	6.43	6.41	6.41	6.42	6.41	6.44	6.46	6.36	6.37	6.37
March	6.38	6.48	6.47	6.45	6.45	6.46	6.45	6.48	6.50	6.39	6.41	6.41

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Mar. 6 1931.

Flour was steady but quiet. Feeds were weak. Feed prices declined on the 5th inst. 35 to 50c., after a rise on the 4th inst. of 50 to 75c. Domestic flour trade was slow. Export business was reported light. Exports from New York were 24,000 barrels, and from Boston 1,000.

Wheat has declined, especially on July, with export trade slow, Argentine and Australian offers large and cheap, and the weather more favorable. On Feb. 28 prices ended some 1 to 1½c. lower on beneficial rains in the Southwest, export sales reported of 1,000,000 bushels, and unfavorable crop reports came from France. The Farm Board of this country was said to be offering wheat for export as far ahead as September. The stock market was lower. The Australian visible supply was said to be 96,000,000 bushels. According to gossip in the wheat trade, cash interests that transferred hedges from nearby futures into the July positions several weeks ago, when May and July were selling around the same price, have been changing back into the May, as they were unable to find buyers for the grain, and, in turn, have bought the July. To some extent this class of spreading has tended to check the declines in the new crop futures, and further selling of May and buying of July is to be expected. Kansas City wired: "The Farm Board will sell wheat to mills on a basis comparable with the price at which wheat is being sold for export, the wheat being given to mills at the set price, and when proof is furnished that the flour has been exported the Board will debate the difference between the domestic and the export price of wheat."

On the 2nd inst. prices declined ¼ to 1c., with farm reserves large and beneficial rains in the Southwest. The farm reserves estimates averaged 143,000,000 bushels against 130,000,000 the Government total a year ago and 151,000,000 in 1929. Crop reports were good. March deliveries were 4,300,000 bushels, or about what were expected. The United States visible supply was 196,000,000 bushels, an increase of 932,000 in a week. On the 3rd inst. New York trade in bonded wheat on the basis of Buffalo delivery was begun, with public exercised and speeches by the President of the New York Produce Exchange and others. The first trade was in May at 61½c. Prices advanced here close to 1c., closing with May at 62½c. and July at 64c. Chicago ended unchanged to ¾c. higher, after opening rather weak. Liverpool closed ½ to 1½d. lower, owing to lower offerings of Australian, Argentine and Manitoba wheat. The American Farm Board was said to have sold to Antwerp some No. 1 hard winter on the basis of 12c. a bushel under May f.o.b. Gulf. On the 4th inst. prices ended about ½c. net higher after frequent fluctuations. The cables were not at all stimulating. But Winnipeg rallied and pulled Chicago with it. Liverpool cabled that there was a pressure of Australian wheat with some cargoes offered at a net decline of 2½c. a bushel. Manitoba offerings were a little firmer, but the export trade generally in North American wheat was not at all encouraging.

On the 5th inst. prices ended ½ to ¾c. lower, with poor cables, lower Argentine and Australian offers, and Russia pressing wheat and barley on Western Europe. It is also said to have sold 130,000 tons of rye, or nearly 5,000,000 bushels, to Rotterdam, at something like 35½c. c.i.f. Chairman Legge expressed the conviction that the reduction in wheat acreage in this country would not be large enough. The weather at the Southwest was good. The Central West had some snow. Washington wired, Mar. 5: "Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimates that on Feb. 1 the United States, Canada, Argentina and Australia had 757,000,000

bushels of wheat remaining for export and for carryover compared with 688,000,000 on the same date last year." Chicago wired: "Storage space at terminal markets is a scarce commodity. Duluth reports 2,800,000 bushels room left; Chicago and Kansas City are crowded. The March deliveries will intensify its situation."

To-day prices closed unchanged to 1/2c. lower. Winnipeg was unchanged to 1/8c. off. Trading was moderate. Beneficial snows fell in the winter and spring wheat belts. Cables were poor. Export sales were only 500,000 to 600,000 of Manitoba. There was little or nothing done in domestic wheat for export. Liverpool was unchanged to 1/2d. higher. Buenos Aires was 1/4c. lower at the Chicago close. Farm Board agencies, it was supposed, were selling wheat to millers for the export trade in flour at the same prices that they were offering wheat at in Europe. The Farm Board is not selling wheat in Europe on credit. There was some selling of wheat against buying of corn. The Stabilization Corp. loaded out about 250,000 bushels from Chicago, but it is added that a leading cash house sold about the same amount to go to store. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1/2 to 1 1/4c. on May and July, with March practically unchanged.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
July	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
October	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	91 1/2	89 3/4	89 3/4	89 3/4	89 3/4	89 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 3/4	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
May	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
July (new)	64 1/2	63 3/4	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	63 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	59 1/2	58 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
July	60 3/4	60	60 3/4	60 3/4	60 3/4	60 3/4
October	63 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2

Indian corn advanced with a somewhat better cash demand and a disposition among some operators to buy corn and sell wheat. Offerings of late have been small. Farm reserves are 400,000,000 bushels smaller than a year ago. On Feb. 28 March declined 1 1/2c. net under liquidation, while other months closed 1/4c. lower to 1/4c. higher. Yet one estimate of the farm reserves was 646,000,000 bushels against nearly 1,000,000,000 a year ago. On the 2nd inst. prices declined 1/4 to 1/2c., with a poor cash demand and some March liquidation. The average estimate of farm reserves was 742,000 bushels against 987,000 a year ago and 1,022,000 in 1929. The United States visible supply is 18,961,000 bushels, an increase in a week of 931,000.

On the 3rd inst. prices ended 1/2 to 3/4c. higher despite very favorable crop reports from the Argentine. The feeding demand in this country was better and the cables were stronger. On the 4th inst. prices closed 3/8 to 1 1/4c. higher with a wet forecast, a better shipping demand, and covering of shorts. On the 5th inst. some were buying corn and selling wheat. The country offerings were small. Receipts were light. Cash trade was better. Moreover, while the weather was good on the 5th inst. the forecast was not favorable. Nebraska points were offering corn to the Pacific Coast instead of Chicago, as coast prices were better. To-day prices ended 1/4c. lower to 1/4c. higher, after firmness early in the day on snows and colder temperatures. They might mean delayed movement of the crop and a sharper cash demand for feeding. Cash corn was comparatively firm. But Eastern demand was distinctly below expectations. The decline in wheat had some effect. Profit taking was a feature. So was professional selling. The average estimate of farm reserves is 739,000,000 bushels against 986,000,000 a year ago. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1 to 1 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	78 1/2	77 1/2	78	78 1/2	79 1/2	78 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March	60	59 1/2	60	61 1/2	62	62 1/2
May	63 3/4	62 1/2	63 3/4	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
July (new)	65 1/2	65 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2

Oats have sold at the lowest prices for the season, with supplies ample to say the least and trade slow. On Feb. 28 prices ended 3/8c. lower to 1/2c. higher without interesting features. On the 2nd inst. prices declined 5/8c. The farm reserves estimate was 488,000,000 bushels against 396,000,000 a year ago and 497,000,000 in 1929. The United States visible supply is 21,229,000 bushels against a decrease of 662,000 in a week. March liquidation was a feature. On the 3rd inst. prices ended 1/8c. lower to 3/8c. higher, after moderate trading. On the 4th inst. prices closed 1/8c. lower to 1/4c. higher in a featureless market. On the 5th inst. prices ended unchanged to 1/8c. lower, in the main, acting steady in response to the firmness of corn. Winnipeg wired, Mar. 5: "Shipments of oats are increasing from country; May oats are losing their premium over May barley, and are also freely offered at July oats prices this a. m. Look for receipts of oats to continue to increase." To-day prices ended unchanged to 1/4c. higher. There was no pressure to sell cash oats, and the steadiness of corn helped oats. Final prices were unchanged to 1c. lower for the week, the latter on March. Other options were practically unchanged.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white	43-43 1/2	42 1/2-43	42 1/2-43	42 1/2-43	42 1/2-43	42 1/2-43

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March	30 1/4	29 3/4	29 3/4	29 3/4	29 1/2	29 3/4
May	32 1/4	31 3/4	32 1/4	32 1/4	32	32 1/4
July (new)	32 1/4	31 3/4	32 1/4	32 1/4	32 1/4	32 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4	30
July	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 1/2	30 1/2
October	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 3/4	30 3/4	30 1/2	30 1/2

Rye has declined, with trade dull, supplies liberal, and no sign of an export business. On Feb. 28 prices ended 5/8c. lower, with other grain weak. On the 2nd inst. prices declined 7/8 to 1 1/4c. under the influence of the decline in other grain. The United States visible supply is 13,501,000 bushels, a decrease of 357,000 from last week. On the 3rd inst. prices ended 3/4 to 1c. higher, in response to the rise in wheat. On the 4th inst. prices closed 1/2c. higher, with wheat rising. On the 5th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/4c. lower, in sympathy with the depression in wheat. To-day prices ended 5/8 to 7/8c. lower, with cash demand poor and liquidation larger, owing to the reaction in wheat. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 1/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March	37 3/4	36 3/4	37 3/4	38	38	37 3/4
May	40 1/2	40	40 1/2	41 1/2	41	40 1/2
July	42	41 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York—		Oats, New York—	
No. 2 red, f.o.b., new	89 1/2	No. 2 white	42 1/2 @ 43
Manitoba No. 1, f.o.b. N. Y.	71 1/2	No. 3 white	40 @ 40 1/2
Corn, New York—		Rye—No. 2, f.o.b. New York	45 1/2
No. 2 yellow, all rail	78 3/4	Chicago, No. 1	Barley—
No. 3 yellow, all rail	76 3/4	No. 2 c.i.f. New York, dom.	56 3/4
		Chicago, cash	37 @ 61
		FLOUR.	
Spring pat. high protein	\$4.90 @ \$5.75	Rye flour, patents	\$3.75 @ \$4.10
Spring patents	4.50 @ 4.80	Seminola, med., No. 3	2 1/2 @ 2 3/4
Cleats, first spring	4.40 @ 4.70	Oats goods	\$2.05 @ 2.10
Soft winter straights	4.00 @ 4.40	Corn flour	1.95 @ 2.00
Hard winter straights	4.25 @ 4.40	Barley goods	
Hard winter patents	4.40 @ 4.70	Coarse	3.25
Hard winter clears	4.00 @ 4.25	Fancy pearl, No. 1,	
Fancy Minn. patents	6.30 @ 6.80	2, 3 and 4	6.15 @ 6.50
City mills	6.55 @ 7.25		

For other tables usually given here, see page 1746.

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED MARCH 3.—

The week brought a reaction to much cooler weather in the Southwest, while temperatures were considerably lower than in recent weeks rather generally from the Rocky Mountains eastward, although abnormally warm weather persisted in the interior Northern States. Precipitation was rather frequent in the South, and several light to moderate showers occurred in the Atlantic Coast States.

The table on page 3 shows that the temperature for the week averaged near normal from the Ohio River southward, except that the weekly means were 2 deg. to 4 deg. below normal in more southern sections, and that rather large minus departures appear in the west Gulf area. In the northern half of the country the weekly means were again above normal, and decidedly so from the Lake region and western Ohio Valley westward to the Rocky Mountains where the plus departures ranged mostly from about 6 deg. to as much as 18 deg. Moderately warm weather for the season prevailed west of the Rocky Mountains. In the East freezing temperatures were reported as far south as Atlanta, Ga., and Birmingham, Ala., and in the west to Dallas, Tex., but no unusually low temperatures occurred. The lowest in the Ohio Valley ranged mostly from 22 deg. to 26 deg.; in the central trans-Mississippi States from 20 deg. to 25 deg., and in the northern Plains from 8 deg. to 20 deg. above zero. The lowest temperature reported for the week at first-order stations was zero at Northfield, Vt., on March 3.

The table shows also that substantial to rather heavy rains occurred generally from the Potomac and Ohio Rivers southward to Florida and the Gulf; also in much of the west Gulf area and along the north Pacific coast. Some generous amounts were reported in central Rocky Mountain sections, mostly in the form of snow. Elsewhere precipitation was light, with many stations in the central and northern portions of the country reporting inappreciable amounts for the week.

Moderate rainfall in the Atlantic States from Virginia southward, in West Virginia, and the southern portions of the Ohio Valley were highly beneficial in improving soil moisture conditions in those areas, but the amounts were mostly negligible in the northern Ohio and upper Mississippi Valleys and in the north Atlantic area. There was considerable interruption to field work by frequent rains during the week in much of the South, especially in eastern Texas, the lower Mississippi Valley, and Florida, but elsewhere mild temperatures and mostly fair weather favored outside operations and good progress in spring work was reported. In midwestern sections seeding oats is well along as far north as southeastern Kansas, and some were put in during the week in the Ohio Valley north of the river. Some corn was planted locally in east Gulf sections, while cotton planting was started in extreme southern Texas.

Spring crops made good growth in the South, except for some retardation by the cool weather in the west Gulf area. Vegetation continues abnormally advanced throughout the central and southern portions of the country, with early fruit trees blooming freely as far north as central South Carolina and farther west to central Arkansas.

With the close of winter and the beginning of the first spring month, the soil-moisture situation varies widely in different sections of the country. In an area comprising the lower Mississippi Valley from Arkansas and western Tennessee southward the soil is abundantly supplied; recent rains have retarded farm work, though growing crops have generally made good progress. Likewise, in the eastern two-thirds of Texas the soil is too wet for field operations, but in the central Plains States and the extreme lower Missouri Valley, including Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska, there is ample moisture for present needs and all growing crops are doing well. In the Ohio Valley most sections have sufficient top-soil moisture for the present, though a general rain would be helpful; in this area the sub-soil continues very dry, with moisture extending in most places to a depth of only 6 or 8 inches.

West Virginia and Virginia were materially benefited by recent showers, and additional moisture has been helpful in the south Atlantic area. Heavy rains are still needed rather generally from the central Mississippi Valley eastward to the Atlantic Ocean, especially in the upper Ohio Valley where there are again complaints of water shortage in some sections. The lack of water is becoming more serious also in the upper Mississippi Valley, especially in Iowa where marked deficiencies in precipitation persist. Recent snows have improved the situation in the Rocky Mountain area, while west of the mountains present conditions are mostly satisfactory, especially in Pacific coast sections.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures moderate; rainfall moderate to heavy, except in southwest where light. Winter grains mostly in good condition, and soil in good condition in most sections. Plowing and planting spring crops made good progress. Farm work well in hand. Surface moisture adequate for farm crops and stream-flow slightly improved. Sub-soil dry and wells continue to fall in many interior localities.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Temperatures about normal; week mostly fair; rainfall light in interior of north. Favorable for outdoor activities and farm work well up. Considerable truck planted. Small grains fairly good. Soil needs more moisture.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Winter wheat, oats, and rye rather small, but generally healthy. Tobacco beds and spring oat germination improved. Potato, spring cabbage, and garden planting general. Plums, peaches, and pears blooming freely in central and south. Temperatures reasonable. Rather copious showers in two periods facilitated plowing, which is well advanced.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Ample rainfall at beginning and close of week, with frosty weather middle portion. Almost all farmers ready to begin sowing of staple crops, and some corn planted. In south. Planting potatoes, truck, and spring oats and bedding sweet potatoes made good progress. Pastures greening nicely. Winter cereals and tobacco in beds doing well. Agricultural conditions mostly very favorable at present.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Work advanced in north and central fore part and midweek. Planting corn continued in central and corn, melons, and truck in north and west. Tobacco did well. Strawberries improved, but cool nights unfavorable for best growth of truck and melons. Damaging rains Sunday night and Monday doubtless flooded lowlands in south and locally in central; excessive rains locally unfavorable in north. Soil too wet to work for several days. Twenty-four-hour totals of 2 to 3 inches Monday.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures averaged somewhat above normal; freezing in north portion at close. Fair Thursday; showers frequent remainder of week and general and locally heavy on two days. Farm work interrupted. Cotton and corn lands being prepared. Progress and condition of oats good; sowing nearly finished. Potatoes planted in many places. Winter vegetables doing well and pastures improving. Peach, plum, and pear trees blooming in south and locally in central. Satsuma orange trees progressing slowly.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Frequent, light to moderate precipitation and mostly abnormally heavy with heavy frost in north and central Tuesday morning. Farming activities practically stationary, but seasonal advancement to date probably two weeks beyond average.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: First half of week fair, but general rains latter half and ground too cold and wet for plowing and planting; little spring planting to date, but considerable ground ready. Warm weather now needed. Young cane generally up, but making slow growth. Winter vegetables doing fine. Grazing ample. Fruit trees blooming freely. Strawberries advancing satisfactorily, with rains beneficial.

Texas.—Houston: Cold, with frost to lower coast on last day; precipitation light to heavy, with snow or sleet in northern half at close of week. Progress and condition of pastures, wheat, and oats good to excellent, and of truck and citrus fair to good. Corn and potato planting progressing in southwest; weather unfavorable for germination and the little corn that was up was probably set back by frost. Probably some damage to fruit trees. Soil too wet to work in much of central and east. Cotton planting started in extreme south. Strawberries ripening slowly. Weather unfavorable for livestock, but no losses reported.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Temperatures moderate, except rather hard freeze at close of week; effect on fruit not yet known. Light to moderate precipitation and snow in northwest; soil moisture good. Satisfactory advance of field work. Seeding oats nearly finished and coming up to good stands. Progress and condition of wheat generally good to excellent. Native pastures greening rapidly.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Soil too wet to work, except in northwest portion, due to several rainy days and deficient sunshine. Fruit blooming in southern and most central portions; ready to bloom in north. Gardens growing rapidly in nearly all portions. No damage by freezing temperatures in some localities. Wheat, oats, rye, meadows, pastures, and winter truck excellent. Potatoes, onions, and gardens making excellent progress. Stock on pastures doing well.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Fair, growing weather resulted in good progress of wheat, oats, rye, and barley. Considerable clover seeding. Stock in fair condition. Spring plowing about completed in many sections.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Moderate temperatures; good showers. Grains and grass growing slowly; held back by night freezes. Most tobacco plant beds sown. Considerable seeding of clover and oats; spring plowing and garden preparations far advanced. Soil moist 6 to 12 inches deep. Fruit buds safe.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Mar. 6 1931.

Expanded activity in textiles appears to be well sustained in most divisions, with cotton goods the outstanding recipients of improved business. Producers have introduced a slightly higher scale of values with a good measure of success, with more optimistic estimates of the future giving rise to the forecast that a further broadening, and, at some points, heightening, of the upward tendency is in prospect. The manifestly less cautious disposition of buyers in general, illustrated particularly in their willingness to contract ahead for fabrics such as gray goods, which must be ordered in advance to ensure prompt delivery when needed, is attributable in some measure to the more or less prevailing tendency of mills to hold out for higher prices. The confidence thus instilled in buyers goes hand in hand with the shrunken supplies they have been carrying on their shelves, to stimulate an enlargement of their commitments. Unduly postponed buying of wash fabrics for spring is now being reflected in rush orders which are resulting in corresponding rush operations. Denims, pillow cases, sheets, and flannels are moving out of mills more freely. Printed silks continue in good demand, though prices remain a source of dissatisfaction, due to intense competition. However, it is hoped that some improvement will be in order in that direction in the not distant future, as sellers realize that the buying movement is more than a flash in the pan which would disappear if advances were made. Rayons continue to be taken in substantial volume, with all-rayon crepes a feature. Dress goods and coatings for women are the best sellers in the woolsens and worsteds division. Expectations that the extremely low level of prices in the primary markets will find important reflection in retail offerings are brighter than ever, in view of reports from retail centers telling of the competition for business among retailers, who are said to be committed to the policy of doing everything in their power to stimulate public purchasing power. The question as to how long current improved textile business will be maintained is inextricably bound up with that of when general recovery of the business structure from depression is to be expected. Unemployment, and the conditions in drouth-affected parts of the country, remain an unsolved problem thus far. But even should evidence of a general uptrend in industrial and commercial activity throughout the nation be delayed for many months, as is quite conceivable, it is also quite possible

that declines in textile values have bridged the decrease in the country's purchasing power to an extent sufficient to ensure substantially better comparisons in the industry during 1931 with the conditions that existed last year.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The announcement by the Cotton Textile Institute of the success of its campaign for signatures within the trade to the proposition that night shifts employing women and minors should be done away with, portending, as it is understood to do, the gradual discontinuance of night shifts altogether, is regarded as of the most favorable significance. Regulation of production over an extensive period and in an intensive way has brought visibly improved internal conditions into cotton goods markets since the beginning of the depression, when heavy accumulations of stocks in primary channels precipitated the progressive decline in values which has only just shown signs of being checked. It had been the determination of producers to continue to curtail output for some time to come, but it was manifestly impossible to judge how long such a policy would continue to retain general observance, when the increased current demand appeared and tempted them to adopt the day and night operating schedules which would ensure them better profits. Now, however, with the prospect of reducing night shifts to a minimum, the fear that the subsidence of the present activity would find the industry again accumulating stocks to a degree that prevented the maintenance of the recently stabilized price basis, is much less of a bugbear. Until the abolition of night shifts is really beginning to be seen generally, however, as (it is a process which necessarily will take some time) it is believed that mills will continue to limit their outputs. The trade's reception of the news was generally favorable, and a firmer undertone in a number of cotton goods divisions followed, notably in gray cloths. Notwithstanding the fact that gray goods manufacturers are the principal resisters of the new plan, it is said that most of them are already sifting the women and minors from their night shifts. In the early days of the week cotton goods activity continued to be of comparative excellence, and the slight slackening registered in the past two days is, it is believed, temporary. Excessive curtailment of supplies in distributing, cutting, and retail channels is, of course, at the root of the activity, and buyers need goods badly enough to accede to advances without quibbling. Print cloths were bid up $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ c., with corporation printers heavy buyers, an extra $\frac{1}{2}$ c. was paid on drills and wide sheetings for mechanical uses, tickings appreciated $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per yard, an upward tendency is cited in towelings. Blankets are firmer, and a 5% upward revision is slated for Mar. 15. At the same time the more spectacular activity in unfinished lines is not obscuring the fact that improvement is under way in finished goods. A better volume of business in printed wash fabrics during the past two months, in comparison with the corresponding period in 1930, gives promise of developing into the best selling movement in many months, during March. Sheets and pillow cases are changing hands more freely, and some mills are reported to be booked ahead for as much as two months. Fine goods, notably combed descriptions of lawns, voiles, and broadcloth are up $\frac{1}{4}$ c., with scattered sold-up conditions also in evidence in some quarters. Other combed cottons and broadcloths are said to be showing sympathetic trends, both in price and volume. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's constructions are quoted at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—With stocks low enough to result in scarcities in a number of wanted lines, a good demand continues to be felt in primary woolsens and worsteds markets, centering in light colored suitings and women's wear coatings. Mills making the suitings in point are said to be sold ahead for two or three weeks. The satisfactory culmination of the labor troubles at Lawrence, Mass., is regarded as settling such sources of interference with production for the present season. Prospects of sustained stability in raw wool, envisaged as a result of the present upward tendency, notably in foreign markets, are another favorable influence. Fall lines in men's wear staple suitings and overcoatings will not be opened until around Mar. 15, or later, judging by the present disposition of those that will offer them, who do not think buyers are yet ready to do more than just look at such offerings at present. It is expected that reductions on high-priced suitings will range between 10c. and 15c. per yard.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—A satisfactory volume of piece goods for late spring and summer has recently moved out of sellers' hands in linen markets. Buyers who took considerable lots of men's suitings and knicker cloths are reported to be of the opinion that more men's linen garments will be turned out of manufacturers' hands in the next few months than in any similar period in the past 12 years. Household linens are quiet, and importers are centering their attention in suitings and dress goods. Barlaps have been quiet, with a slightly easier tendency, reflecting holiday quietude and lack of business in Calcutta. Light weights are quoted at 4.30c., and heavies at 5.80c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN FEBRUARY.

State and municipal long-term financing during the month of February, as a result of the flotation of several large issues of bonds, was on a much heavier scale than was the case in January when the aggregate of sales was the smallest for any January since 1919. According to our records, the disposals of permanent municipal obligations during February reached \$119,972,022, which compares with \$50,478,407 for the preceding month and with \$81,558,516 in February 1930. As already stated, a number of sizeable loans were negotiated during the past month, chief of which was the award at public sale of \$27,325,000 4% bonds of Chicago, Ill. The city also disposed of \$3,000,000 5% water revenue certificates, due from 1940 to 1949 incl., bringing its total contribution to the aggregate of permanent financing during the month to \$30,325,000. The State of Louisiana also appeared in the long-term bond market in February, having sold an issue of \$15,000,000 of its obligations, while a similar amount of obligations was disposed of by Philadelphia, Pa. There were 18 municipal awards of \$1,000,000 or over during the month, each of which is individually referred to in the tabulation immediately following these remarks. In January only 12 sales of \$1,000,000 or over were made, the largest of which were for \$5,639,000 and \$5,000,000, respectively.

An important decision concerning special assessment financing by counties in Ohio was handed down by the Supreme Court of that State during February in the case of Bowman vs. the Commissioners of Allen County. The Court held "that a county has no right to levy against the entire tax duplicate any deficiency that may arise after special assessment bonds have been sold." The decision was given in respect to bonds issued by Allen County for water system and sewer improvement purposes only, and, it is stated, affects the status of between \$30,000,000 and \$50,000,000 of such securities issued by municipalities in Ohio. Considerable information regarding this decision and of the steps being taken to obtain reconsideration of the case was given in the Feb. 21 and 28 issues of the "Chronicle," p. 1455 and 1661.

Changes in the present method of advertising and issuing long-term New York City bonds are to be made as a result of a conference held recently between City Comptroller Charles W. Berry and officials of the Merchants Association of New York. The Downing-Steingut bill now pending in the State Legislature (for text, see "Chronicle" of Feb. 14, p. 1258), which proposes a reduction in the time limit of advertising offerings of city bonds, will contain an amendment sponsored by the Association, and, in addition, it is expected that hereafter in soliciting bids for the purchase of city bonds the rate of interest the loan will bear is to be left to the discretion of the bidder, instead of being fixed by the city. The proposed changes are discussed at length in a statement issued by the Merchants Association, published in full in the "Chronicle" of Feb. 28, p. 1661. Incidentally, the city of New York received bids on March 4 for the purchase of \$100,000,000 4 1/4% bonds, the award of which is described on page 1848 of this section.

In the following we give a description of all of the bond awards of \$1,000,000 or over that occurred during February:

- 30,325,000 Chicago, Ill., bonds, of which \$27,325,000 4s, comprising 12 issues, due serially from 1933 to 1950 incl., were awarded at public sale on Feb. 11 to a syndicate managed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Chicago, at 96.658, a basis of about 4.57%. The remaining \$3,000,000, consisted of that amount of 5% water revenue certificates, of which \$1,500,000, due from 1945 to 1949 incl., was purchased by A. C. Allyn & Co., of Chicago, at 99.625, a basis of about 5.03%, and the \$1,500,000, due from 1940 to 1944 incl., was purchased by a group formed by the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, at 99.50, a basis of about 5.08%.
- 15,000,000 Louisiana (State of) 4 1/2% highway bonds, due from 1934 to 1955 incl., awarded on Feb. 11 to a group headed by Harris, Forbes & Co., of New York, at 100.11, a basis of about 4.49%.
- 15,000,000 Philadelphia, Pa., bonds, consisting of \$7,757,000 4s and \$7,243,000 4 1/4s, all due Feb. 27 1931, optional, however, Feb. 27 1951, awarded on Feb. 27 to a group supervised by the National City Co., of New York, at a price of 100.01, the net interest cost of the financing to the city being about 4.12%.
- 4,800,000 Jersey City, N. J., 3 1/2% tax revenue bonds purchased on Feb. 10 by a group headed by the International Manhattan Co., Inc., of New York, at 100.10, a basis of about 3.45%. The bonds mature Aug. 1 1934.
- 3,500,000 Knoxville, Tenn., 5% bonds, comprising two issues, purchased at private sale at a price of par by Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., of Toledo.
- 3,000,000 Pittsburgh S. D., Pa., 4 1/4% school building construction bonds, due from 1932 to 1961 incl., purchased on Feb. 17 by a syndicate managed by Roosevelt & Son, of New York, at 103.828, a basis of about 3.89%.
- 3,000,000 Hudson River Regulating District, N. Y., 4 1/2% reservoir construction bonds, due from 1932 to 1971 incl., awarded on Feb. 18 to a group managed by the Guaranty Co. of New York, at 100.641, a basis of about 4.44%.

- 2,975,000 San Francisco (City and County of), Calif., 4 1/2% bonds, comprising two issues, due serially from 1932 to 1953 incl., purchased on Feb. 16 by a group formed by the First National Bank, of New York, at a price of 102.859, a basis of about 4.18%.
- 2,185,000 New Haven, Conn., purchased on Feb. 26 as 4 1/4% by Eldredge & Co., of Boston, at a price of 103.491, a basis of about 3.82%. Thirteen issues were included in the sale, maturities of which range from 1932 to 1961 incl.
- 1,518,000 Albany Port District, N. Y., 4 1/4% bonds, due \$33,000 annually from 1936 to 1981 incl., purchased on Feb. 5 by Eldredge & Co., of New York, at a price of 101.77, a basis of about 4.13%.
- 1,250,000 Mississippi (State of) 4 1/4% securities awarded on Feb. 10 to a group managed by C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago as follows: \$750,000 renewal certificates of indebtedness, due Feb. 14 1931, sold at a price of 100.32, a basis of about 4.58%; \$500,000 State bonds, due March 1 1946, optional, however, at any time after five years, sold at a price of 100.58, a basis of about 4.63%.
- 1,200,000 Fort Worth, Tex., bonds, awarded on Feb. 3 to a group managed by Eldredge & Co., of New York. Two issues of 4 1/2% street and airport bonds, due from 1936 to 1971 incl., sold at a price of 101.72, a basis of about 4.38%. An issue of \$500,000 4 1/4% water dept. revenue bonds, due from 1936 to 1960 incl., was sold at 101.25, a basis of about 4.64%.
- 1,000,000 Anne Arundel Co., Md., 4 1/4% school bonds, due serially from 1930 to 1960 incl., awarded on Feb. 11 to a syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp., of New York, at 104.653, a basis of about 4.12%.
- 1,000,000 Delaware Co., Pa., 4% public improvement bonds, due from 1932 to 1961 incl., awarded on Feb. 17 to M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, at 101.12, a basis of about 3.89%.
- 1,000,000 Kansas City, Mo., 5% water works revenue notes, due from 1931 to 1933 incl., sold as follows: \$500,000 to the Boatmen's National Co., of St. Louis, and \$500,000 to Eldredge & Co. of New York.
- 1,000,000 Louisville, Ky., 4% school bonds, due Jan. 1 1970, awarded on Feb. 20 to a group headed by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, at 101.559, a basis of about 3.92%.
- 1,000,000 Seattle, Wash., coupon water extension bonds (1929, series WX-3) awarded on Feb. 27 as 4 1/4% to a syndicate managed by Eldredge & Co., of New York, at 97.769, a basis of about 4.68%. The bonds mature \$50,000 annually from 1942 to 1961 incl.

Continued ease in the market for short-term securities resulted in the disposition during February of a total of no less than \$137,560,500 of loans maturing in or about one year. New York City, of course, accounted for the greater part of that total, having contributed \$107,500,000 to the figure. The remaining \$30,060,500 in temporary borrowing was undertaken by 60 municipalities, the majority of which are situated in the New England States.

Long-term bonds sold during February by municipalities in the Dominion of Canada amounted to \$17,673,211. In this total, however, we do not include an issue of \$3,000,000 Province of Saskatchewan 3 1/2% notes, due Feb. 16 1932, which was sold at 99.51, a basis of about 4.00% at private sale to a syndicate headed by the Dominion Securities Corp., of Toronto. The Province of British Columbia obtained a loan of \$5,000,000 during the month, having sold that amount of 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds, due Feb. 15 1936, to a group formed by Dillon, Read & Co., of New York, at a price of 98.40, a basis of about 4.51%. (V. 132, p. 1464). The City of Toronto, Ont., effected the sale of eight issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$4,836,000, maturing serially from 1932 to 1961 incl. Award was made to a syndicate managed by the First National Bank, of New York, at a price of 99.17, the net interest cost of the financing to the city being about 4.579%. (V. 132, p. 1669). The city of London, Ont., disposed of 14 issues of 4 1/2% and 5% bonds aggregating \$1,354,300, due serially from 1931 to 1950 incl., to a group headed by A. E. Ames & Co. of Toronto, at a price of 101.025, a basis of about 4.78%. (V. 132, p. 1669). An issue of \$1,300,000, St. John, N. B., 4 1/2% general hospital construction bonds, due Jan. 2 1971, was awarded on Feb. 20 to a group managed by Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto, at 96.537, a basis of about 4.70% (V. 132, p. 1669). Four issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$1,176,441, offered on Feb. 12 by the city of Ottawa, Ont., were awarded to the Dominion Securities Corp., of Toronto, at 99.238, a basis of about 4.62% (V. 132, p. 1465).

About \$4,300,000 of the total of long-term Canadian municipal bonds sold during February are reported to have been placed to date in the United States.

No financing during February was undertaken by any of the United States Possessions.

Below we furnish a comparison of all various forms of obligations sold in February during the last five years:

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
February—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Perm't loans (U. S.)	119,972,022	81,558,516	69,901,723	133,823,923	77,130,229
*Temp. loans (U. S.)	137,560,500	71,422,000	70,719,000	111,730,500	115,195,000
Can. loans (temp.)	3,000,000	2,500,000	-----	-----	-----
Can. loans (perm't):					
Placed in Canada	13,373,211	10,814,963	4,570,828	2,659,000	3,707,385
Placed in U. S.---	4,300,000	6,000,000	1,750,000	4,500,000	-----
Bds. of U. S. Poss'ns	None	None	1,175,000	-----	-----
Total	278,205,733	172,295,479	148,116,551	252,713,423	196,032,614

* Includes temporary securities issued by New York City: \$107,500,000 in February 1931, \$42,630,000 in February 1930, \$57,095,000 in February 1929, \$98,660,500 in February 1928, \$108,050,000 in February 1927, and \$9,500,000 in February 1926.

The number of municipalities in the United States emitting long-term bonds and the number of separate issues made during February 1931 were 247, and 375, respectively. This

contrasts with 223 and 305 for January 1931 and 287 and 415 for February 1930.

For comparative purposes we add the following table showing the output of long-term issues in this country for February and the two months for a series of years:

Table with columns: Year, Month of February, For the Two Months, Amount, Price, Basis. Rows include years from 1931 to 1912.

In the following table we give a list of February 1931 loans in the amount of \$00,000,000, issued by 000 municipalities. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page in the "Chronicle" where accounts of the sale are given:

Main table of financial data with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Contains numerous entries for various municipalities and states.

Continuation of the main table of financial data, containing entries for various municipalities and states, including Grand Rapids & Paris, Greenburgh, N.Y., and many others.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
1462	Pueblo Pub. Water Works District No. 2, Colo.	4 1/2	1940-1955	470,000	100.60	4.44
1462	Reading, Ohio	4 1/2	1932-1941	7,500	100.60	4.62
1667	Richland Co. School Dist. No. 1, S. C.	4 1/2	1935-1958	300,000	100.16	4.49
1462	Rigolette School District No. 11, La.	5 1/2	1932-1956	75,000	100.15	5.73
1667	Roberts County, Tex.	5	1933-1941	150,000	100	5.00
1266	Saginaw, Mich.	4	1932-1936	20,000	100.02	3.99
1266	Saltaire, N. Y.	4 1/2	1931-1945	35,000	100.31	4.45
1462	San Francisco (city and county), Calif. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1932-1953	2,975,000	102.85	4.18
1266	Santa Barbara, Calif.	5	1932-1939	75,000	100.11	4.15
1266	Santa Barbara, Calif.	4	1939-1951	125,000	100.11	4.15
1077	Schuykill Haven S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1940-1958	82,000	103.75	4.19
1463	Scappoose, Ore.	4 1/2	1932-1945	50,000	103.41	3.95
1463	Scottdale, Pa.	4 1/2	1932-1945	135,000	103.41	3.95
1849	Seatttle, Wash.	4 1/2	1942-1961	1,000,000	97.76	4.68
1463	Shady Side Village School District, Ohio	5 1/2	1932-1951	170,000	100.05	5.49
1077	Shaker Heights O. (3 iss.)	4 1/2	1932-1941	140,595	100.02	4.24
1667	Somis S. D., Calif.	5	1932-1942	16,000	103.06	4.55
1668	South Russell, Ohio	5 1/2	1932-1941	4,571	100	5.50
1668	Springfield S. D., Vt.	4 1/2	1932-1951	420,000	98.90	4.39
1267	Stamwood Con. S. D., Ia.	4 1/2	1943-1946	10,000	-----	-----
1668	State College S. D., Pa.	5	1936-1961	411,000	-----	-----
1267	Sunnyville Irrig. Dist., Ia.	4 1/2	1932-1943	6,500	-----	-----
1668	Tama County, Iowa	4 1/2	1932-1943	736,000	100.86	4.14
1267	Tampa, Fla. (4 issues)	5	1960	173,000	100	5.00
1463	Taunton, Mass.	4	1931-1939	27,000	101.34	3.69
1668	Thurston County School Dist. No. 307, Wash.	5 1/2	1932-1936	45,000	100	5.50
1850	Toledo, Ohio (6 issues)	4	1932-1936	814,999	100.09	3.98
1850	Toledo, Ohio	4 1/2	1932-1936	85,945	100.20	4.19
1668	Trafford S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1936-1951	30,000	105.27	3.94
1850	Trenton, Neb.	4 1/2	20 years	25,000	-----	-----
1463	Tuscarawa Township Rural School Dist., Ohio	4 1/2	1932-1943	35,000	-----	-----
1463	Union City, N. J.	4 1/2	1932-1945	136,000	100.73	4.64
1463	Union Co., Tenn.	5 1/2	10 years	80,000	101.12	-----
1267	Utica, N. Y.	4 1/2	10 years	5,000	100.11	4.49
1668	Vernon Par. Sub. Road Dist. No. 1, La.	6	1932-1971	50,000	101	-----
1668	Waco, Tex. (5 issues)	4 1/2	1932-1971	305,000	100.53	4.46
1668	Washington Twp. S. D., Ohio	4 1/2	1932-1953	639,560	100.85	4.40
1463	Watertown, Mass.	4	1932-1951	205,000	103.44	3.58
1463	Wauwatosa, Wis.	4 1/2	1932-1951	200,000	103.12	4.12
1850	Washington Co., Tenn.	5	25 years	500,000	100.33	4.98
1077	Wayne Co., Ind.	4	1932-1947	220,000	101.85	3.81
1463	Wellesley, Mass. (2 iss.)	4	1932-1946	120,000	103.06	3.54
1668	Wells S. D., Minn.	4 1/2	20 years	120,000	100	4.25
1464	Wellington S. D., Colo.	4 1/2	1937-1951	728,000	101	4.64
1851	Wernersville, Pa.	4 1/2	1932-1961	65,000	103.75	3.95
1464	Westhope, N. Dak. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1932-1951	23,000	-----	-----
1668	West Sayville, S. D., N. Y.	4 1/2	1932-1951	60,000	100.23	4.37
1267	White Plains, N. Y. (9 issues)	3.90	1933-1954	976,000	100.21	3.86
1851	Whitley County, Ind.	4 1/2	1932-1942	8,240	103.14	3.98
1668	Wichita, Kan.	4 1/2	1932-1941	213,104	101.03	4.04
1668	Wichita, Kan.	4 1/2	1932-1951	208,117	101.83	4.04
1668	Wichita, Kan.	4 1/2	1932-1941	730,000	100.25	3.95
1668	William Twp., Pa.	4 1/2	1961	35,000	101.26	4.18
1668	Williamson Co., Tenn.	4 1/2	1936-1961	350,000	100.41	4.72
1464	Wilkinsburg S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1961	150,000	101.87	3.89
1464	Wilmington, Del.	4 1/2	1936-1941	200,000	101.78	3.97
1464	Winnabago, Neb.	5	5-20 yrs.	410,000	100	5.00
1669	Zanesville, Ohio	4 1/2	1932-1951	100,000	100.98	4.14
Total bond sales for February (247 municipalities covering 375 separate issues) ----- \$119,972,022						

d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later year. k Not including \$137,560,500 temporary loans. r Refunding bonds.

The following items included in our totals for previous months should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for these eliminations may be found.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
1455	Big Creek S. D., W. Va. (Jan.)	-----	-----	175,000	-----	-----
1261	Dover, Ohio (Dec.)	-----	-----	18,350	-----	-----
1451	Dover, Ohio (Dec.)	-----	-----	7,800	-----	-----

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
1259	Baldwinsville, N. Y.	4 1/2	1932-1936	10,000	100	4.75
1455	Baltimore, Md. (2 iss. April 1930)	4	1934-1963	1,142,000	100	4.00
1455	Big Creek S. D., W. Va.	5	1932-1951	150,000	100	5.00
1455	Binghamton, N. Y. (Dec. 1930)	4 1/2	1931	39,900	100	4.25
1071	Crooksville, Ohio (2 iss. Dec. 1930)	5	1932-1956	43,000	100.37	4.95
1261	Dearborn Twp., Mich.	6	1932-1936	13,000	-----	-----
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (2 iss. June 1930)	4	1947-1953	224,000	100	4.00
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (July)	4 1/2	1930-1935	30,000	100	4.50
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (6 iss. Sept. 1930)	4 1/2	1931-1955	333,500	100	4.50
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (Feb. 1930)	4 1/2	1931-1955	35,000	100	4.50
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (June 1930)	4 1/2	Sept. 1931	40,000	100	4.50
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (5 iss. March 1930)	4 1/2	1931-1950	441,000	100	4.50
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (4 iss. April 1930)	4 1/2	1931-1950	254,000	100	4.50
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (4 iss. June 1930)	4 1/2	1931-1950	775,000	100	4.25
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (5 iss. June 1930)	4 1/2	1931-1955	310,000	100	4.25
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (4 iss. May 1930)	4 1/2	1931-1950	128,100	100	4.25
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (5 iss. July 1930)	4 1/2	1931-1955	145,000	100	4.25
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (2 iss. Aug. 1930)	4 1/2	1931-1945	100,000	100	4.25
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (5 iss. Sept. 1930)	4 1/2	1931-1950	290,000	100	4.25
1456	Cincinnati, Ohio (Dec. 1930)	4	1932-1946	325,000	100	4.00
1457	East Bangor, Pa. (Dec. 1930)	5	-----	10,000	100	5.00
1664	Irving, Tex.	6	-----	20,000	-----	-----
1460	Newark, N. J. (Jan 1930)	4 1/2	-----	100,000	100	4.25
1462	Pawtucket, R. I. (4 iss. March 1930)	4 1/2	1931-1045	190,000	100	4.50
1462	Pawtucket, R. I. (Jan. 1930)	4	1957	25,000	100	4.00
1462	Pawtucket, R. I. (3 iss. June 1930)	4 1/2	1935-1955	635,000	100	4.50
1462	Sabine, Ohio	4 1/2	1932-1939	8,000	-----	-----
1463	Saybrook Rural S. D., Ohio (Nov. 1930)	4 1/2	1932-1945	55,000	100	4.50
1463	Tyndall, S. Dak.	6	1932-1940	23,500	100	6.00

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for January 1931. These additional January 1931 issues will make the

total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$50,478,407.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN FEB.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
1669	Belleville, Ont.	5	1931-1960	27,000	101.42	4.86
1662	Berthelville, Que.	5	1932-1962	85,000	100	-----
1078	Bouchette Twp., Que.	5 1/2	1931-1951	12,500	100	5.50
1464	Brantford, Ont.	4 1/2	1941-1069	426,000	95.83	4.81
1268	British Columbia, Prov. of (Vancouver and Districts Joint Sewerage & Drainage Board)	4 1/2	1970	600,000	94.77	4.80
1464	Brit. Columbia, Prov. of	4 1/2	1936	5,000,000	98.40	4.51
1669	Burnaby, Dist., B. C.	5	1941-1961	342,466	100.29	4.98
1664	Hanover, Ont.	5	20-30 yrs.	59,367	100.41	4.96
1669	Harwich Twp., Ont.	5 1/2	10 inst.	27,004	102.70	4.95
1268	Kitchener, Ont.	5	1932-1951	330,000	101.43	4.84
1669	London, Ont. (11 iss.)	5	1931-1950	974,300	101.02	4.78
1669	London, Ont. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1931-1949	244,000	101.02	4.78
1669	London, Ont.	5	1931-1940	136,000	101.02	4.78
1268	Mimico, Ont.	5 1/2	5-20 yrs.	191,500	101.27	4.82
1465	Ottawa, Ont. (4 iss.)	4 1/2	1931-1960	1,176,441	99.23	4.62
1669	St. Johns, N. B.	4 1/2	1971	1,300,000	96.53	4.70
1268	Sackville, N. B.	5	40 yrs.	100,000	100.28	4.98
1465	Saskatchewan, Prov. of	3 1/2	Feb. 1932	*3000,000	-----	-----
1465	Sherbrooke, Que. (2 iss.)	5	1932-1961	532,000	101.28	4.87
1465	Simcol, Ont.	5	20 inst.	78,544	100.27	4.97
1669	Sudbury, Ont.	5	10-20 yrs.	819,319	99.55	5.08
1268	Thorold, Ont.	5	15 yrs.	147,500	99.56	5.08
1669	Toronto, Ont. (8 iss.)	4 1/2	20-30 yrs.	4,836,000	99.17	4.57
1669	Victoria, Que.	5	1932-1951	50,000	99.51	5.06
1851	Walkerton, Ont.	5	-----	63,000	-----	-----
1669	Walkerville, Ont.	5	1931-1950	40,734	100.16	4.98
1268	Wiarton, Ont.	5 1/2	20 yrs.	15,000	102.55	5.18
1669	Woodstock, Ont.	5	1932-1946	59,000	101.10	4.84
Total amount of debentures sold during February				\$17,673,211	-----	-----

* Temporary loan; not included in total for month.

NEWS ITEMS

Iowa.—Amended Income Tax Bill Passed by House.—On Feb. 20 the House of Representatives passed a State Income Tax measure by a count of 82 to 24. We quote in part as follows from the Des Moines "Register" of Feb. 21:

The lower house of the Iowa legislature Friday passed a bill providing for a graduated tax on individual incomes and a flat tax of 3% upon corporations.

The vote was 82 to 24, with two members absent because of sickness. Vote was taken at 4 p. m., after the house had waived committee meetings and other business for the day to give full consideration to the income tax question. Discussion lasted four and a half hours.

As passed, the bill differs somewhat from the proposal of the joint legislative committee on tax revision. The committee's recommendation provided for a 5% tax on all taxable income in excess of \$5,000.

The maximum rate under the bill is 5% but is applicable to taxable income in excess of \$8,000. The rate is graduated from the first \$2,000 to the seventh and eighth, where the 4% rate will apply.

Corporation Rate Provokes Debate.

There was no fight on the bill itself on the floor, but the question of fixing the rate of tax on corporations provoked much discussion and debate, many members feeling that the 3% rate is too high, and would be a handicap on industry.

The consideration by the Senate of the above described bill was definitely postponed until after the ending of the spring recess on Mar. 9.

Iowa.—Suit Brought to Enjoin \$100,000,000 Road Bond Election.—On Feb. 25 an injunction suit was instituted in the Polk County District Court at Des Moines by an Ottumwa taxpayer in behalf of all other taxpayers and motor vehicle owners to prevent the calling of the special election on June 16 on the proposed constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of \$100,000,000 in road bonds—V. 132, p. 1454—by Governor Turner and Secretary of the State Greenwalt. The petition challenges the legality, validity and constitutionality of the proposed amendment, following the opinion rendered on Jan. 23 by Attorney General Fletcher—V. 132, p. 1069—and also contains additional protests. We quote in part as follows from the Des Moines "Register" of Feb. 26:

H. H. Stipp of Des Moines will represent Governor Turner and Secretary of State G. C. Greenwalt in the suit brought here Wednesday by H. U. Mathews of Ottumwa, to enjoin the two state officials from calling the special election, June 16, for ratification of the \$100,000,000 state road bond issue constitutional amendment.

The state executive council voted Wednesday afternoon to retain Mr. Stipp and to enter into a contract with him after Attorney General John Fletcher asked to be excused from his normal duty to represent the state officials.

Amendment Challenged.

General Fletcher made his request because the Mathews petition challenges the validity, legality, and constitutionality of the constitutional amendment on all the grounds urged against it by the attorney general in his opinion to the legislature recently.

Additional arguments against the amendment, including the allegation that the estimated \$300,000 cost of the special election would work a hardship upon him, were made in Mr. Mathews' petition.

Stipp Upholds Action.

Mr. Stipp, of the law firm of Stipp, Perry, Bannister & Starzinger, was one of the seven Iowa lawyers who gave an opinion upholding the validity of the constitutional amendment in answer to General Fletcher's opinion.

Mr. Mathews, manager of the Simmer Oil Corporation, filed his suit as a taxpayer and motor vehicle owner paying motor vehicle license fees and the gasoline tax to be used in paying off the bonds and in behalf of all other similar taxpayers.

Trial Begins Next Week.

Leonard Simmer, Wapello county representative, and Strock, Sloan & Herrick, Des Moines attorneys, filed the suit on behalf of Mr. Mathews. Notice of their suit was served Wednesday afternoon on Governor Turner and Secretary Greenwalt.

Trial will be started next week in the equity division of the Polk county court before Judge John J. Halloran, presiding in that division. About 53 days will be required to get the case up to submission to the supreme court.

Submission in April.

That will bring submission in the latter part of April. Decision before June 4 will give time for sheriff's notice of the election, June 16.

The suit is brought now under the provisions of the recent act of the present general assembly providing for a challenge of any constitutional amendment before it has been submitted to voters and prescribing speed in determination of the suit through the district court and on appeal to the supreme court.

Maine.—Senate Passes \$3,000,000 Highway Bond Bill.—On Mar. 3 the State Senate passed a bill calling for an emergency issue of \$3,000,000 in highway bonds for use this year and forwarded to Governor Gardiner for his signature,

according to the Boston "Herald" of Mar. 4. It is stated that this measure is designed to permit "early spring road construction this year." The issue will form a portion of a \$15,000,000 highway and bridge bond issue authorized by the last Legislature, it is said.

Miami, Fla.—Circuit Court Ruling Validates \$853,000 Refunding Bonds.—An order was issued recently by Circuit Court Judge Paul D. Barns in a test case involving an \$853,000 issue of refunding bonds upholding the validity of the obligations and dismissing the objections of the State Attorney. It is stated that an appeal will now be taken to the Supreme Court in an effort to clear up all the legal angles of the refunding bond program—see V. 131, p. 3904, under "Florida." The following special Miami dispatch appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 27:

Circuit Judge Paul Barns has validated an issue of \$853,000 Miami refunding bonds which establishes a test case which will be appealed to the State Supreme Court in an effort to get a ruling on questions raised by bond experts. N. V. Hawthorne, state attorney, objected to the issue on the grounds that some of the original bonds had not been issued at the time the refunding bond act was passed by the legislature and that others had been voted by smaller towns, later included in the city limits.

Judge Barns ruled in favor of the petition of City Attorney J. W. Watson, Jr. The appeal now to be taken is the second resulting from legal angles of refunding bond issues, the Supreme Court recently having decided in favor of the city on the first one. All parties concerned are united in the efforts being made to have all legal tangles straightened out by Supreme Court decision so that the city can go ahead with its refunding bond plan fortified against any possible question that might later arise.

Montana.—Supreme Court Orders Future Referendums on Issuance of Debentures.—In a decision handed down on Feb. 21 the State Supreme Court ruled that Montana may not issue debentures against future gasoline tax collections without having first secured the consent of the people. The State Legislature recently passed a bill proposing to issue debentures in the amount of \$6,000,000, to be spread over a period of four years, matching Federal road aid allotments. (See V. 132, p. 884.) The decision stated that when the Legislature incurs a debt in excess of \$100,000, the law requires that consent of the people must be obtained at an election to be held for that purpose. The Montana "Record" of Feb. 23 reported on the decision as follows:

Montana may not issue debentures against future gasoline tax collections without authorization by the vote of its people, the State Supreme Court decided Saturday.

The decision renders invalid a measure passed by the legislature early in the session, by which it was proposed to issue \$6,000,000 worth of treasury debentures over a period of four years to provide State money to match Federal aid allotments for highway construction. The measure was H. B. 1.

In the opinion of E. G. Toomey, Helena attorney, who appeared in the case, brought to test the legality of the Act, the legislature, to effect its purpose, must enact a new law, incorporating the provisions of the 5-cent gasoline tax law, and submit the matter to a referendum.

The Act, says the Supreme Court, "certainly creates a liability, which includes a debt, for the State is expressly obligated not to reduce the excise taxes on motor fuels fixed by the twenty-second legislative assembly, and to cause the tax to be collected and paid to the debenture holders."

The creation of a debt or liability in excess of \$100,000, the Court says, may be accomplished by two methods. These are amendment of the Constitution or obtaining the consent of the people at an election held for that purpose.

"The creation of an obligation payable from these funds," the decision continues, "is a liability of the State. Its effect is to divert a large part of the revenues of the State into the State highway fund for a period of 10 years, which otherwise might be used to pay the public debt or to defray the general expenses of the Government."

"The people are gravely concerned as to how and the purposes for which their money is spent. They may eagerly desire to sell the proposed debentures, thereby matching the sums provided by a generous congress, to the end that our State may be afforded good roads without delay but another measure, pledging excise taxes in large amounts for some special purpose might encounter their definite disapproval."

The legislature, the Court points out, has the power to provide for a special election at which laws of this character may be voted upon.

The Court enjoins the several State officials involved from taking further steps to issue debentures under the Act.

Justice John A. Matthews dissents from the opinion of the majority of the Court, holding that the unconstitutionality of the Act is not demonstrated beyond a reasonable doubt. Justice A. H. Angstman concurs with the majority on the general finding but appends a special opinion on some points involved.

New Jersey.—Port Authority Bills Passed by Legislature and Signed by Governor.—Following a message from Governor Larson the State Legislature, acting under a suspension of rules on March 2, passed the bill authorizing the Port of New York Authority to issue bonds to pay for the construction of the Midtown-Hudson River Tunnel. Governor Larson is reported to have immediately affixed his signature to the measure, making it a law. Another provision of the newly enacted law provides for the turning over of the Holland Tunnel to the Port Authority upon the payment of the present investment. (Similar bills were passed by the New York State Legislature on Feb. 26—V. 132, p. 1661.) Another Port Authority bill also stated to have been passed and signed (S. No. 113) provides for a reserve fund to support Port Authority bonds to the amount of one-tenth of their par value.

(On Mar. 4 Governor Roosevelt signed the Knight-Dunmore bills which provide for New York State's portion of this project.)

New York City.—Basic Tax Rate Set at \$2.57 for 1931.—The formal adoption of the city tax rate was made on March 2 by the Board of Aldermen with the basic figure set at \$2.57 per \$100 of assessed valuation, an increase of four points over the 1930 rate (see V. 132, p. 1454). Owing to the cost of local improvements to be added to the bill the rate will be somewhat different in the five boroughs of the city. The rates will be as follows:

Manhattan \$2.72, an advance of 15 points; Brooklyn \$2.62, an advance of 5 points; The Bronx, \$2.61, a 4 point advance; Queens \$2.69, a 12 point advance; Richmond \$2.68, an 11 point advance.

These figures compare with the following figures for 1930 and 1929:

For 1930:	For 1929 Were:	For 1930:	For 1929 Were:
Manhattan-----\$2.70	\$2.68	Queens-----\$2.68	\$2.66
The Bronx-----2.62	2.62	Richmond-----2.73	2.66
Brooklyn-----2.65	2.66		

Texas.—Senate Committee Votes Favorably on Road Bond Bills.—At a public hearing held on Feb. 25 before the Senate Committee on Constitutional Amendments no outside opposition was forthcoming and the committee voted favorably on the Woodul-Hubbard resolution providing for an election in November on a proposal to issue \$200,000,000 in road bonds, according to an Austin dispatch to the Houston "Post" of Feb. 26 which went on to say as follows:

It was notable that Senator Archie Parr of Benavides, who opposed the bond issue vigorously in the last legislature, voted for the favorable report. Others who voted with him were Senators Walter Woodul of Houston, sponsor of the \$200,000,000 road bond proposal in the upper house; W. A. Williamson of San Antonio, J. W. Stevenson of Victoria, and Ben Oneal of Wichita Falls.

The two adverse votes were by Senators Tom DeBerry of Bogata and W. K. Hopkins of Gonzales, both of whom opposed the measure two years ago. The resolution safely out of committee, its friends feel that its passage in the senate is assured. In the house, 83 votes are now counted for it, as against about 60 at the corresponding stage of the game two years ago, when it failed of passage because three of the 101 votes for it were paired.

Representative R. M. Hubbard, house manager of the measure, said he would call a meeting of the house committee on constitutional amendments to consider it some time in the near future.

Attending the senate hearing Wednesday were R. T. Stuart of Harlingen, chairman of a statewide citizens' campaign to co-operate in promoting the bond issue; Mrs. Alex Adams of San Antonio, chairman of a women's statewide organization for the same purpose, and T. B. Warden of Houston, manager of the highway department of the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

The hearing consisted of a presentation of the road bond resolution by Senator Woodul, and answers to questions of the road bond resolution by the chief grounds on which such opposition as the proposal may meet will likely be pitched.

The members voted out was in the form of a substitute which Woodul offered for two resolutions he originally introduced. It is identical, except for a few minor differences, with the Hubbard house resolution and represents agreements of Woodul and Hubbard on several points.

In substance it provides for an election in November of this year, at which the people would decide whether to authorize the state to issue bonds not to exceed \$200,000,000, not more than \$100,000,000 of which would be used to reimburse counties for moneys they have contributed to state roads, and the rest for state highway construction. Not more than \$20,000,000 a year could be used for construction purposes.

The bond program contemplates discontinuance of county aid, which amounts to about \$10,000,000 annually. Added to current revenues, the bond proceeds would give the state about \$35,000,000 a year for construction, according to the managers. Last year \$32,000,000 was spent for construction.

West Virginia.—Legislature Passes \$10,000,000 Road Bond Re-issuance Bill.—Final action was recently taken in both branches of the State Legislature on a \$10,000,000 road bond bill which provides for the issuance of bonds in that amount to refund the bonds now maturing out of the \$50,000,000 total issue made available for road building by a constitutional amendment in 1920. The 1927 Legislature empowered the State to refund these bonds as they fell due, up to \$15,000,000. This bill had previously passed the Senate but was held up by the House in order to obtain a report from the Road Commission's investigating committee. It is stated that there was no opposition to the measure in itself but some members of the House desired to tack on an amendment to the bill which was not germane to the issue in hand and which was not adopted.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ABERDEEN, Brown County, S. Dak.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 31 a special election will be held in order to have the voters pass upon a proposal to issue \$750,000 in water supply bonds.

ADAMS TOWNSHIP, (P. O. Toledo) Lucas County, Ohio.—PRICE PAID.—William T. Gravis, Township Clerk, informs us that Blanchet, Bowman & Wood, of Toledo, paid a price of par for the purchase of the \$20,000 6% notes sold recently—V. 132, p. 1662. The issue is dated Jan. 15 1931 and matures Jan. 15 1932.

ALABAMA, State of (P. O. Montgomery).—PRICE PAID.—The issue of 4½% warrants that was purchased recently by the First National Bank of Montgomery—V. 132, p. 1662—was awarded at par. Due in 6 months.

ALTOONA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Blair County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 4% coupon school bonds offered on March 2—V. 132, p. 1455—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Philadelphia, at 100.5018, a basis of about 3.95%. The bonds are dated April 1 1931 and mature April 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1932 to 1941 incl., and \$5,000 from 1942 to 1951 incl. A. B. Leach & Co., of Philadelphia, submitted a bid of 100.0743 for the issue.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 36 (P. O. Englewood), Colo.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that a \$25,000 issue of 4% refunding bonds was jointly purchased recently by Causey, Brown & Co. and Wilcox & Co., both of Denver, at a price of 99.61. The following is a list of the unsuccessful bids for the bonds:

	Rate Bid	4%	4½%
Bidder—		4%	4½%
Heath, Larson & Co	99.17	101.17	
Bosworth, Chanute Loughridge & Co	99.19	101.04	
U. S. National Co. and the International Co	99.33	101.177	
O'Donnell-Owen & Co	99.27	100.93	
Sullivan & Co	99.29	101.08	
Boettcher-Newton & Co	99.33	101.18	

ARLINGTON, Reno County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—A \$32,000 issue of water works bonds is reported to have been purchased by the State School Fund.

ARNAUDVILLE GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 17 (P. O. Arnaudville), St. Landry Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 6% semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$200,000, offered for sale on Mar. 4—V. 132, p. 1455—were purchased at par by Mr. J. Franklin Schell, of Washington. The issues are divided as follows: \$115,000 ad valorem tax bonds. Due from Mar. 1 1934 to 1956. \$85,000 acreage tax bonds. Due from Mar. 1 1932 to 1966. No other bids were received.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$122,000 4½% coupon or registered sewer bonds was purchased on Mar. 2 by the First National Co. of Atlanta, paying a premium of \$8,602.28, equal to 107.51, a basis of about 3.75%. Dated July 1 1926. Due from July 1 1935 to 1951, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Legal approval by Storey, Thordike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

BEAUFORT, Beaufort County, S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Mar. 10, by Charles Knott, Acting City Manager, for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of water works plant purchase bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, stated in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Denoms. \$2,000, \$1,000 or \$500. Dated Mar. 1 1931. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1934, and \$1,000, 1935 to 1971 incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at some bank or trust company in New York City, to be designated by the bidder. Purchaser is to pay for the printing of the bonds and the expenses of legality. These bonds were authorized at a special

election held on Dec. 30 1930. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

BEAUFORT COUNTY (P. O. Beaufort), S. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on March 10, at the office of the Register of Deeds, by O. C. Duke, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, for the purchase of an \$85,000 issue of tax anticipation notes. Notes will bear interest at lowest rate bid, not exceeding legal rate. Due on Aug. 1 1931.

BEE COUNTY (P. O. Beeville), Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—An issue of \$126,826 6% bridge warrants is reported to have been purchased recently by the Monarch Engineering Co. of San Antonio, the contractor. Due serially over 15 years.

BELLEVILLE, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,098,000 offered on March 3—V. 132, p. 1455—were awarded as 4 1/4% to a syndicate composed of J. S. Rippel & Co., of Newark, and H. L. Allen & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., M. M. Freeman & Co., Inc., and M. F. Schlater & Co., Inc., all of New York, at 100.01, a basis of about 4.49%.

Each issue is dated Oct. 1 1930. The successful group is reoffering the bonds for general investment at prices to yield from 3.75 to 4.30%, according to maturity. The securities are said to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New Jersey and to be direct general obligations of the Town, which reports an assessed valuation for 1931 of \$33,736,306 and a net bonded debt of \$2,940,325.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported.) Table with columns for Assessed valuation, Total bonded debt, Less: Water Debt, Sinking funds, Net debt, and Population.

BEN AVON, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Peoples-Pittsburgh Trust Co., of Pittsburgh, is reported to have purchased on Feb. 10 an issue of \$12,000 4 1/2% fire apparatus purchase bonds at par plus a premium of \$431.32, equal to a price of 103.59, a basis of about 4.06%. The bonds mature Jan. 1 1941.

BERRIEN COUNTY (P. O. St. Joseph), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to the Board of County Road Commissioners will be received until 10.30 a. m. on Mar. 14 for the purchase of \$205,590 special assessment road bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1931. Rate of interest to be suggested in proposal. Interest is to be payable semi-annually in May and November. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

BEVERLY HILLS MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Beverly Hills), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that sealed bids will be received until March 10 by the District Clerk for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of public improvement bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually.

BLACK HAWK COUNTY (P. O. Waterloo), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that bids will be received until Mar. 18, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$130,000 4 1/4% primary road bonds.

(These bonds were authorized by the County Supervisors on Mar. 2.)

BLOOMFIELD, TROY, ROYAL OAK AND SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIPS FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Birmingham), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 coupon school bonds offered on March 2—V. 132, p. 1455—were awarded as 4 1/4% to the First Detroit Co., of Detroit, at par plus a premium of \$570, equal to 100.57, a basis of about 4.43%. The bonds are dated April 10 1931 and mature April 10 as follows: \$3,000 from 1932 to 1935, incl.; \$4,000, 1936; \$3,000, 1937, and \$9,000 from 1938 to 1946, incl. Bids submitted for the issue were as follows:

Bidder table for Bloomfield, Troy, Royal Oak and Southfield Townships with columns for Bidder, Int. Rate, and Premium.

BRAZORIA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 29 (P. O. Angleton), Tex.—PRICE PAID.—The \$500,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-ann. road bonds that was jointly purchased by the J. R. Phillips Investment Co. of Houston, and Garrett & Co. of Dallas—V. 132, p. 1455—was awarded at par. Due from Aug. 15 1931 to 1960, incl.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Blake Bros., of Boston, purchased on Mar. 2 a \$300,000 temporary loan at 2.03% discount. The loan matures Nov. 5 1931 and was bid for by the following:

Bidder table for Brookline with columns for Bidder and Discount.

BUFFALO, Erie County, N. Y.—BONDS APPROVED.—The finance committee of the common council of the city recently adopted a proposal providing for the issuance of \$573,039 in bonds for school building construction and equipment purposes.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-ann. veterans' welfare bonds offered for sale at public auction on Mar. 5—V. 132, p. 1260—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the National City Co. of New York, The Harris Trust & Savings Bank, the Continental Illinois Co., and the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, all of Chicago, Weeden & Co., and Heller, Bruce & Co., both of San Francisco, and the Wm. R. Staats Co., of Los Angeles, for a premium of \$166,000, equal to 104.15, a basis of about 3.85%. Dated Feb. 1 1931. Due from Feb. 1 1935 to 1952 incl.

The \$204,000 issue of 4 1/4% California State Park bonds offered for sale at the same time—V. 132, p. 1260—was purchased by the National City Co. of New York, at a price of 102.89, a basis of about 3.45%. Dated Jan. 2 1929. Due on Jan. 2 1935.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$115,000 offered on March 4—V. 132, p. 1662—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co., of Boston, at a price of 102.72, a basis of about 3.72%.

25,000 school house bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1932 to 1941, incl., and \$1,000 from 1942 to 1946, incl. In showing the maturities of this issue, the original offering notice of the city, used by us, was incorrect, in that the bonds due from 1942 to 1946, incl., were said to be due annually on Dec. 1. The bonds mature on March 1 as already shown.

Each issue is dated March 1 1931. Bids submitted for the issues were as follows:

Bidder table for Cambridge with columns for Bidder, Rate Bid, and Bid.

CANANDAIGUA, Ontario County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Feb. 26 the voters authorized the issuance of a total of \$7,000 bonds, comprising a \$12,000 equipment issue, a \$9,000 trunk sewer issue, and a \$6,000 water issue.

CANFIELD, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND ORDINANCE APPROVED.—The village council recently adopted an ordinance providing

for the issuance of \$15,735.73 5% improvement bonds, to be dated April 1 1930 and mature \$786.79 semi-annually on April and Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1941, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest to be payable at the Farmers National Bank, Canfield.

CANONSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 4 1/4% school bonds offered on March 2—V. 132, p. 1662—were awarded to A. B. Leach & Co., of Philadelphia, at par plus a premium of \$2,070, equal to 104.60, a basis of about 4.01%. The bonds are dated April 1 1931 and mature April 1 as follows: \$10,000 in 1936; \$2,000 from 1947 to 1952, incl., and \$3,000 in 1953. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder table for Canonsburg with columns for Bidder and Premium.

CAPE MAY COUNTY (P. O. Cape May C. H.), N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, bidding for \$439,000 bonds of the \$455,000 5% coupon or registered (series No. 2) general construction issue offered for sale on March 4—V. 132, p. 1260—were awarded the securities, paying \$455,622.22, equal to 103.78, a basis of about 4.49%. The bonds are dated March 1 1931 and mature March 1 as follows: \$25,000 from 1932 to 1944 incl., \$26,000 from 1945 to 1948 incl., and \$10,000 in 1949. Bids submitted at the sale were as follows:

Bidder table for Cape May County with columns for Bidder, No. of Bonds, Amount Bid for, and Amount Bid.

CARBON COUNTY (P. O. Rawlins), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of semi-ann. fair ground bonds offered for sale on Mar. 2—V. 132, p. 1456—was purchased by the First National Bank of Rawlins. Dated June 1 1931. Due from June 1 1935 to 1941.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Atlantic), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that bids will be received until March 20 by Carl L. Vedane, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$620,000 issue of annual primary road bonds.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,160,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on March 3—V. 132, p. 1260—were awarded to the Bancamerica-Blair Corp., of New York, as 3 3/4% and 4s, at par plus a premium of \$1,160, equal to 100.10, the net interest cost of the financing to the city being about 3.889%. The bonds were sold as follows:

\$660,000 City of Cincinnati University fireproof buildings bonds sold as \$660,000 4s. Due \$33,000 on Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1951, incl.

300,000 playground bonds sold as 3 3/4%. Due \$20,000 on Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1946, incl.

200,000 park, boulevard and parkway impt. bonds sold as 3 3/4%. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$14,000 from 1932 to 1936, incl., and \$13,000 from 1937 to 1946, incl.

Each issue is dated April 1 1931. The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for general investment at prices to yield from 3.00 to 3.85%, according to maturity. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland. The securities are said to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States, and constitute direct and general obligations of the City, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all the taxable property therein.

The following is an official list of the bids submitted for the issue:

Large bidder table for Cincinnati with columns for Bidder, Amount of Issue, Int. Rate, Bid, and Prem.

CHAGRIN FALLS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Gladys Foster, Village Clerk, will be received until 12 m. on March 23 (award to be made at 8 p.m.) for the purchase of \$90,000 5% public park bonds. Dated March 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1932; \$4,000, 1933; \$3,000, 1934; \$4,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$3,000, 1937; \$4,000, 1938; \$3,000, 1939; \$4,000 in 1940 and 1941; \$3,000, 1942; \$4,000, 1943; \$3,000, 1944; \$4,000 in 1945 and 1946; \$3,000, 1947; \$4,000, 1948; \$3,000, 1949; \$4,000 in 1950 and 1951;

\$3,000, 1952; \$4,000, 1953; \$3,000 in 1954, and \$4,000 in 1955 and 1956. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec.) are payable at the Chagrin Falls Banking Co., Chagrin Falls. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. These bonds were authorized at the general election in Nov. 1930 and are said to be payable from a tax levied outside of the 15 mill limitation. (Notice of the passage of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of these bonds was given in V. 132, p. 691.)

CIRCLEVILLE, Pickaway County, Ohio.—BOND ORDINANCE ADOPTED.—The city council recently passed an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$7,800 4 1/4% sanitary sewer system improvement bonds. Dated March 1 1931. One bond for \$300, others for \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1932 to 1938 incl., and \$800 in 1939. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct.) payable at the City Treasurer's office.

CLERMONT, Fayette County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,500 issue of 5% semi-ann. paving bonds offered for sale on Feb. 24—V. 132, p. 1663—was purchased by the Farmers Savings Bank of Clermont, paying a premium of \$140, equal to 101.21, a basis of about 4.78%. Dated May 1 1931. Due from May 1 1932 to 1942.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed sale on March 14 of \$1,250,000 4 1/4% coupon hospital bonds, notice and description of which was given in—V. 132, p. 1456—we have received the following:

Financial Statistics of the City, as of March 2 1931.

Bonds outstanding	\$126,764,221.51
*Street improvement notes	13,028.00
Bonds herein advertised for sale March 14 1931	1,250,000.00
Total indebtedness	\$128,027,249.51
*Street improvement bonds included in above	\$11,965,212.33
Water debt included in above	26,068,500.00
Par value of water sinking fund	1,784,251.34
Par value of all sinking funds	14,625,053.37
Valuation of taxable property December 1930	2,032,430,540.00
Population (U. S. Census, 1930), 901,482.	

*These bonds and notes are paid by special assessments levied upon property abutting on streets improved by paving, sewers, &c.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Clinton), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that bids will be received until March 16, by Walter Bockel, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$65,800 issue of refunding bonds.

COLLINGSWOOD, Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, are reported to have purchased at a price of par an issue of \$65,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1932 to 1956 incl., and \$3,000 from 1957 to 1961, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & J.) are payable at the Collingswood National Bank, Collingswood. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York.

COLUMBIA COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Scappoose), Ore.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$50,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds that was jointly purchased by Smith, Camp & Co., and the United Oregon Corp., both of Portland—V. 132, p. 1457—was awarded as 5 1/4%, at a price of 100.33, a basis of about 5.20%. Due from May 15 1933 to 1944, incl.

COUDERSPORT, Potter County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 4 1/4% (series G) coupon paying bonds offered on March 2—V. 132, p. 1071—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Philadelphia, at par plus a premium of \$1,039.63, equal to 104.158, a basis of about 4.04%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1930 and mature Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1936 to 1946, incl., and \$3,000 in 1947. The following is a list of the bids submitted for the issue:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Citizens Safe Deposit & Trust Co., Coudersport	100.00
M. M. Freeman & Co., Philadelphia	100.13
Graham, Parsons & Co., Philadelphia	103.62
R. M. Snyder & Co., Philadelphia	103.79
*E. H. Rollins & Sons, Philadelphia	104.1585
C. C. Collings & Co., Philadelphia	103.48
J. H. Holmes & Co., Pittsburgh	100.14
Prescott Lyon & Co., Pittsburgh	103.11
M. & M. Trust Co., Buffalo	102.759

*Successful bidders.

DUBOIS COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,000 4 1/4% coupon road construction bonds offered on Mar. 2—V. 132, p. 1261—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., of Indianapolis, at par plus a premium of \$668.80, equal to 103.18, a basis of about 3.92%. The bonds are dated Mar. 2 1931 and mature semi-annually as follows: \$1,050 July 15 1932; \$1,050 Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1941 incl., and \$1,050 Jan. 15 1942. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder	Premium.
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. (purchaser)	\$668.80
City Securities Corp., Indianapolis	651.00
Citizens Trust Co.	615.00
First National Bank, Jasper	611.60
Dubois County State Bank, Jasper	457.00

CRETE INTERSECTION PAVING DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Crete), Saline County, Neb.—BOND REDEMPTION.—Bonds numbered 1 to 34 (total amount \$33,500) dated March 1 1921 and optional on March 1 1931 are called for payment at the County Treasurer's office in Wilber.

CROSS COUNTY (P. O. Wynne), Ark.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by C. M. Stacy, County Judge, that the \$40,000 issue of court house and jail bonds offered on Dec. 22—V. 131, p. 4084—was not sold. They will be re-advertised later in the year.

CROWLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Ordway), Colo.—BONDS CALLED.—A call has been issued for the entire issue of \$30,000 6% school building bonds, dated April 15 1921, optional 1931 and due in 1941. These bonds are called for payment as of April 15 at the office of the County Treasurer.

CUMBERLAND, Alleghany County, Md.—\$900,000 BOND ISSUE AUTHORIZED.—Thomas W. Koon, Mayor, informs us that the State Legislature has passed a bill, which has been signed by the Governor, permitting the city to issue \$900,000 in bonds for water works improvement purposes.

BOND OFFERING.—Samuel Wertheimer, Commissioner of Finance and Revenue, will receive sealed bids until 9.30 a.m. on March 16 for the purchase of \$500,000 4 1/4% coupon water improvement bonds of 1931, "the first installment of an authorization of \$900,000 to be issued under Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1931 of the General Assembly of Maryland and authorized by ordinance No. 1259, passed upon March 2 1931." The bonds will be dated April 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due April 1 1971. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and Oct. The bonds are said to be exempt from State, county and municipal taxes. A certified check for 2 1/4% of the amount of bonds offered must accompany each proposal.

DALLAS COUNTY (P. O. Dallas), Tex.—AWARD DEFERRED.—The following is a list of the bids received on March 2, for the purchase of the \$235,000 issue of 4 1/4 or 5% viaduct warrants—V. 132, p. 1663—the award of which was postponed at that time:

Republic National Co., 100.041, plus accrued interest at 4 3/4%;	
100.863 plus accrued interest at 5%.	
H. O. Burr & Co., Dallas, 100 1/4 plus accrued interest at 5%.	
Dallas Union Trust Co. and Mercantile Securities Corp., Dallas, 100.31 and accrued interest at 5%.	
Garrett & Co., Dallas, 98.02 and accrued interest at 5%.	
Dallas Bank & Trust Co., Dallas, 100.11 and accrued interest at 4 3/4%.	

DAVISS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,820 5% coupon highway improvement bonds offered on March 2—V. 132, p. 1457—were awarded to Pfaff & Hugel of Indianapolis, at par plus a premium of \$265.25, equal to 105.50, a basis of about 3.84%. The bonds are dated Feb. 15 1931 and mature semi-annually as follows: \$241 July 15 1932; \$241 Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1941, incl., and \$241 Jan. 15 1942. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Bidder	Premium.
Pfaff & Hugel (purchasers)	\$265.25
Fletcher, Savings & Trust Co., Indianapolis	148.00
City Securities Corp., Indianapolis	237.00

DELAWARE, Delaware County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. D. King, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on April 1 for the purchase of \$32,000 6% improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000 on April 1 from 1933 to 1940, incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (April and Oct.) are payable at the depository of the Sinking Fund Commission. (Notice of the passage of the ordinance authorizing the sale of these bonds was given in V. 132, p. 524.)

DICKSON COUNTY (P. O. Charlotte), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—A \$200,000 issue of 5 1/4% coupon funding bonds has been purchased recently by Taylor, Wilson & Co., Inc., of Cincinnati. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1931. Due from April 1 1932 to 1954, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. in New York City. Legal opinion of Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago.

Financial Statement (Officially Reported Feb. 3 1931).

Real Value of taxable property (est.)	\$12,000,000.00
Assessed valuation, 1930	5,969,575.56
Total debt, including this issue	770,000.00
Less debt repayable by State Highway Com.	\$302,980.90
Less sinking fund	25,290.90
	328,271.80

Net debt	\$441,728.20
Population, 1930 U. S. Census, 18,491.	

DOLGEVILLE, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,000 coupon highway improvement bonds offered on March 3—V. 132, p. 1662—were awarded as 4 1/4% to the M. & T. Trust Co., of Buffalo, at 100.389, a basis of about 4.41%. The bonds are dated March 1 1931 and mature \$2,000 on March 1 from 1932 to 1940, incl.

DUMAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dumas), Moore County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—We are informed that at an election held on Feb. 23 the voters approved the issuance of \$150,000 in 5% school bonds by a count reported to have been 110 "for" to 1 "against." Due in 40 years.

DUTCHESS COUNTY (P. O. Poughkeepsie), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Moses Lamont, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p.m. on March 12 for the purchase of \$330,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered jail construction bonds. Dated March 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000 on March 1 from 1933 to 1954, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and Sept.) are payable at the Fallkill National Bank & Trust Co., Poughkeepsie, or, at the holder's option, at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check for \$6,000, payable to the order of the above mentioned Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished without charge to the purchaser.

Financial Statement.

The assessed valuation of the real estate and special franchises of the County of Dutchess subject to taxation as it appeared on the 1930 assessment roll is—\$116,514,073

According to the State Tax Commission figures this if 65% of actual value.

The total bonded indebtedness of the County of Dutchess as of the date of this statement and including the bonds described in the within notice is—1,689,000

Population, Census of 1930—105,462

EAST WATERLOO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Waterloo), Black Hawk County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$75,000 issue of 4 1/4% refunding bonds was jointly purchased on Feb. 16 by the Commercial National Co., and the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., both of Waterloo, paying a premium of \$1,075, equal to 101.433, a basis of about 4.13%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1931. Due as follows: \$15,000 in 1934 and \$5,000, 1935 to 1946 incl. Interest payable M. & S.

EL SAUSAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Salinas), Monterey County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered for sale on Feb. 19—V. 132, p. 1457—was purchased by the Security State Bank of Pacific Grove, for a premium of \$77, equal to 100.85, a basis of about 4.81%. Dated Feb. 19 1931. Due \$1,000 from 1932 to 1940 incl.

ERIE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Erie County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered bonds offered on Feb. 26—V. 132, p. 1072—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, and Edward Lowber Stokes & Co., both of Philadelphia, jointly, as follows:

\$300,000 (series 1931 A) school construction and improvement bonds sold at par plus a premium of \$9,759, equal to 103.25, a basis of about 3.97%. Due April 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl.; \$10,000 from 1939 to 1943 incl.; \$15,000 from 1944 to 1946 incl.; \$20,000 from 1947 to 1950 incl., and \$25,000 from 1951 to 1954 inclusive.

100,000 (series 1931) school bonds sold at par plus a premium of \$2,911, equal to 102.91, a basis of about 3.97%. Due Apr. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1936 to 1949 incl., and \$15,000 in 1950 and 1951.

Each issue is dated Apr. 1 1931. The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for general investment priced to yield 3.85% for the 1934 to 1946 maturities, and 3.90% for the bonds due from 1947 to 1954 incl. The securities are said to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Pennsylvania, and other States. The following is a list of the other bids submitted for the bonds:

Bidder	\$100,000	\$300,000
	Premium.	Premium.
C. C. Collings & Co., Philadelphia	\$2,852.23	
A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., Philadelphia	2,700.00	\$9,126.00
M. & T. Trust Co., Buffalo	2,539.00	9,237.00
Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh	2,423.30	8,139.00
W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Philadelphia	2,339.99	7,859.97
Bankers Co. of New York & Philadelphia Nat' Co.	2,239.00	7,407.00
Otis & Co. & Graham, Parsons & Co.	2,190.00	7,218.00
Stetson & Blackman, Philadelphia	1,997.00	
National City Co., New York		8,577.00

ESSEX COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to the County Treasurer will be received until 11 a. m. on Mar. 10 for the purchase at discount of a \$200,000 temporary loan, maturing Nov. 6 1931.

EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BIDS REJECTED.—Robert Topping, City Clerk, informs us that all of the bids received on March 2 for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/4% special assessment bonds aggregating \$508,350, offered for sale—V. 132, p. 1458—were rejected.

\$258,000 East Shore Sewer District No. 2 bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$12,000 in 1932; \$13,000 from 1933 to 1941, incl.; \$12,000 in 1942, and \$13,000 from 1943 to 1951, incl.

237,000 street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$23,000 in 1932; \$24,000 from 1933 to 1935, incl.; \$23,000, 1936; \$24,000 from 1937 to 1940, incl., and \$23,000 in 1941.

13,350 sewer and water curb connection bonds. One bond for \$350, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932; \$3,000 in 1933 and 1934; \$2,000 in 1935, and \$3,350 in 1936.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN OFFERING.—William E. Emerton, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on March 4 for the purchase at discount of a \$500,000 temporary loan, dated March 12 1931 and due \$300,000 on Nov. 18 1931 and \$200,000 Nov. 25 1931. Denoms. \$50,000, \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. The notes will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the First National Bank, of Boston, under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The award of the \$3,500,000 coupon or registered funding bonds of 1931 for which sealed bids were received until Feb. 27—V. 132, p. 1663—was made on March 2 to a group composed of Harris, Forbes & Co., The First National Old Colony Corp., Brown Bros., Harriman & Co., F. S. Moseley & Co., Estabrook & Co., R. L. Day & Co., Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., The Shawmut Corp. of Boston, and the Atlantic Corp. of Boston, all of the city of Boston. This group paid a price of 100.15 for the bonds as 4 1/4%, the net interest cost of the financing to the city being about 4.47%. The bonds are dated March 1 1931 and mature \$350,000 March 1 from 1932 to 1941, incl. The successful group is reoffering the securities for general investment priced to yield from 3.25 to 4.20%, according to maturity.

NOTE SALE.—The above group also purchased on March 2 an issue of \$1,000,000 six months notes. A group composed of the Guaranty Company of New York, the National City Co., Eldredge & Co., and Darby & Co., all of New York, submitted the more favorable offer of 100.409 for the

\$3,500,000 bonds as 4 1/4s, but declined to make an offer for the issue of notes, which resulted in the award of the bonds to the Harris, Forbes group.

FALLS CHURCH, Fairfax County, Va.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Feb. 25 (V. 132, p. 1073) the voters approved the proposal to issue \$125,000 in water works bonds by a count reported to have been 359 "for" to 10 "against."

FENTRESS COUNTY (P. O. Jamestown), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on March 12 by H. N. Wright, County Judge, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 6% semi-ann. warrant funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 1 1931. Due in 40 years, optional in 20 years. A certified check for 1% of the bonds, payable to the County Judge, must accompany the bid.

FORT WAYNE, Allen County, Ind.—LIST OF BIDS.—The following is a list of the bids received on Feb. 24 for the purchase of the \$500,000 4 1/4% water works improvement bonds awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago at par plus a premium of \$23,955, equal to 104.79, a basis of about 3.81% (V. 132, p. 1663):

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Lists Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Fletcher American Co., Continental Illinois Co., C. W. McNear & Co., Old National, Lincoln National and the First & Tri-State National banks.

BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The successful bidders are re-offering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 3.50% for the 1933 maturity, 3.60% for the 1934 and 1935 maturities, and 3.70% for the bonds due from 1936 to 1957 incl. The securities are said to be legal investment for savings banks in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States, and eligible, in the opinion of the bankers, as security for Postal Savings Deposits.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported.) Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Assessed valuation for taxation, Total debt, Less water debt, Net debt.

POPULATION, 1930 census, 114,946; population, 1920 census, 86,549.

FREDERICK, Frederick County, Md.—PETITION FOR BOND ISSUE.—City officials have applied to the State Legislature for authority to issue not more than \$225,000 in bonds for water supply purposes.

GARBER, Garfield County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Chas. N. Budsall, City Clerk, until March 18, for the purchase of a \$27,000 issue of natural gas system bonds. Due in from three to 12 years. (These bonds were voted at an election on Feb. 25.)

GEORGETOWN COUNTY (P. O. Georgetown), S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 issue of coupon funding bonds offered for sale on Mar. 3—V. 132, p. 1663—was purchased by the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati, as 5 1/4s, paying a premium of \$575, equal to 100.76, a basis of about 5.18%. Dated Mar. 1 1931. Due from Mar. 1 1936 to 1956, incl.

The following is an official list of the other bids received (all for 5 1/4s):

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Lists Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Peoples State Bank of South Carolina, Walter, Woody & Heimerdinger, and the S. C. National Bank.

GEORGIA, State of (P. O. Augusta).—NOTE SALE.—A \$3,500,000 issue of school notes was purchased recently by the First National Bank of Atlanta, at 3 1/4%, according to the Atlanta "Constitution" of Mar. 3 which reported in part as follows:

"Governor Hardman Monday delivered to the First National Bank of Atlanta, notes of the State of Georgia which make available \$3,500,000 for the school teachers of the State during 1931.

"The First National Bank," Robert F. Maddox, Chairman of the Executive Committee, who represented the bank in the negotiations with the Governor, said, "was very glad to co-operate with the State by purchasing these notes. The rate of interest, 3 1/4%, at which Governor Hardman was able to make this loan, was, I believe, lower than the interest obtained on any previous sale of such notes."

GOTHENBURG, Dawson County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of paving bonds, aggregating \$29,700, are reported to have been purchased by the Omaha National Co. of Omaha. The issues are as follows: \$18,500 paving district No. 1 and \$11,200 intersection paving bonds.

GRAYSON COUNTY (P. O. Sherman), Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$474,000 issue of road bonds is reported to have been purchased on Feb. 21 by Hall and Hall, of Temple for a premium of \$800, equal to 100.1687.

GREATER GREENVILLE SEWER DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville) Greenville County, S. C.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on Mar. 17 in order to pass on the proposed issuance of \$220,000 in bonds divided as follows: \$135,000 Augusta Road Section, and \$85,000 Northgate Section bonds.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,300 4 1/4% coupon Wright Township gravel road construction bonds offered on Feb. 24 (V. 132, p. 1262) were awarded to the Inland National Corp. of Indianapolis at par plus a premium of \$277.22, equal to 103.34, a basis of about 3.83%. The bonds are dated Feb. 15 1931 and mature as follows: \$415, July 15 1932; \$415, Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1941, incl., and \$415 Jan. 15 1942. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Premium. Lists Inland National Corp., Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., Pfaff & Hugel, Indianapolis, City Securities Corp., Indianapolis.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Catskill), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$136,000 coupon or registered highway and bridge bonds offered on Feb. 27—V. 132, p. 1663—were awarded as 4.10s to B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York, at par plus a premium of \$1,631.86, equal to 101.199, a basis of about 4.03%. The bonds are dated March 1 1931 and mature \$34,000 on March 1 from 1935 to 1938, incl. The following is a list of the bids submitted for the issue:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, and Premium. Lists B. J. Van Ingen & Co., M. M. Freeman & Co., Inc., Farson, Son & Co., A. C. Allyn & Co., M. & T. Trust Co., Stephens & Co., H. L. Allen & Co., George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., and Roosevelt & Son.

Assessed Valuations: Real Property, Special Franchise, Personal.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Total Assessed Valuation, Debt, Total Bonded Debt, including this issue, Population.

GREEN LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Green Lake), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Mar. 31, by Chas. W. Hitchcock, Chairman of the Road Commission, for the purchase of three issues of highway bonds aggregating \$183,000, as follows:

\$44,000 5% series A bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on April 1 1933. \$89,000 4 1/4% series D bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Apr. 1, as follows: \$44,000 in 1947 and \$45,000 in 1948. \$50,000 4 1/4% series E bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 from Apr. 1 1931 to 1940.

Dated April 1 1931. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Bids may be submitted on a depository arrangement, the purchaser to furnish surety bond on deposits. Bids also will be accepted on a straight principal and premium basis. The bonds will be delivered as soon as passed on by the bond attorneys of the purchaser. They have been passed on by the Wisconsin Bond Commission. The bonds are not printed and the bidders may consider the price of the printing in their bids. A certified check for 2% is required.

GROVEPORT, Franklin County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—Edgar F. Dildine, Village Clerk, informs us that the issue of \$4,200 6% special

assessment improvement bonds for which sealed bids were invited until Feb. 21 (V. 132, p. 1262) was not sold, as no offers were submitted. The bonds are dated Feb. 21 1931 and mature Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1932 and 1933, and \$400 from 1934 to 1941, inclusive.

HARDEMAN COUNTY (P. O. Bolivar), Tenn.—BOND SALE DEFERRED.—The \$150,000 issue of 6% semi-annual special road and bridge bonds offered for sale on Feb. 28—V. 132, p. 1664—was not sold at that time, the award being held up pending a better sale price. Due on March 1 1946.

HARNEY COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71 (P. O. Crane), Ore.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until March 7 by Nelson B. Higgs, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of school bonds. Dated July 1 1931.

HARRISBURG, Dauphin County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—Graham, Parsons & Co., of Philadelphia, were awarded on March 5 an issue of \$150,000 4% coupon general improvement bonds at a price of 101.633, a basis of about 3.84%. Dated March 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 annually on March 1 from 1932 to 1961, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and September) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia. The successful bidders reoffered the bonds for general investment at prices to yield 3.75% for maturities from 1932 to 1941, incl., and 3.80% for the 1942 to 1961 maturities, and announced prior to the close of business on the day of the award that all of the bonds had been marketed.

HATFIELD, Montgomery County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD—ISSUE REOFFERED.—George S. Kratz, Borough Clerk, informs us that the issue of \$38,000 4 1/4% electric light plant bonds offered for sale on March 1—V. 132, p. 693—were not sold as the bids received were rejected because of a misunderstanding as to the maturity of the bonds.

ISSUE REOFFERED.—The above \$38,000 4 1/4% bonds are now being reoffered for award at 7.30 p. m. on March 23. Sealed bids should be addressed to George S. Kratz, Borough Clerk. The bonds will be dated April 1 1931 and mature April 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1933 and 1934; \$3,500 in 1935, 1936 and 1937; \$4,000 in 1938, 1940 and 1941; \$4,500 in 1942, and \$5,000 in 1942. Denom. \$1,000. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and Oct. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. A sinking fund will be established to retire the bonds as they mature. The proceedings incident to the increase of indebtedness of the Borough having been approved on Feb. 4 1931 by the Secretary of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, no further opinion as to the validity of the bonds will be furnished by the Borough. Said bonds are to be issued free of all taxes levied or assessed, under any present or future law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, except succession or inheritance taxes. The Borough has a bonded debt of \$16,200, consisting of \$12,200 water bonds and \$4,000 Borough bonds. The water plant is valued at \$40,000 and the electric plant at \$30,000.

HAYWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Waynesville), N. C.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—An ordinance was recently passed by the County Board of Commissioners providing for the issuance of \$230,000 in court house and jail bonds. It is reported that these bonds will shortly be offered for sale.

HAYWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Brownsville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Mar. 18, by James Tipton, Chairman of the County Court, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 5 1/4% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1931. Due \$4,000 from Mar. 1 1936 to 1960, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the National City Bank in New York City. A certified check for 1% of the purchase price must accompany the bid.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Uniondale), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John D. Beckerich, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on March 18, for the purchase of \$175,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated March 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due March 1, as follows: \$5,000 from 1932 to 1944, incl., and \$10,000 from 1945 to 1955, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and Sept.) are payable at the Second National Bank, of Hempstead, or at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Valley Stream), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$62,500 coupon or registered school bonds offered on March 4—V. 132, p. 1649—were awarded as 4 1/4s to B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York, at 100.059, a basis of about 4.24%. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1931 and mature Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1932; \$2,000 from 1933 to 1959, incl., and \$3,000 in 1960 and 1961.

HOBOKEN, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward Hunter, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Mar. 17 for the purchase of \$2,312,000 coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: \$2,129,000 sewer bonds. Due Mar. 15 as follows: \$60,000 from 1933 to 1942, incl.; \$74,000, 1943; \$75,000 from 1944 to 1948, incl.; \$90,000 from 1949 to 1960 inclusive.

120,000 assessment bonds. Due Mar. 15 as follows: \$50,000 in 1932, and \$70,000 in 1933. 63,000 general improvement bonds. Due Mar. 15 as follows: \$2,900 from 1933 to 1944, incl., and \$3,000 from 1945 to 1957, incl.

Each issue is dated Mar. 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, to be suggested in the proposal of the bidder. Same rate of interest to apply to all of the bonds of each issue. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and September) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. A certified check for 2% of the face amount of the bonds bid for, payable to the Mayor and City Council, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder. The sewer and assessment bonds will be delivered on or about Mar. 30 1931, and the general improvement bonds will be delivered on or about Apr. 1 1931.

HUDSON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hudson), Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 fire department apparatus purchase bonds offered on Feb. 7—V. 132, p. 525—were awarded as 4 1/4s to Ryan, Sutherland & Co., of Toledo, at par plus a premium of \$12, equal to 100.17, a basis of about 4.71%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1931 and mature \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1938, incl.

HUNTINGTON AND BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Huntington), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Charles H. Schneider, District Clerk, will be received until 2 p. m. on March 16 for the purchase of \$5,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered school site bonds. Dated March 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on March 1 from 1932 to 1936, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest (Mar. & Sept.) are payable at the Huntington Station Bank, Huntington Station. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of George L. Schaff, District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

IPSWICH, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Shawmut Corp., of Boston, purchased on Mar. 2 a \$150,000 temporary loan at 2.25% discount. The loan matures as follows: \$100,000 Oct. 10 1931 and \$50,000 Nov. 10 1931. Bids submitted were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Discount. Lists Shawmut Corp., Merchants National Bank, W. O. Gay & Co., Grafton Co.

IRVINGTON, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The Irvington National Bank & Trust Co., of Irvington, recently purchased an issue of \$5,000 4 1/4% reimbursement budget bonds at a price of par. Due \$1,000 annually from 1932 to 1936, incl.

ISHPEMING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Marquette County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 5% school building construction bonds offered on March 2—V. 132, p. 1459—were awarded to the Miners' National Bank, of Ishpeming, at par plus a premium of \$9,250, equal to 103, a basis of about 4.62%. The bonds are dated April 1 1930 and mature

Nov. 1 as follows: \$8,500 from 1931 to 1950, incl., and \$5,000 in 1951. The successful bidders also agreed to pay the cost of the printing of the bonds.

A list of the bids submitted at the sale follows: Table with columns Name, Int. Rate, Amt. of Bid. Includes Kent Grace & Co., Chicago; Hanchett Bond Company, Chicago; A. O. Allyn & Co., Chicago; John Nuveen & Co., Chicago; First National Bank, Negaunee, with Foreman State Corporation; Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo; Miners National Bank, Ishpeming; First Detroit Co., Detroit; H. M. Bylesby & Co., Chicago.

JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—PROPOSED BOND ELECTION.—A special election is expected to be held shortly to permit the voters to pass upon a proposal providing for the issuance of \$380,000 in bonds to finance improvements to the city's water supply system.

JACKSONVILLE, Duval County, Fla.—PROPOSED ELECTION CONTEMPLATED.—The following is taken from a dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" of Feb. 26 from Jacksonville:

Providing any bond election be held legal, an election of freeholders to decide on \$1,000,000 city improvement bonds could probably be held in connection with the city's primary on April 21, according to City Attorney Austin Miller.

A call for the bond issue has been made in a resolution adopted by the city commission, which pointed out that needed unemployment relief could be given if the bonds were sold, and asked the city attorney to try to find a way in which the bonds could be voted upon under the general statutes of Florida, and without waiting for a special act of the legislature as provided in the constitutional amendment of last November.

JOHNSON COUNTY (P. O. Mountain City), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received, according to report, by John T. Fuller, Clerk of the County Court, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of refunding bonds, until 2 p. m. on Mar. 21. A certified check for 1% must accompany the bid.

JOPLIN, Jasper County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—A \$275,000 issue of storm sewer bonds is reported to have been purchased at par by the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City as follows: \$175,000 as 4 1/2s, and \$100,000 as 4 3/4s. (These bonds are stated to have been sold subject to an election on March 12.)

KENOVA, Wayne County, W. Va.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that on Feb. 14 the voters approved the issuance of \$80,000 in storm and sanitary sewer bonds by a count of 574 "for" to 270 "against."

KING COUNTY (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Mar. 24, by Geo. A. Grant, County Auditor, for the purchase of three issues of bonds aggregating \$670,000 as follows: \$500,000 Lake Union Bridge; \$150,000 County-City building, and \$20,000 harbor view hospital bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Dated April 1 1931. The bonds mature 30 years from date, the various annual maturities to commence with the second year after the date of such bonds, and, as nearly as practicable, to be in such amounts as will, together with the interest on all such outstanding bonds, be met by an equal annual tax levied for the payment of such bonds, all as authorized by Resolutions Nos. 4046, 4040, 438 of said Board of County Commissioners passed the 16th and 17th days of February, 1931, to which reference is hereby made.

The maximum amount of interest which said bonds shall bear is five (5%) per centum, per annum, payable semi-annually.

Each bidder submitting a bid shall specify:

(a) The lowest rate of interest and premium, if any, above par at which such bidder will purchase said bonds; or

(b) The lowest rate of interest at which the bidder will purchase said bonds at par.

A certified check for 5% of the bid is required. None of such bonds shall be sold at less than par or accrued interest, nor shall any discount or commission be allowed on the sale of such bonds.

Official Statement of Bond Indebtedness as of Dec. 31 1930. Table with columns Description, Amount. Includes Bond indebtedness, outstanding authorized by a three-fifths vote of the qualified electors of King County, incl. this issue \$1,250,000 King County Hospital bonds; Less cash and uncollected taxes for redemption; Total net bond indebtedness; Authorized by three-fifths vote of electors; Bond indebtedness outstanding authorized by County Com; Less cash for redemption; Total net bond indebtedness author. by County Commis.; Total net bond indebtedness outstg., incl. this issue; Net floating debt; Assessed valuation year 1930; 5% of assessed valuation 1930; Net bond indebtedness outs. auth. by County Commis.

Net bond indebt. outstg. auth. by three-fifths vote of the electors (incl. this issue \$1,250,000 King County Hospital bonds) 6,760,968.41

Margin between net debt and debt limit by vote of electors \$7,797,489.99

KITSAP COUNTY (P. O. Port Orchard), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$120,000 issue of refunding bonds offered for sale on Feb. 27—V. 132, p. 1664—was disposed of as fs, paying a premium of \$132, equal to 100.116 a basis of about 4.93%. Dated Mar. 1 1931. Due from Mar. 1 1933 to 1941.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to H. K. Groves, County Treasurer, will be received until 10 a. m. on Mar. 10 for the purchase of \$20,000 5% road construction bonds. Dated Feb. 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due semi-annually as follows: \$1,000 July 15 1932; \$1,000 Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1941 incl., and \$1,000 Jan. 15 1942.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—AGITATE SUBMISSION OF \$1,000,000 BOND ISSUE FOR CONSIDERATION OF VOTERS.—It is reported that considerable discussion is taking place regarding the submission of a proposed \$1,000,000 sewage disposal plant system bonds for consideration of the voters at an election to be held during April.

LARIMER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 62 (P. O. Wellington), Colo.—BOND REDEMPTION.—The entire issue of \$19,500 6% funding bonds dated April 1 1921 is called for payment at the U. S. National Bank in Denver as of April 1. Due in 1941 and optional in 1931.

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (P. O. Ripley), Tenn.—NOTE SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of funding notes offered for sale on Feb. 28—V. 132, p. 1459—was purchased by the Union Planters Bank of Memphis, as 5s, at par. Dated Feb. 15 1931. Due on Nov. 15 1931.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Ironton), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 refunding bonds offered on March 3—V. 132, p. 1263—were awarded as 4 1/2s to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$636, equal to 101.06, a basis of about 4.37%. The bonds are dated Feb. 15 1931 and mature \$3,000 on March 1 from 1932 to 1951, incl.

LAWRENCE COUNTY (P. O. Bedford), Ind.—LIST OF BIDS.—The following is a list of the bids received on Feb. 24 for the purchase of the \$10,500 4 1/2% road construction bonds awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$358.80, equal to 103.41, a basis of about 3.83%.—V. 132, p. 1664.

Bidder Premium. Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. (purchaser) \$358.80; City Securities Corp., Indianapolis 327.70; Union Trust Co., Indianapolis 289.00; Grand National Corp., Indianapolis 350.75; Pfaf & Hughel, Indianapolis 338.75

LIBERTYVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Libertyville) Jefferson County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on March 10, by Mary Miller, Secretary of the Board of Directors, for the purchase of a \$19,000 issue of school bonds.

LIPSCOMB COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Lipscomb), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On March 9 a special election will be held to vote on the proposed issuance of \$350,000 in 5% road bonds. Due serially over a 30 year period.

LITTLETON, Halifax County, N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2.30 p. m. on March 16, by E. C. Bobbitt, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$2,212.50 issue of 6% fire truck notes. Denom. \$737.50. Dated Jan. 15 1931. Due \$737.50 from Jan. 15 1932 to 1934, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Bank of Littleton in Littleton. The approving opinion of J. P. Pippen, Town Attorney, will be furnished. A certified check for 2% of the face value of the notes bid for, payable to the Town, is required.

LORAIN COUNTY (P. O. Elyria), Ohio.—BOND AWARD DEFERRED.—The award of the \$114,000 not to exceed 6% interest water and sewer improvement bonds for which sealed bids were received until Feb. 26—V. 132, p. 1263—has been deferred until Mar. 12, as the three bids submitted for the issue are being held in abeyance until that date.

LOS BANOS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Merced) Merced County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—We are informed that at an election held on Feb. 17, the voters approved the issuance of \$175,000 in school bonds.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on March 5 the voters are reported to have approved the issuance of \$5,000,000 in bonds to be used in general improvements to relieve unemployment conditions.

We are informed that an election will be held on March 27 in order that the voters may pass on two school bond issues totaling \$12,720,000 to afford additional employment.

LOVELAND, Clermont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 coupon fire department equipment purchase bonds offered on Feb. 21—V. 132, p. 1074—were awarded as 4 1/2s to Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$55.20, equal to 100.55, a basis of about 4.63%. The bonds are dated March 1 1931 and mature \$1,000 March 1 from 1932 to 1941 incl. Bids submitted at the sale were as follows:

Bidder Int. Rate Premium. Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc. (Purchasers) 4 1/2% \$55.20; Seasongood & Mayer 4 1/2% 32.00; Well, Roth & Irving Co. 4 1/2% 18.00; Magnus & Co. 5% 13.10; Spitzer, Rorick & Co. 5 1/2% 13.00; Bohmer, Reinhardt & Co. 5% 107.00; Ryan, Sutherland & Co. 5% 38.00

LOWELL, Middlesex County, Mass.—RESULT OF OFFERING OF \$1,000,000 TEMPORARY LOAN NOT DISCLOSED.—Abel R. Campbell, City Treasurer, was scheduled to have opened bids on Feb. 27, for the purchase at discount of a \$1,000,000 temporary loan, dated March 3 1931 and payable March 3 1932 at the First National Bank, of Boston. No statement as to what action was taken in the matter has been received, although it is reported that the loan was sold.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$456,700 coupon bonds offered on March 5—V. 132, p. 1264—were awarded as 4 1/2s to the Continental Illinois Co., of Chicago, as follows:

\$293,850 road improvement bonds sold at par plus a premium of \$1,852, equal to 100.62, a basis of about 4.09%. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$30,850 in 1932; \$30,000 in 1933 and 1934, and \$29,000 from 1935 to 1941, incl. 162,850 road improvement bonds sold at par plus a premium of \$1,026, equal to 100.62, a basis of about 4.09%. Due Aug. 1 as follows: \$17,850 in 1932; \$17,000 in 1933, and \$16,000 from 1934 to 1941, inclusive.

Each issue is dated March 1 1931. The following is an official list of the bids submitted for the bonds:

Table with columns Bidder, Issue, Premium. Includes Otis & Co., Cleveland; Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo; Continental Illinois Co., Chicago; Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., Toledo and Banchoic Securities Co., Columbus; W. L. Slayton & Co., Inc., Toledo; The Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Chicago.

* Successful bidder. a Conditional bid, covers both issues. MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Marcia H. Barton, County Treasurer, reports that no bids were received on March 2 for the purchase of the \$4,960.50 6% ditch improvement bonds, and that an issue of \$5,210.70 6% drain construction bonds offered on the next day also did not sell, because of the failure to receive a bid.—V. 132, p. 1264.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—NO BIDS.—F. E. Lancaster, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, informs us that no bids were received on Feb. 19 for the purchase of the \$18,235.67 5% improvement bonds offered for sale—V. 132, p. 1264. The bonds are dated March 1 1931 and mature Oct. 1 as follows: \$235.67 in 1932, and \$2,000 from 1933 to 1941, incl.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$167,600 offered on Mar. 2—V. 132, p. 1264—were awarded as 4 1/2s to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$100.56, equal to 100.66, a basis of about 4.24%:

\$60,000 road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1932; \$7,000, 1933; \$6,000, 1934; \$7,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$6,000 in 1937 and \$7,000 from 1938 to 1940.

30,000 road bonds. One bond for \$300 others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,300, 1932; \$3,000, 1933; \$4,000, 1934; \$3,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$4,000, 1937; \$3,000 in 1938 and 1939, and \$4,000 in 1940.

28,700 road bonds. One bond for \$700, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,700, 1932; \$3,000 from 1933 to 1936, incl.; \$4,000 in 1937 and \$3,000 from 1938 to 1940 incl.

26,200 road bonds. One bond for \$200, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,200, 1932; \$3,000, 1933; \$2,000 in 1934; \$3,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$2,000, 1937; \$3,000, 1938; \$2,000 in 1939 and \$3,000 in 1940 and 1941.

11,900 road bonds. One bond for \$900, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,900, 1932; \$1,000 from 1933 to 1936 incl.; \$2,000 in 1937 and \$1,000 from 1938 to 1941 incl.

10,500 road bonds. One bond for \$500, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,500 in 1932, and \$1,000 from 1933 to 1941 incl. All of the above bonds are dated Mar. 1 1931.

MANCHESTER, Hillsboro County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—W. O. McAllister, City Treasurer, on March 3 awarded a \$300,000 temporary loan to the First National Old Colony Corp., of Boston, at 2.81% discount. Only one bid was submitted at the sale. The loan is dated March 4 1931 and is payable on Dec. 10 1931 in New York or Boston.

MANLIUS UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Manlius), Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$265,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on March 4—V. 132, p. 1665—were awarded as 4.40s to Dewey, Bacon & Co., of New York, at 100.39, a basis of about 4.37%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1930 and mature Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1934 to 1944, incl., \$10,000 from 1945 to 1953, incl., and \$15,000 from 1954 to 1961, incl.

MARTIN, Bennett County, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that sealed bids will be received until March 18, by Myrtle M. Pyle, City Auditor, for the purchase of a \$32,800 issue of water works bonds.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry Dunn, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on March 26 for the purchase of \$62,800 4% bonds, divided as follows: \$47,800 bonds issued to pay the county's portion of the cost of track elevation work. One bond for \$1,000, others for \$1,300 each. Due on March 1 as follows: \$2,600 from 1932 to 1949, incl., and \$1,000 in 1950.

15,000 bonds issued to pay the county's portion of the cost of flood prevention work. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on March 1 from 1932 to 1946, incl.

Each issue is dated March 1 1931. Principal and semi-annual interest (Mar. & Sept.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 3% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal. No conditional bid will be accepted and the opinion as to the validity of the bonds is to be furnished by the purchaser.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Williamston), N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. Sam Getsinger, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until noon on March 16, for the purchase of an \$80,000 issue of revenue anticipation notes. Dated Mar. 16 1931. The offering notice states that the bidders may bid on a note maturing six months from date, or 12 months from date, and the note may be split into denominations to suit the purchaser, the total amount aggregating \$80,000. The purchaser to furnish the blank notes, legal forms to be furnished purchaser promptly. The note is to be issued strictly according to law and executed likewise, with full approval of the proper attorneys thereon. The purchaser will be allowed to secure the approval of listed New York or Boston Bond Attorneys before finally accepting such notes. Such approval to be at purchaser's expense. There will be no auction sale. The bidders to state the rate of interest, such rate not to exceed 6% per annum. If notes sold are to run for one year, then interest may be paid semi-annually also coupon notes issued, if so desired by bidder. Bidders will be required to deposit a certified check for 2% of the amount bid to protect the County.

MASSACHUSETTS, State of.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A group composed of the First National Bank, the National Shawmut Bank, and the Atlantic National Bank, all of Boston, is reported to have purchased at private sale on March 2 a \$2,000,000 temporary loan at 1.90%. The loan is dated March 5 1931 and matures Nov. 23 1931.

MASSACHUSETTS, State of (P. O. Boston).—BOND OFFERING.—Charles F. Hurley, State Treasurer and Receiver-General, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on March 17 for the purchase of \$3,000,000 registered bonds to bear interest at either 3 1/2% or 4%, or a combination of both. Split interest rates bid on any one maturity, however, will not be considered. The offering consists of: \$1,000,000 Metropolitan Sewerage Loan, South System bonds. Due \$50,000 on Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1950 inclusive.

2,000,000 Metropolitan Additional Water Loan, Act of 1926 bonds, of which \$1,300,000 mature \$65,000 annually on Jan. 1 from 1942 to 1961 inclusive, and \$700,000 due \$70,000 annually on Jan. 1 from 1932 to 1941 inclusive.

Award is to be made on the basis of the lowest net interest cost of the financing to the Commonwealth.

MELROSE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—S. Homer Buttrick, County Treasurer, on March 4 awarded a \$300,000 temporary loan to the Merchants National Bank, of Boston, at 2.13% discount. The loan is dated March 5 1931 and matures \$100,000 Oct. 15 1931 and \$200,000 on Nov. 16 1931. The First National Bank, of New York, will guarantee the signatures and will certify that the notes are issued by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the Board of Aldermen, the validity of which order has been approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

The following is a list of the bids submitted for the loan:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Discount. Includes entries for Merchants National Bank, Faxon, Gade & Co., Grafton Co., Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., Shawmut Corp., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, First National Old Colony Corp., and Atlantic Corp.

MENOMINEE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Menominee County, Mich.—MATURITY.—The \$75,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds purchased recently by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, at 100.14—V. 132, p. 1665—mature \$5,000 annually on April 1 from 1932 to 1946 inclusive. Interest cost basis about 4.23%. The bonds are dated April 1 1931.

MESA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Mesa), Colo.—BOND REDEMPTION.—The entire issue of \$24,800 6% school building bonds dated April 1 1921 is called for payment at the U. S. National Bank in Denver on April 1 1931. Due in 1941 and optional in 1931.

MICHIGAN, State of (P. O. Lansing).—MATURITY.—The three issues of 4 1/2% road assessment bonds aggregating \$100,000 sold on Jan. 27—V. 132, p. 1075—mature as follows:

- \$44,000 Road Assessment District No. 1140 bonds purchased by the First Detroit Co., of Detroit, at 100.02, a basis of about 4.49%. Due \$11,000 May 1 from 1932 to 1935 inclusive.
- 10,000 Road Assessment District No. 1138 bonds purchased by the First Detroit Co., of Detroit, at 100.02, a basis of about 4.49%. Due \$5,000 May 1 in 1932 and 1933.
- 46,000 Road Assessment District No. 497 bonds purchased by Braun, Bosworth & Co., of Toledo, at 100.31, a basis of about 4.44%. Due May 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1940 inclusive, and \$6,000 in 1941.

MIDDLE RIO GRANDE CONSERVANCY DISTRICT (P. O. Albuquerque), N. Mex.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago, and the Fidelity National Corp. of Kansas City, were members of the group headed by Bosworth, Chanute, Loughridge & Co., and the International Co., both of Denver, in the purchase of the \$436,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-ann. coupon district bonds—V. 132, p. 1075—at a price of 94.00, a basis of about 6.15%. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due on Aug. 1, as follows: \$20,000, 1934 to 1954, and \$16,000 in 1955. The \$100,000 5 1/2% semi-ann. coupon district bonds that were purchased by the State of New Mexico—V. 132, p. 1075—were disposed of at a price of 90.00, a basis of about 6.38%. Due \$50,000 on Aug. 1 1950 and 1951.

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$46,800 offered on March 3—V. 132, p. 1264—were awarded as 4 1/2% to the Davies-Bertram Co., of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$374.40, equal to 100.80, a basis of about 4.34%:

- \$21,500 special assessment improvement bonds. Due \$2,400 on Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1940, incl.
- 18,000 special assessment improvement bonds. Due \$2,000 on Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1940, incl.
- 7,200 special assessment improvement bonds. Due \$800 on Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1940, incl.

Each issue is dated March 1 1931. The following is a list of the bids submitted for the bonds:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, and Premium. Includes entries for Davies-Bertram Co., Well, Roth & Irving, Cincinnatti, Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnatti, The Title Guarantee & Trust Co., Cincinnatti, Ryan-Sutherland & Co., Cincinnatti, Assel, Goetz & Moerlein Co., Cincinnatti, Bank Ohio Securities Co., Columbus, Provident Sav. Bk. & Tr. Co., Cincinnatti, and Spitzer Rorick & Co., Toledo.

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. H. Campbell, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) on Mar. 19 for the purchase of \$16,000 6% police and fire alarm system installation bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1939 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and Sept.) are payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$200, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The proceedings leading up to the issuing of these bonds have been under the supervision of Peck, Shaffer and Williams, attorneys, Cincinnati,

whose opinion as to the validity will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. Purchasers are required to satisfy themselves as to the validity of these bonds prior to the bidding therefor, and only unconditional bids shall be considered. Purchaser shall pay the entire expense for the delivery of said bonds.

MILFORD, Clermont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,498.28 coupon improvement bonds offered on March 3—V. 132, p. 1264—were awarded as 6s to the Milford Building Loan & Savings Co., of Milford, at par plus a premium of \$50, equal to 100.66, a basis of about 5.82%. The bonds are dated Feb. 20 1931 and mature Feb. 20, as follows: \$749.90 in 1932, and \$749.82 from 1933 to 1951, incl.

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC.—The \$430,000 issue of coupon public improvement bonds that was jointly purchased by Siranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., of Toledo, and the First Securities Co. of Mobile, as 5s, at 100.38, a basis of about 4.92%—V. 132, p. 1460—is being offered for general investment at prices to yield from 4.10% to 4.60%, according to maturity. Dated Feb. 1 1931. Due \$43,000 from Feb. 1 1932 to 1941, incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the Irving Trust Co. in New York City. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York City. These bonds are stated to be exempt from Federal income tax including surtax.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported). Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Real Valuation 1930, Assessed Valuation 1930, Total Bonded Debt, Less: Water and Sewer Bonds, Sinking Fund, and Net Bonded Debt.

* Included in this figure are \$4,698,900 bonds issued for street improvement purposes, payable primarily from special assessments.

MOHNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Berks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 27—V. 132, p. 1666—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Philadelphia, at par plus a premium of \$3,344, equal to 107.43, a basis of about 3.98%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1931 and mature Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,600 in 1941; \$7,000 in 1946, and \$11,000 in 1951, 1956 and 1961.

MONESSEN, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND ORDINANCE APPROVED.—The city council recently adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$20,000 4 1/2% bonds for public parks and playgrounds improvement purposes. Dated Apr. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Apr. 1 in 1938, 1942, 1947 and 1951. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and October) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

MONMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Freehold), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—C. Asa Francis, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on March 18 for the purchase of \$1,020,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$424,000 court house bonds. Due March 15 as follows: \$22,000 from 1933 to 1945 inclusive, and \$23,000 from 1946 to 1951, inclusive.
- 220,000 road bonds. Due March 15 as follows: \$11,000 from 1933 to 1939 inclusive, and \$12,000 from 1940 to 1951 inclusive.
- 305,000 welfare home bonds. Due March 15 as follows: \$10,000 from 1933 to 1946 inclusive, and \$11,000 from 1947 to 1961 incl.
- 70,000 bridge bonds. Due March 15 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1938 inclusive, and \$4,000 from 1939 to 1951 inclusive.

Each issue is dated March 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and Sept.) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

MONROE, Green County, Wis.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a recent meeting of the city council the issuance of \$54,000 in bonds for a disposal plant was approved.

MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$78,700 special assessment paving, sewer and water mains bonds offered on March 3—V. 132, p. 1666—were awarded as 4 1/2% to the Guardian Detroit Co., of Detroit, at par plus a premium of \$40, equal to 100.05, a basis of about 4.49%. The bonds are dated Dec. 15 1930 and mature Dec. 15 as follows: \$10,550, 1931; \$11,250, 1932; \$11,450, 1933; \$11,150, 1934; \$9,400, 1935; \$9,600, 1936; \$9,100, 1937; \$5,800 in 1938, and \$400 in 1939. Bids for the issue were as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, and Premium. Includes entries for Guardian Detroit Co. (purchaser), Carl Kiburtz, Monroe, and First Detroit Co., Detroit.

MOORE COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Dumas), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$3,900 issue of 5% school bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on Feb. 25. Denom. \$300. Due in 40 years.

MORTON GROVE, Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The Village Clerk informs us that an issue of \$80,000 5% coupon water works bonds was sold on Jan. 27 to R. E. Herculz & Co., of Chicago, at par plus a premium of \$1,200, equal to 101.50, a basis of about 4.82%. The bonds mature annually on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1932 to 1939, incl.; \$5,000 from 1940 to 1949, incl., and \$10,000 in 1950 and 1951. Interest is payable semi-annually in Jan. and July. Denom. \$1,000.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 25 (P. O. Springdale), Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Roy E. Cannon, Superintendent of Schools, until Mar. 14, for the purchase of an \$8,500 issue of 5 1/2% semi-ann. school bonds. Dated July 1 1931. Due in 1942.

NAVARRO COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Corsicana), Tex.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$20,000 issue of road bonds that was purchased by the county sinking fund at 97.50—V. 132, p. 1460—bears interest at 5% and matures in 1957, giving a basis of about 6.18%.

NEWBERN, Dyer County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. funding bonds offered for sale on Feb. 17—V. 132, p. 1460—was purchased by an undisclosed investor. Dated Feb. 7 1931. Due from 1932 to 1954 inclusive.

NEWPORT, Campbell County, Ky.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the Board of Commissioners has recently adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$145,000 in refunding bonds.

NEWTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Francis Newhall, City Treasurer, will be received until 12 m. on March 9, for the purchase at discount of a \$100,000 temporary loan, due Nov. 5 1931. According to the offering notice, all notes in anticipation of revenue of the City of Newton have the following certificate:

"The Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, Massachusetts, hereby guarantees the genuineness of the signatures hereon, and certifies that this is a note issued by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton, the validity of which order has been approved by Messrs. Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston, Mass."

NEW YORK, N. Y.—TEMPORARY FINANCING IN FEBRUARY.—Various corporate stock notes, special revenue bills and special revenue bonds to the amount of \$107,500,000 were issued by the city during the month of February, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Various Municipal Purposes Notes and Special Revenue Bills of 1931. Each column contains sub-tables with Amount, Maturity, Int. Rate, and Date.

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—F. S. Moseley & Co., of Boston, purchased on Mar. 2 a \$100,000 temporary loan at 2.14% discount. The loan matures Aug. 31 1931 and was bid by for the following:

Bidder—		Discount.
F. S. Moseley & Co. (purchasers)	-----	2.14%
Blake Bros., plus \$1 premium	-----	2.18%
Aquidneck National Exchange Bank	-----	2.335%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	-----	2.34%
S. N. Bond & Co., plus \$1 premium	-----	2.48%

NORTH CAROLINA, State of (P. O. Raleigh).—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that sealed bids will be received until March 17, by Nathan O'Berry, State Treasurer, for the purchase of four issues of bonds aggregating \$9,557,000, divided as follows:
 \$4,000,000 highway bonds. Due from 1942 to 1948, incl.
 1,250,000 bridge bonds. Due from 1934 to 1954, incl.
 4,247,000 permanent improvement bonds. Due in 1968.
 60,000 farm colony building bonds. Due in 1967.
 The interest rate is to be specified by the bidder. (The preliminary report of this offering was given in V. 132, p. 1666).
 North Carolina's most recent bond sale occurred in March 1930, when a syndicate including First National Bank, National City Co. and Bankers Co. bought \$8,920,000 4½s, due in from 2 to 42 years, on bid of 100.032. The bonds were reoffered to yield 4.15%.
 In a statement appearing in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 17, p. 522, Governor Gardner of North Carolina pointed out that including payment of \$4,899,844 on Jan. 1, 1931, the State had paid off in 18 months a total of \$7,948,000 of its funded debt, also investing \$1,534,640 in its bond sinking fund. He also commented upon the fact that during that period \$9,482,640 had been devoted to reduction of the State debt while \$1,970,000 had been added, affecting a net reduction of \$7,512,640.

NORTH COLLEGE HILL, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$86,871.83 coupon special assessment improvement bonds offered on Feb. 27—V. 132, p. 1265—were awarded as 4½s to the Well, Roth & Irving Co. and Van Lahr, Doll & Isphording, both of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$69.50, equal to 100.08, a basis of about 4.74%. The bonds are dated Mar. 1 1931 and mature Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,687.21 in 1932 and \$8,677.18 from 1933 to 1941 incl. Bids submitted for the issue were as follows:
 Bidder— Int. Rate. Amt. Bid.
 Well, Roth & Irving Co. and Van Lahr, Doll & Isphording (purchasers) 4½% \$86,941.33
 Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., Cincinnati 5% 87,143.83
 Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati 5% 86,941.33
 Seasingood & Mayer, Cincinnati 5% 86,959.83
 Magnus & Co., Cincinnati 5% 87,743.83
 Magnus & Co., Cincinnati 5½% 88,616.83
 N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati 5% 87,794.23
 W. L. Shattuck & Co., Toledo 5% 86,981.68

NORTH HARMONY (P. O. Mayville), Chautauque County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 coupon or registered highway bonds offered on Jan. 25—V. 132, p. 1265—were awarded as 4.50s to the Union Trust Co., of Jamestown, at a price of 100.199, a basis of about 4.47%. The bonds are dated Mar. 1 1931 and mature Mar. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1935 and \$3,000 from 1936 to 1941 incl. Bids for the issue were as follows:
 Bidder— Int. Rate. Rate Bid.
 Union Trust Co., Jamestown (purchaser) 4.50% 100.199
 George B. Gibbons & Co. 4.70% 100.117
 Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. (Buffalo) 4.60% 100.339
 Edmund Seymour & Co. 4.90% 100.079
 Graham, Parsons & Co. 4.60% 100.08
 Batchelder & Co. 4.60% 100.20
 Farnon, Son & Co. 5.10% 100.117

OGDEN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Ogden), Weber County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 issue of 4% refunding bonds offered for sale on Feb. 27—V. 132, p. 1666—was awarded to a group composed of the Central Trust Co., Edward L. Burton & Co., and the First Securities Co., all of Salt Lake City, at a price of 99.211, a basis of about 4.16%. Due in from one to 10 years. The other bidders and their bids were as follows:
 Bidder— Price Bid.
 Walker Bros., Bankers 98.91
 International Co. 97.23
 Wm. R. Compton Co., Inc. 97.33
 Bosworth, Chanute, Loughridge & Co. 98.35
 Snow-Goodart & Co. 98.21
 National City Co. 98.21
 Lauren W. Gibbs Co. 97.31

OMEGA TOWNSHIP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hartley), O'Brien County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. F. Wilson, Secretary of the Board of Education, at the court house in Pringhar, until Mar. 31, for the purchase of a \$17,000 issue of 4½% semi-ann. school bonds. Due \$1,700 in from 1 to 10 years. These bonds were voted on Feb. 19.

OWENSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Owensboro), Daviess County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—A \$47,000 issue of 5% school bonds has been purchased at par recently by Magnus & Co., of Cincinnati. Due from 1938 to 1959, incl. (These bonds are reported to be a portion of the \$20,000 school bond issue recently held invalid by the Court of Appeals as exceeding the legal debt limit.)

PADUCAH, McCracken County, Ky.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—A \$2,282,000 issue of 4½% coupon water works revenue bonds is being offered for public subscription by Eldredge & Co. of New York priced at 100 and interest. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1930. Due from Oct. 1 1931 to 1970, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the National City Bank in New York. Legal approval by Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago. These bonds are reported to be the original issue of \$2,105,000 bonds that was sold on Sept. 12 with the addition of \$177,000 bonds (see V. 131, p. 2099). They are stated to be valid and legally binding obligations of the city, payable solely from the revenues of the water works system.

PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Powell), Wyo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on March 24, by H. S. Graham, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$70,000 issue of coupon school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, payable semi-annually. Denom. \$1,000. Dated March 20 1931. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1941; \$3,000, 1942 to 1946, and \$5,000, 1947 to 1955, all incl. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office, or at some bank in New York City. Legally approved by Parshing, Nye, Tallmadge & Bosworth, of Denver. A certified check for 2% par value of the bonds, payable to the District Treasurer, must accompany the bid. (These are the bonds that were voted on Jan. 31—V. 132, p. 1667—under Powell S. D.)

PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shoemakersville), Berks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 4½% coupon school bonds offered on Feb. 27—132, p. 1666—were awarded to the Colonial Northwestern Trust Co., of Reading, at par plus a premium of \$1,904, equal to 102.72, a basis of about 3.95%. The bonds are dated Apr. 1 1931 and mature Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1932 to 1941 incl., and \$4,000 from 1942 to 1951 incl.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the award on Feb. 27 of \$15,000,000 bonds as 4s and 4½s to a syndicate headed by the National City Co. of New York, at 100.01, a basis of about 4.12%, and the subsequent reoffering of the \$7,757,000 4s at 100 and interest, and the \$7,243,000 4½s at 102.25 and interest, yielding about 4.08% to the redeemable date, Feb. 27 1951, and 4¼% thereafter (actual maturity Feb. 27 1981)—V. 132, p. 1666—we are in receipt of the following:
 Financial Statement (As Officially Reported).
 Assessed valuation taxable property, 1931 \$4,768,479,151
 Total bonded debt, including this issue 545,198,213
 Water debt 44,526,438
 Sinking funds (other than water) 91,030,280 409,641,495
 Net debt
 Population, 1920 U. S. census, 1,823,779; population, 1930 U. S. census 1,950,961.

PITTSFORD, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Lewis F. Curtiss, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern stand ard time) on Mar. 9 for the purchase of \$16,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered paving bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000

NORTH HAMPTON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,000 issue of coupon semi-annual jail bonds offered for sale on Mar. 2—V. 132, p. 1461—was purchased by Glaspell, Vieth & Duncan, of Davenport, as 5½s, at par. Dated Mar. 1 1931. Due \$1,000 from Mar. 1 1934 to 1946, incl. The other bids were as follows (both for 5½s): Well, Roth & Irving Co. offered a premium of \$31, while Assel, Goetz & Moerlein tendered a premium of \$100.

NORTH BENNINGTON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bennington County, Vt.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 4% refunding bonds

accepted bid was one of two "all-or-none" offers submitted for the securities, the other being a price of 101.7077, representing a 4.15% interest cost, tendered by a lengthy syndicate, the leading members of which were: The National City Co.; Chase Securities Corp.; First National Bank, New York; Guaranty Co. of New York, Bankers Co. of New York; Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Continental Illinois Co., Inc., and Barr Brothers & Co., Inc. This group comprised 72 individual members, the names of which are given at the conclusion of this item. The award consisted of the following: \$60,000,000 corporate stock for rapid transit railroad construction. Due March 1 1931.
 25,000,000 serial bonds for school construction; \$20,000,000 of which is payable in 40 equal annual installments from March 1 1932, and \$5,000,000 is payable in 15 equal annual installments from March 1 1932.
 15,000,000 serial bonds for various municipal purposes; \$10,000,000 of which is payable in 40 equal annual installments from March 1 1932, and \$5,000,000 is payable in 15 equal annual installments from March 1 1932.

BANKERS REOFFER OBLIGATIONS.—The successful group of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co., and the International Manhattan Co., Inc., reoffered the obligations (all dated March 1 1931) for general investment, and sold the entire amount within 30 minutes. The \$60,000,000 corporate stock was priced to yield 4.08%, and the \$40,000,000 serial bonds was offered to yield from 2.25 to 4.08%, according to maturity. (see p. xxvii) Both the corporate stk and serial bds, it is stated, are exempt from the Federal income tax and from the income tax of the State of New York, and that executors, administrators, guardians and others holding trust funds are authorized by law to invest in such corporate stock and serial bonds.
 In commenting on the result of the sale, Comptroller Berry said:
 "The success of to-day's sale and the splendid premium realized for the city is highly gratifying to me, as I am sure it must be to all our citizens. Never before has New York offered at one time such a large amount of long-term bonds, and the fact that so many of the world's foremost banks were eager and willing to bid for our securities is convincing evidence of the financial soundness of the city. The whole country, I rather imagine, has been waiting for the result of to-day's sale and its success will undoubtedly be another stimulating influence in the return of business confidence."
 RECAPITULATION OF BIDS RECEIVED.—There was a total of 11 bids received. In addition to their "all-or-none" bids, the two syndicates competing for the obligations also tendered offers of a price of par for all, or any part of the entire award of \$100,000,000. The Bureau of Accountancy of the city prepared the following summary of the bids received:

No. of Bid.	Name of Bidder—	Amount Bid For.	Price Bid.	Bid For. (Kind of Bid).
1.	Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; Inter. Manh. Co., Inc.	\$100,000,000	101.977	All or none of corp. stk. & serial bonds.
2.	Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; Inter. Manh. Co., Inc.	100,000,000	100 (& accr. int.)	All or any part of corp. stk. & ser. bds.
3.	White Haven Savings Bank, for Hamilton Wallace	200	100	Corporate stock.
4.	Lebenthal & Co.	10,000	102.25 (& accr. int.)	Corporate stock.
5.	*Nat. City Co. and Chase Securs. Corp.	100,000,000	100 (& accr. int.)	All or any part.
6.	*Nat. City Co. & Chase Securs. Corp.	100,000,000	101.7077	All or none.
7.	H. L. Allen & Co.	100,000	101 1/4	Corporate stock.
8.	I. Montefiore Levy	100,000	100 1/2	Corporate stock.
9.	Henry R. Meyers	100,000	101 1/2	Corporate stock.
10.	Henry Clews & Co.	100,000	101 3/4	Corporate stock.
11.	Kings County Trust Co.	100,000	101 1/2	Corporate stock.

* This group comprised the following members:
 The National City Co.
 Chase Securities Corp.
 The First National Bank.
 Guaranty Co. of New York.
 Bankers Co. of New York.
 Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.
 Harris, Forbes & Co.
 Lee, Higginson & Co.
 Continental Illinois Co.
 Barr Brothers & Co.
 Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.
 Lazard Freres.
 First National Old Colony Corp.
 Manufacturers Trust Co.
 R. W. Pressprich & Co.
 Salomon Brothers & Hutzler.
 First Detroit Co.
 Marine Trust Co.
 American Express Bank & Trust Co.
 Kountze Brothers.
 Stone & Webster and Blodgett.
 Estabrook & Co.
 Chatham Phenix Corp.
 Foreman State Corp.
 Kean, Taylor & Co.
 First Union Trust & Savs. Bk., Chicago.
 Eldredge & Co.
 Northern Trust Co., Chicago.
 Guardian Detroit Co.
 R. L. Day & Co.
 Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh.
 Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh.
 George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.
 L. F. Rothschild & Co.
 Ames, Emerich & Co.
 Dewey, Bacon & Co.
 Phelps, Fenn & Co.
 F. S. Moseley & Co.
 Otis & Co.
 Robert Winthrop & Co.
 E. Lowber Stokes & Co.
 R. H. Moulton & Co.
 Emanuel & Co.
 Commercial Nat. Bank & Trust Co.
 Darby & Co.
 American Securities Co., San Francisco.
 A. B. Leach & Co.
 Wood, Gundy & Co.
 Hannabs, Hallin & Lee.
 Wallace, Sanderson & Co.
 Lawrence, Stern & Co.
 Batchelder & Co.
 Schaumburg, Rebham & Osborne.
 Sutro Brothers & Co.
 Wells-Dickey & Co.
 Mercantile Commerce Co., St. Louis.
 First National Co., St. Louis.
 Mississippi Valley Co., St. Louis.
 Asiel & Co.
 Anglo California Trust Co., San Fran.
 G. M-P. Murphy & Co.
 Foster, McConnell & Co.
 Bull & Eldredge.
 Underwriters Trust Co.
 Milwaukee Co., Milwaukee.
 Pacific National Co., Seattle.
 First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee.
 Nat. Commercial Bk. & Tr. Co., Albany.
 New York State Nat. Bank, Albany.
 J. H. Holmes & Co.
 Green, Ellis & Anderson.
 Shawmut Corp.

Due \$4,000 Feb. 1 from 1932 to 1935 incl. Principal and semi-annual int. (Feb. and Aug.) are payable at the Pittsford National Bank, in Pittsford. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. Approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished without cost to the purchaser.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Assessed valuation 1930 roll, Tax rate, Bonded indebtedness, Paving bonds, Fire Hall & Equipment, Temporary indebtedness, etc.

* Note.—Bond issue of \$16,000 offered for sale Mar. 9 1931 and funds on hand will be used to pay certificates due Feb. 1 1931.

POLLOKSVILLE, Jones County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water and light bonds offered for sale on Feb. 9 —V. 132, p. 890—was purchased by the H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago, at par. Dated Mar. 1 1931. Due \$500 from 1934 to 1945 incl.

PONCA CITY, Kay County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Mar. 9 by C. E. Norton, City Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$36,000, as follows:

\$30,000 water works extension bonds. Due \$5,000 from 1934 to 1939 incl. 6,000 electric light system bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1934 to 1939 incl. The bidders are requested to make a separate bid for each issue and to name the rate of interest. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.

POPE COUNTY (P. O. Russellville) Ark.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Feb. 24—V. 132, p. 890—the voters approved a proposal to issue \$150,000 in courthouse construction bonds.

PORT CHESTER, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—George Goldowitz, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Mar. 12 for the purchase of \$90,000 4% "1930-1931 tax relief bonds issued to raise money to meet the deficiencies which have arisen in the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1930-1931, for which a warrant has been duly issued." The bonds are dated April 1 1931 and mature Apr. 1 1934. Prin. and semi-annual interest (April and October) are payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Port Chester. A certified check for 3% of the face value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The purchaser will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, as to the validity of the bonds.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Assessed valuation of all real estate, Total indebtedness, Bonded debt incl., Cash value of sinking funds, etc.

PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY, N. Y.—ISSUE OF \$52,000,000 BONDS EXPECTED SHORTLY.—An issue of \$52,000,000 long-term bonds is expected to be placed on the market shortly, as a result of the passage of bills by the respective Legislatures of the States of New York and New Jersey placing the operation and maintenance of the Holland Tunnel in the hands of the Port Authority. Proceeds of the proposed issue will be used for improvement purposes in each of the States and the bonds are to be redeemed from the funds obtained through operation of the Holland Tunnel. It is not yet known whether the award of the proposed issue is to be made at competitive bidding or private sale. The last previous long-term financing by the Port Authority occurred on Oct. 22 1929 when an issue of \$30,000,000 4 1/2% bonds, due from 1939 to 1953 incl., was purchased at private sale by a syndicate headed by the National City Co., of New York, at 92.857, a basis of about 4.896%.

POTSDAM, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 5% coupon street improvement bonds offered on Feb. 23—V. 132, p. 1462—were awarded to the St. Lawrence County Bank, of Canton, at par plus a premium of \$560.10, equal to 102.545, a basis of about 4.49%. The bonds mature \$2,000 annually from 1932 to 1942 incl.

POTTSTOWN, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered sewage disposal plant bonds offered on Mar. 2—V. 132, p. 1076—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, at a price of 103.83, a basis of about 4.95%. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1931 and mature Feb. 1 as follows: \$8,000 in 1932 and 1933; \$9,000, 1934; \$10,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl.; \$11,000 in 1938 and 1939; \$12,000 in 1940 and 1941; \$13,000, 1942; \$14,000 in 1943 and 1944; \$15,000 in 1945 and 1946; \$17,000 in 1947 and 1948; \$18,000 in 1949 and 1950; \$20,000 in 1951 and 1952; \$22,000 in 1953 and 1954; \$23,000 in 1955; \$25,000 in 1956 and 1957; \$27,000 in 1958; \$28,000 in 1959; \$30,000 in 1960 and \$16,000 in 1961.

BONDS REOFFERED.—The successful bidders are reoffering the obligations for general investment priced to yield 3.85% for the 1932 to 1946 maturities, and 3.90% for the 1947 to 1961 maturities. The securities are said to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the State of Pennsylvania. Among the other bids submitted for the issue, were offers of 103.671 and 103.74, submitted, respectively, by the Guaranty Company of New York and the Farmers National Bank, of Boyertown.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported).

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Actual valuation (estimated), Assessed valuation, Total bonded debt, Sinking fund, Net debt, Population (1930 U. S. census), etc.

PRICE, Carbon County, Utah.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Chas. W. Empey, City Recorder, until 8 p. m. on Mar. 9 for the purchase of a \$52,000 issue of water works bonds. Bids will be received for bonds maturing serially in 10 years. Bonds maturing in 20 years, optional in 10 years and for bonds maturing in 1935 to 1944. These bonds are being offered subject to the result of the election on Mar. 14.

PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—BOND RESOLUTION APPROVED.—The city council recently passed a resolution directing the city solicitor to apply to the General Assembly at its present session for authority to issue \$500,000 in bonds to finance the construction of an additional garbage disposal plant.

RALEIGH, Wake County, N. C.—BOND ELECTION.—On Mar. 24 the voters will pass upon a proposal to issue \$250,000 in auditorium bonds. These bonds were authorized by the City Commission on Feb. 14—V. 132, p. 1462.

REAL COUNTY (P. O. Leakey), Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—On Mar. 21 an election will be held to vote on the proposed issuance of \$125,000 in road bonds.

RICHMOND SCHOOL CITY, Wayne County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to the Board of School Trustees will be received until 2 p. m. on March 18 for the purchase of \$90,000 4% school construction and improvement bonds. Dated March 16 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$15,000 July 1 1932; \$15,000 Jan. and July 1 in 1933 and 1934, and \$15,000 Jan. 1 1935. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) are payable at the Second National Bank, Richmond.

ROCHESTER, Olmsted County, Minn.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters will be asked to pass on a proposal to issue \$180,000 in city hall bonds at a special election to be held on April 21.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—C. E. Higgins, City Comptroller, awarded on March 6 the following note issues aggregating \$1,442,500 to the Lincoln-Alliance Bank, of Rochester, at 1.81% interest: \$600,000 overdue tax (1930) notes. Due July 10 1931. 275,000 overdue tax (1929) notes. Due July 10 1931. 250,000 bridge design and construction notes. Due Nov. 10 1931. 100,000 municipal building construction notes. Due Nov. 10 1931.

100,000 school construction notes. Due Nov. 10 1931. 45,000 Elmwood Ave. subway notes. Due Nov. 10 1931. 25,000 municipal land purchase notes. Due Nov. 10 1931. 25,000 water works improvement notes. Due Nov. 10 1931. 15,000 Winton Road subway notes. Due Nov. 10 1931. 7,500 Boxard St. grade crossing notes. Due Nov. 10 1931. Each issue is dated March 10 1931. The notes will be drawn with interest, and will be deliverable and payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 (P. O. Portales) N. Mex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$7,500 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. school bonds offered on Feb. 12—V. 132, p. 891—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated July 1 1930. Due \$500 from July 1 1931 to 1945, incl.

ROSENBERG, Fort Bend County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—Two issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$119,260, were registered by the State Comptroller on Feb. 27. The issues are as follows: \$69,260 refunding and \$50,000 street improvement bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500, and one for \$260. Due in 40 years. (These bonds were voted at on election on Nov. 26—V. 131, p. 3073.)

RUTLAND, Rutland County, Vt.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on March 3 the voters authorized the issuance of \$50,000 in bonds for sewer construction purposes. The measure was approved by a vote of 3,316 "for" to 1,338 "against."

SAINT GEORGE, Washington County, Utah.—BONDS CALLED.—Waterworks bonds, Nos. 1 to 3 for \$1,000 each, dated April 1 1921 are called for payment on April 1 1931 at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. Due in 1941 and optional in 1931.

SAINT PARIS, Champaign County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Leo L. Urban, Village Clerk, will be received until 12 m. on March 21 for the purchase of \$63,000 4 1/2% water works bonds. Dated March 1 1931. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$1,500 on April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1952 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and Oct. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 4 1/2%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the Village Clerk, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, may be procured by the purchaser at his own expense.

SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Charles G. F. Coker, City Treasurer, will be received until 11 a. m. on March 9 for the purchase at discount of a \$600,000 temporary loan, dated March 9 1931 and due Nov. 10 1931. Denom. \$50,000, \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. The notes will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the First National Bank, of Boston, under advice of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston, and will be payable at the aforementioned bank in Boston, or at the office of the First of Boston Corp., New York.

SAN ANGELO, Tom Green County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—We are informed that an election is scheduled for March 28 in order to have the voters pass upon the proposed issuance of \$175,000 in road improvement bonds.

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY WATER WORKS DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. San Bernardino), Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$45,500 issue of 6% water works bonds offered on Feb. 24—V. 132, p. 1462—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated March 1 1931. Due from 1932 to 1954, incl. It is reported that these bonds will be sold privately.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of 4 1/2% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$1,250,000, offered for sale on March 3—V. 132, p. 1667—were jointly awarded to R. W. Pressprich & Co., of New York, and the American Securities Co. of San Francisco, for a premium of \$43,238, equal to 103.459, a basis of about 4.22%. The issues are divided as follows: \$700,000 public parks and squares bonds. Due \$28,000 from 1936 to 1960, incl. 450,000 boulevards and roads bonds. Due \$18,000 from 1936 to 1960, incl. 100,000 playground bonds. Due \$4,000 from 1936 to 1960, incl.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above bonds are being offered by the successful bidders for public subscription priced to yield from 3.90% to 4.15%, according to maturity. They are direct and general obligations of the city and county, and are stated to be legal investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States.

Ten other syndicates submitted tenders. The second highest bid was 103.389, by a group headed by Heller Bruce & Co., of San Francisco, or only \$863 less in premium than the winning bid. The syndicate managers and the bids of the other groups were: Continental Illinois Co., Inc., 103.37; First National Bank, New York, 103.30; Bankers Company of New York, 103.239; Ames, Emmerich & Co., Inc., 103.027; National City Co., 102.8248; R. H. Moulton & Co., 102.87; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., 102.859; Chase Securities Corp., 102.76104; Guaranty Co. of New York, 102.619.

SCARSDALE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward H. Jackson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8.15 p. m. on Mar. 10 for the purchase of \$187,000 not to exceed 4 1/2% interest coupon highway improvement bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Mar. 1 as follows: \$38,000 in 1932 and 1933 and \$37,000 from 1934 to 1936 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Interest is payable semi-annually in March and September. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Shakopee), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$42,000 issue of coupon warrant funding bonds offered for sale on March 3—V. 132, p. 1667—was purchased by Kalman & Co. of St. Paul. Dated Feb. 1 1931. Due from Feb. 1 1933 to 1937.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 issue of coupon water works extension series WX-3 bonds offered for sale on Feb. 27—V. 132, p. 1077—was purchased by a syndicate composed of Eldredge & Co. of New York, Ferris & Hardgrove, and the Spokane Eastern Trust Co., both of Spokane, and Drumheller, Ehrlichman & White, of Seattle, as 4 1/4s, at 97.769, a basis of about 4.98%. Dated April 1 1931. Due \$50,000 from April 1 1942 to 1961, incl.

SHAKER HEIGHTS, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. P. Randolph, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Mar. 26 for the purchase of \$145,354 4 1/2% special assessment street improvement bonds, divided as follows: \$122,339 bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,339, 1932; \$13,000, 1933; \$12,000 from 1934 to 1936 incl.; \$13,000, 1937; \$12,000 from 1938 to 1940 incl., and \$13,000 in 1941.

15,635 bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,635 in 1932; \$3,000 from 1933 to 1935 incl., and \$4,000 in 1936. 7,380 bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$380 in 1932; \$1,000 in 1933 and 1934; \$500, 1935; \$1,000 in 1936 and 1937; \$500, 1938 and \$1,000 in 1939 and 1940.

Each issue is dated Apr. 1 1931. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and October) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 4 1/2%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

SHERWOOD, Defiance County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. Coffin, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Mar. 20 for the purchase of \$2,700 5 1/2% fire apparatus purchase bonds. Dated Apr. 1 1931. Denom. \$300. Due \$300 on Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1940 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and October. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 325 (P. O. Everett), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,500 issue of school building bonds offered for sale on Mar. 3—V. 132, p. 1266—was jointly purchased by the Marine National Bank, and the Pacific National Co., both of Seattle, as 5 1/4s. Dated Feb. 2 1931.

SOUTH PITTSBURG, Marion County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that sealed bids will be received until March 20, by W. M. Cameron, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of street improvement bonds.

SOUTH SANTA ANITA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles) Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on March 9, by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1926. Due \$1,000 on July 1 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949 and 1951. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. No bid will be considered at a lower rate of interest than 5%. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds, payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, must accompany the bid. The following statement accompanies the official offering notice:

South Santa Anita School District has been acting as a school district under the laws of the State of California continuously since July 1 1909. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1930 is \$3,212,155.00, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$104,000.00.

South Santa Anita School District includes an area of approximately 2.56 square miles, and the estimated population of said school district is 3300.

SPRINGFIELD, Greene County, Mo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—We are informed that a \$700,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. sewer bonds was purchased by Stix & Co., of St. Louis at a price of 102.37, subject to an election to be held in the near future.

STURGIS, St. Joseph County, Mich.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the proposed sale at 4 p. m. (Central standard time) on March 12 of \$75,000 4 1/2% public school refunding bonds, notice of which was given in V. 132, p. 1668.—C. W. Coye, Secretary of the Board of Education, informs us that the issue is dated April 1 1931 and matures \$5,000 annually on April 1 from 1932 to 1946 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Int. s payable semi-annually.

SULLIVAN COUNTY (P. O. Blountville), Tenn.—BONDS APPROVED.—The County Court has recently approved the issuance of \$200,000 in refunding bonds that was authorized by a legislative bill recently.—V. 132, p. 1267.

SWAMPSCOTT, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$100,000 temporary loan offered on Feb. 27—V. 132, p. 1668—was awarded to the Sagamore Trust Co., of Lynn, at 2.09% discount. The loan matures Nov. 10 1931 and was bid for by the following:

Table with columns: Bidder, Discount. Sagamore Trust Co. (purchaser) 2.09%, Security Trust Co., Lynn, plus \$1 premium 2.18%, Shawmut Corp. 2.18%, Faxon, Gade & Co. 2.21%, Manufacturers National Bank, Lynn 2.32%

TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Lewis A. Hodges, City Treasurer, will be received until 5 p. m. on Mar. 10 for the purchase at discount of a \$200,000 temporary loan, dated Mar. 11 1931 and payable Nov. 27 1931, in Boston. The notes will be engraved under the supervision of the First National Bank, of Boston, which will guarantee the signatures and certify that the notes are issued by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the Municipal Council, the validity of which order has been approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

TEKAMAH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tekamah) Burt County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—An election is reported to be scheduled for March 10 to have the voters pass upon the proposed issuance of \$125,000 in not to exceed 4 1/2% school building bonds. Dated April 1 1931. Due is not more than 20 years.

TIPTON COUNTY (P. O. Tipton), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 6% coupon bonds aggregating \$7,151.26 offered on Feb. 26—V. 132, p. 1463—were awarded at par and accrued interest to the Citizens National Co., of Tipton, the only bidder: \$3,891.94 ditch improvement bonds. Due \$800 annually from 1932 to 1935, incl., and \$691.94 in 1936. \$3,259.32 ditch improvement bonds. Due \$700 annually from 1932 to 1935, incl., and \$459.32 in 1936. Each issue is dated Jan. 2 1931.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Earle L. Peters, Director of Finance, received sealed bids until Feb. 27 for the purchase of \$900,044 bonds, comprising the six issues totaling \$882,044 mentioned in V. 132, p. 1267—and an issue of \$18,000 judgment bonds not previously mentioned in these columns. The aggregate of \$900,044 bonds was awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co., Inc., of New York, as follows:

- \$254,772.88 property portion street improvement bonds. Semi-annual interest payable March and Sept. 1. Dated March 1 1931. Due as follows: \$42,772.88 March and \$42,000 Sept. 1 1932; \$42,000 March and Sept. 1 1933, and \$43,000 March and Sept. 1 1934.
210,960.34 property portion street improvement bonds. Semi-annual interest payable March and Sept. 1. Dated March 1 1931. Due as follows: \$26,960.34 March and \$26,000 Sept. 1 1932; \$26,000 March and Sept. 1 1933 and 1934, and \$27,000 March and Sept. 1 1935.
150,000.00 refunding wharf bonds. Semi-annual interest payable March and Sept. 1. Dated March 1 1931. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1932 to 1955, incl., and \$6,000 from 1956 to 1960, incl. Bonds to be refunded represent portion of issue of \$185,000, dated Sept. 1 1920.
146,166.26 property portion street improvement bonds. Semi-annual interest payable March and Sept. 1. Dated March 1 1931. Due as follows: \$36,166.26 March and \$36,000 Sept. 1 1932; \$37,000 March and Sept. 1 1933.
85,944.95 Jefferson Ave. extension bonds. Semi-annual interest payable April and Oct. 1. Dated Oct. 1 1930. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$17,000 from 1932 to 1935, incl., and \$17,944.95 in 1936. Interest rate 5%.
34,259.57 property portion street improvement bonds. Semi-annual interest payable March and Sept. 1. Dated March 1 1931. Due as follows: \$3,259.57 March and \$3,000 Sept. 1 1932; \$3,000 March and Sept. 1 1933 and 1934, and \$4,000 March and Sept. 1 1935 and 1936.
18,000.00 judgment bonds. Dated March 1 1931. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1932 and 1933, and \$4,000 from 1934 to 1936, incl. Int. payable in March and Sept.
All of the above issues were sold as 4s, at 100.098, a basis of about 3.98%.
85,944.95 Jefferson Ave. extension bonds were sold as 4 1/2s, at 100.20, a basis of about 4.19%. Dated Oct. 1 1930. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$17,000 from 1932 to 1935, incl., and \$17,944.95 in 1936.

BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for general investment priced to yield from 3.00 to 4.00%, according to maturity, for the \$814,099.48, and to yield from 3.00 to 3.90%, according to maturity, for the \$85,944.95 4 1/2s. All of the securities are said to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Statistics of the City of Toledo. Actual value of property (estimated) \$648,857,509.00. Assessed value for taxation (1930) as follows: Real \$413,637,180.00, Personal 165,220,890.00. Total 578,858,070.00. Total outstanding bonded debt including this issue 35,443,058.95. *Water bonds included above 1,529,000.00. Electric light bonds included above None. *Special assessment bonds included above 3,967,463.61. Sinking Fund: For all bonds excepting water and special assessments 2,748,164.34. For special assessment bonds 618,848.18. Floating debt None. Bonds authorized (not to be sold at this time) 1,908,000.00. Population (1920 census) 243,164. Population (April 1 1930 estimate) 300,000. *Water bonds are paid from Waterworks earnings as they become due. *Special assessment bonds are paid by special assessments levied upon property abutting on streets improved by paving and sewers.

TARRANT COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Fort Worth) Tex.—OFFERING DETAILS.—The following information regarding their maturity and validity is furnished in connection with the offering scheduled for March 17 of the \$1,500,000 issue of 4 1/2% or 4 3/4% semi-ann. water, series C bonds, reported in V. 132, p. 1463:

Table with columns: Prin. Mar'g, 4 1/2% Schedule No. 1, 4 3/4% Schedule No. 2, Prin. Mar'g, 4 1/2% Schedule No. 1, 4 3/4% Schedule No. 2. Lists bond issues from 1935 to 1954 with amounts and schedules.

VALIDITY OF BONDS.—This district has the powers granted by section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution of Texas, through the provisions of the enabling Act known as Chapter 25 of the Acts of the 39th Legislature of Texas, Regular Session, as amended by Chapter 107 of the Acts of the 40th Legislature, First Called Session, and Chapter 280 of the Acts of the 41st Legislature, Regular Session. The Supreme Court of Texas by formal decrees has pronounced these bonds valid. The Legislature of Texas by an Act general in terms has established these bonds as valid. The bonds of "series A" and "series B" were sold under the final approving opinion of Messrs. Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, and their approving opinion of the validity of the bonds of this "series C" will be furnished by this District without cost to the purchaser. The bonds of our "series B" sold on Sept. 15 1930, at bid rate 4 1/2%, less \$10,050.00. Our report is that these bonds moved promptly and met a favorable reception by the public.

TREMONT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tremont) Mahaska County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Mar. 17 by Ben Roof, Secretary of the Board of Directors, for the purchase of a \$12,000 issue of 4 1/2% school bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Apr. 1 1931. Due on May 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1933 to 1938; \$2,000, 1939 to 1941, all incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in Tremont. A \$500 certified check must accompany the bid.

TRENTON, Hitchcock County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of 4 1/2% funding bonds has recently been purchased by an undisclosed investor. Due in 20 years.

UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—William H. Whitaker, Solicitor, informs us that sealed bids were opened on May 5 for the purchase of \$150,000 park improvement bonds.

VALPARAISO, Porter County, Ind.—NO BIDS.—Flora Kenny, City Clerk, informs us that no bids were received on Feb. 27 for the purchase of the \$104,000 4% city's share improvement bonds offered for sale—V. 132, p. 1463. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1931 and mature semi-annually from 1946 to 1972 incl.

VERNON, Los Angeles County, Calif.—MATURITY.—The \$3,000,000 (not \$2,314,000) issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. light and power works plant and distribution system bonds that was jointly purchased by Weeden & Co., and the American Securities Co., both of San Francisco—V. 131, p. 3571—is due from Oct. 1 1933 to 1963, incl.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$500,000 temporary loan offered on March 2—V. 132, p. 1668—was awarded to Blake Bros., of Boston, at 2.15% discount, plus a premium of \$2.50. The loan is dated March 2 1931 and matures \$200,000 on Nov. 17 1931 and \$300,000 Nov. 24 1931. Bids submitted at the sale were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Discount. Blake Bros., plus \$2.50 premium (Purchasers) 2.15%, Atlantic City 2.16%, Shawmut Corp. 2.23%, Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, plus \$5 premium 2.26%, Union Market National Bank 2.27%

WARE, Hampshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Springfield Chapin National Bank & Trust Co., of Springfield, purchased on March 4 a \$100,000 temporary loan at 2.49% discount. The loan matures Nov. 25 1931 and was bid for by the following:

Table with columns: Bidder, Discount. Springfield Chapin National Bank & Trust Co. (purchaser) 2.49%, Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. 2.53%, Faxon, Gade & Co. 2.57%

BONDS NOT SOLD.—It is reported that an issue of \$2,000 bonds also offered on March 4 was not sold, as no bids for the issue were received. The bonds mature from 1932 to 1936 incl.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Jonesboro) Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 issue of 5% coupon (J. & J.) county bonds offered for sale on Feb. 27—V. 132, p. 1463—was purchased by a group composed of J. C. Bradford & Co., and the Commerce Union Co., both of Nashville; Little, Wooten & Co., of Jackson, and the Well, Roth & Irving Co., of Cincinnati, for a premium of \$1,651, equal to 100.33, a basis of about 4.98%. Dated Jan. 1 1931. Due in 25 years. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago. The next highest bid was a premium offer of \$1,640 by Joseph, Hutton & Estes, of Nashville.

WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Greenville) Miss.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—A \$300,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. road bonds was offered for sale without success on March 2 as all the bids received were rejected. (These bonds are reported to be part of a total issue of \$1,000,000.)

WATCHUNG (P. O. Plainfield, R. F. D. No. 3), Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to George Mobus, Borough Clerk, will be received until 8 p. m. on March 23 for the purchase of \$40,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered borough bond. Dated Dec. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1951 inclusive. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec.) are payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., Plainfield. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$40,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

WATERLOO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Waterloo) Black Hawk County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that a \$75,000 issue of 4 1/2% school refunding bonds has been purchased jointly by the Commercial National Co., and the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., both of Waterloo, paying a premium of \$1,075, equal to 101.43, a basis of about 4.07%. Due from 1934 to 1946.

WATERTOWN VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 coupon school building construction bonds offered on March 3—V. 132, p. 1267—were awarded as 4 3/4s to Braun, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, at par plus a premium of \$590, equal to 101.18, a basis of about 4.61%. The bonds are dated March 1 1931 and mature Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1933 incl.; \$2,000, 1934; \$3,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$2,000, 1937; \$3,000 in 1938 and 1939; \$2,000, 1940; \$3,000 in 1941 and 1942; \$2,000, 1943; \$3,000 in 1944 and 1945; \$2,000, 1946; \$3,000 in 1947 and 1948, and \$2,000 in 1949 and 1950.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Braun, Bosworth & Co. (purchasers) 4 3/4% \$590.00, Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., Toledo 4 3/4% 320.00, BancOhio Securities Co., Columbus 4 3/4% 170.00, Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati 4 3/4% 152.00, Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo 5% 528.00, Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo 5% 421.00, W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo 5% 314.60

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Goldsboro), N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Mar. 16 by D. Grantham, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of bond anticipation loan notes. Int. rate is not to exceed 6% stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Dated Mar. 20 1931. Due on Mar. 20 1932. The approving

opinion of Reed, Hoyt, & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the notes bid for, payable to the County, is required.

WELLSVILLE, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BONDS REOFFERED.—The \$1,200 5% Thirteenth St. sewer bonds for which no bids were received on Jan. 30 when an issue of \$1,300 bonds was also offered—V. 132, p. 1668—are now being reoffered for award at 12 m. on March 16. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1930 and mature \$240 on Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1936, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and Oct. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds offered must accompany each proposal.

WERNERSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Berks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Feb. 26—V. 132, p. 1463—were awarded to the Reading National Bank & Trust Co., of Reading, at a price of 103.75, a basis of about 3.95%. The bonds are dated March 1 1931 and mature March 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1932 to 1941, incl.; \$2,000 from 1942 to 1946, incl., and \$3,000 from 1947 to 1961, incl.

WEST CONSHOHOCKEN, Montgomery County, Pa.—BIDS REJECTED.—Walter N. Hannum, City Treasurer, reports that all of the bids received on March 4 for the purchase of the \$10,000 4 1/2% 30-year bonds offered for sale—V. 132, p. 1267—were rejected. The issue may be re-offered with serial maturities.

WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on Mar. 4—V. 132, p. 1668—was awarded to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, of Boston, at 2.26% discount. The loan is dated Mar. 4 1931 and is payable on Nov. 4 1931 at the First National Bank, of New York. Bids submitted at the sale were as follows:

Table with Bidder and Discount columns. Bidders include Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (2.26%), First National Old Colony Corp (2.27%), and Bank of Commerce & Trust Co (2.39%).

WESTFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, of Boston, purchased on March 4 a \$200,000 temporary loan at 2.26% discount. The loan matures Nov. 4 1931 and was bid for by the following:

Table with Bidder and Discount columns. Bidders include Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (2.26%), Bank of Commerce & Trust Co (2.39%), and First National Old Colony Corp (2.27%).

WEST HOMESTEAD (P. O. Homestead), Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 4 1/4% coupon borough bonds offered on Mar. 1—V. 132, p. 1078—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Philadelphia, at par plus a premium of \$2,503.45, equal to 105.006, a basis of about 3.96%. The issue matures Sept. 1 as follows: \$3,000 in 1936 and 1937; \$4,000 in 1938; \$3,000 in 1939 and 1940; \$4,000 in 1941; \$3,000 in 1942 and 1943; \$4,000 in 1944; \$3,000 in 1945 and 1946; \$4,000 in 1947; \$3,000 in 1948 and 1949 and \$4,000 in 1950. The following is a list of the bids submitted for the bonds:

Table with Bidder and Premium columns. Bidders include E. H. Rollins & Sons (\$2,503.45), M. & T. Trust Co. (1,974.50), Graham, Parsons & Co. (2,130.00), Stetson & Blackman (1,514.50), R. M. Snyder & Co. (2,041.60), M. M. Freeman & Co. (980.00), Mellon National Bank (2,095.80), A. B. Leach & Co. (2,400.00), Prescott Lyon & Co. (2,890.00), and J. H. Holmes & Co. (2,077.00).

WESTHOPE, Bottineau County, N. Dak.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$23,000, that were purchased by the State Board of University and School Lands—V. 132, p. 1464—are described as follows: \$15,000 sewer bonds. Due as follows: \$500, 1932 to 1941, and \$1,000, 1942 to 1951. \$8,000 water main bonds. Due \$500 from 1932 to 1947, incl. These bonds were awarded at par and bear interest at 5%.

WHITLEY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia City) Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,240 4 1/4% coupon road construction bonds offered on Feb. 28—V. 132, p. 1464—were awarded to the Citizens State Bank, of Columbia City, at par plus a premium of \$265, equal to 103.14, a basis of about 3.93%. The bonds are dated Feb. 15 1931 and mature \$412, July 15 1932; \$412, Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1941 incl., and \$412, Jan. 15 1942. Bids submitted at the sale were as follows:

Table with Bidder and Premium columns. Bidders include Citizens State Bank (\$265.00), Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. (263.80), City Securities Corp. (263.20), Pfaff & Hugel, Indianapolis (259.50), Farmers Loan & Trust Co. (251.34), and Columbia State Bank (218.00).

WICHITA, Sedgewick County, Kan.—LIST OF BIDS.—The following is an official list of the bids received on Feb. 24 for the purchase of the three issues of bonds aggregating \$449,221.14, the award of which was reported in V. 132, p. 1668:

Table with Bidder, 4% column, 4 1/4% column, and 4 1/2% column. Bidders include Merchants Reserve State Bank, Halsey, Stewart & Co., etc.

The issue of \$30,000.00 was awarded to Merchants Reserve State Bank, Wichita, Kans. The issue of \$213,103.93 was awarded to Central Trust Co. and Harris Trust & Savings Bank. The issue of \$206,117.21 was awarded to Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo.

WILKES-BARRE, Luzerne County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,900 5% street paving bonds offered on March 2—V. 132, p. 1669—were awarded to the Hanover Bank & Trust Co. of Hanover, at par plus a premium of \$5.46, equal to 100.07, a basis of about 4.985%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1931 and mature Jan. 1 1936.

WILLIAMSON COUNTY (P. O. Franklin), Tenn.—BONDS OFFERED TO PUBLIC.—The \$350,000 issue of road bonds that was purchased by the American National Co. of Nashville and associates, as 4 3/4s, at 100.417, a basis of about 4.72%—V. 132, p. 1668—is being offered for general investment priced to yield 4.50% on all maturities. Dated March 15 1931. Due from March 15 1936 to 1961, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S15) payable at the office of the County Trustee in Franklin, or at the Chase National Bank in New York. These bonds are reported to be direct obligations of the entire county, payable from an unlimited ad valorem tax.

Table with Financial Statement (As Officially Reported) and Total bonded debt, including this issue (\$400,000.00).

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—BIDS REJECTED.—PORTION OF BONDS TO BE REOFFERED.—Arvilla Miller, Village Clerk advises us that all of the bids received on Mar. 2 for the purchase of the

following \$307,055.25 5% special assessment bonds offered for sale—V. 132, p. 1268—were rejected:

- \$169,091.44 street improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$16,091.44 in 1931, and \$17,000 from 1932 to 1940 incl.
67,447.65 sewer improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,477.65 in 1932; \$7,000, 1933; \$8,000, 1934; \$7,000, 1935; \$8,000, 1936; \$7,000, 1937; \$8,000, 1938; \$7,000 in 1939, and \$8,000 in 1940.
57,516.16 street improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,516.16 in 1932; \$6,000 from 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$5,000, 1936; \$6,000 from 1937 to 1940 incl., and \$5,000 in 1941.
13,000.00 street improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933; \$1,000, 1934; \$2,000, 1935; \$1,000, 1936; \$2,000, 1937; \$1,000, 1938; \$2,000 in 1939, and \$1,000 in 1940.

Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1930. The Village Clerk says that the three issues of street improvement bonds are to be reoffered shortly.

WOBURN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—William H. Wafer, City Treasurer, on March 4 awarded a \$200,000 temporary loan to the Atlantic Corp., of Boston, at 2.15% discount, plus a premium of \$1. The loan is dated March 5 1931 and matures \$100,000 on Nov. 5 1931 and \$100,000 Nov. 20 1931. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. The First National Bank, of Boston, will guarantee the signatures and will certify that the notes are issued by virtue and in pursuance of an order of the City Council, the validity of which order has been approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. Bids submitted for the loan were as follows:

Table with Bidder and Discount columns. Bidders include Atlantic Corp. (2.15%), Shawmut Corp (2.18%), and First National Old Colony Corp (2.23%).

WOODBINE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodbine) Harrison County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 issue of coupon school building bonds offered for sale on Mar. 3—V. 132, p. 1669—was purchased by the Carleton D. Beh Co. of Des Moines, as 4 3/4s, for a premium of \$1,455, equal to 102.078, a basis of about 4.05%. Dated Apr. 1 1931. Due from 1934 to 1951 incl.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

CANADA, Dominion of.—FINANCIAL NOTICE.—The Chase National Bank of the city of New York announces that it is prepared to deliver at its Corporate Trust Division, 11 Broad Street, the definitive 30-year 4% gold bonds due Oct. 1 1960 of the government of the Dominion of Canada, in exchange for temporary bonds.

CAP DE LA MADELEINE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Romeo Morissette, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on March 23 for the purchase of \$263,000 5% water works construction bonds, of which \$150,000 mature serially on May 1 from 1932 to 1961 incl.; \$83,000 on Feb. 1 from 1932 to 1971 incl., and \$30,000 on Feb. 1 from 1932 to 1951 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (F. & A.) payable at Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers or Cap de la Madeleine.

GRAN MERE, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 5% local improvement bonds offered on Mar. 2—V. 132, p. 1464—were awarded to McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 99.85, a basis of about 5.02%. The bonds mature annually on Feb. 1 from 1932 to 1961 inclusive.

HAWKESBURY, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$16,580.37 5 1/4% coupon refunding bonds offered on March 2—V. 132, p. 1465—were awarded to H. R. Bain & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 100.11, a basis of about 5.49%. The bonds are dated Feb. 1 1931 and mature in 20 years. Denoms. to suit purchaser. Interest is payable annually in February.

MONTREAL, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—L. F. Phille, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Mar. 10 for the purchase of \$11,070,000 4 1/2% bonds, divided as follows: \$8,570,000 sinking fund bonds. Due Apr. 1 1971. 2,500,000 sinking fund bonds. Due Apr. 1 1951.

Each issue is dated Apr. 1 1931. Principal and semi-ann. int. (April and October) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer, or at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, in New York City. A certified check for 1% of the amount bid must accompany each proposal. The amount tendered to be payable with accrued interest in Canadian funds in Montreal. Delivery of the bonds to be made in Montreal, or at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, New York City, at the option of the holder.

PORT COLBORNE, Ont.—BOND SALE.—H. F. Johnston, Town Treasurer, informs us that an issue of \$16,611.59 5% coupon improvement bonds was awarded on Mar. 2 to R. A. Daly & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 99.61, a basis of about 5.09%. The bonds are dated Apr. 1 1931 and mature in 1941. Interest is payable annually in April. Denoms. \$1,000 and odd amounts.

Table with Bidder and Rate Bid columns. Bidders include R. A. Daly & Co. (99.61), Gairdner & Co. (99.172), O. A. Bain & Co. (99.04), Dominion Securities Corp. (99.03), Dymont, Anderson & Co. (99.00), J. L. Graham & Co. (98.87), McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. (98.80), J. L. Goad & Co. (98.616), and Bell, Gouinlock & Co. (98.51).

PRESCOTT, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$94,000 5% sinking fund bonds offered on Mar. 2—V. 132, p. 1669—were awarded to Dymont, Anderson & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 102.611, a basis of about 4.83%. The bonds are dated Apr. 1 1931 and mature Apr. 1 1961. The following is an official list of the bids submitted for the issue:

Table with Bidder and Rate Bid columns. Bidders include Dymont, Anderson & Co., Toronto (102.611), R. A. Daly & Co., Toronto (102.61), Wood, Gundy & Co., Toronto (101.579), Dominion Securities Corp., Toronto (102.478), Matthews & Co., Toronto (102.185), J. L. Graham & Co., Toronto (102.16), A. E. Ames & Co., Toronto (102.07), O. A. Bain & Co., Toronto (101.57), Milner, Ross, Securities Corp., Toronto (101.531), Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., Toronto (101.33), Harris, Mackeen & Co., Toronto (101.31), McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Toronto (101.27), Griffis, Fairclough & Co., Toronto (101.27), Stewart, Scully & Co., Toronto (101.134), Gairdner & Co., Toronto (101.123), C. H. Burgess & Co., Toronto (101.093), H. R. Bain & Co., Toronto (100.818), J. L. Goad & Co., Toronto (100.793), Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Toronto (100.60), and Bank of Montreal, Prescott (100.39).

SANDWICH, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—H. A. Hackney, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7.30 p.m. on March 9 for the purchase of \$100,104.84 5 1/4% bonds, divided as follows: \$39,339.16 local improvement bonds. Due in 15 years. 27,477.49 local improvement bonds. Due in 20 years. 20,288.19 local improvement bonds. Due in 5 years. 13,000.00 Public School Board bonds. Due in 10 years. All of the bonds will be dated Dec. 1 1930 and have coupons attached for the payment of interest semi-annually.

SASKATCHEWAN, Province of.—PRICE PAID FOR \$3,000,000 NOTE ISSUE.—The Provincial Treasurer reports that the group headed by the Dominion Securities Corp., of Toronto, which purchased recently an issue of \$3,000,000 3 1/4% notes—V. 132, p. 1465—paid a price of 99.51 for the loan, a basis of about 4.00%. The notes are dated Feb. 16 1931 and mature Feb. 16 1932.

WALKERTON, Ont.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—In connection with the report in V. 132, p. 1669—relative to the sale of \$63,000 bonds to local investors, the Town Clerk informs us that the bonds bear interest at 5% and were sold at a price of par. Dated Feb. 2 1931. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500 and odd amounts. Proceeds of the issue will be used to finance improvements to the municipal hydro-electric distribution system. Bonds mature serially from 1932 to 1951 incl. Interest is payable annually on Feb. 1.

Notices

NATIONAL GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION

Three-Year Convertible 5½% Gold Notes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, notes in excess of 80% of the aggregate amount outstanding having been deposited under the Deposit Agreement with First Union Trust and Savings Bank, dated as of January 31, 1931, the plan set forth in said agreement has become operative.

Each holder of a certificate of deposit representing a note or notes deposited under said agreement will receive (a) \$200 in cash on each \$1,000 principal amount of notes specified in his certificate and (b) the note or notes specified in his certificate appropriately stamped to evidence such payment thereon and the extension of the date of maturity thereof and having attached thereto six per cent. interest coupons pursuant to said agreement,—upon the surrender by such holder of his certificate of deposit, properly endorsed with signature guaranteed by a responsible bank or trust company having a Chicago correspondent, to First Union Trust and Savings Bank, 33 South Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois, *on or after March 12, 1931.*

The privilege of converting the notes deposited under said agreement into \$6.50 Dividend Series Cumulative Preferred Stock under the terms of Article III of the indenture under which the notes were issued has been renewed so that noteholders will be entitled to receive shares of such stock (eight shares for each \$1,000 note; four shares for each \$500 note) upon presentation and surrender of their notes with all unmatured coupons to First Union Trust and Savings Bank, at the address given above, before January 1, 1933, or thirty days or more prior to the date specified for the redemption of the notes if called for redemption.

Noteholders who have not, as yet, deposited their notes are hereby notified that they have the privilege of depositing them at any time before 12 o'clock noon, March 21, 1931 and thus avail themselves of the benefits of the Deposit Agreement mentioned above. The prompt attention of Noteholders to this is respectfully suggested.

NATIONAL GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION

By D. H. FRAZER, JR., Secretary

Dated March 5, 1931.

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OTTOMAN BANK
 CAPITAL £10,000,000
 PAID-UP CAPITAL £5,000,000
 RESERVE £1,250,000
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 MARSEILLES: 38, Rue St. Ferreol.

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Capital.....frs. 318,750,000
 Surplus.....frs. 200,000,000
 Deposits.....frs. 5,129,431,000

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BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES
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Paid up Capital.....(\$5=£1) \$37,500,000
 Reserve Fund..... 30,750,000
 Reserve Liability of Proprietors..... 37,500,000
 \$105,750,000

Aggregate Assets 30th Sept., 1930 \$446,141,892
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45-47 WALL STREET

Capital, \$2,000,000.00
 Surplus and Undivided Profits, \$27,503,497.28

January 1, 1931

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 Reserve Fund.....\$ 17,904,630
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