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The Financial Situation.

The New York Federal Reserve Bank, under date of June 1, gave out a statement which will probably excite no adverse comment, being taken as a matter of course, but which deserves close examination. The statement is merely to the effect that our Federal Reserve Banks have accepted participation in the banking credit to be extended to Austria. The precise form of the statement is of importance, and we accordingly quote it in full as follows: "The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in association with other Federal Reserve Banks, has agreed to participate with banks of issue and with the Bank for International Settlements in a credit arrangement in favor of the Austrian National Bank. The participation of the Federal Reserve Banks in the arrangement takes the form of an agreement to purchase prime commercial bills."

There can be no doubt regarding the meritorious character of this arrangement. Austria is in need of banking accommodation, and this need is apparently urgent, but is it the province of the Reserve Banks to go out of their way to aid in extending such a credit? We may go further and ask whether, indeed, the Reserve Banks have authority to enter into transactions of that kind. We can find nothing to support the contention, and to us it seems to lie outside the proper sphere of action of the Reserve Banks. We raised the point when the Reserve Banks extended a credit of \$200,000,000 to the Bank of England back in 1925, and there were, of course, graver objections in that case because of the immense size of the credit. Since then the Reserve Banks have extended bank credits to numerous other and minor countries like the one now extended to the Austrian National Bank.

As already stated, there can be no question as to the merit of the transaction *per se*, nor can there be any doubt that the credit is amply secured. It may

surely be taken for granted that every precaution in that respect has been taken. But that does not settle the point as to the power of the Federal Reserve institutions to engage in commitments of that kind. The notice, as we have quoted it above, takes care to say that the participation takes the form of an agreement to purchase commercial bills. The Reserve Banks are clearly authorized to engage in the buying and selling of commercial bills, but in the present instance, as in other instances, it is necessary to look beyond the mere form of the transaction to get at its substance and purpose.

What reason have the Reserve Banks for wanting to purchase Austrian commercial bills outside of the desire to place a fund at the disposal of the Austrian National Bank with a view to helping Austria out of its present troubles? Evidently none. We do not wish to be misunderstood. We do not oppose the idea of extending a credit to the Austrian Bank, and we do not think that American capital should be withheld when it is so certain to be beneficial, especially in a time of emergency like the present, but that is a matter for our private banking institutions, which have funds in overwhelming abundance available and whose operations extend to all parts of the globe. Even in the case of the \$200,000,000 credit to the Bank of England it was supplemented by a private credit of \$100,000,000 from an American banking syndicate headed by J. P. Morgan & Co.

It was certainly never contemplated by the framers of the Reserve Act that the Reserve Banks should cast about for opportunities to extend aid to outside countries and to outside sources. And if it had been thought that there was any likelihood of the Reserve Banks undertaking to engage in such transactions, express prohibition against anything of the kind would have been incorporated in the Act itself.

Grave dangers attend practices of that kind, and for that reason it would have to be opposed even if clear authority existed for the action, which, however, is not the case. The sole justification that can be offered for anything of the kind is the permission granted by the Reserve Act to engage in the purchase and sale of commercial bills, but it was never contemplated that this should be or could be made a cloak for extending a foreign credit secured by commercial bills. The Reserve Banks carry all the cash reserves of the member banks, these latter not being required to hold a single dollar of reserve in their own vaults, and the utmost precaution should at all times be taken to prevent the use of the reserves held by the Reserve Banks for any purpose other than that designed by the Act. Nor should any transactions ever be entered into likely to jeopardize such reserves.

In the present instance the amount involved is presumably small, though no information on that

point is vouchsafed, but in the case of the English credit of \$200,000,000 in 1925, which was never availed of, there was grave danger that in event of an emergency the reserves of the Reserve Banks might be seriously entrenched upon, especially as it was a revolving credit, and the credit had to be kept constantly good. It is the principle that must be kept in mind and not the amount involved in any particular case. If authority really existed to engage in transactions of that kind it would have to be viewed with grave apprehension.

As already stated, the Reserve Banks hold all the reserves of the member banks, and they can only make these reserves available for loaning or extending credit by putting out Reserve notes. Now, what is the character of these Reserve notes? The Reserve Act describes them as: "Obligations of the United States which shall be receivable by all National and member Banks and Federal Reserve Banks, and for all taxes, customs and other public dues." What right or power have the Reserve Banks to issue notes in this country which are declared to be obligations of the United States for the purpose of making loans or extending credits to foreign countries? The question answers itself.

Another point is worth noting. It was never contemplated that the Federal Reserve Banks should partake of the character of a central bank or act as a central bank. Any suggestion of that kind would have been frowned upon if made during the discussions in Congress regarding the powers to be conferred upon the Reserve institutions. Yet for a long time the Reserve Banks have been acting, or at least the New York Reserve Bank has been acting, in the capacity of a central bank in fixing its rates of discount and fixing, likewise, its buying rates for bankers' acceptances. Now we have another illustration going to show that in the matter of extending credits to foreign banks they are acting in the capacity of central banks. The announcement of the Reserve's participation in the Austrian credit is careful to state that it is acting in connection "with other banks of issue," the Federal Reserve Banks being banks of issue, and, what is more, that it is acting jointly with the Bank for International Settlements.

Not so long ago it was supposed that the Federal Reserve Banks had agreed to hold entirely aloof from the Bank for International Settlements except that they would maintain relations with them the same as they have with other central banks. But the New York "Journal of Commerce," in describing, on June 2, the process that will be followed by the Reserve Banks in acquiring the Austrian commercial bills which they mean to take over, took occasion to say:

"In the actual purchase of the bills the officials of the Bank for International Settlements will act as agents of the Reserve Banks, examining the acceptances to be purchased and taking care of other details necessary to the carrying out of the terms of the credit. The bills and documents will be held in trust in the vaults either of the Bank for International Settlements or of the Austrian National Bank. . . .

"As the bills are purchased they will be carried on the weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Board under the heading 'Bills bought in open market.'"

In view of all this, how complete may we assume is the disassociation of our Federal Reserve System from the Bank for International Settlements?

Great success attended the offering this week by the United States Secretary of the Treasury of \$800,000,000 Treasury bonds due in 1949 but redeemable at the option of the United States at par and accrued interest on and after June 15 1946. Though the rate of interest in the bonds is only $3\frac{1}{8}\%$, the subscriptions exceeded \$6,000,000,000. These bonds are not exempt from the surtaxes, but only from the ordinary taxes, Congress having refused the request of Secretary Mellon that all future issues of Government obligations be made exempt from the surtaxes as well as the ordinary normal income taxes, and the success attending the sale in this instance is clear proof that no adventitious aid of that kind is necessary for the floating of United States obligations.

Candor, however, compels the statement that the Secretary did extend some valuable special privileges and did try in every way to add to the attractiveness of the offering. One of these distinct advantages was the further reduction made in the rate of interest which the depositary banks are obliged to pay on Government deposits growing out of the proceeds of the sale. In preparation for the new offering he reduced the rate of interest which the depositary banks must pay on such deposits from 1% to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1%. The Secretary also gave notice that he would follow the same practice in the case of this issue of bonds that he had so long been pursuing in the case of sales of certificates of indebtedness, namely, to let the proceeds remain on deposit with the depositary banks through whom or for whom the subscriptions are made. These Government deposits, as so frequently pointed out in these columns, are desirable for two distinct reasons. In the first place, the banks are not required to carry any reserves against the same, differing in that respect from the ordinary commercial deposits, which do require the keeping of reserves, and if the depositary banks undertake to loan them out they stand to make the difference between the $\frac{1}{2}\%$ they have to pay the Government and the rate they are able to obtain for the loans. However, this is an advantage only to the banks themselves, and with total subscriptions aggregating in excess of \$6,000,000,000, the advantages named could not have been much of a consideration with the greater portion of the subscribers.

In the last analysis it is the plethora of loanable funds that is responsible for the superb success of the offering. But while it is gratifying to find it so easy to float Government obligations at a time when resort to the investment and money markets is found so frequently necessary by the Government, there are some qualifying considerations to bear in mind. These are referred to by former President Calvin Coolidge in one of his daily talks as printed in the New York "Herald Tribune" on Thursday morning of the present week. Mr. Coolidge possesses an unusual amount of hard common sense and he does not hesitate to express views quite at variance with those commonly prevailing. Our Federal Reserve banks, in the carrying out of their easy money policy, have reduced interest rates to the point where in the New York Federal Reserve District the rediscount rate is down to $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum and the bill-buying rate down to only 1%, and we are asked to look upon this as the acme of perfection in the conduct of a great banking system. But Mr. Coolidge, with his usual perspicacity sees the reverse side of this picture. Without referring directly or indirectly to

this policy of the Federal Reserve System, but merely discussing the huge subscriptions obtained by Secretary Mellon for his new Government loan, he goes on to give his own idea of what this means.

He says that it indicates a very large amount of idle capital in the country, and this, he observes, is a good foundation, but not enough. "Money is beneficial mostly in proportion to its profitable use. Evidently capital is very timid. Faith and courage are also needed." He then adds the following pregnant truths:

"No doubt the Government should borrow as cheaply as possible. But if fair wages and prices are to be maintained a fair price for money should be paid. The savings of the people in banks and insurance companies cannot make an adequate return with interest rates too low. Fair earnings for savings are an important factor in the purchasing power of the people."

Mr. Coolidge had evidently in mind the reduction in the interest rate by the banks on thrift deposits which followed the recent action of the Federal Reserve Banks in reducing their bill rate to the abnormally low figure of 1%. It were to be wished that these truths could be pressed home upon our Federal Reserve authorities and they could be made to see that they would be well advised if they stopped from meddling with the money market and with banking credit, and could also be induced not to engage in foreign financial operations such as the credit just announced in favor of the Austrian National Bank, that being better left to the care of private bankers or home central banks.

The death of Mortimer L. Schiff, the head of the eminent banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., is occasion for sincere regret. Mr. Schiff was still a comparatively young man, having died on the eve of his 54th year, and he inherited all the excellent traits which commanded for his father, the late Jacob H. Schiff, such a prominent place in the financial world. Mr. Mortimer L. Schiff was quiet and unassuming, and always kept out of the limelight. He nevertheless was active in the business of his firm and was held in high esteem in the banking and financial world. On the few occasions when he ventured to appear in print he gave expression to views that commanded universal respect and showed great breadth of mind and a keen understanding of the problems which from time to time have so greatly disturbed the economic and financial world. His partners in the firm, Messrs. Felix M. Warburg, Otto H. Kahn, and Jerome J. Hanauer, will, we are sure, miss his sound and wise counsel.

The rebound in the stock market this week, and, still more, in the bond market, is evidence that it is possible to carry gloomy views too far. After further sharp downward plunges in the early part of the week, the stock and bond markets on Wednesday completely reversed their course and spurted upward with the same rapidity as they had previously been plunging downward. The rally is declared by market observers to have been the most pronounced which has occurred since the stock market crash in the autumn of 1929. A particularly encouraging feature was the way in which bond prices advanced, the recoveries in some instances reaching 10 points. These advances have been retained and were further improved upon during the rest of the week. It is

quite possible, however, to carry the jubilation too far. There need be no hesitation about saying that at least in the case of the bond market the decline had proceeded to the point where all gloomy forebodings and possible adverse developments for a dozen years to come had been discounted, and it is a point gained to have that fact pressed home.

At the same time, however, it must be borne in mind that underlying conditions have not changed. That was clearly shown in the action of our grain markets. The Farm Board, in accordance with previous announcement, at the end of last week withdrew its support from wheat, and that put an end to the artificial prices which had been so long maintained in the old crop options and more particularly the May option. The July option and the later ones had long been selling at normal prices in accord with the markets of the rest of the world. Unfortunately, however, all the options for the new crop have this week suffered further severe declines, the June option falling from 72c. June 1 to 64 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. June 4, but with the close yesterday at 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. The July option tumbled from 59 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. June 1 to 56 $\frac{7}{8}$ c. June 4, with the close yesterday at 60c. The Farm Board, through its subsidiary, the Grain Stabilization Corp., is supposed to be carrying 200,000,000 bushels, and no one knows what is to become of it. Cotton, another staple in which the Farm Board has acquired large amounts, also took a further plunge downward. Spot cotton in New York during May dropped from 10c. a pound on May 8 to 8.65c. on May 28, and sold at 8.75c. May 29. On Tuesday of this week, June 2, there was a further decline to 8.35c., with the price yesterday 8.60c.

Accounts regarding the steel trade also continue unfavorable, the steel mills being now reported as engaged to only 42% of their theoretic capacity against 44% last week, 45% the week before, and 57% at the end of March, while prices for steel products have also further declined. Copper likewise has shown renewed weakness, some sales of the metal having been reported at as low as 8c. for delivery in Connecticut. But Rome was not built in a day, and perhaps from now on slow improvement can be expected.

Brokers' loans in the regular return of the Federal Reserve Banks for the week ending Wednesday night show a further contraction in amount of \$35,000,000, following reduction of \$275,000,000 in the six weeks preceding, making a total contraction for the seven weeks of \$310,000,000. This week's decline has extended to loaning in all the different categories, loans for own account of the reporting member banks having dropped from \$1,191,000,000 to \$1,169,000,000; the loans for account of out-of-town banks from \$207,000,000 to \$199,000,000, and the loans "for account of others from \$176,000,000 to \$171,000,000. The grand total of the loans is now down to \$1,539,000,000, which compares with \$4,101,000,000 12 months before on June 4 1930.

The Federal Reserve Banks have finally succeeded in moderately enlarging their holdings of acceptances the present week, the amount now (June 3) being reported at \$134,155,000 against \$124,501,000 a week ago on May 27. But perhaps this includes some foreign bills purchased as part of the credit extended to the Austrian National Bank. The discount holdings also stand somewhat larger, being reported this week at \$172,826,000 against \$152,-

852,000 last week. The holdings of United States Government securities remain virtually unchanged. The result is that total bill and security holdings, which constitute a measure of the amount of Reserve credit outstanding, are some \$30,000,000 larger than a week ago, being reported at \$907,016,000 against \$876,489,000. Federal Reserve notes in circulation have increased still further, rising from \$1,551,808,000 to \$1,583,574,000. Gold holdings have remained virtually unchanged, standing at \$3,259,110,000 this week against \$3,259,273,000 last week.

Insolvencies in business lines during May continued more numerous than a year ago, and though the liabilities were still quite heavy, there was a reduction from the amount reported in May 1930. The records of R. G. Dun & Co. show 2,248 commercial failures in the United States for the month just closed, with a total indebtedness of \$53,371,212. These figures compare with 2,386 similar defaults in April, for which the liabilities were \$50,868,135, and 2,179 in May last year owing a total of \$55,541,462.

The increase in the number of failures for the past month over a year ago was partly among manufacturing concerns, as well as among traders, but as to the indebtedness it was almost wholly due to some heavy defaults in the trading division. Failures in the class embracing manufacturers numbered 552 last month, with liabilities of \$18,506,051; trading defaults, 1,570 for \$25,069,472, and brokers and agents, 126 owing \$9,795,689. In May 1930 there were 501 manufacturing defaults, with \$23,133,319 of indebtedness; 1,530 trading failures for \$21,285,493, and 148 of the third division, owing \$11,122,650. For the five months of 1931 insolvencies have been unusually heavy. There were for this year to date 13,117 commercial failures reported, involving in the aggregate \$318,841,721 of liabilities; for the same period of 1930 11,745 similar defaults occurred with an indebtedness of \$273,958,321. The increase in the number of failures so far this year over a year ago was 11.7%, and as to the liabilities 16.4% increase. For the month of May this year the increase in the number of failures over May of last year was only 3.1%, while the indebtedness reported shows a reduction this year of 6.1% from a year ago.

The increase in failures in the manufacturing division for May is almost wholly in the section embracing iron foundries and allied lines; for manufacturers of clothing; for furs, hats and gloves; printing and engraving, and bakers. On the other hand, quite a notable reduction appears for the large lumber class; for machinery and tools, and for glass and earthenware. Trading failures were much more numerous in May this year for general stores; dealers in dry goods; in furniture; in drugs, and among jewelers. There was also some gain for the grocery division; for dealers in hardware, and for furs, hats and gloves. While some large hotel failures were reported last month, the number for that class, which includes restaurants, shows a decrease. A reduction also appears for the large clothing division, although the number and liabilities in that section were heavy. Take it altogether, the May failure record is somewhat better than for any preceding month this year.

The stock market this week abruptly ended its long-continued decline, but this was not until after

further startling breaks on Monday and Tuesday, when it seemed that the bottom was about to fall completely out of the market, so large were the further losses on these two days. The upturn came, however, with great suddenness and appears to have been wholly unexpected. In many cases prices at the opening on Wednesday were several points higher than at the close on Tuesday, and during the day advanced several points more. As a few conspicuous instances New York Central showed a net gain for the day of $5\frac{1}{4}$ points; Union Pacific a gain of $7\frac{7}{8}$; Southern Pacific, $6\frac{3}{4}$; Western Union, $7\frac{1}{4}$; United States Steel, $5\frac{1}{2}$; Norfolk & Western, 8; Ingersoll Rand, 9; Consolidated Gas of N. Y., $6\frac{1}{4}$; Allied Chemical & Dye, $8\frac{1}{4}$; American Can, $6\frac{3}{8}$; American Tel. & Tel., $7\frac{1}{2}$; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, $6\frac{1}{4}$; Rock Island, 6, and Auburn Auto, which always fluctuates widely and wildly, an advance for the day of no less than 42 points. This happened at a time when July wheat in Chicago, as a result of the termination of Federal Farm Board control, touched $56\frac{5}{8}$ c., or the lowest level since 1896.

Two main circumstances were mentioned as responsible for the sudden reversal of the course of the market. The first was the fact that many banking institutions had fixed 20% as an adequate margin against collateral loans as compared with 25% previously and 30% or more in 1929. The influence, however, of that circumstance was doubtless exaggerated and the real reason for the sudden great rise was no doubt that operators for a decline had over-shot their mark and were now scared into covering on a very extensive scale. The second reason for the sharp rise was that the St. Louis-San Francisco RR. had definitely arranged for taking care of certain underlying bond issues due the first of July. This unquestionably was responsible for the big recoveries in the prices of all the different St. Louis-San Francisco issues, stocks and bonds.

It is to be noted that the recovery in the bond market has been quite as noteworthy, and in many cases more noteworthy than the recovery in the stock market. We may give as illustrations: Chic. Milw. St. Paul & Pac. 5s, which sold at 50 on June 1, closed at $57\frac{1}{4}$ on June 5; Chic. R. I. & Pac. Ry. ref. 4s, which sold at $85\frac{1}{8}$ on June 3, closed yesterday at $93\frac{3}{8}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR. 5s sold on June 3 at 80 and closed yesterday at 90; Missouri Pacific gen. 4s sold at 54 on June 2 and closed yesterday at $57\frac{3}{4}$; Penn. RR. deb. g. $4\frac{1}{2}$ s sold at $90\frac{1}{4}$ on June 2 and closed yesterday at 94, and St. Louis-San Francisco con. $4\frac{1}{2}$ s series A, which had sold down to 40 on June 2, closed yesterday at $56\frac{1}{4}$. Much was also made of the fact that the Rock Island RR., which had reduced its dividend from $13\frac{3}{4}$ % to $11\frac{1}{4}$ %, now declared a quarterly dividend of 1% when no dividend at all had been expected.

Many unfavorable dividend changes were announced during the week. American Car & Foundry Co., on June 2 declared a quarterly div. of 25c. a sh. on the common stock, as compared with 75c. a sh. on April 1 last; Kennecott Copper Co. on June 1 declared a quar. div. of 25c. a sh. as compared with 50c. a sh. paid in each of the three preceding quarters; Utah Copper Co. on June 1 declared a quar. div. of \$1.50 a sh. on the capital stock, par \$10, as against \$2 a sh. paid in each of the four preceding quarters; Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. declared a quar. div. of 50c. a sh. on the common stock as compared with

\$1 in the preceding quarter and \$1.25 a sh. each quarter previously; Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. on June 3 declared a div. of \$1 a sh. on the common stock as compared with a quarterly distribution of \$1.25 a sh. three months ago; Associated Oil Co. declared a quar. div. of 35c. a sh. as against 50c. a sh. three months ago; Phelps Dodge Corp. declared a quar. div. of 25c. a sh. on the common stock as compared with 50c. a sh. quarterly previously; Tide Water Oil Co. declared a quar. div. of 15c. a sh. on the common stock as against 20c. a sh. each quarter previously; American Steel Foundries declared a quar. div. of 25c. a sh. as compared with 75c. a sh. previously; Endicott-Johnson Corp. declared a quar. div. of 75c. per sh. on the common stock; previously this issue has been receiving \$1.25 a sh. each quarter.

Wednesday's recovery was not only maintained on Thursday and Friday, but was carried still further, though some shading of prices occurred at the close on Friday.

Call loans on the Stock Exchange throughout the whole week did not deviate from 1½%. In the further break on Monday and Tuesday many new low records for the year were established, and a few more occurred on the days when the general market moved sharply upward. Altogether 583 stocks touched new low figures for the year during the week.

Trading was on a greatly increased sale. Saturday was Memorial Day and a holiday. The sales on the New York Stock Exchange on Monday were 3,102,380 shares; on Tuesday, 3,316,848 shares; on Wednesday, 3,305,717 shares; on Thursday, 3,170,180 shares, and on Friday, 2,846,070 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales on Monday were 662,122 shares; on Tuesday, 624,611 shares; on Wednesday, 599,490 shares; on Thursday, 549,408 shares, and on Friday, 393,050 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices are higher all around, notwithstanding the prodigious breaks early in the week. General Electric closed yesterday at 39¾ against 38⅝ on Friday of last week; Warner Bros. Pictures at 7 against 6½; Elec. Power & Light at 34¼ against 33¼; United Corp. at 20¾ ex-div. against 19⅞; North American at 64⅜ ex-div. against 63¾; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 42 against 42; Standard Gas & Elec. at 61½ against 58½; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 90½ against 86¾; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 24⅝ against 25; International Harvester at 41 against 43½; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 71⅞ against 65½; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 50¾ against 49½; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 17¾ against 17⅞; Woolworth at 66⅝ against 66; Safeway Stores at 49½ against 48½; Western Union Telegraph at 107½ against 99⅝; American Tel. & Tel. at 168¾ against 164⅞; Int. Tel. & Tel. at 24⅞ against 24⅞; American Can at 99⅝ against 95; United States Industrial Alcohol at 30¼ against 28¾; Commercial Solvents at 13 against 11⅞; Shattuck & Co. at 19½ against 18½; Corn Products at 65 against 57½, and Columbia Graphophone at 7 against 7¼.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 113 against 105 on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 80 against 74¾; National Cash Register at 22 against 20⅞; International Nickel at 11⅞ against 10½; Timken Roller Bearing at 34 against 37½; Mack Trucks at 27⅞ against 22¾; Yellow Truck & Coach at 7½ against 6½; Johns-Manville at 51 against 43⅝; Gillette Safety Razor at 25¼ against 23½; National Dairy Products at 33½ against 34½; National Bellas Hess at 4⅞ against 5; Associated

Dry Goods at 20 against 18½ bid; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 33¼ against 35½; American & Foreign Power at 25½ against 23⅞; General American Tank Car at 57⅞ against 56; Air Reduction at 78 against 74¼ bid; United Gas Improvement at 27⅞ against 26⅞; Columbian Carbon at 64 against 62; Universal Leaf Tobacco at 30⅞ bid against 29¼; American Tobacco at 107⅝ against 104; Liggett & Myers at 64½ against 66; Reynolds Tobacco class B at 49 against 47⅞; Lorillard at 14¾ against 13¾, and Tobacco Products class A at 11 against 11¼.

The steel shares have been conspicuous in the recovery. U. S. Steel closed at 92¼ yesterday as against 91 on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel closed at 44½, against 40⅞; Vanadium at 30¾, against 26⅞; Republic Iron & Steel at 12¾, against 11⅞, and Crucible Steel at 38¼, against 33¾. In the motor stocks Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 167, against 157½ on Friday of last week; General Motors at 34⅞, against 34; Chrysler at 16½, against 16; Nash Motors at 25⅞, against 24¼; Packard Motors at 6⅝, against 6⅞; Hudson Motor Car at 13⅞, against 12⅞, and Hupp Motors at 7, against 6⅝. In the rubber stocks Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 35¾, against 33½ on Friday of last week; U. S. Rubber at 12⅞, against 10⅝, and the preferred at 22, against 20.

The railroad stocks have been leaders in the upward movement. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 49¾, against 44⅞ on Friday of last week; Erie RR. at 18¾, against 15; New York Central at 81½, against 77⅞; Baltimore & Ohio at 52, against 50; New Haven at 72½, ex-dividend, against 65; Union Pacific at 158½, against 150; Southern Pacific at 77¼, against 72½; Missouri Pacific at 18¼, against 18¼; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 13⅝, against 11¼; St. Louis-San Francisco at 18½, against 11½; Southern Railway at 31⅞, against 29⅞; Chesapeake & Ohio at 34, against 30; Northern Pacific at 38½, against 33, and Great Northern at 53½, against 46½.

The oil stocks have been laggards owing to the demoralization of the crude oil market. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 34, against 33 on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 14⅞, against 15¾; Standard Oil of Calif. at 34⅝, against 34; Atlantic Refining at 13½, against 12⅝; Texas Corp. at 20 ex-dividend, against 19½; Richfield Oil at 1⅞, against 1⅞; Phillips Petroleum at 5¾, against 5⅝, and Pure Oil at 5¾, against 5⅞.

The copper shares have not moved upward with the rest of the list, because of the further decline in the price of the metal. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 21, against 22¾ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 16¾, against 16½; Calumet & Hecla at 6, against 5⅞; Calumet & Arizona at 25½ bid, against 27; Granby Consolidated Copper at 11½, against 11; American Smelting & Refining at 29, against 27¾, and U. S. Smelting & Refining at 14⅞, against 15.

Stock trends on the exchanges in the important European financial centers showed much the same tendencies, this week, as the New York market. Declines were general at London, Paris and Berlin in the early sessions, but when reports of the sharp recovery at New York were received improvement set in everywhere. Share prices at London were reported at their record low points since 1922 early this week, while Berlin prices also provided record lows for some years. Paris prices also were sharply

depressed, notwithstanding the plethora of money available for investment in the French market. Extreme pessimism prevailed early this week at Brussels and Stockholm, both markets reporting "black days." Political unsettlement, the lack of industrial progress and the prevalence of unemployment on a huge scale in all the industrial countries, are the chief factors preventing any material improvement on the European stock exchanges. The growing belief that Germany will apply soon for a moratorium on postponable annuities under the Young plan adds to the current uncertainty, while evidences of financial distress in Australia, Brazil and Austria are anything but helpful. Indications of business gains are awaited everywhere with growing anxiety, but they remain difficult to discern.

The London Stock Exchange was dull and lower in the opening session of the week. Renewal of forced liquidation from Glasgow was reported, and prices in most sections receded. British Government funds dropped with the rest on a movement of French exchange against London. International stocks were lower on depressing week-end reports from New York, while British industrial issues also fell with a few exceptions. Dealings Tuesday were similar to those of the preceding session, with weakness at New York, further sales from Glasgow and disturbed foreign exchanges all exerting a depressing influence. International issues were especially weak. A bright spot appeared in Anglo-Persian Oil shares, which advanced on declaration of a final dividend of 10%, as against expectations of 7½%. After a hesitant opening Wednesday, prices tended to improve slightly. Gains were small, however, and business exceptionally dull owing to the absence of many brokers who left the City for the Derby. British funds provided the brightest feature, all issues staging a sharp rally. Thursday's session was decidedly better, owing chiefly to the favorable overnight reports from New York. Practically every section of the Exchange improved, with Anglo-American favorites showing the greatest gains. British funds were quiet but firm, while almost all British industrial stocks registered advances. The gains were extended in the dealings yesterday, both the gilt-edged and industrial sections advancing moderately.

The Paris Bourse reflected the uneasiness now prevalent throughout Europe regarding the political situation at the opening Monday. Prices moved down throughout the list, with a slight recovery in the final hour wiping out only a small portion of the recessions. The monthly settlement was effected with money at ¼% officially, but funds were available as low as a sixteenth of 1%, dispatches said. Tuesday's opening on the Bourse was very weak, as the overnight reports from New York and the surveys of the international political position were unsettling. Many issues dropped to new low levels for the movement in the early hours, but a wave of buying developed later in the day and brought prices back close to the previous close. In a few instances net gains were recorded. After an uncertain start, Wednesday, prices continued to move forward in modest fashion under the leadership of French bank stocks and the electrical and coal groups. Foreign securities were neglected, with the general tone rather soft. The tone of Thursday's dealings was set by the overnight dispatches from New York. Stocks were sharply higher at the opening and the advancing tendency was continued throughout the

session. The scale of transactions also was much improved, buyers operating heavily. Dealings were on a more modest scale yesterday, but prices remained firm.

Prices on the Berlin Boerse were lower in a dull session Monday, as uncertainty prevailed generally regarding the outcome of the Chequers conversations in England this week-end and the home political situation. Some of the selling was attributed to interests affected by the plight of the Austrian Kreditanstalt. Some improvement appeared late in the day on intervention by the Berlin banks. Tuesday's dealings witnessed further recessions at Berlin, with foreign selling an important factor. Swedish Match and Karstadt Department Store shares were in heavy supply and large recessions resulted. Virtually all groups dropped, with German bank shares less affected than most others. A better tendency was reported Wednesday, owing to such developments as improved reports from other markets, diminished foreign selling and easier money conditions. After a somewhat lower opening the atmosphere improved and most stocks closed the day with gains. A strongly optimistic session followed, Thursday, in consequence of the reports of a rising market at New York. Trading was small and confined largely to professional circles, but the activities were all on the constructive side and advances were general. A small volume of foreign buying orders also was reported. Some stocks gained four to seven points, while the general market level was up about two points. The gains were maintained in quiet dealings yesterday, with some stocks showing further advances.

Announcement by Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson that he would spend his summer vacation in Europe, incidentally conferring with high officials of several countries, has aroused much speculation on both sides of the Atlantic. Mr. Stimson made known in Washington, Wednesday, that he would depart at the end of June, accompanied by Mrs. Stimson, and return at the end of August. Although he emphasized that his mission would not be political, Mr. Stimson admitted, Washington reports stated, that he wanted to become better acquainted with the situation in Europe and would visit Italy, France, Germany, and Great Britain. The journey is to be informal and official ceremonies will be avoided. "Although Europe is confronted with the Russian situation, the projected Austro-German customs union, reparations and war debts, it was understood," a Washington report to the New York "Times" said, "that Mr. Stimson will probably direct such confidential talks as he may have with European officials primarily to the prospects of the disarmament conference which is scheduled to convene at Geneva next February." Reports from Europe later this week indicated that the leading capitals found the announcement of intense interest. The comment of the Paris correspondent of the "Times" was that Mr. Stimson is "showing the courage of Daniel in coming to Europe at this moment." All the troubles of Europe will probably be poured into his ears, it was suggested. In Berlin the visit was regarded as significant of a reawakening of American official concern for Europe's troubles.

Conversations at Chequers, near London, this week-end between Chancellor Henrich Bruening and

Foreign Minister Julius Curtius of Germany, and Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald and Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson of Great Britain, have occasioned an immense amount of preliminary press discussion, with extremely little actually known of the plans of the respective Government leaders. Arrangements for the conversations were made early in April, and were formally announced at London and Berlin April 8. The meager official announcements merely indicated that the British Government had extended invitations to Chancellor Bruening and Dr. Curtius for a friendly week-end visit at the country residence of British Prime Ministers. The visit, it was added, would be for the purpose of discussing questions of interest to both countries, and it was further stated that no subject had been ruled out of the discussion. At the time the invitations were extended, the questions of disarmament and of the Austro-German customs union proposal were foremost in the public eye, and it was assumed that the visit would deal mainly with such matters. It was also suggested by unofficial observers that the question of reparations might form an important part of the discussions. In the press forecasts of the past week, all emphasis has been placed on reparations and there seems to be ample reason for assuming, in the absence of official statements, that this question will, indeed, be prominent in the Chequers conversations.

The two German Government heads left Berlin Wednesday night for Hamburg, where they embarked next day on a liner for Southampton. They arrived at the British port yesterday. The plans include a dinner on their arrival at London, conversations at Chequers to-day and to-morrow, and ceremonies in their honor at London Monday. Before leaving Berlin, Chancellor Bruening placed before President Paul von Hindenburg the draft of an emergency decree which is believed to impose drastic new taxes and economies in Government, such measures being necessary for the balancing of the budget. Their departure from the Reich coincided with grave rioting in Berlin and Hamburg by Communists and groups of unemployed. A meeting of the foremost industrialists of the Rhineland, which took place at Duesseldorf, demanded at the same time that a directory be formed with dictatorial powers to rule Germany with the aim of securing financial reforms, cessation of reparations payments and foreign financial aid. Also indicative of German sentiment was the opening of a campaign at Dresden by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, against further reparations payments. These incidents and others were cited in Berlin dispatches as evidence of the economic crisis through which Germany is passing. German necessities, thus illustrated, are believed to insure that reparations will be a leading topic at Chequers. "The economic crisis, unless relieved, threatens to lead the Reich to Bolshevism or Fascism by next winter," a Berlin dispatch of Wednesday to the New York "Herald Tribune" stated.

In these circumstances great hopes have been pinned on the Chequers conversations throughout Germany, with frequent allusion made to the fact that the meeting will be the first of its kind between British and German representatives since the World War. Advice and counsel were showered upon the two German leaders in great profusion before their departure, Berlin dispatches remarked. "It is

assumed that their primary purpose," a report to the New York "Times" said, "is to 'unroll' the reparations issue in the Chequers conversations by way of a prelude to the more formal action which, it is believed in political quarters and financial and industrial circles, the German Government cannot escape in the near future." In a further report to the same journal, it was remarked that whatever the outcome of the conversations, a formal step by Germany for the revision of her present reparations commitments may be looked for within the next six weeks. "Such action, it is stated in competent quarters," the dispatch reported, "would automatically have to follow the proclamation of Chancellor Bruening's new emergency levy and economy plans, which the Government is convinced will not be accepted by the German people unless they are accompanied by some parallel undertaking in the direction of forcing an early revision of the reparations obligations." Diplomatic circles in Berlin, a dispatch to the "Herald Tribune" said, do not expect Dr. Bruening to return from London with a revised reparation plan in his pocket, but rather with some ray of hope for the German taxpayers to compensate them for their added burdens.

Although the current meeting is taking place on the invitation of the British Government, comparatively little was said in London this week regarding the discussions. "Those in official circles profess not to know what requests the Germans will make at the week-end conferences," a London report of Tuesday to the Associated Press said, "but it is pointed out that under the Young plan Germany can ask for postponement of certain conditional payments for a two-year period in times of distress. Such a request for postponement must be made on 90 days' notice, after which a committee of experts would be set up to study the claims." In France it was considered certain, a Paris report of Wednesday to the "Herald Tribune" said, that Chancellor Bruening and Foreign Minister Curtius will raise the question of a moratorium under the Young plan, or else revision of the plan. "As was to be expected," the dispatch relates, "Paris refuses to consider a moratorium or reduction of any size without the proviso that the United States shall make a proportionate concession as regards the Allied war debts." Equally important, it is added, is the French official insistence that Germany's economic situation is not a justification for any immediate change in the Young plan.

Recommendations for a sharp decrease in British unemployment insurance payments, as well as increased contributions by employers, the employed and the State, are made in the survey of the operation of the State scheme by the Royal Commission, published in London Thursday. The study by the Commission, which was appointed by the Labor Government, was due to the heavy strain occasioned by the scheme on the national exchequer. Although designed to be self-supporting, the huge total of British unemployed has necessitated an outflow during most of the current economic depression of about \$5,000,000 a week more than the income, with the British Exchequer making up the deficit. The Fund is thus some \$400,000,000 in debt. Suggestions now made by the Royal Commission would reduce the payments by about \$165,000,000 annually, while contributions would be increased by \$45,000,000. De-

spite such measures, the Fund will not balance on the present average of about 2,500,000 unemployed, but the deficit might be reduced to about \$35,000,000 a year, the Commission report states. It is estimated, moreover, that the scheme might again become self-supporting if the total of unemployed falls to 1,750,000.

Changes recommended by the Commission, of which Justice Holman Gregory is Chairman, apparently relate entirely to the operation and not to the underlying principle of the scheme. Insurance premiums are at present paid by employers, employees and the State in approximately equal proportions. An adult man, for instance, pays 14c. weekly into the fund, his employer 16c., and the State 15c. If the insured becomes unemployed, he received 17s. (\$4.13) a week. The Commission now recommends that payments to the unemployed should be based on payments to fully insured male adults of 15s. (\$3.85) a week, while it is further suggested that each of the three contributing parties pay 18c. weekly. Corresponding increases are recommended in the smaller premiums now paid in behalf of women and junior workers and corresponding decreases in the benefits receivable when unemployed. The changes are justified, it is held, by the increased purchasing power of the benefits. Both employers and workers are criticized in the report for taking advantage of the scheme, and certain measures are suggested to tighten its administration. The Commission recommends the decrease or the abolition of relief payments to casual, intermittent or seasonal workers and their abolition for certain classes of married women. Differentiations are also suggested between workers coming under the scope of the insurance scheme proper and those receiving "transitional" benefits, although they have never made any contributions to the Fund. It is indicated in London reports that these recommendations of the Royal Commission will clearly prove distasteful to the more radical members of the Labor Party. Prime Minister MacDonald, therefore, may find his party badly split if he accepts the report. If he does not accept it, he faces the possibility of a Conservative-Liberal coalition for his defeat, as the Liberal party is committed in advance to acceptance of the report.

The financial storm that swept over Austria after the announcement early in May that Government aid would have to be extended the Kreditanstalt fur Handel und Gewerbe has moderated in the past week, owing largely to concerted credit arrangements in favor of the National Bank of Austria, effected by the Bank for International Settlements and 10 leading banks of issue. Reports last week indicated that the crisis in Austria was rapidly becoming acute, with heavy withdrawals continuing notwithstanding the extension of aid by the Austrian Government and private banking interests. Arrangements whereunder credits in an unannounced amount would be made available immediately for use of the Austrian central bank were completed at Basle May 29. In a statement issued by the B. I. S., it was remarked that the arrangements discussed at the preceding Board meeting had been completed. "Ten of the largest central banks, in addition to the B. I. S. itself, have agreed to put at the disposal of the Austrian National Bank foreign exchange credits for use as required," the communication stated. In order to

provide direct personal contact, Francis Rodd, highest British official of the B. I. S., had departed for Vienna, it was added. No indication was given of the amount of the credit, nor were the names of the 10 central banks disclosed. It was made plain in New York last Monday, however, that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in association with other banks of the system, had agreed to participate in the arrangements, such participation taking the form of an agreement to purchase prime commercial bills. The possible extent of the participation was not revealed. The Austrian National Assembly granted the Government authority of surety, last week, for all credits which foreign banks may grant the distressed Kreditanstalt after May 28.

Trade of the Soviet Government of Russia with other countries remains a subject of absorbing interest in all lands, with almost equal attention being paid currently to the progress within Russia of the five-year plan of industrialization, which is apparently to be succeeded by a second five-year plan and possibly a third and fourth. In the British House of Commons further attacks on the Labor Government's Russian policy were reported last month, with Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary in the preceding Conservative Cabinet, leading the debate. It was reported in a London dispatch to the New York "Times," at the same time, that protests in Great Britain against Russian "dumping" are chiefly partisan and emotional, without much commercial or popular backing and without any sign of action on the part of the Government. French imports of Russian commodities, a Paris dispatch to the same journal states, have decreased considerably since last October, when the French Government, by decree, instituted a system of control over imports from the U. S. S. R. Sixteen principal Russian commodities are permitted entry into France only by special license, it is noted. German trade with the Soviet Government continues to expand under the system of Government guarantees of credits extended by German exporters, and this method also is employed in Austria. Soviet-Italian trade is fostered by a special agreement between the two Governments, and the two countries are now considering raising the limit of annual exchanges from 350,000,000 lire to 600,000,000 lire, an Associated Press dispatch reports. The attitude of the new Republican Government of Spain toward Soviet trade may be assumed from the recent agreement wherein Russia was given a monopoly of the Spanish oil market. Czechoslovakia imports from Russia only those products which do not compete with home products. Rumania, Yugoslavia and Hungary do little business with the Soviets.

Reports from independent observers in Russia indicate that the five-year plan is almost certain to be realized on paper in the amount of goods produced. It has been remarked on more than one occasion, however, that quality has been sacrificed to the quantitative demands of the plan, with a further difficulty encountered through the tendency of many plants to produce only the roughest products with the idea of rolling up high production figures. Although the plan takes in the period to the end of 1932, it is reported that plans are already being drawn for a second five-year plan to begin in 1933. In a Moscow dispatch of last Sunday from Walter Duranty, the well-informed correspondent of the

New York "Times," it was indicated on the basis of an official outline that the new plan will proceed along the three chief lines of a greater provision of electrical power, the construction of "agricultural industrial plants," and chemical development. The agricultural industrial plants, it was explained, will undertake canning and other forms of food preparation and conservation on a gigantic scale both for home consumption and for export. The chemical development will have for its aim the improvement of land both for crops and cattle, not only by fertilization but by irrigation and other means. That the acute shortage of merchandise has been overcome to a degree was shown last month by discontinuance of the card ration system on everything but food and fuel. Further augmentation of the food and commodity supply is visualized, moreover, in an announcement late last month that taxes on petty independent producers are to be reduced one-third and encouragement given such production in other directions. Social progress, of which the Soviet Government may justly be proud, is shown by reduction of the number of homeless waifs in Russia to about 4,500 as compared to the 750,000 who roamed throughout the country 10 years ago. Thought-provoking, on the other hand, are the continued difficulties with the Russian workers, who are accused of stupidity, carelessness and lack of skill. Troubles of this nature are especially apparent, it is said, in the production of machinery, large quantities being damaged or destroyed by carelessness or actual sabotage. It was reported Tuesday by Mr. Duranty that a prize competition is to be inaugurated in the railway repair shops in an effort to overcome such "Socialist devils of bureaucracy, inertia and lack of individual initiative."

Incidents of increasing gravity in the dispute between the Fascist Government of Italy and the Holy See were reported over the last week-end, with an open rupture considered more than a possibility for a while. The troubles arose out of Fascist allegations that high officers of Church organizations were fostering hostility to Fascism. Fascist students precipitated minor riots, which finally ceased on the express order of Premier Mussolini. The latter intervened more definitely and in unexpected fashion last Saturday, when he ordered the disbandment throughout Italy of the lay society known as the Catholic Action. The police at the same time closed all Catholic clubs in Rome, as well as several playgrounds financed by the American Knights of Columbus. Pope Pius countered by placing the Catholic Action under the direct tutelage of the bishops, which meant that the Holy See assumed responsibility for the organization and its acts. It was stated at the Vatican, last Sunday, that the series of incidents brought directly into question the Lateran Treaty and the collateral Concordat between the Holy See and the Italian State, and that an appeal had been made under these documents. The Fascist decree dissolving all organizations of Catholic youths in Italy was formally promulgated Monday, but at the same time action was taken for softening the dispute. An order was issued by the Vatican for discontinuance of the anti-Fascist editorial campaign in the semi-official "Osservatore Romano," while an Italian Government order was issued simultaneously to Fascist papers to stop publishing anti-Catholic editorials. Rome reports stated, early this week,

that closely guarded diplomatic negotiations for settlement of the difficulty were in progress.

Changes in Canadian tariff schedules that are expected to affect more than one-third of the annual United States exports to that country were announced by Prime Minister R. B. Bennett in his annual budget speech before the Ottawa House of Commons, Monday. Rates were reduced in a few instances, but most of the revisions were upward. Excepting in a few instances, an Ottawa dispatch to the Associated Press reported, alteration in rates is confined to the intermediate and general tariffs, the latter affecting imports from the United States, while British preference tariffs were little altered. The changes were not general, the Prime Minister told the Commons, but were confined to such schedules as would assist in a downward adjustment of unemployment. The measure is also one of a number announced by Mr. Bennett to increase Canadian revenues. Budget figures, as reported in the address, show total revenue for last year of \$356,213,000 and ordinary expenditures of \$394,000,000. Computation of revenue from all sources and expenditures for all purposes revealed a deficit of \$75,244,973 for the year. Also of importance in the budget statement is a provision for farm aid on export wheat by means of an adjustment of freight rates. The Dominion Government will absorb, in this fashion, five cents a bushel on the cost of transporting to the seaboard wheat produced in Western Canada. The tariff, apparently aimed in no small degree against the United States, will be supplemented by subsidies for the coal industry in the Maritime Provinces and Western Canada to the extent of \$1,800,000 a year.

A study of the Canadian tariff changes by Commercial Attache Lynn W. Meekins at Ottawa, made public by the Department of Commerce in Washington Tuesday, indicates that the revision will affect 174 items out of a total of about 800 items in the Canadian schedule. The changes, it is remarked, are predominantly upward, although a number of lower duties are provided, particularly on producers' materials. The British preferential rates are only slightly altered, with the changes mainly in the intermediate rates, applying to foreign countries having commercial treaties with Canada, and in the highest or general rates, which are those applicable to products of the United States, Germany, and other non-treaty countries. Of the commodities of particular interest to American exporters, the increase in duties include foodstuffs of various types, especially prepared foods, coal, automobiles valued over \$1,200, certain structural materials and steel products, particular classes of machinery, household linen, toys, watches and clocks. Unofficial estimates by Government economists, reported in Washington dispatches, indicated that more than \$200,000,000 out of last year's American exports of \$659,000,000 to Canada will be affected by the tariff changes. Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson indicated Wednesday that the United States would not protest to the Ottawa Government against the changes, as the tariff is regarded as purely a domestic concern.

Widespread discussion of the tariff issue in this country was a prompt aftermath of the increase in Canadian rates, with the suggestion freely made that the Canadian revision is, in a sense, a retaliatory measure. Most such discussions, unfortunately, are based on party preferences rather than on the results

of dispassionate study like that embodied in the protest against the Hawley-Smoot rates made by more than 1,000 American economists before the present rates were placed in effect. In European and South American countries, also, tariffs are at present the subject of much thought and agitation, with the high United States duties occasioning frequent and bitter comment. The European Union Commission at Geneva devoted a large part of its discussions, last month, to the question of tariffs, while the International Chamber of Commerce meeting in Washington adopted a resolution urging removal of "obstacles to trade." It is now reported in a Buenos Aires dispatch to the New York "Times" that the tariff question will be one of the most prominent topics both at the Pan-American commercial conference in Washington next October, and the general Pan-American conference in Montevideo next May. "Chile seems determined to bring up the tariff question," the report states. "Although its proposal will be for an inter-American tariff union, it is certain that the question cannot be brought before the Pan-American conferences without resolving itself into South American criticism of the United States tariff."

The National Bank of Bulgaria on June 4 reduced its rate of discount from 9% to 8½%. Rates are 6% in Spain; 5½% in Hungary and Italy; 5% in Germany and Austria; 4% in Norway; 3½% in Denmark and Ireland; 3% in Sweden; 2½% in England and Belgium, and 2% in France, Holland, and Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills on Friday were 2 1/16@2 1/8% against 2@2 1/16% on Friday of last week, and 2 1/16@2 1/8% for three months bills, the same as the previous Friday. Money on call in London on Friday was 1¼%. At Paris the open market rate remains at 1 7/8%, and in Switzerland at 1 1/8%.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended May 30, shows a gain in gold holdings of 1,410,156 francs. The total of the item now stands at 55,634,060,503 francs, in comparison with 43,808,866,426 francs the corresponding week last year and 36,596,432,580 francs the year before. Credit balances abroad declined 221,000,000 francs while bills bought abroad gained 224,000,000 francs. A large increase appears in note circulation, namely, 1,355,000,000 francs. The total of circulation is now 78,180,848,335 francs, as compared with 73,078,813,845 francs last year and 64,316,379,190 francs two years ago. French commercial bills discounted and advances against securities show increases of 845,000,000 francs and 36,000,000 francs, while creditor current accounts decreased 166,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for the past three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week Francs.	Status as of		
		May 30 1931. Francs.	May 31 1930. Francs.	June 1 1929. Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	1,410,156	55,634,060,503	43,808,866,426	36,596,432,580
Credit bals. abr'd.....Dec.	221,000,000	5,430,436,816	6,872,939,901	7,805,025,728
French commercial bills discounted.....Inc.	845,000,000	6,162,052,300	7,611,581,761	5,742,760,652
Bills bought abr'd.....Inc.	224,000,000	20,704,619,507	18,654,405,451	18,387,473,298
Adv. agst. secur's.....Inc.	36,000,000	2,806,568,476	2,540,750,876	2,443,807,581
Note circulation.....Inc.	1,355,000,000	78,180,848,335	73,078,813,845	64,316,379,190
Cred. curr. acct's.....Dec.	166,000,000	22,609,576,954	15,425,372,652	18,607,585,016

The Bank of England statement for the week ended June 3 shows a gain of £856,051 in gold holdings but as this was accompanied by an expansion

of £1,511,000 in note circulation, reserves fell off £655,000. The Bank's bullion supply now aggregates £152,934,078 in comparison with £156,879,085 a year ago. Public deposits decreased £10,903,000 from £17,449,000 a week ago to £6,546,000 now, while other deposits increased £17,548,483. Other deposits consist of bankers accounts and other accounts. The former rose £17,448,573 and the latter £99,910. The reserve ratio is now 50.19% compared with 53.96% a week ago and 48.84% last year. There was an expansion of £7,281,000 in loans on government securities and of £38,673 in those on other securities. Other securities include discounts and advances which increased £280,974 and securities which decreased £242,301. Below we compare the different items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1931	1930	1929	1928	1927
	June 3. £	June 4. £	June 5. £	June 6. £	June 8. £
Circulation.....	356,371,000	359,798,602	361,576,772	135,661,835	137,333,090
Public deposits.....	6,546,000	8,877,942	8,511,444	8,852,638	12,549,965
Other deposits.....	106,129,666	107,990,702	106,292,485	110,272,764	102,389,238
Bankers' accounts.....	72,209,262	71,081,853	70,346,971	-----	-----
Other accounts.....	33,920,404	36,908,849	35,945,514	-----	-----
Govt. securities.....	38,495,684	58,380,547	43,106,855	36,187,006	52,585,975
Other securities.....	35,416,843	19,192,897	27,215,003	52,578,969	45,605,940
Disct. & advances	7,106,070	6,476,057	6,215,102	-----	-----
Securities.....	28,310,773	12,716,840	20,999,901	-----	-----
Reserve notes & coin	56,563,000	57,080,483	62,274,358	48,168,130	34,527,601
Coin and bullion.....	152,934,078	156,879,085	163,851,130	164,079,965	152,110,691
Proportion of res'v to liabilities.....	50.19%	48.84%	54.25%	40 3/4%	30%
Bank rate.....	2 1/2%	3%	5 1/2%	4 1/2%	4 1/2%

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

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the last week of May shows an increase in gold and bullion of 19,907,000 marks. Owing to this gain the item now aggregates 2,390,327,000 marks, in comparison with 2,591,135,000 marks the same time last year and 1,764,529,000 marks the year before. Increases also appear in bills of exchange and checks of 385,934,000 marks, in advances of 100,112,000 marks and in other assets of 69,223,000 marks. Note circulation expanded 547,727,000 marks raising the total of the item to 4,298,122,000 marks. Circulation the same time last year stood at 4,812,469,000 marks and two years ago at 4,606,388,000 marks. Decreases are shown in reserve in foreign currency of 10,383,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 25,353,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 15,736,000 marks, in investments of 13,000 marks, in other daily maturing obligations of 21,112,000 marks and in other liabilities of 2,914,000 marks. The item of deposits abroad remains unchanged. A comparison of the various items for the past three years is furnished below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week Reichsmarks.	May 31 1929			
		May 30 1931. Reichsmarks.	May 31 1930. Reichsmarks.	May 31 1929. Reichsmarks.	May 31 1929. Reichsmarks.
Assets—					
Gold and bullion.....Inc.	19,907,000	2,390,327,000	2,591,135,000	1,764,529,000	59,147,000
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	207,638,000	149,788,000	149,788,000	59,147,000
Res'v in for'n curr'.....Dec.	10,383,000	186,181,000	350,844,000	299,147,000	299,147,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....Inc.	385,934,000	1,816,432,000	1,958,223,000	3,004,819,000	3,004,819,000
Silver and other coin.....Dec.	25,353,000	174,315,000	128,610,000	108,100,000	108,100,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....Dec.	15,736,000	5,120,000	4,132,000	1,582,000	1,582,000
Advances.....Inc.	100,112,000	167,182,000	187,748,000	254,776,000	254,776,000
Investments.....Dec.	13,000	102,697,000	101,067,000	92,899,000	92,899,000
Other assets.....Inc.	69,223,000	541,489,000	596,393,000	458,695,000	458,695,000
Liabilities—					
Notes in circulation.....Inc.	547,727,000	4,298,122,000	4,812,469,000	4,606,388,000	4,606,388,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.....Dec.	21,112,000	353,282,000	401,086,000	628,170,000	628,170,000
Other liabilities.....Dec.	2,914,000	244,018,000	210,670,000	307,593,000	307,593,000

Money rates in the New York market showed no movements of any consequence this week, while dealings also were dull in most departments. Call loans on the Stock Exchange were 1½% for all

loans, whether renewals or new transactions. There was a substantial overflow into the unofficial "Street" market every day, and trades were reported in all sessions at 1%, or a concession of 1/2% from the official figure. Demand was small and the supply more than adequate. Time loans also remained at earlier figures, with dealings unimportant. Of much interest throughout the market was the Treasury offering, announced Monday, of \$800,000,000, or thereabouts, in 3 1/8% bonds due 1949 and callable 1946. Indicative of the plethora of investment funds in the United States capital market was the extremely heavy oversubscription, some \$6,000,000,000 being offered. Two compilations of brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral were made public this week, and both showed ample recessions. The Stock Exchange tabulation for the entire month of May reflected a reduction of \$216,444,474 in that period, while the report of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the week to Wednesday night showed a drop of \$35,000,000. Gold movements reported by the Reserve Bank for the same period consisted of imports of \$1,430,000 and exports of \$10,000. There was no change during the week covered in the amount of gold held earmarked for foreign account, but the daily statement for Thursday reflected a decrease of \$1,000,000, which is equivalent to an import of the metal.

Dealing in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, there was again no deviation at any time from the figure of 1 1/2%, this having been the quotation both for new loans and for renewals. Time money is still inactive, and there is no demand for this class of accommodation. Rates all week have been 1@1 1/2% for 30 days, 1 1/4@1 1/2% for 60 days, also for 90 days and for four months, and 1 1/2@1 3/4% for five and six months. Prime commercial paper remains active, but business is limited by an acute shortage of paper. Rates for choice names of four to six months' maturity remain at 2@2 1/4%. Names less well known and shorter choice names are still quoted at 2 1/2@2 3/4%.

The demand for prime bank acceptances was fairly active during the week, but dwindled down to the minimum on Thursday and Friday. An ample supply of paper to meet the requirements of the market is now available. Rates remain unchanged. The quotations of the American Acceptance Council continue at: For bills up to 90 days, 1% bid, 7/8% asked; for four months' bills, 1 1/8% bid, 1% asked; for five and six months, 1 3/8% bid and 1 1/4% asked. The Federal Reserve Banks increased their holdings of acceptances during the week from \$124,501,000 to \$134,155,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents further declined from \$381,570,000 to \$375,331,000. Open market rates for acceptances also remain unchanged, as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY.					
—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	1 3/8	1 1/4	1 3/8	1 1/4	1 3/8
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	1	3/4	1	3/8	1
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.					
Eligible member banks.....	1 3/8 bid				
Eligible non-member banks.....	1 3/8 bid				

There have been no changes this week in the rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve Banks. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for

the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on June 5.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	2	May 7 1931	2 1/2
New York.....	1 1/2	May 8 1931	2
Philadelphia.....	3	May 7 1931	3 1/2
Cleveland.....	2 1/2	May 9 1931	3
Richmond.....	3	May 15 1931	3 1/2
Atlanta.....	3	Jan. 10 1931	3 1/2
Chicago.....	2 1/2	May 9 1931	3
St. Louis.....	2 1/2	May 9 1931	3
Minneapolis.....	3 1/2	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City.....	3	May 21 1931	3 1/2
Dallas.....	3	May 8 1931	3 1/2
San Francisco.....	2 1/2	May 22 1931	3

Sterling exchange is irregular, but displays on the whole a firmer tone than last week. Sterling was especially in demand and firm on Monday and Tuesday. Thereafter the market quieted down and rates receded slightly although the undertone continued firm. The range this week has been from 4.86 1/4 to 4.86 5/8 for bankers' sight bills, compared with 4.86 1/8 to 4.86 7-16 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.86 1/2 to 4.86 3/4, compared with 4.86 3/8 to 4.86 9-16 a week ago. Sterling cable transfers on Tuesday were quoted as high as 4.86 3/4, a new high for the year. This compares with parity of about 4.86 5/8 plus. This new high has not been equaled since the end of the seasonal period of strength in the closing days of last August. At the same time, however, a large supply of sterling futures seems to be in the market and to have driven the future rate down to a discount around 7-16 for one month, while three-months sterling has sold at a discount of 7/8. About a week ago one-month futures were quoted at 1/4 discount and the wide spread now being quoted has confused the market. Foreign exchange traders state that it is evident that a bear position is being built up in futures, but the resulting hedge is driving the rate for cable transfers up and in some quarters a cable rate of 4.87 is looked for in the near future. The present discount on futures is sufficient to make the London bill rate unattractive to New York funds. A large part of the firmness in sterling exchange arises from transactions in European and other world centres than New York. In addition to sterling, Antwerp belgas, Swiss francs, Holland guilders, and Swedish crowns moved up this week to a premium on New York.

Bankers stress the point that the firmness in these units is due, not so much to the easy money in New York as to conditions on the Continent, plus seasonal strength in sterling, which usually has a firming influence on the major European currencies. Sterling has been highly irregular during the week with respect to French francs and the London check rate on Paris was several times quoted as low as 124.12, which compares with 124.21 on Friday of last week and with 124.38 on Friday two weeks ago. However, the London rate on Paris recovered to 124.29 on Thursday and Friday. The comparative weakness of sterling with respect to the French franc and also the fact that Switzerland this week took £400,000 of gold from the London open market is believed to preclude all possibility of a reduction in the Bank of England rate, which was hinted at a week ago by some bankers. Early this week London open market bill rates were quoted a shade higher, with 90-day bills at 2 1-16@2 1/8%, compared with the recent low of 2 1-32%. This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of £856,051, the total standing at £152,934,078, which compares with £156,879,085 on June 4 1930. On

Saturday the Bank of England bought £11,749 in gold bars and received £78,000 in sovereigns from abroad. On Monday the Bank bought £111,000 in gold bars, received £84 in sovereigns from abroad, and exported £3,000 in sovereigns. On Tuesday the Bank bought approximately £600,000 of South African gold in the open market at a price of 84s. 10½d. There was approximately £1,000,000 South African gold available, of which £400,000 was taken for account of Switzerland. In addition, the Bank of England bought on Tuesday £136 in foreign gold coin, exported £4,000 in sovereigns, and set aside £200,000 in sovereigns. On Wednesday the Bank bought £583,908 in gold bars, sold £13,995 in gold bars, received £8,000 in sovereigns from abroad, exported £14,000 in sovereigns, and released £200,000 in sovereigns. On Thursday the Bank exported £4,000 in sovereigns. On Friday the Bank bought £4,139 gold bars and £13 foreign coin and exported £5,000 sovereigns.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended June 3, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$1,430,000, of which \$1,292,000 came from Cuba and \$138,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries. Exports were \$10,000 to Germany. There was no change in gold earmarked for foreign account, but on Thursday, the day following the Federal Reserve Bank's weekly statement on the gold movement, there was a decrease of \$1,000,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended June 3, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, MAY 28-JUNE 3, INCLUSIVE.

<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$1,292,000 from Cuba	\$10,000 to Germany
138,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries	
\$1,430,000 total	\$10,000 total
<i>Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.</i>	
None	

On Friday \$2,541,000 of gold was received in New York from Argentina, while approximately \$477,000 gold was received at San Francisco from China.

Canadian exchange continues at a discount, despite the fact that seasonal influences should normally develop a firmer rate on Montreal. Once or twice this week Montreal funds were quoted as low as 5-64 of 1%, which compares with 1-32 of 1% on Saturday last. The discount on Monday was 3-64 of 1%, on Tuesday and Wednesday 1-16 of 1%, and on Thursday and Friday 5-64 of 1%.

Referring to day-to-day rates, on Saturday there were no quotations it being a holiday (Memorial Day) in New York. On Monday sterling was in demand and firmer. The range was 4.86¼@4.86 9-16 for bankers' sight and 4.86½@4.86 21-32 for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling continued to advance. Bankers' sight was 4.86¾@4.86⅝; cable transfers, 4.86⅝@4.86¾. On Wednesday sterling, while still firm, was off slightly. The range was 4.86 7-16@4.86 9-16 for bankers' sight and 4.86 11-16 for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was steady. The range was 4.86¾@4.86 9-16 for bankers' sight and 4.86⅝@4.86 11-16 for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was easier, the range was 4.86 5-16@4.86½ for bankers' sight and 4.86 9-16@4.96 19-32 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.86 7-16 for demand 4.86 9-16 for cable transfers. Commer-

cial sight bills finished at 4.86 5-16; 60-day bills at 4.84¾; 90-day bills at 4.83½; documents for payment (60 days) at 4.84¾, and seven-day grain bills at 4.86 1-16. Cotton and grain for payment 4.86 5-16.

Exchange on the Continental countries has been dull and irregular. German marks and some of the other Continentals have shown decided ease. The weakness in mark exchange forced the Reichsbank to sell foreign exchange in the last several days and in order to maintain its holdings of foreign exchange at a strong figure, the Reichsbank sold approximately 40,000,000 marks gold which is held under earmark in Paris. This was part of the metal which was shipped to Paris last fall following the exchange troubles resulting from radical gains in the elections at that time. It was found that not all the metal shipped was actually required for exchange purposes, and the Reichsbank therefore kept the gold in the vaults of the Bank of France against future needs. For the past few weeks there seems to have been a considerable withdrawal of foreign funds from Berlin, especially by French, Dutch, and Swiss interests. A large part of the weakness in the mark is due to uncertainties arising out of the delicate situation caused by the losses suffered by the Austrian Kreditanstalt, as there is a close financial and political affiliation between Germany and Austria.

German bankers deny that there is a large movement of funds from Berlin owing to this cause, but the movement, whether large or small, has served to depress mark exchange to such an extent that during the greater part of this week the mark was quoted in New York around 23.74½, a new low for the year, while on Friday it moved still lower. Another cause of the weakness in marks is found in the fact that the Anglo-German conversations to be held at Chequers Court in England will probably bring far-reaching results. Official Germany has long recognized the necessity for either a revision of the Young Plan or at least a postponement of annuities, but thus far has hesitated to ask for a reopening of the question in deference to popular demand for fear of damaging German credit abroad. The point has now been reached, however, where the Government feels the step necessary and many economists feel that if the reparations burden can be lifted or lightened or at least postponed, Germany's position will be greatly strengthened. It is believed in banking circles that the weak undertone of marks may continue until these issues become clarified. At present quotations the mark rate is close to the export point of gold from Berlin to New York. However, it is hardly expected in banking circles that gold will move from Germany to New York unless the rate were to fall considerably below the gold point. Meanwhile, the changed prospect for mark exchange seems to preclude all possibility of a reduction in the Reichsbank's rediscount rate although the rate is so clearly out of line with other major central bank rates.

The Austrian situation should no longer be a source of weakness to mark exchange, as owing to prompt measures taken by the Central banks and by private bankers to defend Austrian exchange and to extend credit to the Austrian National Bank, there is every chance now that Europe will weather successfully the storm which was produced by what has been described in responsible banking quarters as the biggest bank failure in history. The chief central banks of the world through the Bank for International

Settlements have joined in a credit arrangement in favor of the Austrian National Bank, negotiated in order to strengthen the position of the Austrian Central Bank which was threatened by the difficulties of the Kreditanstalt. Advices from Vienna early in the week stated that the Austrian National Council had voted to guarantee foreign credits and reorganize the Kreditanstalt. This decision by the Council, in addition to the stand taken by the Bank for International Settlements and the central banks, is considered of far reaching importance and was well received in New York banking circles, as it relieves a situation regarded as extremely disturbing.

French francs are on the whole relatively steady, although the rate fluctuated rather more than usual this week, owing primarily to transactions taking place abroad. As noted above, the franc has been somewhat firmer with respect to sterling exchange, with the result that London bankers are convinced that the London-Paris rate renders impossible any lowering of the rediscount rate of the Bank of England. There has been a considerable flow of French funds from England to France, with a resultant decline in the London check rate on Paris. The Bank of France still adds to its gold holdings and for the week ended May 29 reported an increase in gold of 1,410,156 francs. This increase in gold holdings, like all the small increases for the past few weeks, is due to the return of hoarded gold to be exchanged for franc notes, a movement which has been under way since the stabilization of the franc in 1928. Some detailed figures relating to this movement were published here last week. Current gold holdings of the Bank of France are 55,634,060,503 francs, which compares with 43,808,866,426 francs on May 31 1930. In the present condition of the Paris money market the banks are unable to find full employment for their resources and are therefore often obliged to leave important balances with the Bank of France, although that institution pays no interest on such deposits. Despite the fact that money is so plentiful in Paris, firmness of the franc, especially with respect to European countries, is due to some extent to the transmission of funds from other centres on account of the flight of funds caused by disturbed political conditions and governmental decrees interfering with the free flow of commercial and other credits.

Italian lire, while reflecting the general irregularity of exchange this week, are on the whole steady. Recent dispatches from Rome, commenting on the successful renewal of 4 billion lire in Treasury bonds due next October, which has given the State Treasury more than 3 billion lire of new capital, point out that the success of the loan indicates the great abundance of money in Italy. The industrial situation, the dispatch states, continues greatly depressed. Nevertheless the industrial inactivity at home has had at least one good result in improving the foreign trade balance through the curtailment of importations. Excess of imports over exports during the first four months amounted to 983,000,000 lire, as compared with 1,945,000,000 lire in the corresponding period of 1930.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 124.29 on Friday of this week, against 124.21 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.91 7-16, against 3.91 3/4; cable transfers at 3.91 1/2, against 3.91 13-16, and commercial sight bills at 3.91 5-16, against 3.91 1/2.

Antwerp belgas finished at 13.93 1/4 for checks and at 13.93 for cable transfers, against 13.92 1/4 and 13.93. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.72 1/4 for bankers' sight bills and 23.72 3/4 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.74 and 23.74 1/2. Italian lire closed at 5.23 5-16 for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23 1/2 for cable transfers, against 5.23 3/8 and 5.23 9-16. Austrian schillings closed at 14.05 1/4, against 14.05 1/2; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 2.96 1/8, against 2.96 1/8; on Bucharest at 0.59 7-16, against 0.59 9-16; on Poland at 11.20, against 11.20, and on Finland at 2.51 5/8, against 2.51 5/8. Greek exchange closed at 1.29 1/2 for bankers' sight bills and at 1.29 3/4 for cable transfers, against 1.29 1/2 and 1.29 11-16.

Exchange on the countries neutral during the war has been irregular and dull, with Swedish crowns, Swiss francs, and Holland guilders showing decided firmness. The Spanish peseta has fluctuated widely. The action of the neutral currencies this week has been affected primarily by movements taking place in Europe, rather than by transactions originating in New York, although a greater demand for tourist accommodation is also doubtless helpful to these and other European rates. Bankers are convinced that much of the firmness in Stockholm and Amsterdam, and especially in Swiss exchange, is due to the flight of capital from Spain and to some extent from Germany and Austria. As noted above, approximately £400,000 gold was taken from London this week for Swiss account. The market is discussing the possibilities inherent in the sudden rise in Swiss francs, which on Monday advanced in New York six points to 19.40 1/2. Par of the franc is 19.30. The gold export point to Switzerland is estimated at approximately 19.41, although it is doubted here that metal will move from New York. With the uncertainty existing in various international centres, Switzerland has resumed the role of haven; where foreign balances may be kept with the greatest security. As a result there is a plethora of short-term funds in that country. Switzerland, it is thought, does not wish additional gold and a bank rate cut is therefore deemed a probability. The present rate of 2% has been in effect since Jan. 22. Much the same considerations apply to the firmness in guilder exchange.

Spanish pesetas have fluctuated rather widely this week. On Friday of last week the peseta cable rate closed at 8.95, and on Monday went as low as 8.30, recovering on Friday to 9.58. The advance was due to the energetic efforts made by the Spanish Finance Minister to control the exchange. According to Paris dispatches on Wednesday, the Bank of Spain is studying the question of localization of its gold reserves and is believed to have utilized a part of the £3,000,000 which has been held in London. An early return to stability is doubtful. A Paris dispatch on Saturday stated that the Finance Minister of Spain had telegraphed Governors of all the Provinces, ordering all merchants and exporters possessing important sums of sterling to turn it into pesetas under penalty of imprisonment and confiscation. As a consequence Spanish exporters are asking buyers to deposit purchase monies in native banks of the importers' country. A recent Madrid dispatch states that the Finance Minister has ordered all National and foreign banks operating in Spain to give within 48 hours sworn statements of funds and bullion held to their credit in foreign banks. They

were also required to report before Saturday on all imports and exports of capital in the last three years. "If any of these are found to be false," Finance Minister Prieto said, "it is quite probable that some members of the bank boards will be sent to jail. A period of stern measures has begun." A Paris dispatch on Monday stated that the new Spanish exchange restrictions include prohibition of purchase of foreign securities which are not quoted in Spain, or acquisition and retention of foreign currencies. At the same time banks cannot export sums exceeding 5,000 pesetas, make postal transfers above 1,000 pesetas, or open peseta credits against gold. Forward trading on merchandise has also been forbidden. Authorization by the exchange office is necessary for the acquisition of property abroad, collaboration of Spanish capital in foreign undertakings, opening peseta credits abroad and retention of exchange obtained through exports, &c. The Bank of Spain on May 30 reported gold holdings of 2,424,000,000 pesetas, discounts 2,540,600,000 pesetas, and circulation of 5,196,500,000 pesetas.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.22, against 40.21 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.23 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 40.22 $\frac{1}{4}$, and commercial sight bills at 40.20, against 40.18. Swiss francs closed at 19.38 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.39 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 19.34 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 19.35 $\frac{1}{4}$. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.78 and cable transfers at 26.79, against 26.77 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.78 $\frac{1}{2}$. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.79 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 26.80 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 26.80 and 26.81, while checks on Norway finished at 26.78 and cable transfers at 26.79, against 26.77 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.78 $\frac{1}{2}$. Spanish pesetas closed at 9.57 for bankers' sight bills and at 9.58 for cable transfers, against 8.94 and 8.95.

Exchange on the South American countries is unchanged in all important respects. Argentine pesos have shown an undertone of weakness. A rumor that the Argentine Government contemplates official control of exchange was denied by President Casal of the Bank of the Nation on Wednesday, who declared that his recent request that private bankers co-operate to prevent speculative operations was designed to avoid such control. Action of such a description would, he said, "be taken only in the event that such co-operation was proving ineffective." A crop of unfounded rumors which has recently been spread both in Buenos Aires and abroad was mainly responsible for a slump in exchange and a fall in the quotations for certain Argentine bond issues, according to Argentine bankers, who predicted prompt recovery following the heavy export of grain and other products. Brazilian milreis, while weak with respect to par, the last conversion rate being 11.96, are nevertheless firmer than in several days and quoted around 7.15. The market is flooded with rumors regarding the possible solution of Brazil's economic problems. The exchange question has become acute because of the heavy interest payments to foreign lenders which more than overbalances a consistently favorable trade balance.

Argentine paper pesos closed at 30 3-16 for checks, against 30 3-16 on Friday of last week and at 30 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 30 $\frac{1}{4}$. Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 7.10 for bankers' sight bills and 7.15 for cable transfers, against 6.75 and 6.80.

Chilean exchange closed at 12 1-16 for bankers' sight bills and at 12 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers, against 12 1-16 and 12 $\frac{1}{8}$. Peru at 27.80, against 27.85.

Exchange on the Far Eastern countries presents no new features. Silver prices have been again ruling low, having been quoted in New York on Saturday last at 26 cents per fine ounce and later ruling around 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per fine ounce, which compares with what was thought to be a probably stabilized low figure a few months ago around 29c. per ounce. As a consequence the Chinese currencies are ruling low. Japanese yen are relatively steady. The steps taken by Japan on Jan. 11 1930 to return to gold parity are, of course, the chief factor in the firmness of yen. In important circles it is thought that nothing short of a crisis of the magnitude of the world war is likely to cause the present Japanese authorities again to forego the gold standard. This policy removes much of the speculative uncertainty enclosing future commitments with the Japanese, and the fact that the present government appears to be firmly established in power may possibly be taken as an assurance that exchange fluctuations will, for the present at least, be restricted to fairly narrow limits. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 49.34@49 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 49.36@49.50 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 23 $\frac{3}{8}$ @23 11-16, against 23 $\frac{3}{8}$ @23 7-16; Shanghai at 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ @29, against 28 $\frac{7}{8}$ @29 $\frac{1}{8}$; Manila at 49 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 49 $\frac{7}{8}$; Singapore at 56 $\frac{1}{4}$ @56 $\frac{3}{8}$, against 56.25@56 $\frac{3}{8}$; Bombay at 36 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 36 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Calcutta at 36 $\frac{1}{4}$, against 36 $\frac{1}{4}$.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, MAY 30 1931 TO JUNE 5 1931, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	May 30.	June 1.	June 2.	June 3.	June 4.	June 5.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	\$.140470	\$.140475	\$.140481	\$.140465	\$.140472	\$.140472
Belgium, belga	.139284	.139276	.139254	.139295	.139271	.139271
Bulgaria, lev	.007161	.007172	.007169	.007169	.007169	.007169
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029620	.029626	.029620	.029625	.029622	.029622
Denmark, krone	.267800	.267876	.267904	.267859	.267839	.267839
England, pound sterling	4.865553	4.866880	4.866383	4.866390	4.865654	4.865654
Finland, markka	.025168	.025171	.025170	.025163	.025162	.025162
France, franc	.039198	.039192	.039176	.039165	.039145	.039145
Germany, reichsmark	.237462	.237497	.237474	.237404	.237296	.237296
Greece, drachma	.012946	.012953	.012953	.012953	.012953	.012950
Holland, guilder	.402475	.402468	.402517	.402402	.402322	.402322
Hungary, pengo	.174357	.174405	.174384	.174429	.174410	.174410
Italy, lira	.052340	.052343	.052345	.052347	.052346	.052346
Norway, krone	.267775	.267844	.267890	.267860	.267842	.267842
Poland, zloty	.112004	.111927	.111927	.111895	.111931	.111931
Portugal, escudo	.044939	.044720	.044245	.044266	.044266	.044266
Rumania, leu	.005947	.005947	.005944	.005948	.005948	.005948
Spain, peseta	.088860	.092638	.095675	.095555	.095863	.095863
Sweden, krona	.268097	.268144	.268102	.268052	.268007	.268007
Switzerland, franc	.193966	.193976	.193940	.193971	.193886	.193886
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017641	.017680	.017665	.017683	.017685	.017685
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	.296666	.298958	.298125	.298125	.297201	.297201
Hankow tael	.291406	.293750	.292812	.292812	.291875	.291875
Shanghai tael	.285089	.288214	.286714	.286785	.286250	.286250
Tientsin tael	.301041	.30333	.302500	.302500	.301666	.301666
Hong Kong dollar	.230625	.232964	.232410	.232857	.232142	.232142
Mexican dollar	.206562	.208437	.207812	.208125	.207500	.207500
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	.209583	.211666	.210833	.211250	.210416	.210416
Yuan dollar	.206250	.208333	.207500	.207916	.207083	.207083
India, rupee	.360875	.360808	.360808	.360808	.360520	.360520
Japan, yen	.493771	.493834	.493821	.493790	.493771	.493771
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.560125	.560416	.560416	.560416	.560416	.560416
NORTH AMER.						
Canada, dollar	.999485	.999395	.999321	.999268	.999296	.999296
Cuba, peso	.999218	.999218	.999218	.999185	.999217	.999217
Mexico, peso	.491400	.490066	.491400	.490066	.490000	.490000
Newfoundland, dollar	.996812	.996875	.996875	.996678	.996666	.996666
SOUTH AMER.						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.690530	.686981	.682905	.687286	.688935	.688935
Brazil, milreis	.068187	.070444	.072923	.071464	.071664	.071664
Chile, peso	.120735	.120804	.120800	.120833	.120860	.120860
Uruguay, peso	.587745	.604025	.590117	.591930	.597503	.597503
Colombia, peso	.965700	.965700	.263700	.965700	.965700	.965700

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

Banks of	June 4 1931.			June 5 1930.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 152,934,078	£ -----	£ 152,934,078	£ 156,879,085	£ -----	£ 156,879,085
France a	445,072,484	(d) -----	445,072,484	350,470,939	(d) -----	350,470,939
Germany b	109,134,450	c994,600	110,129,050	122,067,350	994,600	123,061,950
Spain	96,945,000	27,805,000	124,750,000	98,815,000	28,706,000	127,521,000
Italy	57,460,000	-----	57,460,000	56,279,000	-----	56,279,000
Neth'lands	37,495,000	2,975,000	40,470,000	35,993,000	-----	35,993,000
Nat. Belg.	41,334,000	-----	41,334,000	34,194,000	2,235,000	36,429,000
Switz'land	25,713,000	-----	25,713,000	23,153,000	-----	23,153,000
Sweden	13,303,000	-----	13,303,000	13,511,000	-----	13,511,000
Denmark	9,552,000	-----	9,552,000	9,567,000	-----	9,567,000
Norway	8,133,000	-----	8,133,000	8,144,000	-----	8,144,000
Total week	997,076,012	31,774,600	1,028,850,612	909,073,374	31,935,600	941,008,974
Prev. week	993,107,621	32,222,600	1,025,330,221	909,972,558	31,625,600	941,598,158

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 £10,380,900. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

Goodwill and Competition—The Chequers Conference and the Canadian Tariff.

The announcement on Monday of extensive changes in the Canadian tariff, followed by the departure Wednesday night from Berlin of Chancellor Bruening and Foreign Minister Curtius on a visit to Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald at Chequers, affords a striking illustration of the way in which international good will and sharp international competition continue to run side by side. The days of World War animosities and calls for vengeance seem remote when leading officials of the German Reich go to England to confer with the British Premier and be received by King George. We shall know later whether the persistent reports that the reparations issue is to be the principal subject discussed are well founded, but it is certain that the conversations, whatever the matters that may be talked about, will go on in an atmosphere of friendliness and cordial mutual understanding. It is the typical British way of letting by-gones be by-gones, and sitting down to talk things over when new difficulties arise, that is being illustrated at Chequers, and with that spirit Germany honorably falls in. The Canadian tariff, on the other hand, points to an acute economic controversy among the nations which for months has been growing more intense, and which to many observers seems to be doing more than any other one thing to keep national feelings stirred up and retard the business recovery of which the world is so desperately in need.

The Canadian tariff changes which were announced by Premier R. B. Bennett on Monday are not general in the usual sense of that term, the items affected numbering only 174 out of a total of about 800 in the tariff schedule. Directly or indirectly, however, the operation of the changes is wide. The increases of duties particularly affecting American products apply, according to a statement issued by the Department of Commerce, to "foodstuffs of various types, especially prepared foods; coal, automobiles valued over \$1,200, certain structural materials and steel products, particular classes of machinery, household linen, watches and clocks and toys." Magazines and periodicals, other than religious, scientific or educational publications, are made dutiable at 15 cents a pound (a rate which it is feared by some American publishers may be almost prohibitive in the case of periodicals of large circulation), and substantial increases are made in the rates on a number of articles covered by what are known as "basket clauses," providing for duties on articles not specifically mentioned. The sales tax on domestic as well as foreign transactions is increased from 1% to 4%, and an additional excise tax of 1% of the duty-paid value is provided for all imports over \$25 in value. Considerable reductions

are also made in the list of exemptions from the sales tax. Of the three classes of duties, namely British preference, intermediate and general, the increase is smallest in the preference group, larger in the intermediate group, applicable to countries which have commercial treaties with Canada, and highest in the general group, applicable to non-treaty countries. It is to this third group that the products of the United States belong.

The new tariff contains a number of interesting features intended, apparently, to give flexibility to the customs system and check abuses, and at the same time permit either bargaining or retaliation. Excise duties, for example, are to be imposed upon the products of a manufacturer who, being protected, uses the tariff to raise prices to consumers. Duties on imported goods may be reduced by order of the Governor in Council in return for reductions made by foreign countries on Canadian goods, and considerable discretion appears to be given the same authority in determining what are or are not religious, educational or scientific periodicals. A provision for the forfeiture of goods imported from a country which is not a signatory of the Treaty of Versailles, while in terms applicable to the United States, is believed to be directed at the Soviet Union, although other safeguards against dumping are also provided.

Included in the budget, and affecting the operation of the new duties, are substantial subsidies to the coal industry of the Maritime Provinces and western Canada, expected to move 1,870,000 tons of coal a year, and a provision whereby the Government will absorb 5 cents per bushel of the freight rates on wheat from western Canada.

Any increases of foreign tariffs may, of course, be regarded in this country as retaliatory, especially in view of the widespread resentment which the Smoot-Hawley tariff has occasioned. There seems little reason to believe, however, that retaliation is the motive of the Bennett Government, but that the new tariff is intended primarily to embody the high protectionist principles to which the Government is committed, to meet a Treasury deficit, and to relieve unemployment. In presenting the budget of which the new duties form a part, Mr. Bennett pointed out that the revisions are not general "but were confined to such schedules as would assist adjusting unemployment," and that only such items as required such adjustment had been dealt with. The budget deficit of \$75,244,973, he said, was mainly due to the business depression, customs receipts having fallen off \$48,000,000 and the receipts from the sales tax having declined to less than half those of the previous year. "On the expenditure side," he explained, "comparatively little advantage could be taken of declining commodity prices" for the reason that "fixed and uncontrollable charges constitute so large a proportion of the expenditures. The interest on the national debt was over \$121,000,000, war pensions amounted to \$46,000,000, and other uncontrollable expenditures absorbed an additional \$36,895,000." Contracts under unemployment relief measures amounted on March 31 to \$69,690,948, representing employment for 248,000 persons.

Early estimates of the probable effect of the new duties on American trade with Canada indicated that not less than one-third of the total American exports to that country would be adversely affected. In a statement issued on Wednesday, however, Dr. Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce,

stated that the new tariff "definitely imperils approximately \$25,000,000 of American exports," or slightly less than 4% of the total American exports to Canada in 1930. The statement, which is understood to have been submitted to President Hoover before it was issued, made clear that the Administration did not regard the new tariff as retaliatory, but rather as a natural development by Canada of its protective policy. "It is obvious from a study of the commodities involved," the statement declared, "that a considerable portion of the increases have been made in preparation for the forthcoming conference on reciprocal tariffs among the British Dominions, which is to take place next fall (the holding of this conference being one of the recommendations of the Imperial Conference last year). Canada is, obviously and quite naturally, putting herself in a favorable position for these negotiations. It should be remembered that Canada, like all economically new lands, has for years been using high protective tariffs to develop a more evenly balanced economy. Her excessive seasonal variation makes such a policy inevitable as a means of equalizing employment irregularities."

Whether natural or retaliatory, the effect of the new tariff is bound to be considerable. Increased duties can have no object, aside from that of revenue, save to increase the proportionate consumption of Canadian products at the expense of imported ones, and any diminution of imports will affect particularly the United States, since it is from the United States that the larger proportion of Canadian imports have come. The new tariff meets the demand of coal producers in the Maritime Provinces and the West for greater protection for Canadian coal, of Canadian wheat-growers for a more advantageous position in the wheat markets of the world, of Canadian farmers for larger domestic use of Canadian-grown meats and fruits, and of Canadian manufacturers for greater protection against the products of American factories. To the extent to which it stimulates a further flight of American capital to the Dominion and the establishment of branches of American industries there, it will offer more employment to Canadian labor and less to labor in this country. Whether, on the other hand, it will increase the opportunities for Canadian markets abroad is not so clear. The action of the New Zealand Government on Monday in transferring all but a few Canadian imports from the British preferential list to the general list, because of the failure of negotiations for reciprocal duties, strikes a heavy blow at Canadian trade with New Zealand by taxing Canadian imports at the same rates as foreign goods bear.

There is no mistaking the world significance of the action which Canada has just taken. The new tariff is the most substantial impetus yet given, since the enactment of the Smoot-Hawley tariff in this country, to the high protection movement which has been sweeping over the world. Not less than 25 countries have now changed their tariffs since the Smoot-Hawley measure became law, and most of the changes have been upward. Canada joined the protection ranks in August 1930, when the Bennett Government came to power, and it was the protection issue, more than anything else, that made the deliberations of the Imperial Conference fruitless of important results. Tariff protection continues to be a live political issue in Great Britain, where Stanley Baldwin,

the Conservative leader, champions it as the sovereign remedy for unemployment and other economic ills; exclusion of foreign products for the benefit of domestic producers is at the bottom of the long list of recent tariff changes in Europe and Latin America; and the latest Briand plan of European union has as one of its cardinal features a scheme of preferential tariffs under which the grain of the Danube countries and the manufactures or other products of western Europe are to be exchanged.

Those, accordingly, who believe that international trade must be reciprocal if it is to exist at all, and that countries cannot buy unless they can also sell, will certainly view the action of Canada with deep concern. The concern will be the greater because it is impossible to think that the action of the Bennett Government, however slight may be the evidence of a retaliatory purpose on its face, has not been materially influenced by our own tariff excesses. There is already suggestive evidence of a growing revolt against the Smoot-Hawley rates, notwithstanding a partisan demand here and there that those rates be still further advanced, and that protection is likely to be one of the leading issues in the approaching presidential campaign. The Administration is doubtless wise in declining to see retaliation in the new Canadian budget, since to do so would be to admit that retaliation was to be expected, but it can hardly escape its share of responsibility for a protectionist movement which is contributing drastically to retard world recovery.

"Master Planning."

Modernizing, methodizing, standardizing, "business"—promise alleviation of economic ills in times of "depression." The whole world is now stirred, by "conditions," into a veritable furore of theories. It is averred we ought never to have allowed this "debacle" to creep upon us; must certainly prevent another in the future. And if we will admit that war was the primal and progenitive cause the way of prevention is easy—stop all wars! Alas, in the midst of peace we are still preparing for war, although we have solemnly promised each other, as nations, that we will never again resort to arms to settle international disputes. So that any and all cures for disordered economics must take into account the unbridled passions of peoples. These, no doubt, have a remote influence on industry and trade; grow, in some degree, out of competitive production and exchange; but, in our efforts to bring harmony into our endeavors, we lose sight of the intrusion of war and base our calculations on peace as if it were a fixture in the future lives of peoples. We can do no other than this, it is true, but we argue to little purpose if we do not recognize that one war caused the most of our present trouble and that *that war is with us yet*—a fearful weight to be lifted, deadening our efforts and disordering our thoughts and acts.

One of the chief methods proposed for the cure and prevention of future "depressions" is the co-ordination of all industry and commerce. It is the "big idea" of to-day! Somehow, and by someone, there is to appear a Master Plan. Production and consumption are to be made to counterbalance each other. The load of distribution is to be equalized everywhere, all the time. Supply and demand are to dovetail into an exact equation. Prices, profits, wages are to be uniform—never running into con-

flict. There is to be fair weather and swift sailing, unbroken by calms and storms. The idea is as benign as it is colossal—Utopia is to ensue! For, it is alleged, we work now without a “plan.” We overproduce and underconsume. We try to force economics into a straight-jacket of law, rule, custom—creating general diversity and disparity, with consequent stock smashes, unemployment, low prices, high and low wages alternately, and all the evils of a helter-skelter “business” on a go-as-you-please basis. No wonder, it is argued, there are cycles, ups and downs, inflation and deflation, prosperity and adversity. Each man for himself, and the “devil take the hindmost,” cannot be expected to constitute a smooth-running machine, albeit labor is the law of life, and love the law of labor. We need (and “we” means all workers of the world) a “plan”—then no labor will be lost, no waste result, no poverty remain, no cycles, depressions, debacles, come—all will be well in the best of all worlds.

Stuart Chase, an “engineering economist,” elucidates this whole idea of a “plan” in the June “Atlantic Monthly” in a lengthy article under the engaging title, “Harnessing the Wild Horses of Industry.” He begins by telling of a young man’s dream of *co-ordinating* the industries of the “Northwest,” namely, of the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington. He writes: “The population at the time of our study was approximately ten million. These ten millions, we argued, needed food, shelter, clothing, and reasonable comforts. In what tonnage and quantities? Our first task was to prepare a budget of minimum requirements cast in physical terms—pounds of flour, pairs of shoes, suits of clothing, tons of fuel—based on the health and decency schedules of the Bureau of Labor statistics. These consumable goods were then converted into producers’ goods—bushels of wheat, beef cattle, cotton, wool, lumber, coal, hydroelectric power. We also made side excursions into labor hours required to convert and distribute these staples.” . . . “With requirements in hand, we proceeded to estimate the productive plant and capacity of the seven States, in respect to both developed natural resources, including farm lands, and manufacturing establishments. What is now produced; what can be produced if the present acreage and plant are operated at capacity; what could be produced under a scientific rearrangement of economic factors? In the latter category the chase became—for young idealists—violently exciting. We gave modern engineering a free hand and proceeded to build up the living standards of the heavy-footed Scandinavians of those steppes by leaps and bounds.” . . . “Productive powers were balanced against requirements, and surpluses and deficiencies struck. How far was the region self-sustaining?”

“What did it lack, and what had it to exchange? In North Dakota, for instance, there was—and is—a vast surplus of wheat above the requirements, not only of the State but of the whole region, offset by a deficiency of lumber and water power. In Washington there was a surplus of lumber; in Wisconsin a surplus of dairy products and a deficiency of wool and cotton. In the whole area no sugar at all was produced. So, item by item, the score of the major staples was told.” . . .

“Finally came the Olympian task of reorganizing the economic framework—building up self-sufficiency to the line of diminishing returns; arrang-

ing exportable surpluses against deficiencies on the principle of the ‘balanced load’ and straight line engineering. We called into being a mining and power center in the lignite fields of Northern Dakota; a woolen manufacturing center in the sheeplands of Montana, where water power was abundant,” &c. Then this, in conclusion: “I am confident that the Northwest Project etched the final goal of economic planning, but more pedestrian steps must lead to it—granting that the Republic ever elects to go in that direction at all. With seven million workless men on the streets, overproduction and underconsumption rampant, purchasing power falling ever more seriously behind technical capacity to produce, and costs of distribution mounting steadily in the chaos which stretches between factory door and ultimate consumer; with the waste of natural resources ever more appalling, and the business cycle running unchecked in a wild orbit of its own as remote from human control as a lunar eclipse—the necessity of so electing seems reasonably plain.”

We have neither space nor time to follow Mr. Chase’s interesting article further. He outlines historic examples in economic planning—that of the Incas of Peru; that of Egypt in the empire of the Nile; of the craft guilds and mercantilists in the Middle Ages; of the downfall of all—“from about 1800 to 1910, free competition had its heyday, spreading over the domain of the machine like bacteria in a culture. About the only economic functions left to central authority were the issuing of currency, the collection of taxes, and fiddling—most ineptly—with tariffs. Germany under Bismarck was, of course, an exception.” Then came, in course of time, the Supreme Economic Council of the Allies in the World War, supplemented by the War Industries Board in the United States. Follows the New Economic Policy in Russia and the Five-Year Plan. “Meanwhile,” the article continues, “the drive toward industrial co-ordination—as distinguished from master planning—has accelerated steadily in the last decade. Its chief manifestation in the United States has been the merger movement, and in Europe the rationalization movement.”

But we can go no further in outlining the article. Including the paper dream of the author’s Northwest Project all experiments have failed or been superseded by other movements. The “nature of things” still obtains and asserts its power. We are attracted by the vastness of this conception of orderliness, prosperity, progress—for ultimately, especially under modern inventions, political economies, social theories, it must embrace the whole world. But Utopia and the abolition of poverty are far away. What gigantic changes are involved! Where is the master mind, the master force to direct the co-ordination? A benevolent despot (God) might do it—not Mussolini or Stalin, but evidently he did not choose to do so. Where in the scheme is man himself, in “attributes” how like a god? What of territories, migrations of men, intermixture of races, inherent scattered resources; what of necessary industries and agriculture; what of the reactions of letters, science, art? What *can* ever centralize the co-ordinating power to harmonize the efforts of free men, with initiative, enterprise, and love of their fellows? A task supreme! But where the task master?

On the other hand, is there somewhere in the creation a Supreme Purpose, that, in fastening upon man the edict of earning bread in the sweat of brow, furn-

ishes a solution in the activities of "things as they are"? What of man and the machine? Who can foreshadow an unbroken harmony while the individual remains free? If not in a small territory, how in a whole earth divided into separate States, sundered by oceans, and indentured by continents? Is it not, even now, in a most imperfect way, that the State rules—a political entity having little or no relation to an economic entity? The problem staggers the imagination! Can a dictator like Mussolini or Stalin lead the way? How preserve the man and provide the means?

If the Infinite Purpose can not be trusted, how can the State or the Leader or some future Progressive? Can there be a New Earth without a New Man? What a long evolution lies in producing the New Man! Can States ever be unified, while petty tariffs, repugnant systems of taxation, strange and fertile chauvinisms, prides in race and perfervor in accomplishments continue to exist, while wars brew and peace comes not? We would, each of us, that the world might wake, some fair morning, to an ideal of love, justice, and truth—without the chains of rule and the selfishness of personal greed! But alas, to combine and co-ordinate all intent and effort in an earth divided against itself—and among men inately different—cannot be brought about by political theory, social reform, or even economic essay, led by a tyrannical ruler or a dominating idea!

Meanwhile, if we are ever to approach concord, it will be necessary to make distinctions between wants and needs, between extravagance and frugality, propagated by men themselves and procured by the States they have erected. We do not now do the little that we can. *It is possible to disarm utterly* and thus banish war, with its enormous expense, forever—we will not do it. We love theories more than practices! We are so enamoured of the star that we will not see the flower at our feet. We are so filled with egotism that we refuse the good of neighborly love.

We want to rule by masses and refuse to help our own selves. We fall into the trough of "depression" and refuse to bask in the sunlight of the glory of work for its own sake. And we will never succeed until we right-about-face and rule over the little things. The whole of mankind is in a frenzy of relief and reform, praying for a "leader," and dreaming dreams of magic human welfare, when we live only in the present and die into a new existence. Our minds are larger than our powers. We make machines and are devoured by them. We use the gifts of nature and forget God. Oh, we are Gargantuan schemers and plotters to make a New World—and Lilliputians in the only world we have!

The Rich Man's Son.

Pointing a moral, by the career of Charles Chaplin as an example, a big-type editorial, speaking to young men with reference to the careers open to them, says: "For your comfort remember this: If Chaplin had started in the big house with a rich father instead of starting in a little house with nothing he would never have been heard of, in all probability. His chances of success, born in the little house, were at least ten thousand times as great as they would have been if he was born in the big house." . . . "He who does not know this knows little."

We are willing to concede that Chaplin is one of the great mimetic actors of all time, but we think his career is a faulty example when it is intended to show, as in the case of this editorial, that the poor man's son always has a better chance to succeed than the rich man's son. For the fortune, very large, which this actor has accumulated is due to the advent of the moving picture. If his work had been confined to personal appearances in single theaters no such fortune could have been acquired. A circumstance quite extraneous to acting gave him his opportunity. That he seized it and consistently followed it, is to his credit. A rich man's son would have had the same chance. Possessing a fortune at the outset would not, or need not, have deterred him. The idea, however, that the rich man's son, *because* of his wealth, is almost certain to become a ne'er-do-well is not new. Is it true?

We presume there are no reliable statistics on this subject, and we must doubt them if there are. It is almost proverbial that the minister's son is sure to be a scapegrace. Is this true? Is it not the contrast between a pious father and a dissolute son which gives rise to the thought? Even so, a parallel is not found in the fortune-making career of the poor young man. The poor boy must work whether he will or not. Work develops character. Character builds a fortune. But the rich young man has the same chance to work and build character, if he will, with the added advantage of possessing capital with which to make a fortune. It is easy to leave a son poor; hard to leave him rich. And in so far as heredity affects character the rich young man has the advantage. In the nature of things, wastrels are not bred by rich fathers. Inherited fortunes are often squandered by young men who yield to the allurements of the world, but it need not be so. Two striking living examples of worthy and competent sons of rich fathers will occur to every reader.

Counting noses, however, is not worth while. There are other phases of this problem that are worth consideration. If it is true that fortunes destroy the sons of successful fathers, is it wise to spend a lifetime in the building of a business and the accumulation of property? Altruistic love of mankind is, of course, worth while. But parental and filial love are natural incentives in all lives. At least, the rich father, as far as riches go, sets a good example to his son. If the son is a "chip off the old block" he will not fail because he starts out with a full purse. The theory that a boy must start poor in order to get rich is false. He starts with many handicaps. Swimming against the current of constant obstacles, he acquires character. Yet the rich man's son, by the mere care of property, by the mere education of business ready to his hand, may also, and often does, acquire character. He builds a fortune out of a fortune, and he is entitled to the respect of mankind.

In forming our Government, the framers of the Constitution prohibited primogeniture and titles. They put all sons on an equal footing. And they recognized wealth and the bequeathing thereof. They did not put a premium on poverty. They did not laud the poor man's son. They left the way open that the poor may become rich. They provided for inheritances. Nor did they conceive the idea of confiscating estates by taxes at death. No one would take a jot from the worthiness of the young man who succeeds despite his lack of wealth at the beginning

of his career. But to make his unfortunate condition a basis for praise, as if he were better off *because* poor is to deny the rich man's son his due when he, too, increases his wealth. Not only is inherited capital a boon to any man who uses it worthily, but it is a help he cannot at the time adequately measure. It is not necessary to be born poor to achieve riches, and, in this sense, it were better all men be born rich.

In saying this we realize that there is danger of misunderstanding. All men *are* born rich who are born to the opportunities of a progressive civilization in a free government. Always, some will be born rich in property; some poor. Endless varying circumstances make this certain. But to try to inculcate the benefits of being born poor is to preach a false doctrine. That the poor young man rises above circumstances is to his credit, and his opportunity to do so is a fortune in itself. Necessity, nevertheless, is a stern teacher, not a fond parent. It would be a calamity for all men to be born poor, or rich, in the sense of original ownership. It is not "ten thousand times" better to be born poor than rich, nor any computable number of times. Millions never overcome poverty. They have neither the will nor capacity. Many of these are not born in the right period or place. Many turn sour and hate the world which they say owes them a living—a living often desired without work. The poor son *must* work; the rich son *may* work. When life is done, who can say which one deserves the most credit?

Riches and poverty are comparative terms having little specific meaning. There are a few billionaires; hundreds of millionaires; thousands in the hundred thousand class; tens of thousands scaling all the way down to a few thousand dollar class—literally hundreds of thousands who have nothing. It *might* be better if the contrasts were not so sharp and extreme. But how can *opportunity* be preserved with other than present conditions? How can environment and human nature be changed? If a poor young man can climb, so can a rich young man! The very uncertainties of endeavor preclude *equality*. Poverty is not a boon—it is an inevitable condition. No poor young man could rise were there no rich young man. Life—business life—without the motive of accumulation for sons and daughters, would lose much of its zest, would become stale, flat and unprofitable—to either the rich young man or the poor. Let us not be deceived by the profligate son of the rich man; there are probably more profligate sons of poor men!

He who uses his talent to the best advantage according to circumstances *and* opportunities is worthy of praise, be he poor or rich. On the ethical and spiritual side, the rich young man has the advantage. He has inherited *and* acquired wealth to use for the benefit of his fellow-man. Countless educational and eleemosynary institutions testify to this truth. Beyond the comforts of a competence the rich young man is on a par with the poor young man in like condition. Therefore the responsibility of the rich young man is greater than that of the poor young man. Culture is open to each alike. Success is not in saving, spending, or rising in the scale of riches; it lies in using the things of life for the benefit of others. In this, according to character, the poor young man may be rich and the rich young man poor. Poverty is a spur, not a crutch. Wealth is a staff, not a spur. The chances of true success are even in the long run.

Industry Sets Example for Farmers.

One of the difficulties in extending aid to the farmers, or even in instructing the farmers how to help themselves, arises from the old trouble of lack of organization among the farmers themselves.

There have been such tremendous improvements both in means of travel and communication that a concerted effort to apply modern methods to the farms may bring about a wonderful change in the conduct of the business of men who gain their living by tilling the soil.

Heretofore isolation has been the great obstacle which the farmer could not overcome. Even the railroads, so helpful in the transportation of crops, did not solve the problem of bringing the farmers closer in touch with each other. But with good highways, motorcars, buses, and airplanes distance may be quickly overcome, making it comparatively easy and not costly for farm dwellers to assemble at some central point frequently to compare notes, receive advice, and come to an agreement respecting the conduct of their business.

The calling of such a meeting is no longer dependent upon what is now regarded the slow process of the mails. Not only is the telephone a part of the equipment of nearly every household, but it has been supplemented by the radio. In communication, distance has been almost annihilated, and as to time required for travel that has been greatly reduced and the cost lessened.

In the days when the Grange was most active such conveniences were not dreamed of, and that organization, aside from creating good fellowship, accomplished little of practical value for those whom it was created to serve.

The time is ripe for the American farmer to become up-to-date.

Industry, long possessing the advantage of centralization, has shown cultivators of the land the way to become prosperous. Manufacturers have their local organizations, their State associations, and their national chambers. Meetings are held annually at which problems are submitted, discussed, and remedies recommended. All through the year every new phase of business is set forth in detail and submitted to members for consideration in order that recommendations may be obtained by officers in authority to act. Following the suggestion of the present Administration, almost every sort of industry has its "institute" designed to supply practical information to its members and to help their business within legitimate lines.

The farmer also needs an "institute." Such a central authority should be located in each section of the United States where resident farmers have certain interests in common—cotton and tobacco in the South; wheat, corn, sheep and cattle in the East and West Central belt; spring wheat in the Northwest; fruits all along the Pacific coast and in Florida.

Such an organization might well take its cue from any one of a number of industries. Oil was originally developed for illumination and lubrication. When its use as an illuminant was diminished by electric current and gas, the great petroleum companies established laboratories, equipped them with the best apparatus that science could supply, and engaged expert chemists and scientists to discover and perfect new uses for the "liquid gold." Gasoline

now heads a long list of products derived from crude petroleum which perhaps has thus earned the name of "liquid diamond." Tank cars, long used to transport petroleum and its many products, are giving way to pipe lines for distribution. Natural gas, a sister of petroleum, has been developed and marketed with equal skill and enterprise.

Development of the steel industry since 1901, when the U. S. Steel Corp. was formed, is another notable example of the splendid results obtainable through organization and the application of business methods to a worthy enterprise. The modern blast furnace has very little resemblance to the "iron furnaces" of the Mahoning Valley in use in the nineteenth century. In those days hundreds of boys used to feed strips of iron into nail machines, but an automatic feeder displaced the boys. Laboratory and research work is in constant progress devising new products and new methods of manufacture. Every well-equipped industrial plant to-day has its well-equipped laboratory.

If the agriculturists would organize and thoroughly support an efficient organization financially, the benefits they might derive have great possibilities. Discoveries could be protected through the patent office at Washington.

Nearly all that has been discovered and devised which helps the farmers is due to industry. Progress in milling has been an industrial development. Schumaker, of Akron, Ohio, was a pioneer who gave Americans oatmeal and, Post, of Michigan, taught the public the merits of certain food products, thus aiding farmers. The field for uses of farm products is perhaps only barely scratched. Let the farmers get in step with modern methods and perhaps they may yet find diamonds under their vast acreage, as Doctor Conwell might have put it.

Margin Requirements Reduced by Guaranty Trust Co., Other Banking Institutions and Stock Exchange Houses.

Believing that the decline that has taken place in the security markets during recent weeks has carried quoted values of most stocks to a level justifying a liberal attitude in the matter of bank loans, some of the leading banks have announced reductions in margin requirements on regular Street loans to 20% from 25%, it was noted in the "Wall Street Journal" of June 3, which further said:

Guaranty Trust Co. was the first to notify customers and brokers to this effect and Chase National Bank, National City Bank, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co. and Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. immediately took similar action. A number of other banks have the matter under advisement and are expected to follow suit.

Reduction of margin requirements on Street loans applies to regular day-to-day loans to brokers made on the floor of the Stock Exchange or direct and is not confined merely to customers of the bank who are always subject to special consideration.

The custom of requiring a 25% margin has been in force for a number of years, except on extraordinary occasions, so that a departure from this rule at the present time is regarded as significant. Before the World War, it was the practice to differentiate somewhat as to margin requirements on certain loans, those of the highest type of mixed collateral being taken on occasions as low as 20%. During the break in the market in 1929 the margin on brokers' loans was very generally marked up to 30%. Since then, however, regular diversified Street loans have been uniformly taken at 25% margin.

Present move is in marked contrast to the attitude of the banks in 1929, when, besides the larger margin requirements, they drastically marked down the loan values of collateral.

Guaranty Trust Co. officials stated that the company took this action because it considered that the market had approached a level of quoted values which made the 20% loan margin conservative.

A number of other banks, while refraining from making any announcement in this respect, are known to have decided upon a more liberal attitude in their loan requirements. They wish to avoid any particular announcement to that effect, preferring rather to act upon individual cases.

Reduction in loan margin requirements had a generally stimulating effect on the stock market and substantial advances resulted.

The following is from the same paper of June 4:

Brokers Cut Margins.

Following the lead of several of the leading banks in reducing margin requirements on regular Street loans to 20% from 25%, a number of brokerage houses have also liberalized their requirements to customers. In many instances the reductions by brokers correspond to those of the banks,

that is, a 5% drop to 20%. In a number of instances, also, brokers are announcing their intention henceforth to carry on margin listed stocks selling as low as \$5 a share, as against the general practice heretofore of requiring outright purchase of issues selling below \$10 a share. Some brokers likewise have liberalized their margin requirements in respect to Curb Exchange stocks.

Hornblower & Weeks have reduced marginal requirements on stocks above \$25 a share to 20% of selling price. Below \$25 a share, the margin has been cut to \$5 a share. The firm announces that it will carry on margin any active stock above \$5 a share listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Eastman, Dillon & Co. have reduced marginal requirements to 20% from 25%.

W. E. Hutton & Co. and J. H. Brooks & Co. also have reduced margins to 20% from 25%.

Bank of America N. A. has reduced the margin requirement on Street loans to 20% from 25%.

Abbott, Hoppin & Co. announce minimum requirements on stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange selling above \$25 a share will be 20% of market value; on stocks selling from \$25 to \$10 a share 5 points are required, and on stocks selling between \$10 and \$5 a share, 50% of market value. For Curb stocks, minimum requirements will be 25% of market value on stocks selling above \$25 a share, and below \$25 down to \$10 a share, 5 points.

Steiner, Rouse & Co. have reduced marginal requirements to 25% from 33 1-3% of the debt balance, with a minimum requirement of 5 points. The firm also will carry on margin all listed stocks selling above \$5.

Jenks, Gwynne & Co. have reduced margins to 25% from 30% of debit balances.

Louchheim, Minton & Co. are requiring 20% for stocks selling above \$25 a share, and 5 points for stocks from \$7 to \$25.

Cassatt & Co. have reduced margin requirements to 20% of market value on acceptable stocks selling at 20 and above, and to \$4 per share on acceptable stocks selling between \$5 and \$20.

Henry Clews & Co. have reduced margins to 20% from 25%.

New York Stock Exchange Recalls Questionnaire of May 25 Calling for Information as to Short Selling—New Questionnaire Does Not Require Names of Customers Having Short Position.

Yesterday (June 5) the New York Stock Exchange made public a new questionnaire sent to members on June 4 to take the place of the one dated May 25 (calling for information regarding short selling) which has been recalled by the Committee on Business Conduct of the Exchange. The May 25 questionnaire was given in our issue of May 30, page 3982. The new questionnaire in asking for a list showing the total short position in each stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange specifically states that the names of the customers having these short positions are not to be included. The June 4 questionnaire follows:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. Committee on Business Conduct.

New York, June 4 1931.

To Members of the Exchange:

The Committee on Business Conduct recalls its request of May 25 1931 with regard to borrowed and loaned stocks, &c., and in lieu thereof directs that members submit the following information to it, the first report to cover the situation as of the close of business June 4 1931, similar reports to be submitted as of the close of business each day thereafter:

A list showing the total short position in each stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the names of the customers having these short positions not to be included.

The dates referred to above are blotter, ledger or delivery dates.

Do not include as short positions the following:

- (1) Sales for "cash" with stocks not yet received from the seller.
- (2) Sales or "short" positions against "long" positions in the same stocks where instructions have been given to deliver other certificates.
- (3) Sales or "short" positions where it is actually known, without further inquiry, that the seller has the same long stocks in his possession or has an off-setting position against his short sales in the same stocks.

First Report.—The foregoing information as of the close of business June 4 1931, must be filed with the Committee not later than Monday noon, June 8 1931, by members not more than one day's distance by mail from New York, and by other members not later than noon Tuesday, June 9 1931.

Subsequent Reports.—Subsequent reports must be furnished from day to day thereafter.

Envelopes.—The envelopes containing the foregoing information are to be addressed to the Committee on Business Conduct, Room 609, 11 Wall St., N. Y. City.

Wire houses are requested to co-operate with the Committee by transmitting this circular over their wires to their out-of-town member correspondents and forwarding the replies of the latter to the Committee.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Paterson (N. J.) Clearing House Reduces Rate on Savings Deposits.

Following other financial institutions, the Paterson Clearing House Association, of which all banks in that city are members, announced on May 28 that interest rates on savings deposits would be reduced from 4% to 3½% on July 1.

Bristol (Conn.) Trust Co. Cuts Interest Rate on Savings Accounts.

The following is from the Hartford (Conn.) "Courant" of May 29:

Bristol Trust Co., of Bristol, has reduced the regular interest rate on savings accounts from 5% to 4½%, following action common to savings banks because of the difficulty of security investments legal for savings banks to assure the higher rate. The new rate is effective June 1.

The New Capital Flotations During the Month of May and for the Five Months Since the First of January

Our record of the new capital flotations for the month of May reveals the same characteristics as that of other recent periods. Indeed, these characteristics are really more strongly in evidence and more pronounced than in other recent periods. The first point is that the new financing consists to an unusually large extent of obligations put out by States and cities—in other words, municipal financing. There is now, as is well known, an exceedingly keen demand for municipal issues, these standing in a higher class than the securities of private corporations and, not being subject to the vicissitudes to which corporate issues are liable, being, in short, government issues dependent for the payment of principal and interest upon taxes, and hence resting upon the credit and standing of the municipality putting out the obligations. Public revenues are their source of support, not business conditions or profits. They always command special favor and particularly so in times of trade depression, like the present, when uncertainty exists concerning the probable earnings and profits of the companies engaged in floating the corporate obligations offered for sale. During the month of May municipal financing was on an exceptionally large scale, as we shall presently see.

The second of the characteristics which stand out so strikingly at the present time is that financing on behalf of corporate entities is exceptionally light, quite the reverse of municipal financing; and it is for that reason that the total of the capital flotations reaches such relatively small proportions, notwithstanding the extra large contributions to the total by States and ordinary municipalities. Business depression, involving the undermining of corporate profits, is obviously not favorable to the bringing out of new corporate obligations except those of the highest type. New stock issues at such a time are completely taboo because of the uncertainty concerning profits for the immediate future and also because the shares generally rule much below par—this last being conspicuously true on the present occasion, when stock prices for the last twenty months or more have suffered depreciation to an unparalleled extent.

There are several other distinctive features of corporate financing to which previous reference has been made here and which should not escape notice. One of these features is that the new financing on behalf of private corporations in quite considerable part represents issues brought out to take up or refund existing issues, and hence cannot be regarded as strictly new capital. Another feature is that the financing is being done in large blocks by the bigger corporations rather than consisting of numerous offerings of small or moderately large amounts. Finally, it is to be said that foreign financing, except for Canadian Government and corporate issues, has almost entirely disappeared.

Our compilations, as in preceding months, include the stock, bond and note issues by corporations, by holding, investment and trading companies, and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also farm loan emissions. The grand total of the offerings of securities in this country under these various heads during May aggregated \$425,652,922. This compares with \$590,091,926 in April, with \$698,780,382 in March, but with only \$221,497,966 in February, with \$648,635,186 in January, with \$394,889,991 in December, with \$267,743,332 in November, with \$449,357,451 in October, with \$496,256,737 in September, with \$290,999,219 in August, with \$585,629,585 in July and with 778,180,103 in June.

At \$425,652,922 the total of all classes of financing for May 1931, compares with \$1,181,454,314 in May 1930 and with \$1,513,250,087 in May 1929. As indicating the part played by municipal financing in swelling the totals of new capital flotations, our tables show that the awards by municipalities (including of course State issues) during May reached \$172,818,922; this compares with \$104,621,238 in the previous month (April) and with \$144,872,096 in May 1930. Here also, as in the case of corporate financing, the prominence of the larger issues attracts attention. New York City alone contributed \$52,000,000 to swell the aggregate for the month, having disposed of that amount of four year bonds or corporate stock. In addition, Detroit, Mich., made awards totaling \$19,337,000; Westchester

County, New York came to market with \$15,547,000; San Francisco City and County with \$10,400,000; Newark, N. J. with \$10,187,000 and Nassau County, New York with \$5,000,000. Thus these six municipalities alone are responsible for \$112,471,000 out of the total municipal awards for the month of \$172,818,922. No foreign government issues of any kind were brought out in this country during the month, nor any foreign corporate issues except in both cases those on behalf of Canada and these Canadian amounts were really of inconsequential extent, comprising one single corporate issue for \$8,000,000 and \$2,144,000 of Canadian municipal obligations placed in the United States.

The total of the corporate issues of all kinds which found their way to market in this country during May (including \$8,000,000 for Canadian account) was only \$250,590,000 and as indicating how relatively small this is it is only necessary to say that in May 1930 the corporate offerings aggregated \$927,376,218, that in May 1929 they were \$1,313,893,306 and in May 1928 \$782,231,775. Moreover out of the total of \$250,590,000 of corporate offerings \$81,230,000 represented refunding operations, leaving only \$169,360,000 representing strictly new capital as against \$864,042,218 of new capital appeals in May 1930 and \$923,045,666 in May 1929. Of the total of \$250,590,000, \$190,065,000 consisted of bond and note issues, \$47,225,000 was in the shape of preferred stocks and only \$13,300,000 in shape of common shares.

As illustrating the part played by pieces of financing done in large blocks by corporations with prominence, it is only necessary to say that the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York alone contributed \$60,000,000, that the Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore contributed \$18,000,000, the Dominion Gas & Electric Co., \$8,000,000; the Nebraska Power Co., \$16,500,000; the Puget Sound Power & Light Co., \$16,000,000; the Cleveland Terminal Bldg., \$8,000,000; the Illinois Central Railroad, \$20,000,000; the Staten Island Edison Corp., \$7,500,000; the Midland United Co., \$13,300,000; the Public Service Electric & Gas Co., \$31,050,000; the Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, \$14,925,000. These 11 issues account for \$213,275,000 of the whole amount of the corporate flotations for the month of \$250,590,000.

As remarked by us in our comments upon the figures for April the point of most importance in any broad consideration of the subject is that the floating of a few issues of unusual size now accounts for the bulk of the new financing from month to month. In other words borrowing is on behalf of strong and powerful undertakings and organizations and holding, for one reason or another, exceptionally favored situations. As yet there is little indication of any widespread or general appeal to the investment markets notwithstanding the superabundance of loanable funds seeking investment at exceedingly low rates of interest. Possibly also these issues of exceptional size are pre-empting the field, leaving correspondingly less room for appeals on behalf of the moderate class of borrowers seeking capital for developments and extensions.

As to the offerings by investment trusts and by trading and holding corporations, so prominent before the panic, these are no longer a feature, their contribution to the total for May having been nil and even in May 1930 having been no more than \$2,110,000, but in May 1929 footed up \$78,206,200 and in May 1928 reached \$108,739,325.

However, the investment trusts, as previously explained in these columns, have by no means disappeared. These trusts, now, however, are not of the type that was so prominent in 1928 and 1929. They do not consist of large new capital issues offered for public subscription in the way common prior to 1930 and in the way always done by public utility, railroad, industrial and other corporations. The practice now is to gather blocks of securities of one kind or another and to issue participating interests in the same, split up into small units. These units are then disposed of over the counter by distributing groups or syndicates. Excepting two or three instances, however, no information of the extent of these sales is forthcoming, and being sales over the counter it is impossible to make estimates regarding their amount.

Of course, in magnitude the disposals of this character over the counter do not anywhere near approach those in

the old form and yet they can hardly be treated as entirely insignificant, even though trust participations of this kind have no proper place in compilations of new capital issues. At all events, however, nothing definite is available as to the extent of the sales of these investment trusts, or fixed trusts as they are commonly termed. In this state of things, the only way to indicate the presence of these trusts is to enumerate the offerings made from month to month. In the following table we show the different offerings made in May:

NEW FIXED TRUST OFFERINGS DURING MAY 1931.

Diversified Trustee Shares, series D, offered by Brown Bros. Harriman & Co. at market.

Grizzard Trusteed Investment Shares, offered by General Distributors, Inc., of Illinois at market.

Income Trust Shares (a fixed trust of the maximum distribution type), offered by Pirnie, Simons & Co., Inc., at market, about \$4½ per share.

United American Trust Shares, offered by United American Shares Corp., New York, at market, about \$4.26 per share.

One feature of the old method of financing continues to be followed to some degree. We allude to the tendency to make bond issues and preferred stocks more attractive by according to the purchaser rights to acquire common stock. This applies on the present occasion, however, to bond issues alone. In the following we bring together the more conspicuous issues floated during May of the present year containing convertible features of one kind or another, or carrying subscription rights or warrants to subscribe for or acquire new stock. In the detailed enumeration of all the issues which were brought out during the month of May, given at the end of this article, we have put in italics the part relating to the right of conversion or subscription in all cases where such rights exist, italic type being used to designate the fact so that it may readily be detected by the eye.

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

\$8,000,000 **Dominion Gas & Electric Co.** 1st lien & coll. 6½s, 1945, each \$1,000 bond (\$500 denomination in proportion) accompanied by a non-detachable warrant entitling holder to purchase 15 shares of common stock at \$10 per share at any time prior to July 1 1940.

2,000,000 **The Saxet Co.** 1st lien coll. conv. 6s A, 1945, convertible at principal amount into common stock at prices ranging from \$12 to \$30 per share.

550,000 **Pittsburgh-Erie Saw Corp.** conv. deb. 6½s, 1946, each \$1,000 debenture convertible at any time into 50 shares of com. stock.

Continuing with our analysis of the corporate offerings during May, we find that public utilities accounted for \$210,025,000, or about 84% of the corporate total of \$250,590,000. This total for utilities compares with \$305,660,888 for April. Railroad financing totaled \$22,500,000 in May against only \$6,000,000 in April, while industrial and miscellaneous issues aggregated only \$18,065,000 in May as compared to \$145,016,800 during April.

Total corporate offerings of all kinds during May were, as already stated, \$250,590,000, and of this amount long-term bonds and notes, including \$8,000,000 Canadian, accounted for \$159,785,000; stock issues, all domestic, totaled \$60,525,000, while short-term bonds and notes, all domestic, amounted to only \$30,280,000. The portion of the month's financing raised for refunding purposes was \$81,230,000, or over 32%. In April the refunding portion was \$189,206,500, or about 41%; in March the amount for refunding was \$132,199,200, or about 32%; in February it was \$13,975,000, or about 16% of the total, and in January it was \$180,858,000, or somewhat over 31% of the month's total. In May of last year the amount for refunding was \$63,334,000, or nearly 7% of the total.

There were two large refunding issues during May, namely, 300,000 shares Public Service Electric & Gas Co. \$5 cum. pref. stock involving \$31,050,000 to be used entirely in retiring an issue of preferred stock, and \$18,000,000 Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore 1st ref. mtge, 4s 1981, to be used entirely for refunding.

The total of \$81,230,000 raised for refunding in May consisted of \$40,450,000 new long-term bonds and notes to refund existing long-term; \$9,000,000 new long-term to refund existing short-term; \$730,000 new short-term bonds and notes to refund long-term, and \$31,050,000 new stock to replace existing stock.

Foreign corporate financing in our market during May comprised \$8,000,000 Dominion Gas & Electric Co. (properties in Canada) 1st lien & coll. 6½s 1945, priced at 96, yielding 6.90%.

There were, as already stated, no foreign government issues offered here during May. It was announced during the month, however, that Speyer & Co., National City Co.,

and J. & W. Seligman & Co. had purchased from the Greek Government \$7,500,000 of its one-year 5½% secured treasury notes due May 5 1932. It is reported that the notes have been placed privately.

Among the domestic corporate flotations during May the largest was \$60,000,000 Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y. debenture 4½s 1951, offered at 101, to yield 4.42%. Other important utility issues were: 300,000 shares Public Service Electric & Gas Co. \$5 cum. pref. stock, offered at \$103½ per share; \$18,000,000 Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore 1st ref. mtge. 4s 1981, issued at 95½, to yield 4.21%; \$16,500,000 Nebraska Power Co. 1st mtge. 4½s 1981, sold at 102½, to yield 4.37%; \$16,000,000 Puget Sound Power & Light Co. 1st & ref. mtge. 4½s D 1950, priced at 94½, to yield 4.95%, and 150,000 shares Public Service Corp. of N. J. \$5 cum. pref. stock, offered at \$99½ per share.

Railroad financing during May comprised \$20,000,000 Illinois Central RR. Co. three-year 4½% notes, June 1 1934, placed privately at 99%, to yield 4.64%; \$1,500,000 Chicago & Alton RR. 4½% receivers' certificates due April 4 1932, sold at par, and \$1,000,000 Western Pacific RR. Co. 1st mtge. 5% bonds, taken by Western Pacific RR. Corp. at 97½.

There was only one sizeable industrial issue during May, and that was a loan of \$8,000,000 by the Cleveland Terminals Building Co., taken entirely by Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

The financing during May included a joint stock land bank issue of \$100,000 at a price to yield 4.75%.

There were two issues in May not representing new financing. They involved \$6,056,666, and, as pointed out by us in previous months, this is not included in our totals of new financing. The issues are shown, however, in tabular form following the details of the actual new capital flotations in May. See page 4136.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing—corporate, State and city, foreign Government, as well as farm loan issues—for the month of May and for the five months ending with May:

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

	1931.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
		\$	\$	\$
MONTH OF MAY—				
Corporate—				
Domestic—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	102,335,000	49,450,000	151,785,000	
Short term.....	29,500,000	730,000	30,280,000	
Preferred stocks.....	16,175,000	31,050,000	47,225,000	
Common stocks.....	13,300,000	-----	13,300,000	
Canadian—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	8,000,000	-----	8,000,000	
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----	
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Other foreign—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	-----	-----	-----	
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----	
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Total corporate.....	169,360,000	81,230,000	250,590,000	
Canadian Government.....	2,144,000	-----	2,144,000	
Other foreign Government.....	-----	-----	-----	
Farm Loan Issues.....	100,000	-----	100,000	
Municipal, States, Cities, &c.....	171,544,922	1,274,000	172,818,922	
United States Possessions.....	-----	-----	-----	
Grand total.....	343,148,922	82,504,000	425,652,922	
5 MONTHS ENDED MAY 31—				
Corporate—				
Domestic—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	689,940,100	512,360,200	1,202,300,300	
Short term.....	139,797,350	49,058,500	188,855,850	
Preferred stocks.....	93,198,667	31,050,000	124,248,667	
Common stocks.....	119,523,594	-----	119,523,594	
Canadian—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	87,500,000	-----	87,500,000	
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----	
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Other foreign—				
Long term bonds and notes.....	50,000,000	-----	50,000,000	
Short term.....	-----	5,000,000	5,000,000	
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----	
Total corporate.....	1,179,959,711	597,468,700	1,777,428,411	
Canadian Government.....	41,922,000	-----	41,922,000	
Other foreign Government.....	-----	-----	-----	
Farm Loan Issues.....	29,600,000	11,000,000	40,600,000	
Municipal, States, cities, &c.....	719,107,316	8,693,000	727,800,316	
United States Possessions.....	-----	-----	-----	
Grand total.....	1,970,589,027	617,161,700	2,587,750,727	

In the elaborate and comprehensive tables on the succeeding two pages we compare the foregoing figures for 1931 with the corresponding figures for the four years preceding, thus affording a five-year comparison. We also furnish a detailed analysis for the five years of the corporate offerings, showing separately the amounts for all different classes of corporations.

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

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING MAY 1931.

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

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1,000,000	Railroads— General corporate purposes.....	97½	%	Western Pacific RR. Co. 1st M. 5s. Purchased by Western Pacific RR. Corp.
2,500,000	Public Utilities— Additions and improvements.....	93½	5.50	Central Pow. & Lt. Co. (Mass.) 1st M. 5s, 1956. Offered by E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.; Tucker, Anthony & Co., Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc., and Chemical Securities Corp.
60,000,000	Additions and extensions.....	101	4.42	Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y. Deb. 4½s, 1951. Offered by National City Co.
18,000,000	Refunding.....	95½	4.21	Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Balt. 1st Ref. M. 4s, 1981. Offered by Aldred & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Chase Securities Corp.; Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; Brown Bros. Harriman & Co.; First National Old Colony Corp.; Alex. Brown & Sons; Jackson & Curtis; Spencer Trask & Co.; and Minsch, Monell & Co., Inc.
8,000,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	96	6.90	Dominion Gas & Electric Co. 1st Lien & Coll. 6½s, 1945. (Each \$1,000 bond—\$500 denom. in proportion—is accompanied by a non-detachable warrant entitling holder to purchase 15 shares of common stock at \$10 per share at any time prior to July 1 1940.) Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.; Chandler & Co., Inc., and E. H. Rollins & Sons.
1,250,000	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	92	5.60	Eastern Shore Public Service Co. 1st M. & 1st Lien 5s B, 1955. Offered by E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc.; Blyth & Co., Inc.; Stroud & Co., Inc.; Eastman, Dillon & Co., and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc.
2,500,000	Capital expenditures.....	94	4.88	Gulf States Utilities Co. 1st M. & Ref. 4½s B, 1961. Offered by Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.; Chase Securities Corp.; Bancamerica-Blair Corp., and Brown Bros. Harriman & Co.
500,000	Extensions and additions.....	98½	5.14	Iowa Ry. & Lt. Corp. 1st & Ref. 5s B, 1946. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co.
1,000,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes.....	100	5.00	Kansas Power & Light Co. 1st M. 5s B, 1957. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co.
3,500,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes.....	102	4.37	Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co. 1st M. 4½s A, 1961. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co. and The Atlantic Corp. of Boston.
5,000,000	General corporate purposes.....	95	4.26	Metropolitan Edison Co. 1st M. 4s E, 1971. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Brown Bros. Harriman & Co.; Field, Gore & Co.; Edward B. Smith & Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.; Graham, Parsons & Co.; Chemical Securities Corp.; B. B. Robinson & Co., Ltd., and General Utility Securities, Inc.
16,500,000	Refunding, additions, &c.....	102½	4.37	Nebraska Power Co. 1st M. 4½s, 1981. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co.; Coffin & Burr, Inc., and Bonbright & Co., Inc.
6,000,000	Refunding, improvements, &c.....	102	4.37	New Jersey Power & Light Co. 1st M. 4½s, 1960. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Brown Bros. Harriman & Co.; Field, Gore & Co.; Edward B. Smith & Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.; Graham, Parsons & Co.; Chemical Securities Corp.; B. B. Robinson & Co., Ltd., and General Utility Securities, Inc.
1,250,000	Extensions and additions.....	100½	4.96	Public Service Co. of Oklahoma 1st M. 5s D, 1957. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc.
16,000,000	Refunding; additions.....	94½	4.95	Puget Sound Power & Light Co. 1st & Ref. M. 4½s D, 1950. Offered by Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Chase Securities Corp.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Bancamerica-Blair Corp.; Brown Bros. Harriman & Co., and Estabrook & Co.
250,000	Extensions and additions.....	Price on applc.		Washington Gas & Electric Co. 1st M. 5s, 1955. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co.
142,250,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Acquire Art Color Print'g Co., &c.	90	6.50	W. F. Hall Printing Co. 1st M. & Coll. Tr. 5½s A, 1947. Offered by Lee, Higginson & Co.; Foreman-State Corp., and A. G. Becker & Co.
1,500,000	Refunding.....	Price on applc.		Minnesota Tribune Co. and Manistique Pulp & Paper Co. (Joint Issue) 1st M. 5½s A, 1932-41. Offered by BancNorthwest Co.; First Securities Corp., and Wells-Dickey Co.
550,000	General corporate purposes.....	99½	6.55	Pittsburgh-Erie Saw Corp. Convertible Deb. 6½s, 1946. (Each \$1,000 debenture convertible at any time into 50 shares of common stock.) Offered by John A. Beattie & Co., Pittsburgh.
4,250,000	Oil—			
2,000,000	General corporate purposes.....	Market 96	6.45	The Saxe Co. 1st Lien Coll. Conv. 6s A, 1945. (Convertible at principal amount into common stock at prices ranging from \$12 to \$30 per share.) Offered by G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.
350,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Retire indebtedness.....	100	7.00	Abbott Kinney Co. 1st M. 7s, 1941. Offered by California Securities Co., Los Angeles.
200,000	Real estate mortgage.....	Price on applc.		Board of Christian Service of the Lutheran Minnesota Conference of the Augustana Synod 1st M. 5s, 1934-41. Offered by Wells-Dickey Co., Minneapolis.
8,000,000	Real estate mortgage.....	Placed privately		Cleveland Terminal Bldg. Co. bonds. Entire issue sold to Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
300,000	Refunding.....	100	5.50	Colorado Bldg. (Southern Colorado Investment Co.) 1st M. 5½s, 1933-47. Offered by Amos C. Sudler & Co., Denver.
75,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	Congregation of Sons of Immaculate Heart of Mary 5½s, 1932-41. Offered by Festus J. Wade Jr. & Co., St. Louis.
115,000	Retire curr. debt; construction.....	100	5.25	Corporation of the Catholic Bishop of Seattle 1st M. 5½s, 1934-46. Offered by Seattle Co.
265,000	Additions and improvements.....	Price on applc.		Olin Hotel (Denver, Colo.) 1st M. 6s, 1932-41. Offered by The International Co., Denver.
60,000	Real estate mortgage.....	4.50-5.00		St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church (Thibodaux, La.) 1st M. 5s, 1932-43. Offered by The Whitney Banks, New Orleans.
120,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.00	St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church (East St. Louis, Ill.) 1st M. 5s, 1934-41. Offered by Festus J. Wade Jr. & Co., St. Louis.
9,485,000	Miscellaneous—			
100,000	Working capital.....	100	6.00	Union Loan & Finance Co. Participating Deb. 6s A, 1941. Offered by Investors Supervisory Bureau, Inc., and Paul Kerfoot & Co., St. Paul.
700,000	General corporate purposes.....	101	4.40	Union Stock Yards Co. of Omaha, Ltd., 1st M. 4½s, 1946. Offered by BancNorthwest Co.
800,000				

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

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1,500,800	Railroads— Refunding; pay taxes, &c.....	100	4.50	Chicago & Alton RR. 4½% Receivers Cts., due April 4 1932. Sold to Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.
20,000,000	Capital expenditures.....	99½	4.64	Illinois Central RR. Co. 3-Year 4½s, June 1 1934. Placed privately by Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
21,500,000	Public Utilities— General corporate purposes.....	100	3.00	Staten Island Edison Corp. 1-Year 3% notes June 15 1932. Offered by Field, Gore & Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Spencer, Trask & Co., and General Util. Securities, Inc.
7,500,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— General corporate purposes.....	100	6.00	Houston Post Dispatch-Houston Printing Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1931-1936. Offered by Republic National Co., and Mercantile Securities Corp., Dallas, Texas.
600,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Refunding; additions.....	100	5.50	Columbia Hospital (Milwaukee) 1st Mtge. 5½s, May 1 1936. Offered by First Wisconsin Co., Milw.
300,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	100	6.00	Federal Corp. (Richmond, Va.) 6s "OOQ," June 1 1932-36. Offered by Union Bank & Federal Trust Co., Richmond, Va.
80,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	100	6.00	Nolting First Mortgage Corp. 1st Coll. Trust 6s "CF," April 1 1932-36. Offered by Frederick E. Nolting & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va.
150,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	100	6.00	Nolting First Mortgage Corp. 1st Coll. Trust 6s "CG," May 1 1933-36. Offered by Frederick E. Nolting & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va.
150,000	Provide funds for loan purposes.....	100	6.00	Nolting First Mortgage Corp. 1st Coll. Trust 6s "CG," May 1 1933-36. Offered by Frederick E. Nolting & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va.
680,000				

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1,000,000	Public Utilities— Additions, extensions, &c.....	1,000,000	100	5.00	Kings County Lighting Co. 5% Cum. Pref. Offered by W. C. Langley & Co.
*700,000shs	General corporate purposes.....	13,300,000	Mkt-19	---	Midland United Co. Common. Offered by Utility Securities Co.
*150,000shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes.....	14,925,000	99½	5.03	Public Service Corp. of New Jersey \$5 Cum. Pref. Offered by Drexel & Co., and Bonbright & Co., Inc.
*300,000shs	Retire 6% pref. stock.....	31,050,000	103½	4.83	Public Service Electric & Gas Co. \$5 Cum. Pref. Offered by Drexel & Co., and Bonbright & Co., Inc.
10,000 shs.	Land, Buildings, &c.— Working capital.....	60,275,000	25	---	Realty Investors Corp. of California 6½% Pref. Offered by Littlepage, Sheehy & Co., San Francisco.

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by
\$ 100,000	Fletcher Joint Stock Land Bank 5s, Nov. 1 1933 (provide funds for loan purposes).....	100½	4.75	Fletcher Trust Co. of Indianapolis.

ISSUES NOT REPRESENTING NEW FINANCING.

Par or No. of Shares.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 977 shs. 6,000,000	\$ 56,666 6,000,000	58 95½	% 4.24	Keystone Telephone Co. of Philadelphia \$4 Preferred. Offered by company. Pennsylvania Electric Co. 1st & Ref. Mtge. 4s "F," 1971. Offered by Harris, Forbes & Co.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Chase Securities Corp.; Continental Illinois Co.; Field, Gloré & Co.; Edward B. Smith & Co.; E. H. Rollins & Sons, Inc.; Cassatt & Co.; J. G. White & Co., Inc.; Chatham Phenix Corp.; B.B. Robinson & Co., Ltd. & Gen'l Util. Securities, Inc.
	6,056,666			

* Shares of no par value.

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

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, June 6 1931.

One bright feature of the week has been a rally in stocks with marginal requirements reduced 5%. But as regards trade there has been some falling off in retail business despite the warm weather. The slackening is expected to prove more or less temporary, for prices are low and there is every incentive to buy certain lines of goods. The National Cotton Week has from all accounts had satisfactory results. In fact, some reports indicate that it has been a big success. Meanwhile, wholesale and jobbing trade is dull. The demand for sporting goods is remarked upon and also that for household hardware. Iron and steel have been quiet. In steel, pipe and structural material sell the most readily. Pig iron has been distinctly dull and the output has fallen off. Cotton has latterly advanced \$3 a bale under the stimulus of a sharp rise in the stock market, heavy covering of shorts and a strong technical position. The output of automobiles was smaller in May than in April and it is therefore not surprising to learn that the automobile industry is not buying much steel. Cotton and silk goods have been in fair demand. But 38½ inch 64x60 print cloths have declined to 4½¢, a drop of ½¢. For the most part the crops are in good condition. Rains in the Western grain belt have had a distinctly beneficial effect. June wheat broke 10c. a bushel at Minneapolis and Duluth in a single day when it was made plain that the Farm Board had withdrawn its support from cash wheat at Minneapolis. But later months have risen, at times sharply on covering of shorts, partly under the stimulus of a rising stock market. Commodity markets in general have been more or less under the influence of the stock market. But to-day the wheat market acted more independent of stocks and actually closed over a cent higher, largely because of the Canadian drouth, and the expectation of a bullish crop report from Winnipeg to-morrow. Some would not be surprised if it should show a decrease in the Canadian crop of 100,000,000 bushels. That might have much effect at home and abroad. Corn has been a minor grain market during the week, with the cash demand dull, and the weather favorable for the crop. In oats, there has been some business for export, but it was in Canadian and not American oats. A moderate amount of barley has been taken for Europe. At one time, there were some reports of an export business in Canadian rye. The trouble is that American markets get none of this business. Lard advanced nearly ¾c. on good cash buying and the rise at times, in grain and stocks, while the receipts of hogs at Western points have been smaller than at the same time last year.

Coffee has advanced 15 to 25 points with the Brazilian cables stronger and shorts covering. Europe and Brazil have been the chief buyers. The National Coffee Council had bought up to May 26 a total of 1,480,000 bags of surplus coffee for destruction, financing this with the proceeds of the export tax of 10s. per bag and it is said that during the past week 40,000 bags have actually been thrown into the sea. The dominating feature otherwise in coffee is the fluctuation in Brazilian exchange. Sugar has declined one to two points but the arrival of warm weather suggests an increased demand for refined sugar and invisible supplies are supposed to be unusually small. Besides, duty free sugars are not being pressed so eagerly on the market. Cuba is the principal remaining source of supply and does not appear anxious to sell. Rubber has acted very well the net decline for the week being only two to four points, evidently owing to an able decrease in production in the Far East due to low and apparently unprofitable prices. Meanwhile, however, the available supply of crude rubber is large and advances may be difficult to establish until the statistical position improves and with it the demand from manufacturers. Hides have advanced 15 to 20 points on

covering of shorts and here, as in other commodity markets, the influence of a rise in securities has not been wanting. Silk declined three to four points. Cocoa advanced 23 to 24 points.

Less trading is seen in the shoe industry, which was recently active. Men's furnishing goods are not in active demand. At the South despite some falling off in the retail trade the big stores have benefited more or less by the "Cotton Week." Favorable reports have come from Atlanta and other southern cities. Here and in Boston by the way department stores have reported a notable increase in the sales of cotton goods under the stimulus of "Cotton Week" and low and tempting prices.

One of the items noticeable, however, is an increase in retail failures during the week. Copper has been declining. The leather trade has been quiet. Building materials as a rule have been slow of sale though paints are reported in excellent demand. The building industry is less active than it was a year ago. In the wool market at Boston some increase in activity is reported. At the Wool Top Exchange here or Wool Associates, as it is called, there has been a steady decline in prices. Lower quotations for wool tops have also prevailed in Roubaix and Antwerp. The recent wool auctions abroad have not been altogether satisfactory. The wholesale coal trade has been quiet; a cool May did not offset the effects of a warm April in the coal business. At Newark the insulated copper factories have been running on full time. Reports from clothing manufacturers are not satisfactory. They seem to be booking only a few orders for fall delivery. Collections have been very slow.

The stock market on the 3rd inst. became restive under the prolonged hammering and what looked like senseless prices, often so low as to defy public opinion as to real values, and suddenly turned on the shorts and ran up 3 to 9 points and closed in most cases at the top quotations. Fifty stocks made an average net rise of nearly 8 points. The industrials rose 12½ points, and railroad stock 3¼. The trading beginning on Monday had mounted to 3,100,000 shares and on Tuesday to 3,200,000, suggesting that a storm was brewing for the short interest. On Wednesday it was again some 3,200,000 shares and shorts covered precipitately. Bond sales were up to \$12,300,000, of which about 25% foreign issues. Stocks on the 4th inst. showed their teeth to the shorts in a net rise of 3 to 11 points as commission houses followed the lead of the banks and reduced margin requirements from \$25 a share to \$20. That accounted very largely for the sharp rise as nervous and overcrowded shorts hastily covered. Bonds took their cue from stocks and also advanced sharply. Trading in stocks increased to 3,200,000 shares. Railroad stocks which had been conspicuously weak were strong. United States Steel blazed the trail upward with a rise of 3½ points. Auburn Auto began with a drop of 10 points but rallied and closed at a net advance of 2 points. Ingersoll-Rand rose 11 points net. International Business Machines, 8½; National Lead, 10½; Peoples Gas, 6½; Air Reduction, 2¾; American Tel. & Tel., 4½; Atlas Powder, 6; Brooklyn Union Gas, 4¾; J. I. Case, 7¾; Corn Products, 4¼, and Eastman Kodak, 8½. Fifty stocks showed an average rise of \$4.32.

Stocks to-day advanced and closed at something of a net rise, though in the later trading there was a noticeable reaction from the top, owing to profit-taking, the trading dropped to about 2,800,000 shares. Bonds also continued to rise. Foreign exchange showed a declining tendency. Call money was 1½%. Railroad shares, after being the lag end of the market early in the week, took the lead and to-day advanced from 1 to 10 points. The greatest rise was in Santa Fe., Union Pacific and Delaware & Hudson, followed by Lehigh Valley, New York Central, Pennsylvania and New Haven. Public utilities were irregular. There

was a good demand for motor shares. Chrysler advanced over 2 points. Higher prices occurred in tire and rubber shares, notably Firestone. Cash Register advanced at one time 4 points or more. Westinghouse was strong. Vanadium and Case acted well. Some think higher freight rates will come in due course. The weather has been favorable for the grain crops and also for cotton.

Washington wired that various reports which the Department of Commerce collects at regular intervals indicate that business has been steadily improving since January. Fall River's trade was light. Mill reports from New Hampshire were favorable. At Lockhart, S. C. the Lockhart plant of the Monarch Mills is on full time. At Cartersville, Ga., the Cartersville Mill is now maintaining an operating force of 200. Charlotte, N. C., wired that retailers are having a distinct increase in sales of cotton merchandise as a result of recent promotions and especially in connection with National "Cotton Week." Manchester says that cloth business has been disorganized by raw cotton weakness and buyers are more inclined than ever to adopt a waiting policy.

Paris cabled: "The Belgian textile workers have accepted the recommendation of their unions that they return to work in the Roubaix-Tourcoing districts next week. As noted over 100,000 textile operatives are out on strike in the northern France textile region against wage reductions."

Men's wear worsted mills report a steady flow of duplicate orders on fall merchandise. Estimates on the business done to date by men's wear mills vary, but general opinion is that sales totals are at least 25% above this period last year, says the "Journal of Commerce." Lawrence, Mass., wired June 1st that with approximately 5,200 employees on the payrolls now and the addition of many hundreds more in the near future seen, operations at the Arlington Mills here have attained a maximum not reached for many months back. There is enough work ahead to keep the operatives on full time all summer. The plant's top mill is being operated day and night, while more than 30 sorters are working in the wool shop, surpassing wartime operations. Chicago reported that business operations last week were about steady in that area as compared with the previous week and that the advent of much warmer weather, together with the approach of the holiday week-end, brought a rush of buyers to the retail stores for summer apparel and sporting goods.

F. W. Woolworth & Co.'s sales for May are reported to have totalled \$24,117,367, a decrease of 4.71% from last year.

To-day was a hot humid day here despite the prediction of cooler weather. It was 66 to 82 degrees, with humidity of 54 to 69 degrees. Boston temperatures were 68 to 96; Philadelphia, 70 to 84; Portland, Me., 66 to 82; Chicago, 56 to 82; Cincinnati, 62 to 84; Cleveland, 60 to 76; Detroit, 62 to 76; Milwaukee, 54 to 74; Kansas City, 72 to 88; St. Paul, 52 to 74; St. Louis, 66 to 90; Los Angeles, 58 to 72; Portland, Ore., 46 to 76; San Francisco, 54 to 64; Seattle, 54 to 74; Hamilton, Bermuda, 64 to 76; Montreal, 66 to 82; Winnipeg, 48 to 70. The forecast to-night is fair and cool weather Saturday and Sunday.

Business Conditions as Viewed by Conference of Statisticians in Industry—Slight Improvement in April and Early May.

The monthly summary of business conditions prepared by the Conference of Statisticians in Industry, under the auspices of the National Industrial Conference Board, records business activity in April and early May as showing "slight aggregate improvement over conditions in March, after due account is taken of seasonal changes that usually take place at this time of the year in various industries." "In general, business showed no tendency to relinquish gains registered in three consecutive months since the beginning of the year," says the summary. The latter, issued under date of May 20, continues:

Gains in production in important major industries, outrunning seasonal expectations, more than balanced declines in others. The distribution of commodities by freight showed gains. Retail trade, as measured by the dollar value of transactions, revealed definite improvement in April, as compared with March. Commercial failures, measured by both number and total liabilities incurred, declined more than the usual seasonal amount during the month. Wholesale prices moved downward during the month of April and the first half of May.

The facts of production reveal a more than seasonal increase in the number of automobiles manufactured in April as compared with March, continuing the upward course begun at the close of last year. The value of building and engineering contracts awarded declined more than a usual amount at this time of the year. With the exception of steel ingot output, which moved downward more than a usual seasonal amount, other significant indicators of production, such as pig iron, bituminous coal, and

electric power, showed favorable movements during the month with respect to changes usually expected at this time of the year.

In detail, the number of passenger cars and trucks put out in the United States and Canada in April is estimated at 348,900 units, a 21% increase over March's output; the seasonal increase is normally 5%.

Building and engineering contracts awarded in 37 States during April amounted to \$336,900,000, a 9% decline under the March level, contrasting with a 9% normal seasonal increase. Residential contract awards declined to a total of \$95,900,000, falling 5% from the March level, while a 10% gain is usual.

Steel ingot production averaging 105,500 gross tons per day in April was 9% under the average daily output registered in March, falling off more than the normal monthly decline of 5%. Pig iron production, on the other hand, moved up to an average daily output of 67,320 gross tons, a gain of 3% over the March average, while a 1% increase is usual. Unfilled orders with the United States Steel Corp. at the end of April amounted to 3,898,000 gross tons, a 2% decline under what they were a month previous. The usual seasonal decline is 7%.

Bituminous coal mined in April amounted to 28,450,000 net tons, registering a 16% decline from the March level, while a 22% decline is usual.

Electricity consumed in April averaged 1,635 million kilowatt hours per week, reflecting a 1% decline under the average week in March, whereas a 2% decline is usual. The decline was continued in May to date.

The general distribution of goods by freight reflected in total loadings moved upward to an average weekly level of 752,800 cars, reflecting a 2% increase over March, whereas no change is usual between these two months. Freight shipments of merchandise and miscellaneous commodities averaged 529,800 cars per week in April, gaining 6% over the March level, as against a normal increase of 3%.

Sales at retail by department stores, five and ten cent stores, and mail order houses showed larger gains than are seasonally normal between April and March. Values traded in department stores in April gained 11% over March, while a 7% increase is seasonal. Five and ten cent store sales increased 11%, as against a 2% normal increase. Mail order sales moved upward 11%, whereas a 2% gain is usual.

Prices of commodities at wholesale continued on their downward course in recent weeks. Between the last week in March and the last week in April a decline of 3% was registered. A further decline of 1% was registered by the middle of May. Prices of farm products received by producers remained firm between the middle of March and the middle of April.

Finally, employment in manufacturing industries showed a 0.4% decline from March to April, while total payrolls in all industries decreased 1.6%. Per capita earnings of employees in manufacturing industries in April were 1.2% less than they were in March.

On the whole, business conditions during the month of April, while showing improvement over what they were during the previous month, continued to furnish no evidence of positive movement either way from the present depression level in the near future.

Colonel Ayres of Cleveland Trust Co. to Discuss "New Industrial Index"—To Be Principal Speaker at Special Libraries Association Convention June 10-12.

"A New Index of Industrial Activity" will be discussed by Colonel Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Co., at the opening session of the twenty-third annual convention of the Special Libraries Association to be held in Cleveland June 10-12 at Hotel Cleveland. Other speakers will be Lewis B. Williams, President of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, who will discuss "Museums and Their Libraries."

At the second session John Love, Industrial Editor Scripps-Howard Syndicate, will speak on "The Steel Industry in Relation to General Conditions." O. S. Powell, statistician Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, will discuss "The Agricultural Situation," and David C. Elliott, economist of Midland Bank, Cleveland, will analyze "The Money Market and Its Relation to Business." At the third session Whiting C. Williams, author and consultant, will discuss "Labor and Unemployment." Other features of the convention are the group meetings at which special problems are discussed.

New York Federal Reserve Bank on Business Profits in First Quarter of 1931—56% Smaller than in Same Period Last Year.

Although only a small number of companies relative to the total in the country make public quarterly earnings statements, reports of 287 industrial and mercantile concerns, segregated into 20 main groups of industry, have been compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the first quarter of 1931. We quote the foregoing from the Monthly Review, June 1, of the Bank, which in making available its indexes of business activity, also says:

The net profits of this list of corporations during this period were 56% smaller than in the corresponding period of 1930 and were 66% less than in 1929. These figures represent the net earnings that remain after deducting all fixed charges including bond interest, but before payment of any dividends on preferred or common stocks.

Companies engaged in the business of supplying food and food products exhibited the best resistance to the influence of the business depressions, showing a reduction of only 8% from the net return of the first quarter of 1930 and 9% from the 1929 first quarter. The reporting paper companies had a reduction of only 11% from 1930, and showed an increase over 1929. The tobacco companies were another group that made a comparatively good showing and chemical concerns and companies in the printing and publishing business suffered much less shrinkage in profits than the average for all industrial corporations. The motion picture companies, one of the most favorably situated groups for the year 1930, reported 41% less profits

In the first quarter of this year than a year previous, although the total was only 10% smaller than in 1929. Net profits between 40 and 60% below a year ago were reported in the coal and coke, office equipment, automobile, realty, miscellaneous mining and smelting, and electrical equipment groups. Reductions of 60 to 70% occurred in the net returns of companies manufacturing automobile parts and accessories, railroad equipment, and machinery. The most severe declines were in the steel industry, the net profits of which were only 12% of those in the first quarter of 1930; in the copper companies, which showed profits only 3% as large as a year previous; and in the oil and building supply groups, where deficits occurred.

As the first part of the accompanying diagram [this we omit—Ed.] indicates, industrial and mercantile profits during the initial quarter of 1931 were somewhat above the low level of the final quarter of 1930, in accordance with the usual seasonal tendency. In 1930, first quarter earnings were lower than in the last quarter of 1929.

Net operating income of Class 1 railroads, shown in the other parts of the diagram, dropped to the lowest level for the first quarter of any year since 1921. The 1931 first quarter net income showed a reduction of 39% from the comparable period of 1930 and of 59% from 1929. The net return of telephone and other public utility companies continued to be relatively well maintained. Net operating income of the telephone companies was approximately the same as in the first quarter of 1930, and was down only 3% from 1929, while net earnings of other public utilities for which reports are available showed a reduction of 16% from 1930 and of 8% from 1929.

(Net profits in millions of dollars)

Corporation Group.	No. of Cos.	First Quarter.		
		1929.	1930.	1931.
Food and food products.....	36	40.2	39.6	36.5
Paper.....	9	4.1	5.8	5.2
Tobacco.....	5	2.1	1.7	1.4
Chemical.....	16	20.2	18.9	13.4
Printing and publishing.....	8	8.5	9.5	6.5
Motion picture.....	6	11.1	10.9	10.0
Coal and coke.....	7	1.3	1.6	0.9
Office equipment.....	6	5.9	4.4	2.3
Automobile.....	17	101.1	55.1	28.8
Realty.....	6	3.6	3.3	1.6
Mining and smelting (excluding copper, coal and coke).....	14	12.6	8.7	3.8
Electrical equipment.....	7	22.0	19.3	7.8
Automobile parts & accessories (excl. tires).....	29	23.3	12.9	4.6
Railroad equipment.....	7	7.3	9.5	2.9
Machinery.....	17	10.2	9.4	2.9
Steel.....	15	70.3	58.0	7.1
Copper.....	8	15.3	6.5	0.2
Oil.....	22	81.5	26.8	def. 5.2
Building supplies.....	9	3.5	1.7	def. 0.4
Miscellaneous.....	43	43.3	30.0	18.7
Total 20 groups.....	287	437.4	339.6	148.0
Telephone (net operating income).....	104	70.0	67.6	67.8*
Other public utilities (net earnings).....	40	66.5	72.3	61.1
Total public utilities.....	144	136.5	139.9	128.9
Class 1 railroads (net operating income).....	171	259.3	176.5	107.1

* March estimated.

New York Federal Reserve Bank's Indexes of Business Activity.

The New York Federal Reserve Bank's indexes of the distribution of goods and of general business activity continued in April to show no decided tendency toward either recovery or decline. According to the June 1 "Monthly Review" of the Bank which goes on to say:

Perhaps the two most favorable factors were increases of more than seasonal proportions in car loadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight, and in sales of department stores. There was also a substantial decline in the number of business failures. Car loadings of bulk freight declined no more than usually in April, and the number of new corporations formed in New York State showed about the average seasonal contraction. Merchandise exports showed little change other than seasonal, but imports declined considerably more than usually in April. Other reductions, after seasonal adjustment, were shown in advertising and in sales of new life insurance.

During the first half of May, car loadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight declined slightly from the April level.

(Adjusted for Seasonal Variations and Usual Year-to-Year Growth.)

	April 1930.	Feb. 1931.	March 1931.	April 1931.
Primary Distribution—				
Car loadings, merchandise and miscellaneous.....	96	78	77	80
Car loadings, other.....	93	75	73	74
Exports.....	81	65	65	64p
Imports.....	102	77	82	77p
Panama Canal traffic.....	78	63	57	61
Distribution to Consumer—				
Department store sales, Second District.....	102	97	99	102
Chain store sales, other than grocery.....	90	86	80	88
Life insurance paid for.....	103	84	85	82
Advertising.....	91	80	81	78
General Business Activity—				
Bank debits, outside New York City.....	98	82	83	85
Bank debits, New York City.....	136	91	103	103
Velocity of bank deposits, outside of N. Y. City.....	111	91	91	90
Velocity of bank deposits, New York City.....	150	87	97	99
Shares sold on New York Stock Exchange.....	396	242	197	188
Postal receipts.....	99	86	86	87
Electric power.....	95	81	80p	
Employment in the United States.....	94	80	80	80
Business failures.....	103	115	114	108
Building contracts.....	83	68	72r	59
New corporations formed in New York State.....	86	85	90	89
Real estate transfers.....	67	61	58	55
General price level.....	174	157	157	155
Composite index of wages.....	226	218	219	217
Cost of living*.....	168	152	151	149

p Preliminary. r Revised. * 1913 average = 100.

Annalist Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The "Annalist" weekly index of wholesale commodity prices fell to 100.4 on June 2, compared with 101.0 a week before and 132.3 for the corresponding week last year. The "Annalist" adds:

This week marks the twelfth week of consecutive decline, and brings the index to within 0.4% of the 1913 level. The decline was caused by further losses in the farm and food products and metals groups, with the textile products and miscellaneous groups participating to a less extent.

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

	June 2 1931.	May 26 1931.	June 3 1930.
Farm products.....	86.3	*87.1	127.0
Food products.....	107.0	108.2	137.2
Textile products.....	95.4	*95.6	123.2
Fuels.....	125.1	125.1	155.1
Metals.....	101.3	102.3	113.4
Building materials.....	119.1	119.1	148.8
Chemicals.....	99.8	99.8	108.0
Miscellaneous.....	85.7	85.8	108.0
All commodities.....	100.4	101.0	132.3

* Revised.

Real Estate Index Moves Slightly Upward.

The regular monthly index figure computed from realty deeds recorded in 64 cities by the National Association of Real Estate Boards for April is 62.0. The March figure was 61.7. These figures are based on the normal 100 used for deeds recorded in the year 1926.

Farm Real Estate Taxes Decline Slightly for First Time in 17 Years.

Average taxes per acre on farm real estate declined slightly in 1930 compared to 1929, the first decline in the 17 years of record, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. The net decrease for the United States averaged one point in the index or approximately 40 cents per \$100 of tax. The index figure is placed at 249 for the year 1930, compared with 250 in 1929, the year 1913 being used as a base of 100.

The Bureau points out, however, that because prices of farm products and values of farm real estate have gone down more than taxes in the past year, farm real estate taxes are relatively higher than they were a year ago. Tax changes for last year ranged from an average decline of 12 points in the East North Central States to an increase of seven points in the New England States.

The Bureau under date of May 28 also says that in 1913 the average farm tax rate was 68 cents on \$100 of full valuation; i.e. the probable market value of the land. In 1924 the tax rate was \$1.22 on full valuation; in 1927 it was \$1.37; in 1928, \$1.43; and in 1929, \$1.46. Because of the 8% decline in land values, taxes in 1930 were materially more than \$1.50 on \$100 of full valuation.

The following table shows tax changes by principal geographic divisions:

Geographic Division.	1913.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
New England.....	100	242	244	255	263	269	273	280
Middle Atlantic.....	100	185	191	191	193	194	195	196
East North Central.....	100	216	215	217	222	221	224	222
West North Central.....	100	241	238	240	243	248	251	255
South Atlantic.....	100	220	228	244	246	251	256	249
East South Central.....	100	232	236	240	240	246	251	248
West South Central.....	100	189	189	186	195	202	208	213
Mountain.....	100	350	361	358	368	372	383	382
Pacific.....	100	361	364	371	382	397	395	400
United States.....	100	234	235	238	242	246	250	249

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight A Little Higher.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on May 23 totaled 755,071 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on June 2. This was an increase of 7,339 cars above the preceding week this year, but a reduction of 174,535 cars under the corresponding week last year and a reduction of 307,017 cars below the same week two years ago. Further details follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of May 23 totaled 298,441 cars, a decrease of 3,630 cars below the preceding week this year and 65,556 cars below the corresponding week in 1930. It also was a reduction of 120,895 cars under the same week in 1929.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 36,581 cars, an increase of 90 cars above the preceding week this year but 2,189 cars under the same week last year and 2,787 cars below the corresponding week two years ago. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading amounted to 24,802 cars, a decrease of 380 cars compared with the same week last year.

Forest products loading totaled 33,643 cars, a decrease of 231 cars below the preceding week this year as well as 17,592 cars under the same week in 1930 and 35,456 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Oil loading amounted to 20,730 cars, an increase of 8,855 cars above the week before but 36,556 cars below the corresponding week last year and 52,755 cars under the same week in 1929.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 222,300 cars, a decrease of 1,946 cars below the preceding week this year and 23,973 cars below the same week last year. It also was a decrease of 39,937 cars under the same week two years ago.

Coal loading amounted to 116,733 cars, 5,345 cars above the preceding week but 23,142 cars below the corresponding week last year and 43,775 cars under the same week in 1929.

Coke loading amounted to 6,625 cars, an increase of 76 cars above the preceding week this year but 2,743 cars under the same week last year and 6,004 cars below the corresponding week in 1929.

Live stock loading amounted to 20,018 cars, a reduction of 1,220 cars below the preceding week this year and 2,784 cars below the corresponding week last year. It also was a decrease of 5,408 cars below the same week two years ago. In the Western districts alone, live stock loading amounted to 15,743 cars, a decrease of 1,781 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
Four weeks in February-----	2,835,680	3,506,899	3,797,183
Four weeks in March-----	2,939,817	3,515,733	3,837,736
Four weeks in April-----	2,985,719	3,618,960	3,989,142
Week of May 2-----	775,291	942,476	1,051,935
Week of May 9-----	747,449	932,346	1,048,960
Week of May 16-----	747,732	928,759	1,046,594
Week of May 23-----	755,071	929,606	1,062,088
Total-----	15,277,301	18,621,529	20,352,247

New York Federal Reserve Bank on Building Conditions.

From the June 1 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York we take the following:

During April a decline of 9% from the previous month occurred in the total volume of building contracts awarded, according to the F. W. Dodge Corporation survey of building activities in 37 States. April usually marks the seasonal peak of building contract awards, and as a result of the unseasonal decline, this bank's April index of total contracts dropped to a new low level for recent years. All the major classifications of contracts were smaller than in March of this year or in April of 1930. In the case of residential contracts a decline of 5% from the previous month and of 22% from a year ago occurred. Ordinarily residential building is more active in April than in March, and consequently this bank's seasonally adjusted index receded further in April, though it remained higher than in December or January. Contracts awarded for public works and utilities showed a loss of 12% from the previous month and of 20% from a year ago, while other non-residential work was 8% lower than in March and nearly one-half less than in April of last year, due to large declines in commercial and factory construction. The total volume of contracts was 30% below that of April 1930.

During the first four months of the current year total contracts were 26% smaller than a year ago, and declines were shown by all the major types of construction. In the first three weeks of May, the average daily volume of contracts dropped 7% below the April level, which is slightly more than the usual seasonal decline, and continued to be far below the level of a year ago.

In Metropolitan New York and vicinity, residential building contracts during April were 31% above the level of a year ago. While all types of residential construction except hotels participated in the increase over last year, the most important gain was in dwellings erected by housing development companies. Contracts for public works and utilities, however, were 44% below the volume placed in April 1930, and other non-residential contracts in the aggregate were 26% lower, so that total building and engineering contracts in the Metropolitan area showed a net loss of 17% from last year's figure.

Residence Building in New York City Shows Gain—Plans for 211 Structures to Cost \$33,271,984 Are Filed in First Quarter of Year.

The following is from the New York "Times" of May 29:

More than twice as many plans for new residence buildings were filed in the first quarter of 1931 than in the corresponding period last year, as shown by the quarterly report made to Mayor Walker by Major William F. Deegan, Tenement House Commissioner.

The plans call for the construction of 211 buildings costing \$33,271,984, compared with 93 buildings costing \$19,136,400. The boroughs, number of buildings for which plans were filed and estimated cost were:

Bronx, 67 buildings, \$10,523,000; Brooklyn, 62 buildings, \$7,897,800; Queens, 67 buildings, \$6,811,184; Manhattan, 13 buildings, \$7,745,000; Richmond, two buildings, \$295,000.

The report detailed also that since Jan. 1 20,000 orders have been served for violations of the Multiple Dwellings law, an increase of more than 6,000 from those in the same period last year. The violations were concerned principally with needed alterations and repairs and fire protection.

National City Bank of New York on Business Conditions in May—Gain in Volume in Past Two Months But Prices Seen at New Low Levels.

Discussing the trend of business in May and April, the National City Bank of New York, in its "Monthly Bulletin" for June, states that "taking the two months as a whole, business has gained in volume rather than lost, but prices have almost continuously found new levels." We quote below the bank's comments at greater length:

The month of May usually marks the passing of business from a period of spring expansion into one of irregular contraction, and this year has been no exception. Some tapering down of basic industrial activity has been reported, but after allowance is made for seasonal influences it is not clear that the losses for the month have been abnormal. In some lines, including textile and automobile production, the upward tendency characteristic of spring was maintained longer than usual, and there are other gains on the balance sheet for the month which offset declines in the metal industries, building, and elsewhere. It is doubtless little consolation for men whose business is falling off to reflect that the decline is seasonal, but only in exceptional years are the forces of improvement strong enough to overcome summer dullness, and a moderate recession in activity during June and July will not necessarily indicate a basic downward trend, nor supply a valid reason for fresh pessimism.

During May, as in April, the contrast between the trend of business, as measured by indexes of production and trade, and the course of the stock and commodity markets, as measured by prices, has been marked. Taking the two months as a whole, business has gained in volume rather than lost, but prices have almost continuously found new lows. Repeated price declines, with the serious difficulties that they create, supply the most rigorous test to which business morale can be subjected, and are mainly responsible for further deferring hopes of improvement.

The accompanying diagram [This we omit.—Ed.] represents four authoritative indexes of the volume of business. They are composites of data on production and trade, properly weighted to make the resultant average as accurate as possible a measure of conditions. Lacking final figures for May, the chart carries the record down through April. In that month, when pessimism created by the markets was acute, all of the indexes actually turned upward, extending the advance which began about the first of the year. The amount of expansion that is normal to the season is eliminated from these indexes, and the gains shown are therefore over and above the usual "spring rise." With the exception of the Federal Reserve Board's index, the figures are also corrected to allow for the long-time trend, which is upward at the rate of 3 or 4% a year; thus the gains are likewise in addition to any accounted for by that trend. If, after this good showing in April, the promise of preliminary data is borne out, and it develops that May, which has had to bear an even greater burden of depression caused by cumulative price declines, has nearly or entirely held its own, the record will support the diagnosis that necessary replacements will require a fairly steady volume of trade during this readjustment period.

National City Bank of New York Finds Necessity of Reducing Costs Paramount Consideration of Executives—Wage Reductions Increasing Since First of Year.

Discussing the question of lowering costs of production and selling prices the National City Bank of New York in its May bulletin refers to the tendency to avoid or defer wage cuts. The bank says: "While we do not wish to take any general stand either for or against wage cuts we consider it desirable to point out that a broad view of the situation must take account of many factors besides the wage rate." The bank notes that "the disparity between costs and competitive selling prices is compelling an increasing number of those with relatively high unit labor charges to reduce them." The comments by the bank on the subject follow:

General Progress in Reducing Costs

Throughout industry the necessity of reducing costs of production and selling prices of the product has been the paramount consideration of executives during the past several months, and the progress made in that direction continues notable, and is one of the encouraging features of the situation. The methods by which this reduction is being accomplished are varied; they include lower prices of raw materials, economies in organization, increases in productive efficiency, and salary and wage reductions. In many cases the economies achieved in other directions have enabled manufacturers to reduce costs and selling prices substantially without resort to general horizontal wage cuts, and the tendency to avoid such cuts, or defer them as long as possible, is a matter of common observation. However, the number of reductions announced has increased since the first of the year, and whereas the largest number reported by the Department of Labor in any month of 1930 was 133 in August there were 335 in January this year, 228 in February, and 175 in March.

The use in the newspapers of the word "conspiracy" in connection with wage reductions is so manifestly extreme that it can be dismissed. They can be no more an outcome of conspiracy than the declines in, say, commodity prices and dividends have been. It is evident that employers generally are approaching the question with a deep sense of social responsibility and a sobering realization of the broadness and importance of the principles involved. Those who have the financial strength to carry through dull times, and in whose unit costs labor bulks relatively small, will doubtless make every effort now, as they have done during the past year or more, to carry on without cutting wage rates. On the other hand, the disparity between costs and competitive selling prices is compelling an increasing number of those with relatively high unit labor charges to reduce them. In many instances the ensuing reduction of selling prices is permitting operations that otherwise could not be conducted, and to that extent keeping up the amount of wages actually disbursed.

Maintaining Buying Power

The problem of maintaining the buying power of the population is one of preserving the balance between the different groups of producers and consumers. What is wanted is a price level for commodities that will enable goods to exchange freely in the markets. If the price of labor, or any other item entering into the cost of manufactured goods, is too high in terms of what large groups of consumers such as farmers and producers of raw materials (who have suffered heavy declines in purchasing power) can pay, the mechanism of exchange is thrown out of gear, production slows down, people are thrown out of work and purchasing ability everywhere is curtailed. In other words, while we do not wish to take any general stand either for or against wage cuts, we consider it desirable to point out that a broad view of the situation must take account of many factors besides the wage rate. Perhaps the simplest statement of buying power is that it is the product of hourly wage rates multiplied by hours of employment, divided by prices of the things bought. The desirable high quotient must be sought through equitable adjustment of all three elements. It is as necessary to keep the man at work and to sell him goods cheaply as it is to pay him a high nominal wage scale. Adjustment of these factors will vary in different industries. In practice the problem is being worked out carefully by manufacturers with the facts of cost sheets before them, and the decisions thus reached are likely to be wise regardless of which theories they square with.

The reduction of costs through increasing individual productivity is what makes possible high money wages and low selling prices. This productivity is a compound of many factors including personal efficiency of labor, technical competence of management and the aid supplied by capital in the form of equipment and machinery. It is universal testimony that output per workman rises in times like these. We have already given some interesting examples of this rise in discussing building costs. This increase in output is a good argument for maintenance of wage scales, but it also

illustrates the wasteful laxness of productive efficiency that accumulates in boom periods. We do not hold a fatalistic attitude as to the necessity for depressions, but we recognize that they are the most effective enemies of the wastefulness and unproductiveness which can seldom be combated when they are at their worst, i.e., during the up-swings. Decision whether the increase in labor efficiency is sufficient to avert the necessity for wage reductions must be made, we repeat, by each manufacturer on the basis of the actual conditions he faces.

Fears for the Standard of Living Baseless

The formula for buying power stated above supplies a key for the examination of the statement that lower wage rates endanger the American standard of living. We think it correct to say that what is temporarily affecting that standard is not cuts in wage rates in reasonable proportion to declines in the cost of living, but the inability of American employers, who are unable to reduce costs (including wage costs) and selling prices to the market's requirements, to give work to American workmen. Standards of living are determined not by the number of dollars per hour or day a man is paid for working, but by what he can buy with the total number of dollars he receives. The dollar is merely a counter in an exchange of labor for goods and services. This is fairly well understood in this country, where the term "real wages" is generally familiar; it has been discussed at length previously in these letters, and requires no further exposition at this time.

There would be more occasion for concern over the maintenance of American standards of living if there were any reason to believe that technical progress in the production of old goods and the creation of new has come to an end. But the contrary is the case. Laboratories are being extended, not abandoned; engineers and other scientists are more numerous and able, and managers more efficient, not less. Out of their work will come in the future, as in the past, the chief gains in living standards, which are achieved by reductions in costs.

Electric Power Output in the United States During April 4% Below That for the Same Month in 1930.

According to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey, electric power produced in the United States by public utility plants during the month of April 1931 amounted to approximately 7,656,739,000 kwh., a decrease of about 4% as compared with the same month a year ago when production totaled approximately 8,018,759,000 kwh. Of the total for April 1931 there were produced by fuels 4,544,186,000 kwh. and by water power 3,112,553,000 kwh. The Survey's statement follows:

PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY FOR PUBLIC USE IN UNITED STATES (IN KILOWATT HOURS).

Division.	Total by Fuels and Water Power.			Change in Output from Previous Year.	
	February.	March.	April.	March.	April.
New England.....	521,913,000	564,771,000	538,099,000	+2%	+3%
Middle Atlantic.....	1,943,883,000	2,092,674,000	1,947,782,000	----	-4%
East North Central.....	1,678,955,000	1,846,690,000	1,756,264,000	-5%	-6%
West North Central.....	454,203,000	478,592,000	466,526,000	-2%	-7%
South Atlantic.....	780,972,000	890,188,000	925,609,000	+18%	+2%
East South Central.....	317,341,000	350,309,000	321,334,000	+14%	-13%
West South Central.....	340,840,000	350,875,000	354,746,000	-12%	-15%
Mountain.....	238,104,000	267,885,000	262,725,000	-12%	+5%
Pacific.....	883,671,000	1,032,833,000	1,083,654,000	+3%	+4%
Total for U. S.....	7,159,882,000	7,874,817,000	7,656,739,000	-4%	-4%

The average daily production of electricity for public use in the United States in April was 255,200,000 kwh., 0.5% larger than the daily output for March.

The average daily production of electricity for the first four months of this year indicates that there has been but little, if any, of the usual seasonal decrease in the production of electricity for public use for this period. Based on the 11 years of record from 1920 to 1930, the average daily production of electricity in April is normally about 3% less than in January. In April of this year the average daily production was only .4% less than the January average. These figures apparently indicate a tendency toward recovery in the demand for electricity.

The average daily production of electricity by the use of water power shows a marked increase from March to April, 22% for the United States as a whole. The output by the use of water power in April was 41% of the total, which is comparable with 34% for March. The following table shows the percentage change in output from March to April by the use of water power in the different divisions of the United States:

Division—	Per Cent.	Division—	Per Cent.
New England.....	+68	East South Central.....	-9
Middle Atlantic.....	+17	West South Central.....	6
East North Central.....	+26	Mountain.....	+8
West North Central.....	+27	Pacific.....	+19
South Atlantic.....	+39		

This increase in water power output, due to the more nearly normal precipitation in April, produced a marked decrease in the use of fuels. The further increase in precipitation which has occurred in May will tend to increase the output by water power.

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

	1930.		1931 Under 1930.	1930 Under 1929.	Produced by Water Power.	
	KW. Hours.	KW. Hours.			1930.	1931.
January.....	8,663,206,000	7,946,776,000	8%	a5%	34%	30%
February.....	7,626,574,000	7,159,882,000	6%	a3%	36%	30%
March.....	8,186,894,000	7,874,817,000	4%	a2%	40%	34%
April.....	8,018,769,000	7,656,739,000	4%	a2%	41%	41%
May.....	8,063,776,000				39%	
June.....	7,783,762,000				37%	
July.....	7,899,144,000				32%	
August.....	7,905,978,000				29%	
September.....	7,791,702,000				28%	
October.....	8,195,499,000				29%	
November.....	7,692,979,000				29%	
December.....	8,107,814,000					
Total.....	95,936,097,000			-1.5%	34%	

a Increase 1930 over 1929.

The quantities given in the tables are based on the operation of all power plants producing 10,000 kwh. 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, public works plants, and that part of the output of manufacturing plants which is sold for public use. The output of central stations, electric railway and public works 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 on a 100% basis.

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

Building and Real Estate Conditions in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank reports that "the real estate situation has changed little in the month. The demand for houses and apartments remains comparatively quiet and there has been a further concession in rents." The Bank likewise says:

Some of the reports indicate that rent collections were better in April than in March. Less expensive dwellings also seemed to have been in more active demand for renting as well as buying purposes. The number of real estate deeds and the value of mortgages recorded in Philadelphia decreased; both were also lower than in April 1930. Foreclosures continued on the increase, reaching in May the second highest level in 12 years.

As to building conditions, the Bank in its "Business Review" dated June 1 states:

Building and Real Estate.

Construction and contracting activity increased somewhat more than seasonally in April, and this has been well maintained, although the present rate of operations is still much lower than in recent years. Both employment and wage payments showed sharp gains from March to April, but they remained noticeably below those of last year. Construction costs, as estimated by the "Engineering News Record," declined further, owing principally to lower prices of the leading building materials; they are at present the lowest since 1922.

The proposed expenditure under building permits issued in 17 cities of this district increased greatly during April, most of the larger cities sharing in this gain. But in comparison with a year ago it was 34% lower.

The trend in the value of building contracts awarded has been steadily upward following the low point reached in January. The gain in April was due to sharp increases in awards for commercial buildings and for public works and utilities; contracts for factories and residential buildings showed considerable drops. The dollar volume of awards in the first four months of this year was materially smaller than in the same period of recent years, as is indicated by the accompanying chart. At least part of the decline reflected the influence of lower prices. Comparisons for selected cities follow:

Contracts Awarded.	Four Months 1931.	Per Cent Change from	
		1930.	1926-29 Aveg.
Philadelphia.....	\$19,710,000	-73.9	-75.0
Reading.....	779,000	-22.1	-69.4
Scranton.....	336,000	-75.8	-75.3
Camden.....	980,000	-50.3	-75.7
Trenton.....	714,000	-29.8	-66.4
Wilmington.....	1,167,000	-61.0	-55.6
Total Philadelphia Federal Res. Dist., incl. all cities	\$63,037,000	-53.7	-61.0

Source, F. W. Dodge Corp.

Improvement of Slightly More Than Seasonal Nature in Boston Federal Reserve District.

From the "Monthly Review," June 1, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, it is learned that "further improvement of slightly more than seasonal nature took place in the level of New England business activity in April as compared with March, and," says the Bank, "although there has not been a sharp recovery from the low point reached in December, nevertheless a distinct increase occurred during the first four months of this year." The Bank further says:

As a result, the aggregate level of industrial activity in this district was higher in April than in any month since July 1930, but substantially below the average month of the past five years. An improvement has been evident in many lines of activity, but one important industry, building, has failed to gain during recent months. In April the total value of building contracts awarded in New England was approximately 30% less than in the corresponding month a year ago, and was also considerably lower than in March. When allowances for customary seasonal changes had been made, there was practically no variation in the volume (square feet) of residential construction during the first four months, but that of commercial and industrial building declined in April to a new low level. The textile industry in this district has shown a gradual improvement month by month since the first of the year, and in April the amount of raw cotton consumed was larger than in any month since April 1930; wool consumption by New England mills was greater than in any month since October 1929. On the other hand, silk machinery activity declined materially between March and April, and in the latter month was at about the same level which prevailed during April a year ago. New England boot and shoe production in April was about 4% larger than in the corresponding month last year. Although the production of boots and shoes was considerably less in January this year than in the corresponding month of 1930, increases during the following three months of this year about offset the January decline. According to the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries, there was an increase of four-tenths of 1% in the number of wage-earners employed in more than 1,000 representatives manufacturing establishments in Massachusetts during April as compared with March, but aggregate weekly earnings declined 1.5% and average weekly earnings per person employed decreased

1.9%. Call for workers at three public employment offices in Massachusetts during April increased from March by less than the usual seasonal change. The fact that total value of sales of more than 100 reporting New England retail stores in April had fallen below the value for that month a year ago by only about 6½%, while sales for the first four months this year were about 5% less than in the corresponding period of 1930, would seem to indicate that at least as much merchandise has been distributed to consumers as at any previous time. Retail prices are reported to have declined considerably during the past year.

More Than Usual Seasonal Increase in Trade Shown in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

According to the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank, "trade and industry in April again showed somewhat more than the usual seasonal gain in activity, even though the general level remained lower than in several years." The Bank, in its further survey of conditions in its district, says:

In early May business conditions generally reflected the recessionary influences characteristic of the season. The output of manufactures has increased steadily for three consecutive months, so that our seasonally adjusted index in April was about 6% above the exceptionally low level in January. Daily production of anthracite coal mines also increased more sharply than in recent years. Construction and contracting, too, showed more than seasonal rise in awards during April, and there has been some further expansion in operating schedules during May, as is usual.

A small further decline during the past month in loans to customers is reported by member banks in leading cities of the District, and their investments show a substantial reduction since April 22. Borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank show only a slight increase, and the reserve ratio continues high.

Manufacturing.

The demand for manufactured products shows a seasonal letdown, except for some lines which ordinarily have larger sales in late spring. Save for building materials, paper, and some of the wool products, unfilled orders have declined, as is to be expected; they continued noticeably smaller than a year ago. Stocks of finished manufactures in the aggregate declined further in the month and were lower than in the middle of May last year. Reports are almost uniform in showing a further recession in wholesale prices, which up to the middle of May declined nearly 21% as compared with the level of a year ago.

Factory wage payments and working time in Pennsylvania increased about 2% from March to April, while employment dropped one-tenth of 1%, which was a smaller decline than the average for the past eight years. The employment situation was relatively more favorable than that in the country as a whole or in some of the Eastern industrial States, which showed recessions in both employment and wage disbursements. In comparison with April 1930, however, employment remained 17% smaller, while wage payments were almost 30% less.

Productive activity in this district in April increased more than was to be anticipated, continuing the upward trend for the third successive month. Our preliminary index, which makes allowance for seasonal changes, rose 4% as against an advance of 1% shown by the national index. Five out of nine manufacturing groups shared in this gain. In comparison with a year ago, production remained 16% smaller, declines varying from 3% in textiles to 35% in building materials.

The increase in the metal group was due mainly to a greater output of steel works and rolling mills and electrical apparatus. Operations of plants making radios and musical instruments also showed more than usual gain, and this likewise was true of the production of automobile parts and bodies. Railroad repair shops were more active in April than for some months before.

Barring seasonal influences, the output of textile products has shown a fairly consistent rise from an exceptionally low level reached in January, so that our index for April, adjusted for seasonal variation, is only 3% below that of a year earlier and is at the highest point during the past 12 months. Gains in the month occurred in the output of knit underwear, hosiery, cotton goods, clothing, and to some extent in broad silks. Woolen and worsted mills in this district increased their takings of wool fibers by 13% over March as against a gain of 20% for the country; deliveries of wool to local carpet mills also rose 16%, so that total wool takings exceeded those of a year ago for the first time this year, even though they continued to be smaller than in any month of the five years prior to 1930. Textile prices have declined further and were, in the middle of May, 27% lower than the year before.

In the food group, the output of ice cream, canning and preserving, and slaughtering of sheep showed somewhat more than the usual increases in the month. The remaining five items registering declines. Cigar plants maintained their operating schedules at about the same rate as in March, while output of manufactured tobacco and snuff was larger than usual.

Daily production of shoes decreased less than 1% in contrast with a rise of 3% in the country; but when the necessary correction for seasonal changes is made, our index shows a rise of about 5%. The market for hides and goat skins has held fairly well, although lately the usual quiet of the season has been in evidence. Price fluctuation has been somewhat less pronounced than in former months.

Activity in both the paper and printing and chemical groups declined in the month, although unfilled orders for paper were larger than a month earlier. Forwarded business and the output of paints and varnishes also showed more than seasonal upturn, reflecting improvement in building conditions. Receipts of crude petroleum by local refineries were one-third larger in April than March but were 11% less than a year ago.

The demand for such building materials as cement, lumber, slate, structural materials, and electrical supplies has been more active and production in most lines in April was larger than a month before, though not as large as was to be expected. Shipments of Portland cement were almost twice as heavy in April as in March, but remained 7% smaller than in April 1930; stocks increased in the month but were 4% lower than a year ago. Shipments of brick also increased further and stocks were again reduced somewhat. Prices of building materials continue to show weakness, although they have been relatively more stable than most of the other manufactured commodities; in early May they were about 14% lower than a year ago.

Industrial Employment Conditions in Chicago Federal Reserve District—Moderate Gains in Non-Manufacturing Groups.

April data of reporting Seventh [Chicago] district establishments disclosed a reversal of the slight upward trend in

manufacturing employment and payrolls which obtained during February and March, says the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in reviewing industrial employment condition in its "Monthly Business Conditions Report," issued May 31. The Bank continues:

In non-manufacturing phases moderate gains were recorded—the first in number of men since last August and in their earnings since September. In the aggregates of all groups employment remained practically the same, while payrolls increased slightly.

The movement in manufacturing and non-manufacturing aggregates and in the individual groups corresponds roughly to the trend recorded in April of last year, indicating an interruption of the spring expansion in factory employment schedules coinciding with the seasonal upturn in other industries, particularly construction and the utilities.

Of the six manufacturing groups which reduced both number of men and payrolls, the most significant declines were chemicals, metals and textiles. Food products recorded the ninth successive monthly decrease, paper and printing the third, and lumber products changed its recent upward trend. Coal mining was the only non-manufacturing group which reduced operating schedules.

The vehicles group made its third successive gain in April, stone, clay, and glass also increased, and rubber products had a larger number of men but smaller payroll aggregate. The leather industries, operating more hours, increased payrolls but reduced employment slightly. Expansion in construction, the utilities, and merchandising effected the gain in the non-manufacturing totals.

The ratios of applicants to positions available at free employment offices were lower in April in all four States reporting the data. This represents continuous improvement during several months in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin, while in Iowa the highest ratio of the depression period was reported for March. The operations of these offices are largely in non-industrial placements, with a high proportion of odd-job and temporary work, and are not an indication of the general employment situation.

REGISTRATIONS PER 100 POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT FREE EMPLOYMENT OFFICES.

Month.	Illnois.	Indiana.	Iowa.	Wisconsin.
1931—April.....	215	108	447	172
March.....	228	116	513	197
1930—April.....	190	118	300	159
March.....	209	136	329	177

The Department of Agriculture reported a further reduction of the large farm labor surplus between April 1 and May 1 in Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan, while in Wisconsin and Iowa practically no change occurred. During the same period of 1930 a reduction in the ratio of supply to demand took place in Michigan and Wisconsin only, the other three States increasing their surplus.

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS—SEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

Industrial Group.	Week of April 15 1931.			Changes from March 15.	
	No. of Report'g Firms.	Number of Wage Earners.	Earnings.	Wage Earners. %	Earnings. %
Metals and products.....	676	184,664	\$4,528,000	-2.1	-3.9
Vehicles.....	154	218,210	6,389,000	+1.7	+4.5
Textiles and products.....	155	30,900	557,000	-1.1	-13.7
Food and products.....	375	53,558	1,340,000	-1.4	-0.5
Stone, clay and glass.....	136	11,254	279,000	+0.3	+0.2
Lumber and products.....	313	31,916	593,000	-1.1	-3.6
Chemical products.....	87	13,697	433,000	-9.1	-10.7
Leather products.....	77	14,657	289,000	-0.5	+6.0
Rubber products.....	9	6,403	179,000	+2.8	-2.2
Paper and printing.....	318	42,475	1,264,000	-1.0	-2.9
Total manufac'g, 10 groups..	2,300	607,734	\$15,851,000	-0.6	-0.6
Merchandising.....	187	31,937	804,000	+1.4	+0.4
Public utilities.....	79	96,503	3,229,000	+1.3	+5.1
Coal mining.....	31	7,490	144,000	-2.3	-21.0
Construction.....	192	8,466	232,000	+15.3	+21.7
Total non-manufac'g, 4 groups	489	144,396	4,469,000	+1.9	+3.9
Total, 14 groups.....	2,789	752,130	\$20,260,000	-0.1	+0.3

a Other than vehicles. b Michigan and Wisconsin. c Illinois and Wisconsin.

Further Increase in Wholesale and Retail Trade in Chicago Federal Reserve District.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, in its Monthly Business Conditions Report issued May 31 has the following to say regarding wholesale trade in its District:

Wholesale trade in April expanded further in most reporting groups. The gains over March of 4, 7½ and 4% shown in drug, dry goods, and shoe sales, respectively, were contrary to seasonal trend, while in hardware the increase of 26% was considerably larger than usual. Declines from a year ago in drugs, dry goods, hardware and electrical supplies were smaller than had been recorded in the corresponding comparison for March. For the year through April, however, sales data compared unfavorably with the same four months of 1930 the grocery trade declining 10½%, drugs 13¼%, dry goods 24%, hardware 26%, shoes 22% and electrical supplies 3¼%. Prices, which continue a downward trend, are partly responsible for the losses shown. Stocks on hand in the majority of groups declined further between March 31 and the end of April and in general were much smaller than at the same period of 1930.

WHOLESALE TRADE IN APRIL 1931.

Commodity.	Per Cent Change From Same Month Last Year.				Ratio of Acc's. Outstanding to Net Sales.
	Net Sales.	Stocks.	Accounts Outstanding.	Col-lections.	
Groceries.....	-11.6	-3.7	-8.2	-8.0	90.8
Hardware.....	-15.9	-18.5	-14.9	-26.2	222.6
Dry goods.....	-21.8	-34.4	-28.8	-21.7	299.9
Drugs.....	-13.5	-15.1	-5.7	-12.6	155.5
Shoes.....	-30.8	-21.0	-11.2	-24.4	400.7
Electrical supplies.....	-36.3	-5.9	-35.0	-34.4	158.9

The Bank states that sales during April of 107 reporting department stores in its District increased 16% over the preceding month, or in about the same amount as did March trade over February. Continuing the Bank says:

The later date of Easter in 1930, however, made a more favorable showing for April of that year, so that sales this April totaled 12% smaller and for the first four months of 1931 were 10% less than in the same period of 1930. In the comparison with March this year, sales by department stores in Chicago gained 13%, in Detroit 18%, Indianapolis 7%, Milwaukee 20 1/2% and by stores in other cities 25%. As will be noted in the table, sales by Milwaukee and Indianapolis stores declined to a lesser degree in the year ago comparison than did those by Chicago and Detroit firms. A further slight increase took place in stocks between the end of March and April 30, but the amount on hand on the latter date totaled nearly 15% under April 30 last year.

The retail shoe trade again expanded seasonally in April, sales of reporting dealers and department stores totaling 18% larger than in March. As compared with last April, however, sales were 16% smaller, bringing the total for the year to date to 8% below the corresponding period of 1930. Practically all reporting dealers and most of the department stores shared in the gain over a month previous and in the decline from a year ago. Stocks increased slightly on April 30 over the end of March and totaled only 4% less than on the same date of 1930.

The gain of 17 1/4% shown for April over the preceding month in the retail furniture trade was somewhat smaller than usual for the season, that in the previous four years averaging 23%. Installment and total sales by reporting dealers increased to a greater degree than did department store sales of furniture and house furnishings. Little change was shown at the end of April from a month previous in stocks on hand which totaled 17 1/4% smaller than a year ago.

A slight decline in the number of units operated by 20 chains reporting to this bank effected a larger increase for April in their average sales per store than in their aggregate sales. The average-per-unit sales gained 10% over March, while aggregate sales increased only 9%. Grocery chains were in exception in the general expansion shown over the preceding month. As compared with April last year, average sales per store declined 5 1/4% while the total dollar volume sold was less by 3%, the number of units being 3% greater this April. Drug chains again showed larger sales in the year ago comparison, but other reporting groups which include groceries, five-and-ten-cent stores, cigars, furniture, shoes, and men's and women's clothing, experienced continued declines.

DEPARTMENT STORE TRADE IN APRIL 1931.

Locality.	Per Cent Change April 1931 from April 1930.		P.C. Change 1st 4 Mos. 1931 from Same Period 1930	Ratio of April Collections to Accounts Outstanding March 31.	
	Net Sales.	Stocks End of Month.		1931.	1930.
Chicago.....	-15.1	-15.1	-11.2	29.4	31.5
Detroit.....	-15.3	-13.9	-11.7	35.4	38.1
Indianapolis.....	-7.3	-21.6	-5.0	40.8	39.0
Milwaukee.....	-4.7	-6.6	-6.8	35.8	35.3
Other cities.....	-6.0	-16.9	-7.7		
Seventh District.....	-12.3	-14.7	-10.0	35.1	36.4

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago on Midwest Distribution of Automobiles—Furniture Bookings Fall Off.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago reports that "distribution of new automobiles in the Middle West, both at wholesale and retail, continued to show improvement during April, with the percentage gains over March much larger than in previous years, although sales totaled considerably smaller than a year ago." In its monthly "Business Conditions Report," issued May 31, the Bank also says:

Stocks fell off, as is usual for the period, and continued to average well below the 1930 level. The trend in used car sales and stocks followed that in new car distribution. The ratio of deferred payment sales to total retail sales of dealers reporting the item declined slightly in April from March and also from last April, an average off 44% for 32 dealers comparing with 48% a month previous and 46% a year ago.

MIDWEST DISTRIBUTION OF AUTOMOBILES. Changes in April 1931 from Previous Months.

	Per Cent Change From		Companies Included.
	March 1931.	April 1930.	
New cars:			
Wholesale—			
Number sold.....	+32.6	-29.4	27
Value.....	+27.3	-37.0	27
Retail—			
Number sold.....	+39.7	-31.5	55
Value.....	+48.5	-30.3	55
On hand April 30—			
Number.....	-18.5	-28.1	56
Value.....	-14.9	-22.6	56
Used cars:			
Number sold.....	+23.2	-7.9	56
Salable on hand—			
Number.....	-4.4	-35.2	56
Value.....	-1.5	-41.0	56

As to furniture manufacturers' bookings, the Bank says:

FURNITURE.

Orders booked by furniture manufacturers in this district fell off moderately in April, the decline from March totaling 10% as compared with an average March-to-April recession of 12%. Shipments, moreover, were only 3% under those of the preceding month, in comparison with an average recession for the month of 15%; therefore, despite a very low volume of cancellations—less than half those of a month previous—a moderate decrease took place in the aggregate of unfilled orders outstanding at the close of the month. These, on April 30, approximated 76% of orders booked during the month. Comparisons with a year ago are still unfavorable. Orders and shipments were 19 and 16%, respectively, under the April 1930 totals on which our index numbers, based on 1923-1924-1925 monthly averages, amount to only 61 and 69, both of which are a full 20 points under the four-year average for the month. Production during April was maintained at about 51% of capacity, just under the rate of a month previous and seven points below that of a year ago.

St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank Finds Favorable Business Conditions About Balanced by Unfavorable Factors.

Summarizing conditions in its District, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, in its "Monthly Review" of May 29, says:

Reports relative to general commercial and industrial conditions in this district during the past 30 days reflected rather sharp contrasts. There were a number of favorable factors tending to improve the status of business, against which were opposed certain detrimental developments calculated to slow down the upward trend which commenced in February and reached its peak in March. Taken as a whole, the favorable features about balanced those of a reverse character, with the result that no striking change was noted at the end of the period as contrasted with the similar one immediately preceding. Moderate improvement in sentiment has taken place, most pronounced in the agricultural sections, where favorable weather and mainly good crop prospects obtained. In the drouth areas conditions have undergone considerable betterment, farmers in many sections having achieved substantial gains since March. There was moderate improvement in the general employment situation, due chiefly to seasonal causes and expansion in certain lines of industrial production.

As was the case in March, distribution made a relatively better showing in April than production. There was a recession in activities in iron and steel, also in some other industries producing goods of the heavier and more permanent sort. Reports covering the first half of May indicated a further slowing down in these lines. New business is being conservatively placed, and universally manufacturers are disposed to hold down their commitments on raw materials to an absolute necessity basis, and to make up only such goods as they have orders for. Distribution of automobiles declined in April, both as compared with the preceding month and a year ago. There was further curtailment in operations in the lead and zinc mining areas, due to the sharp drop in prices of these metals, and no improvement took place in the dull conditions which have existed for many months in the bituminous coal industry.

Trade activity was rather spotted and irregular; both with reference to the different lines and localities. Certain wholesaling and jobbing lines failed to hold the gains of the preceding month, while others considerably bettered their records, and for the first time in many months reported a heavier volume of sales than during the corresponding period a year earlier. Notable among these was the boot and shoe industry, in which the reporting firms showed an increase in April sales of one-fourth over March, and of 23.0% over April 1930. Groceries, hardware, stoves, electrical supplies, meat packing, fire clay and some less important lines reported heavier sales in April than March, while declines were recorded in clothing, men's hats, drugs and chemicals, furniture, farm implements, and dry goods.

April sales of department stores in the principal cities of the district were 16.5% larger than in March, but 12.7% smaller than in April 1930. Combined sales of these stores for the first four months of this year were smaller by 12.9% than in the corresponding period in 1930. Total April sales of all wholesale and jobbing firms reporting to this bank were 11.5% greater than in March. For the first four months this year combined sales of these firms showed a decrease of 15.6% under the corresponding period in 1930. The dollar value of permits let for new construction in the five largest cities of the district during April was more than twice as large as in March, and represented the highest total since April 1930. Charges to checking accounts in April were slightly larger than in the preceding month, but 10.0% less than in April a year ago. The amount of savings accounts increased 3.0% between April 1 and May 6, and on the latter date was slightly less than a year ago.

The volume of traffic handled by railroads operating in this district continued to run below that of a year and two years earlier. The usual seasonal increase in the movement of early fruits and vegetables from the South was more than offset by decreases in other classifications. Additional declines were noted in tonnage of merchandise and miscellaneous freight hauled. For the country as a whole loading of revenue freight during the first 18 weeks this year, or to May 2, totaled 13,027,049 cars, against 15,830,818 cars for the corresponding period last year and 17,194,605 cars in 1929. The St. Louis Terminal Railway Association, which handles interchanges for 28 connecting lines, interchanged 174,668 loads in April against 192,150 loads in March and 211,707 loads in April 1930. During the first nine days of May the interchange amounted to 53,434 loads, against 53,784 loads during the corresponding period in April and 61,545 loads during the first nine days of May 1930. Passenger traffic of the reporting lines decreased 11.0% in April as compared with the same month last year. Estimated tonnage of the Federal Barge Line between St. Louis and New Orleans in April was 82,500 tons, against 82,970 tons in March and 101,122 tons in April 1930.

The general status of collections in the district developed no marked change as compared with the preceding 30 days. Considerable irregularity and spottiness exists, both with reference to the several lines and locations. In the agricultural areas backwardness is complained of by both merchants and the banks. However, in areas where tobacco and rice are the principal crops payments have improved since marketing of these productions. Wholesalers in the large centers of population report May 1 settlements fully up to expectations. Strong accounts are meeting their bills promptly, but there is an increasing number of requests for extensions and actual losses. Unusual spottiness is reflected in reports of retail merchants in the urban centers. Questionnaires addressed to representative interests in the several lines scattered through the district showed the following results:

	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.
April 1931.....	13.1%	63.1%	23.8%	23.8%
March 1931.....	12.6%	60.1%	27.3%	27.3%
April 1930.....	12.4%	63.5%	22.6%	22.6%

Commercial failures in the Eighth Federal Reserve District in April, according to Dun's, numbered 153, involving liabilities of \$2,916,962 against 144 failures in March with liabilities of \$2,969,521 and 128 defaults for a total of \$4,114,163 in April 1930.

Seasonal Gains in Trade in Atlanta Federal Reserve District.

In its May 31 Monthly Review the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta states that "there were further seasonal gains in April in the volume of trade in this district, and in most of the series of figures indicating industrial activity, but a further decline in loans and discounts by weekly reporting

member banks, and in discounts by the Federal Reserve Bank." The Bank's summary of conditions in its District further states:

Following an increase of about 26% in March over February, department store sales registered a further gain of 8% in April, but were 10.2% less than in April last year. For the first four months of 1931 the decrease, compared with that part of 1930, also averages 10.2%. Wholesale trade increased 0.2% in April over March, but was 21.0% less than in April a year ago.

Total building permits issued during April at 20 reporting cities were more than double those in March, due to some large permits issued at New Orleans and Nashville, and for the first time in more than two years were greater than for the corresponding month a year ago. Residential contracts awarded in the district increased 24% over March, but the total of all contract awards declined 28.5%. For the first four months of 1931 contract awards have been 12.9% smaller than in that part of 1930. Consumption of cotton in the United States was 3.7% greater than in March, and 4.4% less than in April a year ago. Consumption in Georgia increased 6.2%, and in Alabama 3.6%, over March, and in Georgia was 5.4%, and in Alabama 3.3%, less than a year ago. Production by reporting cloth and yarn mills also increased further in April.

Production of pig iron in Alabama increased 7.8%, and the daily average output increased 11.4%, over March, but was 20.3% less than in April last year. Output of coal declined seasonally, and was less than a year ago.

Weather conditions have afforded ample opportunity for farm work, but temperatures have averaged lower than usual and this has delayed germination of seed and growth of planted crops.

Discounts by the Federal Reserve Bank declined slightly between April 8 and May 13, but holdings of purchased bills and securities increased. A further decline in loans by weekly reporting member banks during this five week period was only partly offset by an increase in investments. Borrowings by these banks from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta continued at a low level.

Details of wholesale and retail trade in the District are given as follows by the Bank:

Wholesale Trade.

There was a further fractional increase in the volume of wholesale distribution in the sixth [Atlanta] district in April as compared with March. Wholesale trade declined each month from the fall peak in October through February, and in March increased 9.6% over February. The gain in April over March was only 0.2%, and April sales were 21.0% smaller than in April last year. The small increase in total volume over March is due to gains reported in sales of dry goods, hardware and shoes, the other five lines reporting decreases. Stocks and accounts receivable for April declined from March and were smaller than a year ago, and collections increased 1.7% over those in March but were 24.5% smaller than in April last year. Cumulative sales for the first four months of the year averaged 25.8% less than in that period of 1930, the comparison for each line being indicated in the figures below.

These comparisons are all of dollar figures and make no allowance for the difference in the prevailing level of prices.

*Comparison of Sales
January-April 1931
Compared with Same
Period in 1930.*

Groceries.....	-23.3%
Dry goods.....	-29.4%
Hardware.....	-29.8%
Furniture.....	-28.1%
Electrical supplies.....	-27.1%
Shoes.....	-32.6%
Stationery.....	+2.5%
Drugs.....	-17.3%
Total.....	-25.8%

Retail Trade.

There was a further seasonal increase in the distribution of merchandise at retail in the sixth district during April, reflected in sales figures reported to the Federal Reserve Bank by 41 department stores in 23 cities of the district. Stocks on hand show a larger decrease than sales, however, compared with corresponding months a year ago, and the rate of stock turnover is higher than it was a year ago.

Department store sales in April averaged 8% greater than in March, despite the fact that most of the Easter buying came in March, and were 10.2% smaller than in April last year. The increase from March to April was shared by all of the cities shown in the statement except Birmingham, while the small increase of 0.5% at Atlanta is the only gain reported over April last year. Cumulative sales for the first four months of 1931 also average 10.2% smaller than during that period of last year. Stocks on hand declined 1.3% from March, and were 17.3% smaller than for April 1930. These comparisons are in dollar figures and make no allowance for any difference in prices.

Accounts receivable at the end of April declined 1.9% compared with March, and were 6.2% smaller than a year ago, and April collections increased 5.2% over those in March, but were 5.7% smaller than in April 1930.

The ratio of collections during April to accounts receivable and due at the beginning of the month, for 33 firms, was 32.3%, compared with 30.2% for March, and with 31.8% for April last year. For April the ratio of collections against regular accounts for 33 firms was 34.7%, and the highest ratio since January 1930, and the ratio of collections against installment accounts for 12 firms was 17.9%, the highest since October 1929.

New Low Price Level for Majority of Commodities in Kansas City Federal Reserve District During April—Increase in Wholesale and Department Store Trade.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, in its "Monthly Review," June 1, states that April witnessed a new low price level for a majority of Tenth [Kansas City] District commodities. The "Review" also says:

Agricultural products showing declines were cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry, eggs, milk, butter, wool, corn, oats, and rye. Fed woolled lamb prices increased somewhat and wheat and hay prices were slightly higher than in

March. Flour prices remained steady but millfeed prices declined. In the mineral industries, zinc ore and lead ore prices declined to new low levels and quotations on bituminous coal and petroleum products were lower than in March.

Farm work and plant growth were retarded somewhat in April and early May by frequent rains and cold weather, but crop prospects continue good. Some warm, fair weather is needed at this time for the completion of crop planting and to aid seed germination. Corn planting was half completed and the Ozark strawberry movement was well under way by May 21.

Department store trade was larger in April than in March, but the dollar volume was 7.3% under April 1930. Wholesale trade was slightly larger in April than in the preceding month but 18.8% smaller than in the corresponding month last year.

There was a slight seasonal increase in building activity during the month, but the volume was substantially under that of April 1930. Production in all lines was less than one year ago.

Regarding trade conditions, the Bank says:

Retail Trade.

Thirty-seven department stores in this District reported their April sales as 11.2% larger than their March sales. This increase compares with an increase of 7.8% in April 1930 and decreases of 5.8% and 3.1% in April 1929 and 1928, respectively. Compared to April 1930 the dollar volume decreased 7.3%, all but one of the reporting cities sharing in the decrease. Dollar sales during the initial four months of the current year were 6.6% smaller than in the corresponding four months of 1930.

There was a slight decrease in stocks between March 31 and April 30, and the total as of the latter date was 11.6% smaller than one year earlier.

Wholesale Trade.

Contrary to the usual seasonal trend, there was an increase in wholesale trade in April compared to March, as measured by the combined dollar sales of five representative wholesale lines. The combined sales of the five wholesale lines, drygoods, groceries, hardware, furniture, and drugs, were 2.7% larger in April than in March, but 18.8% smaller than in April 1930. Furniture was the only one of the five lines reporting smaller sales in April than in March, and all lines reported their April sales substantially under sales in April last year.

Each of the five lines reported a slight decrease in stocks for the month and a substantial decrease for the year. The average decrease for the month, all lines combined, was 1.4%, and for the year 14.3%.

Collections.

Collections reported by department stores during April on accounts outstanding at the close of the preceding month averaged 38.6% as compared with 37.8% in March, and 40.6% in April of last year. Total outstanding accounts at the close of the month increased by a slightly greater percent than collections during the month, but the total for both items was slightly under that of a year ago.

All reporting wholesale lines reported collections larger in April than in March, but substantially under April 1930.

Michigan Business Holding Up Well According to Union Guardian Trust Company of Detroit.

On the basis of data available, May industrial output in Michigan may be expected to show a gain well in excess of the normal seasonal increase, according to Dr. Ralph E. Badger, Executive Vice-President, and Carl F. Behrens, Economist, of the Union Guardian Trust Co., Detroit, a unit of the Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc. On May 31 they also state:

Automobile output is currently estimated at 370,000 units for May, which compares with 348,000 in April, a gain of more than 6%. Replies to the May 15 questionnaire received from business leaders throughout the State indicate that other manufacturers may have experienced gains in business somewhat similar to those of the automobile group, a fact which might naturally be expected, however, since so many of them supply parts and accessories to the motor manufacturers.

Industrial activity in the southeastern section of Michigan, including such cities as Saginaw, Lansing, Jackson and Detroit, continues to give greater evidence of recovery than do the other sections of the State. Employment as of the middle of May is reported to be increasing in eight out of 13 cities in this area from which replies to the trust company's questionnaire have been received, and in only two cities, Lansing and Alma, is employment decreasing. As to the trend of manufacturing during the next month, it is of interest to note that only one report (that from Lansing) out of 12 on this phase of business indicates a possible recession during the last year of May and the first two weeks of June. The building situation in the southeastern area is still very unsatisfactory, and, unfortunately, no hope is held out for an early improvement in this field of activity. Agricultural conditions in this part of Michigan are reported good in a large proportion of the returns. On the basis of the condition report of the State Department of Agriculture, the leading crops, winter wheat, rye, hay and pasture, are better in this area than in any other part of the State. A slight increase in retail trade is evident but collections still remain only fair.

Second only to the industrial southeastern section of Michigan in respect to the outlook for manufacturing activity during the next month is the area including such cities as Battle Creek, Kalamazoo, South Haven, Grand Rapids, and Muskegon. A third of the reports received from the southwestern district indicate improvement ahead in the next four weeks. While none of the reports suggest the possibility of a falling off of manufacturing activity, little change in the employment situation is expected. A slight improvement in the building situation is expected at Holland, Ionia, and South Haven. Crop prospects are exceptionally good and a substantial increase in retail trade is expected soon. Collections remain poor to fair in nearly all cities.

The tourist season will soon add to the income of residents of Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. Such cities as Cheboygan, Grayling, Traverse City, Marquette, and Menominee, each of them located in delightful summer resort areas, are among the cities which expect increases in retail trade in the near future. Crop conditions in Northern Michigan are good. In the Upper Peninsula they are only fair, due to relatively severe frosts which have occurred recently. The drop of copper prices to levels obviously below production costs of the Upper Peninsula mines casts a shadow over business prospects in the Keweenaw peninsula area.

New Automobile Models.

The Hudson Motor Car Co. announces a new brougham deluxe model listing at \$1375 f. o. b. Detroit. This brings the number offered in the Hudson line to 14. Six-wire wheels with white side tires are regular equipment, the spare tires being protected by metal covers. Selective free-wheeling is optional.

The Lincoln Motor Co. announces a new sport phaeton on the 145-inch free-wheeling chassis listing at \$4,400, and with tonneau cowl and windshield \$4,600.

The Reo-Motor Co. is introducing a new 1½-ton four-cylinder speedwagon priced at \$625 for the chassis, and a new six cylinder at \$725 f. o. b. Lansing, Mich. Both are furnished in 136-inch wheelbase with 160-inch available at slightly higher prices.

Ceylon Reduces Export Duty on Rubber.

The Ceylon Government has reduced the export duty on crude rubber 1½ cents per pound, says a cable to the Rubber Exchange of New York, Inc., received on May 29. This, it is stated, is equivalent to a little over ½ cent in terms of United States currency. Shipments which have been held in anticipation of a reduction were only moderate, the cablegram adds.

Rubber Scheme Being Drawn Up at Instance of Dutch Government.

Dutch rubber growers and the Government met on May 19 at The Hague for the purpose of working out a rough scheme for the improvement of the rubber industry in the Dutch East Indies, a cable to the Rubber Exchange of New York, Inc., reported. The plan is in the hands of a sub-committee of the growers organized at the instance of the Colonial Minister, and must prove acceptable to the Dutch East Indian Government. A meeting of rubber growers specially convened by the Dutch Prime Minister was held on May 15. Dr. Bernhard, Chief of the Department of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce, in the Netherlands East Indies, was also present. Following the conference, it was decided to appoint the sub-committee for the purpose of drawing up an exhaustive report on the rubber situation for submission to the Colonial Minister. The President of the Sub-Committee is Prof. DeBussey, Department Chief of the Amsterdam Colonial Institute. The Colonial Department of the Government is represented by Dr. Van der Waals.

Dutch Rubber Shipments in April Below Those of March.

The Dutch East Indies exported a total of 21,637 tons of rubber during April, as compared with 24,178 tons during March, and 24,090 tons during April 1930, according to a cable to the Rubber Exchange of New York, Inc., received May 27. It is also stated:

A feature of the April exports was the smaller totals from native-growing sections of Borneo and parts of Sumatra. The East Coast of Sumatra, with both European and native estate production, also exported less. The sections of Java and Madoera, dominated largely by European-owned rubber estates, increased their exports over the previous month.

More Rubber Shipped to United States During May.

Of the total of 44,281 tons of rubber exported by Malaya in May, 31,014 tons were destined for United States ports, as compared with 29,021 tons shipped to this country in April, and 33,010 tons during May 1930, the Rubber Exchange of New York was informed in a cable on June 1. Smaller quantities were exported during the month to the United Kingdom and to Japan; larger totals were reported to all other countries. Malaya also imports rubber from other territories, chiefly Dutch Colonial, for trans-shipment. Such imports amounted to 10,479 tons during May, compared with 9,977 tons in April.

Wage Cut Voted by Theatre Unions—Workers Agree on 10-Week Drop of From 5 to 7½% as Aid to Picture Houses—A Salary Loss of \$40,000—Six New York Locals Included in 575 Groups That Ballotted on Voluntary Reduction.

A voluntary wage cut of \$450,000 has been voted by members of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators, it was announced in New York on June 4 by William Canavan, International President of the Union. The New York "Times" from which we quote also said:

The money is to be taken from the pay envelopes of individual union members during a 10-week period at rates which mean 5% to 7½% reduction of individual salaries. The vote was taken to help the large operators of motion picture houses—such as Paramount-Publix, Loew's, R-K-O, and Warner Brothers—through a period of financial difficulty during which the majority of the union members felt that they should co-operate, Mr. Canavan said.

At the end of the 10-week period, which is to begin on June 8, the rate of pay is to be restored to the present level, according to the terms under which the vote was taken.

Included in the local unions which voted to accept a wage reduction were all of the six locals in New York City, it was announced. The vote began with the week which ended yesterday, and the returns were forwarded to the headquarters of the union at 1,440 Broadway to be compiled. Taking part in the balloting were 575 locals in various parts of the country, 431 of them expressing themselves in favor of the reduction and 144 voting in the negative.

There is no legal way in which the decision of the majority can force those unions which voted against it to accept the cut, Mr. Canavan said, and therefore it would probably not be completely effective. The \$450,000 estimate, it was said, was made with this fact in mind.

This figure represents the rebate by 9,000 men of about \$5 weekly. The scale of rebates is determined by salary, members who receive less than \$60 a week being asked to surrender 5% and those who receive more than \$60 being asked for 7½%.

"The vote was ordered in the belief that it is a desirable extension of the co-operation in meeting the depression which has been carried out by other groups in the motion picture industry," Mr. Canavan said. "We believe that because of this sort of co-operation, the motion picture industry will be one of the first to regain a strong position after the slump is ended.

Very few legitimate theatres would be affected by the reduction, Mr. Canavan said, because the summer was their closed season. Besides the other companies named, Universal entered into the negotiations with the union before the vote, although it is not a large operator of theatres.

Retail Lumber Sales Increased During May.

Sales of lumber by retail dealers showed an increase during May of from 5 to 10% over April, the June 1 issue of "The Lumber Market," monthly business review and forecast of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, states. There will be a similar increase in June retail movement, at slightly lower prices, however, according to the consensus opinion of two thousand reporters, consisting of lumber retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, banks, building and loan institutions and other informed sources. "The Lumber Market" also goes on to say:

Sales of lumber to retailers showed a 1 to 5% decrease during May in the face of an expected increase, and prices paid by retailers dropped from 5 to 10%, although only from 1 to 5% of this drop was passed on to customers during the month. A very slight increase in sales to retailers is expected during June. A rather substantial increase in softwood sales to industrials, but no improvement in hardwood movement, is forecast for June.

On May 16 manufacturers' stocks were 5% below those held on May 18 1930. Dealers' stocks increased substantially during May over April of this year and there was a slight decrease in stocks held by industrials.

Residential building fulfilled expectations, showing a 5 to 10% increase in May over April, though a slowing down of this ratio for June is anticipated. Building money is reported "ample, but difficult to procure" in most localities, due to rigid credit requirements.

Lumber Orders Again Approximate Production.

After several weeks showing unfavorable ratios, lumber orders received at the mills during the week ended May 30 returned to a level approximating production, it is indicated in telegraphic reports from 758 leading hardwood and softwood mills to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. These reported new business as 1% under a total production of 226,826,000 feet. Shipments were 8% above this figure. A week earlier orders received by 814 reporting mills were 10% below and shipments were 1% above a combined production of 244,792,000 feet. Comparison by identical mill figures for the latest week with the equivalent period a year ago shows—for softwoods, 447 mills, production 29% less, shipments 19% less and orders 21% less than for the week in 1930; for hardwoods, 199 mills, production 35% less, shipments 14% less and orders 10% under the volume for the week a year ago.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended May 30 1931, by 561 softwood mills, totaled 203,014,000 feet or 2% below the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 222,765,000 feet, or 7% above production. Production was 207,564,000 feet.

Reports from 214 hardwood mills give new business as 21,085,000 feet, or 9% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 22,001,000 feet, or 14% above production. Production was 19,262,000 feet. The Association, in its statement, further reports:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 476 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 648,780,000 feet, on May 30 1931, or the equivalent of 14 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 500 softwood mills on May 23 1931, of 677,993,000 feet, the equivalent of 14 days' production.

The 414 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 634,227,000 feet on May 30 1931, as compared with 890,839,000 feet for the same week a year ago. Last week's production of 447 identical softwood mills was 196,767,000 feet, and a year ago it was 276,100,000 feet; shipments were respectively 212,890,000 feet and 264,072,000; and orders received 195,124,000 feet and 246,737,000. In the case of hardwoods, 199 identical

mills reported production last week and a year ago, 18,575,000 feet and 28,437,000; shipments 21,265,000 feet and 24,717,000; and orders 20,213,000 feet and 22,377,000 feet.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for 220 mills reporting for the week ended May 30:

Table with columns: NEW BUSINESS, UNSHIPPED ORDERS, SHIPMENTS. Rows include Domestic cargo delivery, Export, Rail, Local, and Total for each category.

Production for the week was 112,830,000 feet.

For the year to May 23, 165 identical mills reported orders 4.8% above production, and shipments were 5.3% above production.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 122 mills reporting, shipments were 21% above production, and orders 28% above production and 5% above shipments.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association, of Portland, Ore., reported production from 89 mills as 34,002,000 feet, shipments 28,676,000 and new business 26,570,000.

The California White & Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association, of San Francisco, reported production from 24 mills as 16,732,000 feet, shipments 17,122,000 and orders 18,707,000 feet.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from 7 mills as 3,851,000 feet, shipments 2,322,000, and new business 2,388,000 feet.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 17 mills as 1,903,000 feet, shipments 1,235,000 and orders 1,001,000.

The North Carolina Pine Association, of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 82 mills as 5,812,000 feet, shipments 6,435,000 and new business 4,426,000.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 197 mills as 17,154,000 feet, shipments 20,288,000 and new business 19,632,000.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 17 mills as 2,108,000 feet, shipments 1,713,000 and orders 1,453,000.

CURRENT RELATIONSHIP OF SHIPMENTS AND ORDERS TO PRODUCTION FOR THE WEEK ENDED MAY 30 1931 AND FOR 21 WEEKS TO DATE.

Table with columns: Association, Production M Ft., Shipments M Ft., P. C. of Prod., Orders M Ft., P. C. of Prod. Rows list various associations like Southern Pine, West Coast Lumbermen's, etc.

consumption, accompanied by a further decline in raw silk prices and little reduction in surplus stocks on hand, it is pointed out in a review of textile conditions contained in the current issue of the "Textile Organon," published by the Tubize Chatillon Corp.

"Silk prices declined during May, reaching a low in the week of May 16 and showing a slight rally in the following week. Among the causes of this decline was the decline in the securities market, a serious decline in the April silk deliveries as described before, and a general heaviness due to the large world stocks of raw silk.

"These visible world stocks on May 1 are estimated at 200,000 bales as compared with 157,000 bales on the same date in 1930 and 97,000 bales on May 1 1929.

"The disposal of the idemified Japan silk is still a problem. Although there has been no official announcement, it is understood that negotiations for the rationing of this silk to American interests are now under way.

"Based on the above survey, we expect that silk consumption will increase extra-seasonally in the near future, if it has not already done so. This increase will be predicated principally upon the current low silk prices.

"Sales of rayon yarn in May by the producers has shown no signs of letdown from the high rates of the first quarter of this year, and many numbers in various producers, lines are oversold.

"Earlier this year we indicated that a rise in rayon prices was not inconceivable. At that time rayon stocks amounted to about 25,000,000 pounds.

"The stocks of rayon at the end of May are probably somewhat lower than the 15,000,000-pound stock at the end of April, in view of the sales just described and because the general rate of productive activity has not increased out of proportion to the demand.

Flour Output Continues to Decline.

General Mills, Inc. on June 2 summarized the following comparative flour milling activities as totaled for all mills reporting in the milling centres as indicated:

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR (IN BARRELS).

Table with columns: Production Four Weeks Ended May 29, Production Same Period Year Ago, Cumulative Production Since June 1930, Cumulative Production Same Period 1929-1930. Rows include Northwest, Southwest, Lake Central and Southern, Pacific Coast, and Grand total.

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

Fall Rug Opening in New York—Prices on Linoleums Raised 5 to 10% by Producers—Soft-Surface Lines Unchanged.

Soft-surface rug and carpet lines were opened for fall at unchanged prices in the New York market on June 1, but hard-surface floor coverings producers surprised the trade by joining in the opening and advancing the popular light-weight felt base and linoleum products from 5 to 10%.

Buyers found no fault with the soft-surface price situation and expressed the belief that the firmer tone would be reflected this season in more profitable retail activity.

The Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Inc., and other mills opening yesterday agreed to give buyers a sixty-day stock protection clause in sales contracts.

The possibility of price cuts in August was regarded as slight in the trade. Buyers, confident that the market has firmed, pointed to the fact that for the first time since the depression many mills are refusing to insure goods ordered for later delivery against a price advance.

Congoleum-Nairn, Inc., at the opening of their hard-surface lines yesterday, announced they have started manufacturing linoleums for use as wall coverings.

Increased Demand for Rayon Affects Silk Prices—Stocks of Latter Unusually High—Silk Supplies Aggregate 200,000 Bales Against 157,000 Last Year and 97,000 Two Years Ago—Increase All in Japan.

Increased demand for rayon on the part of weavers and knitters has resulted in a sharp curtailment of raw silk

with standard linoleum were exhibited. Held to be as serviceable as other types of wall covering, the linoleum is said to be much cheaper.

Regarding the sales on the second day, the "Times" said: Limited buying by the trade marked the second day of the floor coverings fall opening here yesterday. Although the ranks of buyers already in town were swelled by a score of additional visitors yesterday, the volume of purchasing was well below that of the December opening. Those in the trade attributed the lack of activity to caution on the part of buyers who were anxious to shop the market thoroughly before making selections. In the hard-surface market buying was also restricted.

Thomas L. Chadbourne in Address Before Bond Club of New York Says Decline in Sugar Price, Despite Stabilization Plan, Is Unexplainable.

Thomas L. Chadbourne, Chairman of the Sugar Stabilization Commission, who returned from abroad on May 17, following the signing at Brussels, on May 9, of the international sugar restriction agreement, was a speaker before the Bond Club of New York on May 28. Discussing the agreement, and noting the fact that the price of sugar continues to drop, Mr. Chadbourne declared that "it is inexplainable to me." His remarks, in part, follow:

This thing (the sugar stabilization plan) began 11 months ago. We started for Java, the place where so many of these things, and particularly the last two attempts, had broken down, because we felt that as they produced three million tons a year and, next to Cuba, were the biggest producers in the world, we had better visit them first, and see whether we could reach an arrangement with them before calling the other five export nations together. We had an invitation to go to Java before we started, something that had never been done before, showing that they felt the press of necessity.

That invitation read:

"If you will visit Amsterdam, we will agree to segregate our surplus sugars as you have done and agree to discuss with you restriction of future exports."

I returned with the conviction that all I had to do was to draw a provisional agreement, have it signed on the dotted line. Well, gentlemen, when I returned I found that I had navigated a ship from the European shores to the Ambrose Channel lightship, which is the easiest navigation known to man, but the amount of work that I had to do to get a final agreement with teeth in it signed was to navigate that ship from Ambrose Channel lightship through the crowded Ambrose Channel up the crowded New York Harbor, into dock, and it took me just two and a half months to do so. I had estimated to my friends it would take me three weeks. I would never have been able to do it had the provisional agreement not been followed by legislation in four of those countries.

Cuba had already passed her legislation. Four of those countries worked for legislation, some of them with very strong internal political battles.

So, gentlemen, the agreement was finally signed and I returned home with my chest out, only to find that the 11 months had taught me nothing. I found that I had stabilized an industry by reducing production from last year four million tons; segregating three million tons to be sold over a period of five years. Therefore, I had put out of the way four million tons plus two million four hundred thousand tons, and sugar kept going down.

It is unexplainable to me, and that is the reason I say that I have learned nothing in 60 years.

I know that the agreement is going to be enforced because the countries have passed legislation that makes its enforcement imperative, and that is the difference between this and any other international agreement that has ever been tried. Most of them have been for the purpose of segregation, to be sold over a period of years, without reduction of production. Some have been for reduction and not segregation of surplus. Now, we have segregated surplus, so it could be sold over a period of years; reduced the crops; and got the Government teeth into the situation, so that the business men, whether they like it or not, have to live up to the agreement.

Gentlemen, I was very tired. I had to talk in English and then listened to two translations, and I must say that that was the only rest I had, because, not understanding those two languages, I rested while the interpreters were talking, and I finally went to Brussels to have the agreement signed.

An item regarding the agreement appeared in our issue of May 23, page 3797.

Francis Powell to Establish Headquarters for Chadbourne Sugar Control System at The Hague.

Francis Powell, President of the International Sugar Council, arrived at The Hague on May 22 to establish headquarters for the carrying out of the Chadbourne sugar control system, according to advices to the New York "Times." He was reported as stating that the project had already stabilized prices. Mr. Powell's participation in the sugar restriction plan was noted in our issue of May 16, page 3622.

Increase in Turnover of Business on New York Cocoa Exchange in April.

The New York Cocoa Exchange reports a sharp increase in the turnover of business for April when compared with March although the volume was under that of April 1930. Total sales for April 1931 amounted to 1,832 lots or 24,549 tons compared with 1,217 lots or 16,308 tons for March. The turnover in April 1930 amounted to 2,087 lots. Arrivals of raw cocoa beans into the United States during April totaled 315,187 bags compared with 165,656 bags in April 1930.

Warehouse stocks in New York showed an increase of 17,872 bags for the month. On May 1st 1931 total stock

in licensed New York warehouses amounted to 204,957 bags compared with 379,376 bags on May 1st 1930.

On Friday, May 8, an analysis of the supply situation disclosed that stocks in licensed U. S. warehouses amounted to 199,697 bags compared with 382,752 bags a year ago. On March 31 stocks in Great Britain amounted to 43,650 tons compared with 51,450 tons at the same time in 1930.

Hawaii Harvesting Record Sugar Crop.

A record Hawaiian sugar production of 958,000 tons is anticipated for the current year, according to revised Hawaiian trade estimates received in the Commerce Department from the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce. In making this known, the Department on May 28 said:

Of this amount shipments of 916,000 tons of raw sugar are estimated. About 60% of the crop is now harvested. The Olowalu Co., a three thousand ton plantation in West Mau, was recently sold to the Pioneer Mill Co., making the fourth small plantation absorbed by larger corporations during the past 12 months.

Prices of Cocoa on New York Cocoa Exchange at Lowest in History in May—Volume of Trading in May Exceeds Previous Months.

Lowest prices in the history of the cocoa industry were created on the New York Cocoa Exchange during the month of May, according to the review of the month issued by the Exchange on June 2. The Exchange says:

A record low quotation of 4.50 cents a pound for the July delivery was established. It was the lowest quotation ever recorded on the Cocoa Exchange. Spot cocoa was also quoted at a record new low of 4½ cents a pound.

The volume of trading for May amounted to 1,915 lots or 26,661 tons, an increase over the April volume of sales, which was 1,832 lots or 24,549 tons.

Arrivals of cocoa beans in the United States in May amounted to 369,209 bags, compared with 315,387 bags in April and 145,041 bags for May 1930.

May exports from the Gold Coast Colony totaled 9,874 tons, compared with 14,038 tons last year.

Russia's Wheat Policy—British Grain Trade Hoping for "More Considerate Marketing."

The following from London, May 29, is taken from the New York "Times":

The absence of any definite results from the wheat conference has left unsolved the problem of Russia's intentions in regard to "dumping." From the statement issued here on or before the Soviet delegation to the conference, the grain market infers that Russia will be more considerate in its marketing policy.

Czechoslovakia Acts to Reduce Rye Shortage.

Under date of May 31 the Department of Commerce at Washington said:

In order to relieve considerable rye shortage, the Government decreed effective May 18: Rye bread may contain 25% wheat flour instead of 15% mixing ratio of domestic with imported flour reduced to 50-50 for wheat flour, and 10% domestic to 90% imported for rye flour; the same ratio applies to mills grinding imported grains.

Palestine Grain Tax to Be Cut 20%—New Reduction, Added to That of Last Year, Lowers Total Payments by One-Half.

The following cablegram, June 1, from Jerusalem, is from the New York "Times":

Welcome relief is afforded Palestine farmers by the High Commissioner's measure reducing by 20% the tithe tax on grain for the 1930 crop, which with the 30% reduction of last year, makes a 50% cut. The measure also decreases the tax on the 1931 crop 50%.

The measure will be published in a special issue of the "Official Gazette" to-night. The reduction in taxes does not affect oranges, but applies only to cereals. The High Commissioner also is reported to be considering tax relief for farmers having crops affected by recent plagues, field rats and locusts. Relief for land damaged by flood also is contemplated.

The action will considerably alleviate conditions for both Jewish and Arab grain farmers, particularly in the Valley of Jezreel, where pests have been eating crops and where much suffering has resulted from the abnormal world grain prices. These difficulties have been the subject of several memorandums by farmers and also were mentioned in the recommendations of the Johnson Crosbie report.

Sir John Robert Chancellor, the High Commissioner, has returned to Jerusalem after a short holiday in London. According to the Arab Press, he brought back a proposal for a \$12,500,000 development loan as formulated with the Colonial Office. It is stated that the proposal will be submitted for the consideration of the Arab Executive.

Petroleum and Its Products—Crude Price Cut in Mid-Continent to East Texas Levels as Proration Fails—Pennsylvania Schedules Lowered—Sinclair Sees Low Prices as "Foundation for Improvement."

The effect of overproduction in the East Texas field resulted this week in a reduction of crude oil prices in Mid-Continent and Pennsylvania to prices which Harry F. Sinclair regards as "a firm foundation on which to build upwards."

The new schedules bring Mid-Continent crudes to the same levels prevailing in East Texas, namely, 25c. per barrel for less than 29 degrees gravity, with a 1c. advance for each degree up to 37c. per barrel for 40 degrees and above. The cut in Pennsylvania crude was 25c. per barrel in Bradford and Allegheny fields, with the new price \$1.75 per barrel, announced by the Tide Water Pipe Co., Ltd., while on Pennsylvania-grade crude in other areas the South Penn Oil Co. made a reduction of 25c. per barrel, with the new schedule \$1.50 per barrel on oil in National Transit lines, \$1.35 per barrel in South West Pennsylvania Pipe Lines Co. lines, \$1.25 in Eureka lines and \$1.00 in Buckeye lines. Corning crude was reduced 15c. a barrel to 65c.

In addition to the drastic price cuts which threw the industry into a turmoil, the East Texas field was banned by two large buyers, Humble Oil & Refining Co. and the Texas Co., both of whom withdrew their posting of prices for products of that field. The East Texas field production is held responsible for bringing crude prices to their lowest level in about 20 years.

The Stanolind Crude Oil Purchase Co., subsidiary of Standard of Indiana, was first to take the price-cutting step in Mid-Continent, and they were quickly followed by other operators in the territory affected.

The Texas Co.'s schedule also brings about radical reductions in Carson and Hutchinson counties, where the price is now 21c. for less than 35 gravity to 27c. for 40 gravity and above. Gulf Coast B is quoted 44c. for less than 25 gravity to 60c. for 40 gravity and above. In Gray County the new price is 24c. for gravity below 35, to 30c. for 40 gravity and higher. In the West Texas area of Winkler, Crane and Upton Counties, Texas, and Lea County, New Mexico, a flat price of 25c. per barrel prevails. Darst Creek, Markham and Smackover crudes are 37c. per barrel.

The Sinclair Refining Co. met the new Mid-Continent schedule, effective June 1. June 2 Magnolia Petroleum, subsidiary of Standard of New York, met the prices with the exception of east Texas and the Panhandle district. Magnolia quotes 22c. for 22 gravity, 23c. for 24 gravity, 24c. for 27 gravity, and 25c. for 28 gravity, as compared with the flat price of 25c. for oil below 29 gravity established by Stanolind.

The immediate result of the price slashing was a meeting of about 100 Kansas producers in Wichita, where Thurman Hill, member of the Kansas Public Service Commission, declared that "this sounds the death knell of the owners of small production. The Public Service Commission does not intend to sit idly by and let thousands of Kansans be ruined so a few major oil companies may dominate the market. We will request the Attorney General of the United States and the Attorney General of Kansas to bring immediate action against the oil trust, which is apparently violating with impunity the laws governing monopoly, price fixing and restraint of trade." President Hoover has been urged by Oklahoma officials to call a special session of Congress to investigate the "unmerited reductions, and stabilize the oil industry."

In commenting upon the reductions, Harry F. Sinclair declared: "I have always been of the opinion that things would not get better until we had a firm foundation on which to build upward. So long as we had nothing better than shifting sands under our feet we could get nowhere. If there is a bottom, we are close to it now, if not there. As is the case in the stock market, buyers have been scarce because everybody feared still lower prices. An upturn is due because things have gone to the extreme on the down side."

The East Texas oil field, despite the fact that it is but six months old, now has 735 producers, as compared with three producing wells four months ago. The excess production of this field, in constant violation of proration allowances set by the railroad commission, has precipitated the present situation in the industry. Aside from continuing full production schedules contrary to the commission's orders, 14 producers are involved in legal suits contesting the commission's authority to establish allowable production in the first place. R. R. Penn, vice-president of the American Petroleum Institute, Wednesday urged the formation of a corporation for the joint management of the East Texas field. He estimated that the industry is suffering a daily loss of \$960,000 as a result of depressed prices brought about by the East Texas production.

In announcing the action of Stanolind in leading the way in price cutting in Mid-Continent, it was stated by President R. S. Ellison for the company that "during the past week

purchasers of East Texas crude reduced their posted prices 30c. a barrel, bringing 40 gravity down to 37c. a barrel. Approximately 400,000 barrels of crude per day is now being sold throughout the Mid-Continent field, including East Texas, at about half what we have been paying. High gravity crude is being freely offered in East Texas at less than 20c. per barrel. We cannot go on paying more for our raw material than is paid for by our competitors. Existing low prices are the result of current overproduction, and, in our opinion, will continue until that overproduction ceases."

Price changes of the week follow:

June 1.—Stanolind Crude Oil Purchasing Co., subsidiary of Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, reduces Mid-Continent crude prices to new levels as follows: 25c. per barrel for below 29 gravity with 1c. advance per gravity to 37c. on 40 gravity and above.

June 2.—Magnolia Petroleum Co., subsidiary of Standard Oil of New York, meets Stanolind crude price schedule in Mid-Continent, the new schedule applying to Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, except East Texas and Panhandle. For below 29 gravity, instead of Stanolind's flat 25c. per barrel price, Magnolia quotes: Below 22 gravity, 22c. per barrel; 26 gravity, 23c. per barrel; 27 gravity, 24c. per barrel; 28 gravity, 25c. per barrel.

June 2.—Effective as of June 1, Sinclair Refining Co. meets price schedule of Stanolind for Mid-Continent crudes.

June 3.—The Texas Co. and Humble Oil & Refining Co. withdraw posting of prices in East Texas.

June 3.—The Texas Co. posted new prices in Oklahoma, northern Louisiana, northern Texas and central Texas, as follows: Carson and Hutchinson counties, 21c. for less than 35 gravity to 27c. for 40 gravity and above; Gulf Coast B 44c. for less than 25 gravity to 60c. for 40 gravity and above; Gray County, 24c. for gravity below 35 to 30c. for 40 gravity or higher. In West Texas area of Winkler, Crane and Upton counties, and Lea County, New Mexico, a flat price of 25c. per barrel prevails; Darst Creek, Markham and Smackover crudes are 37c.

June 3.—Tide Water Pipe Co., Ltd., announced reduction in Pennsylvania crude oil in Bradford and Allegheny fields of 25c. per barrel, new price being \$1.75 per barrel.

June 3.—South Penn Oil Co. announces reduction of 25c. on oil in National Transit lines, quoting \$1.50 new price on oil in South West Pennsylvania Pipe Lines Co. lines \$1.35; new price on oil in Eureka lines, \$1.25; and in Buckeye lines, \$1.00; Corning crude was reduced 15c. a barrel to 65c.

June 4.—Effective June 2 the Ohio Oil Co. reduced market price of Illinois, Princeton and western Kentucky crudes 25c. a barrel; Lima, 20c., Wooster, 26c. and Indiana, 15c.

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

Bradford, Pa.	\$1.75	Smackover, Ark., 24 and over	\$.37
Corning, Ohio	.65	Eldorado, Ark., 40	.67
Cabell, W. Va.	1.05	Rusk, Texas, 40 and over	.67
Illinois	.55	Urania, La.	.75
Western Kentucky	.50	Salt Creek, Wyo., 37	.61
Midcontinent, Okla., 37	.37	Sunburst, Mont.	1.55
Hutehinson, Texas, 40 and over	.27	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 40 and over	.72
Spindletop, Texas, grade A	.80	Huntington, Calif., 26	.72
Spindletop, Texas, below 25	.80	Petrolia, Canada	1.50
Winkler, Texas	.25		

REFINED PRODUCTS—DIESEL AND BUNKER FUEL OIL PRICES REDUCED—GASOLINE STEADY IN FACE OF RAPIDLY RISING CONSUMPTION—KEROSENE DULL.

Reductions of 10c. per barrel in prices of Diesel oil and bunker fuel oil were made by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey this week, following continued unsettled conditions in the refined products markets. Gasoline held unchanged through the week, in spite of sharp cuts in crude prices in Mid-Continent. The strength was due to rapidly increasing consumption as the hot weather becomes a daily occurrence.

The Diesel oil cut was announced Thursday, Standard reducing quotations to \$1.55 a barrel at New York, Boston, Baltimore, Norfolk and Charleston. Bunker fuel oil new prices follow: at New York, Boston, Baltimore, and Norfolk, 85c. a barrel; at Charleston, S. C., 90c. a barrel; at Gulf ports, 70c. It is believed that the new prices represent the lowest level ever reached by bunker fuel, the highest being \$2.90 a barrel on June 11 1920. The reduction on bunker fuel oil also applies to San Juan, Panama Canal, Trinidad, Ponce, St. Thomas and Kingston. U. S. Motor gasoline remains at 5 3/4 to 6c. per gallon, tank car, at nearby refineries. Kerosene is dull and unchanged. Domestic heating oils are weak as an aftermath of the crude price reductions.

While consumption of gasoline throughout the metropolitan area is showing normal seasonal increase, competition between distributors is so keen that it is doubtful whether the greater consumption will result beneficially as far as they are concerned. The retail field is considered "glutted" with outlets, with as many as a dozen stations on one block in certain districts.

Whether or not the cut in crude prices made this week will be reflected in gasoline quotations remains to be seen. It is doubted in some quarters, as it is believed that the crude market will adjust itself quickly, making unnecessary an adjustment of refined products prices.

Price changes follow:

June 4.—Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey announces reduction of 10c. a barrel in Diesel oil, the new price being \$1.55 at New York, Boston, Baltimore, Norfolk and Charleston.

June 4.—Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey announces reduction of 10c. a barrel in bunker fuel oil, new prices being 85c. a barrel at New York, Boston, Baltimore, and Norfolk; 90c. a barrel at Charleston, S. C.; 70c. a barrel at Gulf Ports. Reduction also applies to San Juan, Panama Canal, Ponce, St. Thomas and Kingston.

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

Table listing gasoline prices for various states like N.Y., Stand. Oil, N.J., etc., with prices in dollars and cents.

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

Table listing gasoline prices for service stations in various cities like New York, Atlanta, Baltimore, etc.

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

Table listing kerosene prices for various states and cities.

Fuel Oil, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.

Table listing fuel oil prices for various states and cities.

Gas Oil, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.

Table listing gas oil prices for various states and cities.

Crude Oil Output in United States Again Rises.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended May 30 1931, was 2,462,150 barrels...

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS).

Large table showing daily average production figures in barrels for various regions like Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle Texas, etc., for the weeks ending May 30 '31, May 23 '31, May 16 '31, and May 31 '30.

The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West, East Central, East and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas...

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

Table showing production figures for various pools across different states like Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle Texas, North Texas, West Central Texas, East Texas, Southwest Texas, North Louisiana, etc.

East Texas Oil Prices Entirely Withdrawn.

Practically all the major purchasing companies have now withdrawn their prices for crude oil in the east Texas field, where production is running far in excess of proration allowable.

The New York "Evening Post," in discussing the situation in its issue of June 4, said:

Formation of a corporation for joint management of the east Texas oil field was urged by R. R. Penn, Vice-President of the American Petroleum Institute.

Bunker Price Cut.

Bunker fuel at Atlantic Coast and Gulf points has been reduced 10 cents a barrel by Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

These prices are believed to be the company's lowest on record for bunker oil. The previous low point was 92½ cents a barrel at New York in 1921...

Ohio oil has reduced the market price of Illinois, Princeton and western Kentucky crude oils 25 cents a barrel. Lima 20 cents, Wooster 26 cents and Indiana 15 cents.

Conservation of California oil was a step nearer to-day through signing last night by Governor James Rolph Jr. of a bill creating a State commission of five members.

The bill provides the commission may decide whether there is an unnecessary waste in production, and if so, may establish proration, designating the amount each oil district or field may produce.

The price of Canadian crude oil has been reduced 20 cents a barrel to \$1.55 for petrolea and \$1.62 for oilsprings.

Natural Gasoline Production Resumed Downward Trend in April—Inventories Again Increase.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, the downward trend in natural gasoline production was resumed in April when the total output amounted to 160,600,000 gallons, or a daily average of 5,350,000 gallons...

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GASOLINE (THOUSANDS OF GALLONS).

Table showing production of natural gasoline in thousands of gallons for April 1931, March 1931, April 1930, Jan-April 1931, April 1931, and March 1931, across various regions.

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

Reports compiled by the American Petroleum Institute for the week ended May 30 1931, from companies aggregating 3,571,200 barrels, or 95.7% of the 3,730,100 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity...

CRUDE RUNS TO STILL, GASOLINE STOCKS AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED MAY 30 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.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast.....	100.0	3,477,000	81.1	8,267,000	8,738,000
Appalachian.....	93.8	676,000	72.9	1,600,000	1,140,000
Ind., Illinois, Kentucky	97.5	2,273,000	85.2	6,386,000	3,784,000
Okl., Kans., Missouri.	89.4	1,932,000	87.0	3,645,000	4,264,000
Texas.....	91.9	4,028,000	77.4	7,840,000	9,880,000
Louisiana-Arkansas.....	98.3	1,233,000	67.3	2,383,000	2,427,000
Rocky Mountain.....	93.1	337,000	34.4	1,905,000	843,000
California.....	98.8	3,366,000	54.2	12,769,000	98,387,000
Total week May 30.....	95.7	17,322,000	69.3	44,795,000	129,463,000
Daily average.....		2,474,600			
Total week May 23.....	95.7	17,092,000	68.4	45,449,000	128,555,000
Daily average.....		2,441,700			
Total May 31 1930.....	95.8	17,964,000	72.8	52,715,000	137,593,000
Daily average.....		2,566,300	72.8		
z Texas Gulf Coast.....	100.0	3,069,000	82.8	6,642,000	6,977,000
z Louisiana Gulf Coast.....	100.0	829,000	80.3	2,226,000	1,491,000

x In all the refining districts indicated except California, figures in this column represent gasoline stocks at refineries. * In California they represent the total inventory of finished gasoline and engine distillate held by reporting companies wherever located within continental United States (stocks at refineries, water terminals and all sales distributing stations, including products in transit thereto). y Revised due to change in California. z Included above in table for week ended May 30 1931.

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."

Good Copper Call At 8-Cent Level—Large Producers Out of Market—Lead, Zinc, Tin Quiet.

Copper was again the feature of the non-ferrous metal market this week, free offerings by both custom smelters and producers driving the price down to a new all-time low of 8 cents, delivered Connecticut. "Metal and Mineral Markets" reports, adding:

Tin declined to a new low for the present century, the price touching 22.35 cents yesterday; in 1899 the price dropped slightly below 20 cents. Lead, silver and zinc were substantially unchanged in price though trading was dull.

A good tonnage of copper was sold at 8½ cents, delivered, last Thursday, and that price also prevailed the next day on very meager business. No interest at all was shown by consumers on Monday and business was done in a small way as low as 8¼ cents. Effective Tuesday, June 2, the export price was reduced from 9.025 cents, c. i. f. to 8.775 cents, which led to the buying of 2,700 long tons in the foreign market, but on the same day selling pressure was renewed in the domestic market with the result that after a fairly good tonnage was sold at 8¼ cents, even more was marketed at 8 cents.

Yesterday, all copper sales reported were at 8 cents, though the large producing groups were out of the market, as they have been all week. Custom smelter copper was not entirely, or even principally, responsible for the pressure on the market, some small producers evidently being anxious to raise cash. Canadian copper was freely sold.

Total sales of copper for the week approximated 14,000 tons, and by far the largest proportion of this was for fourth-quarter shipment. In other words, consumers seem well supplied with copper for current requirements, their orders having shown no improvement, and are merely buying for far-forward shipment because the metal is deep.

Foreign consumers are buying from hand to mouth, but are not interested when the export price is above domestic parity, which is most of the time.

Copper At 8 Cents a Pound—New Low Record—Second-Hand Product Reduced, but Official Domestic Price Stands At 8½.

The following is from the New York "Times" of June 4: Sales of copper at 8 cents a pound, a new low record, were made yesterday. The official domestic price, as quoted by producers, remained unchanged at 8½ cents, but custom smelters offered the metal at 8¼ cents, and second-hand copper was sold at 8 cents. The export price, which was reduced a quarter cent a pound on Tuesday, was unchanged at 8.775 cents, c. i. f. European base ports.

The decline in the price of copper was ascribed to the absence of a vigorous domestic demand, and to the forthcoming copper statistics for May, which are to be announced in a few days and which are expected to show an increase in stocks of the metal to a new high record.

Price of Copper At 8¼ Cents—New Low Level—Wire and Cable Prices Cut.

The price of copper for export was reduced on June 2 a quarter cent a pound by Copper Exporters, Inc., to 8.775 cents a pound, c. i. f., European base ports, a new low record. On June 4 a further reduction by Copper Exporters, Inc. brought the price of export copper to 8.52½ cents a pound, a new low figure. From the new York "Evening Post" of June 4 we take the following:

It was estimated that approximately 3,500,000 pounds of the metal were engaged this forenoon for shipment abroad at the new price, which compares with a negligible tonnage sold yesterday. The foreign price, however, is still quarter of a cent above domestic parity, as the metal is still available in this market at 8 cents a pound delivered to the end of October.

Prices were reduced to-day by National Electric Products Corp. and Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. on all copper and wire cables to levels equaling 8¼ cents a pound for refined copper.

American Brass Reduces Prices.

The Boston "News Bureau" of June 3 said: American Brass Co. has reduced prices of brass products ¼ cent a pound and bronze and copper products ¼ cents a pound.

Zinc At 3.20 Cents.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of June 3: Prime Western zinc has been sold at 3.20 cents a pound, East St. Louis. This is the lowest price since the '90s and is a decline of five points from Tuesday.

Pittsburgh Scrap Price Reduced.

Pittsburgh advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of June 3 said:

Heavy melting steel scrap in the Pittsburgh district has been reduced 25 cents a ton to \$10.50 to \$11. Blast furnace material sold 50 cents lower at \$7 to \$7.25 a ton.

Prices of Tin Slump on London Market—Decline Below £100 a Ton is Prevented.

Under date of May 29 a cablegram to the New York "Times" said:

In the rubber market to-day plantation grades opened quiet, improved slightly and closed dull. Smoked sheet spot sold at 3¼d. a pound value, June 3¼d. value, July-September 3¼d. value, October-December at 3¼d. value, January-March at 3¼d. value, April-June at 3¼d. value, crepe spot value, June-July sold at 3¼d. c. i. f. New York. Para at 3¼d. Smoked sheet June-July sold at 4¼d. sellers. Stocks in grades were quiet. Hard fine spot was quoted at 4¼d. Sellers. Stocks in London and Liverpool are expected to show decreases of 600 tons and 300 tons respectively on Monday next.

In the tin market the East reported 225 tons sold at £103 10s. c. i. f., a fall of 40 shillings. Easy advices from Singapore and New York, depressing reports from the tin-plate trade, and realizing sales resulted in an easy tendency here at the opening. With plentiful offerings of three months at £102, about 200 tons were disposed of, and a momentary improvement of 5s. was not held. In mid-session the market was less active but about steady, while in the late trade strenuous efforts were made to prevent prices falling below the £100 level. The close was consequently steadier, though on balance both cash and three months were 15s. lower. Sales totaled 1,200 tons. Cash sold at £100 10s., £100 17s. 6d. and £100 12s. 6d., June at £101; August at £102 12s. 6d., £101 12s. 6d. and £102 2s. 6d., three months at £102, £102 5s., £102 7s. 6d., £102 2s. 6d., £102 5s. and £102 2s. 6d. The settlement price was £100 15s. In the late trade cash sold at £101 2s. 6d., £101 15s., early June at £100 17s. 6d., three months at £102 7s. 6d., £102 5s., £102 10s. Options of £5 were paid for calls and £10 for puts and calls. English common time was quoted at £101 15s. Shipments from Batavia from April 26 to May 25 amounted to 1,191 tons, against 1,164 tons in the preceding month.

Tin Output Cut to 105,845 Tons.

From The Hague June 3 advices to the New York "Times" said:

The International Tin Committee on May 16 asked participating governments to reduce their production by 20,000 tons as soon as possible. The president of the Committee now states that all have agreed to reduce the total production from June 1 to 105,845 long tons yearly.

Progress Toward Rationalization of Tin Industry Shown in Annual Report of Tin Producers' Association.

A survey of the progress made during the past year towards the rationalization of the tin producing industry is contained in the first annual report of the Tin Producers' Association, which has just been received in this country, and made available June 1.

The scheme of voluntary regulation of tin output, which was adopted by the members of the association in November 1929, achieved a considerable measure of success, the report states, but owing to the steady decline in tin consumption during 1930, the voluntary measures proved to be inadequate. It became apparent that, to be effective, the scheme must cover all producers in all the countries concerned. In October 1930, a conference of Malayan, Bolivian and Dutch producing interests advocated a comprehensive Government enforced international quota scheme, to include Malaya, Nigeria, Bolivia and the Netherlands East Indies, countries responsible for about 90% of the world output. This plan was approved by the council of the Tin Producers' Association and formed the basis of the scheme which was eventually adopted by the governments of the four countries concerned. The quadrilateral government agreement provided for the regulation of production and exports, with effect as from March 1 1931.

The Council, the report states, "has always recognized that the necessary corollary of rationalization is research, in order to widen the existing markets for tin, to create new consuming industries, and to examine competitive metals." A summary of the work done by the Tin Research & Industrial Applications Committee of the Tin Producers' Association with this end in view is given. It is hoped, the report adds, that, to enable this work to continue and expand, the governments of the tin-producing countries will establish a small levy on the export of tin ore.

The report shows that membership of the association has increased 196 members in April 1930 to 202. During the period from September 1929 to December 1930, Senor Antenor Patino R., R. J. Richardson, C. V. Stephens and Richmond Temple were elected ordinary members of the

Council, while Don Simon I. Patino and Sir George Maxwell were elected honorary members.

International Committee Would Reduce Annual Output of Tin to 125,000 Tons.

The decision of the International Tin Committee, meeting at The Hague on May 16, to recommend an additional curtailment of 20,000 tons annually in the production of tin, was favorably received in both the London and New York markets, it is stated. The proposed further cut is equivalent to 15.9% of the present quota, or a total restriction of 33% on the 1929 production, as compared with an existing rate of 22%. An announcement in the matter also says:

The International Committee was unanimous in its decision and announced that recommendations would be made to the participating governments that the new curtailment be made effective as soon as regulations could be enforced. The recommendation now needs only formal adoption by the governments concerned and as the Committee is composed of official representatives of these governments, it is expected that the new quotas will be adopted without delay.

The result of the new quota plans would reduce the total world output to 125,000 tons annually, compared with the present world total of 145,000 tons and a 1929 output of 188,280 tons. Cable messages from London said that tin circles there believed the new cut in production would be more than sufficient to equate supplies with demand and in addition to reduce substantially the visible stocks now overhanging the market.

A previous item in the matter appeared in our issue of May 23, page 3804.

Governments of Four Chief Tin-Producing Countries Agree to Reduction of Output by 20,000 Tons Annually.

Governments of the four countries participating in the international tin agreement—Federated Malay States, Bolivia, Dutch East Indies, and Nigeria—have agreed to a reduction of 20,000 tons in their tin output, according to an announcement made in London on June 3 by the British Colonial Office. The reduction takes effect from June 1. The announcement of the Colonial Office said:

At its meeting at The Hague on May 16 the international tin committee decided to recommend that the four participating Governments should reduce their output of tin by 20,000 tons from the earliest date from which it was administratively possible. The four Governments have now accepted that recommendation and agreed to the reduction with effect from June 1. The quotas of the four countries, as from June 1, will accordingly be as follows: Bolivia, 28,818 long tons per annum; Malaya, 45,355 tons; Netherlands East Indies, 25,159 tons; Nigeria, 6,513 tons; total, 105,845 tons.

Ingot Production Off in May.

The American Iron and Steel Institute, in its regular monthly report of steel ingot production, calculates the output of all companies during May as 2,505,485 tons. This is 216,994 tons less than in April, when the output was 2,722,479 tons. In May 1930 3,982,915 tons were produced. Average daily production for the 26 days in May 1931 was 96,365 tons, while in April, in which month there was the same number of working days, daily production approximated 104,711 tons. May 1930, with 27 working days, averaged an output of 147,515 tons. Below we show the figures as given out by the Institute back to January 1930.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1930 TO MAY 1931—GROSS TONS. Reported for 1930 by companies which made 95.21% of the Open-hearth and Bessemer Steel Ingot Production in that year.

Table with columns: Month, Open-Hearth, Bessemer, Monthly Output Companies Reporting, Calculated Monthly Output All Companies, No. of Working Days, Approx. Daily Output All Cos., Per Cent. Operation. Rows include 1930 (Jan-Dec), 5 mos., 1931 (Jan-May), and 5 mos.

* Revised. x Adjusted.

a The figures of "per cent of operation" in 1930 are based on the annual capacity as of Dec. 31 1929, of 62,265,670 gross tons for Bessemer and Open-hearth steel ingots; and in 1931 are based on the annual capacity as of Dec. 31 1930, of 66,069,570 gross tons for Bessemer and Open-hearth steel ingots.

Pig Iron Daily Output 4 1/2% Lower in May.

Daily average output of pig iron in May is figured at 64,325 gross tons, a decline of 4.44% from the 67,317 tons in April, according to the "Iron Age" of June 4. This puts the May figure below that for March but above the figures for February, January, December and November last. It is the smallest May daily rate since that of 1921, when 39,394 tons was made. The "Age" also announces:

Coke pig iron production in May was 1,994,082 tons, the figures having been gathered largely by telegraph on June 1 and 2. This contrasts with 2,019,529 tons in April and 2,032,248 tons in March. Except for these two months, the May production was the largest since last October.

In five months a total of 9,466,746 tons of pig irons has been made. This contrasts with 15,327,183 tons in the first five months of 1930. The loss, compared with last year, is about 39%. The current total is the smallest for the first five months since that of 1921, when 8,363,333 tons was made. The 1931 figure, however, was only slightly below that of the first five months of 1922, when production was 9,689,655 tons.

Net Loss of Eight Furnaces.

Five furnaces were blown in during May and 13 were blown out, leaving a net loss of eight. Thus there were 105 stacks active on June 1, compared with 113 on May 1, and a recent high of 116 on April 1. The loss of eight stacks reduced the gain since the first of the year to 10, as there were 95 furnaces active on Jan. 1.

Furnaces in blast June 1 are estimated to have been making iron on that date at the daily rate of 61,085 tons. This contrasts with 66,980 tons a day for the 113 active furnaces on May 1.

It is noteworthy that the drop of 27,500 tons in total output from May to June is accounted for wholly by a decline of 40,000 tons in the Chicago district. There was a drop of 23,000 tons in western Pennsylvania, and of 9,000 tons in central and northern Ohio. To offset this, there were gains of 10,000 tons each in the Pittsburgh district and the New York and Massachusetts group, of 9,000 tons in the Wheeling district, and of 17,000 tons in the miscellaneous group stretching from Michigan to Colorado.

Furnaces Changes in May.

Of the five furnaces blown in in May, one belongs to the Steel Corp., two to independent steel companies, and two to merchant companies. Of the 13 blown out, seven belong to the Steel Corp., two to independent steel companies, and four to merchant companies, one being a furnace making ferromanganese.

Those blown in include a Port Henry, N. Y., furnace of Witherbee, Sherman & Co.; furnace F, Edgar Thomson Works, Carnegie Steel Co., Pittsburgh district; a Haselton furnace of the Republic Steel Corp. at Youngstown, replacing (in advance) a furnace due to go down for relining; a furnace of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., Pueblo; a Detroit (Zug) furnace of M. A. Hanna & Co.

Furnaces blown out include the Standish furnace of the Chateaugay Ore & Iron Co. in northern New York; a Clairton furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co., Pittsburgh district; furnaces J and K, Edgar Thomson Works; No. 1 Monongahela furnace of the National Tube Co.; a furnace of the Pittsburgh Steel Co. at Monessen, Pa.; a Cambria furnace of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. at Johnstown, Pa.; a Central furnace of the American Steel & Wire Co. in Ohio; No. 9 and No. 11 furnaces at the Gary Works, Illinois Steel Co.; a Federal furnace of the By-Products Coke Corp., Chicago; the Jisco furnace, Jackson Iron & Steel Co. in southern Ohio; and the Oriskany furnace of the Lavino Furnace Co., making ferromanganese.

As a result of these changes in furnaces in blast, the Steel Corp. has six furnaces fewer in operation than a month ago, independent steel companies stand in the same position as a month ago, having put two furnaces in and two out, while the merchant stacks, including ferromanganese, show a net loss of two furnaces, with two in and four out.

PRODUCTION OF STEEL COMPANIES FOR OWN USE—GROSS TONS.

Table with columns: Total Pig Iron—Splegel and Ferromanganese (1929, 1930, 1931) and Ferromanganese (1929, 1930, 1931). Rows include monthly production from January to December for 1929, 1930, and 1931.

x Includes output of merchant furnaces.

DAILY RATE OF PIG IRON PRODUCTION BY MONTHS—GROSS TONS

Table with columns: Steel Works, Merchants, Total. Rows include monthly production from January to May for 1929, 1930, and 1931.

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

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON IN THE UNITED STATES BY MONTHS SINCE JAN. 1 1926—GROSS TONS.

Table with columns for years 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931 and rows for months from January to December, plus 6-month and 12-month averages.

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

Table with columns for years 1929, 1930, 1931 and rows for months from January to June, plus a 1/2 year average.

* These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. The 1930 production of this iron was 96,580 gross tons, as compared with 138,193 gross tons in 1929 and 142,960 gross tons in 1928.

Steel Production Declines Further—Price of Finished Steel and Steel Scrap Lower.

Seasonal influences and a fresh wave of pessimism, engendered by the performance of the securities markets, are having their effect on iron and steel demand, states the "Iron Age" of June 4.

Apparently there is little remaining margin between current consumption and rock bottom requirements, and meanwhile exaggerated caution is resulting in the piling up of deferred needs which, when released, should tend to make the eventual upturn in demand more pronounced.

Finished steel prices, as measured by the "Iron Age" composite price, now average 2.102c. a lb., or only \$2.08 a ton above the low point reached in the last severe depression (1.998c. a lb. on Feb. 23 1922).

Pig iron production in May showed a decline of 4 1/2%. While this was the first reduction in output since December, it was foreshadowed by the downturn of steel ingot production in April and the continued recession of steel works operations during the past month.

A prime cause of the present decline in steel production is the slackening of activity in the motor car industry. Automotive demand for steel this month is expected to show further curtailment, since retail sales of cars have been adversely affected by the recent stock market slump.

Rail mill operations continue to taper, now averaging 35% at Chicago, and tin plate output has receded from 70 to 65% of capacity.

Structural steel awards, including 37,000 tons of welded plate work for the Hetch Hetchy pipe line in California, total 81,500 tons, placing the past week among the best of the year.

Oil and gas line demand is featured by the placing of 8,000 tons by the Magnolia Pipe Line Co. with the A. O. Smith Corp. and the award by the Humble Pipe Line Co. of 6,500 tons, of which 2,000 tons went to the National Tube Co.

Scrap prices at Pittsburgh have undergone a general decline of 25c. to 50c. a ton, the leading grade, heavy melting steel, having receded 25c. a ton.

Pig iron production in May was 1,994,082 tons, or 64,325 tons a day, compared with 2,019,529 tons, or 67,317 tons daily, in April.

The "Iron Age" composite price for finished steel has declined from 2.114 to 2.102c. a lb., following a change in the discount structure for steel pipe. Steel scrap has receded from \$9.75 to \$9.67 a ton.

Table showing Finished Steel prices for June 2 1931, 2.102c. a lb., and comparative data for various grades like wire, rails, black pipe, and sheets.

Table for Pig Iron prices, showing June 2 1931 at \$15.63 a Gross Ton, with High and Low prices for various dates and locations like Valley furnace and foundry irons.

Table for Steel Scrap prices, showing June 2 1931 at \$9.67 a Gross Ton, with High and Low prices for various dates and locations like heavy melting steel.

After rising for four consecutive months the daily rate of pig iron production turned down in May, daily output averaging 64,355 gross tons, compared with 66,986 tons in April and 104,564 tons in May 1930.

The decline in the daily rate of pig iron production foreshadows a decrease in the output of steel ingots for May, to be disclosed next week.

As in a majority of weeks thus far in 1931, structural requirements are outstandingly large. Bids will be taken, for example, on June 15 for 30,000 tons for a bridge at Henderson, Ky.

The Treasury Department architect at Washington has plans under way for 50 Federal structures, of which eight or 10 should be placed in June.

Steel pipe demand is more active, awards for the week amounting to 72,500 tons, including 40,000 tons for the Hetch Hetchy project, San Francisco, placed with the Western Pipe & Steel Co.

Probability that the May output of passenger cars and trucks in the United States approximated the 335,708 produced in April fails to overcome the feeling of pessimism at Detroit concerning a recession in June.

For the 150 electric locomotives ordered by the Pennsylvania RR. comparatively little rolled steel will be required.

Neither producers nor consumers display noteworthy interest in third quarter requirements, and except for bolts, nuts and rivets, on which second quarter prices have been extended, there has been no determination of prices for that period.

While strictly valley producers of basic iron stand upon \$17 as their market, the willingness of steelworks in nearby districts to accept less to move surplus is having a weakening effect on pig iron in those districts.

Reinforcing billet bars are down \$1 a ton at Chicago. One moderate size consumer of steel is reported to be replenishing stocks, believing current levels about represent the bottom.

Due to the softness in basic iron at Pittsburgh, in black sheets, wire and semi-finished steel. "Steel's" composite is down 30c. this week to \$31.03.

Steel ingot production for the week ended Monday (June 1) is estimated at slightly under 41% of theoretical capacity, reports the "Wall Street Journal" of June 3.

The U. S. Steel Corp. is down to 42%, against 44 1/2% a week earlier and under 46% two weeks ago.

In the corresponding week a year ago operations of U. S. Steel came down 5% to 70%, while independents dropped about 2% to 67%, and the average was off nearly 3% to 71%.

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. Since Dec. 11 1930 the totals are exclusive of figures for the Bank of United States in this city, which closed its doors on that date. 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 \$35,000,000, the total on June 3 1931 standing at \$1,539,000,000. The present week's decrease of \$35,000,000 follows a decrease of \$57,000,000 last week and a decrease of \$218,000,000 in the five preceding weeks. Loans "for own account" fell during the week from \$1,191,000,000 to \$1,169,000,000, loans "for account of out-of-town banks" from \$207,000,000 to \$199,000,000, and "loans for account of others" from \$176,000,000 to \$171,000,000. The total of these loans on May 27 1931 at \$1,539,000,000 is the lowest since July 9 1924, when the amount was \$1,527,481,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

New York.			
	June 3 1931.	May 27 1931.	June 4 1930.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total	7,804,000,000	7,815,000,000	8,134,000,000
Loans—total	5,107,000,000	5,152,000,000	6,122,000,000
On securities	2,920,000,000	2,969,000,000	3,753,000,000
All other	2,187,000,000	2,183,000,000	2,369,000,000
Investments—total	2,697,000,000	2,663,000,000	2,012,000,000
U. S. Government securities	1,525,000,000	1,505,000,000	1,066,000,000
Other securities	1,172,000,000	1,158,000,000	946,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	792,000,000	867,000,000	784,000,000
Cash in vault	44,000,000	48,000,000	46,000,000
Net demand deposits	5,775,000,000	5,818,000,000	5,641,000,000
Time deposits	1,215,000,000	1,251,000,000	1,377,000,000
Government deposits	2,000,000	9,000,000	10,000,000
Due from banks	109,000,000	78,000,000	101,000,000
Due to banks	1,189,000,000	1,178,000,000	1,027,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank			22,000,000
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers			
For own account	1,169,000,000	1,191,000,000	1,911,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks	199,000,000	207,000,000	995,000,000
For account of others	171,000,000	176,000,000	1,195,000,000
Total	1,539,000,000	1,574,000,000	4,101,000,000
On demand	1,190,000,000	1,234,000,000	3,469,000,000
On time	349,000,000	340,000,000	632,000,000
Chicago.			
Loans and investments—total	1,935,000,000	1,941,000,000	1,904,000,000
Loans—total	1,328,000,000	1,337,000,000	1,518,000,000
On securities	759,000,000	768,000,000	926,000,000
All other	569,000,000	569,000,000	593,000,000
Investments—total	607,000,000	604,000,000	386,000,000
U. S. Government securities	352,000,000	341,000,000	156,000,000
Other securities	255,000,000	263,000,000	229,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	178,000,000	170,000,000	182,000,000
Cash in vault	14,000,000	15,000,000	13,000,000
Net demand deposits	1,193,000,000	1,219,000,000	1,271,000,000
Time deposits	664,000,000	648,000,000	554,000,000
Government deposits	1,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000
Due from banks	172,000,000	195,000,000	126,000,000
Due to banks	336,000,000	333,000,000	343,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	1,000,000	1,000,000	

* Revised.

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

As explained above, the statements for the New York and Chicago member banks are now given out on 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

this previous week, namely the week ended with the close of business on May 27.

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on May 27 shows decreases for the week of \$110,000,000 in loans and investments, \$132,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$13,000,000 in time deposits and \$26,000,000 in Government deposits.

Loans on securities declined \$59,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district, \$7,000,000 in the Cleveland district and \$53,000,000 at all reporting banks, and increased \$12,000,000 in the Chicago district. "All other" loans declined \$59,000,000 in the New York district and \$39,000,000 at all reporting banks, and increased \$19,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$11,000,000 in the Cleveland district.

Holdings of United States Government securities increased \$36,000,000 in the New York district and \$16,000,000 in the Chicago district, and declined \$33,000,000 in the St. Louis district, \$16,000,000 in the Dallas district, \$8,000,000 in the Boston district and \$10,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other securities increased \$36,000,000 in the St. Louis district, and declined \$27,000,000 in the New York district, \$22,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$8,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve Banks aggregated \$29,000,000 on May 27, the principal change for the week being an increase of \$3,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended May 27 1931, follows:

	May 27 1931.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) May 20 1931.	May 28 1930.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total	22,596,000,000	-110,000,000	-128,000,000
Loans—total	14,813,000,000	-92,000,000	-2,024,000,000
On securities	6,928,000,000	-53,000,000	-1,493,000,000
All other	7,885,000,000	-39,000,000	-531,000,000
Investments—total	7,785,000,000	-18,000,000	+1,896,000,000
U. S. Government securities	3,937,000,000	-10,000,000	+1,126,000,000
Other securities	3,848,000,000	-8,000,000	+770,000,000
Reserve with Federal Res've banks	1,847,000,000	+13,000,000	+105,000,000
Cash in vault	226,000,000	+3,000,000	-9,000,000
Net demand deposits	13,625,000,000	-132,000,000	+237,000,000
Time deposits	7,396,000,000	-13,000,000	+237,000,000
Government deposits	38,000,000	-26,000,000	-13,000,000
Due from banks	1,732,000,000	+8,000,000	+595,000,000
Due to banks	3,632,000,000	-38,000,000	+334,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks	29,000,000	+1,000,000	-38,000,000

Death of Mortimer L. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.

Mortimer L. Schiff, senior member of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and its Stock Exchange member, died suddenly in his home at Oyster Bay, L. I., early in the morning of June 4. Mr. Schiff would have been 54 years old on June 5. His death was sudden, and was caused by a heart attack, which he had apparently suffered during the night, his body having been found resting in a chair near a window, when his butler went to his room about 7 a. m. to awaken him. Mr. Schiff had left his offices on William St. at 3 p. m. the previous day, and he had planned to be in New York early on the following day. Mr. Schiff had been under treatment for heart disease, by Dr. Leo Kessel, who had also treated Mr. Schiff's father, the late Jacob H. Schiff, who likewise, on Sept. 2 1920 had died of heart disease.

Mortimer L. Schiff was born in New York, June 5 1877, the son of Jacob Henry and Therese (Loeb) Schiff. He had his preparatory training in private schools and attended Amherst College in the class of 1896, receiving an honorary degree of A.M. in 1906. The New York "Times" in sketching his career said in part:

Upon leaving college he studied railroading with the New York Ontario & Western RR. and the Great Northern RR., after which he spent two years in Hamburg and London studying European banking methods.

When he returned to this country he joined his father's banking concern, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of which he was a senior member at the time of his death. His connection with Kuhn, Loeb & Co. dated from Jan. 1 1900. He became a director of many industrial and financial enterprises and a leader in the field of philanthropy in accord with the traditions established by his distinguished father.

Pioneer in Boy Scout Movement.

The Boy Scouts in America were, perhaps, his main interest in his social welfare work. He was a charter member of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America and had been active in scouting since its establishment in the United States. The movement claimed him as one of its founders. In May 1931 in recognition of his long services, he was elected President of the Boy Scouts of America at the twenty-first annual meeting of the National Council in Memphis, Tenn.

Active in Jewish Charities.

As a philanthropist Mr. Schiff was the second largest subscriber to the Federation for the Support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies, in whose work he took a direct and active part.

It was Mr. Schiff's gift of \$50,000 which in 1923 helped purchase the Elkan N. Alder Library for the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, of which library Mr. Schiff was a trustee. He was himself a great lover and collector of books and an authority on book bindings. He was also a collector of majolica.

Mr. Schiff performed many valuable services during the World War, both in co-operation with the Government and in relief and social service activities. He was a member of the executive and finance committees of the War Work Council of the Young Men's Christian Association as well as a member of the executive committee and Chairman of the finance committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, both of which organizations he represented in France. One of his most important war services was as a member of the Committee of Eleven for the co-ordination of Army Service Agencies. He was a member of the board of directors of the United War

Work Campaign and served on the Liberty Loan, War Savings and Capital Issues Committees in this district.

Mr. Schiff was Vice-President of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, trustee of the Provident Loan Society of New York, the New York Foundation, the Baron de Hirsch Fund, the New York Zoological Society, the New York Botanical Garden, President of the Jewish Board of Guardians of New York, and Vice-President and director of the Chattel Loan Society of New York.

Notable Business Affiliations.

His business affiliations, besides his own concern, included directorships in the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York, Western Union Telegraph Co., American Railway Express Co., Wells Fargo Co., Pacific Oil Co., United States Safe Deposit Co., New York Foundation, United States Mortgage & Trust Co., Los Angeles & Salt Lake RR., and the American & Continental Corp.

Besides his wife, Mr. Schiff leaves a son, John M. Schiff, and a daughter, Mrs. Richard B. W. Hall.

Actions Brought by Bank of France Against Chase National Bank and Equitable Trust Co. To Recover Russian Gold Shipments Decided in Favor of Defendants.

The actions brought by the Bank of France against the Chase National Bank and the Equitable Trust Co. of New York for the surrender of shipments of gold received for the account of the State Bank of Soviet Russia, was decided yesterday (June 5) by Judge Caffey, who gave his decision in each of the cases on the issues therein in favor of the defendants and directed judgment dismissing the complaints on their merits, with costs. In the course of announcing his decision, Judge Caffey stated at some length the grounds on which he based the same. He held first that the question as to whether the plaintiff had acquired such title to the gold bars claimed to have been deposited by it with the Imperial State Bank of Russia in 1915 as to support an action for replevin was governed by the Russian law as it existed at the time of such deposits, and that the plaintiff had failed to establish title to such gold either under Russian law or otherwise.

Secondly, he upheld the defendants' contentions with respect to all of the so-called international law defenses.

Finally, Judge Caffey held that the plaintiff's theory of the tracing of its gold was untenable.

A fuller account of the decision will be given in these columns another week.

Chinese Loan Payments—J. P. Morgan & Co. to Meet Interest on Hukuang Railways Issue.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of last night (June 5):

On and after June 15, following interest on the Chinese Government 5% Hukuang Railways loan of 1911 will be paid by J. P. Morgan & Co.: Coupon 33, due Dec. 15 1927, on bonds of the American, British and French series and on unredeemed bonds of the American, British and French series drawn for redemption June 15 1926, and June 15 1927; coupon 32, due June 15 1927, on bonds of the German series, and on unredeemed bonds of the German series drawn for redemption on June 1 1925, and June 15 1926.

No provision has yet been made by China for payment of principal of any bonds of the American, British and French series drawn for redemption by sinking fund after June 15 1925, or of the German series after June 15 1924; nor has China arranged to pay interest due between Dec. 15 1920, and June 15 1924, on bonds of the German series, which prior to 1924 were in arrears.

Arrival in United States of Leon Fraser, American Director of Bank for International Settlements—Says Europe Awaits Signs of Recovery Here—Discusses Austrian Banking Situation.

Leon Fraser, American director and alternate President of the Bank for International Settlements, arrived in New York on June 2 on the steamer Ile de France for a month's vacation. Mr. Fraser is quoted as saying: "Europe is waiting on developments in the United States. The feeling is unanimous there that further recovery is dependent on advance here. All of Europe looks for the United States to make the first step. They are disappointed that it has not occurred sooner. Seen from Europe, there seems to be no improvement in the United States; but I hope, while I am here, to have the benefit of a closer look." According to the New York "Times," Mr. Fraser was questioned about the action of the Bank for International Settlements within the past two weeks in helping the Austrian banking system out of difficulties by a \$21,000,000 loan. That paper went on to say:

"It was the first emergency support given to any central bank since the World Bank was organized a year ago," Mr. Fraser said.

He verified the reported difficulties of the Austrian banking system which started with the announcement that losses had wiped out the capital of the Austrian Kreditanstalt, a private institution which finances about 250 of the leading Austrian industries, representing about two-thirds of the economic organization of the nation. The Austrian Government and the Austrian National Bank came to the immediate rescue of the Kreditanstalt, but themselves were strained by the operation.

The Austrian Government could not borrow from the World Bank because the statutes of the World Bank prohibited lending to governments; but Dr. Reisch, President of the Austrian National Bank, hurried to Basle and laid the situation before the directors of the member nations who then were assembled for the first annual meeting of the World Bank. Some of these directors represented the nations which had guaranteed the Austrian reconstruction loan of 1922, and were particularly anxious to prevent any disturbance of Austrian stability.

The desperateness of the situation was indicated by the almost overnight rapidity with which the consent of the guaranteeing nations was obtained and the intervention of the World Bank was brought about. This action resulted although France wished, as a preliminary, to require Austria to abandon the projected customs union with Germany which still remains a matter of politico-economic dispute, and although the directors were simultaneously drawing up a general public resolution that "the complexity and dangerous nature of the [European] credit field renders anything but short-term credits out of the question."

Mr. Fraser said that the offer of \$21,000,000 was made to the Austrian National Bank by the World Bank with the participation of the central banks of ten nations, including the United States. By lending to the Austrian National Bank the World Bank avoided the prohibition against lending to any government, even though the national bank immediately applied the money to taking up the treasury obligations issued by the Austrian Government. The World Bank, however, sent the Dutch expert, Dr. Bruins, to Vienna, in an advisory capacity to supervise the operation.

"It is very important to preserve the distinction between lending to the central bank and not to the government," said Mr. Fraser.

He was asked if he thought this "emergency support" would be successful in stabilizing the Austrian situation, or if it had only deferred a crisis.

"It is all a matter of confidence," he said. "It was the purpose and the expectation that the loan would clear up the situation; but I have been out of touch with the situation for a week and have not the full facts now."

He was asked about Russian operations as a factor in the world depression, but he declined to discuss them. He said the World Bank did not handle Russian transactions because the Russian currency was controlled by government decree, whereas the regulations of the World Bank prohibited it from dealing in any currency not on a gold basis.

London Stock Exchange Prices at Lowest Since March 1922.

The New York "Times," in its issue of June 1, reported the following from London, May 28:

The index number of 365 representative securities on the London Stock Exchange, drawn up by the "Bankers' Magazine" and based on their average prices with 1921 as 100, works out at 108 as of April 20. This average compares with 111.9 a month before and with 121.9 a year ago. It is the lowest since March 1922. With the exception of November 1929, following the crash in Wall Street, the depreciation in security values here during the past month was the severest for many years.

Some idea of the scope of the decline which has occurred in British railway ordinary shares can be gathered from the fact that the total market value of all stocks in that group now stands at £62,000,000 compared with £247,000,000 soon after the grouping of companies in 1922.

Two Members of London Stock Exchange Fail—Amounts Involved Small.

A cablegram, as follows, from London, May 26, is taken from the New York "Times":

The sound of the hammer was heard unexpectedly twice on the Stock Exchange to-day when it was announced that two members had been declared in default. It was first announced that Stafford Sidney had been "unable to comply with his bargains," and later a similar announcement was made concerning Walter Granville Morrison.

Word "Armistice" for Nov. 11 Dropped by British Legion—"Remembrance Day" New Designation.

From the New York "Times" we quote the following from London, May 25:

The British Legion decided to-day that the public should be educated to speak of "Remembrance Day" and not "Armistice Day" when referring to Nov. 11.

Another resolution unanimously adopted at the annual conference expressed the opinion there should be no lessening of national services on Remembrance Day. To remember the experiences of the World War, the resolution held, would be the best method of insuring peace. Hence the conference agreed to protest emphatically against any curtailment by the Government of official ceremonies at the Cenotaph each Nov. 11.

"The backbone of the British Legion," one legionnaire declared, "rests with the word 'remembrance.' If we ever forget, as the war gets more distant, it will be very bad indeed for ex-service men. We shall go back to what we all saw just before the war—Crimea veterans in absolute and terrible poverty."

A proposal that Nov. 11 should be observed as a national bank holiday was defeated on the ground that it would destroy the spirit in which the day is now kept.

League of Nations Report Says Nominal Wages Have Changed Little—Holds United States Shows Greater Cuts Than Germany or Great Britain.

The nominal wages of factory hands up to January have been reduced less in Germany and Great Britain than in the United States, according to figures cited in a study of the depression made by the League's Economic section. A cablegram from Geneva, May 31, to the New York "Times" from which we quote also continued the following advices:

It says that the nominal wages of manufacturing workers remained almost unchanged in most countries. In Great Britain the index number shows a drop of 2%. On the average, weekly earnings had declined by about 10% up to January 1931, but the reduction in nominal wages, of course, was less. In Germany, where wages rose rapidly between 1926 and

1929, the reduction since then has been small—1% in some industries, and none in others.

The report adds that "in the spring of 1931, the tendency towards wage cuts seems to have gained strength in several countries."

Paris Financial Writer Lists French Loans in Reply to Attack—Asserts France Has Not Faced Europe with "Empty Hands."

From its Paris correspondent May 29 the New York "Times" reported the following:

An energetic refutation of the criticism sometimes heard in world financial markets that France has faced post-war Europe with "empty hands" is contained in an article in to-day's Paris "Midi." The writer—A. J. Jeune, a well-known financial observer—gives a list of 16 long-term loan operations carried out in Paris since the war for the benefit of European and South American nations. The list, M. Jeune asserts, proves France has done her full share in the effort for financial rehabilitation.

"If the financial reconstruction of Europe is not advancing as it should, French money has nevertheless played a decisive role in the situation," says M. Jeune.

Recalls Briand's Warning.

Before Foreign Minister Briand went to Geneva, M. Jeune points out, he warned his countrymen that if France desired to pursue a really comprehensive European policy it would be necessary to do something more than "merely walk among the Central and Eastern European States with a smile on her face but with empty hands."

"These few words seemed to contain the whole financial policy and yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies' debate this policy did not emerge from the fog in which it was enveloped," comments the writer.

"Here is a simple enumeration of the operations upon the French market for foreign account since the armistice. It proves that French effort is without parallel in the realm of European finance."

The following loans are then described:

Rumanian 4s, 1923,	£16,500,000.
Belgian 6½s, 1923,	400,000,000 francs.
Austrian 6½s, 1923,	170,000,000 francs.
Bulgarian 6½s, 1923,	40,000,000 francs.
German 7s, 1924,	Dawes loan, £3,000,000.
Hungarian 6½s, 1924,	96,000,000 francs.
Polish 7s, 1927,	\$2,000,000
Bulgarian 7½s, 1928,	130,000,000 francs.
Rumanian 7s, 1929,	561,000,000 francs.
German 5½s, Young loan, 1930,	2,156,000 francs.
Chile 6s, 1900,	172,000,000 francs.
Finland 5s, 1930,	300,000,000 francs.
Poland 7s, 1930,	25,000,000 francs.
Rumanian 7½s, 1931,	575,000,000 francs.
Yugoslavia 7s, 1931,	675,000,000 francs.
Polish 6½s, 1931,	400,000,000 francs.

Also Short-Term Operations.

In addition to the foregoing, the writer reminds his readers there also is a long list of short-term operations and purchases of foreign securities on the French exchange.

"We can at least read these figures to those who charge France with following a policy of financial egoism and ignoring the direct connection between French gold and the economic development of Europe," says M. Jeune in conclusion. "M. Herriot, in an article written after the Austro-German customs union project, was announced, explained that the best way of assisting Austria was to aid her chief customers, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia. Within three months France has extended large loans to these three countries. At no time since the armistice has French money ceased to be at the service of Europe and peace."

Bank for International Settlements Grants Credit to Austria—Ten Central Banks Join in Move to Avert Financial Disturbance in Vienna—National Bank Now Has Backing for 100,000,000 Schillings in Foreign Exchange at Basle—Arrangements Incident to Difficulties of Kreditanstalt.

Supplementing the item given in our issue of May 30, page 3976, regarding the action of the Bank for International Settlements in concluding arrangements whereby the ten largest Central Banks and the International Bank will place at the disposal of the National Bank of Austria, credits when needed, we quote the following further information contained in a cablegram from Basle May 29 to the New York "Times":

The World Bank announced this afternoon that it and ten big central banks had agreed to stand behind the Bank of Austria and that it was confident the Austrian bank would continue to assure the stability of the schilling. It issued this communique:

The Bank for International Settlements announces that arrangements discussed at the time of the last meeting of the board of directors at Basle when the Austrian situation, arisen out of the difficulties experienced by the Kreditanstalt, were considered, have now been completed and can be brought into force at any time.

Ten of the largest central banks, in addition to the Bank for International Settlements itself, have agreed to put at the disposal of the Austrian National Bank foreign exchange credits to be used as required.

The Bank for International Settlements has confidence that with these resources, in addition to those already at the disposal of the Austrian National Bank and the support of other central banks, the Austrian National Bank will continue its normal functions of ensuring the convertibility and stability of Austrian currency.

Close contact is maintained between the Bank for International Settlements and the Austrian National Bank and in order to provide direct personal contact a representative of the Bank for International Settlements is on its way to Vienna.

The representative is Francis Rodd, who, as head of its central banking departments, is the highest British official of the World Bank. He left by airplane.

To Absorb 100,000,000 Schillings.

It is understood that the banking arrangements include an agreement to absorb 100,000,000 schillings of Austrian treasury bills, the emission of which was necessitated by the Austrian Government and the National Bank having had to advance this amount to help Vienna's biggest bank, the Kreditanstalt, on which some 250 Austrian industries depend. This loan plus 50,000,000 schillings more if necessary, was authorized last week at

Geneva by the Austrian control committee, composed of the governments which are guarantors of the League's 1922 Australian reconstruction loan.

When the idea of floating these bonds abroad first was raised, World Bank officials doubted that the Bank could subscribe, since the statutes forbid it advancing money to governments. The way for it to help has been found by having it put a foreign exchange credit at the disposal of the Bank of Austria.

There is reason to believe—although it could not be confirmed at the bank—that the arrangements include the appointment of a special foreign adviser to the Bank of Austria, who begins his functions in Vienna on Monday, if possible. The talk of those considered for the post includes mention of Charles Rist of Paris, who helped to survey the Austrian financial situation for the League before the 1922 loan, and the Dutchman, Mynbeer Broen, who was Commissioner of Banks under the Dawes plan.

American Withdrawals Blamed.

American credits from Austria, together with the repercussions of this on sterling, are considered to be among the reasons causing the World Bank and ten central banks to show themselves to-day so forcefully behind the Bank of Austria.

Preceding to-day's communique there have been four days of unusual activity at the World Bank. During the whole period President McGarrah and Manager Quesnay, when not conferring with each other and other high officials of the bank, have been engaged in long telephonic conferences with big European centres, particularly with the governors of the Banks of England, France and Austria. To-day about the only city to which the bank had not telephoned was New York—and it was expecting a call from there this evening.

Mr. McGarrah, M. Quesnay and a number of the staff are working at the bank late to-night.

The participation of the Federal Reserve Banks in the credit arrangement is referred to under another head in this issue of our paper. Besides the cablegram to the "Times" quoted above, that paper, in its May 27 issue, printed a Vienna cablegram dated May 26 which said in part:

It became known only to-day that the Austrian Government's original action to support the Kreditanstalt (Credit Bank) succeeded only in warding off the danger of an immediate disastrous run and did not suffice to put the institution beyond all danger.

Although a large run on the bank was avoided, the Kreditanstalt had such a need for ready money that the Government was compelled to proceed with a second action having a double object—to persuade foreign creditors to retain their confidence in the bank and to persuade foreign bankers to provide liquid funds that would enable it to meet its liabilities at the end of the month.

This emergency was distinct from the necessity of placing shares of the bank, which the Government National Bank had agreed to take over, and the consequent need of placing treasury bonds issued and sanctioned by the Control Committee of the League of Nations for 150,000,000 schillings (\$21,000,000).

Large Sums Paid to Creditors.

The Kreditanstalt already has paid large sums to anxious depositors, including long-term depositors, even though large foreign credits are still standing and it is not certain that these will be renewed.

The head of the credit section of the Ministry of Finance, Dr. Reissenberger, was sent to Berlin to-day in an endeavor to interest the German Government and German banks in supporting the Kreditanstalt.

The Government issued to-day a communique which said that a director of the Amsterdam Bank, called in for consultation on plans for rescuing the Kreditanstalt, expressed himself as convinced after a day and a half's examination, that the measures taken and proposed were adequate to ensure continuance of the Kreditanstalt as a financial institution on a sound basis.

What the Government National Bank is endeavoring to call to life is a financial consortium, at the head of which would stand the Bank of England, represented by the Anglo-International Bank; Lazare Freres of Paris, German banks, a large Dutch bank and Rothschild's of London. This would not only prevent withdrawal of foreign credits but would put a considerable sum of money at the bank's disposal to meet all eventualities.

References to the Credit Bank appeared in these columns May 16, page 3810; May 23, page 3809; May 30, page 3976.

Federal Reserve Banks to Participate With Central Banks and Bank for International Settlements in Credit Arrangement in Behalf of Austrian National Bank.

In an announcement issued June 1, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, indicated that it, along with the other Federal Reserve banks would participate in the credit arrangement in behalf of the Austrian National Bank. The announcement by the New York Reserve Bank follows:

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in association with other Federal Reserve banks, has agreed to participate with other banks of issue and with the Bank of International Settlements in a credit arrangement in favor of the Austrian National Bank. The participation of the Federal Reserve banks in the arrangement takes the form of an agreement to purchase prime commercial bills.

Further details regarding the credit arranged by the Bank for International Settlements are given in another item in this issue. The arrangements result from the difficulties of the Kreditanstalt, to which we have referred in previous issues. Besides the participation above, the New York "Journal of Commerce" of June 2 stated that it is learned that commercial banks and private bankers who have issued credits to the Kreditanstalt have reached an informal agreement to grant extensions on the maturing paper of the bank whenever it is possible to do so. The paper quoted went on to say:

According to the statements of prominent private bankers yesterday no credit to the Austrian Government is expected. However, it was thought that a large Austrian Government loan would be floated abroad, France taking the major portion of it. The sale of Austrian bonds in the domestic market will not be attempted, it was said.

Contract Signed Here.

The credit to the Austrian National Bank arises out of the failure of the Kreditanstalt and the proceeds will be used to aid the huge Austrian bank. Such aid is now being extended by the Central Bank of Austria by means of the credits opened abroad. Negotiations to extend the credit were carried out in Basle, which is the home of the Bank of International Settlements, and the meeting place of the European central bankers who govern its policies. No representative of the Reserve System was present and agreement was reached by cable and transatlantic telephone. The contract forms were sent across the sea by steamer and signed by Reserve officials here.

The participation of the Reserve banks in the international credit will take the form of purchasing commercial bills indorsed by the Austrian National Bank. Other Central banks are permitted under their charter provisions to extend loans directly, and in some cases will do so, usually against acceptance collateral, according to the opinions of informed bankers yesterday.

In the actual purchase of the bills the officials of the Bank of International Settlements will act as agents of the Reserve banks, examining the acceptances to be purchased and taking care of other details necessary to the carrying out of the terms of the credit. The bills and documents will be held in trust in the vaults either of the Bank of International Settlements or of the Austrian National Bank.

Authority for Credit.

The authority of the Reserve banks to enter into a contract to purchase foreign acceptances is based upon the section of the Reserve Act which permits the banks to buy and sell bills which pass the tests of eligibility "at home or abroad, either from or to domestic or foreign banks, firms, corporations or individuals." In 1925, when a similar credit was extended to the Bank of England in order to aid in the stabilization of sterling exchange, it was held that if the banks could purchase bills abroad they could also contract to do so.

As the bills are purchased they will be carried on the weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Board under the heading "Bills bought in open market." In the monthly review issued by the Federal Reserve Board the volume of foreign bills purchased is also indicated in a footnote to the statement of condition. This item, which is now at a minimum, will be closely watched. The credit contract itself will not appear.

In banking quarters it was pointed out that the existence of the Bank for International Settlements facilitates the extension of international credits by the Central banks. At the monthly meetings of the Board which is composed of central banking heads, such credits when needed can be easily arranged while various difficulties might have intervened in the past.

It was noted in the New York "Times" of June 2 that the credit is similar in form to those granted at various times to the Bank of England, the National Bank of Belgium, the Bank Polski, the Banca d'Italia and the National Bank of Rumania, has been opened in co-operation with the Bank for International Settlements and nine other important Central banks. The "Times" also said:

Neither the amount nor the length of time the credit is to run was disclosed by the Federal Reserve Bank. Previous credits of this type have generally run for a year. Bankers believe the Austrian arrangement may be of even shorter duration, possibly for only six months.

The present instance is said to be the first in which the Federal Reserve Bank has extended help to a foreign Central bank to tide it over domestic troubles. Other credits of this nature had been in connection with stabilization measures.

The most recent foreign Central bank credit granted by the Federal Reserve was an agreement in February 1929, to run 12 months, to purchase up to \$4,500,000 of bills endorsed by the National Bank of Rumania. The credit expired without having been used.

In extending a credit of \$200,000,000 gold to the Bank of England for two years in April 1925, the Federal Reserve Bank undertook to purchase eligible sterling commercial bills guaranteed by the Bank of England. In recent years the Reserve has from time to time purchased such bills as a measure of support to sterling, without, however, entering into any published agreement.

Former Foreign Credits.

The credits entered into with the Banque Nationale de Belgique in 1926 for an amount up to \$10,000,000, the Bank Polski in 1927 up to \$5,250,000 and the Banca d'Italia in 1927 up to \$15,000,000 were all agreements to purchase prime commercial bills "if desired." They were all of one year's duration, but the Polish credit was renewed for one year upon expiration.

The identity of the other Central banks participating in the Austrian credit was not announced, but as 10 of the largest banks of issue are involved, it is assumed that the Bank of England, the Bank of France and the Reichsbank are among those participating.

President Hoover Advises Senator Smoot That Nations Oppose Holding of International Silver Conference Now.

In a message to Senator Smoot, President Hoover indicates that the holding of an international silver conference is opposed among nations at this time. The message was made public at the White House on June 3 as follows:

THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, June 2 1931.

Hon. Reed Smoot, Salt Lake City, Utah.

I am now able to inform you that informal discussions among nations, some of whose participation is vitally necessary, develop the fact that they do not consider this a proper time to call an international conference on silver and would oppose holding such a conference now.

HERBERT HOOVER.

From the "United States Daily" of June 4 we quote the following:

State Department View.

The Department of State, it was announced orally on behalf of the Department June 3, maintains its previously expressed attitude that the United States is quite prepared to enter such a conference if called by another nation.

In its previous statement it was announced by the Assistant Secretary of State, William R. Castle, Jr., that the matter is one which does not affect the United States as deeply as it does some other Governments, and therefore the initiative should be taken by others.

Announcement of the desire to hold the silver conference in abeyance follows receipt of advices by the Departments of State, Commerce and Treasury that privately expressed opinions among officials in many foreign capitals were in opposition to the plan to consider means for stabilizing silver prices, it was stated orally June 3 at the Department of Commerce.

In its account from Washington June 3 the New York "Times" said in part:

Japan has been the prime mover in the informal discussions among the nations referred to by the President. The understanding is that the chief reason for the failure of the move for a conference was the reluctance of Great Britain to take part in one. It was felt that a parley would not accomplish anything if the British Government was not a party to it.

Conditions in India are credited with being responsible for the attitude of Great Britain. As the crux of the situation appears to be the action of the British Government for India in demonetizing silver and dumping a large amount of that metal on the world market, the London Government felt, according to the understanding here, that it would not be well to take up the problem internationally, especially at a time when political conditions in India are so delicate.

The expectation is, however, that the informal discussions, now suspended, will be resumed ultimately, and some of those interested in the question believe a conference will ultimately be held.

In March informal inquiries were made in London by the United States with a view to ascertaining how the British Government felt about an international conference. The attitude of the MacDonald Cabinet then was that it was so engrossed with the question of the Franco-Italian naval accord and the political situation in India that it was unable to give adequate consideration to the silver problem.

After what seemed to be a reluctant attitude, the Japanese Government began sounding out the nations concerned. The resulting exchanges were the "informal discussions among nations" to which President Hoover referred in his telegram to Senator Smoot.

The Hoover Administration, responding to Japan's overtures, maintained its previous attitude that some outstanding Power more vitally concerned than the United States should call the conference, but indicated that it would accept an invitation to a parley if one was issued. The British Government is understood to have felt, however, that it could not take part in a conference, mainly because of its intimate application to the situation in India.

The reluctance of the United States to assume responsibility for calling a conference was due to several reasons. It felt that its production of silver metal was so limited that it was not qualified to be the prime mover in the proposal for an international adjustment. Another consideration was that none of its outlying possessions use silver to such an extent, as compared with the use in other countries, that the United States was deeply interested.

Should it call the conference the Administration felt it would be confronted at the outset by a proposal to reduce silver production and asked to what extent it would be willing to curtail the production of its own silver mines.

Senator Smoot Proposes That International Chamber of Commerce Call Conference on Silver.

Associated Press advices from Salt Lake City, Utah, June are taken as follows from the New York "Times":

After making public the telegram from President Hoover, revealing that other nations oppose an international conference on silver, Senator Smoot said to-day:

"As a number of Governments do not appear to desire themselves to be directly represented by such a conference, I suggest that we should call upon the International Chamber of Commerce to call a non-official informal conference of representative men.

"This non-official conference should consist of delegates representing the different countries of the world. There is no possible accomplishment to be made in the stabilization of silver except by the co-operation of India, China, the British Dominions, France, Japan, Italy and other principal Continental nations.

"I have no doubt that the United States will co-operate. . . . Such a conference could recommend definite plans and methods which Governments would then take cognizance of for official action."

Edouard Dolleans of International Chamber of Commerce Says Latter Will Consider Suggestion for Silver Conference.

Associated Press advices from Paris June 4 said:

Edouard Dolleans, Secretary of the International Chamber of Commerce, said to-day that the Chamber would consider the suggestion for an international silver conference when it meets again in July.

France, it is said, is willing to participate in any movement to relieve the silver situation, although the only French money on a silver basis is the piastre of Indo-China, which is now stabilized.

Senator Pittman Predicts Conference on Silver Within Three Months.

In Shanghai on June 4 Senator Key Pittman of Nevada predicted that there would be a conference of the world's principal nations on silver and allied questions within the next three months. The Associated Press accounts from Shanghai on that date also said:

Senator Pittman is in China to study the silver question. He said about forty of the world's Governments already had indicated they desire such a conference.

"Therefore," he said, "the conference is assured and the American Government or any other Government with interests involved cannot afford to stay out of the parley when it convenes. Great Britain and France are probably the principal objectors, for reasons peculiar to them, but when the conference opens, rest assured they will be represented."

Mexican Treasury Expert Advocates Fixed Silver System—Bases Plea on Gold Held by France and Us.

Associated Press advices from Mexico City May 25 are taken from the New York "Times":

The fact that 65% of the world's minted gold is held by France and the United States necessitates a return to a generalized silver monetary system

at a fixed ratio of exchange, Constantino Perez Duarte, treasury expert, said in a statement published to-day.

One of the basic causes of the present business depression, he said, was the depreciation in the buying power of silver, upon which most of the world must rely for its purchases.

He added that the decrease in silver production in Mexico was a principal reason for the economic crisis in this country, pointing out that production of metals here last March fell \$6,500,000 below the value of metals mined in March of last year.

Banks in Mexico Import Gold Dollars—Act in Move to Stabilize Peso—Embargo on Re-Exportation of Foreign Gold Removed.

Under date of May 31 a message from Mexico City to the New York "Times" said:

The importation of American gold dollars by Mexican banks in accordance with the Government's program to stabilize the peso has begun, the Bank of Montreal here importing during the past week three shipments of \$200,000 each, with more shipments pending.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce was also among the importers of gold, although officials of the bank refused to disclose the amount. The National City Bank of New York has not imported gold but is ready, if necessary, to do so up to \$1,000,000 from the United States.

In adopting this policy to stabilize the peso the Government has lifted the embargo on the re-exportation of foreign gold. Heretofore American gold coin, which was not exportable, has been worth only its intrinsic value here.

The silver peso, which a few weeks ago sank rapidly, has been steadier during the past week following Government measures to meet the problem. The gold peso is now almost on a par with the dollar.

Extension of Canadian Silver Coinage to Include \$1 and \$2 Recommended by Former Prime Minister to Relieve Silver Decline.

As a means of alleviating the silver decline phase of the current world depression, the Right Honorable Arthur Meighan, former Prime Minister of Canada, recently recommended an extension of Canadian silver coinage to include \$1 and \$2 pieces and an increase in the silver content of subsidiary coins, according to advices received in the Commerce Department from Trade Commissioner Harvey A. Sweetzer at Ottawa. The latter's announcement of this May 13, also said:

Mr. Meighan pointed out that while the drop in the world price of silver was but one factor in the depression he believed that a greater use of the metal would have a highly salutary effect.

He stated that the purchasing power of the Chinese had been reduced nearly 60% during the past five years and that, as their wage level drops the production of labor becomes cheaper and threatens western competitors in world markets. He traced a connection between present difficulties in India and China and the decline in the price of silver used for exchange in these countries.

Siam to Sell Silver From Treasury Reserves.

Surplus silver currency which has accumulated in the Siamese Treasury with the increasing use of paper money, is to be disposed of and gold or gold exchange securities are to be purchased with the proceeds, according to the terms of an amendment to Siam's Currency Act, passed by the Government, the Commerce Department is informed by Acting Commercial Attache Charles E. Brookhart at Bangkok. The Department on May 15 also reported:

For some time past the silver currency in circulation has been gradually replaced with paper notes, and the people now show a pronounced preference for the paper money. As a result, there has been a considerable accumulation of silver coins in the treasury, where they are practically useless, since it is not intended to reissue them.

The amendment to the Currency Act authorizes the Minister of Finance to dispose of this accumulated silver and to purchase gold or gold exchange securities with the proceeds. Such an operation must be carefully transacted in view of the sensitive nature of the world's silver market at this time. A statement issued by the Minister of Finance regarding the new act, states:

The silver market is at present in a very sensitive condition, and His Majesty's Government accordingly proposes to proceed with caution and deliberation when effecting its sales of surplus silver so as to avoid undue perturbation in the market.

London Treasury Bill Rate Lowest Since 1923.

The following is from the London "Financial News" of May 23:

The £35,000,000 of Treasury bills offered for tender yesterday were placed at an average rate of only £1 19s. 11.95d. per cent., compared with £2 2s. 7.99d. per cent. last week. This is the lowest rate since June 8, 1923, when the figure was £1 19s. 9.92d. per cent., and Bank rate stood at 3%.

The latest rate, which is nearly 9-16% below that recorded three weeks ago, was rather lower than had generally been expected on Thursday, but yesterday it was thought that the discount market had secured all the bills that it required.

Nevertheless, rates weakened sharply, and at the close the competitive figure for three months' bank bills was not much over 2%.

The trend of the exchanges was again favorable. The dollar depreciated by a further 1-32c., to 4.86 17-32, and the franc by 2c., to 124.39. The Berlin rate was also higher, closing at 20.43 1/2, against 20.42 1/4, but the Dutch florin and Swiss franc both appreciated quite sharply.

Decrease in Its Income Tax Less Than Canada Expected.

A dispatch from Ottawa May 30 to the New York "Times" said:

For the fiscal year ended on March 31 the income tax in Canada was about \$70,000,000. It was expected, owing to the business depression in 1930-31, that there would be a decrease of nearly \$20,000,000 in collections, but returns to date indicate that the decrease may not exceed \$12,000,000.

No Army, No Navy, No Deficit in Iceland, and Few Are Idle.

Associated Press advices as follows from Washington May 31 are taken from the New York "Times":

Little Iceland, with no army and no navy to burden taxpayers, was said by the Department of Commerce to-day to have maintained a sound financial condition despite the world-wide depression. There was virtually no unemployment in the past year.

Although the Island was affected by the lower prices for fish, its principal product, a modern hospital was built at Reykjavik, the capital and a large radio station, a number of school buildings and a system whereby water from a hot spring about two miles from Reykjavik is forced to the capital and utilized for heating several public buildings, were completed.

New Diamond Quotas.

London advices as follows are taken from the "Wall Street Journal" of May 27:

The production quotas fixed under the new diamond agreement between the government of Union of South Africa and chief producers give DeBeers 54.4% of total syndicate sales, Premier Diamond Mines 10.6%; New Jagersfontein 10% and Consolidated Diamond Mines of South Africa 25%.

Dr. Schacht, Former President of German Reichsbank, Demands Reparations Halt—Suspension Is Only Way for Germany to Maintain Credit, He Says.

The only way Germany can maintain her credit in the world is by suspending reparations payments as quickly as possible, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, former President of the Reichsbank, said here in an address at Dresden on June 3 to the Executive Committee of the United Industrial and Commercial Leagues of Germany. Payments may be resumed again at such a time as the national economy shows a surplus, he added, according to a cablegram to the New York "Times", which continued:

Coming on the eve of the departure for Chequers of Dr. Heinrich Brüning, Chancellor, and Dr. Julius Curtius, Foreign Minister, and at a time when it is an open secret here that something will have to be done about reparations in the very near future if a collapse is to be avoided, Dr. Schacht's vigorous presentation of the "facts we are facing, whether we like them or not," awakened widespread attention.

"The sorry condition of the national budget is the inevitable result of the tribute policy which has been pursued in the last dozen years and which has produced a complete breakdown of the nation's industry," he asserted. "The budget cannot be put in order by any arithmetical tricks."

"It is dangerous to make revision dependent upon a sound internal financial situation, for instead of concentrating upon fundamental economic factors one would likely lose one's self in a welter of bargaining over the size of the future tribute figures," he explained.

Furthermore, Dr. Schacht sees no occasion to examine the German capacity to pay. Rather, he said, one ought to investigate the extent to which the creditors have fulfilled their own Young plan obligations.

"Every German attempt to create an export surplus from which to meet the reparations obligations as foreseen in the Young plan have been brought to naught by the opponents of the tariff policies," he declared bitterly.

Fear is paralyzing national initiative, according to Dr. Schacht, who ridiculed the prevalent notion that a calling of all short-term loans would immediately follow an intimation of Germany's inability to continue to pay annuities.

"Banks in hard times don't expect to be able to call loans whenever they choose," he said. "They know they must wait without fear for better conditions, at which time they will get their money without loss."

As for the fear of political violence from abroad, Dr. Schacht disposed of this with the observation that "violence doesn't bring in money." Germany, he asserted, has no choice in the matter of suspending reparation payments.

"Germany is fighting to-day for her bare existence, threatened as she is by exploitation and oppression from abroad," he shouted amid applause.

German Reichsbank Intervenes To Aid Mark Exchange.

A cablegram as follows from Berlin, June 2, is taken from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Owing to further withdrawals of foreign funds, the Reichsbank was compelled again to intervene in the foreign exchange market to-day to prevent exchange from dropping to a point where gold would leave the country. Sales of \$500,000 in foreign bills were made.

The Reichsbank is planning to sell gold out of its earmarked holdings in Paris this week in order to further strengthen the mark, through obtaining further exchange holdings in this way. Actual shipments of gold will thus be made unnecessary.

The present weakness in the mark is attributed to both withdrawals of foreign funds, especially French, and some further export of capital. The imminence of the new Brüning financial decrees is held chiefly responsible for the latter. The course of the Chequers conferences, and above all the French reaction to them, are held the chief factors which will influence the course of mark exchange over coming weeks.

Huge Italian Loan Oversubscribed—Finance Minister Announces 7,000,000,000 Lire Offered on 4,000,000,000 Issue.

The Italian Government internal bond issue to refund 4,000,000,000 lire (about \$209,000,000) of Italy's debt due in November has been oversubscribed 75%, Finance Minister Mosconi announced to the Senate on May 29, it was

stated in a Rome cablegram (May 29) to the New York "Times" which also said:

The revelation that 7,000,000,000 (about \$360,000,000) had been offered to the Government was made at the conclusion of a discussion of the budget and evoked thunderous cheers from the Senate.

The success of the loan, Senator Mosconi asserted, ought to set at rest reports which have persisted abroad that Italy has been vainly seeking foreign loans. The truth is, he declared, that spontaneous offers of loans had been made to Italy by foreign bankers, but they had been refused. J. P. Morgan & Co., he said, had indicated their readiness to assist Italy financially.

The Italian deficit, Senator Mosconi announced in discussing the budget, was the equivalent of \$68,000,000 at the end of April, and he believed it could be reduced to \$45,000,000 by the end of the fiscal year. The deficit, he asserted, has been decreasing each month.

For the next financial year, which begins on July 1, he forecasts a revenue of \$1,000,000,000 and a deficit of \$23,000,000. He does not think the deficit will be larger because both revenue and expenditure have been calculated with great prudence. In any event, the Government has firmly decided that it will not again take recourse to cuts in salaries of State employees to correct the budget. He remarked that Italy, on the whole, was better off than other countries, where deficits have been very much larger.

"Progress has been made," continued Senator Mosconi, "in the amortization of Italy's public debt, as State securities amounting to more than \$65,000,000 have already been purchased and destroyed. This progress, however, is not likely to be as rapid in the future owing to a decrease in the revenue of the tobacco monopoly, which pays part of its earnings to the funds."

A sum of \$8,700,000, he declared, has been used to amortize foreign loans, notably that known as the Morgan loan.

The foreign trade balance also shows a fairly healthy condition for Dec. 31 1930, the excess of importation over exportation for the year having been some \$65,000,000 lower than on the same date the year before. It is true that both imports and exports decreased very considerably, but the decrease was more apparent than real, being chiefly due to the fall in prices. If the tonnage of foreign trade was considered instead of its value, importations decreased by 1,000,000 tons, while exports actually increased by 23,000 tons.

Speaking finally of the monetary situation, the Finance Minister said the Bank of Italy's gold reserves, although slightly decreased in 1930, still were far above the limit set by law for cover of more than 56% of circulation. Circulation now amounts to \$737,000,000, he said, which some persons believe is too low. Senator Mosconi, however, dissented from that opinion, since circulation is proportionately greater than before the war. In any event, that the Italian monetary situation is perfectly sound, he asserted, is proved by the behavior of the Italian lira on the foreign markets.

Under date of May 31, Associated Press advices from Rome stated:

Premier Mussolini announced to-day that instead of accepting the full 7,000,000,000 lire subscription to the 4,000,000,000 lire internal loan, he would take only 5,000,000,000, returning 2,000,000,000 in cash.

San Paulo Coffee Valorization Loan—Results of Eleventh Month of Operation of Plan.

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., Fiscal Agents for the State of San Paulo 7% Coffee Realization Loan, have received the results of the Coffee Realization Plan of San Paulo for May, the 11th month of the plan's operation. Receipts from the sale of pledged coffee for the 11 months totalled \$8,921,916 for the sinking fund (of which \$4,866,500 were used for the April 1 1931 redemption and the balance is applicable to the Oct. 1 1931 redemption) and \$446,096 for the reserve account for the whole loan. It is further stated:

The interest on the bonds is provided for by a special tax on all coffee transported for export from any point within the State of San Paulo. The receipts from this special tax for the 11 months equalled \$9,104,788, as against actual interest requirements for the loan of approximately \$6,188,566 for this period.

Spain Abolishes Titles.

The Provisional Government of Spain has abolished titles of nobility because "Spain has entered a new regime of liberty and democracy." Associated Press advices from Madrid reporting this on June 2 said:

The Cabinet has issued a decree placing members of the aristocracy on virtually the same basis as French nobility. They may use their titles privately, but must sign their names to legal documents.

About 2,000 aristocrats are affected by this move. There were approximately 1,310 Marquises, 900 Counts, 145 Viscounts, 148 Barons and 97 Dukes who were entitled to retain their hats in the presence of the King. It is estimated that the Government thereby will lose about \$300,000 a year in title taxes.

Despite the Government's abolition of titles, many Spanish aristocrats have decided to continue to use them socially. Apparently the Government will not interfere with this custom, although it intends to abolish all noble decorations.

Up to the present, Republican Cabinet Ministers have appeared at official functions without formal dress, leading to the belief that all civil and diplomatic uniforms will be done away with by the next Parliament.

Finance Ministry of Portugal Orders Stabilization of Escudo at About 4 2-5 Cents.

From Lisbon, Portugal, June 1, Associated Press advices said:

The Minister of Finance issued a decree to-night ordering the stabilization of the Portuguese escudo at 110 to the pound sterling (about 4 2-5 cents), effective July 1.

From that time notes of the Bank of Portugal will be convertible in gold. All notes 2½, 5 and 10 escudo denominations will be withdrawn and superseded by silver coins of the same value.

State Bank of Portugal To Protect Portuguese Exchange—Institution Gets 30-Year Concession in Connection with Stabilization Decree.

Lisbon advices as follows June 2 are taken from the New York "Times":

After the stabilization of the Portuguese escudo on July 1 at approximately 22.62 to the United States dollar, the duty of maintaining the exchange value will revert from the State to the Bank of Portugal. The bank will have the privilege of issuing notes against metal reserves, which are expected to be 34% of the notes.

The Minister of Finance states that \$5,000,000 to \$12,000,000 in gold will be sufficient to maintain the rate of stabilization. The quantity of new gold notes will be determined by the Bank of Portugal and the State as economic necessity requires.

The concession to the bank is to run 30 years from the date of the decree. An arbitration clause provides for the settlement of disputes.

The decree does not legalize the immediate free circulation of capital or end the present restriction on dealings in exchange for exports and imports.

The Government and the bank will decide later when the bank is to exchange outstanding notes for gold or gold notes.

Lisbon Authorized to Negotiate Loans Up to \$50,000,000 to Stabilize Escudo.

Under date of June 2, Associated Press advices from Lisbon said:

Under its decree for stabilization of the Escudo, the Government is authorized to negotiate gold loans up to approximately \$50,000,000.

The money would be used for payment of the State debt to the Bank of Portugal for reinforcement of reserves and execution of the stabilization plan.

Proposed Czechoslovakian Loan.

From the weekly summary of conditions abroad issued May 31 by the U. S. Department of Commerce, we take the following:

The Czechoslovak Government has submitted a bill to Parliament authorizing the \$50,000,000 loan offered by the Banque de l'Union Parisienne and Lazard Freres, Paris, but dropping the \$20,000,000 loan negotiated with the American group. The approval of Parliament is expected before May 28 1931.

The "Wall Street Journal" of May 25 reported the following from Paris regarding the loan:

The Chamber of Deputies at Prague has approved a \$50,000,000 Czechoslovakian conversion loan which will be retireable at par after five years. The cost to Czechoslovakia will be about 6½% compared with 8% in the 1922 financing and it is estimated that the conversion operation will save the country about 24,000,000 crowns a year.

Jugoslavia Moves To Stabilize Dinar—Effort Made To Steady Currency at 26.5 Milligrams Gold as 40-Year Loan Is Offered.

In its issue of June 1 the "Wall Street Journal" printed the following from Belgrade:

Stabilization of the dinar at 26.5 milligrams gold was undertaken in mid-May coincident with the public offering in six European countries of the major portion of the 40-year \$40,000,000 7% 1931 "stabilization" loan. Legally the gold dinar law which was signed by the King May 11 does not become operative until June 28, but in fact stabilization has been in practice since the summer of 1925. Since that time the currency has never fluctuated more than 0.05% from the old parity of gold.

Paper dinars to be issued by the National Bank of Jugoslavia are to be convertible at par into gold and are to have a legal cover of 35% in sight obligations, of which at least 25% must be in gold. Free flow of gold across the country's borders completes the stabilization program.

Jugoslavia has 13,500,000 inhabitants, of which 75% are farmers; lumbering is the second industry. Foreign commerce in 1930 amounted to 13,740,000 dinars or 11.4% below 1929, with imports and exports falling in equal proportions.

The budget for 1931-32 totals 13,210,000,000 dinars, a reduction of 138,000,000 from the preceding fiscal year. Jugoslav budgets have been balanced since 1925. The public debt charges accounted for in the current budget amounts to 1,220,000,000 dinars, or slightly less than 10% of budgetary expenditures.

Bonds of Republic of Finland Drawn for Redemption.

The National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agent, announces to holders of Republic of Finland 5½% external loan sinking fund gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1958, that \$119,000 aggregate principal amount of bonds of this issue have been selected for redemption at par on Aug. 1 next. Drawn bonds should be surrendered, with all unmatured interest coupons attached, at the head office of the fiscal agent, 55 Wall Street, New York, on Aug. 1, from and after which date interest will cease.

Drawing of Bonds of State of San Paulo for Sinking Fund.

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. announce that the sixth drawing for the sinking fund of the State of San Paulo 40-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds of 1928 has taken place, and that the \$54,500 bonds so drawn will be payable on and after July 1 1931, at par, at either of their offices.

Funds Available for Purchase of Argentine Bonds for Sinking Fund.

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, acting for the fiscal agents, announces that \$214,746 in cash is available for the purchase for the sinking fund of so many Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds of 1924, series B, due Dec. 1 1958, as are tendered and accepted at prices below par. Tenders of such bonds, with coupons due on and after Dec. 1 1931, must be delivered at the trust department of the Chase National Bank, 11 Broad Street, before 3 p. m. June 11.

Republic of Chile Railway Refunding Bonds Drawn for Redemption.

The National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agent, has notified holders of Republic of Chile railway refunding sinking fund 6% gold external bonds, due Jan. 1 1961, that \$274,000 aggregate principal amount of these bonds have been selected for redemption at par on July 1. Payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of the bonds so designated, with subsequent coupons attached, at the head office of the National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall Street, on July 1 1931, after which date interest on the designated bonds will cease.

Redemption of Bonds of Republic of Colombia Through Sinking Fund.

Hallgarten & Co., and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., fiscal agents for the \$25,000,000 Republic of Colombia 6% external sinking fund gold bonds, dated July 1 1927, due Jan. 1 1961, announce that the Republic of Colombia has delivered to them \$241,500 principal amount of bonds, which have been redeemed through the sinking fund, leaving \$23,599,500 par value of bonds outstanding.

Bonds of Municipality of Medellin (Republic of Colombia) Retired Through Sinking Fund.

Hallgarten & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. announce that they have retired for the sinking fund \$149,000 principal amount of Municipality of Medellin, Republic of Colombia, external 6½% gold bonds of 1928, due 1954, leaving outstanding \$8,378,000 par value of bonds.

Payment of Coupons on Bonds of Municipality of Medellin (Republic of Colombia).

Hallgarten & Co., fiscal agents for the 25 year external 7% secured gold bonds of 1926, due Dec. 1 1951, of the Municipality of Medellin, Republic of Colombia, announce that coupons on these bonds due June 1 1931, will be payable on and after that date at their New York office.

Hallgarten & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., fiscal agents for the external 6½% gold bonds of 1928 of the Municipality of Medellin, Republic of Colombia, due Dec. 1 1954, announce that coupons on these bonds due June 1 1931, will be payable on and after that date at their New York offices.

Bonds of Municipality of Medellin (Republic of Colombia) Retired Through Sinking Fund.

Hallgarten & Co., fiscal agents for the Municipality of Medellin, Republic of Colombia, 25-year external 7% secured gold bonds of 1926, due 1951, announce that there have been retired through the sinking fund \$59,000 principal amount of bonds, leaving \$2,644,000 par value of bonds outstanding.

Uruguay Makes Known Intention to Maintain Interest Service on Public Debt.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York on May 29 received the following cable from Banco de la Republica O del Uruguay, the Government bank of Uruguay:

"The management of the Banco de la Republica Oriental del Uruguay has been officially authorized to have it made known in the large financial centers abroad that it is the irrevocable intention of the Government to maintain in full the interest service for the public debt and that as regards the negotiations which are being made at the present time with respect to the temporary suspension of the redemption service of some of the foreign debts the authorization will not be given in any case without first having the consent of the respective committees of bond holders."

Montevideo (Uruguay) advices, May 29, to the "Times" said:

The board of directors of the Bank of the Republic had addressed a note to leading financial centers abroad saying they have been officially authorized to state the Government is irrevocably determined to maintain service payments in full on the public debt and that the negotiations are under way

regarding the temporary postponement of interest on some foreign loans will have no effect without the consent of bondholders.

The Government has funds to meet all payments, but the present low exchange value of the Uruguayan peso will cause the Government to lose 40% on any sterling or dollar remittances. For this reason it has sought the consent of holders of certain foreign bonds to postpone interest payments until the exchange improves or a loan is negotiated abroad.

Lima Orders Moratorium on Bonds in New York Pending Improvement in Finances.

Associated Press advices from Lima (Peru), June 1, stated:

The Lima junta to-day decreed a moratorium on the payment of Lima City Council bonds placed in New York by the Grace National Bank and E. H. Rollins & Sons.

The moratorium will last, the decree said, until "the country's financial situation becomes normal."

Bolivia Gets Road Loan—\$1,000,000 Project Will Give Jobs to Miners and Aid Farmers.

A La Paz (Bolivia) cablegram, June 3, to the New York "Times" said:

The government obtained a \$1,000,000 loan from local banks to-day and will use the entire amount to construct a highway linking mining and agricultural districts.

This will give work to unemployed tin miners and at the same time the agricultural districts of Bolivia will be able to sell their products in the mining regions, which at present obtain their food by foreign importation

Brazilian State Legalizes Gambling.

The following Sao Paulo account, June 2, is from the New York "Times":

The Provisional Government of Sao Paulo to-day legalized gambling throughout the State. The press is divided over the issue, several papers denouncing the decree. The State expects a large profit, because it will be the only place on the east coast of South America permitting gambling.

Brazil Moratorium Denied by Sir Otto Niemeyer—London Rothschilds Get Cablegram That Reports Have No Foundation.

The following from London, May 30, is from the New York "Times":

N. M. Rothschild & Sons, fiscal agents in London of the Brazilian Government, received to-day from Sir Otto Niemeyer a cable contradicting in the name of the Brazilian Minister of Finance reports that Brazil is going to declare a moratorium.

The telegram adds there is no foundation for the reports.

Sir Otto's denial of the reported plan for a Brazilian moratorium follows a cable dispatch from Rio de Janeiro, published in the New York "Times" on May 28, and which was republished from the "Times" in our issue of May 30, page 3978.

Organized Support in South American Bonds is Reported—Bankers Said To Be Anticipating Sinking Fund Payments—More General Stabilization of Market to Restore Confidence Also Discussed.

The following is from the New York "Journal of Commerce" of June 2:

Organized support has begun to make its appearance in the South American bond list, explaining in part the sharp rebound in quotations of a number of such issues during the past two trading sessions, according to reports in Wall Street banking circles. This support, it is reported, is taking the form of purchases of bonds by bankers in anticipation of the receipt of sinking fund moneys here.

The sharp rebound in South American issues at the end of last week was accompanied by reports of the organization of a pool to stabilize the market in obligations of the stronger countries and their administrative subdivisions. The loss of confidence of American investors in South American bonds, following the Peruvian and Bolivian defaults and revolutions in other countries, has led to a demoralization of the market here with perpendicular declines in a number of issues where, bankers here believe, possibilities of default are remote.

Argentines Lead.

Evidence of support is most marked in the Argentine issues. Rebounds in these have averaged about 10 points in the past two trading sessions. Colombian and Chilean issues have also enjoyed firm markets from 10 to 20 points above last week's lows, while several Uruguay descriptions gained sharply yesterday.

In view of the general deflation in the security markets, bankers are reported to be quite hesitant about making major commitments for the organized support of foreign bonds. However, for the time being, it is reported that where evidence clearly points to the maintenance of interest and sinking fund payments, the latter are being anticipated by the bankers, who thus furnish buying power with which the market can be maintained through what is hoped is merely a flurry of selling. Development of support for the foreign bond market on a larger scale is held a possibility for the future.

Nanking Ready to Pay \$12,500,000 on Loans—Amortization and Interest on Five Bond Issues Will Be Met This month.

Shanghai advices May 31 to the New York "Times" said:

The month of June will see disbursements of nearly \$12,500,000 by the Nanking Government toward the amortization and interest on five domestic loans. The amortization of the five bond issues covers the seventh year of the long-term rehabilitation loan, the 17th year of the military expenditure loan, the 18th year of the famine loan, and the 19th year of the customs revenue loan, totaling \$8,250,000. On June 30 the Government will pay

the interest on these issues, totaling more than \$3,100,000, plus more than \$1,000,000 interest on the consolidated loan of 1921, secured by the canceled Austrian indemnity.

New Chinese Inheritance Law Seen as Aid to Lazy—Compels Brothers and Sisters To Support Those Who Have Been Improvident.

From the New York "Times" of May 31 we take the following special correspondence from Shanghai May 4:

China's new inheritance laws, which become effective to-morrow by Government mandate, are inefficient, unjust and "place a premium on laziness," in the opinion of Judge Loo Hsing-yuan, one of China's noted attorneys, and who was formerly President of the Shanghai Provisional Court.

The new laws, Judge Loo points out, differ from those of any other country in the world in that they force brothers and sisters to support other brothers or sisters who may be chronically lazy or improvident. The matter of provision for brothers and sisters he believes should be a moral obligation instead of a principle of law. The new statute, he thinks, will foster indolence and will prove a great hardship on the industrious and thrifty members of families. He cites many instances in which brothers and sisters have shared equally in an estate and then one or two of them have squandered their inheritance on high living, gambling or opium. The new law will make it compulsory for the well-behaved members of families to support such wastrels.

The fact that the new inheritance laws limit the powers of testators is also criticized by Judge Loo. Under the new statute, for instance, a man with only one child, and that one a worthless son or daughter, is forced to bequeath at least half his property to this offspring or the will may be nullified. Judge Loo severely condemns the provision of the new law under which a man may not will to his wife a share of his estate larger than that received by any of his children.

Shanghai Wage Losses Drop.

In its issue of May 31 the New York "Times" published the following from Shanghai:

Wage losses in Shanghai factories last year, because of strikes of laborers, totaled only \$488,000, or about one-fourth the losses chargeable to similar causes the year before, according to official figures published. This sum is equal to about \$110,000 in American gold, but the buying power of the total is vastly greater in China.

Shanghai Silk Industry Depressed—To Receive Assistance Through Government Loan.

The silk industry and trade of Shanghai is still facing rather severe difficulties with little prospects of immediate relief from a national revival of trade, states Assistant Trade Commissioner Paul F. Kops at Shanghai in a report to the Department of Commerce. It is stated further that in view of the pressing need of the industry for assistance, the Government silk loan authorized in the amount of \$6,000,000 (Mexican dollar equals about 23 cents) has finally been amended as of April 18, calling for an increase to \$8,000,000. In making this known June 2, the Department also said:

The regulations attached to the loan provide that one-half of the total amount is to be applied to the encouragement of the export of Chinese raw silk and the relief of the silk industry, one-fourth for the installation of improved machinery in silk filatures, and the remaining one-fourth to the improvement of sericulture in the Provinces of Chekiang and Kiangsu.

The funds for the loan are to be obtained through the imposition of a \$30 levy on every picul of raw silk exported. The entire loan is to be redeemed within 7½ years by semi-annual drawings.

Silk filatures are said to have suffered especially heavy losses during the first quarter of 1931; many being forced to close because of the squeeze occasioned by high priced cocoons and low priced raw silk. The season's crop of cocoons moreover was reported to be of poor quality, six and seven piculs of cocoons being required to produce one bale of silk. Filature owners are asking 950 Shanghai taels per bale for white steam filatures, but are finding no buyers. Recent purchases for export have been made at prices ranging between 920 and 930 taels. The value of the tael is fluctuating between 30 and 33 cents.

Present stocks of raw silk in Shanghai are estimated at 6,000 bales, with sufficient cocoons on hand to yield an additional 9,000 bales. New crop cocoons will be available the first of June. Raw silk stocks are deemed quite adequate to meet the demand but the supply of cocoons is said to be too small to occupy even the reduced number of filatures now operating.

Manchuria Starts Match Monopoly—Limits Number To Be Brought in by Tourists.

The New York "Times" of May 31 carried the following from Mukden, May 3:

Starting May 1 the Government of three Manchurian Provinces instituted a rigid monopoly for the sale of matches "with a view to protecting the native industry against foreign competition" and the use or sale of matches other than those sold by the Government bureau will hereafter be prohibited. The Government bureau will hereafter purchase outright the entire output of Chinese owned match factories in Manchuria, and until such time as the native production becomes adequate to supply the demand the bureau will itself import matches from abroad.

In addition to the profits which are expected to arise from the monopoly itself, the Government will profit largely from the new stamp tax. Hereafter there must be affixed to every box of 100 matches a special revenue stamp costing one-fifth of one cent.

Match factories already operating in Manchuria must hereafter register and obtain special licenses in order to continue in business and companies proposing to establish new match factories will be required to apply for permits and special licenses. Additional revenue will be obtained from wholesale and retail dealers who wish to carry matches in stock.

Hereafter travelers entering Manchuria will not be permitted to bring with them more than ten boxes of matches and those found guilty of smuggling will be subject to fines ranging from \$10 to \$50.

Japanese Government Aids Real Estate Financing.

Governmental aid in real estate financing is being given renewed attention in Japan in connection with a study of the financial necessities of the agricultural and small industrial classes, according to advices received in the Commerce Department's Finance and Investment Division. Under date of May 28 the latter adds:

In discussing the subject of real estate financing before a recent Japan Clearing House Convention, the Japanese Finance Minister stated in part: "Financing of real estate is a risky proposition. Capital is apt to become tied up. Such loans in Japan now total more than 6,000,000,000 yen. The Government has established the Real Estate Mortgage Debenture System to facilitate real estate finance. (Editor's note: This system allows borrowers to issue bonds on real estate with the assistance of trust companies. These bonds may be transferred without registration.) As soon as the public learns to use this system it will be found very convenient. The Government has recognized these real estate trust bonds as security for loans by the Hypothec Bank of Japan, the Industrial Bank of Japan and the Hokkaido Colonial Bank.

"At first the Government limited such real estate bonds to the big cities. Later, however, it revised the law to allow rural communities, as well, to take advantage of its provisions. It should benefit all banks which have made loans on real estate by allowing them to pass the loans on to the general public and thus get control of their money once more."

Service of Sydney (Australia) Metropolitan Water, Sewerage and Drainage Board Bonds Reported Assured by Revenues Already Collected.

Official advices reaching New York on May 28 from the Metropolitan Water Sewerage and Drainage Board of Sydney, Australia, are said to disclose that the Board has already collected upwards of 98% of the rates fixed for the year ending June 30 of this year. In response to inquiries as to whether current financial problems of the State of New South Wales would affect interest and sinking fund payments on the funded obligations of the Board, T. B. Cooper, President of the Board, pointed out that it is an autonomous body with its own fiscal administration and with its revenues procured through its own powers of taxation. The assessed value of property subject to taxation by the Board was in excess of \$175,000,000 in 1930. Rates for the ensuing financial year, Mr. Cooper states, have been adjusted to permit the fulfillment of all obligations. "The board's bankers," he continues, "have heretofore offered every facility for remitting interest and sinking fund to New York and there is no doubt they will continue to do so."

The outstanding principal of a bond issue of \$7,500,000 floated by the Water Board in New York in April 1930 through a banking group headed by Bancamerica-Blair Corp., E. H. Rollins, Inc. and Halsey Stuart & Co., has since, it is stated, been reduced to \$7,450,000 by the operation of sinking fund provisions.

Pay Cuts and Tax Rise Urged on Australia—Economic Committee Submits Plan to Premiers Expected to Produce \$140,000,000.

From Melbourne May 25 a cablegram to the New York "Times" said:

Drastic cuts in expenditure and heavier taxation were among the proposals submitted to the conference of Australian State Premiers to-day by the Copeland economic committee. The economies and taxation are expected to produce \$140,000,000.

Total economies of \$65,000,000 would be effected by pension reductions of \$21,000,000 and economies in departments and public utilities amounting to \$44,000,000, while a total of \$75,000,000 would come from increased taxation, of which the sales tax would produce \$28,000,000, the customs \$12,000,000, direct taxation \$10,000,000, increased income for Victoria and West Australia \$10,000,000 and the conversion of government loans \$15,000,000.

Prime Minister Scullin declared that the banks which have been supporting the State governments had reached their limit, and he appealed to the assembled Premiers, among whom was J. T. Lang, extremist Laborite from New South Wales, to deal strongly with the problem, which was "becoming more acute weekly."

"The fundamental weakness of the Copeland plan is that it contains no definite proposal for immediately absorbing a portion of the unemployed, now numbering 360,000," Mr. Scullin said, "and we cannot afford to wait to rehabilitate ourselves for the next two or three years."

Nevertheless most of the Premiers in their speeches held that the Copeland plan was the most concrete yet placed before their governments.

Cut Internal Debt Costs of Australia—Payments Reduced 22½% on Decision of Premiers' Council.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" we take the following from London, May 28:

Through the forced conversion of its internal bonds the Commonwealth of Australia will scale down in payments on internal indebtedness by 22½%. This proposal was recommended by the sub-committee of the Australian Loan Council and has now been decided at the conference of the State Premiers of Australia.

It is reported that this reduction in payments on internal debts was a condition set down for the raising of a loan for the Commonwealth in London. It is possible that a large Australian loan will be issued here. There would be no attempt to impose the reduction of payments on the external debt of Australia. Nevertheless, agitation for a similar form of

conversion of the external bonds of the Commonwealth by the holders of internal bonds is to be expected.

The committee recommended various drastic reductions in the expenses of the Government and in the allocation of taxes. These are held essential and the huge Governmental deficit is to be reduced. Some of the measures would be likely to arouse serious opposition. The large pension payments of the Commonwealth would be cut and various new indirect taxes imposed.

According to the estimate reported by the committee, the deficit of the commonwealth and of some, but not all, of the States is £31,000,000 for the current year. A deficit of £39,000,000 for the succeeding year is predicted. The measures of the committee, it is held, would reduce the deficit by £11,000,000.

Australia Drafts Conversion Plans—State Premiers Hope to Reduce Interest $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ by Freeing Loan from Surtax—Banks Approve Measure.

Stating that the conference of Australian State Premiers discussed at Melbourne on May 26 the details of the proposed 4% conversion loan agreed upon yesterday to rescue the Commonwealth from its financial troubles, a Melbourne cablegram on that date to the New York "Times" added:

In the conversion of Commonwealth and State securities held in Australia, an adjustment will be made to save $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ on the interest bill. The interest on the new securities will be free from the present Commonwealth surtax of $7\frac{1}{2}\%$ and any new Commonwealth or State taxation, but will be subject to other existing Commonwealth and State taxation.

The loan will run forty years with a Government option to redeem all or part in ten years. An additional income tax will be imposed on all securities not converted into the new loan.

Other Interest Cuts Planned.

The conference also planned a reduction of interest rates on loans of local authorities and semi-government bodies. Interest rates on bank deposits of all kinds and on bank loans, overdrafts and advances are to be reduced.

Bank representatives indicated to-day that on approval of the general plan credit facilities should be provided for industry, resulting in greater employment.

It was agreed to arrange for co-operation between the Government and financial institutions to create confidence in London preliminary to funding the short term debt, to obtain long term credit and to create easier conditions for future conversions on the overseas market.

The Premiers decided to remain in session until the whole economy plan is adopted with short intervals to enable the Governments to legislate on the various proposals.

The banks insist that any plan involving them shall form part of the whole involving the Governments and the rest of the community. The bank says that debt conversion on the lines proposed can be successfully undertaken if it forms part of a general plan.

General Support for Move.

Being "Australian made" there is general support for the project outside political circles.

The Conservative Melbourne "Argus" says the Scullin Ministry is facing its last opportunity to decide for sanity instead of "a Fabian policy of drift, blind blows struck at import trade and the crippling of private industry by heavy taxation in a vain attempt to sustain extravagant standards of public spending."

The proposed conversion loan, it adds, "involves a dramatic and unprecedented appeal to patriotism."

Foreign Money in Australia.

The "Wall Street Journal" of May 27 reported the following from Melbourne:

Premier Scullin announced that the Premiers' Conference has agreed that special provision must be made to meet difficulties which might arise through the accumulation of foreign business funds in Australia. Owing to the exchange position these have been invested in short-term government securities. It is proposed that these funds should not be tied up in long-term loans such as the projected conversion loan, since the money is not actual investment funds, but business receipts which normally return to foreign countries.

Australia's Present Difficulties Due Partly to Debt Expansion for Public Works, Says A. Iselin & Co.—Majority of People Expected to Support National Government in Constructive Policy.

The principal difficulty confronting the Commonwealth of Australia and its component States is the problem of meeting service charges on internal and external debt in the face of declining revenues and a drastic fall in foreign exchange, according to A. Iselin & Co., who have just completed an exhaustive study of the situation. It is pointed out that since 1914 indebtedness has increased almost 225%, mainly for the construction of railways, irrigation projects and public utility enterprises and other public improvements. The firm quotes the British Economic Mission appointed in 1928 as authority for the opinion that Australia mortgaged her future prosperity and resources too heavily in carrying out this program. The Iselin analysis, issued May 23, says:

The service requirements on the indebtedness of the country constitute now a very heavy burden on the people. As long as capital was easily obtainable abroad, no difficulties were encountered in meeting these charges. In 1929, however, due to the reluctance of London and New York bankers to grant further loans and partly to market conditions, additional funds were very difficult to obtain abroad. This factor, coupled with the drastic fall in the price of the country's principal export commodities, resulted in a substantial reduction in the funds available for the overseas obligations of the Commonwealth and brought it face to face with the necessity of relying on its own resources to meet the emergency.

After analyzing the various phases of Australian economic life, the Iselin firm concludes:

It is generally admitted that Australia will find herself in a very serious position should the price of wheat and wool fail to improve within the next couple of years and the Commonwealth and States continue to be unable to balance their accounts. A foreign loan, if obtainable, might relieve the situation temporarily but additional borrowings could hardly be expected to offer a permanent remedy for present ills. A vital aspect of the situation, the question of reducing internal prices, is fortunately receiving careful study and it is hoped that action along this line will prove constructive and assist in restoring the National economy to a sound basis.

The action taken by the Commonwealth Government in providing for the payment of the matured coupons of New South Wales seems to justify the general interpretation of the debt agreement that the failure of any of the States to pay the Commonwealth their portion of the service charges would not necessarily mean that the issue or issues would be defaulted by the Commonwealth.

The seriousness of the repudiation policy of New South Wales should not be overestimated. The group behind this extreme program is understood to be relatively small, and the public support, which carried Mr. Lang to office in the last election, is said to be waning. The petition made by 150 delegates of all of the northern districts of New South Wales to the Commonwealth to approve the formation of these districts into a new State appears to be indicative of the trend of public opinion within the State. Well informed opinion also appears to consider that the political difficulties confronting Australia to-day have been exaggerated in reports abroad and that a majority of the people realize the plight they have brought on themselves and will support the National Government in its endeavors to untangle its financial skein.

The initiative taken by various industries in attempting to bring down production costs, the recent success of the internal conversion loan of £28,000,000, favorable crop prospects as well as the firming tendency in wool prices are favorable trends which it is hoped may prove the beginning of the solution of Australia's many problems.

Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank Reported Sold to A. C. Stewart.

Associated Press accounts from Kansas City yesterday (June 5) said:

The assets of the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank have been sold at auction for \$26,750,000 to A. C. Stewart, Pacific Coast financier, and his associates.

The Phoenix Joint Stock Land Bank will succeed the institution, which was placed in receivership in 1927 with the filing of Government charges of mismanagement against its head, Walter Cravens.

E. C. Aldwell, a Pacific Coast Land Bank manager, has been chosen to manage the reorganized institution. The sale yesterday ended the receivership of Herman M. Langworthy, which began in February 1928.

Senator Brookhart Proposes Amendment of Intermediate Credit Act to Provide for National Co-operative Reserve Bank.

Describing the Federal Land and Intermediate Credit Banks as "in the control of Wall Street representatives", Senator Brookhart, Republican, of Iowa, suggested on May 20 that farmers be allowed to establish a banking system of their own. Associated Press advices from Washington on that date indicating this went on to say:

Such a move, he said, in an address over the National Broadcasting system, would lay the foundation for success of efforts to bring agriculture out of the depression, "an established institution since 1920."

The Board which now controls the Federal Land and Intermediate Credit Banks, Brookhart asserted, should be abolished and the institutions turned over to the Farm Board. Then the latter should be authorized to develop a complete co-operative banking system, he added.

"When this is organized and developed it would supplement the necessity for Government money and enable the farmers to finance their own co-operative propositions," Brookhart said. "At present they have no permission even to organize such a system under either the laws of the States or the United States. The big financial interests have watched these laws and kept all such authority from them."

He blamed the Federal Reserve Board for having done "more to bring about the agricultural depression than all other causes combined," and said if the Farm Board "does not want to be abolished" it should back legislation for an "efficient and nation-wide co-operative banking system."

The simplest way to establish the system, he said, would be "to amend the Intermediate Credit Act and change that bank into a national co-operative Reserve Bank with all the powers of the Federal Reserve Bank, including the power to issue co-operative reserve notes as currency upon the same security as the Federal Reserve Bank itself."

"As our banking system is now controlled," Brookhart contended, "even the surplus credit and deposits of the farmers themselves are sent away to New York to be loaned to brokers in stock gambling at a low rate of interest, as low as 1%, while farmers must pay from 6 to 12% for loans to produce the food of life itself."

Drouth Relief Advances Total \$47,064,319—Loans Made Thus Far to 400,000 Farmers from \$57,000,000 Relief Funds—Government Moves to Protect Itself from Failure of Some Borrowers to Repay Money.

A total of \$47,064,319 from the combined drouth relief appropriations of \$57,000,000 made available for aid to individual farmers had been lent up to and including May 26. The money has been advanced to about 400,000 farmers, said the New York "Times" in its Washington advices on the date indicated. It also had the following to say:

The appropriations, made by the last Congress, included one of \$45,000,000 for feed and seed loans; another of \$20,000,000 for general agricultural rehabilitation, of which the department allotted one-half for individual loans and the other half for loans exclusively to joint stock credit corporations, and \$2,000,000 to be used in Southeastern States which had suffered the drouth on the heels of disastrous floods.

Individuals in Arkansas alone received \$7,680,000 from the feed and seed fund and \$1,612,000 from the rehabilitation funds, a total of \$9,292,000.

It was learned to-day that the Department of Agriculture has found it necessary to seek legal advice on unusual technical conditions which have arisen through the loans.

One of these points, announced from the Department of Justice as having been referred to it, dealt with the question of what the Government could do to protect its interests when a farmer finds his seed loan, deposited in a bank until he makes his purchases, attached by creditors.

A decision was asked as to the rights of the Government, as technically the Government's security for such a loan is the crop which would be raised from the seed purchased with the loaned money. No great number of such cases have been reported, but it was said at the Department of Agriculture that isolated instances of that nature have arisen in almost every State and county where loans have been made.

The drouth has not shown indications of recurring this year, crops and gardens being reported as thriving in areas which were hit worst. Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, recently reported almost ideal conditions in his State, particularly in gardens from which much of the poorer element of the population derives a large part of its support.

High praise of some of the farmers who obtained Federal drouth relief loans this spring was voiced by Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde, on June 3, when he announced that many of these borrowers have already paid back their loans in whole or in part. The New York "Journal of Commerce" also reports him as saying:

"A most commendable attitude is evident. In many instances farmers have paid off their Government loans with the proceeds of early fruit and vegetable crops on which the Government held no lien.

"Not only have they thus shown their good intentions and fundamental integrity, but they have also displayed good business sense. Several thousand borrowers have found they do not need the full amount of the loan approved and have turned back our checks for second or later installments. Of course, those who pay the loans before the maturity date will receive interest rebates."

Creation of Putnam Agricultural Foundation for Advancement of New Hampshire Agriculture.

Associated Press advices from Concord, N. H., said:

Creation of the Putnam Agricultural Foundation, for advancement of New Hampshire agriculture, was announced to-day by George M. Putnam, President of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation and founder of the newly created organization.

Wheat Buying by Federal Farm Board Ends—Government Agencies Said to Hold More Than 200,000,000 Bushels of Grain—Statement by George S. Milnor of Grain Stabilization Corp.—Price Declines to New Low Levels.

Federally financed purchases of wheat incident to the government's stabilizing activities toward farm relief begun in February 1930, came to an end on Friday May 29 in accordance with previous announcement with the closing of the day's operations on the Chicago Board of Trade. Noting that the holdings of Government agencies reach over 200,000,000 bushels, a Chicago dispatch, May 29, to the New York "Times" had the following to say relative to the action of the Board in discontinuing its buying operations:

Federal Farm Board announced on March 22 that the Grain Stabilization Corporation would cease purchases in the open market with the cessation of trading in the 1930 crop.

The closing left Government agencies in possession of more than 200,000,000 bushels of grain. At the close of the July deliveries, it was estimated here, the Government's loss would be about \$90,000,000, with monthly carrying charges of \$4,000,000 to be added until some disposition is made of the largest holdings of wheat any Governmental agency has ever had in times of peace.

In addition, the Farm Board's stabilizing activities in cotton were estimated to-day to have added over \$50,000,000 in losses through a decline of 9 cents per pound in this commodity since 1,300,000 bales were taken over. Here also must be added a carrying charge of several millions.

Final Transactions Orderly.

The Stabilization Corporation, traders pointed out, had in its power this week, if officials had so willed, to effect a "corner" and send prices skyrocketing when "shorts" needed grain to fill their May contracts.

Final sales to-day, however, were few and orderly in the grain exchanger throughout the nation.

Efforts made this week by officials of grain Exchanges and by farm leaders to obtain a commitment from James C. Stone, Chairman of the Farm Board, as to whether the wheat would be sold in competition with the new crop or held for a year, were unavailing. Audiences with President Hoover for the purpose of obtaining, if possible, some declaration of policy were likewise fruitless.

"In the face of the largest carry-over of wheat in American history, the sixth year of mounting surplus, selling of the stabilization stocks now would be disastrous to farmers and banks; as well as the administration's farm relief program," declared the spokesman for a group of Chicago grain merchants who met to-day to discuss the situation.

George S. Milnor, President of the Stabilization Corporation, issued a statement after the close of the market calling attention to the fact that the final quotation on May wheat was 83¼ cents a bushel, higher than the 81 cents at which the Corporation had "stabilized" the crop. Present holdings, he said, could be marketed "in an orderly manner at satisfactory prices" if there is a marked acreage reduction in winter wheat next fall.

Reviews Government's Efforts.

Mr. Milnor said that American wheat prices had been stabilized well above world levels for seven months, a fact which had aided banks holding loans against wheat to liquidate them. During this period, he added, "more than

350,000,000 bushels have gone into domestic consumption at equal to or higher than the stabilized price."

Mr. Milnor is quoted as follows:

"On account of Decoration Day and Sunday, the market for May futures wheat contracts expired Friday, closing at 83¼ cents a bushel Chicago.

"Last November, the Federal Farm Board decided that owing to bad economic conditions and general depression, there was serious danger of wheat prices in this country declining to unnecessarily low levels in sympathy with prices in foreign markets. Markets in Winnipeg, Liverpool and Buenos Aires were weak and declining. There were many evidences of panicky selling and unloading of wheat stocks in our own domestic markets, which unless curbed, would in all probability have demoralized prices and forced wheat down to the lowest level on record.

"On Nov. 17, the market for May wheat in Chicago was 76½ cents, in Winnipeg 67½ cents, in Liverpool 75½ cents and in Buenos Aires 59¼ cents. On authority of the Farm Board, the Grain Stabilization Corporation immediately acted to support the price of wheat in domestic markets. Heavy purchases were made daily, with the result that the decline was stopped and shortly the price of Chicago May wheat had advanced to 81 cents a bushel. This price was reached on Nov. 24. Since then such purchases as were necessary have been made in order to maintain the minimum price of 81 cents Chicago, and corresponding prices in other principal markets; for example, 73 cents in Kansas City, 76½ cents in Minneapolis, etc.

"The price of cash wheat also has been maintained on a comparative level with the futures. Thus Grain Stabilization Corporation has just completed the maintenance of minimum prices for nearly seven months. During that period more than 350,000,000 bushels of wheat have gone into domestic consumption at equal to or higher than the stabilized price.

"Since last November, the price of No. 2 hard cash wheat has advanced in Chicago to 84 cents a bushel from 76 cents. These prices in turn have been reflected throughout the entire country, with the result that farmers and others have been able to liquidate their wheat holdings at an average price of from 20 to 30 cents a bushel above world level prices, which declined to Winnipeg 52½ cents, Liverpool 60¼ cents and Buenos Aires 45½ cents.

"During the summer and fall banks throughout the entire country had made many loans based on the then prevailing prices of wheat, and maintenances of minimum prices during the winter and spring have permitted the orderly liquidation of such loans. The debt paying and purchasing powers of producers have thus been tremendously increased.

"The question of what the Grain Stabilization Corporation will do with the accumulated stocks is one that is frequently asked. In a statement issued Mar. 23, the Federal Farm Board said 'stabilization supplies of wheat will be handled in such a way as to impose the minimum of burden upon domestic and world prices.'

"It is believed that acreage reductions throughout the world and average crop and weather conditions will cause an adjustment of production to more nearly a normal basis. Stocks held in this country at the end of the year will be slightly, if any, larger than those of a year ago. It is too early to predict the size of the 1931 crop. If there is a marked acreage reduction in winter wheat next fall, as is confidently believed will be the case, there is no reason why the present holdings cannot be marketed in an orderly manner at satisfactory prices.

"The Grain Stabilization Corporation is well satisfied with the results that have been accomplished, and it is felt that any hardship that has been caused speculators and commission men has been offset many times over by the benefits to producers, bankers and business in general throughout the country."

The decline in the price of wheat to new low levels occurred at the various markets on June 3; Associated Press accounts from Minneapolis on that date stated:

Wheat prices for the June option dropped 12½ cents a bushel to 64 cents in an hour on the Minneapolis Grain Market to-day as offerings for the spot month found no buyers. The drastic slump was attributed to withdrawal of Farm Board agents from the market.

June wheat opened unchanged to 6½ cents lower when trading began and by 10 o'clock prices had slumped to 64 cents bushel, 12½ cents below yesterday's close at 76½ cents.

Prices dropped steadily, losing from one to two cents at a time, July wheat futures also were down 4½ cents one hour after the opening. July closed yesterday at 65¼ cents.

In its advices from Chicago, June 3, the New York "Times" said:

Grain values declined to-day to world quotation levels and even below them as a result of a sudden and unannounced withdrawal of the Federal Government's artificial price props in the wheat pits of the United States.

July wheat, closing at less than 57 cents a bushel, was the lowest Chicago quotation since 1896. Declines of 10 to 13 cents a bushel sent traders scurrying to cover in all American markets. Other grain values also were deflated.

While the Federal Farm Board's stabilization buying of wheat futures ended last Friday, farmers and dealers had been led to believe that the market would be supported by intermittent cash purchases to make the decline gradual during June.

The downward movement started in Minneapolis, when for the first time since the Government began its program of stabilization last November, the "pegged" price was broken down. Other markets followed suit, but not until nearly noon was word issued by Chairman Stone of the Farm Board in Washington that all its wheat buying had ceased.

Government Keeps Selling Price.

George S. Milnor, President of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, who was in Minneapolis, also said that the Governmental agency was through buying wheat in any market. He added that the Corporation's selling price, or its selling policy for the wheat it holds, was unchanged. Under this policy, the Corporation had advised farmers and grain merchants that the stabilization of cash prices would continue until June 30 on a scale of gradually increased prices for Government holdings.

The present selling level on this basis would have been 85 cents in Chicago to-day, far above quotations for actual sales in the pit.

At the Farm Board headquarters it was said that the early and heavy movement of the new wheat crop from the Southwest had prompted the sudden withdrawal of government support. Mr. Stone and Mr. Milnor were reported to have agreed on the move by telephone last night, when heavy shipments from Texas began to arrive at terminal markets.

Officials intimated that the "Corporation should not be expected to buy Texas wheat" to maintain the "pegged" price, at the expense of Kansas farmers, who begin to harvest in a few weeks.

Heavy Loss on the Old Crop.

That farmers as well as grain men would suffer heavy losses was indicated in a report of Nat Murray, statistician. He estimated that farmers still hold 43,000,000 bushels of the old crop on farms, a course urged upon them earlier by the Farm Board. An additional 52,000,000 bushels is estimated to be in storage, mostly unhedged, in country mills and elevators.

Farmers holding corn, oats and rye were losers in to-day's market, with declines of a cent a bushel or more being quoted in Chicago.

President Milnor, of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation and President of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, the Farm Board Agencies, refused, on June 3, to go into detail as to their withdrawal from buying cash wheat. A dispatch from Minneapolis to the New York "Times," authority for this, added:

"We are out of the market to-day and that is all I can say," Mr. Milnor declared.

About 100,000,000 bushels of wheat is stored in terminal elevators of Minneapolis and Duluth and Superior, but this already is owned by the Farm Board. Mr. Milnor explained that only a limited volume of wheat is held on farms and in country elevators in the Northwest remaining to be sold.

"We figure that there will not be enough wheat coming in during the rest of June to meet the requirements of flour mills," he said. "They will have to have spring wheat for millings, and so they will have to come to us for spring wheat.

"The minimum selling price of the Grain Stabilization Corporation's wheat is 82 cents a bushel. This will be in effect for eight more days, until June 11, then it will be increased one-half cent to 82½. After another ten days, there will be another advance to 83, and that price will hold to the end of the crop year on June 30."

Under no circumstances will the Stabilization Corporation dispose of any wheat at less than the fixed price of 82 cents, Mr. Milnor said.

W. F. Schilling Re-Appointed to Federal Farm Board—Charles C. Teague Tenders Resignation as Member of Board—Latter Holds Stabilization Operations on Wheat and Cotton Justified.

On May 29 President Hoover reappointed William F. Schilling as a member of the Federal Farm Board. The reappointment is for a term of six years from June 15, when Mr. Schilling's present term will expire.

With the announcement of Mr. Schilling's reappointment it was also made known that Charles C. Teague had tendered his resignation to President Hoover, effective June 1. Mr. Teague had been Vice-Chairman of the Board. In his letter submitting his resignation Mr. Teague referred to the Board's stabilization operations on wheat and cotton, "which," he said, "were entirely emergency operations, undertaken to meet emergency conditions, and which I believe are entirely justified and which will have resulted in benefits to agriculture and business generally for outweighing any cost to the Treasury. However, in my judgment, the greatest benefit will come through another type of stabilization of markets, which will come through the long-time projects of developing a system of co-operative control of agricultural products, which will effect a better control of production and a better control of distribution and thus have an important influence in the stabilization of markets."

Mr. Teague's letter to the President follows:

Dear Mr. President: When I accepted appointment on the Federal Farm Board it was with the understanding that it was to be for a year, or during the organization and policy formation period of the Board. At your request I have continued as a member of the Board, and you have been good enough to accept my resignation, effective on June 1 of this year, in order that I may return to my personal affairs and the affairs of organization which I have handled for many years and which would not permit of my continuing longer on the Board.

In retiring from the Federal Farm Board permit me to say that it has been a privilege to participate for the past nearly two years in the administration of the Agricultural Marketing Act. It was, indeed, fortunate, during the present serious economic condition through which the country has been passing, that the farmers of the country have had this important legislation, with adequate finances and administered by a group of men of your selection, who have had such a deep and sympathetic attitude toward the problem of agriculture. In the time that I have been on the Board I have never observed any action influenced by section or politics. The Board has always sought for the most helpful solution of any of the problems that have been presented. They have brought to these problems broad business experience and a thorough knowledge of agriculture and co-operative marketing.

It has, of course, been impossible to be helpful under these most difficult and trying conditions without at times taking some chances of loss to the revolving fund. Had it been administered as a banking trust or fund it would have been of little help to agriculture under existing conditions. I am frank to say that when I accepted your request to become a member of the Board I had some misgivings as to the possibility of too much importance being attached to the revolving fund and the loan provisions of the Act, as I had the very definite conviction that the greatest benefits would come from Federal sanction and assistance in the developing of a co-operative marketing system for agriculture.

There are two distinct methods of stabilization of markets. Probably the one that has been emphasized most in the publicity relating to Farm Board action has been the stabilization operations on wheat and cotton, which were entirely emergency operations undertaken to meet emergency conditions and which I believe are entirely justified and which will have resulted in benefits to agriculture and business generally far outweighing any cost to the Treasury. However, in my judgment the greatest benefit will come through another type of stabilization of markets, which will come through

the long-time projects of developing a system of co-operative control of agricultural products, which will effect a better control of production and a better control of distribution, and thus have an important influence in the stabilization of markets.

Of course no one could foresee the conditions brought about by the world-wide depression and its effect upon all business, including agriculture. Had it not been for the revolving fund a large number of the co-operatives that have performed a very definite and valuable service to the farmers of this country would have perished through the inability to finance themselves and to adjust their business practices to the changed conditions brought about by unprecedented declines in values; so, I say without hesitation that many of these co-operatives owe their continuing existence to the assistance given them by the Board. As these facts become better known and understood by agricultural producers and the public, I believe they will recognize the importance of rallying to the support of the Board and of the Agricultural Marketing Act. I am firmly convinced that during the last two years more progress has been made in co-operative marketing than has been made in any previous 10-year period in our history. This perhaps cannot be demonstrated by an inventory of the increased membership of co-operatives but in appraising this gain there should be taken into consideration the great advance that has been made in the support of educational institutions, national farm membership organizations, and by broad gauge business men and the public generally.

I am retiring from the Board in no spirit of discouragement but with the definite feeling that the time I have spent on the Board and such contribution as I have been able to make have been distinctly worth while. Permit me at this time to extend to you assurance of my continued respect and regard.

CHARLES C. TEAGUE, *Vice-Chairman.*

President Hoover's letter accepting Mr. Teague's resignation follows:

My dear Mr. Teague: I beg to acknowledge your letter of May 22 on completion of your term with the Federal Farm Board. I greatly regret that your personal situation is such that you cannot continue on the Farm Board for the present.

I wish to take this occasion to express my appreciation, and the appreciation which I know the whole agricultural industry holds, for the great service you have rendered and the devotion you have shown in the difficult times of the past two years.

HERBERT HOOVER.

It is stated that another vacancy on the Board will be created on June 15 when the term of Samuel R. McKelvie, grain member, expires. Mr. McKelvie has been in London, where he attended the International Wheat Conference; he expects to retire to his Nebraska farm and edit a farm paper.

Chairman Stone of Federal Farm Board Denies United States Is Responsible for Failure of World Wheat Parley.

The failure of the London International Wheat Conference was not caused by the attitude of the United States toward an export quota for exporting countries or an international marketing organization, James E. Stone, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, said on May 28 in answer to reports to that effect said to have originated in Russia. Reporting this from Washington May 28, the correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" further quoted Mr. Stone as follows:

"I do not place the blame for the failure of the conference on any one, as I have received no information from Mr. McKelvie," said Mr. Stone, adding that he thought Russia was as much to blame as this country as "we had one idea and they had another. Russia believes that it is entitled to her prewar export market, according to the Farm Board chairman.

Told that other European countries have indicated they might collaborate on an export quota plan, and asked what effect it would have if this country were left out, Mr. Stone said that he had not heard of the plan, but if it were true, any large exporting country left out of the agreement could "upset the applecart."

The Farm Board Chairman thinks that a reduction of 20% in wheat acreage in this country by next year is not "too optimistic." He said that he did not believe that wheat growers anywhere in the world can produce wheat profitably at the present price.

"New agriculture crops are being produced at a much cheaper cost than last year," Mr. Stone remarked.

"You will find this summer that there will be many more gardens and considerable more food crops produced," he said. "When that condition exists in large areas of the country your production costs are much lower and will be much lower than they have been. Farm labor at present is cheaper."

Stone admitted that this might hurt the purchasing power of the country to some extent, "but it will put agriculture in a healthier condition, or at least not place farmers deeper in debt and, perhaps, will give them some cash."

The general commodity structure should improve, Mr. Stone believes. He said that the indicated improvement in agriculture prices "will have a lot to do with the improvement, will have to come first in agriculture and then be reflected in industry, he said, adding that this is one reason that industrial leaders are giving more attention to the farm situation.

Mr. Stone believes that the cotton situation would clear up if cotton acreage were reduced long enough to absorb the accumulation of cotton stocks due to the decreased consumption of cotton fabrics.

Federal Farm Board Nears End of Its Plans to Dispose of 35,000,000 Bushels of Wheat Abroad—Europe Buys 25,000,000 Bushels—Sales to Be Finished by July 1—Price Above World Rate.

About 25,000,000 bushels of the 35,000,000 bushels of so-called out-of-position wheat originally designated by the Federal Farm Board for export has been sold abroad, principally in countries of Continental Europe, Chairman Stone

announced on May 28, said a dispatch to the New York "Times" from Washington which added:

The remaining 10,000,000 bushels, he said is expected to be sold by July 1. Announcement was made by the board about two months ago that the 35,000,000 bushels were stored along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts and could not be moved inland without entailing substantial losses from transportation charges. Hence it was decided to find markets abroad.

Withdrawal by Grain Stabilization Corp. of Buying Support From Wheat—Statement by Chairman Stone of Federal Farm Board—Board to Receive \$100,000,000 of Revolving Fund, July 1.

The Grain Stabilization Corp. has withdrawn its buying support from wheat, in view of the arrival at market of considerable wheat of the new crop which is now being harvested in the Southwest, it was stated orally at the Federal Farm Board June 3 when a decline in wheat prices that day was called to the attention of Board. The foregoing is from the "United States Daily" of June 4, which added that the following information also was made available at the Board's offices

Policy of Board.

The corporation has dealt only in wheat of the old crop, and the Board announced last March 23 that it would not permit the corporation to make stabilization purchases from the new crop. The policy has been to support the price of the old crop until the new crop began to come on the market in considerable volume, and the Board feels that this time has now arrived. On the night of June 2, George S. Milnor, President and General Manager of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, talked to Mr. Stone by telephone from Chicago, and it was agreed that the time had come to stop purchases. Mr. Stone recently had stated orally that he was under the impression that an effort would be made to maintain the stabilized price of wheat until the present crop season ends July 1, but he was uncertain as to the likelihood of purchases during June. The Corporation, he had said, will not sell wheat below the price basis which it recently established for the wheat it holds, which at present is about 85 cents a bushel with an additional half cent added every 10 days.

Little Old Wheat Left.

He had expressed the view that there is not a great quantity of old wheat still to be marketed, and that any wheat which comes into the market besides that held by the Corporation probably would sell at quotations somewhere near the Corporation's price.

Mr. Stone stated some time ago that when the Corporation withdrew its support of the market prices might be expected to tend downward toward the world price level.

Normally the price at Chicago should be about 12 cents a bushel lower than the Liverpool price to provide for transportation costs to Liverpool. July wheat at Chicago sold June 3 at 56½ to 57 cents and at Liverpool at 61½, according to advices received in the Department of Agriculture, which is a spread of only about 5 cents.

"Defending the withholding of government funds from support of the wheat market on June 3, and the consequent 10-cent decline in domestic wheat prices, Chairman James C. Stone of the Federal Farm Board declared (we quote from a Washington account, June 4 to the New York "Times") that such action gave no one any license to say they had been 'double-crossed' by the Board or by the Grain Stabilization Corp." The "Times" dispatch continued:

Mr. Stone said that although he had previously announced the Board's intention of "pegging" prices through June by purchases of cash wheat from the old crop, it had been made clear such action would continue only as long as the new crop was not a factor in the market. This factor developed yesterday, it was pointed out, with receipts of sizable wheat shipments from the Panhandle district in Texas.

He was asked what was the condition of Farm Board finances.

"We have never announced the condition of our finances," he replied, "except in the annual report to Congress, and such information will not be given until all holdings have been disposed of."

"There are too many people who are not in sympathy with the policies of the Farm Board for us to place our economies in their hands."

Mr. Stone was asked concerning the quantity of wheat now held by the Board.

"I don't think it would be to our advantage to make the figures public at this time," he replied. He has taken the position on previous occasions that publication of such information would react only to the benefit of unscrupulous speculators.

Mr. Stone expressed the opinion that domestic prices must eventually get down to the world level, as reflected by prices at Liverpool. This, he said, would place the latter market from 13 to 15 cents above Chicago, the difference resulting from transatlantic transportation charges.

He maintained his usual optimistic tone to-day despite yesterday's sharp break in prices on July futures, which declined from 66½ to 57 cents a bushel. "Being an optimist," he said, "I continue to believe that chances for improvement in the general (world) level of wheat prices are three to one against a further decline."

Other officials of the Board, in order to dispel any impression that the Board was in financial straits, pointed out that the Board will receive on July 1 another \$100,000,000 of the original \$500,000,000 revolving fund. It was stated that, in addition to that amount, the Board has on hand more than \$50,000,000 with which it could make further stabilization purchases, if necessary.

Farmers National Grain Corporation Said to Have Paid About \$7,000,000 for About 8,000,000 Bushels of Wheat.

The following is from the St. Paul "Pioneer Press" of June 2:

The Farmers National Grain Corp. paid to-day \$7,000,000, including \$4,000,000 in the Twin Cities and \$3,000,000 in Duluth, for about 8,000,000 bushels of wheat, cleaning up the contracts made by the Grain Stabilization Corp. to accept delivery at the two markets prior to June 1.

Around 5,000,000 bushels, mostly bread wheat, was taken over in the Twin Cities, and 3,000,000, mainly durum, in Duluth-Superior, according to Harry F. Shepherdson, Northwest manager of the Farmers National.

Associated Press advices from Minneapolis in noting the payment of \$7,000,000 for about 8,000,000 bushels said:

It was the second such deal in a month, the same corporation having paid \$18,000,000 for 23,000,000 bushels on May 1.

Harry F. Shepherdson, Northwest manager of the Farmers' National, said that organization had planned to accept delivery of 14,000,000 bushels to-day, but only 8,000,000 bushels were transferred to its credit. The remaining 6,000,000 are expected during the month.

Dairymen's League Co-Operative Association, Inc., Receives Permission to Borrow \$4,000,000 from Federal Farm Board.

Under date of May 27 Associated Press advices from Utica, N. Y., said:

The Dairymen's League Co-Operative Association, Inc., has received permission to borrow \$4,000,000 from the Federal Farm Board to acquire additional markets in cities where it now sells its products.

Supreme Court Justice Dowling yesterday granted the permission for the league to mortgage real estate, machinery and equipment to cover the loan. The league plans to issue bonds of \$150,000 each except one for \$100,000 for the \$4,000,000 loan with the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. as trustees and the United States of America through the Federal Farm Board.

Mrs. Willebrandt Blacklists Missouri as Sales Territory for Her Grape Juices—Federal Farm Loan Planned.

The following (Associated Press) from Washington May 19 is from the New York "Sun":

Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt has blacklisted Missouri as sales territory for her California grape concentrate clients.

The former Assistant Attorney-General and prohibition prosecutor said to-day she had advised Fruit Industries, Ltd., "to stay away from Missouri" in their Nation-wide sales campaign.

"I was uncertain as to the scope of the State law there," she explained. "The sale of grape concentrates is not illegal under the Federal law, but Missouri had a very stringent statute covering fruit juices. Consequently, Fruit Industries has not so much as advertised its products out there."

Mrs. Willebrandt joined Donald C. Conn, Managing Director, in announcing the California group has no connection with the concern under prosecution in Kansas City for violation of the Volstead Act. She added that her clients plan to ask the Federal Farm Board for another \$3,000,000 loan for expansion purposes.

Argentine Commission Opposes Foreign Bid on Grain Elevators—Holds Construction Should Be Done by Citizens—Long-Term Loan Advised—Recommends Chain of Depositories as Way to Stabilize Prices.

Foreigners should be allowed no part in the construction or operation of grain elevators in Argentina, according to a recommendation made to the Minister of Agriculture by a technical commission which he appointed several weeks ago to study the subject and advise him. We quote from Buenos Aires advices, June 3, to the New York "Times," which also had the following to say:

The question came up as a result of a proposal by a large Canadian company to construct 600 elevators and operate them at a small fee for a period of years and then turn them over to the Argentine Government. While the Government accepted the proposal in principle, it requested detailed plans and specifications and an explanation of how the undertaking would be administered.

The proposal was vigorously opposed by Argentine rural organizations, and an Argentine corporation was quickly organized to present a competing bid to the Government with a petition that the construction be awarded to Argentinians.

The technical commission's report to the Minister of Agriculture says the construction of a vast chain of elevators is urgently required and that it would reduce production costs by eliminating transportation and handling charges. The report also says it would do away with costly middlemen and permit the production of a standard type of grain to facilitate the financing of crop movements by means of warrants.

Moreover, the report continues, the elevators would permit regulation of the amount of grain offered on the market at any one time and would prevent the depression of quotations and abolish the present method of sale at prices fixed later at the pleasure of exporters. The construction of the elevators, however, the report holds, should be undertaken by the Government and financed by a long-term loan.

Such construction should be done by Argentinians, and foreign organizations should receive no part in the administration, says the report. The commission recommends that the financing and construction be entrusted to a special commission, including representatives of the National Government, the State railroads, the Stock Exchange, the grain market and banks which lend money to farmers and rural organizations. It recommends the use of Argentine labor and Argentine materials.

Outstanding Brokers' Loans on New York Stock Exchange on May 29, \$1,434,683,650—Drop of \$216,444,474 in Month.

The May 29 total of outstanding brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange reached a new low level, the amount being reported as \$1,434,683,650. These figures represent a decline of \$216,444,474 since April 30, when the total was \$1,651,128,124. On May 29 the demand loans stood at \$1,173,508,350 compared with \$1,389,163,124 on April 30; the time loans at the latest date are \$261,175,300 against \$261,965,000 on April 30.

The May 29 figures were made public as follows by the Stock Exchange on June 2:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business May 29 1931, aggregated \$1,434,683,650.

Table with columns: Demand Loans, Time Loans, Total. Rows include Net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies, Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies, or others in New York City, and Combined total of time and demand loans.

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 January 1926, follows:

Large table showing monthly figures for Demand Loans, Time Loans, and Total from 1926 to 1931. The data is presented in three columns corresponding to the three categories.

Philadelphia Brokerage House of Henry & Kirkbride Fails—Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co. Appointed Receiver.

On Tuesday of this week, June 2, the Philadelphia firm of Henry & Kirkbride, stock brokers, with offices at 1430 South Penn Square, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the U. S. District Court, and later in the day the Fidelity Philadelphia Trust Co. was appointed receiver.

The firm's petition was filed by Herman N. Schwartz, attorney, representing Patrick Henry and Richard Arnold, partners in the firm. The case was referred to Henry W. Braude, referee in bankruptcy, who appointed the trust company receiver.

Pennell C. Kirkbride was a member of the firm until his death here last March, from wounds received in the war. Mr. Kirkbride had been a member of the exchange since 1907. After his death the membership was transferred to Mr. Arnold.

Brokerage Firm Good Will Held to Be of Value—Court Disperses Impression of Street in Finding Dyer Entitled to Accounting.

From New York "Herald Tribune" of June 3 we take the following:

A popular Wall Street impression, due to an erroneous interpretation of a Court of Appeals decision handed down a few years ago, that the good will of a stock brokerage firm did not have value, was shattered yesterday by the announcement of a decision by the Appellate Division in the case of B. W. Dyer & Co., sugar economists and brokers, against Lamborn, Hutchings & Co., stock brokers.

Mr. Dyer was senior member of B. W. Dyer & Co., which merged with Lamborn, Hutchings & Co. Much of the testimony had to do with the point whether Mr. Dyer withdrew from the firm or whether the partnership had dissolved by time limitation.

The Appellate Division wrote no opinion in affirming the decision of Justice Glennon, but the latter, in deciding the point, said in part: "That for excluding the plaintiff and for appropriating and seizing to themselves all assets, including possession of the offices and records, and the firm name and good will of the co-partnership, the defendants should be compelled to account to the plaintiff for the value of the firm name and good will, records, fixtures, the leases and other assets, at the value to defendants as a going concern, of such properties."

President Hoover Requested by Representatives of American Farm Bureau Federation to Name Commission to Inquire Into Stabilization of Dollar.

President Hoover was urged June 1 by a delegation representing the American Farm Bureau Federation which called on him at the White House to appoint a commission to study and report upon the stabilization of the purchasing power of the dollar.

The delegation consisted of Chester H. Gray, Washington Legislative Representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation; E. E. Hearst, President of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation; C. R. White, President of the New York Farm Bureau Federation, and W. R. Ogg, Assistant to Mr. Gray.

"We asked the President," said Mr. Gray following the conference, "to set up a committee or commission to make a study with regard to stabilizing the purchasing power of the dollar or stabilizing the gold with the commodity dollar to prevent so much fluctuation in commodity prices."

"The request was made in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the American Farm Bureau Federation at its last annual convention held in Boston. It was our suggestion to President Hoover that if such a commission were created that it be made up of farmers, bankers, lawyers, railroad men and economists, together with any of the groups that might be interested in the relation between the commodity and the gold dollar."

Warning Against Unauthorized Solicitation of Contributions to Boys' Club of New York.

A warning has been sent to the contributors and friends of the Boys' Club of New York by Charles H. Sabin, President of the Club, stating that solicitation of contributions by telephone by any one purporting to be an officer or trustee of the club is not authorized by the officers and trustees of the organization.

J. C. Auchincloss Elected President Better Business Bureau of New York.

James C. Auchincloss, a Governor of the New York Stock Exchange, and member of the firm of Auchincloss & Mills, has been elected President of the Better Business Bureau of New York City for the fifth term. Other elections to the Bureau are: Van Rensselaer Halsey, partner in the firm of C. D. Halsey & Co., Vice-President; and Sherman B. Joost, member of the Exchange and partner in the firm of Joost, Patrick & Co., Treasurer. It is also announced that H. J. Kenner has been reappointed General Manager.

Prince & Whitely Failure—Federal Grand Jury Returns Two Indictments Against James M. Hoyt, Former Senior Partner in the Firm, Superseding Previous Indictment.

On May 28 the Federal Grand Jury returned two indictments against James M. Hoyt, former senior partner in the defunct New York Stock Exchange firm of Prince & Whitely, to supersede the indictment which was voted against the defendant several weeks ago.

Hoyt who is charged with mail fraud, now faces forty-one counts. The indictment relates to allegedly false answers made by Hoyt to a questionnaire of the Stock Exchange answered on Jan. 31 1931, and also to false answers submitted by the defendant to the Michigan Securities Commission in June 1930.

Milton E. Giles & Co. Suspended from Los Angeles Stock Exchange.

The Los Angeles Stock Exchange has suspended the firm of Milton E. Giles & Co. of that city, under Agreement 51, Article 16, of the constitution and bylaws of the Exchange, which provides that members be suspended when insolvent, according to a dispatch from that city June 2 to the "Wall Street Journal," which furthermore said that similar action had been taken by the Los Angeles Curb Exchange.

Election and Appointments to Committees of New York Stock Exchange.

The appointment of E. H. H. Simmons and Bertrand L. Taylor, Jr., to the Conference Committee of the New York Stock Exchange was reported to the Governing Committee at a meeting on May 27. The election of Robert W. Keelips to the Arbitration Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Herbert L. Mills, and the election of James B. Mabon as Chairman of the Gratuity Fund and of William Strother Jones as Secretary and Treasurer of the Gratuity Fund, were also reported.

New Low Established by New York Bank Stock Average During May.

Leading New York City bank stocks continued their downward trend during the month of May, and as a result the average of 16 of the larger institutions dropped to a new low record for the current year to date, and also to the lowest levels in several years, according to records compiled by Hoyt, Rose & Troster. They state:

The weighted average started the month at 88, from which level there was some recovery to an average of 92 on May 8. From the latter point, however, there was a general drop, and the average closed the month at 79, which was the low level. The decline was in sympathy with the weakness in the securities markets in general.

The insurance group, which is made up of 20 leading issues, also declined with the bank stock group, dropping from a high level of 59 on May 8 to a low of 49 for the month on May 27. The average of the last business day of May was 51. The recovery late in the month was due to renewed demand for the Hartford group of stocks, but all ended the month substantially below the high levels.

Involuntary Petition in Bankruptcy Filed in Maine Against American Bond & Mortgage Co.

Associated Press advices from Portland, Me., on May 25 said:

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy against the American Bond and Mortgage Co., alleging liabilities of more than \$5,000,000, was filed in United States District Court to-day.

The company was organized under the laws of Maine and its head offices are in Chicago. A bill in equity, charging fraud and mismanagement, and asking for the appointment of a receiver, was filed in the Maine Supreme Court Aug. 13 1930.

The bankruptcy petition charged that the 7% cumulative stock of the corporation was "worthless," that the mortgages on hotels and business blocks in various parts of the country had failed to yield expected returns, and that the assets could not be turned into cash without sustaining "unwarranted losses."

The appointment of the Chicago Title & Trust Co. as receiver for the American Bond & Mortgage Co. was noted in our issue of May 23, page 3814. In its Chicago advices May 22 the New York "Times" said:

The Chicago Title and Trust Company, which for two years has been engaged in a plan for reorganization of the company, was named the receiver following equity proceedings against the failed company yesterday on behalf of Harley T. Clarke, utility capitalist, and other creditors. The receivership was regarded as a friendly action.

At the same time, however, an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the mortgage company by another group of creditors alleging insolvency and the transfer of assets. This petition was continued for one week by Judge Wilkerson.

The law firm of White & Hawxhurst, which filed the involuntary bankruptcy petition for the Jackson Towers Building Corporation and other creditors, estimated the company's liabilities at more than \$7,000,000. The lawyers said no approximate estimate of the company's assets could be made because of its numerous equities in various buildings whose bonds have been in default.

Joseph A. Struett, Assistant United States Attorney, said to-day the company's activities also have been under investigation for some time by postal inspectors. He did not indicate the nature of the postal investigation.

Separate receivership proceedings against the company are pending in the courts at Augusta, Me., in which State the company is chartered.

H. E. Ambler, counsel and secretary of the mortgage company told newspapers his company had consented to the equity receivership in the belief the best interests of all parties would be served in this manner. William J. Moore is President of the Company.

Robert E. Christie Jr. of Dillon, Read & Co., Urges Bankers to Interest Themselves in Financing of Their Communities.

Investment bankers are urged to participate more generally in the financial administration of their own communities by Robert E. Christie Jr. of Dillon, Read & Co., who, as Mayor of Scarsdale, N. Y., for several years, applied his knowledge of banking to municipal problems. Writing in the June issue of "Investment Banking," the official publication of the Investment Bankers Association, Mr. Christie states that in few activities outside his business can the banker put his training and experience to more helpful use than in the municipal financing of his community. He says:

"At this time, when municipal construction projects are providing relief for widespread unemployment, the banker's advice and aid in the issuance of securities to finance such work may prove of great value to his

community. As a citizen he owes it to his home town to combat the wasteful and ill-judged methods of conducting such financing pursued in many cases in the past. While small towns and villages have suffered most from unwise financing methods, the larger cities and even states are not immune and several still follow old-fashioned and uneconomic practices that the investment banker can rectify.

"The entrance of the banker into the local political field may bring him certain burdens and responsibilities, but the administration of municipal financing unquestionably would benefit from his official interest as well as from his professional advice. Unless he participates actively in the government of his city or village, however, the opportunity for such service may not present itself.

"Through his knowledge of the investment markets and the trend of money rates, the banker is frequently in a position to suggest financing plans which will effect material savings for the community. At the same time he has learned, through long experience, the importance of maintaining a borrower's credit, a factor which many small town governments are inclined to neglect. I think the adoption of certain fundamental rules to guide municipal financing would occur to the average banker and that the community which firmly adhered to them would benefit materially. Some of these might be enumerated as follows:

1. Pay as you go.
2. Adopt annual budget of expense, including debt service and a capital budget.
3. Let bidders name interest rate.
4. Sell serial bonds maturing in round amounts.
5. Consolidate financing of various projects under way.
6. Adopt tax roll based on scientific method of assessment freed of political influence.
7. Accumulate small financing operations through use of bank credit until such time as consolidated offering can be made to the best advantage.
8. Secure expert financial and legal advice before issuing bonds.
9. Utilize certificates of deposit.
10. Stimulate interest in bidding.

"For several years the total of municipal financing has been in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000,000 annually. How much of this total has been to the best interest of the taxpayers is an interesting question that will never be answered, but it is certain that taxpayers are taking more interest in what they get for their money now than ever before. The banker who is willing to contribute his time and knowledge is in a position to be of service to his fellow citizens."

Offering of 3 1/8% Treasury Bonds to Amount of \$800,000,000—Books Closed—Subscription Over \$6,000,000,000—Allotments Approximately \$800,000,000.

A heavy oversubscription resulted from the offering made on June 1 by the Treasury Department to a new issue of Treasury Bonds, to the amount of \$800,000,000 or thereabouts and bearing interest at 3 1/8%. The subscription books were closed at the close of business on June 3, but it was announced that subscriptions received by the Federal Reserve Banks and Treasury Department through the mails up to 10 A. M. on June 4 would be considered as having been received before the close of the subscription books. Total subscriptions, according to preliminary reports from the Reserve Banks aggregated over \$6,000,000,000, said an announcement on June 4 by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon; it was indicated that the allocation will be approximately the \$800,000,000 offered. Earlier this year (in March), the Treasury put out an issue of \$500,000,000 of Treasury Bonds of 1941-43, carrying 3%, and the total subscriptions in that case (as noted in these columns March 14, page 1916) were \$2,111,871,300. It was indicated by the Treasury Department on June 1 that a further Government bond issue is likely to be placed on the market later this year. This week's offering it was noted in the "Times" is the largest issue since the war, and the rate of interest it bears (3 1/8%) is a record low interest rate for the post-war period. Secretary Mellon, in announcing on May 31 the new issue of \$800,000,000, said that "about \$589,000,000 of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, and about \$90,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt become due and payable on June 15 1931." From the "United States Daily" of June 2 we take the following:

Large maturities of bills and certifications of indebtedness now outstanding, between July 1 and Dec. 31, it was declared, likely will motivate the Treasury in offering another bond issue. Easy money conditions, now prevalent, it was added, are expected to continue.

The following additional information was made available:

The Department does not plan to accept subscriptions to the \$800,000,000 issue of 3 1/8% bonds beyond the sum found necessary on June 15, when the issue is placed on the market. This plan will be followed in order that a month's interest may be saved.

While the funds on hand, together with proceeds from the new issue probably will be adequate to refinance operations through the middle of July, there is the possibility of a small Treasury bill issue during this month. Approximately \$590,000,000 in securities must be retired June 15, and the balance from the new issue will be approximately \$210,000,000.

Other bill issues falling due in July and August may be adjusted by issues of the same nature of securities, arranged with a view to refunding into bonds at a later period in the year, under the present plan.

During September and December outstanding certificate maturities will be heavy, the total maturity of bills and certificates between July 1 and Dec. 31 being \$1,622,251,000. Consequently, it is probable that the new bond issue will be offered at one of these two periods.

Past experience has shown that Treasury bond issues have been oversubscribed several times, and it is expected that the new issues will be accepted in the same way. The last preceding bond issue, in March, was oversubscribed fourfold.

There has been no deviation from the expressed Treasury plan for refinancing the First and Fourth Liberty Loan bonds on their call dates in 1932 and 1933, respectively. To carry out this plan, consolidation of the short-term debt of \$3,287,175,950 has been arranged.

Appreciable change in interest rates during the next year is not foreseen, and easy money conditions conceivably can continue for even longer a period, depending upon the general business situation. Thus, a large amount of interest could be saved in refinancing the two Liberty issues, the first bearing 3½, 4 and 4¼ interest, and the Fourth 4¼%.

The new \$800,000,000 bond issue will be dated and bear interest from June 15 1931; it will mature June 15 1949, and will be redeemable at the option of the United States at par and accrued interest on and after June 15 1946. Interest will be payable June 15 and Dec. 15. The 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 bonds will be exempt from all taxation except estate or inheritance taxes, and graduated additional income taxes, known as surtaxes, excess-profits and war-profits taxes. The Treasury announces that it will accept in payment for the new Treasury bonds, at par, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1931 and TJ2-1931, both maturing June 15 1931. Subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in certificates of indebtedness maturing June 15 1931, will be given preferred allotment up to \$325,000,000. Secretary Mellon's announcement of May 31 follows in full:

The Treasury is to-day offering for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve Banks, an issue of 3½% Treasury bonds of 1946-49. The bonds will be dated and bear interest from June 15 1931, will mature on June 15 1949, and will be redeemable at the option of the United States on and after June 15, 1946. The amount of the offering is \$800,000,000 or thereabouts.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks. The Treasury will accept in payment for the new Treasury bonds, at par, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1931 and TJ2-1931 both maturing June 15 1931. Subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in certificates of indebtedness maturing June 15 1931, will be given preferred allotment up to \$325,000,000.

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.

These 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 profit 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 the taxes provided for in said clause (b) above.

About \$589,000,000 of Treasury certificates of indebtedness and about \$90,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt become due and payable on June 15 1931.

In making known the total subscriptions received, Secretary Mellon issued the following statement on June 4:

Secretary of the Treasury Mellon announced that subscriptions for the offering of 3½% Treasury bonds of 1946-49 closed at the close of business last night, Wednesday, June 3. Subscriptions received by the Federal Reserve Banks and the Treasury Department through the mails up to 10 o'clock this morning will be considered as having been received before the close of the subscription books.

Preliminary reports received from the Federal Reserve Banks show that total subscriptions aggregate over \$6,000,000,000. Announcement of the actual amount of subscriptions and of the basis of allotment will be made within a few days, in all probability for publication Saturday morning, June 6.

According to the "United States Daily" the following additional information was made available on June 4:

Many banks subscribed heavily to the bond issue, making bids in excess of their actual requirements with the objective of obtaining allocations that they really desired. These bank subscriptions usually are to meet the requirements of customers as well as on their own account.

The oversubscription, it is believed by Treasury officials, will be the largest on record. The intention has been to allocate only the \$800,000,000 offered, despite the great demand. Of the proceeds, some \$330,000,000 will be allotted as exchange for \$589,314,000 in 2½ and 1½ certificates which mature June 15. The remainder will be allotted for cash and together with proceeds of the income tax and foreign debt interest payments due June 15, will be employed in paying off the balance of the maturing security issues, and for the ordinary expenses of the Federal Government until the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

The following is the text of the Treasury circular offering the bonds:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 3½% TREASURY BONDS OF 1946-49.

Dated and bearing interest from June 15 1931. Due June 15 1949. Redeemable at the option of the United States at par and accrued interest on and after June 15 1946. Interest payable June 15 and Dec. 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 1946-49, 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 \$800,000,000, or thereabouts.

Description of Bonds.

The bonds will be dated June 15 1931, and will bear interest from that date at the rate of 3½% per annum, payable semi-annually, on Dec. 5 1931, and thereafter on June 15 and Dec. 15 in each year until the principal amount becomes payable. The bonds will mature June 15 1949, but may be redeemed at the option of the United States on and after June 15 1946, 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, owned 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, 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 allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment.

Payment at par and accrued interest for any bonds allotted must be made on or before June 15 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.

Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1931 and TJ2-1931, both maturing June 15 1931, 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.

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.

June 1 1931.

Department Circular No. 438
(Public Debt)

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 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.

Eugene M. Stevens of Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Urges Corporations to Distribute Cash Surplus to Shareholders to Aid Recovery.

A proposal that corporations with excess cash balances redistribute them to shareholders in the form of special dividends was advanced on May 27 by Eugene M. Stevens, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. This is indicated in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of May 28 which further stated:

Mr. Stevens, addressing the weekly luncheon of the Chicago Association of Commerce at the Hotel La Salle made it clear that he was not speaking as an official representative of the Reserve System. In developing his proposal he said that the large cash surpluses of corporations had led to distortion in the credit structure, whereas, if turned back to stockholders, these funds would help individuals to liquidate their obligations or put the money to work elsewhere.

Blames "Bootleg" Loans.

Pointing to the tremendous volume of "bootleg" loans, or loans by industrial and other non-banking institutions in the call money market, during 1928 and 1929 as a cause of the inflation back of the current depression, Mr. Stevens said:

"I question very seriously whether corporations engaged in manufacture and commerce are exercising their proper functions and meeting their obligation to their stockholders when they go into the business of loaning money. The stockholders have a right to expect that their investments in such corporations will be used for the purposes for which the corporation is organized and that the stockholders' money in excess of needed working capital will not be held in excessive cash balances or short-term loans."

Hold Large Reserves.

Mr. Stevens said that many corporations, which were financed on the basis of highly inflated production, large high cost inventories and an abnormal volume of business during the favorable market for securities in the "boom" period, may now find themselves in a working cash capital position substantially in excess of sound needs.

"If this is true," he stated, "it is a question if it might not be better to return this excess cash capital in the form of special dividends to stockholders, many of whom have borrowed money to acquire such stocks, thus enabling them to use their capital more advantageously in their own affairs."

Looking toward the future Mr. Stevens presented as one of the major problems to be overcome by business in climbing back to prosperity the elimination of waste in distribution and merchandising which has crept in during the last 15 years, while efficiency in production has been carried to its present high level.

Must Step Up Distribution.

It is now necessary to match efficiency in distribution with that already obtained in production, according to Mr. Stevens.

Saying that the small change shown by the business index from other than seasonal influence leads to the hope that the drastic declines have been checked and business is now dragging the bottom, the speaker added:

"I venture to assert that the day will come, and is not far distant, when we will look back on the present inertia in the use of money and credit with much the same wondering criticism we now apply to the hysteria of its misuse a few years ago."

Treasury Deficit of \$900,000,000 or More at End of Fiscal Year Forecast—\$500,000,000 Increase in National Debt.

In a statement issued at the White House on June 2, it was indicated that the Treasury deficit at the end of the current fiscal year will reach \$900,000,000 or more. The statement follows:

In reply to inquiries from the press the following information in round numbers has been furnished by the Director of the Budget as to the economic made during the past year and the probable fiscal situation upon July 1.

Present indications are that the financial transactions of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30 1931, will show an increase of about \$500,000,000 in the national debt. The deficit is from about \$900,000,000 to \$950,000,000, of which about \$440,000,000 will be due to the statutory redemption of the debt.

The deficit is principally due to a falling off in receipts of the Treasury, from taxes and other sources caused by the depression which will apparently be about \$840,000,000 below the fiscal year ended June 30 1930. Added to this is the additional burden of about \$50,000,000 fall in postal receipts.

There have also been large increases in expenditures for construction work and agricultural relief and for veterans services amounting to about \$540,000,000 above that of the last fiscal year.

These figures alone—a reduction of \$890,000,000 in receipts and increase of nearly \$540,000,000 in expenditures in the above items—would indicate that the Government would be over \$1,430,000,000 worse off this year than last.

However, deferments and reductions in expenditures in other parts of the Government largely due to the economy drive last summer amount to about \$180,000,000. During the fiscal year ended last June the debt was reduced by \$305,000,000 in excess of statutory amount, while this year it is held to the legal requirements. These two sums make a difference in the situation of about \$485,000,000 and result in a final deficit of about \$900,000,000 or \$950,000,000.

As stated, of this deficit of \$900,000,000 or \$950,000,000, about \$440,000,000 will be expended in the statutory redemption of the public debt so that the net increase in the debt for the fiscal year will probably be about \$500,000,000.

The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs reports that the loans so far made upon bonus certificates now total \$1,093,947,000 to 1,971,966 individuals, of which \$284,481,000 has been furnished from insurance and other funds, about \$60,000,000 from the banks, and \$754,466,000 from sale of Treasury obligations.

Canadian Income and Other Taxation Changes Proposed in Premier Bennett's Budget Message.

Elsewhere we refer to the increased tariffs proposed by Prime Minister Bennett of Canada, in his budget message presented to Parliament on June 1. From the Montreal "Gazette" we quote as follows the resolution introduced by the Prime Minister to provide for the various changes in taxation:

Income War Tax Act.

The amending resolutions read:

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Income War Tax Act and to provide:

1. That the rate of income tax applicable to the income of corporations and joint stock companies for the year 1931 and thereafter, be increased from 8% to 10%.

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend and consolidate the Income War Tax Act and to provide:

1. That the consolidated act be known as the Income Tax Act (1931) Consolidated;

2. That the exemption for persons presently entitled to \$3,000 be raised to an exemption of \$3,500.

3. That the provisions relating to family corporations and personal corporations be repealed;

4. That in respect to fiscal periods not coincident with the calendar year the return of income and payment of the tax may be made within four months from the close of the fiscal period and if not so made and paid, interest on the tax payable therefrom shall be paid to the 30th day of April in the next succeeding calendar year at the rate of 6% per annum or to the time of the filing of the return and payment of tax, should such filing and payment be made before the said April 30, but in any case the return must be made on or before the 30th day of April in the next succeeding calendar year;

5. That income by way of dividends, rentals, interest, royalties or other like income not disclosed by the taxpayer in his return of income shall be added to the other income of the taxpayer in double the amount and the whole taxed under the provisions of the Act;

6. That net dividends from Canadian companies liable to corporation tax to the extent of one-half of the taxable income of a taxpayer, shall be exempt from tax up to \$10,000 thereof, provided that the exemption shall be allocated, in calculating the tax payable, \$500 to each successive tax rate as in the first schedule to the Act provided, commencing with the lowest rate and bracket of income of 1%, until like successive allocations of the dividend income, or fraction thereof, shall have exhausted the dividend exemption provided for;

7. That a tax of 2% be collected at the source on dividends payable to non-resident shareholders, such deduction to be effected by the companies paying the dividend or trustees receiving the dividend for or on behalf of non-resident persons. The tax shall be deducted at the time of the paying of the dividend by the company or on receipt of the dividend by the trustee and within 30 days thereafter paid to the Receiver-General of Canada. Failure to remit the tax deducted shall render the company or trustee personally liable to interest for the tax which should have been deducted, together with interest thereon at 6% per annum until paid;

8. That when the assets or shares of a company, having on hand undistributed income as at the end of 1929 are sold directly or through an intermediary to a company, which company issues shares, bonds, notes or other like documents as fully paid up by capitalizing the said undistributed income, then on the redemption of such documents the company redeeming shall pay a tax of 4% on the amount of such documents redeemed.

9. That in respect of the income for the year 1931 and each year thereafter the rates of tax at present imposed on individuals be repealed and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

"On the first \$1,000 or any portion thereof, 1% on the amount in excess of \$1,000, but not in excess of \$2,000, 2%."

And so forth to—

"On the amount in excess of \$24,000 . . . 25%."

10. These resolutions shall be applicable to the income of the taxation period 1931, with the exception of resolution numbered 7, which shall come into force on the first day of July 1931.

Rates of tax applicable to persons other than corporations and joint stock companies:

On the first \$1,000 or any portion thereof, 1%.

On the amount in excess of \$1,000, but not in excess of \$2,000, 2%.

On the amount in excess of \$2,000, but not in excess of \$3,000, 3%.

On the amount in excess of \$3,000, but not in excess of \$4,000, 4%.

On the amount in excess of \$4,000, but not in excess of \$5,000, 5%.

On the amount in excess of \$5,000, but not in excess of \$6,000, 6%.

On the amount in excess of \$6,000, but not in excess of \$7,000, 7%.

On the amount in excess of \$7,000, but not in excess of \$8,000, 8%.

On the amount in excess of \$8,000, but not in excess of \$9,000, 9%.

On the amount in excess of \$9,000, but not in excess of \$10,000, 10%.

On the amount in excess of \$10,000, but not in excess of \$11,000, 11%.

On the amount in excess of \$11,000, but not in excess of \$12,000, 12%.

On the amount in excess of \$12,000, but not in excess of \$13,000, 13%.

On the amount in excess of \$13,000, but not in excess of \$14,000, 14%.

On the amount in excess of \$14,000, but not in excess of \$15,000, 15%.

On the amount in excess of \$15,000, but not in excess of \$16,000, 16%.

On the amount in excess of \$16,000, but not in excess of \$17,000, 17%.

On the amount in excess of \$17,000, but not in excess of \$18,000, 18%.

On the amount in excess of \$18,000, but not in excess of \$19,000, 19%.

On the amount in excess of \$19,000, but not in excess of \$20,000, 20%.

On the amount in excess of \$20,000, but not in excess of \$21,000, 21%.

On the amount in excess of \$21,000, but not in excess of \$22,000, 22%.

On the amount in excess of \$22,000, but not in excess of \$23,000, 23%.

On the amount in excess of \$23,000, but not in excess of \$24,000, 24%.

On the amount in excess of \$24,000, 25%.

Increased Canadian Tariffs and Taxes Provided in Premier Bennett's Budget Message—United States Products Affected by New Duties.

Extension changes in Canada's tariffs, most of them upward revisions, were announced in the annual budget message of Prime Minister Bennett, presented to Parliament on June 1. Many of the new duties, it is stated, affect products derived in large quantities from the United States. In addition to the changed tariffs, increased income taxes, postage rates, etc. are among the proposals put forward by the Premier. The Associated Press accounts from Ottawa on June 1 indicate as follows the revisions:

The revisions, the Premier said, were not general, but were confined to such schedules as would assist adjusting in unemployment. Only those items which required to be changed, he said, had been dealt with.

Almost all schedules were affected, however, in regard to certain of their items, the total number of rate-bearing items cited in the resolutions offered being nearly 200. Excepting in a few instances, alteration in rates is confined to the intermediate and general tariffs, the latter affecting imports from the United States, while British preference tariffs were little altered.

The revisions include particularly automobiles, coal, coke, food and utility products delivered in cartons; live hogs, fresh meats, bacon, hams and shoulders; canned fruits and vegetables, raisins and oranges, as well as numerous other foods and food products.

Duty on Foreign Magazines.

A new duty of 15 cents a pound on foreign magazines and periodicals is expected to effect the circulation of magazines from the United States and to result in more advertising by American manufacturers in Canadian publications.

In his budget figures, Mr. Bennett, who is Finance Minister as well as Premier, reported that total revenue for last year was \$356,213,000, a decrease of about \$90,000,000, and ordinary expenditures were \$394,000,000.

000, an increase of about \$36,000,000. Computation of revenue from all sources and expenditures for all purposes showed a deficit of \$75,244,973 for the year. Total liabilities of the Dominion on March 31 were \$2,610,788,917 and the total net debt was \$2,261,788,316.

The Premier announced a number of measures destined to make up the \$75,244,973 deficit in the budget. These measures included: (a) A special excise tax of 1% on imported goods. (b) An increase in income tax of 8 to 10%. (c) An increase in sales tax from 1 to 4%. (d) An increase in postage rates on letters from 2 to 3 cents.

The special excise tax of 1% effective to-day, is imposed on all goods imported into Canada, "payable by the importer or transferee who takes the goods out of bond for consumption at the time when the goods are imported or taken out of warehouse for consumption."

The increase in income tax is applicable to the income of corporations and joint stocks companies. The increase will be applicable this year.

Insurance companies, other than life and marine insurance companies and fraternal benefits societies, will be taxed 1% on their net premiums received by the companies in Canada.

Farm Aid on Export Wheat.

The budget statement provides farm aid on export wheat by an adjustment of the freight rates, by which the Dominion Government will absorb 5 cents a bushel of the cost of transporting all the wheat produced in Western Canada.

The tariff against the United States will be supplemented by subsidies for the coal industry in the Maritime Provinces and Western Canada to the extent of \$1,800,000. A sliding scale of bonuses, depending on the distance shipped, will be paid on coal from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick shipped to Ontario and Quebec. The proposals, Mr. Bennett said, aimed at a movement of nearly 1,870,000 tons of coal a year at a cost to the government of less than \$2,000,000.

The tariff changes are noticeable as against imports from the United States. In the automobile group the schedules set up three groups for duty purposes: Cars valued up to \$1,200, from \$1,201 to \$2,100 and above \$2,100.

No change in the duty of the first classification is made, but on the second group the general tariff is raised from 27½% to 30%, and on the third, the intermediate and general rates are increased to 30 and 40%, respectively.

Automobiles in the third classification no longer will be privileged to a drawback of duty for home consumption. Drawback on the two lower-priced groups will not be paid on a specified list of made-in-Canada parts. Entry of used automobiles is prohibited unless as settlers' effects or as travelers' vehicles.

Duties of 40 cents and \$1 a ton, respectively, are imposed on anthracite coal and coke under the general tariff. The rates on bituminous coal screenings are raised to 75 cents, general tariff, and rates on charcoal are set at \$7.50 a ton.

The leather schedule calls for increased rates under all tariffs, the alterations affecting kid upper leathers, solid leathers, East India kips, belting leather and belting, glove leathers and leather garments.

Magazines and periodicals are made subject to a specific duty of 15 cents a pound, under the general tariff, except in the case of such as may be placed on an exempted list by order in council.

Tariff Changes on Iron and Steel.

Tariff changes affecting iron and steel include increases on steel plate, wire netting, machinery, safes and miscellaneous manufacturers of iron and steel, with decreases on green saw steel, hot-rolled strip steel for cold-rolling, various kinds of steel wire and Bessemer steel billets.

Formerly the \$7 per ton duty was only applicable to steel plates 40 inches or less in width. Under the new tariff it is applicable to plates up to 60 inches in width. Machinery not otherwise named in the tariff has a duty increase from 30 to 35%. This includes road making and like machinery and the total imports are about \$24,000,000 worth. Another import of \$10,000,000 of steel and iron wares not classified has the same increase in duty. These classes come chiefly from the United States.

Agriculture Products Affected.

In the agricultural and other food products classification there are many changes. Under the intermediate or general tariff, or both, the more notable increases concern live hogs, fresh meats, hams, and shoulders; shell eggs, cheese, hops, powdered milk, peas, indian corn and hay; field, root and garden seeds; canned fruit and vegetables, raisins and oranges.

Wood products share in the revision, with increases on furniture (including metal furniture) veneers, plywood, clothspins, golf clubs, tennis racquets, &c.

Changes in the textile schedules are limited, the most significant being increases on linen fabrics and articles (except in damasks) and fabrics of pure silk, with decreases on mohair yarns.

Prepared roofings, wallboards, insulating materials, etc., are increased in rates, as are wall papers and containers. Building stone of all kinds, both rough and finished, as well as building brick, magnesite and ground feldspar, will bear higher rates than formerly.

The tariff on clocks and watches is increased and provision made for increases on window glass and laminated glass.

New Rates on Coal.

New tariff rates on coal were detailed as: Coal, anthracite or lignite, N. P. M. per ton—British preferential, free; intermediate, 40 cents; general, 40 cents. Coke per ton—British preferential, free; intermediate, \$1; general, \$1. Coal, N. O. P., including screenings of coal dust of any kind per ton—British preferential, 35 cents; intermediate, 75 cents; general, 75 cents. Charcoal per ton—British preferential, free; intermediate, \$7.50; general, \$7.50.

A feature of the amendments is the provision for the collection of duty on containers in the case of many goods which enter Canada packaged and ready for the merchants' shelves, such as cheese, powdered milk, macarino, dried fruits and soap.

There are several amendments to administrative sections of the Tariff Act, including:

Provision for imposition of excise duties upon the products of a manufacturer who uses the customs tariff rates to increase the prices of his product to the consumer.

Provision for the forfeiture of goods imported from a country not a signatory to the Treaty of Versailles.

Provisions enabling the Governor-in-Council to reduce customs duties on any goods imported, in return for reductions which may be granted by other countries in respect of Canadian products.

Provision of further safeguards against dumping of foreign products.

A new tax clause, which is expected to affect insurance companies in the United States, provides that Canadian property owners, who have insured their property with British or foreign companies which are not licensed in

Canada, shall be taxed 15% of the gross premiums they have paid during the preceding calendar year, on and after Oct. 1 1931.

Postage Rates Increased.

In order to meet the deficit in the Post Office Department of nearly \$6,000,000, the one-cent war tax on stamps, which has always applied to drop letters, will now be imposed on all letters. This makes the rate on the ordinary letter 8c. instead of 2c., although intra-city mail will remain at 2c.

The rate on newspapers and periodicals, formerly 1c. a pound, will now be 1c. a pound only on newspapers having a circulation of 10,000 copies and less, and on circulation in excess of that 1½c. a pound will be charged.

Deficit in Budget.

The Premier said the period of sluggish business was in large measure responsible for the deficit of \$75,244,973 in the budget. He explained that the apparent deficit between total expenditures of \$440,060,657 and total receipts of \$366,215,000 was more than \$83,000,000. He said he did not consider that figure fair, however, as more than \$8,000,000 was brought about by the writing down of soldier land settlement loans advanced in previous years. Customs revenues were down \$48,000,000 and sales tax receipts were less than half those of the previous year.

Other highlights of the budget speech were:

New \$250,000,000 Canadian conversion loan subscribed to the sum of \$639,816,500.

Total net debt, March 31, \$2,261,604,316.

Total liabilities, March 31, \$2,610,788,917.

Penitentiary expenditures increased by \$676,000 (increase in penitentiary population, 527).

Contracts initiated in consequence of unemployment relief measures passed at special session amounted March 31 to \$69,690,948, and at end of March 248,000 persons were employed.

Canadian National Railways failed to earn their fixed charges to the public by \$29,219,738.

Details regarding the income tax changes proposed are given elsewhere in this issue.

Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Says Increased Canadian Tariffs Imperils \$25,000,000 of American Exports.

A statement discussing the effect of the increased Canadian tariffs, details of which are given elsewhere in these columns to-day was issued as follows on June 3 by Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce at Washington:

The increased Canadian tariff has definitely imperiled approximately \$25,000,000 of American exports. This represents slightly less than 4% of the total of our exports to the Dominion in 1930.

It is obvious from a study of the commodities involved that a considerable portion of the increases have been made in preparation for the forthcoming conference on reciprocal tariffs among the British dominions, which is to take place next Fall. Canada is obviously and quite naturally putting herself in a favorable position for these negotiations.

It should be remembered that Canada, like all economically new lands, has for years been using high protective tariffs to develop a more evenly balanced economy. Her excessive seasonal variations make such a policy inevitable as a means of equalizing employment irregularities. Incidentally, for a comparatively new country, her unemployment problem has in recent months been of serious proportions which again suggests one reason for the new tariff rates.

The Canadian tariff, even before the recent changes, yielded a ratio of customs revenue to total imports of nearly 15%, as against 13.5% in the case of the United States in 1929. Furthermore, as an additional measure of Canada's protective policy, it may be noted that her receipts of dutiable imports per capita in 1929 was \$78.49, as compared with \$12.71 for the United States. American investments in Canada now total between \$3,600,000,000 and \$3,900,000,000, which affords some measure of our stake in the stability and strength of the Canadian economic situation. British holdings in the Dominion total about \$2,300,000,000.

The "United States Daily" of June 4 said:

These tariff rates, which took effect June 2, according to information obtained at the Department of Commerce, affect 174 items of a total of about 800. They were proposed by the Canadian Prime Minister, Richard B. Bennett, in his budget for the next fiscal year, but were made effective provisionally pending parliamentary action.

In a Washington dispatch June 3 to the New York "Herald-Tribune" it was stated that Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State, let it be known on June 3 that the United States Government will not protest to Canada against the new tariff. Mr. Stimson is reported as saying the United States regards the tariff as a purely domestic question and added that he had not studied the rates

U. S. Magazines Held Barred by Canadian Tariff—Dealers Declare 90% of Their Number Will Be Put Out of Business by New Rates—Loophole Suggested—Ottawa May Admit Many as "Educational" It Is Said.

Ninety per cent of Canada's magazine stores will be forced to close under the Bennett "Canada first" budget duty of 15 cents a pound on United States periodicals, dealers and distributors declared on June 2, according to Ottawa advices on that date to the New York "Herald-Tribune," which further says:

All over Canada they have raised protest, which vies with the approval of Canadian magazine publishers.

Submitting the claim that nearly 1,000 news dealers in Toronto will be forced out of business and that distributors will be compelled to make an 80% cut in payrolls and truck fleets, Canadian distributors of American periodicals will wait on the Commissioner of Customs here on Friday to protest against the Bennett tariff revisions, which provide for the doubling and almost trebling of American magazine costs to Canadian readers.

Agents of the Curtiss Publishing Co. received orders to-day to seek no further Canadian subscriptions for "The Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies Home Journal" and "Country Gentleman." Magazine dealers said they expected similar orders from other American publishing houses.

It was suggested here to-day that the new duty was a subtle method of banning unwanted periodicals, that the ordinary run of magazines would be exempted under the qualifying clause of the budget allowing free entry to those of "educational, religious and scientific character," but keeping out obscene and immoral sheets.

There is the possibility of United States publishers printing their magazines in Canada to escape the taxation, but many difficulties must be overcome before that can be effected. On the other hand, Major Hugh MacLean, of the Hugh C. MacLean Publications, was of the opinion that the budget in time would promote the circulation of Canadian periodicals and encourage Canadian artists and writers.

Dealers think "The American Mercury," "Scribner's," "The Atlantic Monthly" and "Harper's" might be exempted. Among other periodicals affected are: "The Saturday Evening Post," now 10 cents to 25 cents, or as high as 50 cents; "Liberty" and "Colliers," each 5 cents to 10 cents each; "Ladies Home Journal," now 10 cents to 40 cents; "McCall's," 10 cents to 32 cents; "Pictorial Review," 10 cents to 32 cents; "Blue Book," 30 to 40 cents; "Delineator," 10 to 25 cents; "Current History," 25 to 40 cents; "Good Housekeeping," 25 to 50 cents; "College Humor," 35 to 50 cents; "Physical Culture," 25 to 40 cents; "American," 25 to 50 cents; "Cosmopolitan," 25 to 50 cents; "Red Book," 25 to 40 cents; "Forum," 25 to 40 cents; "Woman's Home Companion," 10 to 25 cents; "Judge," 15 to 20 cents; "True Story," 25 to 40 cents.

The new tariff schedules affecting newspaper and periodicals are given below:

(In the following new items in the Canadian tariff schedules the number at the start of each is the number it will take in the schedule. Then comes the articles covered. The first rates are the new British preference, with the old British preference in parentheses. The intermediate rate, applicable to all foreign nations with which Canada has a trade agreement, comes next with the old intermediate rate in parentheses. The final rate is the general rate applicable to United States followed by the old general rate in parentheses.)

184—Newspapers and weekly literary papers, unbound, tailors', milliners' and mantle-makers' fashion plates, when imported in single copies in sheet form with periodical trade journals, free; free (no change).

184A—Periodical publications, in the English or the French language, consisting of magazines or fiction, unbound or paper-bound, per pound, 15 cents, only under general tariff, formerly free.

Provided, that the Governor-in-Council may from time to time by order-in-council exempt from the duties specified in this item such of the periodical publications herein referred to as are deemed by the Governor-in-Council to be of a religious, educational or scientific character.

Provided, further, that the rates of duty specified in this item shall not have force or effect until July 1 1931.

Provided, further, that nothing in this item shall affect in any way the provisions of item 1201 of schedule C to the customs tariff.

Outstanding Proposals in Budget Speech of Prime Minister Bennett of Canada—Old-Age Pension Payments Increased—Canada's Financial Position.

While details are given elsewhere in our issue to-day of the new tariff and taxation proposals embodied in the budget message of Prime Minister Bennett of Canada, some of the outstanding changes proposed in the budget are indicated in the following appearing in the Montreal "Gazette" of June 2:

Dominion Government contribution to old-age pension scheme increased to 75% instead of 50%, provinces to provide the other 25%.

Dominion Government will absorb five cents per bushel of the cost of transportation of exported wheat.

Subsidies provided for Maritime, Alberta and British Columbia coal.

Taxation and Tariff Changes.

Sales tax increased to 4% from 1%.

Postage three cents on all letters, except "drop" letters.

Postage on newspapers and periodicals 1½ cents per pound on circulations above 10,000. The former rate was one cent per pound.

Two-cent tax stamp on all checks irrespective of the amount.

Income tax on corporations increased to 10% from 8%. For individuals, previous exemption of \$3,000 increased to \$3,500, with 1% on each taxable income \$1,000 or portion thereof up to \$24,000, and 25% on all taxable income over \$24,000. This wipes out the rising scale by which tax on incomes between \$25,000 and \$500,000 began at 22% and rose to 49%, with 50% on all incomes over \$500,000.

Special excise tax of 1% imposed on all goods imported into Canada, "payable by the importer or transferee."

Insurance companies, other than life and marine insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies, are taxed 1% on their net premiums received by the companies in Canada.

Canadian property-owners who have insured their property with British or foreign companies, &c., which are not licensed in Canada, are taxes 15% of the gross premiums they have paid during the preceding calendar year on and after Oct. 1 1931.

Increased duties on a number of agricultural and fruit produces, including live hogs, fresh meats, bacon and hams, shell eggs, cheese, hops, hay, seeds, canned fruits, vegetables and oranges.

Increased duties on automobiles priced at more than \$1,200. Import of used cars for sale banned.

Increases on certain manufactured steel products, with decreases on semi-manufactured products used by Canadian manufacturers.

Specific duty of 15 cents per pound on magazines and periodicals.

Increased duty on wood products, including furniture, veneers, golf clubs, tennis racquets, &c.

Increases on linen and pure silk fabrics, leather, watches and clocks, tea, and other goods.

Provision for imposition of excise duties upon the products of a manufacturer who uses the Customs tariff rates to increase prices to the consumer.

Provision for the forfeiture of goods imported from a country not a signatory to the Treaty of Versailles.

Provisions enabling the Governor-in-Council to reduce Customs duties on any goods imported, in return for reduction which may be granted by other countries in respect to Canadian products.

Provision of further safeguards against "dumping" of foreign products.

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Total liabilities on March 31, \$2,610,788,917.

Expenditures for fiscal year, \$440,060,657.

Revenue for fiscal year, \$356,215,000.

Cash in bank at credit of Receiver-General, \$44,500,000.

Old age pension payments increased from \$1,537,173 to \$5,658,142.

War pension payments increased by \$5,558,000 and after-care accounts by \$1,280,000, total over \$55,000,000.

Total European war pension payments by Dominion since outbreak of hostilities, \$460,000,000.

Total payments to date for treatment and after-care of returned soldiers, \$182,000,000.

Total sundry expenditures—soldier land settlement administration; battlefield memorials, Imperial War Graves' Commission since outbreak of hostilities—\$29,000,000.

Contracts initiated in consequence of unemployment relief measure passed at special session amounted on March 31 to \$69,690,948; and at end of March 248,000 persons were employed.

Of the \$20,000,000 unemployment money provided at end of March, \$4,431,000 was "actually paid."

Canadian National Railways failed to earn its fixed charges to the public by \$29,219,738—exclusive of operations of eastern lines and of accruing interest on cash advances of \$604,000,000 made by Government to company in previous years.

Total capital furnished by the Government to Canadian Farm Loan Board in fiscal year 1930-31 was \$3,099,839.

United States Supreme Court Limits Power of Federal Trade Commission in Case of Advertising—Absence of Unfair Competition Held to Prevent Action.

The Supreme Court of the United States decided on May 25 that the Federal Trade Commission does not have the authority, in the absence of unfair competition, to prohibit advertising and sale of products found by the Commission not to be in the public interest. The "United States Daily," in reporting this, said:

In its unanimous opinion, written by Mr. Justice Sutherland, the Court declared that the Commission has jurisdiction of only such matters involving competition in inter-State commerce. The Federal Trade Commission Act, it was determined, requires competition as a condition of the power of the Commission to issue cease and desist orders.

"Competition," it was explained, "imports the existence of present or potential competitors, and the unfair methods must be such as injuriously affect the business of those competitors."

The decision was reached in the case of Federal Trade Commission v. Raladam Co., No. 464, involving the advertisement by the Raladam Co. of "Marmola," a claimed remedy for obesity.

The Commission had issued a complaint in 1928 charging the company with the use of unfair methods of competition in offering for sale the "Marmola Prescription Tablets" as a cure for overweight. The complaint alleged that one of the ingredients was the drug "thyroid," which was claimed to produce radical changes in the body unless administered under the direction of a competent physician.

The Circuit Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit found, however, that there was no legitimate competition in the sale of the remedy. The only competition it found was the competition of doctors and physicians. The Supreme Court affirmed the ruling of the lower court.

The Commission based its cease-and-desist order on the ground that the advertising of the tablets "as a safe product" was not in the public interest, it concluding that the remedy was not safe unless prescribed by a physician.

No Evidence in Support.

The Supreme Court declared there was neither finding nor evidence from which the conclusion legitimately could be drawn that the advertisements substantially injured or tended to injure the business of any competitor, or of competitors generally, whether legitimate or not.

In the absence of injury to competition, the Commission had no jurisdiction to issue the orders, in the opinion of the court. The power of the Commission, the opinion states, cannot be extended beyond the terms and necessary implications of the Act which created it.

President Hoover's Memorial Day Address at Valley Forge—Says Nation Is Going Through Another Valley Forge—From It Must Come Courage and Wisdom To Strengthen Nation for Future.

In a Memorial Day address, delivered on May 30 at Valley Forge, Pa., President Hoover cited the trials of Washington and his little band of patriots who at the historic spot "kept alive the spark of liberty in the lowest hours of the revolution" and "met the crisis with steadfast fortitude." "This peculiar significance of Valley Forge in our American annals" said the President "should strike us all with especial force in this particular moment of our national life. 'The American people' he went on to say "are going through another Valley Forge at this time. To each and every one of us it is an hour of unusual stress and trial." "No one" he said "who reviews the past and realizes the vast strength of our people can doubt that this, like a score of similar experiences in our history, is a passing trial. From it will come a greater knowledge of the weaknesses of our system, and from this knowledge must come the courage and wisdom to improve and strengthen us for the future."

The President further said: "Valley Forge met such a challenge to steadfastness in times and terms of war. Our

test is to meet this challenge in times and terms of peace. It is the same challenge. It is the same test of steadfastness of will, of clarity of thought, of resolution of character, of fixity of purpose, of loyalty to ideals and of unshaken conviction that they will prevail." In full the President's address follows:

We are upon the eve of the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. It is, therefore, appropriate that our observance of Memorial Day should this year be at this place so intimately associated with the moral grandeur of the Father of Our Country.

This national shrine needs no description; the events enacted here require no recounting to the American people. The very name, Valley Forge, swells within us a pride of nationality. These peaceful fields hold a glory peculiarly their own. The sufferings of Washington's army in that dreadful winter of privation have made this place famous among all men.

It was not the glory of battle for which these fields are remembered. No great battle was fought here. It was not the pomp of victory, for no martial triumph was won here. It was not the scene where peace was signed by which independence of a great nation was won. It was not the tombs of courageous men who, facing the enemy, gave the supreme sacrifice for their country to which we bow in reverence. A thousand other fields mark the courage, the glory, the valor, the skill, the martial triumph of our race. Yet the instinct and the judgment of our people after the abrasion of the years has appraised this place as a foremost shrine in the War of Independence and in our nation. It is a shrine to the things of the spirit and of the soul.

It was the transcendent fortitude and steadfastness of these men who in adversity and in suffering through the darkest hour of our history held faithful to an ideal. Here men endured that a nation might live.

Washington and His Men Met Crisis With Fortitude.

George Washington and his men at any moment could have accepted the counsels of an easy path to an easy end of their privations. They could have surrendered their ideals to the widespread spirit of despair and discouragement. They could have abandoned their claims to freedom. They could have deserted their hopes and forsaken their faith. Instead they chose the harder way of steadfast fortitude and for many of death.

Here Washington and his little band of hungry and almost naked patriots kept alive the spark of liberty in the lowest hours of the Revolution. They met the crises with steadfast fortitude; they conserved their strength; they husbanded their resources; they seized the opportunity, which, with the turn and the tide of war, led on to victory. It was a triumph of character and idealism and high intelligence over the counsels of despair, of prudence, and material comfort.

This was one of those moral victories that are the glory of the race. Without such victories the life of man would descend to a sheer materialism, for "Where there is no vision the people perish." Lacking these high inspirations mankind could claim no distinction higher than the beasts of the field, that sing no songs, dream no dreams, inspire no hope, and grasp no faith.

It is this high spirit that we commemorate when we pay our yearly tribute of reverence to those who in all wars have stood steadfast and those who have died in the service of our country. Our citizens in every war have flocked to arms at the call of the country. They have responded willingly, because in every emergency they have had up before them an ideal of liberty and the freedom of their country.

Some wars in history have been instigated by old and cynical men for cruel or selfish reasons. Some wars have been fought for power and possessions. The ends of some wars could have been more nobly won and more wisely won by patience and negotiation. But war for liberty has endowed the race not alone with the most precious possessions of freedom but has inspired every succeeding generation with that idealism which is the outpouring of man's spiritual nature.

An ideal is an unselfish aspiration. Its purpose is the general welfare not only of this but of future generations. It is a thing of the spirit. It is a generous and humane desire that all men may share equally in a common good. Our ideals are the cement which binds human society. They provide the mainspring of progress.

Idealism was forged into the souls of the American people by the fires of the Revolution. It is this quality of spirit which has made possible the success of our great democratic experiment. It has tempered our acquisitiveness, has strengthened our sense of civic responsibility, and has made service to fellow-man a part of our national character.

Significance of Valley Forge.

This peculiar significance of Valley Forge in our American annals should strike us all with especial force in this particular moment of our national life.

The American people are going through another Valley Forge at this time. To each and every one of us it is an hour of unusual stress and trial. You have each one your special cause of anxiety. So, too, have I. The whole nation is beset with difficulties incident to a world-wide depression. These temporary reverses in the march of progress have been in part the penalty of excesses of greed, of failure of crops, and the malign inheritances of the great war and a storm of other world forces beyond our control.

Their far-reaching effects have fallen heavily upon many who were in nowise concerned with their causes. Many have lost the savings of a lifetime, many are unemployed, all know the misgivings of doubt and grave concern for the future.

No one who reviews the past and realizes the vast strength of our people can doubt that this, like a score of similar experiences in our history, is a passing trial. From it will come a greater knowledge of the weaknesses of our system, and from this knowledge must come the courage and wisdom to improve and strengthen us for the future. Numerous are the temptations under the distress of the day to turn aside from our true national purposes and from wise national policies and fundamental ideals of the men who builded our Republic. Never was the lure of the rosy path to every panacea and of easy ways to imagined security more tempting.

For the energies of private initiative independence, and a high degree of individual freedom of our American system we are offered an alluring substitute in the specious claim that everybody collectively owes each of us individually a living rather than an opportunity to earn a living, and the equally specious claim that hired representatives of a hundred million people can do better than the people themselves, in thinking and planning their daily life.

The Revolution, of which Valley Forge was the darkest but perhaps the most glorious moment, was fought not alone for national independence but to retain our freedom to continue unhampered the most promising social experiment in all humane history. Our American ideals had already

been in process of development for a century when the War for Independence began. Our government was an experiment in securing to a people the maximum of individual freedom. Amazing success has proved it is no longer an experiment. Under it has grown a social and economic system new in the world and distinctly our own.

Human initiative has been inspired, human energies released, local co-operation has solidly knit together communities into self-governing democracies, and the human spirit has blossomed in an atmosphere of a new independence and self-respect. It brought America to a greatness unparalleled in the history of the world.

We must ever continue that fight. Amid the scene of vastly growing complexity of our economic life we must preserve the independence of the individual from the deadening restraints of government, yet by the strong arm of government equally protect his individual freedom, assure his fair chance, his equality of opportunity from the encroachments of special privileges and greed or domination by any group or class.

Still Fighting War of Independence.

We are still fighting this war of independence. We must not be misled by the claim that the source of all wisdom is in the government. We know that the source of wisdom is in the people; that the people can win any victory. But that wisdom is not innate. Rather is it born out of experience, and most of all out of precisely such experience as is brought to us by the darkest moments—the Valley Forges—of our individual and national careers. It is the meeting of such moments that are born new insights, new sympathies, new powers, new skills. That is precisely why the wisdom of the few instead of the many fails to build an enduring government or an enduring people. Such battles as we are in the midst of to-day cannot be won by any single stroke, by any one strategy sprung from the mind of any single genius. The necessary multitude of individuals and group adjustments to new conditions is altogether too vast and too complex for that. Rather must we pin our faith upon the inventiveness, the resourcefulness, the initiative of every one of us. That cannot fail us if only we keep the faith in ourselves and our future, and in the constant growth of our intelligence and ability to co-operate with one another.

Sirens still sing the song of the easy way for the moment of difficulty, but the common sense of the common man, the inherited tradition of an independent and self-reliant race, the historical memory of Americans who glory in Valley Forge even as they glory in Yorktown—all these tell us the truth for which our ancestors fought and suffered, the truth which echoes upward from this soil of blood and tears, that the way to the nation's greatness is the path of self-reliance, independence, and steadfastness in times of trial and stress.

Valley Forge met such a challenge to steadfastness in times and terms of war. Our test is to meet this challenge in times and terms of peace. It is the same challenge. It is the same test of steadfastness of will, of clarity of thought, of resolution of character, of fixity of purpose, of loyalty to ideals and of unshaken conviction that they will prevail.

We are enduring sufferings and we are assailed by temptations. We, too, are writing a new chapter in American history. If we weaken, as Washington did not, we shall be writing the introduction to the decline of American character and the fall of American institutions. If we are firm and farsighted, as were Washington and his men, we shall be writing the introduction to a yet more glorious epoch in our nation's progress.

We have seen many precious fruits of the sturdy pioneering virtues that have made our country first free and then strong and now proudly in the forefront of the world. If, by the grace of God, we stand steadfast in our great traditions through this time of stress, we shall insure that we and our sons and daughters shall see these fruits increased many fold.

Valley Forge Symbol in American Life.

Valley Forge has come indeed to be a symbol in American life. It is more than the name for a place, more than the scene of a military episode, more than just a critical event in history. Freedom was won here by fortitude, not by the flash of the sword.

Valley Forge is our American synonym for the trial of human character through privation and suffering, and it is the symbol of the triumph of the American soul. If those few thousand men endured that long Winter of privation and suffering, humiliated by the despair of their countrymen, and deprived of support save their own indomitable will, yet hold their countrymen to the faith, and of that holding held fast the freedom of America, what right have we to be of little faith?

God grant that we may prove worthy of George Washington and his men of Valley Forge.

United States Supreme Court Denies Citizenship to D. C. MacIntosh, Yale Professor and Marie A. Bland War-Time Nurse—Action Based on Refusal to Take Oath of Allegiance and Bear Arms.

Professor Douglas Clyde MacIntosh, member of the faculty of the Divinity School at Yale University, and Marie A. Bland, a war nurse, both of whom are Canadians, were denied American citizenship by the Supreme Court of the United States on May 25. The Washington account to the New York "Herald Tribune," from which we quote, went on to say:

Refusal to promise to bear arms for this country in event of war constituted the reason for the court's action. The decision, however, was by a divided court, five of the associate justices, led by Justice George Sutherland, taking the position the applicants for citizenship should not be permitted naturalization, and four, headed by Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes, declaring for their admission as citizens.

Both cases have attracted nation-wide attention and have been before the courts for many months. In both instances the Court of Appeals of the second circuit ruled the two Canadians should be naturalized.

Sutherland Voices Majority Opinion.

Justice Sutherland in the majority opinion, stressed the fact that no native citizen of the country is constitutionally free from the obligation to bear arms, though Congress has seen fit to relieve conscientious objectors. He based his opinion largely on the views of the court in the case of Rosika Schwimmer, Hungarian writer and linguist, who was refused citizenship because she would not take an oath to fight for this government. Justices James C. McReynolds, Owen J. Roberts, Willis Van Devanter and Pierce Butler joined in the majority opinion.

Chief Justice Hughes, who was joined by Justices Louis D. Brandeis, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Harlan F. Stone said Congress, in setting forth

the requirements for naturalization, had not included a requirement that the applicant must promise to bear arms. He held that religious scruples against bearing arms should not bar persons from citizenship and pointed out there was a field of activity for those opposed to bearing arms. He said that the naturalization oath is similar to the oath for Federal officeholders and there has never been a suggestion that an officeholder must promise to bear arms when taking the oath.

In delivering their opinions before a crowded courtroom, both Justice Sutherland and Chief Justice Hughes were more than ordinarily emphatic. Justice Sutherland especially stressed the duties of the citizen.

Hughes Praises MacIntosh.

In the course of his dissent Chief Justice Hughes dwelt on the career of Professor MacIntosh, his services at Yate and his services with the Canadian Army and otherwise at the time of the war and took the position he had shown himself highly desirable as a citizen. In the Bland case he dwelt on the applicant's service as a nurse caring for American soldiers in war time.

In the MacIntosh case the effect of the decision to-day was not only to reverse the decree of the Court of Appeals but to affirm the Federal District Court for Connecticut, which denied naturalization to the Yale Professor on the ground that, since he "would not promise in advance to bear arms in defense of the United States unless he believed the war to be morally justified," he was "not attached to the principles of the Constitution."

After quoting from various statements made by Professor MacIntosh before the court Justice Sutherland said:

"These statements of the applicant fairly disclosed that he is unwilling to take the oath of allegiance except with these important qualifications: That he will do what he judges to be in the best interests of the country only in so far as he believes it will be in the best interests of humanity in the long run; that he will not assist in the defense of the country by force of arms or give any war his moral support unless he believes it to be morally justified, however necessary the war might seem to the government of the day; that he will hold himself free to judge of the morality and necessity of the war, and, while he does not anticipate engaging in propaganda against the prosecution of war, declared and considered justified by the government, he prefers to make no promise even as to that, and that he is convinced that the individual citizen should have the right to withhold his military services when his best moral judgment impels him to do so."

War Power Discussed.

Justice Sutherland said that, thus stated, the case comes under the principle laid down in the Rosika Schwimmer case. He then discussed the breadth of the warpower. He said:

"From its very nature the war power, when necessity calls for its exercise, tolerates no qualifications or limitations, unless found in the Constitution or in applicable principles of international law. In the words of John Quincy Adams, 'this power is tremendous; it is strictly constitutional; but it breaks down every barrier so anxiously erected for the protection of liberty, property and of life.'

"To the end war may not result in defeat, freedom of speech may, by an act of Congress, be curtailed or denied, so that the morale of the people and spirit of the Army may not be broken by seditious utterances; freedom of the press may be curtailed to preserve our military plans and movements from the knowledge of the enemy; deserters and spies put to death without indictment or trial by jury; ships and supplies requisitioned; property of alien enemies theretofore under the protection of the Constitution seized without process and converted to the public use without compensation and without due process of law in the ordinary sense of that term; prices of food and other necessities of life fixed or regulated; railways taken over and operated by the Government, and other drastic powers wholly inadmissible in time of peace exercised to meet the emergencies of war.

"These are but illustrations of the breadth of the power, and it necessarily results from their consideration that whether any citizen shall be exempt from serving in the armed forces of the nation in time of war is dependent upon the will of Congress and not upon the scruples of the individual.

Bearing Arms Declared Duty.

"The conscientious objector is relieved from the obligation to bear arms in obedience to no constitutional provision, express or implied; but because, and only because, it has accorded with the policy of Congress thus to relieve him. The alien, when he becomes a naturalized citizen, acquires every right possessed under the Constitution by those citizens who are native born; but he acquires no more. The privilege of the native born conscientious objector to avoid bearing arms comes not from the Constitution but from the Acts of Congress."

Justice Sutherland, after referring to a previous decision of the Court under which the individual would be required to defend his country, continued:

"The applicant for naturalization is here unwilling to become a citizen with this understanding. He is unwilling to leave the question of his future military service to the wisdom of Congress, where it belongs, and where every native born or admitted citizen is obliged to leave it. In effect, he offers to take the oath of allegiance only with the qualification that the question whether the war is necessary or morally justified must, so far as his support is concerned, be conclusively determined by reference to his opinion.

"When he speaks of putting his allegiance to the will of God above his allegiance to the Government it is evident, in the light of his entire statement, that he means to make his own interpretation of the will of God the decisive test which shall conclude the Government and stay its hands. We are a Christian people, according to one another the equal right of religious freedom and acknowledging with reverence the duty of obedience to the will of God. But also we are a nation with the duty to survive, a nation whose constitution contemplates war as well as peace, whose Government must go forward upon the assumption, and safely can proceed upon no other, that unequalled allegiance to the nation and submission and obedience to the laws of the land, as well to those made for war as those made for peace, are not inconsistent with the will of God."

Justice Sutherland added:

"It is not within the province of the courts to make bargains with those who seek naturalization. They must accept the grant and take the oath in accordance with the terms fixed by law or forego the privilege of citizenship. There is no middle choice. If one qualification of the oath be allowed the door is opened for others, with utter confusion as the probable final result."

Hughes Dissents on Opinion.

Chief Justice Hughes pointed out what the requirements for naturalization are as laid down in the statutes.

"Among the specific requirements as to beliefs," he said, "we find none to the effect that one shall not be naturalized if by reason of his religious convictions he is opposed to war or is unwilling to promise to bear arms. In view of the questions which have repeatedly been brought to the attention of the Congress in relation to such beliefs, and having regard to the action of the Congress when its decision as of immediate importance in the raising of armies, the omission of such an express requirement from the naturalization statute is highly significant."

Justice Hughes said that no applicant could appear to be more exemplary than Professor MacIntosh, and added: "A Canadian by birth, he first came to the United States as a graduate student at the University of Chicago, and in 1907 he was ordained as a Baptist minister. In 1909 he began to teach in Yale University, and is now a member of the faculty of the Divinity School, chaplain of the Yale Graduate School and Dwight professor of theology. After the outbreak of the great war he voluntarily sought appointment as a chaplain with the Canadian army, and as such saw service at the front. Returning to this country, he made public addresses in 1917 in support of the Allies. In 1918 he went again to France, where he had charge of an American Y. M. C. A. hut at the front until the Armistice, when he resumed his duties at Yale University.

"It seems to me that the applicant has shown himself in his behavior and character to be highly desirable as a citizen, and if such a man is to be excluded from naturalization I think the disqualification should be found in unambiguous terms and not in an implication which shuts him out and gives admission to a host far less worthy."

In effect, Chief Justice Hughes held that Professor MacIntosh was qualified to meet the terms of the naturalization oath as prescribed by Congress. He did not regard the decision in the Schwimmer case as requiring a reversal. Justice Hughes held that the question before the Court was not whether "Congress may in its discretion compel service in the army in time of war, or punish the refusal to serve." Nor was it, he said, one of "the authority of Congress to exact a promise to bear arms as a condition of its grant of naturalization."

He said this authority might be assumed and that the question is whether Congress has exacted such a promise. He added:

"That the Congress has not made such an express requirement is apparent. The question is whether that exaction is to be implied from certain general words which do not, as it seems to me, either literally or historically demand the implication. I think that the requirement should not be implied, because such construction is directly opposed to the spirit of our institutions and to the historic practice of Congress."

The Court also refused naturalization in the case of the United States, petitioner, versus Marie Averil Bland. The case was brought before the Court on certiorari to the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The decree of the Court of Appeals was reversed by the Supreme Court to-day and that of the District Court, which had denied naturalization, was affirmed. The opinion was also by Justice Sutherland.

The respondent, an applicant for citizenship, was a native of Canada and came to the United States in 1914. She refused to take the oath of allegiance prescribed by the statute, to defend the Constitution and the law of the United States against all enemies, except with the written interpolation of the words "as far as my conscience as a Christian will allow." The only difference between the position she took and that taken by Professor MacIntosh was that in addition to refusing to bear arms in defense of the United States, she required an actual amendment of the oath instead of reserving the point by parole. Following the ruling in the MacIntosh case, Justice Sutherland held that the application for citizenship should be denied.

In this case, also, Chief Justice Hughes, with Justices Holmes, Brandeis and Stone, dissented. Chief Justice Hughes held that what he had said in the MacIntosh case applied also to this case.

"The petitioner," said the Chief Justice, "is a nurse who spent nine months in the service of our Government in France, nursing the United States soldiers and aiding in psychiatric work. She has religious scruples against bearing arms. I think that it sufficiently appears that he unwillingness to take the oath was merely because of the interpretation that had been placed upon it as amounting to a promise that she would bear arms despite her religious convictions."

Trend of Employment in United States During April—Per Capita Weekly Earnings.

In addition to the item appearing in our issue of May 23, page 3791, showing the trend of employment in the United States during April, we give the following data supplied by the United States Department of Labor, covering employment conditions by geographic divisions, per capita weekly earnings, &c.:

Employment increased 0.2% in April 1931, as compared with March 1931, and payroll totals decreased 1.5%.

The industrial groups surveyed, the number of establishments reporting in each group, the number of employees covered, and the total payrolls for one week, for both March and April, together with the per cent of change in April, are shown in the following summary:

SUMMARY OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TOTALS, MARCH AND APRIL 1931.

	Estab- lish- ments.	Employment.		P. C. of Ch'ge.	Amt. of Pay Roll (1 Wk.)		P. C. of Ch'ge.
		March 1931.	April 1931.		March 1931.	April 1931.	
<i>Indust. Group—</i>							
Manufacturing.....	14,633	2,967,762	2,966,475	-0.4	\$72,286,472	\$71,637,447	-0.9
Coal mining.....	1,534	327,325	324,611	-0.8	6,886,149	6,630,461	-3.7
Anthracite.....	162	112,281	116,616	+3.9	2,834,904	2,988,394	+5.4
Bituminous.....	1,372	215,044	207,995	-3.3	4,051,245	3,642,067	-10.1
Met'ferous mining.....	324	41,827	42,121	+0.7	1,055,916	1,028,132	-2.6
Quarrying & non- metallic mining.....	765	30,268	32,897	+8.7	671,646	722,017	+7.5
Crude petroleum producing.....	570	28,503	27,553	-3.3	1,064,472	964,464	-9.4
Public utilities.....	12,297	701,307	700,982	-0.5	22,083,075	21,845,628	-1.1
Telep. & teleg.....	8,061	314,231	312,244	-0.6	9,386,610	9,103,687	-3.0
Power, lt. & wat. Elec. rail'd oper. & maint., excl. of car shops.....	3,708	241,307	242,299	+0.4	7,954,852	7,583,183	-4.7
Trade.....	11,666	375,459	383,504	+2.1	9,581,847	9,548,880	-0.3
Wholesale.....	2,315	69,330	69,353	+0.3	2,236,760	2,138,723	-4.4
Retail.....	9,351	306,129	314,151	+2.6	7,345,087	7,410,157	+0.9
Hotels.....	2,080	155,334	153,051	-1.5	2,584,059	2,471,230	-4.4
Canning & preser'g.....	826	32,190	36,216	+12.5	547,289	620,930	+13.5
Laundries.....	374	32,075	32,432	+1.1	606,603	615,344	+1.4
Dyeing & cleaning.....	156	5,172	5,628	+8.8	114,773	131,116	+14.2
Total.....	45,225	4,697,222	4,705,470	+0.2	117,482,301	115,715,549	-1.5

RECAPITULATION BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS.

Geographic Div'n.	Estab- lish- ments.	Employment.		P. C. of Ch'ge.	Amt. of Pay Roll (1 Wk.)		P. C. of Ch'ge.
		March 1931.	April 1931.		March 1931.	April 1931.	
New England d...	5,448	488,095	490,118	+0.4	11,745,070	11,675,819	-0.6
Middle Atlantic e...	7,340	1,399,945	1,397,328	-0.2	36,787,949	36,189,984	-1.6
East. No. Central f...	9,985	1,302,996	1,307,967	+0.4	34,646,293	34,338,315	-0.9
West No. Central g...	4,865	297,764	298,146	+0.1	7,358,267	7,216,720	-1.9
South Atlantic h...	4,644	478,995	477,648	-0.2	9,447,389	9,172,389	-2.9
East So. Central i...	2,424	195,990	194,411	-0.8	3,494,370	3,401,279	-2.7
West So. Central j...	3,379	182,460	181,976	-0.3	4,421,390	4,245,109	-4.0
Mountain k...	1,663	86,854	86,622	-0.3	2,308,711	2,311,985	+0.1
Pacific l...	5,477	264,323	271,254	+2.6	7,272,862	7,163,949	-1.5
All divisions...	45,225,4	697,222	4,705,470	+0.2	117,482,301	115,715,549	-1.5

a Weighted per cent of change for the combined 54 manufacturing industries, repeated from Table 2, page 7, pamphlet report, the remaining per cent of change, including total, are unweighted. b Less than 1-10th of 1%. c Cash payments only, see note 3, page 27, pamphlet report. d Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont. e New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, f Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin. g Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota. h Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia. i Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee. j Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas. k Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming. l California, Oregon, Washington.

The per cents of change shown for the total figures represent only the changes in the establishments reporting, as the figures for the several industrial groups are not weighted according to the relative importance of each group.

Increased employment in April was shown in 10 of the 15 industrial groups: Anthracite mining, 3.9%; metalliferous mining, 0.7%; quarrying and non-metalliferous mining, 8.7%; power, light and water, 0.4%; electric railroads, 0.5%; wholesale trade, less than 1-10th of 1%; retail trade, 2.6%; canning and preserving, 12.5%; laundries, 1.1%; and dyeing and cleaning, 8.8%.

Decreased employment was shown in April in the remaining five groups: Manufacturing, 0.4%; bituminous coal mining, 3.3%; crude petroleum producing, 3.3%; telephone and telegraph, 0.6%, and hotels, 1.5%.

Payroll totals were greater in April than in March in six of the 15 industrial groups, namely, anthracite mining, quarrying, and non-metalliferous mining, retail trade, canning and preserving, laundries, and dyeing and cleaning. The remaining nine groups showed decreased earnings over the month interval.

The Pacific geographic division showed an increase in employment of 2.6%, the New England and East North Central divisions reported increases of 0.4% each, and the West North Central division increased 0.1%. The remaining five divisions reported decreased employment, the East South Central showing the greatest loss in employment, 0.8%. Decreased payroll totals were shown in each geographic division, with the exception of the Mountain division which reported a slight increase over the month interval.

PER CAPITA WEEKLY EARNINGS IN APRIL 1931, AND COMPARISON WITH MARCH 1931 AND APRIL 1930.

Industrial Group.	Per Capita Weekly Earnings in April 1931.	Per Cent of Change April 1931, Compared with	
		March 1931.	April 1930.
Manufacturing.....	\$24.12	-1.2	-10.2
Coal mining:			
Anthracite.....	25.63	1.5	-1.0
Bituminous.....	17.51	-7.1	-21.2
Metalliferous mining.....	24.40	-3.2	-18.7
Quarrying and non-metalliferous mining.....	21.95	-1.0	-15.8
Crude petroleum producing.....	35.00	-6.3	-4.8
Public utilities:			
Telephone and telegraph.....	29.16	-2.4	3.1
Power, light and water.....	31.30	-5.1	-1.4
Electric railroads.....	31.81	-2.2	-2.2
Trade:			
Wholesale.....	30.84	-4.3	-3.1
Retail.....	23.59	-1.7	-2.2
Hotels (cash payments only) a.....	16.15	-2.9	-6.5
Canning and preserving.....	17.15	0.9	-1.3
Laundries.....	18.97	0.3	(b)
Dyeing and cleaning.....	23.30	5.0	(b)
Total.....	24.59	-1.7	(b)

a The additional value of board, room, and tips can not be computed. b Data not available.

Per capita earnings for April 1931, given in the preceding table must not be confused with full time weekly rates of wages; they are actual per capita weekly earnings computed by dividing the total number of employees reported into the total amount of payroll in the week reported, and the "number of employees" includes all persons who worked any part of the period reported—that is, part-time workers as well as full-time workers.

Comparisons are made with per capita earnings in March 1931, and with April 1930, where data are available.

For convenient reference the latest data available relating to all employees, excluding executives and officials, on class I railroads, drawn from Inter-State Commerce Commission reports, are shown in the following statement. These reports are for the months of January and February 1931, instead of for March and April 1931, consequently the figures can not be combined with those presented in the foregoing table.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAY-ROLL TOTALS, CLASS I RAILROADS.

Industry.	Employment.		P. C. of Ch'ge.	Amt. of Pay Roll Entire Mo.		P. C. of Ch'ge.
	Jan. 15 1931.	Feb. 15 1931.		January 1931.	February 1931.	
Class I railroads.....	1,317,817	1,300,580	-1.3	\$182,908,075	\$168,126,650	-8.1

The total number of employees included in this summary is about 6,000,000 whose combined earnings in one week amounted to approximately \$158,000,000.

"My Position Unaltered," Prof. MacIntosh Asserts.

Associated Press advices, as follows, from New Haven, Conn., May 25, are taken as follows from the New York "Herald Tribune":

Dr. Douglas C. MacIntosh, Dwight professor of theology in the Yale Divinity School, to-day said "My position is unaltered," when he received word that he had been denied American citizenship by a Supreme Court decision. He declined to comment further.

Insisting in his citizenship application, and later in court hearings, that his first allegiance was to the will of God, Professor MacIntosh, who lost a

fight of nearly two years by the Supreme Court decision, refused to make an unqualified promise to bear arms. He said he would bear arms only if he felt the cause was morally justified.

Professor MacIntosh, a native of Scotland, served as chaplain with the honorary rank of captain with the Canadian forces during the World War.

A decision denying him citizenship was handed down in the District Court in New Haven, Jan. 9 1930. With John W. Davis, Democratic nominee for President in 1924, as his counsel, he carried the case to the Circuit Court of Appeals, where the decision was reversed, and citizenship granted on June 29 1930. United States attorneys then carried the case to the Supreme Court.

Presidents of Western Railroads Approve Report of Traffic Heads Calling for Increase in Freight Rates.

Presidents of Western railroads meeting in Chicago on June 1 adopted a resolution approving a tentative report of Vice-Presidents in charge of traffic calling for a horizontal increase in rates in Western territory, so that after the necessary adjustments on certain classes of freight have been made, a yield of approximately 10% more revenue will accrue. In its advices in the matter the New York "Evening Post" reported the following from Chicago June 2:

The presidents also voted to form a committee of seven to confer at a later date with a similar committee which the Eastern roads have appointed for study of the rate situation. The Southeastern roads also probably will be included in this conference.

On the basis of 1930 freight revenue of about \$1,600,000,000 in western territory, an increase of 10% would mean \$160,000,000 additional revenue annually. Freight revenue in the West in the first quarter of this year, however, was off about 10% from a year ago, and barring any definite improvement in freight traffic and after allowing for goods milled or manufactured in transit which could still move under the former rates, an increase in freight rates designed to yield 10% more revenue might well result in a figure not much above the \$110,000,000 which statisticians estimate is required to return net railway operating income of western roads to the 1930 level.

A previous item regarding the rail rate study of traffic Vice-Presidents of the Western roads appeared in our issue of May 30, page 3992.

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Vote to Limit Hours to Aid Unemployed.

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen voted on May 29 at their convention at Houston, Tex., to limit members' working hours so that 10,850 men now out of work may receive employment. The Associated Press dispatches said:

The resolution, which is tantamount to an order to all members, limits working hours in yard service to 26 days, or 200 hours, a month; in freight service to 3,500 miles, or its equivalent, and in passenger service to 5,500 miles, or its equivalent.

According to A. F. Whitney, President of the Brotherhood it is expected that the resolution will be in full effect on every railroad system in the United States and Canada within the next 30 days and on some roads within the next 10 days. He is quoted as saying:

"This resolution is a human action on the part of the brotherhood to aid in alleviating the present unemployment situation among its members and a step toward ending the economic depression. The brotherhood now has about 41,000 idle members and action toward relieving the situation was imperative.

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Proposes Conference of Officers with Federal Officials to Discuss Economic Situation.

Associated Press accounts from Houston, Tex., May 30 said:

The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, in national convention here, to-day adopted a resolution calling on its officers to seek a conference with Federal officials, business leaders and the public in an effort to bring about an improvement in the economic situation.

The convention also voted to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the brotherhood in September, 1933, at Oneonta, N. Y., the organization's birthplace.

President A. F. Whitney said two of the original members were alive.

New York Court of Appeals Ruling on Dunmore Labor Law—Railroads Lose in Attack on "Prevailing Wage" for Grade Crossing Work—Own Employees Excepted—But Roads Must Accept Supervision With State Aid, Says Ruling.

Where the Dunmore labor law of New York State does not conflict with Federal regulation of railroads it is constitutional and enforceable, the Court of Appeals ruled at Albany on June 3, according to a dispatch on that date to the New York "Times" which further indicated the Court's conclusions as follows:

The Act requires railroads engaged in the elimination of grade crossings to pay laborers the prevailing local scale. An eight-hour day is demanded. The bill was enacted in 1930. Railroads immediately attacked it in the courts. Application for an injunction against the State Department of Labor was made to Supreme Court Justice Ellis J. Staley of Albany on stipulated facts. Direct employes of the railroad, Justice Staley ruled, are not within the jurisdiction of the Legislature because control of interstate

commerce is vested by the Federal Constitution in the Federal Government. Employees of contractors, who are not regulated by Congressional statutes, Justice Staley decided, may be regulated by the State authorities.

The Long Island Railroad and the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad appealed in behalf of other lines as well. The principal contention of the roads was that interstate commerce was paramount, and that the Dunmore Act constituted a restriction. The statute, they contended, was vague in its phrase "prevailing scale of wages." Encroachment on "freedom of contract" also was alleged.

The sustaining decision of the Court of Appeals was unanimous. Judge Irving Lehman wrote the opinion. Judge Crane wrote a concurring memorandum, in which Judge Hubbs concurred.

Judge Lehman said that the State, through its highway and police powers, may order the elimination of grade crossings and turned to the reasonableness of regulating hours and wages of labor so engaged.

The Dunmore law, Judge Lehman held, would attract a higher class of workers and result in more efficient performance, and the importation of workers from other localities with consequent unrest would be avoided.

Since the railroads, he added, "have elected to accept the benefits" of the constitutional amendment which authorizes the State to assume half the cost of elimination, they must subject themselves to the State supervision, in which hours and wages play parts.

The railroads' contention that the statute is vague was dismissed by Judge Lehman with the statement that "when reliable data has been obtained, the prevailing rate can be calculated with exactness."

Grade separation, Judge Lehman ruled, is "not in itself interstate commerce," but the Dunmore Act may not be applied "where the carrier is directed to perform work by its own employees."

May Head Louisville Trust.

W. J. Rahill, Assistant Secretary of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., who was offered the Presidency of the Louisville Trust Co., may accept the post if certain conditions are met, it was learned this week. The offer was entirely independent of his connection with the Chemical. It had previously been reported that the proposal had been made to him as head of a commission formed by the Chemical Bank. According to reports in informed quarters, no such commission has been formed.

Opening of Fiduciary Trust Company of New York— Pierre Jay, Chairman of Board.

The new Fiduciary Trust Company of New York had its initial opening on June 3. It is located on the thirtieth floor of No. 1 Wall Street. The office of the company has few of the physical characteristics of a bank. There are no grille cages out in the open, no counters, no check desks, no marble columns. Instead, the atmosphere is that of a professional man's office. This difference in arrangement reflects the trust company's difference in operation. Its purpose, according to Pierre Jay, Chairman of the Board, is "to meet present day personal trust and investment needs of men and women of means." In order that it may concentrate on this work, the company does no corporate trust work, no commercial banking, no security business. Its attention is devoted to the management of estates, trusts and investment funds. Checking accounts and time deposits are accepted from individuals, firms and corporations, but only when they do not involve commercial lines of credit. The announcement regarding the company also says:

In order to preserve continuity of this policy, special arrangements have been made to prevent control of the company from being purchased either by interests not in sympathy with its present independence—or for purposes of merger.

The third distinguishing characteristic of the Fiduciary Trust Co. is that it reaches its investment decisions only after considering the judgment of outside independent investment counsel, based upon extensive research. As investment counsel, it has retained Scudder, Stevens & Clark, the first firm of investment counsel to advise investors upon a purely professional basis.

Neither the company, nor its officers, directors or its investment counsel, engage in the merchandising of securities.

The capital of the Fiduciary Trust Company is \$1,000,000 and it has a surplus of \$1,000,000.

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. Jay, for 12 years served as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and later, for three years, as Deputy Agent General for Reparation Payments, in Berlin. Other directors are:

Thomas H. Blodgett, President, American Chicle Co.;
F. Haven Clark, Scudder, Stevens & Clark;
Grenville Clark, Root, Clark & Buckner, Attorneys;
Robert Hallowell Gardiner, Trustee;
David F. Houston, President, The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York;
DeLancey K. Jay, Attorney;
Daniel W. MacCormack, President;
Charles N. Mason, President, Electrical Securities Corporation;
Frederick Pope, President, Nitrogen Engineering Corporation;
David H. McAlpin Pyle, the Pyle Estates;
Elihu Root, Jr., Root, Clark & Buckner;
Theodore T. Scudder, Scudder, Stevens & Clark;
Henry L. Shattuck, Treasurer, Harvard College;
Carl Tucker;
William B. Warner, President, McCall Corporation;
William H. Wheelock, President, Brown, Wheelock, Harris, Vought & Co., Inc.
Harold C. Whitman, Vice-President, Clarence Whitman & Sons, Inc.;
Bronson Winthrop, Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts, Attorneys.
Colonel MacCormack, President of the Fiduciary Trust Company, recently organized and directed the receivership

Department of the Irving Trust Company, which is the standing receiver of the Federal Court in the Southern District of New York. For five years he was a member of the American financial mission charged with the reorganization of Persian finances. Other principal officers are: David H. McAlpin Pyle, of the Pyle Estates, Secretary; Duncan M. Spencer, Vice-President.

Items regarding the Fiduciary Trust Company appeared in our issues of Aug. 9 1930, page 866; Sept. 6, page 1513; April 4 1931, page 2517, and May 23, page 3825.

Mercantile Bank & Trust Co. of New York Opens for Business—New Institution Takes Over Assets of Chelsea Bank & Trust Co.—Howell M. Stillman, President.

Formal opening of the Mercantile Bank & Trust Co., of this city, at Eighth Ave. at 36th St., and its four branch offices took place on June 4. Howell M. Stillman is President. Organized to succeed the Chelsea Bank & Trust Co., the new institution begins business with a paid-in capital of \$900,000 and surplus of \$600,000; its directorate includes some outstanding leaders in their respective fields. The new Mercantile Bank has been designated as a member of the Federal Reserve System.

The announcement of the opening of the bank by Mr. Stillman reveals that the Brooklyn branch and the 45th St. branch at Madison Ave. have been discontinued. The four branches which opened simultaneously with the main office and the officers in charge are: Seventh Ave. & 48th St., Joseph R. Wilson, Jr., formerly Assistant Cashier, National City Bank of New York; Seventh Ave. at 135th St., Charles G. Rapp, who has been in charge of the Harlem office since its establishment in 1912; Madison Ave. & 109th St., Edwin D. Fraser; Third Ave. at 171st St., Harry Weiss.

The Mercantile Bank inaugurates operations, Mr. Stillman states, with entirely new capital in the amount of \$1,000,000, a strong board of directors and a complete banking service designed to meet the "needs of the medium size businesses in the areas served by the main offices and its branches."

Mr. Stillman, who recently resigned as Vice-President of the Chase National Bank of New York City to assume the Presidency of the new institution, has been actively engaged in banking in this city since 1905, when he became associated with the Hanover National Bank. A former chief examiner of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Mr. Stillman was named Executive Vice-President of the Interstate Trust Company upon its organization. He became an executive of the Chase Bank through merger of these two institutions. Mr. Stillman is also a director and a member of the finance committee of Public Fire Insurance Co. and Public Indemnity Co. of Newark, N. J. William A. Lobb, Vice-President, has been connected with the Mercantile Bank and its predecessor since its organization in 1903. Starting as a junior clerk, he was successively promoted until he was named Vice-President in 1912. Harry S. Groh is Secretary-Treasurer. The complete list of directors, as announced this week, follows:

J. E. Brulatour of Eastman Films, Chairman of the Board of directors of Paramount Public Corp.

Benjamin Goetz, Vice-President and director of Consolidated Film Industries.

T. A. Hardy, attorney, Hardy & Hardy.

William A. Lobb, Vice-President.

Ernest L. Nye, banker, a senior partner of Freeman & Co.

Robert E. Connolly, Treasurer of Illinois Central System and Secretary-Treasurer and director of Concord Casualty & Surety Co.

Louis Golde, merchant, S. Golde & Sons.

George Kern, retired, real estate.

John T. Madden, President of Alexander Hamilton Institute, dean of School of Commerce, Accounts & Finance, New York University and Director of Institute of International Finance.

Ernest K. Satterlee, banker, former President Franklin Savings Bank and director of Morris Plan Co. of New York.

Howell M. Stillman, President.

The closing of the Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. occurred on Dec. 23 1930 as was noted in our issue of Dec. 27 1930, page 4156. From the "Times" of June 4 we take the following:

The Chelsea Bank was closed to conserve assets after runs on its various branches, inspired, it was said at the time, by Communist propaganda. The night before the bank was closed two men were arrested as rumor-mongers outside the branch at 7th Ave. and 48th St. Watson Washburn, then Deputy Attorney-General in charge of the Bureau of Securities, conducted an investigation into the spread of malicious rumors detrimental to banks. However, no definite evidence was adduced and eventually the charges against the two men arrested were dismissed.

Opposition to Reopening Failed.

Immediately after the closing of the Chelsea Bank a movement for its reorganization and reopening as a new institution was begun. Mr. Hardy taking a prominent part. Due to various delays, however, the contract between the reorganizers and Mr. Broderick, whereby the new organization was to purchase the assets and to assume all liabilities of the closed bank, was held up temporarily.

Approval of the contract was fought by attorneys representing a small group of stockholders of the cited institution, but Justice Gavegan, on May 19, handed down a decision approving the sale. The minority stockholders at that time announced their intention of appealing the decision, but failed to do so.

The Chelsea Bank was incorporated in 1903 as the Chelsea Exchange Bank with a capital of \$100,000. It changed its name to the Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. on Nov. 18 1929. Edward S. Rothchild was President of the institution when it closed. The last quarterly statement, issued Sept. 24 1930, showed a capital of \$2,500,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$2,306,000. Gross deposits were given as \$18,801,000. . . .

All depositors of the old bank have been notified by letter of the opening of the Mercantile Bank, Mr. Stillman said, and the vast majority of them, including all the large depositors, have pledged themselves to continue to do business with the institution.

Items regarding the new institution appeared in our issues of Feb. 21, page 1348; March 7, page 1736; March 14, page 1926; March 28, page 2320 and May 30, page 3992.

Banking Situation in South and Middle West.

In the State of Mississippi, Associated Press advices on June 2 from Hattiesburg, Miss., reported that a notice posted at the Commercial National Bank of Hattiesburg on that day stated that its affairs had been placed in the hands of J. S. McClaine, a National bank examiner. The directors were quoted as saying that the suspension was ordered because of insufficient business and recent heavy withdrawals. Deposits were announced as \$752,096, the dispatch said.

In North Carolina, a dispatch by the Associated Press from Asheville on June 1 stated that a verdict of "not guilty" was returned in the Buncombe Superior Court on that day in the trial of Wallace B. Davis, former President of the defunct Central Bank & Trust Co. of Asheville (which closed its doors in November 1930); Newton M. Anderson, former Chairman of the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, and L. L. Jenkins, former Treasurer of Buncombe County, and former President of the American National Bank of Asheville, a subsidiary of the Central Bank & Trust Co., which also closed its doors in November. The three men were charged with conspiracy to pervert the county's credit to aid the defunct Central Bank & Trust Co. The verdict, closing a trial which had lasted more than two weeks, came slightly more than four hours after Judge M. V. Barnhill completed his charge to the jury at noon. The dispatch furthermore said in part:

To-day's verdict marked the close of the first special term of Court to try more than a score of criminal cases growing out of bank failures here last fall.

One other case was tried during the term, which opened April 27. In it Davis was convicted of making and publishing a false report. Sentence on him is to be passed to-morrow morning (June 2). The maximum penalty would be ten years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

Another term is expected to be called in July to clear away other cases. Luke Lea, Tennessee publisher, financier and politician, is expected to go to trial then, charged with conspiring to defraud the Central Bank of approximately \$1,300,000.

Indicted with him are Wallace Davis, Luke Lea, Jr., and E. P. Charlet, officials of his publishing concern. J. Charles Bradford, former Cashier of the bank, is also under indictment in this case, but he sought to commit suicide. is confined to a Philadelphia hospital for mental disorders, and Solicitor Zeb V. Nettles has indicated he does not plan to attempt to try him.

Officials of the Biltmore-Oteen Bank and the Commercial Bank of Black Mountain are also indicted for State banking law violations.

Former city commissioners were also indicted in a similar case to that closed to-day (June 1), but Solicitor Nettles indicated to-night he would ask the Court to not-pros it to-morrow morning. This case has been materially weakened, the Solicitor indicated, by the suicide of former Mayor Gallatin Roberts and to-day's verdict.

Whereas in the first case tried the audience clearly indicated its bitterness against Davis, to-day's court room scene was entirely different. Congratulations spread so quickly and so loudly that Judge M. V. Barnhill held up final announcements for several minutes.

Associated Press advices from Asheville on June 3 Asheville on May 28 non-suits were ordered in the case of four of the seven original defendants in the trial which closed June 1. These defendants were: C. N. Malone, formerly County Bond Attorney; Russell C. Davis, formerly a Vice-President of the Central Bank & Trust Co. of Asheville, and J. O. McElroy and James Grimes, former County Commissioners.

Associated Press advices from Asheville on June 3 stated that on that day Wallace B. Davis, former President of the Central Bank & Trust Co. of Asheville, had been sentenced to serve from five to seven years in the State prison for making and publishing a false report of the condition of the Central Bank & Trust Co. while he was its President. Later the defense served notice of an appeal, and Mr. Davis was released under a \$10,000 bond, the dispatch said.

On June 1 announcement was made by Gurney P. Hood, Commissioner of Banks for North Carolina, of the chartering of a new bank at Greenville under the title of the State

Bank & Trust Co., according to the Raleigh "News & Observer" of June 2. The new institution has a paid-in capital of \$100,000 and a paid-in surplus of \$25,000. It will take over the building, the assets, and part of the liabilities of the defunct National Bank of Greenville (which closed Dec. 10 1930), it was announced. The paper mentioned furthermore stated that directors and officers of the new bank would be chosen in the near future.

In the State of Kentucky, Federal Judge Charles I. Dawson on May 29 set June 22 as the date for assembling a special grand jury to hear further evidence in regard to the closing of the National Bank of Kentucky of Louisville, according to the Louisville "Courier Journal" of May 30. Impaneling of the special grand jury for that date, it was said, was suggested by United States District Attorney Thomas J. Sparks and James E. Wharton, special prosecutor from the Attorney General's office at Washington. The Louisville paper continued, as follows:

When Judge Dawson asked Mr. Sparks when he wanted to try the indictments already returned against James B. Brown, President, and Charles F. Jones, Vice-President of the bank, he replied that he desired to wait on the action of the grand jury. Before Court, however, Mr. Sparks indicated the trial probably would be held in September.

Mr. Wharton, in reply to a question by Judge Dawson, said that the special grand jury should be able to complete its work in three days, unless one contingency arose in which event it would require five days. He did not elaborate on the statement.

Judge Dawson further indicated that petit jurors to try Mr. Brown and Mr. Jones would be selected from counties in the jurisdiction of the Court's district, outside of Jefferson County, because of the strong feeling for and against the defendants here.

"From what part of the district do you think the jury should come?" Judge Dawson asked. Mr. Wharton said that he didn't think it made any difference, but Judge Dawson commented that the case had been "so generally discussed that I was wondering if we can get a jury here free from such influences. I am satisfied in my own mind that the jury ought not to come out of Louisville," Judge Dawson said.

Mr. Sparks gave the opinion that he was inclined to think that it would be all right to impanel the grand jury here, but he was not so certain about selection of the petit jury.

When the Court convened, Mr. Sparks referred to the investigation by Department of Justice agents and added, "We think the matter is of such grave importance that a special grand jury should be called. If we submit the evidence to the regular grand jury in October, the defendant will not have time to get ready to have the case tried at the regular term of Court."

He then suggested June 22 as the date for the grand jury to convene and Mr. Wharton added that he would be ready on that date.

Mr. Brown and Mr. Jones were indicted in February by the Federal grand jury on charges of willful misapplication of bank funds. The charges resulted, according to the indictment, from a transaction Oct. 3 1929, involving \$46,777.50 through the purchase of Van Camp Packing Co. stock through Wakefield & Co., brokers.

In the State of Virginia, a dispatch from Lynchburg on June 1 to the Baltimore "Sun" reported that Arnold P. Talley, former President of the People's National Bank of Brookneal, Va., which closed last September, had been indicted by the Grand Jury in the Federal District Court on that day in three counts, two of which charge misapplication of the bank's funds.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

The Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co. of New York announces the appointment of Anton H. Schefer as Assistant Vice-President.

John F. Schmid, until recently Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Co., of New York in charge of its foreign department, has been elected Vice-President of the American Express Bank & Trust Co., according to an announcement made June 1 by Medley G. B. Whelpley, President. Mr. Schmid joined the Bankers Trust Co. in 1909, at which time, with Fred I. Kent, he organized and since then has participated actively in the development of its foreign banking and commercial departments. In 1916 he was promoted to the office of Assistant Treasurer, and four years later, at the age of thirty-four, he became Vice-President. Mr. Schmid is a native New Yorker. In his new post Mr. Schmid will devote his time both to commercial banking and to the expanding operations of the American Express Bank in the acceptance field. Although the bank began operations only a little over a year ago with a paid-in capital and surplus of \$15,000,000, in the last report of the American Acceptance Council, it was numbered among the first forty banks in the United States in the volume of its acceptance business. The last published statement of conditions on March 25 1931 showed total resources of \$54,520,000.

Robert E. Dowling, President of the City Investing Co. was elected a director of the City Bank Farmers Trust Co. of New York at the regular meeting of the board on June 2.

During Governor Glynn's administration, Mr. Dowling was appointed director of the Compensation Commission and organized that body and served as its Chairman during the workingman's compensation agitation several years ago. At the present time he is Chairman of the Mayor's Taxation Commission. Mr. Dowling, who is 65 years old, has always played a prominent part in real estate legislation, often appearing at Albany to participate in discussions of various measures when they came up for consideration. Mr. Dowling was born in California, but came to New York at an early age, receiving his education in the New York schools. He is a trustee of the East River Savings Bank and a member of the Board of Governors of the New York Real Estate Securities Exchange.

Percy H. Johnston, President of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York, gave a luncheon on June 3 at The Recess in honor of his friend, Frederic M. Sackett, Ambassador to Germany, to meet the following prominent New York bankers:

Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co.
Mortimer L. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.
Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman of the Board, National City Bank.
Henry J. Cochran, President, Bankers Trust Co.
Edwin G. Merrill, President, Bank of New York & Trust Co.
Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of the Board, International Acceptance Bank.
Jackson E. Reynolds, President, First National Bank.
Charles S. McCain, Chairman of the Board, Chase National Bank.
George W. Davison, President, Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.
Harry E. Ward, President, Irving Trust Co.
Edward C. Delafield, President, Bank of America National Association.
General Samuel McRoberts, Chairman of the Board, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.
James G. Blaine, President, Marine Midland Trust Co.
Walter E. Frew, Chairman of the Board, Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Co.
Herbert P. Howell, President, Commercial National Bank & Trust Co.
Joseph W. Harriman, President, Harriman National Bank & Trust Co.
Charles Hayden of Hayden, Stone & Co.
William C. Potter, President, Guaranty Trust Co.
Frank K. Houston, First Vice-President, Chemical Bank & Trust Co.

Arthur J. Morris has become Senior Vice-President and Trust Officer of the Fulton Trust Co. of New York, and John Brooks has been appointed Assistant Trust Officer. Charles M. van Kleeck has retired as Vice-President, effective June 1 1931, after 38 years' service with the company.

The executive committee of the National City Bank of New York at its regular meeting appointed Charles C. Hilliard an Assistant Vice-President.

Henry A. Koelsch Jr., Assistant Vice-President of the National City Bank of New York, sailed last night (June 5) on the Olympic to take charge of the institution's two London branches. Mr. Koelsch has been affiliated with the bank since 1909 and for six years was manager of the West End Branch in London. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and has served the National City Bank of New York as manager at Petrograd, Moscow and Vladivostok. Since 1928, when he was transferred to Head Office from London, he had been associated with the activities of the European Division in the Head Office.

The merger of the Brownsville Savings Bank with the East New York Savings Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y. was announced on May 20. The Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" of that date said:

The merger, approved by the boards of trustees of both banks and by the State Banking Department, will become effective early next month. Edward A. Richards, President of the East New York Savings Bank, will head the merged institutions.

The Brownsville bank will be continued as a branch of the East New York institution. "This merger," said the announcement, "means more, better and greater savings bank service to Brownsville and its vicinity. It brings to them a strong, virile, progressive institution with combined resources of more than \$66,000,000."

The following is from the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" of May 15:

Agreements have been executed by the boards of trustees and approved by the State Banking Department for the merger of the Home Savings Bank into the Green Point Savings Bank, it was announced to-day in a joint statement issued by Marshall W. Gleason, President of the former, and George W. Felter, President of the latter bank.

"Owing to their proximity and to the fact that the lease held by the Home Savings Bank of its banking premises is about to expire, such merger will conserve the best interests of both banks," the joint statement said. "It is the intention of the Green Point Savings Bank to continue to use the present site of the Home Savings Bank as one of its branches."

Mr. Felter, President of the Green Point Savings Bank since 1918, will continue as president of the merged institution. Three of the trustees of the Home Savings Bank will be invited to become trustees of the Green Point.

Harry R. Dobler, President of the Merchants' Trust Co. of Paterson, N. J., on May 28 was appointed President of the newly organized Security Trust Co. of that city, which

has taken over the Lincoln Trust Co. of Paterson. Control of the Lincoln Trust Co. was obtained from a group of Paterson men. The transfer was sanctioned by Frank H. Smith, State Commissioner of Banking and Insurance for New Jersey. Paterson advices on May 28, appearing in the Newark "News" from which the above information is obtained, furthermore said:

Mr. Dobler, who lives in Ridgewood, will be associated in the new company with John Grimshaw Jr., Assistant United States District Attorney; John P. Hudson, former head of the Wagaraw Silk Dyeing Co.; Charles F. Lynch, City Counsel of Paterson; James Madden, insurance broker; Charles G. Neil, hardware merchant and active in the American Legion; Dr. Emil Roetheli, chief chemist of the United Piece Dye Works and Henry C. Spear, head of the Spear Press, Inc.

Under reorganization, \$120,000 has been added to the original capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$50,000.

Mr. Dobler organized the Merchants' Trust Co. of this City and the People's Bank of Hawthorne, N. J.

On June 1 stockholders of the Broadway-Merchants Trust Co. of Camden, N. J., approved the transfer of its business to the Camden Safe Deposit & Trust Co., as recommended by the directors of the company on April 29, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of June 2. It is expected that the transfer will become effective on or about June 15. Former United States Senator David Baird, Jr., President of the Broadway-Merchants Trust Co., made announcement of this action through the following statement:

"The stockholders of Broadway-Merchants Trust Co. to-day (June 2) approved the transfer of its business to the Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Co., as recommended by the Board of Directors some weeks ago, and Camden is to be congratulated on this constructive move, though retirement of Broadway-Merchants as an independent organization is to be regretted.

"The plan provides that the assets of Broadway-Merchants are to be administered by Camden Safe, the checking and savings accounts being assumed by and becoming Camden Safe accounts, with any surplus from the administration going to present stockholders of Broadway-Merchants."

The paper mentioned continuing said:

Camden Safe Deposit & Trust Co. will make no changes in or additions to its officers or directors, but most of the officers and employees now connected with Broadway-Merchants will find places with the Camden Safe organization. Camden Safe expects to maintain as branches the present offices of Broadway-Merchants Trust at Broadway and Walnut Street and 2614 Federal Street, Camden.

The Citizens National Bank of Jenkintown, Pa., which reported total resources of \$871,000 in its statement on March 25 last, failed to open its doors on June 2, according to advices from that city on the day named to the New York "Times", which went on to say:

Continued withdrawal of deposits, difficulties in collections and frozen assets were given as the cause.

William B. Baker, a national bank examiner, took charge after the directors had held a meeting which lasted until midnight. An officer said there would be no loss to depositors. The bank was established about seven years ago.

Harry E. Ford, a Vice-President of the First National Bank of Baltimore, Md., died in that city on May 28 of sleeping sickness. Mr. Ford, who was forty-six years of age, entered the employ of the Citizens' National Bank of Baltimore twenty years ago and was its Vice-President three years ago when the institution was merged with the First National Bank. The deceased banker was born in Baltimore, but went to Maine with his parents as a boy. After a short career in Wisconsin he returned to Baltimore.

From the Washington "Post" of May 27, it is learned that the following changes were made in the personnel of the Park Savings Bank of that city, at a meeting of its directors held May 26: William S. Strauss, heretofore First Assistant Cashier, promoted to the Cashiership; Russell A. Houser, formerly an Assistant Cashier, advanced to First Assistant Cashier, and H. M. Herndon, heretofore note teller, promoted to an Assistant Cashier. Mr. Strauss, as Cashier, succeeds in that capacity Robert S. Stunz, formerly Executive Vice-President and Cashier of the bank, who continues as Executive Vice-President. The "Post" went on to say:

Mr. Strauss, a former accountant, came to the bank 15 years ago as junior clerk. Mr. Houser, formerly head teller, has been in the employ of the bank 12 years and was promoted to Assistant Cashier approximately three years ago. Mr. Herndon has also been in the service of the bank 12 years, coming to it from the Franklin National Bank.

On May 28 Lawrence H. Whiting announced his retirement as President of the Boulevard Bridge Bank of Chicago, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of that date. Mr. Whiting will devote all of his time in the future to the Indiana Limestone Co. of which he is Chairman of the Board. He will be succeeded in the Presidency of the bank by J. DeForest Richards, Senior Vice-President. The Chicago paper went on to say:

Mr. Whiting explained his action by saying that his duties with the Indiana Limestone Co. required more of his time than he was able to give while serving as President of the bank.

It was reported that Mr. Whiting has disposed of his stock in the bank to interests headed by William Wrigley, Jr. Mr. Wrigley is a director of the Boulevard Bridge Bank.

R. R. Reeder, Jr., Vice-President of the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, has resigned to become a partner of James O. McKinsey & Co., accountants, engineers and business consultants, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of June 2.

The River Rouge Savings Bank, River Rouge, Mich., was recently taken over by the Peoples Wayne County Bank of Detroit. The acquired bank was capitalized at \$200,000 with surplus, undivided profits and reserves of \$52,520, and had total assets of more than \$3,000,000.

It is learned from the Michigan "Investor" of May 30 that the Iron National Bank of Ironwood, Mich., failed to open its doors for business on May 25 after heavy withdrawals which followed the death of Fred H. Burrell, Cashier of the institution, who was found fatally injured in the wreckage of his automobile near Kimball, Wis., May 21. A notice posted on the bank's doors stated that the institution was closed by order of the Board of Directors. The "Investor" continuing said in part:

An inquest into Burrell's death was ordered when surgeons reported discovery of a bullet in the cashier's head. It was previously reported he was injured when his automobile crashed into a bridge.

No statement regarding the financial condition of the bank was forthcoming. Reports of Burrell's death precipitated a run on the bank which continued through Friday and Saturday.

Burrell, former resident of Minnesota, had been Cashier of the bank for eight years.

B. A. Morgan is President of the institution.

Detroit advices to the "Wall Street Journal" on June 2 stated that the First National Bank in Detroit has absorbed the People's State Bank of Redford, Mich., as of May 29 1931 and will operate it as its Redford branch. The dispatch added:

The Redford State Savings Bank was acquired by the First National Bank on May 5 1931.

Announcement was made recently of the proposed consolidation of the Walcott Savings Bank at Walcott, Iowa, and the Farmers' Savings Bank of that place, according to the "Commercial West" of May 30. The new organization which will be known as the Walcott Trust & Savings Bank, will be the largest banking house, it is said, in Scott County outside the City of Davenport. It will be capitalized at \$50,000 with surplus of \$20,000 and will have deposits of \$1,250,000.

The New First National Bank & Trust Co. of Helena, Mont., formed (as noted in our issue of May 30, page 3995) by the union of the National Bank of Montana, the American National Bank and the Montana Trust & Savings Bank, opened for business on May 25. The previous Saturday, May 23, the new bank building of the consolidated institution, said to be one of the finest banking homes in the Northwest, was opened for public inspection. The new building, a four-story structure of reinforced concrete and steel, occupies a site between Main Street, Sixth Avenue and Fuller Avenue. The exterior finish includes a highly polished black granite base, with superstructure of light green tapestry brick with Nile green terra cotta trimmings to match. The basement, which is below the street level, is devoted to the safe deposit department, the first and second floors to the banking quarters, and the third and fourth floors to rentable office quarters. The entrances (two) are trimmed with black granite, and the doors and their frames are of bronze. The interior is finished in marble and walnut. A description of the interior of the banking quarters says in part:

Upon the banking room proper, with its spacious lobby, the entire design has been focused. Entering from Main Street, the double doorway opens into a rectangular vestibule that leads to the gridded doorway of the bank. A rarely beautiful banking room, remarkable for the entire absence of pillars, has been attained by the skillful use of marble, bronze and American walnut and the adoption of new low-type counters that eliminate the cages so long associated with bank construction. The floor is of art mosaic marble in a modernistic design, the wainscoting of beautiful Larado-Chario marble, imported from Italy, with a base of red Lavanto marble, and the walls and ceiling are decorated in metal and pastel colors, also in modernistic style. Some Tennessee marble has been used, but most of this material was imported.

To the right of the lobby is the tellers' screen with its 14 compartments. The tellers' quarters are separated from the main banking room by a marble counter, with bronze trimmings and an 18-inch glass screen above

the marble ledge. In the center of the room are commodious check desks, also of marble, and seats provided for customers use. All the furniture and fixtures to be installed are new and designed to harmonize with the interior construction.

To the left are the officers' quarters, benefiting by the southern exposure and the high windows which provide a maximum of light. In these is a rubber tile floor, and the paneling is in American walnut. The banking room is actually two stories in height, with mezzanine floors at the East and West ends, and is 45½ by 90 feet in dimension. The lobby is 70 feet long by 22½ feet wide. Private offices adjoin the officers' space, both front and rear.

The new organization, which is an affiliate of the First Bank Stock Corporation with headquarters in St. Paul and Minneapolis, is capitalized at \$300,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$450,000 and has total resources in excess of \$10,000,000. The officers are as follows: A. C. Johnson, Chairman of the Board of Directors; T. A. Marlow, President; T. O. Hammond, Frank H. Johnson, Fred Heinecke and Ford Johnson, Vice-Presidents; L. S. Hazard, Cashier; L. H. West and George E. Stadler, Assistant Cashiers, and Walter Brutsch, Secretary. Mr. Johnson the Chairman of the Board for about fifteen years past was President of the American National Bank. Besides his banking interests, he is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Montana Life Insurance Co., of which he is one of the founders. Mr. Marlow, the President of the new bank, was previously President of the National Bank of Montana and the Montana Trust & Savings Bank, and has been actively identified with the financial life of Montana for the past 48 years.

From the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of May 27, it is learned that a liquidating dividend of \$1,200,000, or \$40 a share, to 1,200 stockholders of the old Mercantile Trust Co. of St. Louis, payable on June 2, was announced yesterday (May 26), by George W. Wilson, President of the Mercantile Liquidating Co. The liquidating company was organized to acquire such assets of the old Mercantile Trust Co. as did not go into the consolidation of that company with the National Bank of Commerce on May 20 1929, to form the Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co. The paper mentioned continuing said:

Upon the payment of the new dividend, which is the third, the stockholders of the Mercantile Liquidating Co. will have received \$100 a share, two prior liquidating dividends of \$30 each having been distributed. Total disbursements under the three dividends will be \$3,000,000.

William W. Sutcliffe, Jr., Cashier of the Canal Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans since 1925, on May 20 was appointed a Vice-President of the institution, and Dale Graham, formerly a Second Vice-President of the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, was named Cashier in lieu of Mr. Sutcliffe, according to an announcement by A. D. Geoghegan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Canal Bank & Trust Co. Mr. Geoghegan also announced the appointment at the same time of Harry G. Thompson of Memphis as a Vice-President of the bank. The New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of May 21, from which the above information is obtained, had the following to say regarding the newly appointed officers:

Mr. Sutcliffe began his banking career more than 20 years ago as a runner and bookkeeper for the Germania-American National Bank. He later was made Assistant Cashier of the Canal-Louisiana Bank and in 1925 became Cashier of the Canal Bank & Trust Co. He is a native of New Orleans and a graduate of Warren Easton High School.

Mr. Graham, who will remove his residence to this city from New York, began his banking career in Illinois over 16 years ago and, prior to going to New York, was Assistant Vice-President of the Missouri Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis.

Mr. Thompson was at one time President of the Memphis Cotton Exchange. Until his election as Vice-President of the Canal Bank he was secretary and Treasurer of W. A. Gage & Co., Memphis cotton factors.

Supplementing our item of May 30, page 3996, with reference to the consolidation of the Columbia National Bank of Portland, Ore., with the American National Bank of Portland of that city, we are advised by G. S. Hinsdale, President of the enlarged American National Bank of Portland, that at the close of business May 16 the American National took over the deposit liability of the Columbia National Bank with assets sufficient to cover said deposit liability, and the balance of the assets of the Columbia National was purchased by the American National Corporation. The additional deposits give the American National Bank a deposit liability of approximately \$8,000,000. The major interest in the American National Bank and its affiliates, was purchased Sept. 16 1929, by Julius L. Meier (who has since become the Governor of the State of Oregon) together with Mr. Hinsdale and other associates. Since that time the American National has enjoyed a steady growth, and

this addition to the deposits makes it Oregon's fourth largest banking institution.

The American National Corporation, which owns the American National Bank, also owns the United States National Bank of Eugene, Ore., and the National Bank of Commerce of Astoria, Ore.

The appointment of W. R. Faucett as President of the Hollywood National Bank of Los Angeles, at Hollywood, Cal., to succeed N. W. McMillan, resigned, was announced on May 15. George Lounsberry continues as Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Los Angeles "Times", from which we have quoted above, furthermore said:

Mr. Faucett as of the 1st inst. resigned as Secretary and Treasurer of Pacific Clay Products to assume the Presidency of the bank. He remains a director of Pacific Clay Products and is also a director of Western Air Express and has been actively associated with several other Los Angeles corporations.

Roy Lacy, former Assistant Secretary of Pacific Clay Products, succeeds Mr. Faucett as Secretary and Treasurer of that company.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market during the forepart of the week suffered further sharp declines. Railroad shares were particularly hard hit on Monday and Tuesday, but improved as the week progressed. United States Steel also was down during the early part of the week, as a result of heavy selling, and on Tuesday sunk to a new low level at 83 1/8, but improved slightly before the close. On Wednesday the market completely reversed itself and staged one of the sharpest rallies that has occurred in several months and gains ranging up to 10 or more points were registered before the close. The rally extended over Thursday and Friday and much of the losses of the past few weeks were regained. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank published after the close of business on Thursday showed a further reduction of \$35,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district. This is the seventh consecutive reduction during the past two months and brings the total of brokers' borrowings down to \$1,539,000,000. Call money renewed at 1 1/2% on Monday, remained unchanged at that rate throughout the week.

Fresh heavy selling carried prices downward to new lows as the market opened on Monday after the two-day holiday. Railroad shares were particularly weak, Atchison dropping about 10 points, followed by New York Central, which fell off 4 1/2 points, and Baltimore & Ohio with a recession of 5 points. Other weak stocks in this group were Chesapeake & Ohio, 2 1/4 points; Central RR. of New Jersey, 13 points; Chicago & North Western, 2 1/2 points; Colorado Southern, 10 points; Southern Pacific, 4 1/4 points, and Union Pacific, 5 7/8 points. United States Steel, selling ex-dividend, showed a loss amounting to nearly 5 points, and stocks like American Can and Amer. Tel. & Tel. ranged downward from 2 to 3 points. Some of the outstanding recessions were American Tobacco "B.", 3 points; A. M. Byers Co., 3 1/8 points; Columbian Carbon, 5 points; Crown Cork & Seal, 6 1/4 points; Detroit Edison, 9 3/4 points; International Business Machine, 5 points; Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., 10 points and Peoples Gas & Coke, 8 points. The stock market was somewhat confused on Tuesday, but the trend of prices, on the whole, was downward. In the early trading considerable pressure on the market was in evidence, but this eased off somewhat and in the closing hour prices of a few stocks were up from 1 to 3 or more points above the finals of the preceding day, though the main body of stocks were off on the day. The changes in the railroad group on the side of the decline included Atchison, 3 1/2 points to 100 1/2; New York Central 1 5/8 points; Southern Pacific, 1 point; Union Pacific, 4 1/2 points; Reading, 1 point and Del., Lack. & West., 4 1/4 points. United States Steel got down to 83 1/8, and closed at 83 5/8, with a loss of 1 7/8 points on the day. Toward the close, the market began to show signs of improvement, but the gains were not sufficiently large to make any impression on the final prices.

Urgent short covering was in a measure responsible for the spectacular rally on Wednesday when many of the market leaders turned abruptly upward and registered gains at the close ranging from 2 to 10 or more points. The advance was the widest in 18 months and most of the active issues regained much of the losses of the past few days. Railroad shares led the upswing, Union Pacific jumping ahead about 8 points, followed by Santa Fe with a gain of six points. Other strong stocks in this group included New York Central, 5 1/2 points; Balt. & Ohio, 4 1/8 points; Southern Pacific, 6 3/4 points; Southern Railway, 4 3/8 points; Ches. & Ohio, 3 3/8 points; Del. Lack. & Western, 3 1/4 points; Del. & Hud.,

4 points; Rock Island, 6 points; and St. Louis-San Francisco, 5 points. United States Steel following its recent drop of about 30 points to 83 1/8 moved ahead to 87, and Auburn Auto which got down to 135 on Wednesday shot ahead to better than 152. The top price of this stock was 295 before the market turned weak. Other stocks standing out sharply in the day's advances included such market favorites as General Motors, 3 1/2 points to 35; General Electric, 3 points to 39 5/8; American Can, 6 3/8 points to 99 1/2; Allied Chemical & Dye, 8 1/4 points to 11 1/2; Amer. Tel. & Tel., 7 1/2 points to 165 3/4; New York Central, 5 1/2 points to 77; Air Reduction, 5 points to 76 1/2; American Tobacco, 6 1/4 points to 106; Int. Business Machine, 11 points to 128; and Ingersoll-Rand, 9 points to 84. Public utilities also enjoyed sharp advances, the list including among others American & Foreign Power, 2 1/2 points; American Power & Light, 3 5/8 points; Brooklyn Union Gas Co., 4 points; Columbia Gas & Electric, 2 5/8 points; Consolidated Gas, 6 1/4 points; Detroit Edison, 3 points; Electric Power & Light, 3 5/8 points; Pacific Gas & Electric, 2 3/8 points; Public Service of New Jersey, 6 points; and Standard Gas & Electric, 4 3/4 points.

Prices again moved upward on Thursday, and while some profit taking was in evidence from time to time, the final quotations were, in most cases, on the side of the advance. As the market pushed steadily ahead, railroad stocks continued to hold the leadership and many gains ranging from two to six or more points were recorded in this group. The principal advances were Atlantic Coast Line 5 1/8 points to 85; Atchison, 5 1/8 points to 45 1/2; Baltimore & Ohio, 3 3/4 points to 51 3/8; Rock Island, 4 points to 34; New York Central, 3 points to 80; New Haven, 5 3/4 points to 72 3/4; Southern Pacific, 3 points to 77; Union Pacific, 7 points to 152; and Wabash, 1 1/2 points to 11 1/2. Other noteworthy advances were Amer. Tel. & Tel. 4 1/2 points to 120 1/4; J. I. Case Threshing Machine, 7 3/8 points to 72 1/2; Inter. Business Machine, 8 1/2 points to 136 1/2; Eastman Kodak, 8 1/8 points to 132 1/4; National Lead, 10 1/2 points to 98 1/2; Peoples Gas & Electric, 6 1/2 points to 199 1/4; Ingersoll-Rand, 11 points to 95; and Brooklyn Union Gas, 4 3/8 points to 109 3/8. Stocks again moved forward on Friday and many active issues extended their gains which in some instances reached new highs. Substantial offerings in the opening hour were in evidence, but many of the pivotal issues displayed strong resistance and most of the active stocks were able to hold the gains of the preceding day. The strength of the railroad issues was again the outstanding feature of the trading, most of the active shares closing on the side of the advance. Some of the gains in this group were Atlantic Coast Line 6 points to 91, Atchison 2 1/2 points to 148, Bangor & Aroostook 3 1/4 points to 52 3/4, Central Railroad of New Jersey 3 points to 173, Delaware & Hudson 5 points to 123, Norfolk & Western 3 3/4 points to 159, and New York Central 1 1/2 points to 81. United States Steel common dipped more than a point, but subsequently made this up and closed with a net gain of 2 points. The final tone was good.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, & Misc. Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Saturday		Holiday	Memorial Day	\$933,000	\$13,262,000
Monday	3,102,330	\$7,826,000	\$4,503,000	1,622,500	14,484,500
Tuesday	3,316,848	8,944,000	3,918,000	494,000	12,291,000
Wednesday	3,305,717	8,141,000	3,656,000	195,000	12,101,000
Thursday	3,170,180	8,779,000	3,127,000	233,000	10,274,000
Friday	2,846,070	7,117,000	2,924,000		
Total	15,741,195	\$40,807,000	\$18,128,000	\$3,477,500	\$62,412,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended June 5.		Jan. 1 to June 5.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Stocks—No. of shares.	15,741,195	9,703,060	289,090,861	425,798,520
Bonds.				
Government bonds...	\$3,477,500	\$1,860,500	\$76,650,550	\$49,430,500
State & foreign bonds...	18,128,000	10,665,000	334,331,600	297,168,000
Railroad & misc. bonds	40,807,000	29,098,000	800,559,000	931,876,500
Total bonds	\$62,412,500	\$41,623,500	\$1,211,541,150	\$1,278,475,000

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended June 5 1931.	Boston.		Philadelphia		Baltimore	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY	
Monday	48,454	\$4,000	466,730	\$36,000	4,906	\$15,000
Tuesday	48,433	29,000	478,888	10,200	3,715	32,600
Wednesday	54,636	17,000	64,802	52,130	2,993	21,100
Thursday	41,980	4,100	453,618	34,000	1,882	3,000
Friday	6,482	13,000	1,610		1,231	12,000
Total	199,985	\$67,100	265,648	\$132,330	14,727	\$83,700
Prev. week revised	173,497	\$84,000	193,143	\$240,300	18,218	\$86,000

a In addition, sales of rights were: Monday, 100; Tuesday, 500; Thursday, 200. Sales of warrants were: Monday, 200; Thursday, 300.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Continued liquidation again carried many issues to new low records on the Curb Exchange this week. On Wednesday, however, a decided improvement in the oil shares, due to the withdrawal of the Government's opposition to the Vacuum-Standard Oil of N. Y. merger, affected the market generally and caused substantial improvement in many stocks. Vacuum Oil dropped from 28 to 22½ then for the reason above stated ran up to 35¼ and closed to-day at 33¼. Humble Oil & Ref. weakened at first from 51½ to 49½ and recovered finally to 54. Standard Oil (Indiana) eased off from 21½ to 19½, sold up to 23¾ and finished to-day at 23. Gulf Oil of Pa. declined from 42 to 38 then advanced to 45, closing to-day at 44. Among utilities Electric Bond & Share, com. after a drop from 35 to 31½ made a good gain to 37¼, the close to-day being at 35 ex-dividend. Amer. & Foreign Power, warrants after a loss of 1½ points to 11 sold up to 15½ and ended the week at 14¼. Amer. Gas & Elec., com. fell from 52½ to 48½, recovered to 57, and sold finally at 55½. Commonwealth-Edison moved down from 230 to 205, Northern States Power, com. on few transactions improved from 114½ to 118¾. Peoples Light & Pow., class A broke from 14½ to 12½. The company omitted its usual dividend. Tampa Electric Co. sold down from 41½ to 38¼ and at 39 finally. The industrial and miscellaneous list showed some wide advances. Mead, Johnson & Co. after early weakness from 77½ to 76 sold up to 86 and closed to-day at 84. Aluminum Co. of Amer., com. advanced from 90 to 123, reacted finally to 113. Parker Rust Proof com. declined from 92½ to 86¾, sold up to 98 and finished to-day at 92½. Insull Utility Investments, com. dropped from 28 to 25½ to 22 recovered to 25½ and closed to-day at 24¼. Glen Alden Coal moved down from 33 to 29 then up to 32¼, the close today being at 32.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 4214.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended June 5 1931.	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value).			
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	Total.
Saturday	662,122	\$3,821,000	\$189,000	\$190,000	\$4,200,000
Monday	624,611	4,124,000	156,000	235,000	4,515,000
Tuesday	599,490	3,735,000	212,000	137,000	4,084,000
Wednesday	549,408	3,389,000	104,000	155,000	3,648,000
Thursday	393,050	3,162,000	130,000	120,000	3,412,000
Total	2,828,681	\$18,231,000	\$791,000	\$837,000	\$19,859,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended June 5.		Jan. 1 to June 5.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Stocks—No. of shares.	2,828,681	4,295,600	57,849,916	59,316,835
Bonds.				
Domestic	\$18,231,000	\$13,205,000	\$409,107,000	\$404,081,000
Foreign Government	791,000	823,000	12,525,000	12,557,000
Foreign corporate	837,000	790,000	18,295,000	18,248,000
Total	\$19,859,000	\$14,818,000	\$439,927,000	\$434,886,000

Note.—In the above tables we now give the foreign corporate bonds separately. Formerly they were included with the foreign government bonds.

PRICES ON PARIS BOURSE.

Quotations of representative stocks on the Paris Bourse as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

	May 30 1931.	June 1 1931.	June 2 1931.	June 3 1931.	June 4 1931.	June 5 1931.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Bank of France	15,900	16,000	16,200	16,600	16,600	16,600
Banque Nationale de Credit	1,080	1,055	1,075	1,145	1,145	1,145
Banque de Paris et Pays Bas	2,060	2,050	2,110	2,150	2,150	2,130
Banque de Union Parisienne	1,130	1,120	1,120	1,170	1,170	1,170
Canadian Pacific	770	675	673	710	725	725
Canal de Suez	14,100	14,200	14,300	14,600	14,400	14,400
Cie Distr. d'Electricite	2,205	2,245	2,285	2,340	2,340	2,340
Cie Generale d'Electricite	2,360	2,360	2,440	2,500	2,480	2,480
Cie Gle. Trans-Atlantique	320	312	320	345	345	345
Citroen B.	580	580	590	610	580	580
Comptoir Nationale d'Escompte	1,520	1,530	1,550	1,560	1,530	1,530
Coty, Inc.	530	530	530	530	530	530
Courrieres	815	810	825	899	899	899
Credit Commercial de France	1,020	1,009	1,010	1,050	1,050	1,050
Credit Lyonnais	2,310	2,270	2,300	2,410	2,350	2,350
Eaux Lyonnais	2,490	2,500	2,550	2,590	2,570	2,570
Energie Electrique du Nord	805	795	803	853	853	853
Energie Electrique du Littoral	1,200	1,204	1,229	1,250	1,250	1,250
Ford of France	193	180	181	198	188	188
French Indo	320	310	310	340	330	330
Galies Lafayette	120	110	110	110	110	110
Gaz La Bon.	880	880	890	890	890	890
Kuhlmann	530	520	520	540	530	530
L'Air Liquide	850	860	880	890	890	890
Lyon (P. L. M.)	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480	1,480
Nord Ry	2,010	2,010	2,020	2,070	2,050	2,050
Pathe Capital	157	155	154	157	157	157
Pechiney	1,780	1,780	1,830	1,880	1,860	1,860
Rentes 3%	89.10	89.10	89.40	89.30	89.30	89.30
Rentes 5% 1920	136.30	136.50	136.70	136.70	136.80	136.80
Rentes 4% 1917	102.30	103.30	103.30	103.30	103.30	103.30
Rentes 5% 1915	102.40	102.60	103.30	103.10	103.30	103.30
Rentes 6% 1920	102.00	102.00	102.20	101.90	101.90	101.90
Royal Dutch	2,030	1,980	1,990	2,030	2,050	2,050

	May 30 1931.	June 1 1931.	June 2 1931.	June 3 1931.	June 4 1931.	June 5 1931.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Saint Cobil, C. & C.	2,900	2,855	2,945	2,990	2,990	2,990
Schnelder & Cie.	1,450	1,385	1,425	1,425	1,425	1,425
Societe Lyonnais	2,490	2,490	2,545	2,595	2,595	2,595
Societe Marseillaise	936	938	935	935	935	935
Tabize Artificial Silk, pref.	188	196	209	220	220	220
Union d'Electricite	1,001	1,001	1,001	1,004	1,004	1,003
Union des Mines	500	500	500	500	500	500
Wagons-Lits	237	234	236	240	240	240

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:

	May 30. 1931.	June 1. 1931.	June 2. 1931.	June 3. 1931.	June 4. 1931.	June 5. 1931.
	Per Cent of Par.					
Allg. Deutsche Credit (Adca) (5)	89	88	88	87	87	87
Berlin Handels Ges. (8)	105	105	105	105	105	105
Commerz-und-Privat Bank (7)	101	101	101	101	101	101
Darmstaedter u. Nationalbank (8)	117	117	117	117	117	117
Deutsche Bank u. Disconto Ges. (6)	101	101	101	100	101	101
Dresdner Bank (6)	101	101	101	101	101	101
Reichsbank (12)	128	128	130	129	127	127
Algermeene Kunstzijde (Aku) (0)	59½	58½	59½	63	64	64
Allg. Elektr. Ges. (A.E.G.) (7)	85	85	86	87	86	86
Deutsche Ton- u. Steinzeugwerke (11)	58	55	56	56	57	57
Ford Motor Co., Berlin (10)	190	190	190	182	180	180
Gelsenkirchen Bergwerk (8)	Holl- day	61	61	61	63	62
Gesfuere (9)	90	88	90	92	92	92
Hamburg-American Line (Hapag) (6)	48	48	48	48	47	47
Hamburg Electric Co. (10)	104	105	105	104	104	104
Harpener Bergbau (6)	50	48	50	52	50	50
Hotelbetrieb (10)	84	83	84	86	86	86
I. G. Farben Indus. (Dye Trust) (14)	129	127	129	131	120	120
Karstadt (12)	33	32	33	33	32	32
Mannesmann Tubes (7)	63	62	63	60	57	57
North German Lloyd (6)	50	49	49	50	48	48
Phoenix Bergbau (4½)	46	45	45	46	45	45
Polypionwerke (20)	121	121	124	127	126	126
Rhein-Westf. Elektr. (R.W.E.) (10)	105	105	104	109	106	106
Sachsenwerk Licht u. Kraft (7½)	79	79	80	80	77	77
Siemens & Halske (14)	135	135	137	140	139	139
Ver. Stahlwerke (United Steel Works) (4)	45	44	44	45	44	44

* Ex-d dividend.

Course of Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings this week will again show a decrease as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country indicate that for the week ended to-day (Saturday, June 6), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 4.0% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$11,176,595,588, against \$11,633,737,105 for the same week in 1930. At this center there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 1.9%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended June 6.	1931.	1930.	Per Cent.
New York	\$6,539,545,069	\$6,669,000,000	-1.9
Chicago	435,681,881	534,683,481	-18.5
Philadelphia	410,000,000	455,000,000	-9.9
Boston	389,000,000	345,000,000	+12.8
Kansas City	78,570,623	103,028,032	-23.8
St. Louis	104,600,000	109,400,000	-4.9
San Francisco	135,406,000	147,508,000	-8.2
Los Angeles	No longer will report clearings		
Pittsburgh	130,275,454	142,531,107	-8.6
Detroit	120,681,216	128,836,445	-6.4
Cleveland	97,981,108	115,400,626	-15.2
Baltimore	83,521,915	82,021,314	+1.8
New Orleans	32,495,629	30,751,242	+5.7
Twelve cities, 5 days	\$8,557,108,900	\$8,863,340,247	-3.5
Other cities, 5 days	840,054,000	906,879,445	-7.3
Total all cities, 5 days	\$9,397,162,900	\$9,770,219,692	-3.8
All cities, 1 day	1,779,432,598	1,863,517,413	-4.5
Total all cities for week	\$11,176,595,588	\$11,633,737,105	-4.0

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 May 30. For that week there is a decrease of 21.3%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$6,631,615,676, against \$8,429,471,047 in the same week of 1930. Outside of this city there is a decrease of 21.3%, the bank clearings at this center recording a loss of 5.9%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve Districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District, including this city, there is a loss of 21.8%, in the Boston Reserve District of 2.9% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 17.0%. The Cleveland Reserve District suffers a loss of 25.1%, the Richmon

Reserve District of 14.8% and the Atlanta Reserve District of 17.8%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals show a contraction of 24.0%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 39.5% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 23.7%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the decrease is 28.9% and in the San Francisco Reserve District 26.0%. The Dallas Reserve District records a gain but it is trifling, being only 0.1%.

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week End. May 30 1931.	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1929.	1928.
Federal Reserve Dists.					
1st Boston.....12 cities	388,589,316	400,339,649	-2.9	457,900,238	514,120,487
2nd New York.....12 "	4,362,192,000	5,575,323,863	-21.8	7,669,610,225	7,801,433,150
3rd Philadelph'ia 14 "	361,613,695	436,209,330	-17.0	607,399,969	652,829,597
4th Cleveland.....8 "	265,336,626	342,126,393	-22.1	386,413,336	379,397,662
5th Richmond.....6 "	114,449,363	134,318,148	-14.8	141,086,749	160,768,039
6th Atlanta.....11 "	104,227,715	126,862,375	-17.8	147,902,562	155,946,294
7th Chicago.....20 "	517,906,638	681,834,320	-24.0	843,257,740	1,048,831,843
8th St. Louis.....8 "	115,346,734	190,526,140	-39.5	195,132,320	200,437,597
9th Minneapolis 7 "	68,686,433	90,294,567	-23.7	101,936,181	111,464,939
10th KansasCity 11 "	104,470,161	146,890,244	-28.9	165,706,667	171,394,508
11th Dallas.....6 "	45,230,125	45,215,213	+0.1	56,496,432	59,728,908
12th San Fran.....14 "	192,165,570	259,530,805	-26.0	308,961,927	334,923,535
Total.....124 cities	6,631,615,676	8,429,471,047	-21.3	10,969,794,336	11,491,266,561
Outside N. Y. City.....	2,372,473,597	2,844,147,184	-16.6	3,476,594,979	3,865,015,349
Canada.....32 cities	322,268,814	334,384,856	-27.9	378,239,400	510,913,400

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve Districts of the clearings for the month of May. For that month there is a decrease for the entire body of clearing houses of 21.9%, the 1931 aggregate of the clearings being \$37,978,311,309 and the 1930 aggregate \$48,594,599,595.

In the New York Reserve District, the totals are smaller by 20.8%, in the Boston Reserve District by 18.8% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District by 23.2%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals have dropped 24.3%, in the Richmond Reserve District 18.7% and in the Atlanta Reserve District 24.6%. The Chicago Reserve District shows a decrease of 26.5%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 31.0% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 22.2%. The Kansas City Reserve District shows a contraction of 28.8%, the Dallas Reserve District of 16.6% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 23.9%.

	May 1931.	May 1930.	Inc. or Dec.	May 1929.	May 1928.
Federal Reserve Dists.					
1st Boston.....14 cities	1,811,111,143	2,230,087,325	-18.8	2,389,848,811	2,668,019,887
2nd New York.....13 "	25,515,869,486	32,185,783,637	-20.8	37,590,653,054	37,454,684,311
3rd Philadelph'ia 14 "	1,688,808,321	2,458,884,684	-23.2	2,671,173,686	2,744,788,625
4th Cleveland.....15 "	1,387,797,972	1,833,622,755	-24.3	2,058,338,736	1,963,948,775
5th Richmond.....10 "	617,753,802	760,227,931	-18.7	801,091,159	846,133,093
6th Atlanta.....16 "	543,905,374	721,357,260	-24.6	815,272,843	837,821,219
7th Chicago.....28 "	2,963,483,336	4,016,137,647	-26.5	4,540,869,640	5,190,727,316
8th St. Louis.....10 "	610,614,198	886,690,836	-31.0	963,732,007	992,623,859
9th Minneapolis 13 "	411,443,860	528,925,668	-22.2	551,622,863	568,768,801
10th KansasCity 14 "	716,092,496	1,005,983,260	-28.8	1,011,176,629	977,656,268
11th Dallas.....11 "	362,255,916	434,350,197	-16.6	532,417,963	497,656,572
12th San Fran.....24 "	1,159,176,415	1,522,648,915	-23.9	1,040,225,166	1,833,622,373
Total.....182 cities	37,978,311,309	48,594,599,595	-21.9	55,610,710,853	56,536,250,099
Outside N. Y. City.....	13,034,702,428	17,165,681,676	-24.1	18,828,771,261	19,831,263,232
Canada.....32 cities	1,693,136,490	1,844,778,652	-8.2	2,181,297,463	2,358,714,739

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the five months back to 1928:

	5 Months 1931.	5 Months 1930.	Inc. or Dec.	5 Months 1929.	5 Months 1928.
Federal Reserve Dists.					
1st Boston.....14 cities	9,216,482,377	11,323,780,465	-18.6	12,108,271,089	12,732,964,077
2nd New York.....13 "	126,993,969,630	160,426,147,659	-20.9	197,808,767,896	165,503,126,080
3rd Philadelph'ia 14 "	9,234,417,807	12,693,617,793	-27.3	13,826,437,604	13,041,911,818
4th Cleveland.....15 "	7,054,031,582	9,031,802,517	-19.7	10,046,642,649	9,205,362,378
5th Richmond.....10 "	3,169,434,222	3,856,962,858	-17.8	3,997,311,847	4,082,736,113
6th Atlanta.....16 "	2,660,025,843	3,726,457,337	-23.3	4,215,173,345	4,212,228,243
7th Chicago.....28 "	14,547,217,290	19,529,101,066	-25.5	23,550,728,797	23,124,578,572
8th St. Louis.....10 "	3,150,401,174	4,425,908,121	-28.8	4,938,592,895	4,886,180,399
9th Minneapolis 13 "	2,082,834,452	2,509,973,933	-17.0	2,740,965,838	2,675,960,350
10th KansasCity 14 "	3,808,161,838	5,137,324,038	-25.9	5,621,460,806	5,387,176,456
11th Dallas.....11 "	1,908,761,096	2,333,340,815	-18.2	2,806,089,616	2,531,090,305
12th San Fran.....24 "	5,893,907,711	7,684,596,745	-23.3	6,318,272,166	8,478,292,510
Total.....182 cities	190,118,625,021	242,676,912,286	-21.6	289,978,604,847	265,861,686,303
Outside N. Y. City.....	66,103,089,223	85,927,844,250	-23.1	96,046,848,473	93,795,297,879
Canada.....32 cities	7,359,895,843	8,414,632,033	-12.5	10,157,072,405	9,697,613,998

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:

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
	No. Shares.	No. Shares.	No. Shares.	No. Shares.
Month of January.....	42,503,382	62,308,290	110,805,940	56,819,395
February.....	64,181,836	67,834,100	77,968,730	47,009,070
March.....	65,658,034	96,552,040	105,061,570	84,973,669
First quarter.....	172,343,252	226,694,430	294,436,240	188,902,334
Month of April.....	54,346,836	111,041,000	82,600,470	80,478,835
May.....	46,659,525	78,340,030	91,283,550	82,398,724

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for May and the five months of 1931 and 1930 are given below:

Description.	Month of May.		Five Months.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Stock, number of shares.	46,659,525	78,340,030	273,349,666	416,075,460
Railroad & miscell. bonds	161,647,000	166,062,700	759,752,000	902,778,500
State, foreign, &c., bonds	62,823,100	47,490,500	316,203,600	285,602,600
U. S. Government bonds	14,237,900	6,879,000	73,173,050	47,569,400
Total bonds.....	\$238,708,000	\$220,432,200	\$1,149,128,650	\$1,235,950,400

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1931 and 1930:

MONTHLY CLEARINGS.

Month.	Clearings, Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1931.	1930.	%	1931.	1930.	%
Jan.....	\$ 39,779,233,608	\$ 50,568,328,394	-21.3	\$ 14,478,773,431	\$ 18,537,023,844	-21.9
Feb.....	\$ 33,024,413,114	\$ 41,607,527,908	-20.6	\$ 11,801,139,522	\$ 15,619,870,001	-24.4
Mar.....	\$ 39,390,892,172	\$ 51,137,914,733	-23.0	\$ 13,222,507,190	\$ 17,372,856,606	-23.9
1st qu.	\$ 112,194,538,894	\$ 143,313,771,035	-21.8	\$ 39,502,420,143	\$ 51,529,759,451	-23.3
April.....	\$ 39,946,774,818	\$ 50,768,541,656	-21.3	\$ 13,565,966,654	\$ 17,232,403,124	-22.8
May.....	\$ 37,978,311,309	\$ 48,594,599,595	-21.9	\$ 13,034,702,428	\$ 17,165,681,675	-24.1

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of May and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statements:

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

(000,000s omitted.)	May				Jan. 1 to May 31			
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
New York.....	24,944	31,429	36,782	36,705	124,017	156,749	193,932	162,066
Chicago.....	1,916	2,585	2,849	3,614	9,317	12,646	15,370	15,899
Boston.....	1,618	1,979	2,099	2,342	8,214	10,062	10,657	11,300
Philadelphia.....	1,748	2,303	2,491	2,532	8,568	11,918	12,917	12,121
St. Louis.....	400	548	616	640	2,054	2,688	3,076	3,110
Pittsburgh.....	581	801	851	845	3,062	3,855	4,134	3,826
San Francisco.....	613	827	888	1,062	3,147	4,292	4,460	4,824
Baltimore.....	327	399	433	471	1,668	2,065	2,143	2,248
Cincinnati.....	242	274	330	333	1,253	1,409	1,645	1,660
Kansas City.....	350	521	588	568	1,918	2,682	2,895	2,803
Cleveland.....	430	582	673	571	2,248	2,881	3,214	2,704
Minneapolis.....	273	351	354	343	1,335	1,646	1,704	1,626
New Orleans.....	163	193	206	248	901	1,046	1,141	1,248
Detroit.....	559	823	1,030	877	2,906	3,913	4,879	3,911
Louisville.....	92	170	155	166	496	840	845	837
Omaha.....	150	187	200	193	770	942	968	938
Providence.....	47	60	73	75	244	308	358	341
Milwaukee.....	114	135	136	180	525	660	734	855
Buffalo.....	163	241	262	249	861	1,128	1,298	1,126
St. Paul.....	80	104	108	124	439	503	621	639
Denver.....	109	145	163	147	526	709	810	725
Indianapolis.....	78	101	112	107	377	476	524	498
Richmond.....	142	189	178	185	734	949	918	927
Memphis.....	50	76	87	86	275	430	475	448
Seattle.....	130	176	220	220	687	865	1,095	1,038
Salt Lake City.....	58	76	82	74	308	383	391	375
Hartford.....	46	67	80	100	255	351	434	424
Total.....	35,423	45,342	52,051	53,057	177,105	226,196	271,638	238,547
Other cities.....	2,555	3,253	3,560	3,479	13,000	16,481	18,341	17,815
Total all.....	37,978	48,595	55,611	56,536	190,120	242,677	289,979	255,862
Outside N. Y. City.....	13,035	17,166	18,829	19,831	66,103	85,923	96,647	93,795

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for May and since Jan. 1 for two years and for the week ended May 30 for four years:

CLEARINGS FOR MAY, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 30.

Clearings at—	Month of May.			Five Months Ended May 31.			Week Ended May 30.				
	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1929.	1928.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
First Federal Reserve District—Boston—											
Me.—Bangor.....	2,607,687	2,960,381	-12.1	12,755,991	13,394,253	-4.7	441,233	441,881	-0.1	496,571	643,182
Portland.....	13,267,116	17,512,007	-24.3	66,546,950	82,856,374	-19.7	2,364,296	3,098,641	-23.7	3,742,781	3,925,019

CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Clearings at—	Month of May.			Five Months Ended May 31.			Week Ended May 30.				
	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1929.	1928.
Second Federal Reserve District—New York—	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
N. Y.—Albany	29,510,396	32,696,274	-9.7	139,385,066	147,400,842	-5.6	4,071,068	6,457,975	-37.0	5,315,034	5,883,068
Binghamton	4,806,496	6,142,668	-21.8	25,304,258	29,721,261	-14.0	776,558	1,146,977	-32.3	1,056,116	1,122,020
Buffalo	163,315,324	241,062,703	-32.2	860,790,228	1,128,330,101	-23.8	32,741,794	43,656,793	-25.0	53,181,506	49,440,523
Elmira	4,331,608	4,628,054	-6.4	22,958,472	22,098,600	+3.9	836,010	1,296,915	-35.5	1,132,545	1,061,602
Jamestown	3,965,736	5,775,782	-31.3	21,461,796	27,888,033	-23.0	596,139	1,248,258	-52.2	1,315,483	1,256,948
New York	24,943,608,883	31,428,917,920	-20.6	124,016,535,798	156,749,060,036	-20.8	4,259,142,079	5,429,258,102	-21.5	7,493,199,357	7,636,251,202
Rochester	43,853,449	51,358,712	-14.6	213,258,469	267,386,228	-20.2	6,790,964	9,528,619	-38.7	13,309,167	16,039,809
Syracuse	22,087,390	26,393,480	-16.3	106,641,338	123,348,928	-13.7	2,996,061	6,035,295	-50.3	6,073,908	9,501,917
Conn.—Stamford	13,510,186	16,273,475	-16.9	69,621,756	87,344,652	-20.2	3,013,131	4,181,347	-28.9	5,307,763	3,249,571
N. J.—Montclair	2,905,405	3,600,014	-19.3	15,539,404	16,970,221	-8.4	548,883	644,400	-14.8	771,754	1,531,649
Newark	128,751,512	163,025,688	-14.9	662,048,968	763,805,128	-13.3	25,015,010	30,520,944	-18.1	37,127,226	33,128,903
Northern N. J.	148,161,153	208,178,879	-28.8	807,543,215	1,022,648,292	-11.3	25,668,303	41,348,238	-37.9	41,520,366	42,966,438
Oranges	7,061,948	7,729,988	-8.6	32,961,864	36,136,571	-8.8	---	---	---	---	---
Total (13 cities)	25,515,869,486	32,195,783,637	-20.8	126,993,959,630	160,422,147,593	-20.9	4,362,192,000	5,575,323,863	-21.8	7,659,610,225	7,801,433,150
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia—											
Pa.—Allentown	3,017,854	6,050,844	-50.1	18,714,291	29,214,803	-35.9	2,613,323	1,087,493	+140.4	1,183,726	1,524,379
Bethlehem	18,799,473	18,365,672	+2.3	72,851,016	101,614,247	-28.3	4,120,828	4,815,925	-14.4	5,065,251	4,945,736
Chester	3,915,976	5,128,869	-23.7	19,964,922	21,921,207	-8.9	745,304	890,499	-16.3	1,165,615	1,152,096
Harrisburg	14,969,361	20,211,544	-26.0	76,113,761	96,090,234	-20.8	---	---	---	---	---
Lancaster	10,786,825	8,443,653	+27.7	49,941,277	45,519,278	+9.7	2,014,305	1,543,710	+30.5	1,764,265	1,586,985
Lebanon	2,464,864	3,148,152	-21.7	12,031,650	15,103,861	-20.3	---	---	---	---	---
Norristown	2,897,867	3,241,359	-10.6	13,979,481	16,045,546	-12.9	---	---	---	---	---
Philadelphia	1,748,000,000	2,303,000,000	-24.1	8,568,000,000	11,918,000,000	-28.1	340,000,000	414,000,000	-17.9	479,000,000	520,000,000
Reading	17,769,235	17,259,532	+3.0	66,858,031	80,441,721	-16.9	2,309,292	2,911,422	-20.7	3,967,550	4,189,150
Scranton	18,524,643	20,277,044	-12.9	94,649,839	105,211,499	-10.3	3,363,165	3,585,837	-6.2	5,422,205	5,986,455
Wilkes-Barre	12,794,880	15,618,330	-18.1	67,962,885	74,349,484	-8.6	2,109,760	2,682,708	-21.3	3,677,907	4,117,932
York	7,318,343	9,386,685	-22.0	39,399,756	44,404,357	-11.4	1,300,000	1,717,753	-24.3	2,005,614	2,258,327
N. J.—Camden	7,383,000	10,046,000	-26.5	40,322,878	49,474,566	-17.8	---	---	---	---	---
Trenton	20,166,000	19,707,000	+2.3	93,628,600	96,491,000	-3.0	3,238,008	2,974,000	+7.9	4,147,826	7,077,542
Total (14 cities)	1,888,808,321	2,450,884,684	-23.2	9,234,417,807	12,693,517,793	-27.3	361,813,895	436,209,330	-17.0	507,399,959	552,829,597
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland—											
Ohio—Akron	13,662,000	22,011,000	-37.9	72,590,000	104,577,000	-30.6	3,226,000	4,999,000	-35.5	6,388,000	6,250,000
Canton	14,711,608	18,631,609	-21.0	73,183,123	94,392,200	-22.5	2,474,002	3,140,241	-21.2	3,729,655	4,189,964
Cincinnati	242,357,204	273,813,610	-11.5	1,253,367,299	1,409,371,640	-11.1	45,403,768	52,234,000	-13.1	63,553,532	64,370,084
Cleveland	430,286,652	581,739,616	-26.0	2,247,737,331	2,881,472,599	-22.0	77,164,808	112,837,976	-31.7	120,117,032	116,689,717
Columbus	67,478,900	68,040,800	-15.5	286,475,700	343,114,200	-16.5	8,726,000	13,017,800	-33.0	18,021,900	16,506,900
Hamilton	3,100,675	3,123,606	-2.1	17,192,116	21,167,240	-18.3	---	---	---	---	---
Lorain	1,306,547	1,457,473	-10.4	6,305,476	7,688,555	-17.8	---	---	---	---	---
Mansfield	6,495,831	8,901,229	-27.0	32,477,038	41,011,054	-20.8	1,389,084	1,797,887	-22.7	1,532,797	1,484,820
Youngstown	14,664,502	23,832,222	-38.5	82,674,323	117,331,308	-29.5	3,807,400	6,360,211	-40.1	5,593,010	4,983,571
Pa.—Beaver Co.	1,462,584	1,913,431	-23.6	7,423,878	9,504,253	-21.9	---	---	---	---	---
Franklin	644,869	686,893	-6.1	3,111,633	3,908,063	-20.4	---	---	---	---	---
Greensburg	3,535,563	6,056,166	-41.6	18,780,751	21,443,394	-12.6	---	---	---	---	---
Pittsburgh	581,133,033	801,449,655	-27.5	3,062,063,409	3,855,375,710	-20.6	114,144,488	147,739,278	-22.7	165,497,370	165,687,606
Ky.—Lexington	4,554,786	5,620,089	-18.9	27,872,592	41,162,227	-32.3	---	---	---	---	---
W. Va.—Wheeling	12,403,820	16,245,456	-23.6	62,723,913	80,313,074	-21.9	---	---	---	---	---
Total (15 cities)	1,387,797,972	1,833,522,755	-24.3	7,254,031,582	9,031,802,517	-19.7	256,336,826	342,126,393	-25.1	386,413,336	379,397,662
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond—											
W. Va.—Huntington	2,494,597	5,184,923	-51.9	14,134,826	24,302,220	-41.9	375,575	957,057	-60.8	1,155,643	1,248,624
Va.—Norfolk	15,603,866	17,312,561	-9.1	74,967,550	90,726,252	-17.4	2,308,148	2,951,780	-21.8	4,459,457	4,767,215
Richmond	141,501,491	188,907,676	-25.1	734,368,525	948,997,500	-22.6	28,590,352	37,043,000	-22.8	35,130,000	36,791,000
N. C.—Raleigh	7,720,385	11,224,233	-31.2	37,347,372	48,735,981	-21.2	---	---	---	---	---
S. C.—Charleston	7,335,400	9,512,462	-22.9	38,206,505	45,525,655	-16.1	1,533,008	*1,700,000	-9.8	*2,000,000	1,875,402
Columbia	10,331,666	11,277,951	-6.6	47,464,407	50,234,386	-5.5	---	---	---	---	---
Md.—Baltimore	326,554,773	398,958,442	-18.1	1,667,881,102	2,064,997,547	-19.2	64,534,002	71,546,492	-10.0	74,871,964	90,944,349
Frederick	1,615,024	2,084,868	-22.5	8,537,128	10,055,643	-15.1	---	---	---	---	---
Hagerstown	2,049,650	2,709,238	-24.4	11,847,102	13,317,812	-11.0	---	---	---	---	---
D. C.—Washington	102,346,950	113,055,037	-0.6	534,679,705	559,969,862	-4.9	17,108,278	20,119,819	-15.0	23,469,685	25,131,449
Total (10 cities)	617,753,802	760,227,391	-18.7	3,169,434,222	3,856,962,858	-17.8	114,449,363	134,318,148	-14.8	141,086,749	160,758,039
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta—											
Tenn.—Knoxville	*7,000,000	11,358,000	-38.3	45,500,000	64,347,544	-29.3	1,300,000	1,712,504	-24.1	2,570,245	3,019,210
Nashville	51,885,007	103,730,238	-50.0	292,074,536	481,948,455	-39.4	8,966,717	16,033,721	-44.1	18,439,822	18,752,916
Georgia—Atlanta	164,869,524	203,419,548	-19.2	806,662,507	997,584,658	-19.1	33,587,584	38,357,021	-12.4	46,399,542	43,945,269
Augusta	5,770,814	7,188,148	-19.7	30,163,318	38,170,494	-21.0	1,129,298	1,510,784	-25.2	1,818,464	1,637,826
Columbus	3,062,424	4,589,363	-32.5	15,949,842	23,072,774	-30.9	---	---	---	---	---
Macon	3,433,739	4,589,363	-24.5	15,949,842	23,072,774	-30.9	---	---	---	---	---
Fla.—Jacksonville	55,736,471	62,582,604	-10.9	284,101,421	341,241,436	-16.6	748,495	1,220,275	-38.7	1,318,435	1,616,068
Tampa	6,680,801	7,772,668	-14.0	35,011,495	44,886,604	-22.0	11,733,899	10,582,004	+12.8	13,555,685	14,963,682
Ala.—Birmingham	61,104,036	92,080,583	-33.6	309,983,671	493,957,238	-37.3	12,382,747	17,734,801	-30.2	20,527,245	21,912,808
Mobile	5,962,446	8,248,609	-27.7	31,550,268	42,282,690	-25.4	1,241,267	1,740,196	-28.7	1,616,564	1,669,366
Montgomery	3,006,191	3,684,852	-28.4	16,371,607	26,913,803	-39.2	---	---	---	---	---
Miss.—Hattiesburg	4,754,000	6,190,000	-23.2	27,201,000	32,435,000	-16.1	---	---	---	---	---
Jackson	5,786,750	7,794,818	-25.8	33,418,561	43,700,538	-23.5	1,196,306	1,364,630	-12.3	1,503,000	1,214,000
Meridian	1,496,453	2,820,689	-47.2	8,883,885	16,175,866	-45.1	---	---	---	---	---
Vicksburg	650,340	754,986	-13.9	3,315,682	4,521,977	-26.6	98,745</				

CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Main table showing clearing data for various cities and districts. Columns include 'Clearings at', 'Month of May', 'Five Months Ended May 31', and 'Week Ended May 30'. Rows list cities like Duluth, Minneapolis, St. Paul, etc., with their respective clearing amounts and percentage changes.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR MAY, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 28.

Table showing Canadian clearing data for various cities and districts. Columns include 'Clearings at', 'Month of May', 'Five Months Ended May 31', and 'Week Ended May 28'. Rows list cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, etc., with their respective clearing amounts and percentage changes.

a No longer reports weekly clearings. *Estimated.

Condition of National Banks March 25 1931.—The statement of condition of the National banks under the Comptroller's call of March 25 1931 has just been issued and is summarized below. For purposes of comparison, like details for previous calls back to and including March 27 1930 are included.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS IN THE UNITED STATES ON MARCH 27, JUNE 30, SEPT. 24 AND AND DEC. 31 1930 AND MARCH 25 1931.

Table showing financial data for National Banks in the US from March 27 1930 to March 25 1931. Columns include dates, bank counts, and dollar amounts for Resources, Liabilities, and Details of Cash in Vault. Includes percentages for Reserve ratios.

a Includes customers' liability under letters of credit.
b Includes certified and cashiers' checks, and cash letters of credit and travelers' checks outstanding.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of May 27 1931:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £150,173,330 on the 20th instant (as compared with £148,976,873 on the previous Wednesday), and represents an increase of £2,547,758 since Dec. 31 1930.

The shipment of bar gold which arrived from South Africa this week was only about £241,000 which, together with £45,000 from West Africa, was available in the open market to-day. There was only a small demand, trade requirements being about £40,000, and the price was fixed at \$4s. 9½d. per fine ounce. The Bank of England secured £236,000 at the statutory buying price.

Movements of gold at the Bank of England during the week have resulted in a net influx of £683,816. Receipts totaled £703,818, of which £443,334 was in sovereigns from Argentina and £260,484 in bar gold. Withdrawals consisted of £13,000 in sovereigns taken for export and £7,002 in bar gold.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 18th instant to mid-day on the 23rd instant:

Table showing Imports and Exports of Gold and Silver. Includes amounts for British South Africa, Argentina, Straits Settlements, and other countries.

SILVER.

Prices have fluctuated during the past week but the tone continued weak. Some support has been given by China, although sales were also made by this quarter following a fall in the Shanghai exchange, but the pressure has been mainly from Indian Bazaar selling to cover bull commitments.

Prices were quoted level on the 22nd and 23rd instant, but 1-16d. premium on cash delivery was re-established yesterday.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 18th instant to mid-day on the 23rd instant:

Table showing Imports and Exports of Silver. Includes amounts for U.S.A., British West Africa, and other countries.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table showing Indian Currency Returns in Rupees for May 22, May 15, and May 7. Includes Notes in circulation and Silver/Gold coin and bullion.

The stocks in Shanghai on the 23rd instant consisted of about \$3,300,000 ounces in sycee, 156,000,000 dollars and 3,460 silver bars, as compared with about 84,000,000 ounces in sycee, 155,000,000 dollars and 3,720 silver bars on the 16th instant.

Table showing Quotations during the week for Bar Silver and Bar Gold per ounce. Includes rates for cash and different delivery terms.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are each ½d. below 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 showing daily closing quotations for securities like Silver, Gold, Consols, and French Renten from Saturday to Friday.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Table showing the price of silver in New York per ounce for Foreign, with rates for 26%, 26½%, 26¾%, 26⅞%, and 27%.

Table with columns for Expenditures (Concluded.) 1931, Month of May 1930, and Eleven Months 1930-1931. Rows include Government life insurance, Dist. of Col. teachers' retire, Foreign Service retirement, General railroad contingent, etc.

Total expend. chargeable against ord. receipts... Receipts and expenditures for June reaching the Treasury in July are included.

The figures for the month include \$35,997.68 and for the fiscal year 1931 to date \$385,339.75 accrued discount on war savings certificates of matured series...

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock transactions for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange from May 30 to June 5, 1931. Columns include Stock, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1., Low., and High.

* No par value.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 4270.—All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange.

Table showing Receipts at— Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City.

Table showing Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 30 follow: Same wk. 1930, Same wk. 1929, Same wk. 1928.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 30 follow:

Table showing Receipts at— Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Boston, Sorel.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign port on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, May 30 1931, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table showing Exports from— Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Sorel, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Houston, Quebec.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1931 is as below:

Table showing Exports for Week and Since July 1 to— Flour, Wheat, Corn. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., Brit. Indes., Brit. No. Am. Col., Other countries.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table listing National Banks with columns for Name, Location, Capital, and Status. Includes May 26—First National Bank in Meridian, Mississippi; May 21—The First National Bank of Ethan, S. Dak.; May 27—The National Bank of Fitzgerald, Georgia; May 29—The First National Bank of Canby, Clackamas County, Oregon; May 29—The Citizens Bank, Shelbyville, Tennessee.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

Table listing Auction Sales by Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York. Includes 240 Sadowsky Costume Co., Inc., 100 Franklin Process, Ltd., 2 Merco Holding Corp., 500 Clark Fibre Products Corp., 40 Barre Trading Corp., 50 Eastern Food Corp., 2 Triplex Safety Glass of N. Am., 2 Triplex Safety Glass of N. Am.

Table listing Auction Sales by R. L. Day & Co., Boston. Includes 100 Federal Nat. Bank, par \$20; 40 12-20 Federal Nat. Bank, par \$20; 20 Central Trust Co., Cambridge, par \$10; 10 Malden Trust Co., par \$10; 6 Sagamore Trust Co., Lynn; 10 Associated Textile Cos.; 5 Associated Textile Cos.; 2 Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.

Table listing Auction Sales by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston. Includes 5 First Nat. Bank, par \$20; 5 Associated Textile Cos.; 5 Associated Textile Cos.; 50 Nashawena Mills; 5 Associated Textile Cos.; 1 Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers R.R. preferred; 20 Amer. Constitution Fire Assur. Co., par \$20; 20 Amer. Home Fire Assur. Co., par \$20.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing shares and stocks for Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, including items like 30 Phila. Nat. Bank, par \$20, and 25 North Broad Nat. Bank, par \$10.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing shares and stocks for A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo, including items like 40 Youngstown Cold Storage Co. and 10 Internat. Rustless Iron, par \$1.

By Baker, Simonds & Co., Detroit, on Friday, May 29:

Table listing bonds and stocks for Baker, Simonds & Co., Detroit, including items like \$2,000 Finsterwald Furniture Co. and 11,167 International Oils Let., Inc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Main dividends table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various other companies.

Table listing dividends for Public Utilities (Concluded), including companies like Southwestern Gas & Elec., Southwestern Light & Power, and Springfield (Mo.) Gas & El. pt. A (qu.).

Table listing dividends for Banks, including Bank of America, Bancamerica-Blair Corp., and Chase National.

Table listing dividends for Trust Companies, including Bankers Trust, Bronxville Trust, and Guaranty.

Table listing dividends for Fire Insurance, including Rossia Insurance Co. of Amer.

Table listing dividends for Miscellaneous companies, including Abbott Laboratories, Acme Steel, and various other industrial and service firms.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Public Utilities (Concluded), Banks, Trust Companies, Insurance, and Miscellaneous.

Name of Company.		Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.		Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Continued).					Miscellaneous (Continued).				
Motor Wheel Corp., com. (quar.)	25c.	June 10	Holders of rec. May 20a	Reo Motor Car (quar.)	10c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10a		
Munsingwear Corp., com. (quar.)	50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 20a	Republic Supply Co. (quar.)	75c.	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1		
Common (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 16a	Rick's Inc. 6 1/2% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15		
Muskogee Company, common	\$1.00	June 15	Holders of rec. June 5	Rike-Kumblor Co. com. (quar.)	55c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15		
Myers (F. E.) & Bros., common (quar.)	50c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 23		
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a	Royal Baking Powder, com. (quar.)	25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 8a		
National Biscuit, com. (quar.)	70c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 19a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 8a		
National Bond & Share (quar.)	25c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	Ruberold Co. (quar.)	\$1	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1		
National Breweries, com. (quar.)	40c.	July 22	Holders of rec. June 15	Safeway Stores, Inc., com. (quar.)	*\$1.25	July 1	Holders of rec. June 8		
Preferred (quar.)	d44c.	July 22	Holders of rec. June 15	7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 8		
National Casualty Co. (Detroit) (quar.)	*30c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29	6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 8		
National Dairy Products, com. (quar.)	65c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 3a	St. Joseph Lead Co. (quar.)	*50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 8		
Preferred A & B (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 3	Quarterly	25c.	June 20	Holders of rec. June 10 to June 21		
National Distillers Products, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	S. M. A. Corp. (quar.)	*50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 7		
National Electric Products (quar.)	*37 1/2c	June 12	Holders of rec. May 31	San Carlos Milling (monthly)	*20c.	June 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 15		
National Industrial Loan Corp. (monthly)	*1	June 10	Holders of rec. June 30	Saranac Pulp & Paper, stock dividend.	*65	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15		
Monthly	*5c.	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30	Savage Arms, 2nd pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1		
National Lead, common (quar.)	1 1/4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 12a	Schiff Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 30		
Preferred A (quar.)	1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. May 30		
Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 17a	Scott Paper, com. (quar.)	35c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 16a		
National Mrs. & Stores, class A (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	Com. (payable in common stock)	52	June 30	Holders of rec. June 16a		
First preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	Seoville Mfg. (quar.)	*50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15		
National Oil Products, com. (quar.)	*\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20	Selected Indus., Inc., \$5 1/2 pr. stk. (quar.)	\$1.375	July 2	Holders of rec. June 15		
Common (extra)	*50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20	Service Station, Ltd., cl. A & B (quar.)	40c.	July 1	Holders of rec. July 15		
\$7 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20	6% preference, series A (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15		
National Steel Corp. (quar.)	50c.	June 10	Holders of rec. May 29a	Sheaffer (W. A.) Pen Co., common	*\$1	Sept. 15	Holders of rec. Sept. 1		
National Sugar Refg., com. (quar.)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15a	Preferred (quar.)	*2	July 20	Holders of rec. June 30		
National Surety (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29	Preferred (quar.)	*2	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30		
National Transit (quar.)	*25c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29	Shell Union Oil Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10a		
Nelman-Marcus Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 20	Sherwin Williams Co. of Canada—					
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Common (quar.)	40c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15		
Neptune Meter, common A & B (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15		
Preferred (quar.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1a	Slinger Mfg. Co., Ltd.—					
Preferred (quar.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Amer. dep. rets. for ord. reg. shs.	*26	June 13	Holders of rec. May 15		
Newberry (J. J.) Co., com. (quar.)	*27 1/2c	July 1	Holders of rec. June 16	Sork (Paul A.) Paper Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15		
New England Grain Prod.—				South Penn Oil Co. (quar.)	*25c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15		
Com. (1-100 share in pref. A stock)		Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 14	Spaulding (A. G.) & Bros., com. (quar.)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 30a		
Com. (1-100 share in pref. A stock)		Feb 1 '32	Hold. of rec. Jan. 14 '32	Spang, Chalfant & Co., Inc., pf. (quar.)	*4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20		
\$7 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20	Spartan Mills	75c.	July 15	Holders of rec. July 1a		
\$7 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	July 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Standard Mfg., pref. A (quar.)	30c.	July 1	Holders of rec. May 29a		
Preferred A (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan 2 '32	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Standard Brands, Inc., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. May 29a		
Preferred A (quar.)	*\$1.50	Oct. 15	Holders of rec. Oct. 1	Preferred (quar.)	\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. May 28		
Preferred A (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan 15 '32	Hold. of rec. Jan. 2 '32	Standard Coosa Thatcher, com. (quar.)	*50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20		
New York Transit (quar.)	15c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 26	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 15	Holders of rec. July 15		
Extra	10c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 26	Standard Oil of Calif. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 16a		
New York Transportation (quar.)	*50c.	June 27	Holders of rec. June 12	Standard Oil (Indiana) (quar.)	*40c.	June 30	Holders of rec. May 16		
Nagara Arbitrage Corp. (No. 1)	*20c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 25	Standard Oil (Ky.) (quar.)	50c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15		
Northern Discount, pref. A (monthly)	*62 2/3c	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	Standard Oil (Nebraska) (quar.)	25c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29		
Preferred A (monthly)	*62 2/3c	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15	Standard Oil (N. J.), \$25 par (quar.)	25c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 16		
Preferred A (monthly)	*62 2/3c	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15	\$25 par stock (extra)	1	June 15	Holders of rec. May 16		
Preferred A (monthly)	*62 2/3c	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	\$100 par stock (extra)	1	June 15	Holders of rec. May 16		
Preferred A (monthly)	*62 2/3c	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Standard Oil of New York (quar.)	40c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 8a		
Preferred A (monthly)	*62 2/3c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Standard Oil Export Corp., pref.	2 1/2	June 30	Holders of rec. June 9a		
Preferred C (monthly)	*62 2/3c	Jan 1 '32	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Standard Steel Construc., pref. A (quar.)	75c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15		
Preferred C (monthly)	*1	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15	Starrett Corp., \$50 par, pref. (quar.)	*75c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15		
Preferred C (monthly)	*1	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15	Stearns (Frederick) & Co., com. (quar.)	*30c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20		
Preferred C (monthly)	*1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20		
Preferred C (monthly)	*1	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15	Stix Baer & Fuller, pref. (quar.)	*43 1/4c	June 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15		
Preferred C (monthly)	*1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*43 1/4c	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 15		
Preferred C (monthly)	*1	J'n 1 '32	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Stone & Webster, Inc. (quar.)	*43 1/4c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. June 16		
Niagara Share Corp. of Md. (quar.)	10c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 25	Sun Oil, com. (quar.)	50c.	July 15	Holders of rec. May 25a		
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. July 20	Swift & Co. (quar.)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10		
Nineteen Hundred Corp., cl. A (quar.)	*50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1	Sylvania Gold Mines, Ltd.	*50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29		
Class A (quar.)	*50c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Tenney Finance, com. (quar.)	*87 1/2c	June 15	Holders of rec. June 10		
North Amer. Provision, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10	Preferred (quar.)	12 1/2c	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29		
North Central Texas Oil (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10	Tennessee Corporation (quar.)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 5a		
Northern Pipe Line Co.	\$1.50	July 1	Holders of rec. June 12	Texas Corp. (quar.)	75c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a		
Extra	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 12	Texas Gulf Sulphur (quar.)	*25c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 10a		
Northern Securities Co.	4 1/4	July 10	Holders of rec. July 10	Texon Oil & Land, common (quar.)	40c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a		
Oahu Sugar (monthly)	*10c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 6	Thatcher Mfg. (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. June 10		
Ohio Electric Mfg. (quar.)	*20c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 10	Thew Shovel, pref. (quar.)	*\$1	June 20	Holders of rec. June 10		
Ohio Oil, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. May 16	Todd Shipyards (quar.)	40c.	July 15	Holders of rec. June 5		
Omnibus Corp., pref. (quar.)	2	July 1	Holders of rec. June 12a	Ulen & Co., com. (quar.)	3 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20		
Onelda Community, common (quar.)	d12 1/2c	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29	Preferred	\$1.25	June 30	Holders of rec. June 12a		
Preferred (quar.)	*43 1/4c	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29	Underwood Elliott Fisher Co., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 12a		
Onomea Sugar (monthly)	*20c.	July 20	Holders of rec. June 10	Preferred (quar.)	65c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 2a		
Ontario Tobacco Plantations, pref. (quar.)	1	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. June 19	Union Carbide & Carbon (quar.)	75c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10a		
Preferred (quar.)	1	Jan. '32	Holders of rec. June 15	United Aircraft & Transport, pf. (quar.)	*50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31		
Otis Steel, prior pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19	United Artists Theatre Circuit, pf. (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1		
Owens Illinois Glass preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 15	United Biscuit of America, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15		
Pacific Southwest Discount A & B (quar.)	*10c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 16		
Package Machinery, com. (extra)	*\$1	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20	United Clear Stores of Amer., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 10a		
Packard Motor Car, com. (quar.)	10c.	June 12	Holders of rec. May 15a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 9a		
Page Hershey Tubes, com. (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20	United Dyewood, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10		
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20	United Elastic Corp. (quar.)	*40c.	June 24	Holders of rec. June 10		
Paraffine Cos., Inc., com. (quar.)	\$1	June 27	Holders of rec. June 17	United Fruit (quar.)	\$3	July 1	Holders of rec. June 1a		
Paramount Publ. Corp., com. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	June 27	Holders of rec. June 5a	United Guaranty Corp., com. (In stock)	*65	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1		
Parke, Davis & Co. (quar.)	*25c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 19	Class A (payable in stock)	50c.	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 15a		
Extra	*1 1/4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 19	Common (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 15a		
Faton Mfg., Ltd., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 30	Holders of rec. May 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20a		
Peabody Exploration, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Oct. 1	Holders of rec. Sept. 19a		
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Sept. 30	Holders of rec. Sept. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 1 '32	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a		
Penick & Ford, Ltd. (quar.)	25c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a	United Stores Corp., pref. (quar.)	*\$1	June 15	Holders of rec. May 29a		
Penney (J. C.) Co., com. (quar.)	60c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20a	U. S. Capital, class A (quar.)	*25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 1		
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20a	U. S. (special)	*1 1/4	July 15	Holders of rec. June 15		
Pennsylvania Bankshares & Sec. pf. (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 15	U. S. Gypsum, com. (quar.)	40c.	June 30	Holders of rec. June 15a		
Preferred (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	June 30	Holders of rec. June 20		
Peoples Drug Stores, com. (quar.)	25c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 8a	U. S. Leather, prior pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	July 20	Holders of rec. June 30a		
Perfect Circle (quar.)	1 1/4	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1a	United States Pipe & Fdy., com. (quar.)	50c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a		
Personal Banking Service, cl. A (quar.)	50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20	Common (quar.)	50c.	Jan 20 '32	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a		
Pet Milk, preferred (quar.)	*10c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 1	First preferred (quar.)	30c.	July 20	Holders of rec. June 30a		
Petroleum Exploration (quar.)	*25c.	June 15	Holders of rec. June 2	First preferred (quar.)	30c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a		
Petrol Landowners Corp. Ltd. (monthly)	*25c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 31	First preferred (quar.)	30c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30a		
Phoenix Finance Corp., pref. (quar.)	*50c.	July 10	Holders of rec. June 30	U. S. Playing Card (quar.)	*62 1/2c	July 1	Holders of rec. June 20		
Preferred (quar.)	*50c.	Oct. 10	Holders of rec. Sept. 30	U. S. Realty & Impt. (quar.)	50c.	June 15	Holders of rec. May 16a		
Preferred (quar.)	*50c.	Jan 10 '32	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	United States Steel Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	June 29	Holders of rec. June 1a		
Pittsburgh Plate Glass, com. (quar.)	*50c.	July 1	Holders of rec. June 10	Vacuum					

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like Western Canada Flour Mills, Western Exploration, etc.

* 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 Dividends on common A & B stocks will be applied to the purchase of com. A stock at the rate of \$5 per share unless written notice is given prior to June 10 of the stockholders' desire to take cash.

m Dividend is 37.651 francs less deduction for expenses of depositary.

n Commercial Investment Trust convertible preferred dividend will be paid in common stock at rate of 1-52d share unless holder notifies company on or before June 16 of his desire to take cash.

o McKesson & Robbins, Ltd., common stock dividend reported in our issue of May 2 as payable in either cash or stock was incorrect. Dividend was paid in cash only.

p American Cities Power & Light class A dividend will be paid in class B stock at rate of 1-32d share, unless holder notifies company by April 14 of his desire to take cash. 75c. class B dividend is payable in class B stock.

q British American Tobacco Interim dividend is 10 pence for each £1 unit of ordinary stock. Transfers received in London on or before June 6 will be in time for payment of dividend to transferees.

r Central Public Service Corp. class A dividend is payable in class A stock at rate of 1-40th share for each share held.

s Utilities Power & Light common stock dividends will all be paid in stock as follows: Com., 1-40th share com. stock; class A, 1-40th share class A stock; class B, 1-40th share class B stock. Stockholders desiring cash must notify company on or before the close of business on June 13.

t Tri-Utilities Corp. dividend is one-twentieth share participating stock, first series, subject to authorization at stockholders' meeting June 16.

u Segal Lock & Hardware dividend is 12 1/2c. cash or 2 1/2% in stock.

v Telephone Bond & Share dividend is 50c. cash or one-fiftieth share of class A stk.

w Less deduction for expenses of depositary.

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, \$37,753,100 to surplus and undivided profits, \$180,737,000 to the net demand deposits and \$105,455,000 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, MAY 30 1931.

Table with columns: Clearing House Members, Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits, Net Demand Deposits, Time Deposits. Lists various banks and their financial figures.

* As per official reports: National, March 25 1931; State, March 25 1931; trust companies, March 25 1931.

Includes deposits in foreign branches: (a) \$279,252,000, (b) \$123,179,000, (c) \$127,222,000, (d) \$57,319,000.

The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House. The 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 May 29:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH CLOSING BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, MAY 29 1931. NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures.

Table with columns: Loans, Disc. and Invest., Gold, Other Cash Including Bk. Notes, Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere, Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos., Gross Deposits. Lists Manhattan, Bryant Park Bk., Grace National, Brooklyn, Brooklyn Nat'l., Peoples Nat'l.

TRUST COMPANIES—Average Figures.

Table with columns: Loans, Disc. and Invest., Cash, Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere, Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos., Gross Deposits. Lists Manhattan, Bank of Europe & Tr. Empire, Federation, Fulton, United States, Brooklyn, Brooklyn, Kings County, Bayonne, N. J., Mechanics.

* Includes amount with Federal Reserve bank as follows: Empire, \$3,541,500; Fulton, \$2,070,700.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

Table with columns: Week Ended June 3 1931, Changes from Previous Week, Week Ended May 27 1931, Week Ended May 20 1931. Lists Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, discts. & invest'ts., Individual deposits, Due to banks, Time deposits, Exchanges for Clg. House, Due from other banks, Res've in legal deposit'les, Cash in bank, 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 Depositories" 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.

Table with columns: Week Ended May 9 1931, Changes from Previous Week, Week Ended May 23 1931, Week Ended May 16 1931. Lists Capital, Surplus and profits, Loans, discts. and invest'ts., Exch. for Clearing House, Due from banks, Bank deposits, Individual deposits, Time deposits, Total deposits, Reserve with F. R. Bank.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, June 4, 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 4152 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 JUNE 3 1931.

	June 3 1931.	May 27 1931.	May 20 1931.	May 13 1931.	May 6 1931.	Apr. 29 1931.	Apr. 22 1931.	Apr. 15 1931.	June 4 1930.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	1,778,164,000	1,792,364,000	1,790,864,000	1,757,864,000	1,774,714,000	1,782,314,000	1,782,614,000	1,760,114,000	1,603,714,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	32,614,000	32,514,000	32,514,000	32,623,000	32,624,000	32,529,000	32,529,000	32,529,000	37,856,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,810,778,000	1,824,878,000	1,823,378,000	1,790,487,000	1,807,338,000	1,814,843,000	1,815,143,000	1,792,643,000	1,641,570,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	585,115,000	579,154,000	583,418,000	604,223,000	578,498,000	553,543,000	557,493,000	523,304,000	623,375,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks.....	863,217,000	855,241,000	816,491,000	815,899,000	786,441,000	806,323,000	790,187,000	825,911,000	795,634,000
Total gold reserves.....	3,259,110,000	3,259,273,000	3,223,287,000	3,210,609,000	3,172,277,000	3,174,709,000	3,162,823,000	3,141,858,000	3,060,579,000
Reserve other than gold.....	167,948,000	173,241,000	176,615,000	178,275,000	172,704,000	177,359,000	183,527,000	176,015,000	164,710,000
Total reserves.....	3,427,058,000	3,432,514,000	3,399,902,000	3,388,884,000	3,344,981,000	3,352,068,000	3,346,350,000	3,317,873,000	3,225,289,000
Non-reserve cash.....	67,930,000	70,730,000	75,046,000	71,461,000	68,033,000	70,673,000	72,118,000	76,178,000	66,396,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	67,140,000	50,489,000	49,875,000	48,832,000	58,297,000	61,468,000	44,415,000	40,336,000	91,297,000
Other bills discounted.....	105,686,000	102,363,000	99,001,000	96,072,000	91,905,000	93,683,000	90,835,000	91,068,000	148,431,000
Total bills discounted.....	172,826,000	152,852,000	148,876,000	144,904,000	150,202,000	155,151,000	135,250,000	132,004,000	239,728,000
Bills bought in open market.....	134,155,000	124,501,000	131,007,000	153,108,000	193,869,000	169,765,000	151,611,000	131,479,000	189,240,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds.....	73,715,000	59,085,000	59,171,000	59,015,000	59,080,000	60,457,000	65,711,000	65,722,000	50,050,000
Treasury notes.....	52,228,000	52,227,000	52,231,000	52,228,000	52,227,000	52,229,000	52,232,000	52,229,000	232,774,000
Certificates and bills.....	472,405,000	487,056,000	487,134,000	487,171,000	487,044,000	485,620,000	480,586,000	480,684,000	264,010,000
Total U. S. Government securities.....	598,348,000	598,368,000	598,536,000	598,414,000	598,351,000	598,306,000	598,529,000	598,635,000	543,834,000
Other securities (see note).....	1,687,000	768,000	767,000	1,118,000	1,100,000	350,000			5,850,000
Total bills and securities (see note).....	907,016,000	876,489,000	879,186,000	897,544,000	943,522,000	923,572,000	885,390,000	862,118,000	978,652,000
Due from foreign banks (see note).....	698,000	699,000	699,000	698,000	697,000	697,000	697,000	697,000	709,000
Federal Reserve notes of other banks.....	15,121,000	15,463,000	16,492,000	15,478,000	15,202,000	15,302,000	16,159,000	15,981,000	22,064,000
Uncollected items.....	547,349,000	451,313,000	512,172,000	542,396,000	491,987,000	469,010,000	523,411,000	598,488,000	609,194,000
Bank premises.....	58,585,000	58,580,000	58,580,000	58,482,000	58,424,000	58,420,000	58,420,000	58,417,000	58,671,000
All other resources.....	21,340,000	19,393,000	19,130,000	18,760,000	18,351,000	17,102,000	16,741,000	16,963,000	12,495,000
Total resources.....	5,045,097,000	4,925,181,000	4,961,207,000	4,993,703,000	4,941,197,000	4,906,844,000	4,919,286,000	4,946,715,000	4,973,470,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	1,583,574,000	1,551,808,000	1,551,458,000	1,528,310,000	1,540,783,000	1,527,740,000	1,526,511,000	1,515,716,000	1,457,317,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account.....	2,388,535,000	2,424,670,000	2,410,799,000	2,420,793,000	2,417,734,000	2,407,529,000	2,379,785,000	2,356,415,000	2,411,730,000
Government.....	58,905,000	19,267,000	15,445,000	36,200,000	24,716,000	31,037,000	29,638,000	18,859,000	27,246,000
Foreign banks (see note).....	6,542,000	7,396,000	5,727,000	5,819,000	5,575,000	5,683,000	5,495,000	6,183,000	5,489,000
Other deposits.....	30,379,000	19,772,000	20,553,000	20,369,000	23,515,000	18,591,000	20,874,000	25,733,000	20,054,000
Total deposits.....	2,484,361,000	2,471,105,000	2,452,524,000	2,483,181,000	2,471,540,000	2,462,840,000	2,435,792,000	2,406,190,000	2,464,519,000
Deferred availability items.....	517,116,000	442,526,000	497,812,000	522,909,000	469,628,000	457,272,000	498,113,000	566,027,000	584,850,000
Capital paid in.....	168,419,000	168,428,000	168,476,000	168,453,000	168,590,000	168,612,000	168,690,000	168,738,000	170,572,000
Surplus.....	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	276,936,000
All other liabilities.....	16,991,000	16,678,000	16,301,000	16,214,000	16,020,000	15,744,000	15,544,000	15,408,000	19,276,000
Total liabilities.....	5,045,097,000	4,925,181,000	4,961,207,000	4,993,703,000	4,941,197,000	4,906,844,000	4,919,286,000	4,946,715,000	4,973,470,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	80.1%	81.0%	80.5%	80.0%	79.0%	79.5%	79.8%	80.1%	78.0%
Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	84.2%	85.3%	84.9%	84.5%	83.4%	84.0%	84.5%	84.6%	82.2%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	375,331,000	381,570,000	383,698,000	394,907,000	402,752,000	410,076,000	422,880,000	424,148,000	464,439,000
Maturity Distribution of Bills and Short-Term Securities—									
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	62,110,000	46,582,000	50,995,000	74,812,000	105,496,000	101,395,000	95,439,000	69,331,000	116,554,000
1-15 days bills discounted.....	107,645,000	86,762,000	83,721,000	83,371,000	92,593,000	98,316,000	78,833,000	73,825,000	143,410,000
1-15 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	22,352,000			19,200,000	19,200,000	5,000,000	5,000,000		26,091,000
1-15 days municipal warrants.....									
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	33,242,000	30,805,000	36,368,000	36,598,000	34,172,000	27,321,000	29,167,000	35,916,000	30,334,000
16-30 days bills discounted.....	14,893,000	13,313,000	14,460,000	13,926,000	12,246,000	12,065,000	12,564,000	14,367,000	23,492,000
16-30 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	39,300,000	65,375,000	81,866,000			19,200,000	19,200,000	5,000,000	
16-30 days municipal warrants.....									
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	34,418,000	42,768,000	35,799,000	32,877,000	38,183,000	22,301,000	13,097,000	14,332,000	33,890,000
31-60 days bills discounted.....	21,324,000	23,513,000	22,806,000	21,722,000	20,613,000	19,123,000	19,451,000	19,640,000	30,563,000
31-60 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	35,500,000	52,300,000	51,300,000	133,207,000	129,166,000	89,716,000	91,716,000	29,422,000	44,500,000
31-60 days municipal warrants.....									
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	4,008,000	3,848,000	7,233,000	8,584,000	15,680,000	18,440,000	13,800,000	11,661,000	7,126,000
61-90 days bills discounted.....	12,185,000	12,894,000	12,573,000	11,929,000	11,655,000	13,143,000	12,333,000	12,291,000	19,962,000
61-90 days U. S. cert. of indebtedness.....	59,050,000	57,550,000	56,550,000	30,850,000	30,850,000	45,300,000	40,300,000	122,794,000	60,689,000
61-90 days municipal warrants.....	37,000	18,000	17,000						
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	16,779,000	16,400,000	15,316,000	13,956,000	13,095,000	308,000	108,000	139,000	1,336,000
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	316,203,000	831,000	297,418,000	303,914,000	307,828,000	326,404,000	324,000,000	23,468,000	129,730,000
Over 90 days cert. of indebtedness.....				18,000					
Over 90 days municipal warrants.....									
FED. RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT.									
F. R. notes received from Comptroller.....									
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent.....									
Issued to Federal Reserve Banks.....	1,964,821,000	1,957,603,000	1,955,838,000	1,934,945,000	1,940,102,000	1,932,278,000	1,939,247,000	1,929,937,000	1,779,033,000
Collateral Held by Agent as Security for Notes Issued to Bank—									
By gold and gold certificates.....	608,384,000	616,884,000	616,884,000	616,884,000	610,434,000	612,034,000	620,134,000	620,134,000	402,008,000
Gold redemption fund.....									
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	1,169,780,000	1,175,480,000	1,173,980,000	1,140,980,000	1,164,280,000	1,170,280,000	1,162,480,000	1,139,980,000	1,201,706,000
By eligible paper.....	284,662,000	267,779,000	269,780,000	276,288,000	311,017,000	300,969,000	261,546,000	254,107,000	421,188,000
Total.....	2,062,226,000	2,060,143,000	2,060,644,000	2,034,152,000	2,085,731,000	2,083,283,000	2,044,160,000	2,014,221,000	2,024,894,000

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of 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 dis counts, 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 include in the

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS JUNE 3 1931

Federal Reserve Bank of—	Two Ciphers (00) omitted.												
	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
RESOURCES.													
Gold with Federal Reserve Agents.....	1,778,164,000	147,917,000	386,919,000	160,000,000	197,550,000	65,070,000	125,100,000	291,900,000	67,730,000	44,615,000	58,000,000	22,600,000	210,763,000
Gold red'n fund with U. S. Treas.....	32,614,000	1,136,000	13,092,000	1,004,000	2,460,000	1,015,000	960,000	3,958,000	1,505,000	663,000	1,339,000	1,058,000	4,424,000
Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes.....	1,810,778,000	149,053,000	400,011,000	161,004,000	200,010,000	66,085,000	126,060,00						

Two Cities (00) omitted.	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan.Cty.	Dallas.	San Fran.
RESOURCES (Concluded) —													
U. S. Government securities:													
Bonds	73,715.0	2,715.0	17,566.0	2,229.0	2,272.0	2,285.0	950.0	22,201.0	1,380.0	8,137.0	1,502.0	10,848.0	1,630.0
Treasury notes	52,228.0	1,501.0	11,380.0	4,607.0	11,549.0	490.0	3,874.0	1,972.0	3,976.0	601.0	1,110.0	623.0	10,545.0
Certificates and bills	472,405.0	41,965.0	116,209.0	42,517.0	48,869.0	27,208.0	15,991.0	56,958.0	20,086.0	16,849.0	31,168.0	17,768.0	36,817.0
Total U. S. Govt. securities	598,348.0	46,181.0	145,155.0	49,353.0	62,690.0	29,983.0	20,815.0	81,131.0	25,442.0	25,587.0	33,780.0	29,239.0	48,992.0
Other securities	1,687.0	1,650.0	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total bills and securities	907,016.0	71,726.0	218,365.0	69,171.0	92,351.0	51,876.0	41,938.0	109,849.0	41,015.0	34,730.0	51,466.0	42,876.0	81,653.0
Due from foreign banks	698.0	52.0	229.0	69.0	71.0	28.0	25.0	94.0	25.0	16.0	20.0	21.0	48.0
F. R. notes of other banks	15,121.0	270.0	4,441.0	175.0	906.0	1,621.0	943.0	2,187.0	1,020.0	643.0	839.0	316.0	1,760.0
Uncollected items	547,349.0	63,161.0	154,859.0	51,554.0	52,131.0	42,044.0	13,029.0	63,566.0	24,783.0	9,222.0	26,718.0	18,327.0	27,455.0
Bank premises	58,535.0	3,483.0	15,240.0	2,614.0	7,319.0	3,504.0	2,573.0	8,061.0	3,635.0	1,926.0	3,803.0	1,831.0	4,621.0
All other resources	21,340.0	578.0	6,416.0	1,176.0	1,974.0	1,691.0	3,533.0	1,955.0	1,205.0	801.0	561.0	1,048.0	972.0
Total resources	5,045,097.0	380,113.0	1,633,539.0	391,147.0	488,939.0	198,903.0	216,597.0	702,695.0	196,346.0	120,200.0	184,140.0	115,639.0	416,839.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation.	1,583,574.0	137,556.0	288,508.0	149,195.0	191,749.0	74,207.0	127,317.0	235,470.0	73,710.0	47,477.0	63,243.0	27,426.0	167,716.0
Deposits:													
Member bank—reserve account	2,388,535.0	144,092.0	1,003,345.0	147,977.0	195,617.0	60,585.0	57,308.0	336,372.0	76,258.0	50,653.0	80,051.0	54,005.0	179,272.0
Government	58,905.0	1,501.0	39,105.0	1,771.0	1,305.0	1,355.0	1,228.0	4,717.0	1,005.0	1,127.0	1,107.0	1,152.0	3,532.0
Foreign bank	6,542.0	582.0	1,335.0	708.0	784.0	310.0	279.0	1,048.0	272.0	178.0	225.0	233.0	628.0
Other deposits	30,379.0	357.0	12,823.0	820.0	3,656.0	543.0	165.0	2,555.0	2,033.0	356.0	674.0	70.0	6,327.0
Total deposits	2,484,361.0	146,532.0	1,056,608.0	151,336.0	201,362.0	65,793.0	58,980.0	344,692.0	79,566.0	52,314.0	82,057.0	55,460.0	189,659.0
Deferred availability items	517,116.0	62,498.0	137,445.0	46,288.0	49,800.0	40,123.0	12,060.0	60,440.0	26,319.0	9,459.0	25,319.0	13,656.0	28,709.0
Capital paid in	168,419.0	11,838.0	65,504.0	16,775.0	15,742.0	5,692.0	5,195.0	11,839.0	4,822.0	3,012.0	4,281.0	11,434.0	4,281.0
Surplus	274,636.0	21,299.0	80,575.0	27,065.0	28,971.0	12,114.0	10,857.0	39,936.0	10,562.0	7,144.0	8,702.0	8,936.0	18,475.0
All other liabilities	16,991.0	390.0	4,899.0	488.0	1,315.0	974.0	2,188.0	2,258.0	1,365.0	794.0	594.0	880.0	846.0
Total liabilities	5,045,097.0	380,113.0	1,633,539.0	391,147.0	488,939.0	198,903.0	216,597.0	702,695.0	196,346.0	120,200.0	184,140.0	115,639.0	416,839.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	84.2	82.2	90.4	86.6	84.0	67.2	80.7	87.8	78.3	70.4	68.2	58.1	82.7
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	375,331.0	28,158.0	123,414.0	37,168.0	37,919.0	15,017.0	13,516.0	50,684.0	13,140.0	8,635.0	10,888.0	11,263.0	25,529.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan.Cty.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Two Cities (00) omitted.													
Federal Reserve notes:													
Issued to F. R. bk. by F. R. Agt.	1,964,821.0	160,765.0	418,765.0	173,445.0	221,533.0	83,441.0	145,600.0	300,841.0	81,602.0	52,479.0	67,379.0	33,549.0	225,422.0
Held by Federal Reserve bank	381,247.0	23,209.0	130,257.0	24,250.0	29,784.0	9,234.0	18,283.0	65,371.0	7,892.0	5,002.0	4,136.0	6,123.0	57,706.0
In actual circulation	1,583,574.0	137,556.0	288,508.0	149,195.0	191,749.0	74,207.0	127,317.0	235,470.0	73,710.0	47,477.0	63,243.0	27,426.0	167,716.0
Collateral held by Agt. as security for notes issued to bank:													
Gold and gold certificates	608,384.0	33,300.0	351,919.0	38,700.0	12,550.0	10,070.0	9,900.0	73,900.0	13,930.0	6,815.0	---	7,300.0	50,000.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board	1,169,780.0	114,617.0	35,000.0	121,300.0	185,000.0	55,000.0	115,200.0	218,000.0	53,800.0	37,800.0	58,000.0	15,300.0	160,763.0
Eligible paper	284,062.0	25,486.0	55,783.0	15,980.0	28,548.0	21,534.0	20,975.0	28,484.0	15,065.0	8,961.0	17,354.0	13,300.0	32,512.0
Total collateral	2,062,226.0	173,403.0	442,702.0	175,980.0	226,098.0	86,604.0	146,075.0	320,384.0	82,795.0	53,576.0	75,354.0	35,930.0	243,275.0

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the reporting member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 14 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 4153, immediately preceding which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.

Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement, and in some of the banks included mortgages in investments. Loans secured by U. S. Government obligations are no longer shown separately, only the total of loans on securities being given. Furthermore, borrowing at the Federal Reserve is not any more subdivided to show the amount secured by U. S. obligations and those secured by commercial paper, only a lump total being given. The number of reporting banks is now omitted; in its place the number of cities included (then 101) was for a time given, but beginning Oct. 9 1929 even this has been omitted. The figures have also been revised to exclude a bank in the San Francisco district with loans and investments of \$135,000,000 on Jan. 2 1929 which had then recently merged with a non-member bank. The figures are now given in round millions instead of in thousands.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS MAY 27 1931 (In millions of dollars).

Federal Reserve District—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan.Cty.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Loans and investments—total	22,598	1,455	9,024	1,354	2,238	630	549	3,268	671	365	634	428	1,982
Loans—total	14,813	993	5,944	826	1,390	421	372	2,298	428	231	369	301	1,230
On securities	6,928	390	3,331	422	644	160	116	1,107	170	57	101	92	338
All other	7,885	603	2,613	404	746	261	266	1,191	258	174	268	209	892
Investments—total	7,785	462	3,080	528	848	209	167	970	243	134	265	127	752
U. S. Government securities	3,937	207	1,662	206	462	92	81	539	51	64	114	71	388
Other securities	3,848	255	1,418	322	386	117	86	431	192	70	151	56	364
Reserve with F. R. Bank	1,847	95	925	90	140	40	38	249	49	25	54	32	110
Cash in vault	226	14	61	16	27	15	9	36	7	5	11	7	18
Net demand deposits	13,625	861	6,394	786	1,113	330	304	1,793	386	207	444	269	738
Time deposits	7,396	522	1,783	405	1,017	263	227	1,350	249	153	204	147	1,076
Government deposits	38	4	9	4	3	3	4	3	1	---	1	3	3
Due from banks	1,732	99	146	145	165	97	95	315	80	87	178	113	212
Due to banks	3,632	141	1,270	270	400	121	118	489	132	89	219	114	269
Borrowings from F. R. Bank	29	2	5	2	4	5	2	3	---	---	---	---	3

* Exclusive of figures for one bank in New York City, closed Dec. 11. Last report of bank showed loans and investments of about \$190,000,000.

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business June 3 1931, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	June 3 1931.	May 27 1931.	June 4 1930.		June 3 1931.	May 27 1931.	June 4 1930.
Resources—				Resources (Concluded)—			
Gold with Federal Reserve agent	386,919,000	386,919,000	258,594,000	Due from foreign banks (see note)	229,000	231,000	233,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	13,092,000	13,092,000	15,066,000	Federal Reserve notes of other banks	4,441,000	4,772,000	7,754,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	400,011,000	400,011,000	273,600,000	Uncollected items	154,859,000	125,136,000	170,748,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	185,562,000	224,103,000	167,751,000	Bank premises	15,240,000	15,240,000	15,664,000
Gold and gold cts. held by bank	571,207,000	568,217,000	485,368,000	All other resources	6,416,000	5,929,000	4,660,000
Total gold reserves	1,156,780,000	1,192,331,000	926,719,000	Total resources	1,633,539,000	1,624,093,000	1,507,124,000
Reserves other than gold	59,647,000	61,543,000	54,369,000	Liabilities—			
Total reserves	1,216,427,000	1,253,874,000	981,088,000	Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	288,508,000	273,231,000	185,381,000
Non-reserve cash	17,562,000	18,538,000	17,024,000	Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	1,003,345,000	1,065,960,000	999,538,000
Bills discounted—				Government	39,105,000	2,465,000	3,967,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	16,686,000	14,					

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 4178.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stocks like Allegheny & West, Central RR of N.J., C C & St L pref., etc.

* No par value.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c. (All prices dollars per share)

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid., Asked., Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid., Asked. Rows include dates like June 15 1931, Sept. 15 1931, etc.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' with columns for dates (May 30, June 1, June 2, June 3, June 4, June 5) and various bond types like First Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 71 1/4th 4 1/2s. 104 1/2s to 104 3/4s.

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.86 5-16 @ 4.86 1/2 for checks and 4.86 9-16 @ 4.86 19-32 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.86 1-16 @ 4.86 5-16; sixty days, 4.83 1/2 @ 4.84 1/2; ninety days, 4.82 1/2 @ 4.83 1/2; and documents for payment, 4.83 @ 4.84 1/2.

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, with columns for High, Low, and Actual rates.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 4179.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 4214.

CURRENT NOTICES.

- W. E. J. Luther of the firm of Craig, Luther & Irvine has been elected Chairman of the Montreal Stock Exchange succeeding F. S. Mathewson, who has held the office for the past year.
—G. M.-P. Murphy & Co., announce the opening of an office in Boston to render a complete investment and brokerage service, under management of Arthur L. Devens.
—Lewis O. Hoag has joined the sales department of Lord, Westfield & Co., Inc., and John P. Longbotham is associated with the firm in its trading department.
—Alexander Elguezal, formerly with Graves & Gilson, is now associated with Frank H. Crehore & Co., 50 Pine St., New York, in their trading department.
—Albert R. Erskine, President of the Studebaker Corp., has been appointed a director of the American Manufacturers Export Association.
—Announcement is made of the formation of Hugh Maher & Co., Inc., to deal in investment securities with offices at 11 Broadway.
—Edward E. Smith, formerly with Montgomery, Scott & Co., has become associated with the Lisman Corp., 42 Broadway, N. Y.
—John Henry Stevenson has been admitted as a general partner in the firm of Ward & Co., 120 Broadway, New York.
—James Talcott, Inc. has been appointed factor for the Cayuga Textile Co., New York City, manufacturers of silks.
—A. D. Braham & Co., Inc., announce that the firm name has been changed to Braham, West & Co., Inc.
—Abner S. Werblin announces the removal of his offices to 99 Wall Street.
—Martin Perls & Co. have removed their offices to 39 Broadway.
—Emanuel & Co., have issued a list of investment suggestions.

Report of Stock Sales—New York Stock Exchange

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For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see preceding page.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.	PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 On basis of 100-shares lots.		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.	
Saturday May 30.	Monday June 1.	Tuesday June 2.	Wednesday June 3.	Thursday June 4.	Friday June 5.			Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
135 1/4	140	132 3/4	139 5/8	134	140 3/8	34,600	100	132 3/4	203 3/4	168	242 1/2
104	105	100 1/2	102 1/4	100 3/4	101 3/4	2,300	100	100 1/2	108 1/4	100	108 3/4
80	80	79	80	78	79 7/8	85	85 1/8	91	91	95 1/4	175 1/2
44 1/4	47 1/2	43 1/2	45 3/4	44 1/2	48 1/8	47	53	51 3/8	55	44	122 3/4
67 1/4	67 1/4	63 3/4	67	63 3/4	67	65 1/2	63	66 1/2	66 1/2	70 1/2	84 1/2
47	48 1/2	47	48 1/2	48 5/8	49 1/2	*50	53	52	52 3/4	60 1/2	84 1/2
100	100	100	99 3/4	100	101	106	106	106	106	66 1/2	84 1/2
35	45	35	45	31	40	32	32	*31	40	100 1/2	116 1/2
8	8 1/4	7 1/2	7 1/2	*7 1/2	8	8	10 7/8	10	10 3/8	44	112
54 1/2	55	*53	54	52 1/2	52 1/2	54	57 1/2	58	58 3/4	61 1/2	112
56 1/4	57 1/2	55 1/4	56 5/8	55 5/8	58 3/8	58 1/2	60 3/4	58 3/8	59 1/2	53	101 1/2
90 1/4	90 1/4	90	90	*90 1/2	91 1/2	*91 1/8	92	91	91	40	98 1/2
31	31 1/4	31	31 1/4	31	31 1/4	31	31 1/4	31	31 1/4	91	98 1/2
225 1/4	26 1/4	24	25 1/2	25	27 7/8	26 1/2	28 1/4	27 1/4	28 1/2	42	52 1/2
27 1/2	29 3/4	27	28 3/4	28 1/4	31 1/2	31 3/4	34 1/2	33 1/4	36	35 1/2	52 1/2
1	1	*3 1/4	3 1/4	*3 1/4	1 1/2	*3 1/4	1 1/2	*3 1/4	1 1/2	50	51 1/2
4 1/8	4 1/2	*4	4 1/4	*4	4 1/4	4	4 1/2	4	4 1/2	1 1/2	51 1/2
16 1/2	16 1/2	16	16 1/2	15 3/4	15 3/4	18	19 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2	1 1/2	51 1/2
35 1/8	35 1/8	31	35 1/8	31 1/4	31 1/4	4	4 3/8	4 1/2	5	13	100
5 1/4	6 1/8	4 3/4	6 1/4	5 1/4	6 1/2	6 1/8	7	6 7/8	8	42	40
225 1/4	27 1/8	25	26	25 1/2	28	27 1/2	31 3/4	29 3/8	33	10,000	100
*85 1/4	90	*85 1/4	90	*85	90	89	90 1/8	*80	95	200	100
23 3/8	25	23 3/8	25	22 1/2	30	30 1/2	34	33 3/8	35 1/4	18,300	100
51	54	54	54	60	63	66	66	*68	73	1,300	100
50	56	50	53	50	50	60	60	60	60	1,200	100
245 1/2	24 5/8	24 5/8	24 5/8	*20 1/4	36	*20 1/4	36	*20 1/4	30 1/8	200	100
26	26	28	28 1/2	25	27	28 1/4	28 1/2	*26	28 1/2	2,100	100
114 1/2	116 1/2	108 1/2	114	107 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/4	119	120 1/2	123 1/2	9,200	100
50	52 1/2	45 1/4	50	46 1/4	49	47 1/2	52 1/4	52 1/2	55	9,000	100
15	15	13	13	11 3/8	15	14 1/2	14 1/2	18	20	2,800	100
14 1/2	15	13 1/2	14 1/4	14	15 1/4	16 1/2	18 3/8	17 3/4	19 3/8	10,000	100
27	27	*25	28	25	25 1/8	28 1/8	28 1/8	29 1/4	30	800	100
17 1/2	20 3/8	*15	20	*16	20	20	20	20	20	500	100
44 1/8	46	43 1/2	44 3/4	43 1/2	47 1/2	49	51 1/4	50 1/4	54 1/2	12,400	100
15	15	*12	15	*10	15	*10	15	13 3/8	13 3/8	100	100
47	47	46	46	45	45	46	46	46	46	100	100
33 3/8	35 3/8	34	34 3/8	34 1/8	34 1/8	35 1/2	36 1/4	*35 3/8	38	3,700	100
42 1/4	46 3/4	41 5/8	42 3/8	41 1/2	44 1/4	43 1/2	49	47	49 1/4	11,700	100
*37	39 3/4	*37	39 3/4	*35 1/4	39	39	39 1/2	*39	39 3/4	4,500	100
20	20 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2	20 3/8	22 1/8	20	21 1/8	2,800	100
*29 3/4	31	26	27 3/4	25	27 1/2	28 1/2	30	30	30 7/8	300	100
40	46	40	40	40	40	43	43	43	45	300	100
37 1/4	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 3/4	37 3/4	42 1/2	44	39	41 1/4	2,400	100
65	65	63 3/8	63 3/8	61 1/4	63	65	65	65	65	900	100
32 1/2	32 1/2	32	32	32	32	32 1/2	34 1/2	33 1/2	34 3/8	5,500	100
13	13	*12	14	*12	13	12	13	*13	14	400	100
5	5 1/4	*3 1/2	6	5	6	5	6	5	6	500	100
38	39 3/8	38	38	*25	39	*25	39	*25	39	130	100
10 1/8	11 1/4	10	10 3/4	9 7/8	12 1/2	11 3/4	14 1/8	13 3/8	14 3/8	16,600	100
43	44	40 5/8	41 1/8	39 3/4	44	44	46 3/8	44 1/2	47 1/4	5,700	100
15	15 3/8	14 3/8	16 1/2	14	16 1/2	16	17 3/4	18	20 1/2	8,400	100
51	53 1/2	50	52 1/2	51	56	56 1/2	58	57	59	3,200	100
52	52	50	50	47	52	47 1/4	51 3/4	*52	55	60	100
72 1/4	76 1/4	71 1/2	75 1/2	72 1/4	77	75 1/2	81 1/2	79	83 1/2	144,300	100
35	50	35	50	35	50	35	50	35	50	400	100
53 1/2	58 1/2	50	50	45	65	45	65	50	50	400	100
150	151 1/4	147 1/2	150 1/4	*150 1/2	156	160	164	169	174	490	100
63 1/8	65	63	64 1/2	64	67 1/2	67 1/4	72 3/4	71 1/4	74 1/2	15,800	100
106 1/8	106 1/2	106 3/8	108	105 1/4	105 1/4	106 1/2	106 1/2	*105	108	1,600	100
6 3/4	7 1/4	7 3/8	7 1/4	7 1/8	10	9 1/2	9 3/4	8	9 1/8	4,900	100
*23	4	*23 1/4	4	*23 1/4	4	*3	3 1/2	3	3 1/2	200	100
14 1/2	15 1/4	13 3/4	14 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/4	14 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2	15 1/2	400	100
90 5/8	90 7/8	90 5/8	90 7/8	90 5/8	90 7/8	90 5/8	91 1/8	90 5/8	91 1/8	4,300	100
32 1/4	34	32	32 3/4	32 1/8	34 1/4	35	37 1/4	35 1/2	39 3/4	14,600	100
1 1/4	1 1/2	*1 1/4	1 1/2	*1 1/4	1 1/2	*1 1/2	1 1/2	*1 1/2	1 1/2	400	100
42 3/4	44 1/2	42 1/8	43 3/8	42 1/4	45 3/8	45 1/2	49 5/8	47 3/8	52 1/4	75,000	100
*34 1/4	4 1/4	*3 1/8	4 1/2	*2 1/2	4	4 1/4	4 1/4	*4	6	100	100
*25	33 3/4	*25	34	*25	31	*25	50	*25	48 1/2	90	100
50	50	*47	50	*47	57	*50	60	*50	60	70	100
50	50	*35	50	*35	50	*35	50	*35	50	100	100
*30	54	*35	44	*42	49	49 7/8	49 7/8	*35	50	2,400	100
62	62 1/2	62	63	*64	72	*66	74	*64	73 3/4	100	100
*40	45 1/8	*35	40	*37	37	*39 1/4	42 1/2	*40	42 1/2	100	100
41	41	*41	42	41	41	41 1/8	42	*41	44 1/4	1,100	100
10 3/8	12	9	10 1/4	10	14	15	18	17 1/4	18 1/2	11,800	100
15 1/8	17	15 1/4	18	20	24	25	28 1/4	28 1/8	31 1/4	7,900	100
*7 1/8	8	*7 1/2	8	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	11 1/8	11	13 1/4	4,200	100
*15	21	*16	21	*15	21	*15	21	*17	21	1,700	100
12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	200	100
67 1/4	72	67 1/4	69 1/4	67 3/4	74	71 1/4	77 3/4	76	80 1/2	35,200	100
27 1/4	29	27	28	27 1/4	31 1/2	30	34 3/8	31 1/8	34 3/4	13,600	100
*48	53	*48 1/8	53	53	53	*55 1/8	58 1/2	*53	58 1/2	100	100
*48	95	*20	95	*21	90	*26	95	*40	95	1,800	100
*7 1/2	8 1/4	7	7 1/2	8	9	8 7/8	8 7/8	8 7/8	8 7/8	1,000	100
7 1/8	8	7 1/4	7 1/2	7	8	7 7/8	8 1/4	7 3/4	8 1/2	1,000	100
35 1/8	36	*36	45	40	40	*35	45	*36	45	90	100
*141 1/2	144 1/4	137	142	137	145	143 1/2	155	149	160 1/4	21,700	100
86 1/4	86 3/8	85 1/2	86 1/4	85	85 3/8	85	86	85	86	5,700	100
8	8	8	8 1/4	8	10	10	11 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/4	4,500	100
*15	20	*15	20	*17	21	19	22 3/8	21	22 1/2	2,100	100
9 1/4	10	9	9 1/2	9	10	10 3/4	11 3/4	11	12 1/4	16,700	100
9 1/2	9 3/8	*9 3/8	12 3/8	9 1/4	9 1/4	13 1/2	13 1/2	*10 1/8	12 3/4	500	100
5 1/2	5 1/2	4	5	4 1/8	5 1/4	*5 1/8	7	*5 1/4	6 1/2	500	100
11	11 1/2	10 3/8	10 3/8	11 1/4	11 1/4	11 7/8	13	13 1/2	13 1/2	900	100
35 3/8	35 3/8	34	4								

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second page preceding.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT., Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1., PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see third page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES PER SHARE, NET PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday May 30 to Friday June 5) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices and percentages.

Main table listing stocks on the NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. Columns include stock names, share counts, and high/low prices. Includes categories like Indus. & Miscell., Chemicals, and various public utilities.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fourth page preceding.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday May 30, Monday June 1, Tuesday June 2, Wednesday June 3, Thursday June 4, Friday June 5), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par), PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots. (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock entries like Debenham Securities, Deere & Co pref, Detroit Edison, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. b Ex-dividends

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fifth page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday May 30, Monday June 1, Tuesday June 2, Wednesday June 3, Thursday June 4, Friday June 5), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, On basis of 100-shar lots (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Hamilton Watch, Hamilton pref, Hartman Corp, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. \$ Ex-dividend. v Ex-rights

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here see stock page preceding.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday May 30, Monday June 1, Tuesday June 2, Wednesday June 3, Thursday June 4, Friday June 5), 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). Includes stock names like Indus. & Miscell., Mathieson Alkali Works, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. d Ex-dividend and ex-rights. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see seventh page preceding

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						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.	
Saturday May 30.	Monday June 1.	Tuesday June 2.	Wednesday June 3.	Thursday June 4.	Friday June 5.				Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Indus. & Miscell. (Com.)	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
*16 30 1/2	*16 30 1/2	*16 30 1/2	*16 30 1/2	*16 30 1/2	*16 30 1/2	-----	Pittsburgh Coal of Pa.....	100	May 27	28 1/2	Jan 12	
*11 11	*10 1/2 10 3/4	*10 1/2 10 3/4	*10 1/2 10 3/4	*10 1/2 10 3/4	*10 1/2 10 3/4	1,800	Preferred.....	100	May 18	60	Jan 27	
*55 58	45 55	45 55	45 55	45 55	45 55	240	Pittsb Screw & Bolt.....	No par	June 5	15 1/4	Feb 24	
*4 1/2 8 1/4	*4 1/2 8 1/4	*4 1/2 8 1/4	*4 1/2 8 1/4	*4 1/2 8 1/4	*4 1/2 8 1/4	100	Pittsb Steel 7% cum pref.....	100	June 2	87	Jan 15	
*74 1/2 80 1/4	74 1/2 80 1/4	74 1/2 80 1/4	74 1/2 80 1/4	74 1/2 80 1/4	74 1/2 80 1/4	80	Pittsburgh United.....	25	May 27	15	Feb 27	
*13 1/2 14 3/4	*13 1/2 14 3/4	*13 1/2 14 3/4	*13 1/2 14 3/4	*13 1/2 14 3/4	*13 1/2 14 3/4	200	Preferred.....	100	June 4	100	Apr 24	
*6 3/8 7 1/8	6 3/8 7 1/8	6 3/8 7 1/8	6 3/8 7 1/8	6 3/8 7 1/8	6 3/8 7 1/8	800	Pittston Co.....	No par	June 2	18 1/4	Jan 6	
10 1/2 10 3/4	10 1/2 10 3/4	10 1/2 10 3/4	10 1/2 10 3/4	10 1/2 10 3/4	10 1/2 10 3/4	2,600	Poor & Co class B.....	No par	Apr 28	13 1/4	Jan 10	
2 3/8 3 1/8	2 3/8 3 1/8	2 3/8 3 1/8	2 3/8 3 1/8	2 3/8 3 1/8	2 3/8 3 1/8	2,200	Poor & Co class A.....	100	May 22	27	Feb 28	
*18 19	18 18 1/2	18 1/2 18 3/4	18 1/2 18 3/4	18 1/2 18 3/4	18 1/2 18 3/4	1,500	Postal Tel & Cable 7% pref.....	100	June 2	3	Feb 27	
15 1/2 18	14 1/4 15 1/4	14 1/4 15 1/4	14 1/4 15 1/4	14 1/4 15 1/4	14 1/4 15 1/4	10,300	Prairie Oil & Gas 7% pref.....	25	Apr 29	39 1/2	Jan 9	
3 1/2 3 3/4	3 1/2 3 3/4	3 1/2 3 3/4	3 1/2 3 3/4	3 1/2 3 3/4	3 1/2 3 3/4	1,100	Prairie Pipe Line.....	25	June 3	26 1/2	Feb 26	
*25 1/4 30	*26 30	*27 27	*27 27	*27 27	*27 27	100	Pressed Steel Corp.....	No par	May 29	7 1/2	Jan 19	
56 1/4 60	56 1/2 57 1/2	56 60	56 60	56 60	56 60	15,800	Procter & Gamble.....	No par	May 19	47 1/2	Feb 19	
2 1/2 2 3/8	2 1/2 2 1/4	1 7/8	2 1/8	2 1/8	2 1/8	2,900	Producers & Refiners Corp.....	50	June 3	6	Feb 27	
*6 1/2 10 1/2	*6 1/2 10 1/2	*6 1/2 10 1/2	*6 1/2 10 1/2	*6 1/2 10 1/2	*6 1/2 10 1/2	1,110	Preferred.....	50	June 7	16	Feb 27	
*73 1/2 76 1/2	73 3/4 74 3/4	73 3/4 80	73 3/4 80	73 3/4 80	73 3/4 80	45,900	Pub Ser Corp of N J.....	No par	Jan 16	96 1/4	Mar 19	
*99 3/4 100	99 3/4 99 3/4	*99 1/4 99 1/2	*99 1/4 99 1/2	*99 1/4 99 1/2	*99 1/4 99 1/2	700	\$5 preferred.....	No par	Jan 5	102 1/2	May 16	
*115 115	116 116	*114 1/4 115 1/2	*114 1/4 115 1/2	*114 1/4 115 1/2	*114 1/4 115 1/2	600	6% preferred.....	100	Jan 3	118 1/2	May 19	
*133 1/2 136 1/2	136 136	*135 136	*135 136	*135 136	*135 136	200	7% preferred.....	100	Jan 3	137 1/4	Apr 9	
*153 1/2 153 1/2	*150 1/2 156	155 155	155 155	154 154 1/2	*154 1/2 154 3/4	200	8% preferred.....	100	Jan 6	157 1/2	Mar 26	
*109 3/4 109 3/4	109 3/4 109 3/4	*109 3/4 110	*109 3/4 110	*109 3/4 110	*109 3/4 110	1,200	Pub Serv Elec & Gas pref.....	100	Jan 5	112 1/2	Apr 22	
30 30 1/2	28 31	29 33	31 33	33 34 1/2	33 34 1/2	25,400	Pullman Inc.....	No par	Jan 28	53 1/2	Feb 27	
*1 3/4 2 1/4	*1 3/4 2 1/4	*1 3/4 2 1/4	*1 3/4 2 1/4	*1 3/4 2 1/4	*1 3/4 2 1/4	500	Punta Alegre Sugar.....	50	Jan 8	2	Jan 9	
7 1/8 7 1/8	6 3/4 7 1/8	6 3/4 7 1/8	6 3/4 7 1/8	6 3/4 7 1/8	6 3/4 7 1/8	24,300	Pure Oil (The).....	25	Apr 28	11 1/2	Jan 5	
24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	24 1/2 24 1/2	170	8% preferred.....	100	May 27	10 1/2	Jan 8	
13 1/4 14 1/4	13 1/4 14 1/4	12 3/4 15 1/4	12 3/4 15 1/4	12 3/4 15 1/4	12 3/4 15 1/4	445,250	Purity Bakeries.....	No par	Jan 24	25 1/4	Mar 17	
*49 1/2 50 1/2	45 49 1/2	45 49	45 49	45 50 1/2	45 50 1/2	400	Radio Corp of Amer.....	No par	Jan 12	27 1/2	Feb 25	
*31 1/2 36	32 33	32 33 1/2	32 33 1/2	34 34 1/2	34 34 1/2	4,000	Preferred.....	50	June 2	55 1/2	Mar 26	
11 1/2 12	11 1/2 12 1/4	11 1/2 13	11 1/2 13	12 13	12 13	127,300	Preferred B.....	No par	Jan 31 1/2	60	Mar 21	
19 20	18 18 1/2	17 1/2 18 1/2	17 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 19 1/2	18 1/2 19 1/2	3,000	Radio-Keith-Orp of A.....	No par	Jan 11	24 1/2	Mar 21	
13 13	12 1/2 13	11 1/2 12	11 1/2 12	10 13 1/4	10 13 1/4	4,000	Raybestos Manhattan.....	No par	Jan 17 1/2	30 1/2	Mar 25	
*69 1/2	*69 1/2	*69	*69	*69	*69	-----	Real Silk Hosiery.....	10	June 4	30 1/2	Feb 10	
*7 1/2 11 1/4	*7 1/2 11 1/4	*7 1/2 11 1/4	*7 1/2 11 1/4	*7 1/2 11 1/4	*7 1/2 11 1/4	-----	Preferred.....	100	Jan 60	28 1/2	Jan 3	
*8 1/2 24	*8 1/2 24	*8 1/2 24	*8 1/2 24	*8 1/2 24	*8 1/2 24	-----	Reis (Robt) & Co.....	No par	Jan 11	7 1/2	Jan 8	
6 1/4 7 1/4	5 5/8 6 1/4	5 5/8 6 1/4	5 5/8 6 1/4	5 5/8 6 1/4	5 5/8 6 1/4	13,700	First preferred.....	100	Jan 13	13	Apr 28	
5 1/8 5 1/8	*48 50	*45 55	*45 55	49 1/2 49 3/4	*52 55	200	First preferred.....	100	June 4	88	Jan 7	
*6 6	6 6	6 6	6 6	6 6	6 6	-----	Second preferred.....	100	May 27	98	Jan 6	
10 1/4 10 3/4	10 10 1/2	10 12	11 1/2 12 1/4	12 1/4 13 1/4	12 1/4 13 1/4	15,300	Roo Motor Car.....	10	May 21	10 1/2	Feb 11	
28 28 1/2	28 28	27 1/2 28	27 1/2 28	29 31 1/2	29 31 1/2	1,800	Republic Steel Corp.....	No par	June 10	25 1/2	Feb 24	
*8 9	*7 1/2 8 1/2	*7 1/2 8 1/2	*7 1/2 8 1/2	*7 1/2 8 1/2	*7 1/2 8 1/2	100	Preferred.....	100	Jan 27 1/2	54	Feb 19	
*6 1/2 25	*6 1/2 25	*7 25	*7 25	*6 1/2 25	*6 1/2 25	-----	Revere Copper & Brass.....	No par	May 8	13	Jan 2	
12 1/2 12 1/2	11 12	11 13	12 13	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	9,100	Class A.....	No par	Jan 27	30	Jan 6	
*7 9	*7 8 3/4	7 7	7 7	*7 1/2 9	*7 1/2 9	400	Reynolds Metal Co.....	No par	Jan 11	22 1/2	Mar 10	
45 47	45 46 1/4	45 47 1/4	47 47 1/4	47 48 1/2	48 49 1/2	53,100	Reynolds Spring new.....	No par	Jan 5 1/2	18 1/2	Mar 12	
70 70 1/2	70 70 1/2	*70 71	*70 71	70 70 1/2	70 70 1/2	250	Reynolds (R J) Tob class B.....	10	Jan 40	53	Mar 19	
1 1 1/4	1 1 1/4	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/2	1 1 1/4	1 1 1/4	1,800	Class A.....	10	Jan 70	75 1/2	Feb 19	
3 3/4 4 1/8	3 3/4 3 3/4	3 1/2 3 1/4	3 1/2 3 1/4	3 3/4 4	3 3/4 4	8,800	Richfield Oil of Calif.....	No par	Jan 1	6 3/8	Jan 5	
*10 1/4 22	20 20 1/2	*20 22	*20 22	*20 22	*20 22	300	Rio Grande Oil.....	No par	Jan 3 1/2	10 1/4	Feb 24	
15 1/2 16 1/2	16 17	16 17 1/2	18 18 1/2	19 19 1/2	19 19 1/2	2,700	Ritter Dental Mfg.....	No par	May 20	21	Apr 12	
25 1/2 26 1/4	24 1/2 26 1/4	24 26 1/4	24 26 1/4	26 27 1/4	26 27 1/4	17,900	Rossia Insurance Co.....	10	Jan 15 1/2	4 1/2	Feb 24	
15 15 1/2	14 1/2 14 3/4	14 1/2 14 3/4	14 1/2 14 3/4	15 1/2 15 1/4	14 3/4 15 1/4	6,900	Royal Dutch Co (N Y shares).....	24 1/2	June 2	42 1/2	Feb 24	
45 45	45 46	45 46	45 46	48 48 1/2	48 48 1/2	11,300	St Joseph Lead.....	10	June 14 1/2	30 1/2	Feb 20	
*40 91	89 90	*89 90	89 90	88 90	88 90	-----	Safety Stores.....	No par	Jan 4	5 1/2	Mar 24	
*105 107	105 106 3/4	*105 107	*105 107	106 106 1/2	106 106 1/2	140	Preferred (7).....	100	Jan 86	19 1/2	Mar 20	
13 1/4 14	13 1/2 13 3/4	13 1/2 14	14 15 1/2	15 16 1/2	15 16 1/2	2,000	Preferred (7).....	100	Jan 98	107	Apr 15	
5 5 1/2	5 5 1/2	5 5 1/2	5 5 1/2	5 5 1/2	5 5 1/2	4,000	Savage Arms Corp.....	No par	Jan 12 1/2	Apr 24	20 1/2	Feb 27
*40 54	*45 50	*40 48	*40 48	*40 48	*40 48	-----	Schulte Retail Stores.....	No par	Jan 4	11 1/2	Mar 30	
*4 4 1/2	*4 4 1/2	4 4	4 4	4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2	100	Preferred.....	100	Jan 40 1/2	Jan 22	65	Mar 27
47 1/4 49 1/2	45 1/2 48 1/4	46 50	49 1/4	50 1/2 52 1/2	50 1/2 52 1/2	77,000	Seagrave Corp.....	No par	Jan 3 1/2	Jan 28	11	Feb 27
2 1/4 2 3/4	*3 3 1/4	3 3	3 3	3 3 1/2	3 3 1/2	200	Sears, Roebuck & Co.....	No par	Jan 4 1/2	Jan 22	65	Mar 27
36 1/4 37	33 35	33 34	35 35	36 40 1/4	36 40 1/4	700	Second Nat Investors.....	1	Jan 33	June 2	58 1/2	Feb 27
3 3/4 3 3/4	3 3/4 3 3/4	3 3/4 3 3/4	3 3/4 3 3/4	3 3/4 3 3/4	3 3/4 3 3/4	300	Preferred.....	1	Jan 33	June 26	58 1/2	Feb 11
8 8 1/2	7 5/8 8 1/2	7 5/8 9	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	8 8 1/2	59,400	Seneca Copper.....	No par	Jan 1 1/2	May 26	1 1/2	Feb 11
16 1/4 18 1/4	16 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 19 1/2	18 18 1/2	19 1/2 20 1/4	19 1/2 20 1/4	12,000	Servel Inc.....	No par	Jan 4 1/2	Jan 2	11 1/2	Apr 9
6 1/2 7	7 7	7 7 1/2	8 8	8 8	8 8	1,100	Shattuck (F G).....	No par	Jan 16 1/2	Jan 1	29 1/2	Feb 20
11 11	10 1/2 10 3/4	10 1/2 11	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	11 11 1/2	2,200	Sharon Steel Hoop.....	No par	Jan 6 1/2	Jan 1	13 1/2	Feb 18
*55 60	55 55 1/2	*55 60	*55 60	*55 60	*55 60	100	Sharp & Dohme.....	No par	Jan 10 1/2	June 3	21	Mar 25
4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2	4 4 1/2	10,700	Preferred.....	No par	Jan 5 1/2	Jan 23	6 1/2	Mar 25
*31 1/2 35	30 1/2 31	29 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	31 31 1/2	2,700	Shell Union Oil.....	No par	Jan 5 1/2	Jan 23	6 1/2	Mar 25
3 3 1/2	3 3 1/2	3 3 1/2	3 3 1/2	3 3 1/2	3 3 1/2	1,700	Sibert Theatre Corp.....	No par	Jan 25 1/2	Mar 3	78	Feb 17
11 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 11 1/2	10 1/2 11 1/2	2,000	Simmons Co.....	No par	Jan 10 1/2	Jan 3	23 1/2	Feb 26
5 1/4 5 1/4	5 1/4 5 1/4	5 1/4 5 1/4	5 1/4 5 1/4	5 1/4 5 1/4	5 1/4 5 1/4	2,000	Simms Petroleum.....	10	Jan 5 1/4	Jan 1	11	Feb 26
6 1/2 7 1/2	6 1/2 7 1/2	6 1/2 7 1/2	6 1/2 7 1/2	6 1/2 7 1/2	6 1/2 7 1/2	75,100	Standard Oil of Ohio.....	No par	Jan 6 1/2	June 2	15 1/2	Feb 26

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see eighth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday May 30 to Friday June 5), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, and PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest) for the current week and previous year (1930).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and other details. Includes sections for U.S. Government, Foreign Govt. & Municipals, and various international bonds.

* Cash sale. # On the basis of \$5 to £ sterling. # Option sale.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended June 5, Interest Period, Price Friday June 5, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Foreign Govt. & Municipals, Railroad, and various corporate bonds.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended June 5, Interest Period, Price Friday June 5, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Chicago & East III, Chicago & Erie, Chicago Great West, and various corporate bonds.

* Cash sale. * Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings for N.Y. Stock Exchange, Week Ended June 5. Includes columns for Bond Description, Price (Friday June 5), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and Interest Period.

• Cash sale. • Option sale. * Sale at 103 1/4 reported on March 10 was an error, should have been ref. 4 1/4 of 1973. No bonds of the 1st & ref. 5s of 1973 issue out standing.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week Ended June 5.

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, week ended June 5. Columns include Bond description, Interest Period, Price Friday June 5, Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and High/Low prices.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE. Week Ended June 5.

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, week ended June 5. Columns include Bond description, Interest Period, Price Friday June 5, Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and High/Low prices.

• Cash sale. d Due May. d Due August. s Option sale.

Table with columns: Bonds, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan 1.

Table with columns: Bonds, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan 1.

* Cash sale. ** Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'. Columns include Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details for each bond issue.

Cash sales. 4 Option sales.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Boston Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows are categorized by Railroads, Miscellaneous, Mining, and Bonds.

* No par value. † Ex-dividend

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Chicago Stock Exchange transactions. Columns include Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Abbott Laboratories, Acme Steel, Ainsworth Mfg, Allied Motor, Allee Prod Corp, Altorfer Bros, Am Com Pow, Amer Equities, Amer Pub Serv, Am Radio & Stores, Amer Service, Amer Yvette Co, Appalachean Gas, Art Metal Wks, Assoc Tel & Tel, Bastian-Blessing Co, Beatrice Cream, Bendix Aviation, Binks Mfg, Borg-Warner Corp, Borin Vivitone Corp, Brown Fence & Wire, Bruce Co, Burnham Trad Corp, and Convertible pref.

Table of Stocks (Continued) with columns for 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 Butler Brothers, Canal Constr Co, Castle & Co, Cent Illinois Sec Co, Central III P S, Central Ind Pow, Cent Pub Ser Corp, Cent Pub Ser (Del), Cent S W Util com new, Preferred, Prior lien pref, Cent States Pr & Lt, Cent West P S B, Chicago City & Con Ry, Participating pref, Partic share common, Chicago Flex Shaft com, Chic Investors Corp com, Convertible pref, Chle N S & Milw, Preferred, Prior lien pref, Chicago Towel Co conv, Chiles Service Co, Club Aluminum Uten Co, Coleman Lamp & St com, Commonwealth Edison, Comm'y Tel Co cum pf, Comm'y Water Serv com, Constr Mat'l Corp com, 3 1/2% preferred, Consumers Co, Common, 6% prior pref A, 7% preferred, V to pur cons, Cont Chicago Corp, Common, Preferred, Cord Corp, Corp Sec of Chic allot etf, Common, Crane Co com, Preferred, Curtis Light Inc com, Curtis Mfg Co common, Davis Industries Inc A, Decker (Air) & Cohn Inc, Eddy Paper Corp (The), El Household Utl Corp, Emp Gas & Fuel, 6% preferred, 7% preferred, 8% preferred, Federal Elec Co Inc com, Fitz Simmons & Connell, D & I com, Foote Bros G & M Co, Gardner-Denver Co com, Gen Theatre Equip, Common new, Gleaner Com Harv com, Godechaux Sugar Inc B, Goldblatt Bros Inc com, Great Lakes Aircraft A, Great Lakes D & D, Greyhound Corp common, Griggby Grunow Co com, Hal Printing Co com, Harter-Carter Co conv pf, Hornell & Co(Geo) com A, Houdaille-Hershey Corp A, Class B, Illinois Brick Co cap, Inland Util Inc part A, Insull Utl Invest Inc, Prior preferred, 2d preferred, Interstate Pow Co \$7 pf, Iron Fireman Mfg Co v t, Libby McNeill & Libby, Lincoln Printing com, 7% preferred, Lion Oil Ref Co com, Loudon Packing Co, McCord Rad & Mfg A, McGraw Electric com, McQuay-Norris Mfg, McWilliams Dredging Co, Majestic Household Util, Common, Manhattan-Deaborn com, Marshall Field & Co com, Mar'l Service Corp com, Meadow Mill Co com, Mer & Mfrs Sec Co A com, Metrop Ind Co allot etf, Mickelberry's Food Prod, Common, Mid-Cont Laund Inc A, Midland Nat Gas part A, Middle West Tel Co com, Middle West Utilities new, \$6 cum preferred, Warrants A, Warrants B, Midland United Co com, Warrants, Midland Util, Midland Util, 6% prior lien, 6% pref class A, 7% prior lien, 7% pref class A, Miss Vall Utl Inv \$7 pref, 8% prior lien pref, Mo-Kan Pipe Line com, Modine Mfg com, Mohawk Rubb Co com, Monroe Chemical Co pref, Morgan Litho common, Mountain States Pow pf 100

Main table of stock prices and transactions, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., and various other financial metrics.

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table showing Toronto Stock Exchange transactions from May 30 to June 5, 1931, listing various stocks and their prices.

Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table showing Toronto Curb transactions from May 30 to June 5, 1931, listing various stocks and their prices.

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Baltimore Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—For this week's record of transactions on the Pittsburgh Exchange, see page 4185

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Cleveland Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, including columns for Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes US Playing Card, US Print & Litho com new, Preferred new.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Bank and Trust Stocks, Boatmen's Nat Bank, First National Bank, etc.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Assoc Gas & El, Bolsa Chica Oil, California Bank, etc.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes Anglo London P N Bk, Assoc Ins Fund.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Atlas Imp Diesel Eng, Alaska Juneau, Bank of California, etc.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.—Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, May 30 to June 5, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various securities like Admiralty Alaska Gold, Amalgamated Laundry, American Corp warrants, etc.

* No par value.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (May 30) and ending the present Friday (June 5). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Table with columns: Week Ended June 5. Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Continued), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Lists various stocks like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Aero Underwriters, Affiliated Products Inc., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Lists various companies like Lerner Stores Corp, MacMarr Stores Inc, and others with their respective financial data.

Table with multiple columns: Public Utilities (Concluded), Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries (Concluded), and other categories. Each row lists a company name, its par value, and weekly price ranges (Low, High) for the current week and since Jan. 1. Includes various oil and utility companies.

Table with columns: Bonds (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Bonds (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities

Public Utility Stocks.

Table of Public Utility Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other financial details.

Industrial Stocks.

Table of Industrial Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other financial details.

Investment Trusts.

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for trust name, price, and other financial details.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table of Telephone and Telegraph Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other financial details.

Chain Store Stocks.

Table of Chain Store Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other financial details.

Sugar Stocks.

Table of Sugar Stocks with columns for stock name, price, and other financial details.

* No par value. d Last reported market. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-dividend of \$65. ¶ Ex-rights.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities—Concluded—Page 2

New York Bank Stocks.

Table of New York Bank Stocks with columns for Par, Bid, Ask and stock names like America, American Union, Bank of United States, etc.

Insurance Companies.

Table of Insurance Companies with columns for Par, Bid, Ask and company names like Aetna Casualty & Surety, Aetna Fire, Agricultural, etc.

Trust Companies.

Table of Trust Companies with columns for Bid, Ask and company names like American Express, Banca Commerciale Italiana, Bank of Italy, etc.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table of Chicago Bank Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask and company names like Central Trust Co of Ill., Continental Ill Bk & Tr., First National, etc.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table of Industrial and Railroad Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask and bond names like Adams Express 4s, Amer Meter 6s, Amer Tobacco 4s, etc.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table of Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies with columns for Bid, Ask and company names like Bond & Mortgage Guar., Empire Title & Guar., Franklin Surety, etc.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table of Aeronautical Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask and stock names like Alexander Indus 8% pref., American Airports Corp., Aviation Sec of New Eng., etc.

Quotations for Other Over-the-Counter Securities

Short Term Securities.

Table of Short Term Securities with columns for Bid, Ask and security names like Allis Chal Mfg 5s May 1937, Alum Co of Amer 5s May '52, Amer Metal 4 1/2s 1934 A&O, etc.

Railroad Equipments.

Table of Railroad Equipments with columns for Bid, Ask and equipment names like Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 8 1/2s, Baltimore & Ohio 6s, etc.

Water Bonds.

Table of Water Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask and bond names like Alton Water 5s 1956, Ark Wat 1st 5s '56, Ark Wat 2nd 5s '58, etc.

Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds.

Table of Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask and investment names like Amer Bank Stk Tr Shares, American & Continental, Amer Invest Trust Shares, etc.

* No par value. * And dividend. d Last reported market. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expense, Net income, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 16 '31, p. 3720

El Paso Electric Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1796

Federal Light & Traction Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Total income, Net income, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1796

Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. (And All Subsidiaries)

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Net profit, Shares common stock outstanding, Earnings per share, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Dec. 13 '30, p. 3870

Foundation Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross income, Exps., Net loss, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3350

Granger Trading Corporation.

Table with 2 columns: 1931, 1930. Rows include Dividends received, Interest received, Total income, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 11 '31, p. 2781

Green Mountain Power Corp.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross revenues, Oper. exp., Gross income, etc.

Gulf Power Co. (The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System)

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exp., Gross income, Net income, etc.

Gulf States Utilities Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 21 '31, p. 2192

Illinois Power Co. (The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System)

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exp., Gross income, Net income, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3735

Indian Motorcycle Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Sales, Net profits after charges, Net loss in January 1931, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 14 '31, p. 1234

Illinois Power & Light Corp. (And Subsidiaries.)

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings from operations, Operating expenses, Maintenance, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 11 '31, p. 2760

Jamaica Public Service, Ltd.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net oper. revenue, Surplus after charges, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 25 '31, p. 3145

Key West Electric Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges, etc.

Lee Rubber & Tire Corp.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Net sales, Expenses, Operating profit, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Jan. 10 '31, p. 305

Lion Oil Refining Co.

Table with 2 columns: 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross income, Expenses, Deficit for period, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 23 '31, p. 2403

Louisville Gas & Electric Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3335

Mississippi Power Co. (The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System)

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exp., Gross income, Net income, etc.

Mountain States Power Co.*

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3335

National Standard Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Net inc. after taxes & all charges, Shs. com. stk. outstand., Earnings per share, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Dec. 27 '30, p. 4225

Northern States Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 25 '31, p. 3137

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income, etc.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3336

Philadelphia Company.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended March 31, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, and Net earnings including other income.

Pierce Oil Corp.

Table with 2 columns: 1931, 1930. Rows include Dividends received, Interest received, Total income.

Pierce Petroleum Corp.

Table with 2 columns: 1931, 1930. Rows include Dividends received, Interest received, Total income, Expenses, Net income, Surplus, New York State tax refund, Total surplus, Contact filtration settlement, Dividend paid, Surplus as at March 31 1931.

Pittsburgh Suburban Water Service Co.

Table with 4 columns: 12 Months Ended April 30, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross revenues, Total operating expenses, Gross corporate income.

Ponce Electric Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of April, 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Apr. 30, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges.

Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp.

Table with 4 columns: 3 Months Ended March 31, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Earnings, Oper. gen. exp., taxes and deprec., Gen. int. and charges of assoc. cos., Interest on collateral trust 5s., Net income, Dividend on 7% non-cum. pref. stock, Balance, deficit.

Capital Surplus Account March 31—Deficit March 31 1931, \$285,490; paid-in surplus March 31 1931, \$11,058,072; capital surplus March 31 1931, \$7,618,462; total surplus March 31 1931, \$18,391,044.

Railway Express Agency, Inc.

Table with 4 columns: Month of March, 1931, 1930, 3 Mos. End. Mar. 31, 1930. Rows include Charges for transport'n, Other revenue & income, Total revenue & inc., Operating expenses, Express taxes, Int. & disc. on fund. debt, Other deductions, Total deductions, Payments to rail & other carriers-express priv.

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended March 31, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income.

Savannah Electric & Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of April, 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Apr. 30, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges.

Scranton Spring Brook Water Service Co.

Table with 4 columns: 12 Months Ended April 30, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross revenues, Total operating expenses, Gross corporate income.

South Carolina Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of April, 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Apr. 30, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., incl. taxes and maintenance, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on first preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, Balance.

Southern Colorado Power Co.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended March 31, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income.

Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of April, 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Apr. 30, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps., incl. taxes and maintenance, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, Balance.

Texas Public Service Co.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended April 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross revenue, Operating expenses, maintenance, and taxes other than Federal income taxes, Gross income.

Union Carbon Co.

Table with 4 columns: 3 Months Ended March 31, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Oper. profit after deduct. mfg., sell., gen. & adminis. expenses, Other income, Total income, Depreciation and depletion, Bond interest and discount, Provision for contingencies, Provision for Federal income tax, Net profit, Balance, Jan. 1, Sundry adjustments—prior years, Total surplus, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Premium on pref. stock bought, &c., Balance per balance sheet, Shares com. stock outstanding, Earnings per share on 212,564 shares common stock (no par), Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1827.

United Light & Power Co.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended April 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings of subs. & controlled companies, Operating expenses, Maintenance, charged to operation, Taxes, general & income, Depreciation, Interest on bonds, notes, &c., Amortization of bond & stock discount & expense, Dividends on preferred stocks, Proportion of earnings, attributable to minority common stock, Equity of United Light & Power Co. in earnings of subsidiary & controlled companies, Earnings of United Light & Power Co., Balance, Expenses of United Light & Power Co., Gross income of United Light & Power Co., Holding company deductions: Interest on funded debt, Other interest, Amortization of bond discount & expense, Balance available for dividends, Class A preferred stock, Class B preferred stock, \$6 cumulative convertible 1st preferred stock, Balance available for common stock dividends, Average number of common shares outstanding during period, Earnings per average share outstanding, Capitalization (No Par), Class A common stock, Class B common stock.

Virginia Electric & Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of April, 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Apr. 30, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges.

Western Air Express Corp.

Table with 2 columns: Earnings for Quarter Ended March 31 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross revenue, Expenses and depreciation, Assets abandoned or written down, Net loss of Aero Corp. of Calif., including losses on sale of equip., Profit before Federal taxes.

Western Public Service Co.

Table with 4 columns: Month of April, 1931, 1930, 12 Mos. End. Apr. 30, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net operating revenue, Surplus after charges.

Wilcox Rich Corp.

Table with 3 columns: Quarter Ended March 31, 1931, 1930. Rows include Net profit after Fed'l taxes & divs. on class A stock.

Wisconsin Hydro-Electric Co.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended April 30 (1931, 1930), Gross revenues, Operating expenses, maintenance, and taxes other than Federal income taxes, Gross income.

Wisconsin Public Service Corp.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended March 31 (1931, 1930), Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income.

Wisconsin Valley Electric Co.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended March 31 (1931, 1930), Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income.

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. (-). Lists various roads and their weekly earnings.

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 5 columns: Month, 1930, 1929, Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), 1930, 1929. Shows monthly gross earnings and length of road.

Table with 5 columns: Month, 1930, 1929, Amount, Per Cent. Shows monthly net earnings.

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.—The table following shows the gross, net earnings and net after taxes for STEAM railroads reported this week to the Inter-State Commerce Commission:

Table with 6 columns: Road Name, Gross from Railway (1931, 1930), Net from Railway (1931, 1930), Net after Taxes (1931, 1930). Lists various railroads and their earnings.

Large table with 6 columns: Road Name, Gross from Railway (1931, 1930), Net from Railway (1931, 1930), Net after Taxes (1931, 1930). Lists numerous railroads including Chicago Burl & Quincy, Colorado & Southern, Ft Worth & Denver City, etc.

Western Maryland Railway Co. (22nd Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1930.)

TRAFFIC STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Miles of rd. oper., No. pass. car. earn rev., No. pass. car. 1 mile, No. pass. car. 1 mile per mile of road, Total passenger rev., Av. rev. rec. fr. ea. pass., Av. rev. per pass. per m., No. tons car. of freight earning revenue, No. of tons car. 1 mile, No. tons car. 1 m. per m. of road, Total freight revenue, Av. rev. rec. for each ton of freight, Av. rev. per ton per mile.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Operating Revenues (Freight-Coal & Coke, Miscellaneous, Passenger, Mail, Express, Milk, Other revenue), Total transport. rev., Grain elevator, Other incidental rev., Joint facil. ger. rev., Total oper. revenues, Operating Expenses (Maint. of way & struc., Maintenance of equip., Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, Miscellaneous operations, General expenses, Transp. for investment), Total oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Tax accruals, Uncollec. railway rev., Total oper. income, Income Items (Joint facility rent income, Jt. facil. rent deduct, Hire of equip.), Net oper. income, Other Income (Miscellaneous rents, Misc. non-oper. prop., Div. inc. fr. misc. prop., Net income, Inc. from funded secs., Inc. fr. unfd. sec. & accts., Inc. from sink. funds, Miscellaneous income), Total other income, Gross income, Deducts. from Gross Inc. (Rents for leased roads, Miscellaneous rents, Int. on funded debt, Int. on equip. cts., Int. on unfunded debt, Amort. of dis. on fd. dbt., Misc. income charges), Total deductions, Net income, Shs. com. stk. outst'nd'g (par 100), Earnings per share.

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929, 1930, 1929. Rows include Assets (Cost of property owned, Cash, Time drafts and deposits, Special deposits, Traffic & car service bal. rec., Net balance rec. from agents & conductors, Misc. accts. rec., Mat'l & supplies, Int. & divs. rec., Oth. curr. assets, Word. fd. adv., Disc. on fd. debt, Insur. premiums paid in adv., Other unadjust. debts) and Liabilities (Common stock, 1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock, Funded debt, Equip. tr. oblig., Traffic & car service bal. pay, Audited accts. & wages payable, Misc. accts. pay, Int. matured, Unmat. int. acer, Fund debt mat., unpaid, Unmatured rents acerred, Other curr. liab., Oth. def'd liab., Tax. liability, Oper. reserve, Acer'd deprec'n equipment, Depr. & depl. of prop. W. Va. C. & P. Ry. Co., Oth. unadj. cred, Profit and loss).

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Co. (52d Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1930.)

President Patrick E. Crowley reports in substance:

The Year's Business.—During the year the company moved 34,702,515 tons of revenue freight, a decrease of 6,385,082 tons. All classes of commodities showed a substantial decrease, with the exception of products of agriculture, animals and animal products. Passengers carried totaled 3,811,861, a decrease of 772,384. Interline passengers decreased 79,710, local 281,756 and commutation 410,918. The decline in the volume of traffic handled was the result of the general business depression which prevailed during the year 1930, and is reflected in the operating revenues, which were \$27,341,198, a decrease of \$6,793,911. Freight revenue amounted to \$24,689,907, a decrease of \$5,843,470. Passenger revenue was \$1,780,485, a decrease of \$458,379. Mail revenue was \$90,800, a decrease of \$28,134. This decrease, however, was due to the inclusion in the 1929 revenue of \$32,304 of adjusted mail pay earned in previous years. Other classes of revenue also showed substantial decreases. On account of the decreased volume of traffic, expenditures for maintenance of way and structures were substantially reduced during the year, the decrease being distributed throughout the various accounts. Maintenance of the property, however, was adequate.

Cost of maintaining equipment decreased \$4,112,139 compared with 1929. Locomotive repairs decreased \$297,567, 114 locomotives having received classified repairs as compared with 174 in 1929. Locomotive retirements decreased \$143,569, only one locomotive having been retired as compared with 26 in 1929. Freight train car repairs decreased \$3,036,644, 2,178 cars having received extensive repairs as compared with 6,721 the previous year. Freight train car retirements decreased \$437,764, there having been 1,654 fewer units retired than in 1929. General business conditions resulted in considerable curtailment in the use of freight cars, the company having had an average of 9,022 serviceable cars in storage. Passenger train car repairs decreased \$72,712, 19 cars having received extensive repairs as compared with 76 cars in 1929. Passenger train car retirements decreased \$88,117, there having been no retirements during the year.

Transportation expenses were \$9,319,353, a decrease of \$1,659,031, which was attributable to the falling off in traffic and which reflects decreases in nearly all of the accounts as shown in detail in the appended statement of railway operating expenses. Notwithstanding the decrease in freight tonnage, the average train load was increased from 2,805 to 2,962 gross tons. Fast freight schedules were consistently maintained. Railway Tax Accruals.—Railway tax accruals were \$1,693,586, a decrease of \$423,747. Capital stock tax accruals in Pennsylvania decreased \$304,991 due to an adjustment for over accruals in former years and reduction in market value of capital stock. Federal income taxes decreased \$135,418 due to adjustment of taxes paid in former years and to the decrease in income. Increases in property taxes of \$32,712 due to adjustments and to additional property acquired were partly offset by a decrease of \$16,069 in taxes on gross receipts.

Equipment Rents.—The net credit to equipment rents was \$3,391,537, a decrease of \$941,438. A decrease of \$869,658 in the net credit for hire of freight cars is due to the decrease in business, there having been an average of 4,500 fewer owned cars per day on foreign lines and 3,403 fewer foreign cars per day on the company's line. The decrease of \$64,452 net credit for rental received for locomotives is due to a decreased use of the company's locomotives by other companies. Joint Facility Rents.—The net debit to joint facility rents was \$134,839, an increase of \$71,821. The amount received for the use of joint facilities decreased \$25,273, while the amount paid increased \$46,548, both principally due to adjustments applicable to former years for the use of various facilities at Youngstown, Ohio.

Non-operating Income.—Non-operating income amounted to \$1,280,642, a decrease of \$186,689. Income from funded securities increased \$130,351, resulting from interest received upon loans to the New York Central RR., while income from unfunded securities and accounts decreased \$318,273, due to less funds in interest-bearing deposits, offset in part by increased credits for interest during construction. Deductions from Gross Income.—Deductions from gross income were \$2,143,563, an increase of \$340,026. Interest on funded debt decreased \$19,815, resulting from a reduction in the principal amount of equipment trust certificates outstanding. Interest on unfunded debt increased \$210,351, principally on account of payment to the New York Central RR. of \$193,406, representing interest in connection with adjustment of the accounts with that company incident to the handling of Federal income taxes of the Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR. for the years 1924 to 1929 inclusive.

Income transferred to other companies increased \$183,927 as a result of increased payments to the New York Central RR. on account of its proportion (one-half) of the net return from operation of the Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR. Net Income.—The net income of the company was \$6,510,199, a decrease of \$1,045,136. Surplus.—After charges for sinking and other reserve funds aggregating \$727, there remained a surplus for the year of \$6,509,472 which was carried to the credit of profit and loss. Property Investment Account.—Changes in the property investment account for the year were as follows: Road, increase, \$349,067; equipment, increase, \$264,192; miscellaneous physical property, increase, \$3,384; total increase, \$616,644. Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR.—The company's advances to Pittsburgh McKeesport & Youghiogheny RR. for additions and betterments and equipment amounted as of Dec. 31 1930 to \$16,440,715, an increase of \$109,010. Partial Payment Received on Loan.—Of the loan of \$10,000,000 made to the New York Central RR. during 1929 \$5,000,000 was repaid during the year.

OPERATING STATISTICS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 6 columns: 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Miles operated, Tons (revenue) freight, Company's freight, Revenue tons one mile, Company freight one mile, Bituminous coal, Coke, Iron ore, Stone, sand, &c., Passengers carried, Passengers one mile, Earnings per ton per mile, Ton load (all), Gross earnings per mile, x New classification, effective for 1928, makes comparison with 1927 impracticable.

OPERATING RESULTS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with 5 columns: 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Earnings (Freight, Passenger, Mail, express, &c., Incidental, &c.), Total operating revenue, Expenses (Maint. of way & struc., Maint. of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General & miscell. expenses), Total expenses, Net exp. to earnings, Net railway revenue, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway rev., Net railway oper. inc., Other Income (Income from lease of road, Miscell. rent income, Dividend income, Income from fund. secur., Inc. fr. unfd. sec. & accts., Inc. fr. sk. & oth. res. fds., Miscellaneous income), Total other income, Gross income, Deductions (Rents for leased roads, Interest on funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt, Inc. transf. to other co's, Other miscell. charges), Total deductions, Net income, Dividends, Surplus for year, Shares of capital stock outstanding (par \$50.), Earnings per sh. on cap. stk., NOTE.—Dividends in 1930 were charged to accumulated surplus.

Margin Between F.O.B. Constanza Prices and World Market Equivalent Prices.

Table with columns: Light Benzine, Heavy Benzine, Kerosene, Constanza Prices (Above/Below World Equiv.), and 1930-1931 months.

We want to add here that the conservation agreement which was in effect from the second half of July 1930 to Nov. 30 1930, certainly worked more to the advantage of some companies than of others...

Whilst we are writing this, discussions to put into effect a new conservation agreement are being held in Roumania, but the results are not yet known.

Russia alone is holding aloof from the policy of restriction adopted by all oil-producing countries in the past year.

World Production.—Notwithstanding Russia's attitude, the world's production of crude oil in 1930 was about 11 million tons less than that of 1929.

Table comparing 1930 and 1929 production in Metric Tons for countries like USA, Venezuela, Russia, Mexico, Persia, Roumania, etc.

Although, therefore, the 1930 production was well below that of 1929, prices in 1930 fell considerably below the 1929 level and at the moment of compilation of this report the decline is continuing.

Chief Causes of Under-Consumption.—The result has been that producers could not sell part of their products, and, consequently, were not in the market for production material to the extent they had been accustomed to.

Now what is the reason for this serious slowing-down of demand? There are two major causes of this phenomenon to which we would call special attention.

The first is Russia. In that country 160,000,000 people have been forced by the Bolshevik regime into the service of their five-year plan.

The second reason for the drop in world consumption which we would mention here is the silver problem.

This is not the place to go into any details in this matter, but the result of a number of measures taken by several Governments is that the value of silver expressed in gold has been dropping over a period of years, and this drop culminated in 1930 during which silver lost not less than 40% of its already very sensibly reduced value.

When buying one has ultimately to settle the account by rendering services or by delivering goods in exchange. One can pay with future production, i.e., credit, or with the cash accumulation of past production.

Of course there have been other important reasons for the slowing down of the economic development of the world, such as civil war in China, the troubles in India, the settlement of War-debts and War-indemnities, import duties, and so on, but it may be sufficient here to mention those cited above.

If the silver problem is to be satisfactorily solved, the bi-metallic standard will have to be reinstated, thus bringing the silver value up to where it belongs. This is practically quite possible and all the more desired now that there are, practically speaking, not sufficient supplies of gold to meet the actual gold requirements of every country for an effective gold standard.

The way out of the present world depression can in our opinion only be found in a considerable increase of consumption. While waiting for better times, however, and seeing prices falling in spite of his voluntary sacrifices in restricting his production, it is quite understandable that the oil producer should become impatient and lose faith in the beneficial effect of conservation.

It is true that prices have not improved during this period of conservation, but what would they have been if there had been no conservation?

Of course they would have been much lower. The fact that conservation has not resulted in bringing prices to a satisfactory level only proves that the over-production and the accumulation of stocks has been so serious that even a year of conservation could not result in a reasonable price for crude oil and its products.

Moreover the fact must not be lost sight of that the technical side of the crude oil production business has made rapid strides during the last few years. We can drill much deeper wells in a shorter time than we could in the past.

On the other hand the danger for the future is that the more fields that are found now the less will be left to discover in the future, and exhaustion is going on.

We really had no right to expect that this development in the technical side of the oil business would synchronise perfectly with the increasing demand. Of course it would have been too much good luck if it had.

Comparing with other industries the oil industry has considerable advantages. The technical improvement of a large number of industrial processes and the normal development of modern life tend to create an ever-increasing demand for petroleum products in more and more varied forms.

Report of Royal Dutch Companies.

According to the latest figures available the production was:

Table of production figures for 1930 and 1929 across various regions like Dutch East Indies, Sarawak, Egypt, etc.

The figures for the first half and second half of 1930 are as follows:

Table comparing production for 1st Half and 2nd Half of 1930 across various regions.

These figures demonstrate what has been achieved by our wholehearted co-operation towards conservation, in respect to curtailment of production and increase of reserves.

During the past year negotiations were continued with the Standard-I. G. combine with a view to co-operating in the field of hydrogenation.

As regards our fleet of tankers, at the close of the year our Group had at its disposal 2,261,903 tons carrying capacity, including chartered vessels and the fleet of the Eagle Oil & Shipping Co., Ltd.

In pursuance of a resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders held on Dec. 1 1930, subsequently approved by the Minister of Justice on Feb. 17 1931, the Articles of Association have again been altered.

In view of the low interest we are at present able to make on our large available funds (on an average not even one-half of the 5% interest on the debentures) it has been considered more economical to redeem the 5% debentures at 102 1/2%.

It is undoubtedly a great advantage to have still larger funds at one's disposal, but when in these difficult times it involves a loss in interest of about 3%, or some \$600,000,—per year on the outstanding \$20,000,000,—5% debentures, such a premium, as it were, to assure more facility in working, must be considered too heavy.

With the more than ample cash resources of all our affiliated companies there need be no fear of any of them making a call upon us for an increase of capital.

The working results of our business in the difficult year just past were naturally not so satisfactory as in previous years, but nevertheless the net

as compared with similar statistics for the years 1930 and 1929, are indicated in the following tabulation:

Table with 3 columns: Mar. 31 '31, Dec. 31 '30, Dec. 31 '29. Rows include Population served, Communities served, Miles of electric lines, etc.

A substantial part of the physical property of the operating companies has been constructed within recent years, and all of it is maintained in efficient operating condition.

Control and Supervision.—Empresas Electricas Mexicanas, Inc. is controlled through ownership of all outstanding securities by the American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.

Federal Water Service Corp.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the new no par value \$4 cum. pref. stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15.—V. 132, p. 4053.

Green Mountain Power Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 2964.

Hacksack Water Co.—New Chairman.

Henry L. De Forest has been elected Chairman of the board, to succeed his father, the late Robert W. De Forest. Mr. De Forest is a Vice-President and a director.—V. 132, p. 3883.

Illinois Power & Light Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 3713.

Indianapolis & Martinsville Rapid Transit Co.—Foreclosure.

Permission to foreclose a mortgage of \$750,000 on property of the company was asked in a suit filed by the Union Trust Co. and the Security Trust Co. in Superior Court at Indianapolis before Judge Russell J. Ryan May 28.

Inland Utilities, Inc.—Reorganization Plan.

The class A stockholders' protective committee announces that it has approved a plan of reorganization. The plan provides for the formation of a new corporation known as Southeastern Gas & Water Co., Inc.

The new corporation will have an authorized issue of 177,891 shares of class A participating stock. This stock is entitled to cumulative dividends after July 1 1933 at the rate of 15 cents per share.

Holders of each share of class A participating stock of Inland Utilities, Inc. will receive in exchange therefor one share of class A participating stock of the new corporation and one share of the common stock of the new corporation.

The new corporation will have an authorized issue of 750,000 shares of common stock of no par value. This stock will be issued to holders of common stock of Inland Utilities, Inc.

The new corporation, upon the consummation of the reorganization will enter into a management contract with Loeb & Shaw, Inc.

In view of the fact that it was necessary to raise a large amount of money to take care of obligations prior to the debentures, that default had been made in the payment of interest on the debentures, and the earnings of the company have been greatly reduced by the depression, committee, which has unanimously approved of the plan of reorganization.

The consummation of the plan of reorganization is conditioned upon the deposit of 90% of the debentures of Inland Utilities, Inc.

The time for the deposit of class A participating stock of Inland Utilities, Inc. will expire on June 11 1931.

Deposits may be made at Hibernia Trust Co., New York, or Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, depositaries.

Keystone Water Works & Electric Corp.—Plan of Reorganization Declared Operative—Proposed Sale.

See Atlantic Public Utilities, Inc. above. Clarence A. Southerland, Ralph J. Ritchie and Z. E. Merrill, receivers, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the County Court-house, Wilmington, Del., on June 12 all of the right, title and interest of the receivers and all of the right, title and interest of the corporation in

and to the assets of the corporation, subject, however, to all now existing liens, pledges, offsets and charges thereon or relating thereto.

The Guaranty Trust Co. announces that it will offer for sale at public auction June 27 at the Exchange Salesroom, 18 Vesey St., New York, shares of capital stock, bonds, notes and other obligations pledged under the trust agreement dated Dec. 1 1927 of Keystone Water Works & Electric Corp.

Louisville Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 3883.

Louisville Ry. Co.—Earnings.

Table with 3 columns: 1930, 1929. Rows include Revenue from transportation—cars, Revenue from transportation—buses, Total operating revenues, etc.

Condensed General Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929. Rows include Assets—Road & equipment, Invest. in affil. cos., Liabilities—Pref. stk., 5% cum, etc.

Total—24,753,947 28,604,078 Total—24,753,947 28,604,078 —V. 132, p. 2192.

Lowell Electric Light Corp.—Earnings.

Table with 3 columns: 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross operating revenue, Other income, Total income, etc.

Table with 3 columns: 1930, 1929. Rows include Net earnings before interest charges, Interest charges, Net earnings, etc.

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1930, 1929. Rows include Assets—Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Materials & suppl., etc.

Total—\$9,037,898 \$8,684,727 —V. 126, p. 1507.

Mackay Radio & Telegraph Co.—Acquires Control of Kolster Radio Corp.

President Clarence H. Mackay announced on June 4 that this company holds a controlling interest in the Orange Securities Corp., which recently purchased the assets of the Kolster Radio Corp., including control of the Federal Telegraph Co. of California.

Franklin Hutchinson has been elected President of the new company, and Frank Holmstrom and St. George Lafitte, Vice-Presidents. Mr. Mackay announced, Kolster Radio, Inc., will succeed to the good will, trade-marks, patents and manufacturing facilities of the old Kolster company.

Through affiliation of the Federal Telegraph Co., the Mackay Radio & Telegraph Co. acquires many inventions, including the Kolster Radio compass. The Mackay company, which was organized in 1927 also obtained many patents that will be developed in connection with its point-to-point and international radio telegraph.

Metropolitan Edison Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Table with 3 columns: 1930, 1929. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses & maintenance, Prov. for retire. of fixed capital—depreciation, etc., etc.

Table with 3 columns: 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Interest on unfunded debt, etc.

Total—\$708,540 \$1,235,343 * Includes full 12 months operations of all properties now owned by Metropolitan Edison Co. y Adjusted to exclude interest earned on advances on open account now credited to Surplus.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.—Director of Publicity.

Walter F. Allen has been appointed director of publicity to succeed the late Harlow C. Clark.—V. 132, p. 4057.

Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—Stock Approved.

The application of the company for the issuance of 194,094 shares of \$5 no par value preferred stock was approved by the New Jersey Board of Public Utility Commissioners on May 29.

In approving the application the board canceled a certificate issued Feb. 17 1927, approving the issuance of 41,736 shares of \$5 no par value preferred stock.

Under an arrangement similar to that now in effect in the Holland Tunnel, this company and the United Electric Light & Power Co. of New York, will each furnish half of the electric energy for illuminating the new George Washington Bridge across the Hudson River. The new span will be lighted by 230 lamps of 500-watt capacity each, spaced on opposite sides of the roadway on the bridge proper.

Rochester Central Power Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expense and maintenance, Provision for retirement of fixed capital, etc., Taxes, Operating income, Other income (net), Gross income, Interest on funded debt, etc., Dividends on preferred stocks, Dividends on minority common stocks, Balance, Amortization of debt discount and expense, Balance for dividends in preferred stocks, Dividends on preferred stock, Balance for dividends on common stock & surplus.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1930 and 1929. Rows include Assets: Plant, property, franchises, etc.; Investments; Cash & spec. dep; Notes receivable; Consumers' acct. receivable; Misc. acct. rec.; Mat'l & supplies; Mdse. held on consignment; Prepaid expenses; Misc. items in suspense; Unamort. debt disc. & expense.

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929. Rows include Liabilities: Common stock; Pref. 6% stock; Agreement to deliver pref. 6% stock; Sub. cos. pref. stock; Minority int. in com. stocks & surp. of subs.; Notes to & adv. from stockholders; Funded debt; Notes payable; Accts. payable; Matured bonds, bond int., &c.; Int., div. & misc. acct. accruals; Taxes accrued; Accts. payable consign. mdse; Consumers' deps; Res. for retire. of fixed capital (replace., renewals, &c.); Contingencies; Other reserves; Surplus.

Total 188,871,912 185,013,918. * Represented by 1,600,000 shares (no par).—V. 132, p. 4057.

Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings.

Table with columns for 1930 and 1929. Rows include 12 Months Ended Dec. 31: Electric department revenue; Gas department revenue; Steam department revenue; Total operating revenues; Operating expenses; Retirement expense; Taxes; Operating income; Other income; Gross income; Income deductions; Net corporate income; Surplus first of year; Total surplus; Dividends & appropriations; Net deductions from surplus; Total surplus at close of year.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31. Table with columns for 1930 and 1929. Rows include Assets: Fixed cap—completed; Uncompleted construction; Cash; Notes receivable; Accts. receivable; Material & supplies; Prepaid insurance; Investments; Special deposits; Unamortized debt discount & exp.; Other suspense. Liabilities: Capital stock; Cap. stock subser.; Long-term debt; Notes payable; Accounts payable; Consumers' dep.; Mat. int. unpaid; Taxes accrued; Interest accrued; Misc. acct. lab.; Retirement res.; Casualty & insurance reserve; Contributions for extensions; Reserve for divs.; Misc. reserves; Misc. unad. credits; Approp. surpluses; Free surplus.

Total 77,159,209 74,870,616. * Includes \$5,523 shown in 1929 annual report as dividends declared.—V. 132, p. 3148.

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 3337.

Sixth Avenue RR.—Agrees to Suspend Trolley Service When Subway Is Started—Possibility of Bus Operation Provided For.

The Committee of the Whole of the Board of Estimate approved May 26 a contract between the Board of Transportation and the Sixth Avenue RR. under which surface car operation will be suspended on Sixth Avenue between Fifty-ninth Street and West Third Street during construction of the new Sixth Avenue subway.

The contract names no date for suspension of the trolley service, but provides that it shall become effective whenever subway construction starts on any part of Sixth Avenue between West Third and Fifth-ninth Streets.

The contract to which the New York Railways Corp., owner of most of the surface car company's stock, is a party, also provides that if a 25 year bus franchise is granted for the Sixth Avenue surface car route, the company will surrender its perpetual trolley franchise.

The contract relieves the company from liability for accidents due to the presence of tracks in the highway in the interval between suspension of service and their removal by the city. It also relieves the company from the obligation to pay that part of the franchise tax apportioned to the section of its Sixth Avenue line on which operation is halted.—V. 130, p. 1115.

Southern California Edison Co., Ltd.—Subscriptions.

The stockholders have subscribed to 98.91% of the new issue of \$7,800,000 \$25 par value common stock recently offered the original preferred and common shareholders on a basis of one share of the new stock at par for each ten shares held.

Chairman John B. Miller states that a total of 311,335 shares were available for subscription in the last offering, and that 307,929 shares were subscribed. These shares were purchased by 24,212 individual buyers, an average of approximately 13 shares per person.

Table with columns: No., Record Date, Ratio of Offering, Per Cent Subscribed. Rows include April 9 1927, Mar. 30 1928, Mar. 29 1929, Feb. 28 1930, Feb. 27 1931.

A new feature of the 1931 offer of rights was a provision for time payments by subscribers who exercised rights, which expired April 20. The number of subscribers purchasing stock on the installment plan totaled 2,225.

The company now has approximately 125,000 stockholders, owning stock of a par value totaling \$200,709,797. The market value of this stock, of course is much larger. Mr. Miller continued in commenting on the distribution of shares.

Funds realized through the sale of the new \$7,800,000 stock issue will be utilized in the company's development program for this year. The company now has under way the extension and reinforcement of transmission and distribution lines, and is constructing an additional 134,000 h.p. generating unit in its Long Beach steam-electric station.

Southern Colorado Power Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended March 31, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 3527.

Southwest Gas Utilities Corp.—Domestic Sales Higher.

The corporation reports an upturn in domestic sales of 5.4% and 13.5% respectively, for the months of March and April over the same months of 1930. The recovery in industrial business is proceeding at a slower pace than domestic sales, but it is estimated that May figures for industrial business will be normal.

Staten Island Edison Corp.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$7,500,000 3% 1-year notes is being offered by a banking group comprising Field, Gloré & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Spencer Trask & Co. and General Utilities Securities Corp. at 100 and int.

Dated June 15 1932. Int. (J & D) and principal payable at the office or agency of the corporation in New York. Callable, in whole or in part, at any time at 100 and int. on 30 days' notice.

Capitalization to Be Outstanding. 3% 1-year gold notes (this issue) \$7,500,000; 1st and coll. trust purchase-money 4% bonds \$1,028,000; Capital stock (no par) \$1,028,000. * Excludes \$750,000 of bonds pledged with trustee of refunding & impmt. mortgage. Net bonds secured by the refunding and impmt. mtg. are outstanding with the public.

Comparative Earnings 12 Months Ended April 30. Table with columns for 1930 and 1931. Rows include Gross earnings & other income; Operating exp., maint. & taxes (except Fed. taxes); Net earn. before int., deprec., divs., &c.; Annual int. on total fund. debt (incl. this issue); Provision for retirement of fixed cap. (deprec.); Such net earnings were before and after depreciation respectively, 8.29 times and 7.15 times the above annual interest charges.

96.5% of the above gross earnings were derived from sales of electricity. Valuation.—The reproduction cost, new, of the property based on an appraisal as of Dec. 31 1922 plus subsequent net additions at cost to April 30 1931, is \$20,016,488.

American Ship & Commerce Corp.—Annual Report.—

President, R. H. M. Robinson, says in part: The balance sheet has been adjusted to give effect to the sale of the shares of the subsidiary corporations of Cramp-Morris, Industrials, Inc. The shares of such subsidiary corporations, prior to their acquisition by Cramp-Morris Industrials, Inc., had been pledged by the William Cramp & Sons Ship and Engine Building Co. as security for a loan in the sum of \$3,850,000 dated Dec. 1 1926 which matured April 4 1927 and was extended from time to time to May 8 1931. American Ship & Commerce Corp. held a participation of \$950,000 in this loan but at maturity was not in position to take over the balance of \$2,900,000 to prevent the sale of the collateral which took place on May 8 1931. The only assets of Cramp-Morris Industrials, Inc. remaining after the sale of the shares of the subsidiary corporations consist of note receivable from William Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Building Co. of \$1,000,000 and an option agreement to purchase within three years from May 14 1931, land and buildings of Cramp Brass & Iron Foundries Co., subject to Cramp-Morris Industrials, Inc. paying certain carrying charges during option period. Provision has been made for probable loss of interest accrued on the principal amount of \$2,075,000. The William Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Building Co. general mortgage 6% bonds held by the American Ship & Commerce Corp. The principal of such bonds became due on June 1 1930 but was not paid and the bonds are now in default. Investments in the shares of the William Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Building Co. and Cramp-Morris Industrials, Inc. have been written down to the nominal value of \$1 each.

Comparative Income Account for Calendar Years. Table with columns for 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Total income, General expenses, Interest, and Net profit.

General Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930. [Adjusted to give effect to reduction to nominal value of investment in Cramp-Morris Industrials, Inc. and closing out of participation in loan to William Cramp & Sons Ship & Engine Building Co. resulting from sale of the shares of the subsidiary corporations of Cramp-Morris Industrials, Inc. as of May 15 1931.]

Assets and Liabilities table. Assets include Cash, Marketable Securities at Cost, Notes Receivable, Investments in Affiliated Corporations, etc. Liabilities include Notes payable to banks, Accounts payable, etc.

Charges and Credits table. Charges include reduction to nominal value investment in shares of Cramp-Morris Industrials, Inc., etc. Credits include Retirement of Harriman Building Corp. preferred stock, etc.

American Steel Car Lines, Inc.—Proposes Refinancing Plan to Holders of Its Equipment Trust Certificates.—

The company, operator of railroad tank cars used principally for transporting oil and other liquid commodities, has addressed a proposal to holders of its series A, B, C, D and E equipment trust certificates, maturing serially from 1929 to 1940, whereby they will be exchanged for new series of 5% certificates due from 1932 to 1946. The new certificates will be secured, as is the case with the 5% outstanding series, by the company's present fleet of 1,279 all-steel tank cars of 8,000 and 10,000 gallon capacity, title of which is vested with the trustee, Old Dearborn State Bank. The trustee has also addressed a letter to certificate holders recommending adoption of the refinancing plan and deposit of present certificates with the depository, the Chicago Bank of Commerce. According to Charles E. McSweeney, President of the company, the new plan will enable the company to avoid any of the difficulties which may occur under the present schedule of redeeming the outstanding certificates, which calls for too heavy rentals of cars under the prevailing depressed business conditions. He said that the new plan would put the whole financing program of the company on a sound basis. The company has not defaulted in any of its interest payments to certificate holders but has not, since Feb. 28 of this year, made any of its "rental" payments which are applied by the trustee toward the payment of dividend warrants and certificates.

"Despite the fact that the business depression during the last two years has taken an unusually heavy toll from businesses such as ours due to the great drop in railroad carloadings and the depressed state of the oil industry, we are experiencing a decided upturn at the present time," Mr. McSweeney said. "During the first four months of 1931 the company's carloadings amounted to 6,499 as against 3,898 cars in the last four months of 1930."—V. 132, p. 4059.

American Steel Foundries.—Dividend Rate Decreased.— The directors on June 4 declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the outstanding 993,020 shares of common stock, no par value, payable July 15 to holders of record July 1. From 1925 to and including April 15 1931 the company made regular quarterly disbursements of 75c. per share on this issue.—V. 132, p. 4059.

Anglo-Persian Oil Co., Ltd.—Final Dividend.— The directors have declared a final dividend on the ordinary shares of 10% per annum, less income tax, payable about July 31, making a total for the year 1930 of 15%, as compared with 20% paid for the year 1929.—V. 131, p. 3713.

Arundel Corp.—Earnings.— For income statement for month and 4 months ended April 130 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 2391.

Associated Oil Co.—Dividend Rate Reduced.— The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 35c. per share on the outstanding \$57,260,300 common stock, par \$25, payable June 30 to holders of record June 13. From Sept. 1927 to and incl. March 1931, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 50c. per share, as against the previous rate of 50c. regular and 40c. extra each quarter.—V. 132, p. 4060, 1791.

Atlas Utilities Corp.—Acquires General Management Trust.—

This corporation, through an exchange of assets of the Power & Light Securities Corp. of which it acquired control early this year, has assumed a dominant interest in the General Empire Corp., a general management trust with \$2,500,000 net assets. The board of directors of the General Empire Corp. on June 4 was reduced from nine to five members, three members of the new board, L. Boyd Hatch, John W. Donaldson and O. L. Johnston, representing the Atlas Utilities Corp. The two other directors are Jansen Noyes and Stanton Griffis (President of the company). The deal was consummated through the issuance by General Empire of 112,852 of its shares in return for the assets of the Power & Light Securities Corp. The merger creates a trust with assets of between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000.—V. 132, p. 2970.

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 July 1 to holders of record June 20. Like amounts were paid in each of the 14 preceding quarters. Previous stock distributions were 5% each made on Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1926.

May Shipments Higher.— May shipments of Auburn and Cord cars combined total 6,717, an increase of 714 cars over the preceding month. Combined shipments for the first five months of 1931 totaled 24,433 units or 10,745 cars more than during the entire year 1930. The company added 193 new dealers to its retail organization during May.—V. 132, p. 4060, 2970.

Austin Finance Co., Cleveland, Ohio.—New Service.— A financing service for a limited number of laundry owners contemplating a new plant or reconstruction and additions to present facilities has been announced by the Austin Co., engineers and builders, through its subsidiary, the Austin Finance Co. The financing will be available to firms whose volume averages about \$2,500 or more a week and who have been established for at least five years.—V. 130, p. 3164.

Balaban & Katz Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Balaban & Katz Corp. with columns for Dec. 27 30, Dec. 27 29, Dec. 28 28, Jan. 1 28. Rows include Net oper. income, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Interest charges, Deprec. and amortiz., Federal tax reserve, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, Profit and loss surplus, Earnings per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 27. Table with columns for 1930, 1929. Rows include Assets (Theatre prop's, Despoits to secure, Investments, Advances in respect of construction, Cash, Working funds, Adv. to affil. cos., Miscell. accounts & notes receivable, Off. & empl. accts., Deferred charges, Good-will) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, 6 1/2% ser. & notes, 6 1/2% 1st M. bonds, 7% 1st M. bonds, Accounts payable, Open accounts of affil. companies, Pur. money obligs., Accr. gen. taxes int, Accr. Fed. inc. tax, Res. for conting., Advance payments, Surplus).

Total 24,769,101 23,836,698 Total 24,769,101 23,836,698 x Less reserve for depreciation and amortization of \$3,938,128. y Represented by 264,206 shares, \$25 par.—V. 132, p. 1227.

Barbizon Plaza (Park Sixth Avenue Corp.), N. Y. City.—Foreclosure Suit.—

Suit was filed in New York Supreme Court May 27 against the Park Sixth Avenue Corp. to foreclose a mortgage of \$525,000 on the Barbizon Plaza, a 38-story structure at the northwest corner of 58th St. and Sixth Ave., with a frontage on Central Park South. The suit was brought by Ida Levine, as trustee. The complaint recites that the mortgage was given by the Park Sixth Avenue Corp. to the Allerton Fifty-Ninth Street Corp. on Feb. 6 1929 assigned by the latter corporation to Charles Korn as trustee on Feb. 19 1930, and assigned by Korn to the plaintiff Levine on Dec. 30 1930. On Aug. 15 1930 the mortgage was reduced \$100,000 and there is now due \$425,000. Failure to pay an installment of interest due Nov. 5 1930 is the basis of the foreclosure.

Bastian Blessing Co., Chicago.—New President, &c.—

Lewis G. Blessing, formerly Vice-President and General Manager has been elected President to succeed Charles L. Bastian who has been made Chairman of the board. Andrew C. Krein has been elected Secretary and will retain his office of Treasurer. Edward N. Krein, formerly Secretary was made Vice-President in charge of production. Carl J. Palmer, formerly Vice-President of the Liquid Carbonic Co. was made 1st Vice-President and General Sales Manager of Bastian Blessing Co.—V. 132, p. 3343.

Bellanca Aircraft Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Balance Sheet table for Bellanca Aircraft Corp. with columns for 1930, 1929. Rows include Assets (Cash, Loans on call, Bills & accts rec., Inventories, Der'd experimental & dev. exps., &c., Land, bldgs. & eq.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Accrued accounts, Customers' depos., Reserve for contingent comm'sns., Capital stock and surplus).

Total \$1,564,767 \$1,992,794 Total \$1,564,767 \$1,992,794 x Represented by 168,495 no par common shares valued at \$1,889,375 and includes deficit of \$433,288. Our usual comparative income account for the year ended Dec. 31 1930 was published in V. 132, p. 4060.

Binks Mfg. Co.—Bond Issue, &c., Authorized.—

At a special meeting of class A and class B stockholders held on June 1, the directors were authorized to sell \$300,000 of 5-year 6 1/2% debentures and to issue 20,000 shares of class B common stock. These shares increase the authorized class B stock to 140,000 shares. There are 60,000 shares of class B stock held in reserve for possible conversion of the class A stock. The funds will be used to increase working capital and to liquidate current debt.—V. 132, p. 3717.

British Columbia Packers, Ltd. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Table showing earnings for British Columbia Packers, Ltd. for years ended Feb. 28, 1931, 1930, and 1929. Items include Net profit, Maintenance, Interest on funded debt, Provision for Dominion and Provincial income and packing taxes, Additional two months expense incurred through change of fiscal year, Net income, Cumulative preferred dividends, and Gross Packing Co., Ltd., pref. div.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Consolidated Balance Sheet for Feb. 28 '31 and Feb. 27 '30. Assets include Inventories, Prepaid insurance, Bills and accounts receivable, Cash, Deferred charges, Investment in and adv. to allied co., Land, bldg., plant and equipment, and Deficit. Liabilities include Bank loans, Bills payable and accrued interest, Sundry creditors, Res. for acer. liab., Res. for inc. taxes, Res. for conting., Pur. money obligs., Interest of minority shareholders in subs. laco Fisher's Ltd., Preferred stock, Common stock, and Surplus.

Brown Shoe Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Earnings statement for Brown Shoe Co., Inc. for 6 months ended April 30, 1931 and 1930. Includes a note: "For income statement for 6 months ended April 30 see 'Earnings Department' on a preceding page." Balance Sheet April 30. Assets include Land, bldgs., &c., Lasts, less deprec., Ins., licenses, &c., Good-will, trade name, &c., Other assets, Cash, Accts. receivable, Prepaid charges, and Inventories. Liabilities include Pref. stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Accts. pay. & accep., Res. for taxes & contingencies, and Earned surplus.

Bulova Watch Co., Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Earnings statement for Bulova Watch Co., Inc. for 12 months and 15 months ended March 31, 1931 and 1930. Includes a note: "Earnings per sh. on 275,000 shs. com. stock (no par) x Includes depreciation.—V. 132, p. 1228." Balance Sheet April 30. Assets include Land, bldgs., &c., Lasts, less deprec., Ins., licenses, &c., Good-will, trade name, &c., Other assets, Cash, Accts. receivable, Prepaid charges, and Inventories. Liabilities include Pref. stock, Common stock, Notes payable, Accts. pay. & accep., Res. for taxes & contingencies, and Earned surplus.

Cadillac Motor Car Co.—Shipments.

According to this company, Cadillac-La Salle shipments for the first five months of 1931 show an increase of 5% over those in the same period last year. May shipments of 1,777 units brought the 1931 total to 9,572. This compares with 9,052 for the first five month of 1930. There were 2,219 Cadillac and La Salle cars shipped in May last year.—V. 132, p. 3331, 3345.

Canada Housing Corp.—Bond Interest Passed.

Interest on the 6½% first mortgage bonds of the company, a subsidiary of Canadian Terminal System, Ltd., which was payable on May 1, has been passed. Canada Housing Corp. owns 76 houses in Toronto, of which 75 are reported to be rented at the present time. The funded debt of the company consists of 6½% first mortgage bonds due May 1 1943, of which there is \$139,000 outstanding; 6% first mortgage bonds, due Feb. 1 1948, of which \$240,000 is outstanding; and held by Canadian Terminal System, Ltd., or its subsidiaries, and 6% debentures, due March 1 1948, of which \$150,000 is outstanding. Interest is in arrears on the debentures since March 1.

Canada Power & Paper Corp.—Reorganization Plan.

The securities protective committee (Chas. A. Dunning, P.C. Chairman), June 2, announced a plan of reorganization for the company and its constituent companies. In brief the plan provides for the formation of a new company with two classes of securities, viz.: First mortgage bonds and one class of stock, which will be exchanged for existing securities. No new money is being asked for. The committee consists of Hon. Chas. A. Dunning, P.C. Chairman; R. H. Collis, of Kitcher & Aitken, London, Engl; Norman J. Dawes, Pres. Montreal Board of Trade; H. D. Lockhart Gordon, C. A., Clarkson, Gordon, Dilworth, Guilfoyle & Nash, Toronto; Strachan Johnston, K.C., Tilley, Johnston, Thomson & Parmenter, Toronto; Stewart Kilpatrick, Govett, Sons & Co., London, Eng.; E. A. Macnutt, Treas., Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada; John J. Rudolf, A. Iselin & Co., New York; Gordon W. Scott, C.A., P. S. Ross & Sons, Montreal, is Secretary; with J. L. Ralston, K.C., of Mitchell, Ralston, Kearney & Duquet, Montreal, Counsel. The depositaries are Bank of Montreal and the Royal Bank of Canada. The holders of securities and shares of the following constituent companies are involved: Canada Power & Paper Corp., the Anticosti Corp., Belgo Canadian Paper Co., Ltd., Laurentide Co., Ltd., Port Alfred Pulp & Paper Corp., St. Maurice Valley Corp. and Wayagamack Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd., Anglo Canadian Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd. is not included. The committee, in a circular letter to the security holders, June 2, says: Present Position.—The members of the securities protective committee and the above-named constituent companies and representing investors who hold, in the aggregate, large amounts of all classes of securities and shares of these companies, having completed an intensive examination of the corporation's affairs in the light of conditions now prevailing in the newsprint industry. This examination has convinced the committee that, under existing conditions and having regard to volume of newsprint consumption and selling prices, it will be impossible, for some time, to pay any interest or dividends to holders of any of the securities or shares of the above-named companies.

The whole system is severely handicapped by lack of working capital. The acquisition of capital assets, potentially valuable but at present non-productive, and the recent maturing of obligations assumed in that connection have very seriously depleted the current asset position and have produced an acute situation which must be promptly and effectively dealt with. Apart from other consequences it has become extremely difficult to finance ordinary manufacturing operations. The committee is convinced, therefore, that the financial structure of the entire group must be radically revised. The burden of interest and dividend commitments must be drastically reduced. Fixed charges must be practically eliminated for a period of years and working capital must be built up.

The committee has studied the respective positions of holders of each individual class of security concerned and has arrived at the unanimous conclusion that any separation which would involve liquidation of any constituent company would result in serious loss to the holders of that company's securities and would jeopardize the prospects of a sound re-organization.

The plan.—After carefully studying and considering all relevant factors, the accompanying plan of reorganization has been prepared. This plan has been designed to meet the present difficult situation and to assure to each class of present security holders an equitable share in future earnings. The plan, briefly, is to form a new company, with a capitalization of first mortgage bonds (including first mortgage sterling debenture stock) and one class of shares, which will take over the undertakings and assets of the above-named companies. The new bonds and debenture stock will be on an income basis for five years. These new securities will be made available for exchange for the existing securities on the basis set out in the plan. No new money is being asked for.

Reduction in Capital.—The authorized capitalization of the new company will consist of \$100,000,000 first mortgage bonds, including first mortgage sterling debenture stock, and of 2,000,000 shares without par value. Of the bonds, \$65,000,000 will be authorized for immediate issue as 30-year 5½% bonds and sterling debenture stock which will be on an income basis for five years but will bear fixed interest thereafter. The issued capitalization of the new company on the carrying out of the plan will compare as follows with the existing capitalization:

Present Capitalization May 1 1931 (Excluding Anglo). x Bonds \$44,365,586; Debentures 35,466,700; Preferred 24,000,000; Total \$103,832,286. Common—1,521,750 no par value shares. Estimated Capitalization New Company (Excluding Anglo).

Table showing estimated capitalization of the new company. x Bonds \$51,058,522; y Wayagamack News Co 1,431,774; z Ha, Ha, Bay Co 137,300; Total \$52,627,596. Capital stock—1,547,141 no par value shares.

In addition to the above bonds, a further \$8,000,000 (approximately) of the new bonds will be issued in exchange for a like amount of Laurentide 1st mtge. bonds now pledged as collateral to bank loans. y Guaranteed British Treasury, bonds not exchanged. z Bonds not exchanged. The committee will have power to sanction the issue of additional first mortgage bonds of the 30-year 5½% issue, provided that the total is not to exceed \$65,000,000 and of such additional shares as may be considered necessary.

The committee has deemed it unwise to have the new company assume the obligations of Canada Power & Paper under the contract for the acquisition of a controlling interest in Anglo Canadian Pulp & Paper Mills, Ltd., and therefore that company is not included in the present plan.

Distribution to Present Security Holders.—The plan provides that holders of existing first mortgage securities will receive first mortgage securities of the new company and, as compensation for loss of accrued interest and forgoing fixed interest for the first five years, will receive shares of the capital stock of the new company. Holders of Laurentide and Wayagamack series of Canada Power & Paper debentures will receive a percentage of new first mortgage bonds together with shares of the capital stock of the new company. Holders of existing preferred and common shares will receive shares of the capital stock of the new company.

Table of Exchange of New for Old Securities.

Table of Exchange of New for Old Securities. Columns: Existing Securities, Outstanding, Bonds, Will Receive, Com. Stocks. Includes entries for Belgo Canadian Paper Co 6s, 7% preferred, Wayagamack Pulp & Paper 6s, Port Alfred Pulp & Paper 5s, St Maurice Valley Corp 6s, Anticosti Corp 6s, Canada Power & Paper Corp., Laurentide deb. 5½%, and Wayagamack deb. 5½%.

Note.—Small amounts of common stocks are outstanding in the hands of the public and these will be exchanged for shares of the new company on the following basis: For each of the 150 common shares of Belgo, 2-5th of 1 share of new company; for each of the 104 common shares of St. Maurice, ¼th of 1 share of new company; for each of 383 shares of Port Alfred, ¼th of 1 share of new company; for each of 57 shares of Wayagamack, 1-10th shares of new company.

An exclusive of 308,300 held in company's treasury. b Includes registered debenture stock. Each registered debenture stock holder receives £20 of new 1st mtge. sterling debenture stock and 1 share of new stock for each £20 of present 1st mtge. registered debenture stock.

This scale of distribution is based not only upon a careful analysis of the assets and earning power represented by each existing security, but upon such other important factors as inter-company obligations (including leases), the effect of separation upon operating costs, existing newsprint contracts and the advantage of maintaining a well-established selling organization.

Management.—The committee recognizes that holders of securities who forego fixed charges for five years will expect assurance as to management, especially during the period in which their right to receive interest depends on earnings and current assets. The plan provides, therefore, that the committee will nominate a majority of the new board of directors to serve for five years.

Co-Operation of Important Interests.—The plan has been submitted to the bankers of the corporation (the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Bank of Canada) who have expressed their willingness that the reorganization plan be carried out, to make banking arrangements with the new company which the committee considers will be satisfactory.

Holders of large amounts of all classes of the securities have assured the committee that they will support the plan.

Prospects.—While it is not possible to forecast accurately the operating results of the new company, the committee believes that the plan provides the foundation for success, first by creating a capital structure which will not involve burdensome fixed charges in the earlier years during which conditions will be most difficult, and secondly by permitting the accumulation of working capital.

The unknown factors in the situation include the percentage of mill capacities for which markets may be found and the prices which will prevail, but, given prices on any fair basis and assuming the fulfillment of existing newsprint contracts, the committee feels warranted in expecting results which will be advantageous to those participating in the plan.

The committee believes that no group of properties in the newsprint will be better balanced for economic production or will possess more favorable prospects than the new company, providing a reorganization is arranged along the lines indicated.—V. 132, p. 2590, 2394.

Curtis Manufacturing Co., St. Louis.—Smaller Div.—
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. This places the stock on a \$1 annual basis, against \$2.50 previously.—V. 131, p. 277.

Darby Petroleum Corp.—Earnings.—
For income statement for quarter ended March 31 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 2398.

Dayton Airplane Engine Co.—Stock Increased.—
The company on May 29 filed a certificate at Dover, Del., increasing the authorized capital stock, no par value, from 400,000 shares to 1,000,000 shares.—V. 132, p. 3892.

Diamond Match Co.—Earnings.—
For income statement for quarter ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 4065.

Distributors Group, Inc.—New Vice-President.—
Dean Langmuir, well-known economist, has been elected a vice-president in charge of research of Distributors Group, Inc., sponsors of North American Trust Shares, largest investment trust of the fixed type, and affiliated sponsors of Cumulative Trust Shares. Mr. Langmuir is a Vice-President of Cumulative Shares Corp., depositor corporation of the latter investment trust.—V. 132, p. 4065.

Distributors Guild, Inc.—Changes in Portfolios.—
Trust shares of America, a fixed investment trust, has eliminated from its portfolios all holdings in the International Harvester Corp. and the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co. under the terms of its indenture providing that if Moody's rating of any holdings be reduced below that at the initiation of the Trust, they must be eliminated. The net proceeds, amounting to \$215.96 a unit of 1,000 shares, will be distributed with the regular No. 3 coupon payment on Nov. 15.—V. 131, p. 944, 794.

Dodge-Foote Corp.—Proposed Merger.—
See Foote Bros. Gear & Machine Co. below.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—May Production.—
Month of— May 1931. May 1929.
Value of output— \$300,390 \$409,518
The mine did not operate in May of last year due to the destruction of its mill.—V. 132, p. 3349.

Dominion Envelope & Cartons, Ltd.—Defers Dividend.
The directors recently voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% due June 1 on the 7% cum. red. 1st pref. stock, par \$100. Distributions at this rate were made from Sept. 1 1928 to and incl. March 1 1931.—V. 127, p. 1258.

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Sales and Earnings Higher.—
At a meeting of the directors held on June 1, President William J. Pentland stated that sales and earnings for the first four months of 1931 showed an increase compared with the corresponding period last year; also that sales and profits thus far in May were showing a substantial increase compared with last year and also when compared with April.
The regular cash dividend of 30 cents per share on the common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15, was declared at this time.—V. 132, p. 3534.

Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc.—Sales—Unfilled Orders.—
Six Months Ended May 31— 1931. 1930.
Sales— \$2,184,456 \$2,046,003
Unfilled orders on hand on May 31 last, totaled \$2,486,355, against \$3,387,500 on Dec. 1 1930.—V. 132, p. 2398.

Dumbarton Bridge Co. (San Francisco)—Earnings.—
Calendar Years— 1930. 1929. 1928.
Tolls— \$166,400 \$162,404 \$215,173
Operating expenses— 90,404 91,585 93,793
General & administrative expenses— 11,985 11,026 8,555
Int. & amort. on bonds, &c (net)— 58,546 62,195 64,918
Provision for Federal income taxes— 643 1,000 6,429
Net profit— \$4,822 def. \$2,402 \$41,478

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.
Assets— 1930. 1929. Liabilities— 1930. 1929.
Cash— \$15,572 \$16,596 Accts. payable— \$4,665 \$3,752
Notes receivable— 15,006 40,029 Accrued— 1,477 1,316
Accts. receivable— 2,076 1,728 1st mtge. 6 1/2% gold bonds— 833,000 895,000
Dep. with trustee for retire. of bds. Reserve— 9,288 6,920
mat. Jan. 1— 25,000 25,000 Deferred income— 4,425 —
Other assets— 6,047 4,341 Capital stock— 2,391,670 2,391,670
Permanent— 1,930,929 1,975,546 Surplus— 5,781 24,876
Sinking fund— 165 —
Deferred— 1,255,677 1,260,128 —
Total— \$3,250,307 \$3,323,533 Total— \$3,250,307 \$3,323,533
—V. 131, p. 1721.

Du Pont Cellophane Co., Inc.—Expansion.—
The company is about to start expansion on its Buffalo, N. Y., plant representing an expenditure of about \$2,000,000. Several hundred additional workers will be employed upon the completion of the project.
The expansion will make the Buffalo unit one of the largest cellophane manufacturing centres in the world. Du Pont operates other cellophane plants at Richmond, Va., and Old Hickory, Tenn.
It is understood that a good proportion of the output of the Buffalo plant will be devoted to moisture-proof cellophane, a patented product manufactured exclusively by Du Pont.—V. 131, p. 3213.

Eastman Kodak Co.—Dividend Outlook.—
Chairman George Eastman states that the company does not anticipate any change in its dividend policy during the present year in view of the fact that, based on the results of the first five four-weekly periods, sales for 1931 are estimated to approximate those for 1928.
Mr. Eastman announced: "Our business this year is good, perhaps even better than might be expected during a depression. Our sales in this country, while naturally not as good as they were in 1929 and 1930, the two banner years, are substantially the same for the first five four-weekly periods of this year as they were in 1928. Our export sales during the same period this year exceeded those for the same period in 1930. While there have been some reductions in selling prices, these have been offset by savings in manufacturing costs due principally to lower cost of raw materials. "While no one can accurately forecast the business for the balance of the year, I see no reason to be unduly concerned. Based on our record for the first five-weekly periods of this year, we estimate that our total sales for 1931 will approximate those for 1928. Accordingly we do not anticipate any change in our dividend policy during the present year." —V. 132, p. 3720, 2754.

Edison Bros. Stores, Inc.—Sales Increase.—
1931—May—1930. Increase. 1931—4 Mos.—1930. Increase.
\$734,052 \$482,285 \$251,767 \$2,354,897 \$1,651,122 \$703,775
—V. 132, p. 3535, 2776.

Electric Auto-Lite Co.—Regular Quarterly Dividends.—
The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 per share on the common and \$1.75 per share on the preferred stock, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 15.
President O. O. Minger, commenting on the dividend action, said: "Indications are that we will earn our dividend for the first half year." —V. 132, p. 3156.

Electric Boat Co.—Receives Submarine Contract.—
This company on June 2 received the contract from the Navy Department for constructing the fleet submarine Cuttlefish at a cost of \$3,297,000. The only other bidder was the New York Shipbuilding Co. of Camden, N. J., when offers were opened on May 19.
The submarine is to be built on hull and machinery designs of the Navy Department and delivered at the New London (Conn.) submarine base in 30 months. The craft is to be of 1,150 standard tons.—V. 132, p. 3893, 3349.

Endicott Johnson Corp.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors on June 4 declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. per share on the outstanding \$20,268,000 common stock, par \$50, payable July 1 to holders of record June 18. The company from Oct. 1 1920 to and incl. April 1 1931 made regular quarterly disbursements of \$1.25 per share on this issue, and in addition paid a 20% stock dividend on Feb. 15 1923.—V. 132, p. 1423.

(L. M.) Ericsson Telephone Co., Sweden.—8% Dividend—New Directors.—

The shareholders on May 30 approved the board's proposal that out of the amount of 8,755,098 kronor at the disposal of the meeting, a dividend of 8% or 4 kronor per share, absorbing 4,839,904 kronor, be paid to the shareholders; 889,582 kronor be transferred to the reserve fund, and the balance, 3,025,611 kronor, be carried forward to the profit and loss account for 1931.

The following were elected new members of the board of directors: Ivar Kreuger, Chairman of the Kreuger & Toll Co., Stockholm; Andre Meyer of the banking house of Lazard Freres, Paris, and Erik Sjostrom, a director of the Kreuger & Toll Co. The addition of these new directors recalls the fact that in 1930 Kreuger & Toll acquired control of the L. M. Ericsson Telephone Co.—V. 130, p. 2216.

Equitable Office Bldg. Corp.—Earnings.—
Years Ended April 30— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
Rentals earned— \$5,996,755 \$5,791,726 \$5,384,346 \$5,208,764
Miscellaneous earnings— 400,636 541,064 503,348 379,842
Total earnings— \$6,397,390 \$6,332,790 \$5,887,694 \$5,588,605
Operating expense— 1,142,182 1,155,448 1,135,049 1,044,500
Depreciation— 300,025 302,766 300,681 293,154
Net operating profit— \$4,955,183 \$4,874,576 \$4,451,965 \$4,250,951
Other income— 75,863 101,213 82,418 61,870
Total income— \$5,031,046 \$4,975,788 \$4,534,382 \$4,312,820
Int., real est. taxes, &c.— 2,204,561 2,171,419 2,175,575 2,187,129
Federal income tax— 340,000 312,600 288,800 287,500
Res. for add'l deprec.— 93,502 76,221 — —
Net profit— \$2,392,984 \$2,415,548 \$2,070,807 \$1,838,191
Preferred dividends— 1,011 2,546 4,900 33,785
Common dividends— 2,460,669 2,232,732 1,780,800 1,500,429
Balance, surplus— def \$68,696 \$180,270 \$285,107 \$303,977
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)— 895,464 893,584 892,160 221,696
Earnings per share— \$2.67 \$2.71 \$2.31 \$8.14

Condensed Consolidated Comparative Balance Sheet April 30.
Assets— 1931. 1930. Liabilities— 1931. 1930.
Land & bldg. (less deprec. res.)— \$32,578,512 \$32,869,787 Preferred stock— \$6,700 \$30,200
Miscell. equip.— 21,437 26,282 Common stock— y 9,333,300 9,309,800
Rights, priv., tenancies & going value— 4,390,000 4,390,000 Equit. Life Assur. Soc. mortgage— 19,081,595 19,229,878
Premium paid for cancel. of lease— 85,715 107,143 6% gold mtge. bds. 35,000 35,000
Sinking fund depts.— 222,157 211,470 35-yr. 5% sink. fund debenture— 8,327,000 8,537,000
Invest. held for account of employ.— 155,298 134,388 Accts. pay., taxes interest, &c.— 1,514,989 1,493,557
Dep. on N. Y. Edison contract— 22,870 — Rents received in advance, &c.— 73,288 75,898
Cash— 1,503,502 1,376,702 Employ., retirem't fund reserves— 87,795 47,598
Accts. receivable— 95,521 129,505 Approp. surplus— 49,189 49,189
Equit. office bldg. corp. com. stk.— 556,500 52,612 Additional dep. rec 329,977 236,475
Temp. investments— 640,424 1,189,678 Surplus— 1,553,930 1,619,183
Inventories— 38,933 42,905
Deferred charges— 81,873 133,307
Total— \$40,392,744 40,663,780 Total— \$40,392,744 40,663,780
x After deducting \$5,449,184 depreciation reserve. y Represented by 895,464 shares of no par value.—V. 132, p. 2777.

Everett (Mass.) Mills Co.—To Dissolve.—
The stockholders at the annual meeting voted that the company dissolve, and authorized the officers and directors to take necessary action.
It was also voted to fix the total capital represented by the 21,000 shares of common stock of no par value at \$210; and that a liquidating dividend of \$1 a share be paid as soon as necessary arrangements can be made. It was further voted that any balance remaining after the aforesaid payment be distributed to the stockholders in proportion to their shares.—V. 130, p. 294.

Fairchild Aviation Corp.—Balance Sheet March 31 1931.
Assets— \$207,886 Capital stock— \$1,066,480
Cash— 48,189 Accts. payable— 15,485
Accts. receivable— 1,010 Accr. exp. commissions, &c.— 5,202
Deposits on contracts— 274,429 Deposits on sales— 21,851
Investments— 424,866 Mortgages payable— 8,000
Land, bldgs., mach. & equip— 270,793 Min. equity in cap. stk. of sub.— 49,663
Deferred & prepaid expenses— 7,543 Capital surplus— 57,609
Goodwill— 1 Earned surplus— 11,027
Total— \$1,234,717 Total— \$1,234,717
x Represented by 213,296 no par shares.—V. 132, p. 4066.

Fashion Park Associates, Inc.—Net Sales.—
1931—April—1930. Decrease. 1931—4 Mos.—1930. Decrease.
\$1,793,816 \$2,257,150 \$463,334 \$9,351,316 \$1,876,082
These net sales are after elimination of sales between companies reporting and does not include the sales of those companies controlled but not entirely owned.—V. 132, p. 3536, 3349.

Federal Sugar Refining Co.—Bondholders' Protective Committee.—
As a result of the default in the payment of interest due May 1 1931 on the 10-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds, due May 1 1933, a bondholders' protective committee composed of Horace Havemeyer, Chairman; Robert L. Clarkson and T. Johnson Ward has been formed and is calling for deposits of bonds under deposit agreement dated June 1 1931, under which The Chase National Bank of the City of New York has been designated depository.
Holders of these bonds are requested to deposit them promptly with The Chase National Bank of the City of New York (trust department, corporate agency division, 11 Broad St.) in order that the committee may be in a position effectively to act in the bondholders' behalf. Karl A. Panthan, 60 Cedar St., is Secretary of the committee and Milbank, Tweed, Hope & Webb are counsel.—V. 129, p. 2544.

Fidelity Investment Association.—Record Sales.—
April sales of Fidelity annuities amounted to \$6,708,000, making the month the largest in the company's history of 20 years. This figure compares with \$3,984,000 in April 1930 and exceeds the sales of September 1930 which was the previous high record.
For the first four months of 1931 sales totaled \$20,404,000, compared with \$14,948,000 in the corresponding period of last year, a gain of \$5,456,000.—V. 132, p. 3536.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.—Earnings.—
For income statement for six months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.
Harvey S. Firestone, President, says: "With raw materials, finished product, and commitments inventoried at market prices at the beginning of

General Printing Ink Corp.—New Chairman—Earnings.—Perry D. Richards has been elected a director, succeeding John Richardson, resigned. Albin K. Schoepf has been elected Chairman of the board in place of Albert J. Ford, resigned.
While sales for the first four months of the current year have decreased as against the same period of last year, the percentage of profit to sales did not decrease in proportion to the sales decrease, owing to economies instituted during 1930. Earnings on the common stock for the first four months of 1931 were reported to be \$1.05 per share after providing for pref. dividends, depreciation and Federal taxes.—V. 132, p. 3895.

General Public Service Corp.—Tenders.—The corporation will receive until June 23 proposals for the sale to it of 5% convertible series gold debentures due 1953 and 5½% convertible series due 1939.—V. 132, p. 3895, 2780.

General Theatres Equipment, Inc.—No Div. Action.—No action has yet been taken on the quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the \$3 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value, payment of which was due about June 2. An initial distribution at this rate was made on March 2. An official statement probably will be made within a few days. It was stated.—V. 132, p. 4069.

Golden State Co., Ltd. (Calif.).—Reorganization of Old Company Effective.—See Golden State Milk Products Co. Proposed Merger With National Dairy Products Corp.—

The stockholders of the Golden State Co., Ltd., will meet on Aug. 10 to ratify the agreement entered into by the directors of the company to merge with the National Dairy Products Corp. by an exchange of stock on a basis of two shares of Golden State for one of National Dairy.
As of Dec. 31 last, Golden State had total current assets of \$3,686,193 and total current liabilities of \$1,523,608, a ratio of 2.4-to-1. Following announcement of the proposed merger plan the stock of the National Dairy Products Corp. was admitted to trading on the San Francisco Curb Exchange.—V. 131, p. 1572.

Golden State Milk Products Co.—Reorganization Effective.—

Secretary K. F. Keefer, May 29, in a letter to the stockholders, says in part:
"The reorganization of this company, through the medium of the Golden State Co., Ltd., a Delaware corporation, approved by the stockholders at a special meeting held Aug. 6 1930, has been authorized by the California Corporation Commissioner, and will be completed, effective as of June 2 1931, by the distribution to stockholders of the 485,440 shares of common stock of Golden State Co., Ltd., to which the entire property and assets of company (except a reserve fund of \$500) have been transferred. Such distribution will be at the rate of one share of stock of Golden State Co., Ltd., for each share of stock of this company held of record June 1 1931. The stock of Golden State Co., Ltd. has been listed on the San Francisco Stock Exchange.—V. 132, p. 3895.

Graham-Paige Motors Corp.—May Output.—

Month of—	May 1931.	April 1930.	May 1930.
Production (No. of cars).....	4,005	2,554	4,797

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Mar. 31 '31. Dec. 31 '30.		Mar. 31 '31. Dec. 31 '30.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
a Plant & equip.....	12,628,721	7% pref. stock	1,589,300
Cash.....	2,749,414	7% 2d pref. stock	3,553,700
U. S. Govt. secur.	1,906,085	Com. stk. & surp	11,584,125
Collection drafts..	539,082	Accts. & notes pay.	2,942,877
Dealers & cust. accts. & notes rec.	579,468	Sund. credit bals.	295,437
Sundry receiv'les.	175,233	Accrued payroll,	303,559
Inventories.....	6,442,796	taxes, &c.	287,879
Adv. to assoc. eos.	564,986	6% s. f. gold debts.	140,000
Prepaid accounts.	391,828	6% ser. g. notes.	50,000
Stks. & oth. inv.	66,526	Land contract.....	50,000
Impr'm'ts to leased property.....	56,353	Operating reserves	413,960
Deferred charges..	446,139	Prov. for divs. on 2nd pref. stock.	870,657
Total.....	24,584,193	6% sk. fd. deb. (not current)	1,950,000
		6% ser. gld. notes (not current)	350,000
		Land contr. (not current)	275,000
		Equity of min. stk. hldrs. of sub. eos.	215,578
		Employees' subs..	12,149
		Total.....	24,584,193

a After depreciation. b Represented by 1,728,301 no par shares.—V. 132, p. 3722.

Granger Trading Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for quarter ended April 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.
President Jeffrey S. Granger says:
The securities held in the portfolio April 30 1931 were valued at the close of the market April 30 1931.
As of April 30 1931 the shares of this corporation, purchased in the open market and held in the treasury, were officially retired by unanimous vote of the board of directors. This action reduces the number of shares outstanding to 16,294, and thereby creates a capital surplus of \$42,534.
As of the end of the first quarter the liquidating value at the market of the \$24.80 per share, compared with \$25.79 per share at the beginning of the period. Including \$2.40 paid in dividends, the total decline in the book value from Feb. 1 1929 to April 30 1931 has amounted to 17.3%, compared with a drop of 54.7% in the value of all listed issues. The actual dollar loss, therefore, of this corporation has been approximately one-sixth that of the general market.—V. 132, p. 2781.

Granite City Steel Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, payable June 30 to holders of record June 15. A quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share was paid in each of the two preceding quarters.—V. 132, p. 3351.

(W. T.) Grant Co.—Sales Increase.—

1931—May—1930.	Increase.	1931—5 Mos.—1930.	Increase.
\$6,605,996	\$6,152,588	\$26,799,109	\$24,543,585
—V. 132, p. 3537, 2781.	\$453,408	\$2,255,524	

Greif Bros. Cooperage Corp.—Bal. Sheet April 30.—

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Land, bldgs., mach & eq., &c., less depreciation	\$1,744,222	\$1,916,145	Com. stk. & sur.	\$3,961,455	\$4,135,771
Cash.....	165,838	216,808	10-yr. 6% skg. fd.		
Customers' notes & accts. receivable	651,609	782,814	gold notes.....	1,133,500	1,316,000
Inventories.....	1,879,297	2,155,287	Cap. stk. of subs.	33,487	30,904
Officers, employ. & misc. notes & accts. receivable	89,989	112,604	Notes payable for money borrowed, purch. of prop., &c.	379,201	743,195
Inv. in oth. eos., &c	64,752	59,553	Accts. pay. for pur. expenses, &c.	62,465	70,214
Invest's (affil. eos.)	294,423	291,123	Accr. taxes, int., &c	33,223	65,782
Notes & accts. rec. (affiliated eos.)	366,823	409,770	Other liabilities....		\$8,500
Timber properties.	495,717	524,261	Accts. payable to affil. eos. partly owned.....	24,302	5,523
Good-will.....	1	57,079	Res. for contng., &c.	173,221	149,857
Deferred charges..	48,182		Total.....	\$5,800,854	\$6,525,746
Total.....	\$5,800,854	\$6,525,746			

x Represented by 64,000 shares of class A cumulative common stock and 54,000 shares of class B common stock, both of no par value, of which \$687,766 surplus since Oct. 31 1925, \$782,576 unearned surplus and \$2,491,113 capital surplus. y Not maturing within one year from date.—V. 132, p. 4069.

Grizzard Trustee Investment.—Financing.—

A combination investment plan, known as the Grizzard Trustee Investment with multifund protection, designed to apply the law of averages for the protection of the purchaser in estate building through the medium of investment trust and insurance, is being offered by General Distributors Inc., of Illinois, subsidiary of General Securities Corp. of America.

Two trusts have been chosen to fulfill the investment phase of the program. These are North American Trust Shares; and Cumulative Trust Shares. The insurance feature consists of a newly designed contract underwritten by old line companies fitted to the investment program and dove-tailing with it throughout the entire life of the investment.

The General Securities Corp. of America will shortly organize additional distributing companies in various other states to market the investment, it is stated.

Hamilton Watch Co.—To Pay Dividends Quarterly Instead of Monthly, as Heretofore.—

The directors on May 29 voted to discontinue the payment of common dividends in monthly installments. It was decided that hereafter dividends will be paid in quarterly installments on the first of September, December, March and June. From July 31 1930 to and incl. May 29 1931 the company paid common dividends on the present stock at the rate of 15 cents per share monthly and an additional dividend of 15 cents per share at Jan. 31 1931.—V. 132, p. 3896.

Hartford (Conn.) Fire Insurance Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share and an extra of 40 cents a share, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. The extra dividend comes from the Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., a wholly owned subsidiary.

A similar extra payment was made on July 1 1930.—V. 132, p. 3157.

Holland (Mich.) Furnace Co.—Financial Report.—

The fiscal year has been changed to close at March 31 each year, to correspond with the natural close of company's operating season. The net profits for the 12 months ended March 31 1931 aggregate \$1,676,403, which amount is after all charges, including Federal taxes. This is equivalent, after payment of preferred dividends, to \$3.65 per share and compares with the net profit reported for the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1930, of \$1,655,029.

Earnings for Year Ended March 31 1931.

Net sales.....	\$17,085,956
Cost of sales.....	7,597,597
Selling, advertising, general & administrative expenses.....	7,276,734
Operating profit.....	\$2,211,626
Other income (net).....	64,065
Total profit.....	\$2,275,690
Interest paid.....	234,324
Depreciation.....	137,192
Provision for Federal income tax.....	227,772
Net profit.....	\$1,676,403
Profit & loss—Surplus at April 1 1930.....	2,962,242
Total surplus.....	\$4,638,645
Preferred dividends.....	97,517
Common dividends.....	1,188,539
Provision for possible allowance on stock sold to employees.....	5,217
Profit & loss—surplus March 31 1931.....	\$3,347,372
Earnings per share on 432,196 no par common shares.....	\$7.65

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Mar. 31 '31. Dec. 31 '30.		Mar. 31 '31. Dec. 31 '30.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Cash.....	1,078,844	Notes payable.....	900,000
Accts. receivable..	9,246,666	Accts. pay., acrd expenses, &c.	849,257
Inventories.....	1,735,030	Fed. inc. tax, 1930	139,745
Cash surr. value of life insurance.....	277,340	Sink. fund 6% gold debentures.....	2,571,000
Agts. & salesmen's accts. & adv. to employees, &c.	595,717	Res. for contng.....	496,408
Invest. & advances	549,016	Preferred stock....	1,366,150
Treasury stock....	33,103	Common stock....y	4,321,960
Due from employ. on stock purch. agreement.....	155,979	Capital surplus....	1,534,165
Real est. not used in operations.....	43,959	Profit & loss surp.	3,347,372
Miscellaneous accts	30,208		
Land, bldgs. and equipment.....	11,520,459		
Patents.....	1		
Deferred charges..	259,735		
Total.....	15,526,057	Total.....	15,526,057

x After reserve for depreciation of \$780,154. y Represented by 432,196 no par shares.—V. 132, p. 4070.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—Night Line Moves.—

Col. Edward C. Carrington, President of the Hudson River Navigation Corp., operators of the Night Line steamers to Albany and Troy, recently announced that as of June 1 the Night Line will be operated from Pier 52, a municipally-owned pier just south of 14th St., New York City.

Removal of the Night Line from Pier 32, which it has occupied for more than 100 years, follows condemnation by the city of the property and the establishing of a price of \$2,000,000 for it to be paid the Night Line by the City of New York. This price was set by Supreme Court Justice Schumck following condemnation proceedings brought before him after the Night Line and the city had failed to agree on the terms of purchase. The pier was one of the few privately-owned properties on the North River.

The old pier, which played an important part in the history of New York of the past century, will be replaced by a 1,000-foot structure on the site of Piers 31 and 32, and has been leased to the North German Lloyd at a rental of about \$350,000 per year. In earlier days the pier was the point of embarkation for many horse-drawn vehicles bound for the Saratoga races and of recent years the company has carried many thousand automobiles each year of tourists to the various Adirondack and Berkshire resorts. Autos will now be taken on at Pier 52. The company's uptown landing at 132d St. will be confined to foot passengers.—V. 132, p. 1628, 665.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—May Shipments.—

Month of—	May 1931.	April 1931.	May 1930
Shipments (no. of cars).....	2,154	3,139	3,348

—V. 132, p. 3352, 3158.

Indian Motorcycle Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for two months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 3724.

India Tire & Rubber Co.—New Director.—

F. J. Andre, President of the Tellings Belle Vernon Co., has been elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. T. Kingsbury.—V. 130, p. 983.

Insull Utility Investments, Inc.—Regular Dividends.—

The directors declared the regular quarterly dividends of 1½% in common stock on the common stock and \$1.37½% on the 5½% pref. stock. The common dividend is payable July 15 to holders of record June 15 and the pref. dividend on July 1 to holders of record June 15. Like amounts were declared on the respective stocks three and six months ago. The company on Oct. 15 last paid two dividends of 1½% each in common stock on the common stock.—V. 132, p. 1628.

International Automatic Supply Co., Inc.—Contract—

Aquisition, &c.—The corporation will shortly begin the manufacture of a metal device for automatically vending safety razor blades, designed for use in hotels, clubs, Pullman cars and steamships. The company has entered into an agreement with the Gillette Safety Razor Co., to supply blades for the new machine. The company has acquired the former plant of the J. A. Zurn Mfg. Co. at Erie, Pa., which it is remodeling. See also V. 132, p. 4072.

Interlake Iron Corp.—Omits Common Dividend.
The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend which ordinarily would be payable about June 25 on the common stock, no par value. A quarterly distribution of 15 cents per share was made on this issue on March 25 last as compared with 25 cents each quarter during 1930.—V. 132, p. 3352

International Mercantile Marine Co.—President Says Company Is Practicing Economy—New Directors.

The outlook for the shipping industry is less favorable than a year ago. P. A. S. Franklin, President, stated, June 1, at the annual meeting of the company. He added that his company was hopeful of improvement. Continuing he said:

"We are putting into effect economies wherever possible and are doing our utmost to reduce operating expenses, but always keeping before us the importance of not in any way impairing the highest possible standard of service."

Consolidation of the I. M. M. company with the Roosevelt Steamship Co. has been completed and is working satisfactorily, stockholders were informed.

New Directors.

Donald Symington, Chairman of the Baltimore Trust Co. and President of the Baltimore Mail Steamship Co., has been elected a director, succeeding F. W. Scott, resigned.

J. M. Perry and Horace G. Phillips, Treas. have been added to the board.—V. 132, p. 3330, 504.

International Utilities Corp.—Proposed Expansion—To Increase Capitalization.

Four investment trusts of the management type, the largest of which has assets of \$12,000,000, will be acquired by this corporation, it was reported on June 2.

As a preliminary step, the stockholders will vote at an adjourned meeting to be held on June 10 on proposed capital changes which will make the acquisitions possible. Changes in the capital structure, call for the authorization of 2,500,000 shares of class B stock, compared with 1,345,292 shares now outstanding, and the creation of an issue of 1,000,000 no par preferred shares.

The \$7 preferred now outstanding will be redesignated as prior preferred stock and the authorized amount is to be increased to 600,000 shares. Stock now outstanding will be called and the new issue will be designated as the second series and will carry an annual dividend of \$3.50.

It is proposed that holders of the present class A stock may convert their shares into the new preferred stock of the initial series on the basis of one share of class A for each two shares of preferred plus one-fourth share of class B stock.

The class B stock of the International Utilities Corp. and cash will be will be offered in exchange for the four companies to be acquired, it is understood, the terms of exchange to be governed by the liquidating value of the shares of the trusts. Holders of preferred stocks of the trusts will be offered preferred stocks of the new issues, based upon liquidating value.

It is understood that the portfolios of the trusts to be acquired will be liquidated in part and that the capital will be reinvested in a more suitable manner in the judgment of the new management.—V. 132, p. 2782.

Irving Air Chute Co., Inc.—Dividend—Earnings Increase.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25c. a share, payable July 2 to holders of record June 15.

Chairman C. J. McLeod announced that net earnings, after taxes, for the first four months of 1931 showed a 20% increase over the corresponding period last year.—V. 132, p. 3538.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales Lower.

Period End. May 16—	1931—4 Weeks—	1930.	1931—20 Weeks—	1930.
Sales	\$1,094,448	\$1,254,320	\$5,448,937	\$6,205,940
Average no. of routes	1,303	1,239	1,291	1,226

(Mead) Johnson & Co.—50c. Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock and in addition an extra dividend of 50 cents a share, making a total quarterly payment of \$1.25, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15. Like amounts were paid on Oct. 1, 1930 and on Jan. 1 and April 1 last. An extra dividend of 25 cents per share was paid in January, April and July 1930.—V. 132, p. 2003, 1817.

(Rudolph) Karstadt, Inc. (Rudolph Karstadt Aktien-gesellschaft), Hamburg, Germany.—Omits Dividend.

The directors have voted to omit the regular annual dividend for 1930, ordinarily payable about July 1 on the company's shares. In each of the two preceding years a distribution of 12% was made. The "American" shares on July 1 1930 received a dividend of \$1.03 per share.—V. 132, p. 2597.

Kaybee Stores, Inc.—Sales Increase.

1931—May—	1930.	Increase.	1931—5 Mos.—	1930.	Increase.
\$198,985	\$182,981	\$16,004	\$801,287	\$718,185	\$88,102

—V. 132, p. 3538, 3159.

Kennecott Copper Corp.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors on June 1 declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 10. This compares with quarterly dividends of 50c. per share each paid on Oct. 1 1930 and on Jan. 2 and Apr. 1 1931, a dividend of 75c. per share paid on July 1 1930 and quarterly distributions of \$1.25 per share each made from July 1 1929 to and incl. April 1 1930.—V. 132, p. 3538, 3140.

Kentucky Rock Asphalt Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1930.	1929.
Net operating profit		\$562,364	\$520,760
Other income (net)		36,091	31,187
Total income		\$526,273	\$489,573
Interest on 1st mortgage bonds		66,605	67,307
Depreciation & depletion		109,595	106,804
Income taxes accrued		43,000	34,258
Net available for dividends		\$307,073	\$281,204
Preferred dividends		91,322	91,322
Net available for common stock		\$215,751	\$189,882
Shares of common stock outstanding (no par)		126,819	126,793
Earnings per share		\$1.70	\$1.49

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		1930.	1929.	Liabilities—		1930.	1929.
Cash	\$158,425	\$88,610	Notes payable		\$50,000	\$48,505	
Accts. & notes rec.	357,928	300,057	Accts. payable		5,100	5,679	
Inventories	276,741	422,824	Accr. int. payable		43,982	34,258	
Exp. paid in adv.	379,903	318,922	1st mtge. 6 1/2 bonds		941,500	1,035,500	
Dep. in BK. of Tenn	200,000		6% notes due 1931		200,000	200,000	
Sink. fd. uninvested	3,033	2,658	Preferred stock		1,304,600	1,304,600	
Fixed assets	4,876,025	5,093,889	Common stock		3,156,674	3,156,299	
Organization exp.	5,138	5,138	Undivided profits		531,081	465,410	
			Barge ins. fund		23,392	21,849	
Total	\$6,257,194	\$6,322,099	Total		\$6,257,194	\$6,322,099	

—V. 132, p. 666.

Kidder Participations, Inc.—New Directors, &c.

Kidder Participations, Inc., Kidder Participations, Inc. No. 2 and Kidder Participations, Inc. No. 3, the three investment trusts managed by Kidder, Peabody & Co., announce the election of Roger Amory of Boston as President and director of all three organizations.

New directors of the three investment trusts, in addition to Mr. Amory are: F. C. Dumaine (of the Amoskeag Mfg. Co.), Chandler Hovory of

Kidder, Peabody & Co.), J. W. Lowes (Deputy Treasurer of Harvard University), W. Rodman Peabody of Peabody, Brown, Rowley & Storey, attorneys), J. L. Richards (Chairman of the board of the Massachusetts Gas Co.), F. E. Snow (of Gaston, Snow, Saltonstall & Hunt, attorneys), Bentley W. Warren (of Warren, Garfield, Whiteside & Lamson, attorneys), E. S. Webster Sr. (Vice-Pres. of Stone & Webster, Inc.), all of Boston, and Colis Mitchum (President of Hitchum, Tully & Co., investment bankers), of San Francisco.—V. 132, p. 1629.

Kinner Airplane & Motor Corp., Ltd.—Officers.

Robert Porter has been elected President; B. L. Graves as Vice-President, and Roy D. Bayly as Secretary-Treasurer.—V. 132, p. 3726.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—Sales Decrease.

1931	1930.	Decrease.	1931—5 Mos.	1930.	Decrease.
\$1,528,831	\$1,765,786	\$236,955	\$5,833,717	\$7,139,667	\$1,305,950

—V. 132, p. 3538, 2976.

(Abbot) Kinney Co., Los Angeles, Calif.—Bonds Offered.

Public offering was made May 19 by California Securities Co. of \$350,000 1st mtge. 7% sinking fund gold bonds at par and int.

Dated April 1 1931; due April 1 1941. Principal and interest (A. & O.) payable at California Trust Co., Los Angeles, trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Redeemable at the option of the company on any interest date upon 30 days' notice at par and interest, plus a premium of 3% if redeemed on or before April 1 1932, and, thereafter, plus a premium of 3% less 1/4 of 1% for each succeeding year or fraction thereof, no premium to be paid at maturity. Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Exempt from personal property tax in California.

Data from Letter of Sherwood Kinney, President of Company.

Business.—Company, a California corporation, was organized in 1904 by Abbot Kinney, the founder of Venice, Calif. (now a part of the City of Los Angeles). Company owns a large amount of real estate in Venice, well diversified as to location and utility, from which, for over 25 years, it has received a substantial income. All of the company's capital stock is owned by the Kinney family.

Security.—These bonds will be direct obligations of the company and will be secured by a trust indenture constituting a closed 1st mortgage on all the company's real estate held in fee, and upon its leasehold interest, expiring 1946, in tidelands and submerged lands, upon a part of which the Venice Pier is located. Company's interest in 21 lots heretofore sold on contract is excluded from the lien of the trust indenture.

The real estate and improvements to be mortgaged as security for these bonds were appraised on April 17 1931, by H. F. Metcalf Co., as follows:

Land owned in fee	\$1,959,400
Improvements thereon	175,000
Pierce and other leasehold improvements	450,000
Total	\$2,584,400

In addition, the company owns and will pledge as additional security for these bonds, all of the capital stock, except directors' shares, of the Venice Hotel Corp. and 80% of the capital stock of the Windward Avenue Improvement Co. These companies own 3 parcels of improved business property in Venice.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used to retire present bonded indebtedness of the company maturing June 1 1931, in the amount of \$329,500, being the final instalment of a \$1,000,000 issue dated June 1 1926, and for other corporate purposes.

Release of Property.—The indenture securing these bonds will contain appropriate release provisions under which any of the mortgaged property may be released upon payment to the trustee of a fixed release price in money or bonds of this issue. Any money so received will be used by the trustee to retire bonds of this issue.

Income.—Company's income is from diversified sources, including rentals of business and other property. Net operating income for 1930, including net interest earned, available for bond requirements, before charging depreciation, amounted to \$55,030, and has averaged \$84,713 per annum for the 5 years ended Dec. 31 1930. Such amounts of income are equivalent, respectively, to approximately 2.2 times and 3.4 times the maximum annual interest charge on these bonds. In addition, during the 5-year period, the company realized a substantial income from the sale of real estate and other assets which was largely applied to reduction of bonded indebtedness.

Sinking Fund.—Indenture will provide for a sinking fund into which the company may from time to time deposit such amounts of money or bonds of this issue as may be deemed advisable, but in no year less than 25% of its annual net earnings as defined in the indenture. All money so deposited will be used by the trustee to retire bonds of this issue.—V. 127, p. 2543.

Kirsch Co.—Omits Common Dividend.

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend which ordinarily is payable about July 1 on the common stock. From April 1 1930 to and incl. April 1 1931, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 30 cents per share on this issue.

The regular quarterly dividend of 45 cents per share has been declared on the preference stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 16.—V. 132, p. 2403.

Kline Brothers Co.—Sales Increase.

1931—May—	1930.	Increase.	1931—5 Mos.	1930.	Increase.
\$501,616	\$428,796	\$72,820	\$1,894,191	\$1,646,117	\$248,074

—V. 132, p. 3538, 2783.

(The) Koplac Co., St. Louis, Mo.—Defers Dividend.

The directors recently voted to defer the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.10 per share due June 1 on the \$4.40 cum. conv. preference stock, no par value. The last distribution at this rate was made on March 1 1931.—V. 126, p. 1673.

Kreuger & Toll Co.—30% Dividend.

At their annual meeting held on May 30 the shareholders approved the proposal of the board of directors that a dividend of 30% be paid for the year 1930. Accordingly, the interest rate on the participating debentures of the company will also be 30%, payable July 1. Distribution of this interest, which is equivalent to \$1.61 per American certificate representing the participating debentures of the company, will be made July 1 to holders of record June 8, by Lee, Higginson & Co. A similar distribution was made a year ago on the stock for 1929.—V. 132, p. 3353.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Sales.

Period End. May 23—	1931—4 Weeks—	1930.	1931—20 Weeks—	1930.
Sales	\$20,470,422	\$20,493,922	\$100,371,774	\$103,639,863

x Period ended May 24. y This is a decrease of 1-10 of 1% and represents the smallest decrease in dollar sales reported since January 1930. The two preceding smallest decreases having been shown in April and March of this year when the company reported sales declines of 0.58% and 1.82% respectively.

The average number of stores in operation for the fifth period of 1931 was 5,003 as compared with 5,316 for the corresponding period of 1930, or a decline of 5.88%.

Retail food prices declined 18% between April 15 1931 and April 15 1930 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.—V. 132, p. 3897.

Lamson & Sessions Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Calendar Years—		1930.	1929.
Operating profit		\$353,210	\$1,745,139
Allowance for depreciation		340,463	306,929
Other charges, including interest		96,851	19,053
Federal taxes paid and provided for		158,934	
Net profit		loss\$84,110	\$1,260,219
Previous surplus		2,247,469	1,919,863
Total surplus		\$2,163,359	\$3,180,081
Dividends paid		464,643	909,748
Prem. on pref. stock purchased and other adjust.		449,845	22,864
Prov. for anticipated losses, &c.		Cr.18,769	
Reduction of res. for liability insurance			
Surplus Dec. 31		\$1,267,634	\$2,247,469
Earns. per sh. on 277,862 shs. com. stock (no par)		Nil	\$4.31

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets (Cash, Market securities, Notes & accts. rec., Inventory, Treas. stk., Miscell. receivables & investments, Lan. bldgs., mach., equipment, &c., Prepaid expenses) and Liabilities (Notes payable, Accounts payable, Accrued accounts, Dividends payable, Land contract pay., Res. for anticipated losses, Res. for liability ins. & conting., 7% preferred stock, Common stock, Surplus) for years 1930 and 1929.

(The) Lambert Co.—Regular Common Dividend.— At the regular meeting of the board on June 4 the directors declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$2 per share on the common stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 17 1931.

Laura Secord Candy Shops, Ltd., Toronto.—Preferred Stock Now Totally Converted.— It is pointed out that no pref. shares now remain outstanding. On March 31 five shares of pref. stock were still in existence, but since that time they have been converted, and the capitalization consists entirely of common shares.

Lee Rubber & Tire Corp.—Earnings.— For income statement for six months ended April 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 2977.

(The) Lehman Corp.—To Retire Treasury Stock.— The stockholders, at a special meeting called for June 24 1931, are to vote on the retirement of all of the shares of the capital stock of the corporation owned by it at the time of the meeting.

Leonhard Tietz Aktien-Gesellschaft, Germany.— The company has declared an 8% dividend on the common bearer "American" depositary receipts, less tax and expenses of depositary, payable July 3 to holders of record June 26.

Lion Oil Refining Co.—Earnings.— For income statement for 3 months ended March 31 1931, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Lomas Realty Co., Inc.—Foreclosure Suit Filed.— The New York Title & Mortgage Co. has filed suit in the New York Supreme Court to foreclose a mortgage of \$1,100,000, on which there is now due \$930,000 on the property 300-302-304 West 85th St., and 511 to 519 West End Ave., a 15-story apartment house, owned by the company.

Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co.—Extra Common Dividend.— The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 65c. per share on the outstanding \$13,707,575 common stock, par \$25, payable Aug. 1 to holders of record July 17.

Lyon & Healy Inc.—Earnings.— Consolidated Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1930. Gross deficit \$154,877. Fixed charges 196,225. Charged to surplus account \$351,102.

McCrorry Stores Corp.—May Sales.— 1931—May—1930. Decrease. \$3,411,679 \$3,588,020 \$176,341. 1931—5 Mos.—1930. Increase. \$16,344,855 \$16,198,525 \$146,330.

McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.— Years End. March 31—1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. Bullion recovery \$4,633,324 \$4,457,001 \$4,212,625 \$3,987,635. Operating costs 2,547,274 2,431,164 2,324,912 2,200,022.

Maverick Mills.—Earnings.— Calendar Years—1930. 1929. 1928. 1927. Gross sales \$1,924,339 \$2,360,305 \$2,512,054 \$2,099,925. Cost of sales 1,808,848 2,089,015 2,260,817 1,866,448.

Mayflower Hotel Co., Washington, D. C.—Receivership Set Aside.— The temporary receivership ordered in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia May 23 on the petition of Attorney Mabel Walker Willebrandt, representing five persons holding second mortgage bonds on the property, was set aside June 3 by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

Committee Enters Mayflower Hotel Plea.— Eugene F. Kinkead (Chairman), Lawrence B. Elliman and Frank C. Ferguson, all of New York, who are acting as a protective committee to conserve the rights of owners of second mortgage bonds of the Mayflower Hotel Co., May 25 asked the District of Columbia Supreme Court for leave to intervene in the receivership suit.

the past six months, funds are not available to meet in full the payment of interest due on the second mortgage on April 1 1931.

The reorganization plan provides for the substitution of outstanding bonds for bonds of a new issue of the same principal amount. The terms of the income bond which provide for the payment of interest when earned, relieve the company of fixed charges in the event earnings do at any time fall temporarily below a specified interest rate.

For the bondholders the new trust deed will secure the application of substantially all the income above the requirements of the first mortgage in both good and bad years, either in the payment of interest or in retirement of the bonds, until the bond issue has been reduced to \$1,600,000.

Second Mortgage Bondholders Protective Committee Object to Plan.

The protective committee for the second mortgage bonds (Eugene F. Kinkead, Chairman), in a recently published notice said: On behalf of the holders of bonds who have already deposited, this committee feels that it should, to encourage others to deposit promptly their bonds with it, state its chief objections to the letter and the reorganization plan.

(1) We do not approve a waiver for the full term of the bonds of a 6 1/4% interest rate for a rate that assures only 4% beginning 1933, and in any event definitely waives one-half of 1%, since a maximum of only 6% will ever be paid on the secured income bonds.

(2) We do not approve any plan in which there exists a possibility that no interest will be paid until May 1 1934, particularly so when no right of action is meantime given the bondholders. Such a plan gives less rights than an ordinary creditor has.

(3) We do not approve a plan that puts a premium on redemption of bonds at a loss to interest obligations. In other words, all available earnings over and above the 4% cumulative interest rate, specified for the secured income bonds, we feel, should be first applied to the payment of an extra 2% interest rate on the bonds before any sinking fund provisions are made operative. The reorganization plan inverts this order to the extent of 75% of such earnings and further removes the possibility of the payment of the extra 2% interest by compelling the setting aside of a \$150,000 reserve fund for other purposes before payment of the extra 2%.

(4) We do not approve of the payment by The Mayflower, Inc., of the cost of reorganization under the plan, because such cost makes this expense a charge against income before the payment of any interest on the secured income bonds and it is unlimited and requires no approval by the bondholders. Under the circumstances, we feel such cost should be borne by the new company out of its capital, and that The Mayflower, Inc., should be sufficiently capitalized so it will be able to do this and not have to borrow money therefor, as it suggests it may do.

(5) We object in principle to accepting any stockholder reorganization until the second mortgage bondholders have been given full opportunity to review, at least in committee, what their best interests dictate.

(6) For the reasons just given in "4," we object to the plan since in our judgment it involves a permanent surrender of valuable rights by the bondholders to the stockholders which is based on nothing other than a temporary business depression.

It should also be carefully noted that the deposit agreement under the "reorganization plan" provides for a title policy which will show that the trust indenture securing the secured income bonds will be a lien on the real estate therein described subject to existing leases. We feel it very important to determine the character of these leases, since we do not find that the mortgage now securing your bonds is subject thereto.

The committee wishes to assure all the bondholders receiving this letter that it feels they have a very valuable property to deal with—one, in fact, having not only a substantial fixed asset value but also a fine potential earning power. Accordingly, we urge immediate co-operation on the part of the holders of all the bonds by a deposit of their bonds with this committee. By doing so you can best strengthen an already organized body which was created solely for the purpose of protecting your interests.

Deposits of bonds should be made with the Hibernia Trust Co., 57 William Street, New York, N. Y.—V. 126, p. 2488.

Mexican Eagle Oil Co., Ltd.—Dividends.

The company has declared a dividend of 6% on the ordinary shares for 1930, the same as paid for 1929. Canadian Eagle Oil, also a subsidiary of the Royal Dutch-Shell, has declared a dividend of 12 Canadian cents for 1930, on the ordinary shares, or approximately 4%, unchanged from 1929.—V. 131, p. 282.

(I.) Miller & Sons, Inc.—Earnings.

Table with columns for Period, 14 Mos. End, Calendar Years, and 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Sales, Cost of sales, Selling & administrative expenses, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Dividends on pref. stock of subs, Depreciation, Interest on bonds, Bond discount and expense written off, Losses of partly owned selling co's, Treasury stock written down, Net profit, Dividends on common stock, Dividends on preferred stock, Balance, surplus, Shares of com. stock outstanding, Earned per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet. Assets: Cash, Accts. & notes rec., Accts. reciv., Part owned selling co's, Officers' & employees' accounts, Inventories, Invest. in capital stock of partly owned sell. co's, Sundry investm'ts, Treas. com. stock, Land, Buildings, mach., Equip., lease, &c., Lasts and patterns, P at nomin. value, Deferred charges, Goodwill. Liabilities: Notes payable, Accounts payable, Employees' deposit, Div. payable on pref. stock, Prov. for Federal income tax, Pref. stocks of sub. co's held by outsiders, Reserve for contingencies, Preferred stock, Common stock, Surplus.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—Sales Decrease.

Table with columns for 1931-May-1930, Decrease, 1931-5 Mos.-1930, Decrease. Values: \$18,547,245, \$25,050,304, \$6,503,059, \$88,572,030, \$106,195,803, \$17,623,773.

Mont Hope Bridge Co.—Receivership.

R. F. Haffenreffer of Bristol, R. I., has been appointed temporary receiver. Superior Judge Blodgett set June 16 as date for hearing on the question of appointing a permanent receiver. The petitioners for the receivership comprised a committee representing holders of \$1,300,000 in 7% debenture bonds and a stockholder. The position set forth that the company did not pay interest on the debentures but did pay interest at 6 1/2% on the first mortgage of \$2,850,000. I stated that the company could be conserved only through reorganization of the company or sale of the bridge.—V. 132, p. 3899.

Morison Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—May Sales.

Table with columns for 1931-May-1930, Increase, 1931-5 Mos.-1930, Decrease. Values: \$158,760, \$154,716, \$4,044, \$794,386, \$859,977, \$65,591.

Mortgage Bond & Title Corp.—Omits Common Div.

The directors have voted to omit the usual quarterly distribution ordinarily payable about June 30 on the common stock. From Sept. 30 1930 to and incl. March 31 1931, the company paid regular quarterly dividends of 15 cents per share on this issue.

The regular semi-annual dividend of \$2.75 per share on the prior pref. stock has been declared, payable June 30 to holders of record June 22.—V. 132, p. 323, 141.

M. & T. Securities Corp.—Capital Decreased.

The company has filed a notice with the Secretary of State at Albany decreasing its authorized capital stock from \$10,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Company was organized in New York in 1929 as an investment trust. During 1929 it acquired through exchange of stock the assets, &c., of Western New York Investors, Inc., and Mohawk Share Corp.

Mullins Mfg. Corp.—Plans Expansion Program.

It is announced that the company plans an improvement and expansion program to cost \$150,000. An enameling furnace, press equipment, and sand blasting units will be installed.—V. 132, p. 3541.

Municipal Service Corp.—Petition for Receiver.

Supreme Court Justice Valente May 29 reserved decision on a motion for the appointment of a temporary receiver for this corporation, controlled by Warner-Quinlan Co., filed on behalf of minority stockholders of Municipal Service. The complaint alleges mismanagement by the controlling company and diversion of certain assets, including terminal plants to Richfield Oil Co. of New York.—V. 132, p. 3899.

Mutual Life Insurance Co.—New Trustees.

Three new trustees were elected members of the board of this company to fill vacancies. They are John King Otley, President of the First National Bank of Atlanta, Ga.; Charles Proctor Cooper, Vice-President of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., and S. Sloan Colt, Vice-President of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York.—V. 132, p. 866.

National Automotive Fibres, Inc.—Defers Dividend.

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share due June 1 on the \$7 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value. From June 1 1928 to March 1 1931, the company made regular quarterly distributions at this rate on the pref. stock.—V. 126, p. 3462.

National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.—Gross Sales.

Table with columns for 1931-May-1930, Decrease, 1931-5 Mos.-1930, Decrease. Values: \$2,621,018, \$2,972,072, \$351,054, \$14,234,853, \$15,048,107, \$813,254.

National Cash Register Co. (Md.)—Upturn in Business.

President Frederick B. Patterson, commenting on the business of the company for the month of May, stated that on the basis of domestic orders received a gratifying increase was shown as compared with any of the preceding months this year. Earnings for the month of April alone practically wiped out the operating loss for the first quarter, he added. "While the volume is not running as large as last year," Mr. Patterson said, "yet from economies effected and other changes in the policies of the company, the earnings for May will be satisfactory. Conditions in Europe are also showing a more favorable trend, both in sales and profits."—V. 132, p. 3899, 3728.

National Dairy Products Corp.—Dividends Earned.

President Thomas F. McInerney states that dividends on the common stock were covered by a comfortable margin in the first four months of this year after the company's usual generous reserves for depreciation and maintenance. Earnings during the period were somewhat behind the corresponding 1930 period but were ahead of the 1929 period.—V. 132, p. 4074.

National Investors Corp.—Semi-Annual Distribution of Income by Investments Trusts in National Investors Group.

Dividends in the amount of \$1.25 on the preferred stock of Second National Investors Corp. and 55 cents each on the common stocks of Third National Investors Corp. and Fourth National Investors Corp., payable July 1 to holders of record June 16, were declared out of the net income of the respective companies by the board of directors at a meeting held June 5, according to a statement by Fred Y. Presley, President. The distribution on Second National Investors Preferred is to be applied against dividends now in arrears.

This action has been taken in accordance with the recently announced plan of distributing semi-annually an amount approximately equal to the cash dividend and interest income, after expenses, of the investment trusts in the National Investors Group.—V. 132, p. 1821, 1434.

Nauheim Pharmacies, Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Income Account for Year Ended Dec. 31 1930. Operating loss after charging store, general and warehouse expenses and writing down merchandise to current prices, Other deductions, Depreciation of furniture, fixtures and equipment, Amortization of leaseholds and improvements, Net loss for the year, Balance surplus, Dec. 31 1929.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930. Assets: Cash, Accounts receivable, Merchandise and supplies, Notes receivable (not current), Fixed assets, Good-will, trademarks, &c., Deferred assets and charges. Liabilities: Accounts payable, Notes payable, Taxes and other accr. accts., Reserve for contingencies, Capital stock, Surplus.

Total. \$1,090,504. Total. \$1,090,504. x After deducting reserve for depreciation of \$75,067 and reserve for amortization of \$28,580. y Represented by 45,000 shares of preferred stock and 99,877 shares of common stock, both of no par value. Note.—The dividend on the cumulative preferred stock at the rate of \$2.50 per share per annum is in arrear as from Aug. 1 1929.—V. 131, p. 3218.

National Shirt Shops, Inc.—Sales Decrease.

Table with columns for 1931-May-1930, Decrease, 1931-5 Mos.-1930, Decrease. Values: \$279,917, \$363,593, \$83,676, \$1,142,718, \$1,653,701, \$210,983.

Consolidated Balance Sheet March 31 1931.

Assets— Cash \$38,824, Marketable securities 2,553, Notes receivable 8,236, Accounts receivable, &c 38,852, etc. Liabilities— Accounts & wages payable \$96,868, Notes payable 110,027, Federal and general taxes 9,478, Reserves 850,609, etc. Total \$3,154,264

Rossia International Corp.—Initial Dividend.— The directors have declared a dividend of 10 cents per share on the capital stock, payable June 29 to holders of record June 16.—V. 132, p. 1825.

Royal Union Life Insurance Co., Des Moines, Iowa.— Proposed Merger.—

Subject to the approval of the stockholders at a meeting to be held on June 8, a consolidation of this company and the Des Moines Life & Annuity Insurance Co., both of Des Moines, Iowa, will be effected.

The annual statement of the Royal Union company as of Dec. 31 1930 showed \$148,500,000 of insurance in force, \$32,000,000 in admitted assets, \$1,000,000 capital and \$556,000 surplus. On the same date the Des Moines concern showed \$44,550,000 insurance in force, \$6,500,000 admitted assets, \$600,000 capital and \$264,000 surplus.

The present Royal Union company is the outgrowth of a merger in 1924 of the State Life Insurance Co. of Des Moines with the old Royal Union Mutual Life Insurance Co., organized in 1893. Since this merger, 13 other companies have been absorbed.

Since the organization of the Des Moines Life & Annuity Insurance Co. in 1917 it has absorbed four other companies, the last one being the Travelers' Equitable of Minneapolis, which gave it a health and accident business which it previously did not have.

Russell Motor Car Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Net profit for year \$133,962, Preferred dividends (7%) 84,000, Common dividends (4%) 40,000. Balance, surplus \$9,962, Prior surplus 577,025. Total surplus \$586,987

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1930, 1929. Cash \$1,017, Accounts receivable 20,745, Govt. & munic. bds 40,222, Bonds & pref. stks. of industrial cos. 277,637, etc. Liabilities— Bankers' advances \$94,000, Accounts payable 2,525, Dividends declared 24,000, etc. Total \$3,138,919

—V. 130, p. 3181.

Ryan Car Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years— 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927. Gross sales \$2,635,041, Operating expenses 2,502,506, Depreciation 79,878, etc. Operating deficit \$31,638, Total deficit \$31,638. Dividends paid 40,000. Year's deficit \$31,638

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1930, 1929. Cash \$149,687, Receivables 183,923, Inventories 663,904, Investments 7,441, etc. Liabilities— Current liabilities \$342,887, Res. for taxes, empl. lab. &c. 103,069, Minority interest 50,000, etc. Total \$3,675,273

Represented by 127,082 shares of no par value.—V. 130, p. 3181.

Safety Car Heating & Lighting Co.—Smaller Div.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1% on the outstanding \$9,862,000 capital stock, par \$100, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 13. This compares with quarterly distributions of 2% each previously made. An extra dividend of 2% was also paid in December 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929.—V. 132, p. 3166.

Seaman Kent Co.—Bond Interest Defaulted.—

The "Financial Post", Toronto, says in part: The company, one of the largest manufacturers of flooring and other hardwood products in the British Empire, announces that it finds itself unable to provide for payment of interest coupons due June 1 1931, on its 7% first mtge. bonds, due Dec. 1 1944. Explanations given are that the business depression has affected building operations to a considerable extent and that special conditions of a temporary character have adversely affected the hardwood flooring industry. These special conditions, it is hoped by the company, will be rectified in the near future. A committee for the protection of the bondholders has already been formed. It is composed of R. Home Smith, E. Holt Gurney, E. B. Stockdale and J. H. Ratcliffe. An issue of \$400,000 of these 7% first mtge. bonds was first publicly offered in Canada in December 1924.

Savannah Sugar Refining Corp.—Annual Report.—

Benjamin O. Sprague, President, said in part: "During 1930 dividends of \$7 per share were paid on the preferred stock and \$6 per share on the common stock, the aggregate being \$403,740. Earning after reserves for depreciation, taxes and bad debts, and after payment of the preferred dividends, amounted to \$8.12 per share on the common stock. "The close of 1930 found company in a very liquid position. The inventory shown on the balance sheet has since been sold at or higher than the figures at which it was carried; the accounts receivable are protected by ample reserves; there were no bank loans outstanding, and both the surplus and working capital have been increased. "The year 1931 has begun with raw sugar selling well below the cost of production, although slightly above the 1930 low, and with great uncertainty prevailing over the probable success of the plans for world-wide curtailment of exports and crops. The most serious problem confronting

company is the ever increasing importation into the United States of sugar refined in foreign countries. The Tariff Act of 1930 granted a subsidy of from 2 to 3 cents per 100 pounds to Cuban refined sugar over sugar refined in this country. This manifest injustice to a great and essential industry should be corrected and it is hoped that the stockholders will work with us to this end."

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets— 1930, 1929. Refin'g plant, incl. machinery, &c. \$4,040,889, Cash 949,679, Accts. rec., less res. 777,458, etc. Liabilities— Capital stock x\$3,578,400, Accts. payable 130,865, Bills payable 1,100,000, Sundry reserves 243,085, etc. Total \$7,208,482

Total \$7,208,482. x Represented by 33,444 shares of preferred stock, par \$100, and 28,272 shares of common stock, no par value.—V. 132, p. 1632.

Second International Securities Corp.—Smaller Div.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 20 cents a share on the class A common stock, placing the shares on an 80 cent annual basis, compared with \$1 previously paid, and the regular quarterly dividends of 75c. on the 6% 1st pref. and 6% on the 2d pref. stocks. All dividends are payable July 1 to holders of record June 15.—V. 132, p. 869.

Second National Investors Corp.—Preferred Dividend.—

See National Investors Corp. above.—V. 132, p. 2602.

Segal Lock & Hardware Co.—Stockholders Have Option to Accept Dividend in Cash or Stock.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 cents a share in cash, or 2 1/4% in stock at the option of the stockholders. The dividend is payable June 13 to holders of record June 12. Stockholders who desire their dividend to be paid in cash must notify the company to that effect in writing on or before June 15 1931.—V. 132, p. 4077.

Selby Shoe Co.—Earnings.—

Years Ended March 31— 1931, 1930. Net sales \$7,698,165, Cost of sales 5,689,940, Gross profit \$2,008,225, Selling expense 1,560,675, Operating profit \$447,548, Other income 140,348, Total income \$587,897, Interest paid 15,532, Sundry losses 5,699, Provision for Federal income tax 53,000, Net income \$513,666

Comparative Balance Sheet March 31.

Assets— 1931, 1930. Cash \$152,586, Mark. investments 1,588,188, Notes & accts. rec. 2,136,795, etc. Liabilities— Accts. payable \$439,972, Notes payable 800,000, Acrued expense 184,811, etc. Total \$9,300,707

Total \$9,300,707. x Represented by 240,000 shares no par value.—V. 132, p. 4077.

Selected Industries, Inc.—New Directors, &c.—

Medley G. B. Whelpley, President of the American Express Bank & Trust Co., has been elected a director to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Robert L. Clarkson, Chairman of the executive committee of Chase Securities Corp.; Ray Morris, of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., has been elected a director to succeed Ralph T. Crane of the same firm. Philip E. Bradley has been elected Secretary, succeeding J. Bernard Miller, who remains as Treasurer.—V. 132, p. 3902, 3733.

Skenandoa Rayon Corp.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1930. Net sales \$1,606,928, Cost of sales (incl. deprec. amounting to \$105,331) 1,525,003, Administrative, selling & general expenses 104,477, Miscellaneous charges, net 37,804, Net loss \$60,356, Surplus as of Dec. 31 1929 117,341, Balance, surplus \$56,985, Dividends on \$7 cumulative preferred & convertible pref. stocks 114,695, Cost of plant & equipment scrapped or disposed of 93,225, Deficit, Dec. 31 1930 \$150,935

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1930.

Assets— Land, bldgs., machinery, equipment, &c. \$4,002,144, Property not in use 253,823, Patents, formulae, trade names & contracts 796,173, Cash 87,246, Notes receivable 21,153, etc. Liabilities— Accounts payable \$127,799, Acrued accounts 22,032, Dividends payable 28,674, etc. Total \$6,171,071

x After reserve for depreciation of \$370,059. y Represented by 1st preferred stock—\$7 cumulative (no par), original issue 10 shares; convertible preferred—\$7 cumulative (no par), 16,375 shares issued; convertible class A—\$7 cumulative (no par), 10,000 shares issued, and common stock—(no par), 93,071 shares of original and 218,754 shares of new common issued. z There are 150,000 shares of common stock of no par value under option to F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc., at \$20 per share, in addition to which they have subscribed for 6,000 shares of this same issue, out of a total of 271,938 shares of unissued common stock. The preferred and convertible class A stocks are redeemable at \$110 per share on voluntary liquidation.—V. 128, p. 1572.

Sparta Foundry Co.—Smaller Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the common stock, payable June 30 to holders of record June 15. This compares with 75c. a share previously paid each quarter.—V. 129, p. 3648.

Springfield (Tenn.) Woolen Mills, Inc.—Balance Sheet, Dec. 31 1930.—

Assets— Cash \$126,183, Accounts receivable 37,621, Notes receivable 3,608, Inventories 207,623, Land and plant (net) 544,982, Prepaid assets 4,221. Liabilities— Employees' fund \$234, Acrued taxes 3,425, Sundry current liabilities 8, Capital stock 1,000,000, Deficit 79,429. Total \$924,239

Balance Sheet March 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1931, 1930, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Includes rows for Properties, Good-will, Inventories, etc.

Total...\$8,022,977 \$7,472,817 x Including provision for income tax.—V. 132, p. 2984.

Union Mutual Casualty Insurance Corp.—Capital Impaired—Taken Over by State Superintendent of Insurance.

Corporation has been taken over by George S. Schaick, New York State superintendent of insurance. Action was taken by authority of Supreme Court Justice Valentine upon Schaick's statement that examination showed company's capital was impaired.

United Aircraft & Transport Corp.—To Consolidate Four Subsidiaries.

The consolidation into a single system of four Eastern and Western air transport lines whose planes fly more than 12,000,000 miles a year was announced on May 31 by President Frederick B. Rentschler.

According to the statistics of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, the present daily mileage of the new company is approximately 32,300, or more than any other transport system in the world.

Philip G. Johnson, President of several of the Boeing companies and recently elected President of National Air Transport and Varney Air Line is to be President of the new company.

United Air Lines is affiliated with the Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Boeing Aviation, Sikorsky, Chance Vought Corp., Northrop and Stearman Aircraft companies and other divisions of the United Aircraft & Transport Corp.

United-Carr Fastener Corp.—Tenders.

The First National Bank of Boston, trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., will until noon on June 16 receive bids for the sale to it of 10-year 6% conv. sinking fund gold debentures due Sept. 1 1939 to an amount sufficient to absorb \$60,000 held in the sinking fund.—V. 132, p. 3546.

United Industrial Corp. (Vereinigte Industrie-Unternehmungen A.-G.), Germany.—Smaller Dividend—Capital Increased.

The company recently voted to decrease its dividend for the year 1930 to 7%, as against 8% a year ago.

It is also increasing its authorized capital stock from Rm. 160,000,000 to Rm. 180,000,000 to provide funds for a participation in the Bewag reorganization.—V. 130, p. 4071.

United States Foil Co.—Earning Dividends.

President R. S. Reynolds states that the company is now entirely out of debt, having no bank loans, and that earnings are well in excess of the dividend.

The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of 12 1/2 cents per share on the capital stock, payable July 1 to holders of record June 15.—V. 132, p. 1442.

Utah Copper Co.—Reduces Quarterly Dividend.

The directors on June 1 declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the capital stock, par \$10, payable June 30 to holders of record June 12.

Vacuum Oil Co.—Government Drops Fight on Merger with Standard Oil Co. of New York.

See latter company above.

Venezuelan Oil Concessions, Ltd.—Dividend Dates.

The final dividend of 12 1/2%, less tax, recently declared on the ordinary shares, was payable on June 2 to holders of record May 20. See V. 132, p. 3736.

Venezuelan Petroleum Co.—Registrar.

The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for 2,000,000 shares of capital stock.—V. 132, p. 2410.

Walworth Co., Boston.—Quarterly Report.

For income statement for quarter ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" in the "Chronicle" of May 23, page 3872.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet. Table with 4 columns: Assets, Mar. 31 '31, Dec. 31 '30, Liabilities, Mar. 31 '31, Dec. 31 '30. Includes rows for Plant & equip., Cash, Accounts and notes, etc.

Total...27,722,483 28,492,360 x After depreciation and amortization of \$10,339,235. y Represented by 327,860 no par shares.—V. 132, p. 2985, 3906.

Warren Brothers Co.—Bookings Increase, &c.—

President Charles R. Gow on June 2 announced that the new domestic business booked by this company during this year up to June 1 amounts to slightly over 2,750,000 sq. yds., as compared with slightly less than 1,750,000 sq. yds. for the corresponding period of 1930, an advance of 37%.

of increase in gross revenue therefrom is substantially in excess of the percentage of increase in gross yardage," said Mr. Gow. "While it should be borne in mind in this connection that, due to the fact that the completion of the Cuban contract carried over into the year 1930, the carry-over business of the company was not so large at the beginning of 1931 as it was at the beginning of 1930, it would appear to me that our total domestic construction business, including carry-over business and new business, during the current year will substantially exceed that of 1930."

While reluctant to make definite predictions as to probable earnings for the year 1931, Mr. Gow stated the opinion that "based upon business already booked and upon substantial economies in operation now in effect, our net earnings should be sufficient to show a substantial amount on the common stock after all fixed charges and preferred dividends. It would be my expectation that the fixed charges of the company should be earned some four times over during the current year."

Mr. Gow pointed out that, while world conditions were not conducive to substantial foreign business at the present time, the business booked thus far in domestic fields, and to some extent abroad, was at an eminently satisfactory rate and has been obtained at satisfactory prices. The company is borrowing no money whatsoever and has substantial cash balances on deposit with its banks, it was added.—V. 132, p. 3189.

Western Air Express Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for quarter ended March 31 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Current assets March 31 1931, including \$357,814 cash, were \$637,409, against current liabilities of \$119,210.—V. 132, p. 2986.

Western Canada Flour Mills Co., Ltd.—Omits Com. Div.

The directors have voted to omit the current quarterly disbursement on the common stock but declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% on the 6 1/2% cumulative redeemable preference stock, payable June 15 to holders of record May 30.

"It is unfortunate that this action is necessary at this time, but while the outlook is obscure, it is considered expedient and in the best interests of the company to maintain its liquid position as far as possible rather than to draw upon reserves to pay the common share dividend."

"The unsatisfactory position of the industry, which has curtailed earnings, is being met wherever possible by curtailment of operating expenses, and the company is therefore in a position to benefit promptly by any improvement in the situation."

"It should also be noted that the company has paid regular dividends on its common shares without interruption for a period of over 20 years, and it is confidently expected by the directors that with a return to settled conditions payments will be resumed."—V. 131, p. 2711.

(George) Weston, Ltd.—Acquisition.

The corporation has acquired the Independent Biscuit Co., Ltd., of Calgary, Alta., Canada, on the basis of 3 1/2 shares of the 7% pref. stock of Weston for every 10 shares of Independent 1st pref. stock, with a bonus of 10 shares of common stock.

Wheeling Steel Corp.—Recapitalization Plan Approved.

The stockholders on June 2 ratified the plan of recapitalization as outlined in V. 132, p. 3736.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends of 2% on the preferred A and 2 1/2% on the preferred B stock, both payable July 1 to holders of record June 12.

Wilcox Rich Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for quarter ended March 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 2607.

Wisconsin Holding Corp.—Registrar.

The Bank of America has been appointed registrar for 60,000 shares of class A and 32,500 shares of class B stock.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Sales Decrease.

Table with 4 columns: 1931-May-1930, 1930, 1931-5 Mos.-1930, 1930, Decrease. Values include \$24,117,367, \$25,308,640, etc.

Youngstown (Ohio) Sheet & Tube Co.—Dividend Rate Again Decreased.

The directors on June 2 declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the outstanding 1,200,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable July 1 to holders of record June 13.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Shares of 20th Century Fixed Trust are to be offered in Continental Europe and England by a syndicate headed by the international banking firm of Alma & Co., of Vienna and New York, according to the 20th Century Depositor Corporation, New York sponsors for the trust.

—The American Bureau of Metal Statistics, 33 Rector St., N. Y. City, has just issued its Eleventh Annual Year Book which contains 126 pages of statistical tables giving data in connection with the production, shipments and stocks of copper, lead, zinc, gold, silver and other principal metals.

—Jean E. V. Cattier, who has been executive in charge of European activities of the investment banking firm of White, Weld & Co., became a partner on June 1st. Prior to joining White, Weld & Co., Mr. Cattier was the New York representative of Messrs. Raymond Buurmans & Cie, of Paris, Brussels, and Luxembourg, with which firm he had been associated since 1925.

—Frederick R. Bauer and Davenport Pogue announce the formation of Bauer, Pogue & Co., to transact a general securities business with offices at 120 Broadway. Wilton Puder has become associated with them in charge of their wholesale distribution.

—Samuel Ungerleider & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have been elected to membership on the National Metal Exchange. The floor membership on that exchange will be held by Melville D. Weingarten.

—Thompson Ross & Co. announce the appointment of Charles E. Pike as Manager of their Kansas City office. For the past eight years Mr. Pike has been manager of the Kansas City office of Morris Mather & Co.

—Nathaniel S. Greene and Herbert L. Perkins announce the formation of the firm of Greene & Perkins with offices at 63 Wall Street, for the transaction of a general brokerage business in investment securities.

—Edgar G. Criswell, who has been Manager of the Financial Department of "The World's Work," has become a stockholder and Vice-President in Edwin Bird Wilson, Inc., specialists in financial advertising.

—Hoit, Rose & Troster, 74 Trinity Place, N. Y., have prepared their June investment list analyzing bank and insurance stocks and public utility preferred stocks and high-grade bonds.

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, June 5 1931.

COFFEE on the spot was in fair demand; Santos 4s, 9¼ to 9½c.; Rio 7s, 6½ to 6¾c. Fair to good Cucuta, 12½ to 12¾c.; prime to choice, 14 to 15c.; Oeana, 12½ to 13c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 13¼ to 13½c.; washed, 16 to 16½c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 16¾ to 17c.; Medellin, 17¾ to 18c.; Manizales, 16¾ to 17c.; Mexican washed, 16½ to 18c.; Surinam, 12 to 12½c.; Ankola, 23½ to 34c.; Mandehing, 23½ to 32c.; Genuine, Java, 23 to 24c.; Robusta washed, 8¼ to 8½c.; Mocha, 15½ to 16c.; Harrar, 15 to 15½c.; Abyssinian, 11 to 11½c. Salvador washed, 14¾ to 16½c.; Nicaragua, washed 13 to 13½c.; Guatemala, prime, 17½ to 17¾c.; good, 15 to 15½c.; Bourbon, 13 to 13¼c.; Hayti, Tre-la-main, 13 to 13½c.; Machine, 12½ to 13c.; San Domingo, washed, 15¼ to 15½c. According to E. Laneville of Havre, the world's visible supply on June 1 1931 was 6,386,000 bags against 6,224,000 a month ago and 5,450,000 a year ago. The deliveries in the U. S. during May were 1,212,000 bags against 956,000 last year. The deliveries in Europe were 1,103,000 bags against 982,000 last year. Total deliveries for 11 months in the U. S. were 11,286,000 bags against 10,342,000 last year. Deliveries in Europe, 10,605,000 against 10,481,000 last year; in Southern ports 1,037,000 against 986,000 or a grand total of 22,928,000 against 21,809,000 last year. On June Brazilian exchange had changed little over the holiday. Santos at the hour of the New York opening was 1-32d. higher at 3 15-32d. and the dollar 14\$250, or 150 lower, as compared with Friday's close, while Rio was unchanged at 3 7-16d. and the dollar 10 higher at 13\$625. Rio receipts from June 1st to 15th will be restricted to 21,079 bags daily. Rio regulating warehouse stocks including stocks in interior warehouses, stations and wagons on May 15th were 989,000 bags. On June 1 cost and freight offers from Brazil were somewhat more numerous at prices unchanged to slightly higher. Prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 10c.; 3-4s at 9.65c.; 3-5s at 9.40c.; 4-5s at 9.15c.; 6s at 8.45c. to 8½c.; 7s at 8c.; 7-8s at 7.60 to 7.85c.; Part Bourbon 2-3s at 9.30c.; 3-4s at 8.90c.; 3-5s at 8¾ to 9.05c.; 4-5s at 8.45c.; Peaberry 4-5s at 8.60c.; 5-6s at 8½c.

On June 1st, Rio Exchange on London advanced 1-32 to 3 17-32d.; dollar is 20 reis lower at 13\$980. On June 2, cost and freight offers were unchanged or 15 to 35 points higher. Prompt shipment included Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 10c.; 3s at 9¾c.; 3-4s at 9½ to 9.55c.; 3-5s at 9¼ to 9.55c.; 4-5s at 9.30 to 9.35c.; 5s at 9.05c.; 5-6s at 8.80 to 8.90c.; 6s at 8¾ to 9.05c.; 7s at 8¼c.; 7-8s at 7.90 to 8.10c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 9.55 to 9.70c.; Peaberry 3-4s at 9.65c.; 4-5s at 9.20c. New York spot market was quiet at 9¼ to 9¾c. for Santos 4s, and 6½ to 6¾c. for Rio 7s. On June 2, an official cabled: "National Coffee Council executive committee advises exporters coffee sales future shipment should be declared immediately when effected giving quantity date port shipment destination such declarations covering shipments six months ahead view safeguard exporters any change export tax." On June 4, the only offers for prompt shipment in Santos heard were of 3s at 9.60c.; 3-4s at 9.35c.; 4s at 9½c.; 5-6s at 9c.; and 6s at 8.70c.; Peaberry 5s at 8.95c. For prompt shipment via Rio, Santos 4s were offered at 9c.; 4-5s at 8.65c. and 5s at 8.30c. June-July shipment Bourbon 4s were here at 9c.; 6-7s at 8¼c. and Peaberry 4s at 9c. There were no reported offers from Rio or Victoria.

On the 2nd inst. futures advanced 2 to 13 points with total sales of 56,000 bags. Europe and Brazil started shorts covering. In Brazil 40,000 bags were thrown into the sea by representatives of the National Coffee Council. The coffee was of low grade. It is to be paid for from the export tax recently made effective. On June 2 Rio exchange was 1-16d. higher at the hour of the New York opening with the dollar 280 lower at 13\$700. Santos was 1-16d. higher at 3 9-16d. and the dollar 150 lower at 13\$850. On the 3rd inst. futures advanced 4 to 15 points, closing at a net rise of 4 to 9 points on Santos and 6 lower to 2 higher on Rio. The early cables were higher. On June 3 London cabled that a feature in the stock market there was a heavy slump of Sao Paulo coffee loans on selling by the Continent. United Press cabled from Rio de Janeiro: "Approximately \$110,000,000 is required for interest and payment on Federal State and Municipal foreign loans in Brazil this year, according to an official report, and the amount on hand at present for this purpose is approximately \$50,000,000." On June 3 exchange in Rio at the hour of the local opening was ½d. higher at 3 23-32d. and the dollar 440 lower at 13\$260. Santos exchange 7-64d. higher and the dollar 500 lower at 13\$200. Duuring & Zoon cabled their monthly statistics as follows:

Arrivals of all kinds in Europe during May, 1,132,000; of which Brazilian, 598,000; deliveries of all kinds during May, 1,088,000; of which Brazilian, 585,000. Stocks in Europe June 1, 2,310,000. World's visible supply June 1, 6,394,000.

On June 3 irregularity on exchange discouraged offers and takings were scarce. For prompt shipment Santos 4s were quoted direct at 9½ to 10.40c. and for shipment via Rio at 9.15c. Direct shipment 3s were held at 10c. and 3-4s at 9¾c. On the 4th inst. Rio futures here ended 4 to 9 points lower with sales of 33,750 bags. Santos ended 8 to 13 points off, with sales of 37,000 bags. A certain degree of nervousness prevailed and was due to unconfirmed rumors that Senor Whittiker, Federal Minister of Finance in Brazil, had resigned, and that censorship of private cables was to be established. These rumors are here given for what they are worth. On the 4th prices declined owing to the fall in Brazilian exchange and liquidation by trade and Brazilian interests. Brazilian exchange at the hour of the local opening was 3-32d. lower at Santos at 3 19-32d.; the dollar was 350 higher at 13\$750. The Brazilian terme market closed at noon with A deliveries unchanged to 100 reis higher and B 50 to 275 higher. In Rio the spot price was unchanged at 13\$285, while exchange after declining ½d. at the opening, rallied a little and after New York opened was 3-32d. lower at 3 9-16d., with the dollar rate at the same hour 13\$880, or 330 reis higher. On June 4 a special cable to the Exchange at one o'clock quoted Rio exchange on London at 3 21-32d., an advance of 1-32d. and the dollar rate at 13\$450. To-day Santos futures closed 3 to 5 points higher with sales of 8,000 bags and Rio unchanged to 2 higher with sales of 8,000 bags. Final prices show an advance for the week of 11 to 22 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial)-----	6½ @	December-----	6.18 @
July-----	5.92 @ nom.	March-----	6.24 @
September-----	6.06 @ nom.	May-----	6.25 @ 6.26

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial)-----	9¼ @	December-----	9.08 @ nom.
July-----	8.95 @ nom.	March-----	9.10 @ nom.
September-----	9.04 @ nom.	May-----	9.13 @ nom.

COCOA today ended 8 to 13 points higher. July closed at 4.79c.; Sept., 4.94c.; Oct., 5c.; Dec., 5.10c. Final prices are 23 to 24 points higher for the week.

SUGAR.—Spot raws were 1.25 to 3.25c. early in the week with refined marked up 10 points to 4.45c. with a big business expected. Of spot raws, 16,600 tons Philippines sold on the basis of 3.23 to 3.25c. for duty free, including some at 3.41 to 3.48c. Dec.-Jan.-Feb.-March, and 50,000 bags of Porto Rico at 3.25c., June 15. Receipts at U. S. Atlantic ports for the week were 51,662 tons against 30,792 in the previous week and 48,899 in the same week last year; melt-ings 47,064 against 47,442 in previous week and 56,597 last year; importers' stocks 156,145 against 153,969 in previous week and 235,791 last year; refiners' stocks 162,813 against 160,391 in previous week and 275,162 last year; total stocks 318,958 against 314,360 in previous week and 510,953 last year. On the 1st inst. futures dropped 3 to 5 points on selling attributed to Porto Rican and Philippine firms. The trade and scattered interests were buyers. On June 1 London cabled: "Terminal market firm. Trade good. Refined advanced 3d. Sales parcels raws nearby at 6s. 3d. c.i.f., equal to 1.20c. f.o.b. Cuba now buyers at 6s. 4½s., equivalent to 1.22¾c. f.o.b. with limited sellers at 6s. 6d. c.i.f., equal to 1.25¾c. f.o.b." Another cable reports the sale of 500 tons for June shipment at 6s. 4½d. c.i.f. On June 1 London was steady over our holidays and at opening advanced 2 to 1½d. compared with Friday's close. Liverpool was 1d. to 1½d. higher. Havana cabled: "Cuban crop movement for the week ended May 30 was as follows: Arrivals, 23,460 tons; Exports, 45,298; Stock, 1,489,844. Mills grinding, 5. The exports were distributed as follows: New York, 3,776 tons; Baltimore, 8,126; New Orleans, 4,240; Savannah, 3,809; Norfolk, 529; Miami, 59; Interior U. S., 204; Canada, 499; United Kingdom, 20,451; France, 3,506; Belgium, 99." Sales last week in the London market totaled 38,500 tons against 11,200 tons the preceding week.

On the 2nd inst. futures declined 4 to 6 points with Europe selling and July liquidation was under way. It dropped from 1.21 to 1.15c. The total sales were 43,300 tons. Other sales included 1,000 tons of Philippines in port, 4,500 tons due June 17 at 3.23c. and 8,000 to 10,000 bags of Porto Ricos prompt shipment at 3.24c. Reports from Cuba say that in addition to the 20,000 tons of Cuba sold by the National Sugar Export Corp. during the past week 5,000 additional tons have been sold to Europe at 1.21c. f.o.b. Cuba. On June 2, London early was steady and unchanged. A small business on June 1, at 6s. 4½d. c.i.f., equal to 1.22¾c. f.o.b. and at 6s. 5¼d. c.i.f., equal to 1.24c. f.o.b. Cuba. The trade was said to be hesitating. Germany's exports of beet sugar

to European countries during March amounted to 12,100 tons and to elsewhere during that month to 8,100 tons. A Chicago, Associated Press dispatch said that candy weighing 1,335,617,903 pounds, was consumed in this country last year. This was only 2% less than in the "prosperity year" of 1929. The figures, made public at the annual convention of the National Confectioners Association revealed that children accounted for 14.6% of the sales and that the average amount eaten per person was 12.59 lbs. The Sugar Institute, Inc., said: "The total melt of 14 United States refiners up to and including the week ending May 23 1931: 1931, Jan. 1 to May 23, 1,580,000 long tons; 1930, Jan. 1 to May 24, 1,890,000 long tons. Deliveries—1931, Jan. 1 to May 23, 1,390,000 long tons; 1930, Jan. 1 to May 24, 1,675,000 long tons." On June 2 it was stated that in addition to last week's rumored sales of 20,000 tons of raw sugar to Europe, the Cuban Export Corp. had sold 5,000 tons for the same destination. The price on the last named quantity was 1.22c. f.o.b. Cuba, or 5 points above that obtained in the larger transactions.

On the 3rd inst. futures declined 2 to 3 points. Covering of hedges against actual sales to Europe checked the declines. The sales were 18,000 tons. Refined was 4.45c. On June 3 London was steadier on the terminal market after early weakness. There were sellers of raws at 6s. 4 1/2d. c. i. f. and of parcels at 6s. 3 3/4d. c. i. f. On June 2 a cargo was sold at 6s. 3 3/4d. for June and 6s. 4 1/2d. for July. The trade was reported slow. Toronto wired June 2: "Yesterday's budget no change in sugar schedules but Government imposes excise tax of 1% on all imports. Sales tax increased to 4%, but sugar still exempt. Drawback granted native wine manufacturers now limited to raw sugar produced in British Empire or sugar refined in Canada from British grown raws." On June 3 it was stated here that the average price of refined sugar, net cash at New York, for the month of May 1931, was 4.292c. per pound, a decrease of .094c. from the previous month's average price. The May 1931 average is the lowest monthly average price for refined sugar at New York since July 1914, when a monthly average price of 4.204c. was recorded. The average price of raw sugar, cost and freight at New York, for the month of May 1931, was 1.18c., a decrease of .108c. from the April 1931 average. The May 1931 average is the lowest monthly average price for raw sugar at New York, since Sept. 1930, when the average price was 1.135c. On the 4th inst. futures ended unchanged to 2 points lower with sales of 24,100 tons. July liquidation was a feature but the trade bought July and Dec. Most of the trading was in switches and the tone was a bit nervous. Rumors of some weakness in spot raws did not help matters.

On June 4, London early was steady but quiet, sellers of raws for June shipment at 6s. 3d. c.i.f. Two cargoes were reported sold on June 3 at 6s. 2 1/2d. On June 3d 500 tons of Cubas were sold to Liverpool at 6s. 3d. for July shipment and this morning and additional 500 tons for June shipment at 6s. 3d. Holland merchants are dissatisfied by the long drawn out ending of the Cuban crop. There are numerous reports throughout Holland and Germany that Cuban producers have exceeded the restriction figures.

Private cables report that exports of sugar from Java in May were 59,000 tons against 110,000 in May last year. To-day London was dull, moderate offerings at 6s. 3d. c.i.f. from prompt and 6s. 4 1/2d. for July shipment. Trade very quiet. Rumors in London are that the Cuban quota for exports to destinations outside the United States is to be increased. London opened quiet and unchanged to 1/4d. higher; Liverpool opened steady and unchanged to 1/2d. higher. To-day futures closed 4 to 5 points higher with sales of 48,450 tons. Final prices show a decline for the week however, of 1 to 2 points.

Prices were as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....	1.25@	January.....	1.38@nom.
July.....	1.20@ 1.21	March.....	1.44@
September.....	1.28@	May.....	1.50@nom.
December.....	1.36@ 1.37		

LARD on the spot was higher; prime Western, 7.85 to 7.95c.; Refined to Continent, 8c.; South American, 8 1/4c.; Brazil, 9c. On the 1st inst. futures advanced 12 to 15 points in what looked good deal like a short market. Western receipts were 110,000 against 147,000 last year. Exports from New York last week were 3,950,000 lbs. against 3,842,000 last week. Contract stocks of lard at Chicago as of June 1 were 36,137,000 lbs. and other grades 8,115,000 lbs. On May 1 the general stock of lard was 39,793,000 lbs. and on June 1 last year, 44,252,000 lbs. On the 2nd inst. futures advanced 17 to 20 points despite a decline in cotton and stocks and irregularity in grain. Also stocks of lard were smaller than had been expected. Cash lard was strong. Prime Western was 8.05 to 8.15c.; Refined Continent, 8 3/8c.; South America, 8 3/8c.; Brazil, 9 3/8c. On the 3rd inst. prices ended unchanged to 5 points net lower. Cash interests were supposed to be selling. Prime Western, 8.05 to 8.15c.; Refined Continent, 8 3/8c.; South America, 8 3/8c.; Brazil, 9 3/8c. On the 4th inst. futures advanced 15 to 23 points on the rise in grain and stocks. Western receipts were only 70,900 against 96,800 a year ago. Cash markets were up sharply. Prime Western being 8.25 to 8.35c.; refined Continent, 8 1/2 to 8 3/8c.; South America, 8 3/4c.; Brazil, 9 3/4c. To-day futures advanced 17 to 22 points on covering of shorts. Final prices show a rise for the week of 65 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO

July delivery.....	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September delivery.....		7.47	7.65	7.62	7.82	8.00
October delivery.....		7.57	7.77	7.77	7.92	8.10
		7.55	7.72	7.72	7.90	8.12

Season's High and When Made—	Season's Low and When Made—
July 9.45 Mar. 17 1931	July 7.27 May 29 1931
September 9.60 Mar. 17 1931	September 7.35 May 29 1931

PORK steady, but quiet; Mess, \$22; family, \$24.50; fat back, \$17.50 to \$18.50. Ribs cash, 8c.; Beef steady; Mess nominally unchanged; packet nominal; family \$12.50 to \$13.50; extra India mess nominal; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2.75; No. 2, \$5; six pounds, South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues, \$60 to \$65. Cut meats steady, pickled hams, 10 to 16 lbs., 13 1/4 to 14 3/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 13 3/4 to 16 1/4c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 9 1/4c.; 16 to 18 lbs., 9 1/2c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring, 16 to 24 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 12 to 23c.; daisies, 13 1/2 to 19c.; Young American, 14 to 19 1/2c.; Eggs, medium to best, 15 1/2 to 21c.

OILS.—Linseed was in better demand. Larger quantities are being taken by the paint trade against contract specifications. New buying increased. Raw oil in carlots, coopeage basis was 8.4c. while in tanks, 7.8c. was quoted. Cocoanut, Manila coast tanks, 3 7/8 to 4c.; spot N. Y. tanks, 4 1/8 to 4 1/4c.; Corn, crude, tanks, f. o. b. mills 5 1/2c.; Olive, Den., \$2 to \$5c.; China wood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot, 6 3/8c.; tanks, 5 3/4c.; Pacific Coast tanks, 5 1/4c.; Soya Bean, carlots, drums, 7.1c.; tanks, Edgewater, 6.5c.; domestic tank cars, f. o. b. Middle Western mills, 6c.; edible, olive, 1.50 to 2.15c. Lard, prime, 12 1/2c.; extra strained winter, 8 3/4c.; Cod, Newfoundland, 46c. Turpentine, 56 to 61 1/2c. Rosin, \$4.55 to \$9.05. Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches, 11 contracts. Crude S. E., 6c. nominal. Prices closed as follows:

Spot.....	6.75@	October.....	6.75@6.83
June.....	6.80@7.05	November.....	6.50@6.83
July.....	7.05@7.10	December.....	6.51@6.80
August.....	6.90@7.20	January.....	6.50@6.80
September.....	7.05@7.11		

PETROLEUM.—Crude oil prices in Oklahoma and Kansas were cut 25c. a barrel on the 1st inst. by the Standard Crude Oil Purchasing Co. The new price ranges from 25c. a barrel for oil of below 29 gravity to a top price of 37c. for 40 gravity and above. There is a differential upward per degree of gravity of 1c. The reduction also applies to North Texas and North-Central Texas. The price schedule is the lowest for the area since July 1 1909. The cut was expected by oil men generally. Diesel oil late in the week was cut 10c. by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey and is now quoted at \$1.55 at New York, Boston, Baltimore, Norfolk and Charleston. Grade C bunker fuel oil was lowered 10c. too, at San Juan, Panama Canal, Trinidad, Ponce, St. Thomas and Kingston. More than half of the oil operators in the Group 3 area may be forced to cease operations, while many are on the verge of bankruptcy because of the recent price reductions in the East Texas and Mid-Continent fields. The gasoline situation showed little change. United States motor in tank cars was held at 5 1/4 to 6c. at nearby refineries and terminals. There was a fair jobbing demand. Domestic heating oils were weak owing to the decline in crude oil. Kerosene was easier with 41-43 water white still quoted at 5 1/2c. tank cars at refineries.

Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

RUBBER on the 1st inst. declined 10 to 15 points on futures with cables lower and an unexpected increase in Malayan exports in May. No. 1 standard contract closed with July, 6.30 to 6.40c.; Sept., 6.50 to 6.55c.; Dec., 6.72 to 6.75c.; sales 390 tons; old "A" June, 6.20 to 6.30c.; July, 6.30 to 6.40c.; Sept., 6.50c.; sales 32 1/2 tons. Outside prices: spot and June, 6 5/16 to 6 5/8c.; July-Sept., 6 3/8 to 6 5/8c.; Oct.-Dec., 6 3/8 to 6 1/2c. On June 1 London opened 1-16d. off, compared with Friday and at 2:40 p. m. was dull, 1/8d. lower June 3; July 3 1-16d.; August, 3 1/8d.; Sept., 3 3-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 1/4d.; Singapore closed 1-16d. lower compared with Friday; June, 2 13-16d.; July-Sept., 2 1/4d.; Oct.-Dec., 3d.; No. 3 Amber Crepe, 2 11-16d.; off 1-16d. In London the stocks decreased for the week 407 tons to 85,332 tons. Liverpool's stocks decreased 174 tons to 53,668 tons. London closed on June 1 and 2 dull and 1/8d. net lower; June, 3d.; July and August 3 1-16d.; Sept., 3 3-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 1/4d. On the 2d inst. futures closed unchanged to 10 points lower. Of the total of 44,281 tons exported from Malaya last month 31,014 tons were for United States, against 29,021 tons shipped in in April and 33,010 tons in May 1930. Smaller quantities were exported in May to the United Kingdom and to Japan; larger totals were reported to all other countries. Malaya also imports rubber chiefly from Dutch colonies for transshipment. Imports were 10,479 tons in May, against 9,977 tons in April. About 70.1% of the May exports were destined for United States ports, against approximately 67.5 during April. No. 1 standard contract on the 2d inst. closed with July, 6.33 to 6.35c.; Dec., 6.69c.; March, 6.88c.; sales 760 tons; old "A" July, 6.30 to 6.40c.; Sept., 6.40 to 6.50c.; Dec., 6.60 to 6.70c.; sales 110 tons. Outside prices: spot and June, 6 5/16 to 6 5/8c.; July-Sept., 6 3/8 to 6 5/8c.; Oct.-Dec., 6 1/2 to 6 3/4c.; spot first latex thick, 6 3/8 to 6 5/8c.; thin pale latex, 6 3/4 to 7c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 6 1/8 to 6 3/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 6 to 6 1/4c.; No. 2 amber, 6 1/8 to 6 3/8c.; No. 3, 6 1/8 to 6 3/8c.; No. 4, 6 to 6 1/4c.; Para, upriver fine spot, 8 1/8 to 8 3/4c.; coarse 6 to 6 1/2c.

On June 2, London closed dull and generally net unchanged Oct.-Dec. fell 1-16d.; June, 3d.; July and Aug., 3 1-16d.; Sept. and Oct.-Dec., 3 3-16d.; Jan.-March, 3 3/4d.; April-June, 3 1/2d. Singapore closed quiet and unchanged to 1 16d. decline; June, 2 3/4d.; July-Sept., 2 13-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 3d.; No. 3 Amber Crepe, 2 5/8d.; off 1-16d. Singapore was closed on the 3rd. On the 3rd inst. prices were unchanged to 10 points lower with London unchanged, Singapore closed and spot rubber rather weaker. No. 1 standard closed with July 6.33 to 6.35c.; Sept., 6.45 to 6.48c.; Dec., 6.66 to 6.70c.; March, 6.87 to 6.90c.; sales 520 tons; old "A" June, 6.10 to 6.20c.; July, 6.20 to 6.30c.; Sept., 6.40c.; Dec., 6.60 to 6.70c.; sales 50 tons. Outside prices: Spot and June, 6 5-16 to 6 7-16c.; July-Sept., 6 9-16 to 6 3/4c.; Oct.-Dec., 6 5/8 to 6 3/4c.; Jan.-March 1932, 6 3/4 to 7c.; spot first latex thick, 6 3/8 to 6 9-16c.; thin pale latex, 6 13-16 to 7c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 6 1/4c.; rolled brown crepe, 5 3/4 to 6c.; No. 2 amber, 6 1/4c.; No. 3, 6 1/4c.; No. 4, 6 1/8c. On the 3rd inst., London opened dull and unchanged to 1-16d. lower, and at 2:36 p.m. was dull, unchanged to 1-16d. decline; June, 3d.; July, 3d.; Aug., 3 1-16d.; Sept., 3 1/2d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 3-16d.; Jan.-March, 3 5-16d. and April-June, 3 7-16d.; Singapore closed steady, unchanged to 1-16d. off; June, 2 3/4d.; July-Sept., 2 7/8d.; Oct.-Dec., 3d.; No. 3 amber crepe, 2 5/8d., unchanged.

On the 4th inst. prices advanced 18 to 21 points with sales of 360 tons of No. 1 standard and 15 of old A. Spot markets were firm and 1-16 to 1/8c. higher. Sales of tires were reported very satisfactory. No. 1 standard July ended at 6.48c.; Dec. at 6.86 to 6.89c.; March, 7.08c.; new A July, 6.46c.; old A July, 6.40 to 6.50c.; Dec., 6.80 to 6.90c. Outside prices spot and June, 6 7-16 to 6 1/2c.; July-Sept., 6 9-16 to 6 11-16c.; first latex thick, 6 7-16 to 6 5/8c. On the 4th London closed steady and unchanged to 1-16d. advance; June, 3d.; July, 3d.; Aug., 3 1-16d.; Sept., 3 1/2d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 1/4d. The May automobile production in the U. S. and Canada totaled 338,307 according to estimates by National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. This compares with 352,876 in April and 444,699 in May 1930. Including the estimate for May, production in first five months of the year was 1,388,727 against 1,195,669 in the like period last year. To-day prices closed unchanged to 5 points higher on new A contracts unchanged to 10 lower on old A, and 2 to 5 higher on standard No. 1, with sales of 12 lots of old A and 62 lots of standard No. 1. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2 to 4 points on standard No. 1 contract. To-day London opened unchanged to 1-16d. up and at 2:36 p. m. was quiet and unchanged; June, 3 1-16d.; July, 3 1-16d.; Aug., 3 1/2d.; Sept., no bid, offered at 3 1/4d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 1/4d. Singapore closed 1-16d. higher. June, 2 13-16d.; July-Sept., 2 15-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 1-16d.; No. 3 amber crepe, 2 11-16d., up 1-16d. Unofficial estimate of stocks for the week ended June 6 shows 400 tons decrease in London and 300 tons increase in Liverpool.

HIDES.—On the 1st inst. prices declined 19 to 20 points with sales of 720,000 lbs., closing with July, 9.20c.; Sept., 9.90c.; Dec., 11.46 to 11.50c.; Jan., 11.80c.; March, 12.61 to 12.65c. In Chicago, 2,800 May Colorado steers sold at 8 1/2c. advance of 1/4c. and 1,500 May heavy native steers at 9c. In May the sales were over 600,000 packer hides, mostly to tanners. May sales on the Exchange exceeded those of April and were more than double those of May 1930. In the Argentine, frigorifico steer for the month showed a net loss of 5/8c. Recent business was slack; 12,000 Argentine steers sold at 10 3/8 to 10 11-16c., mostly to Europe. The demand from the United States was small. City packer were quiet. Common dry were in rather more demand; also country hides. Common dry Orinoco, 11 1/2c.; Maracaibo, &c., 10c.; Packer native steers and butt brands, 9c.; Colorados, 8 1/2c.; Chicago, light, native cows, 9 3/4c. On the 2nd inst. prices advanced 4 to 5 points with sales of 1,920,000 lbs. Sept. ended at 9.95c.; Dec., 11.50c.; March, 12.65c.; May, 12.90 to 13.10c. Spot business was small or moderate. On the 3rd inst. prices advanced 5 to 20 points with sales of 2,240,000 lbs. Outside sales reported included 9,000 heavy native steers, May-June, 9 1/4c.; 12,000 branded cows, April-May, 8c.; 2,000 Colorado steers, May, 8 3/4c.; 1,000 butt branded steers, May, 9 1/4c.; 2,500 frigorifico cows, May, 9 15-16c. Closing future prices here on the 3rd inst.; July, 6.30c.; Sept., 10.05c.; Dec., 11.55 to 11.65c.; March, 12.80c.; May, 13.25c.

On the 4th inst. futures closed 20 to 30 points higher with sales of 2,760,000 lbs. Considerable switching developed from Sept. to Dec. at a premium of 165 points and Dec. to March at 115 points. July closed at 9.50c.; Sept. at 10.25c.; Dec. at 11.85c.; March at 12.99c. and May at 13.35c. Chicago sales were 18,200, May light native cows at 9c., while 7,000 heavy Texas steers were moved at 9 1/4c. and 1,000 light Texas steers at 8 3/4c.; 2,000 branded cows at 8 1/4c.; 1,000 Colorado steers at 9c., all May take-off. To-day futures closed 5 to 15 points higher with sales of 129 lots. Closing prices: July, 9.55c.; Sept., 10.30 to 10.35c.; March, 13.05 to 13.10c. Final prices show an advance for the week of 15 to 20 points.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Berth rates fell. Later rates declined.

CHARTERS included: Sugar: June, Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 14s. 6d.; Santo Domingo to United Kingdom-Continent, 14s. 6d.; June, Cuba, June, to United Kingdom-Continent, 14s. 9d. Cuba, July 1-15, to Liverpool, 14s. Grain booked included from New York, spot, Liverpool, 6 loads, 1s. 6d.; 12 loads, Rotterdam, June, 7c.; 3 loads, Glasgow, 2s.; 1 load Italy, 11 1/2c.; 5 loads Havre-Dunkirk, 10c.; 4 loads

London, spot, 1s. 6d. and 2 loads Montreal, June, Hull, 2s. 6d. Coal: Baltimore, June, to Genoa, Savona-Leghorn, \$2.10; Hampton Roads to West Italy, July, \$2.10. Tankers: Crude, June, Black Sea-Continent, 8s. 6d.; two trips United States Gulf-French Atlantic, 9s.; 3 to 5 months, 4s. 6d.; Black Sea, June, Vladivostok, 16s. 9d. Trips: Prompt down east coast South America, 70c.

TOBACCO meets with the usual routine demand here. Hopkinsville, Ky., to the "United States Tobacco Journal": Sales here of dark tobacco in the past week were 243,150 lbs., at an average of \$5.30, making the total sales for the season 23,655,650 lbs., averaging for the season \$7.28. At Springfield, Tenn., sales totaled 418,770 lbs. for the week at an average of \$11.36, making the total sales for the season 25,095,585 lbs., at an average of \$12.12. Havana: The figures show that while 717 more bales were exported during the first four months of this year as compared to the same period in 1930, there was a decrease of 5,421 barrels and 2,796 packs, with a drop in value of \$2,560,645. Reported sales in our market this week were 3,524 bales, of which 2,282 were from the Santa Clara Province and 1,242 from the Pinar del Rio district. Cuban leaf crop, it is estimated, will be 550,000 bales, of which remedies 350,000 bales, Vuelta Abajo 180,000, Partido about 20,000.

COAL has been in moderate demand. On June 1 smokeless domestic was advanced 25 to 50c. at Chicago. The low for lump is \$2.50, egg from \$2.50 to \$2.75, stove, \$2.25 to \$2.50. Beckley products are at the upper tier. Slack at 60c. to \$1.10 has increased the determination to cut production to fit requirements of the market. Some Chicago dealers are sold out. In May Hampton Roads dumpings dropped below the halfway mark to 1,397,994 long tons loaded on steamers. These loadings in the last three days of May aggregated 103,806 long tons. Western Pennsylvania collieries estimated 4,000 to 5,000 men are on strike. Scattered walkouts mark conditions in other and widely separated territory. As 1,000 more Pennsylvania miners walked out at the end of last week, 1,400 walked back at Morgantown, W. Va. Washington County, Pa., is chiefly concerned. Anthracite imported from the United States into Canada is to pay a tariff of 40c., coke \$1, bituminous screenings, 75c.

COPPER was weak early in the week but later became firmer at 8 1/4c. At one time however, small quantities were available at 8c. Sales thus far for the week have been 15,000 tons as against 25,000 in the preceding week. A feature of the market is that most of the business was for fourth quarter shipment. It is unusual for producers to commit themselves so far ahead. The export price was reduced to 8.525c. Export sales on the 4th inst. were 2,725 tons. In London on the 4th inst. spot standard dropped 7s. 6d. to £34; futures off 8s. 9d. to £34 12s. 6d.; sales 100 tons spot and 1,900 futures; electrolytic fell £1 to £38 bid and £39 asked. At the second session in London spot standard advanced 5s. and futures rose 6s. 3d. on sales of 100 tons of futures. On the National Exchange here sales were 7 lots of 175 tons; June closed at 6.95c. nominal; July, 7c. bid; August, 7.15c. nominal; Sept., 7.22 to 7.30c.; Oct., 7.35c. nominal; Nov. 7.50c., traded; Dec., 7.55c. nominal, with 10 points higher for each succeeding month, all nominal. To-day the market was dull 10 points lower to 10 higher with July closing at 7.10c.; Sept., 7.35 to 7.40c.; Nov., 7.55 to 7.60c.; Dec., 7.60c.; Jan., 7.65c.; March, 7.75c.

TIN was still quiet at 22.35c. for spot Straits. World tin producers have finally announced their further restriction plan by which 20,000 tons annually will be removed from production. On the National Metal Exchange here the closing was steady with prices unchanged for the nearby positions, but 15 points lower for the later months. There were no sales. In London on the 4th inst. spot standard dropped 2s. 6d. to £100 5s.; futures unchanged at £102; sales 50 tons spot and 350 futures; spot Straits fell 2s. 6d. to £102; Eastern c.i.f. London ended at £103 15s. on sales of 425 tons. At the second London session spot standard advanced 2s. 6d.; futures unchanged; sales 10 tons spot and 60 futures. Tin afloat was 6,075 tons; arrivals so far this month: Atlantic ports, 100 tons; Pacific ports, 25 tons. To-day sales were 55 tons with July closing at 22.50c.; Aug., 22.55c., and Sept. at 22.65c.

LEAD of late has been unchanged at 3.75c. for New York and 3.60c. East St. Louis. Demand was very quiet. In London on the 4th inst. prices were unchanged at £10 7s. 6d. for spot and £10 15s. for futures; sales, 600 tons spot and 450 of futures. Low prices are causing further curtailment of production. Wallace, Idaho, wired that one mine shut down. Moreover, a group of lead men met at Salt Lake City it was reported recently, to plan further curtailment of production of both lead and zinc.

ZINC was quiet at 3.20c. East St. Louis for June and July shipment. In London on the 4th inst. spot was unchanged at £9 13s. 9d.; futures up 1s. 3d. to £10 6s. 3d.; sales, 200 tons of spot and 500 of futures.

STEEL.—Recent declines in prices it is remarked have been smaller. For the most part prices are reported steady. Indeed there are said to have been a few scattered advances. Makers of hot-rolled strip are quoting, 1.55 to 1.65c., Pittsburgh or \$1 per ton higher than recently. Cast iron car wheels in scrap form have advanced it seems \$1.25 in Chicago, but this is concededly a specialty. Steel makers are however in no hurry to fix prices for the third quarter. They rec-

weeks. Wall Street was a free seller. Spot cotton was lower. Worth Street was quiet. The Continent and Bombay were selling in Liverpool. Manchester's, by the steady decline in cotton, and the Bombay and Calcutta boycott, trade was disorganized. Egyptian cotton fell 24 points to 52 points.

On the 2nd inst. prices declined 15 to 20 points, owing to a lower stock market, weak cables, good weather, and renewed liquidation, home and foreign. The Cotton Exchange reports show that the decrease in the sales of fertilizers this season, from December to May, is fully 30%. Texas advices in some cases say the reduction in the acreage in that State will be about 12%. Clemson College, South Carolina, reports that in 60 fields in nine counties of that State there was weevil infestation in all but one, i.e., 860 weevil per acre, with an average of 187 per acre, which, it is declared, may yet mean something serious. High weevil infestation is reported in parts of Georgia. College Station, in Texas, has unfavorable weevil reports. Europe bought a little for the first time in a long while. The trade and the co-operatives bought. The technical position is considered bullish. A rally was considered due or overdue.

The Cotton Exchange Service said: "The weekly statistics on movement and stocks of American cotton have told a more cheerful story in recent weeks than they did earlier in the season. Forwardings to mills of the world have been subnormal, as measured by forwardings in good years, but they have been running well above those at this time last year. Exports, likewise have been running larger than those in corresponding weeks last season, and the total exports for the season to date are nearly equal to those to the same date last season. Furthermore, the visible supply has been declining in recent weeks faster than at this time last season. The average weekly movement into sight during the past four weeks has been 74,000 bales compared with 89,000 in the same period last season and 86,000 two seasons ago. The total movement into sight during the season to date is 12,789,000 bales against 13,644,000 to this date last season and 14,228,000 two seasons ago. The amount of cotton now left available to come into sight is 2,348,000 bales compared with 1,659,000 a year ago and 949,000 two years ago. The average weekly forwardings to mills of the world in the last four weeks have been 207,000 bales, compared with 179,000 in the same week last season and 266,000 two seasons ago. Total forwardings during the season to date are 9,539,000 bales compared with 11,617,000 to this date last season and 13,404,000 two seasons ago. The balance now left available for forwardings is 8,629,000 bales, compared with 5,527,000 a year ago and 4,293,000 two years ago."

On the 3rd inst. prices advanced 30 points as stocks advanced, shorts covered, and the trade bought. In some respects the weekly report was not so favorable as had been expected. Leading banks reduced their marginal requirements from 25 to 20%. Wall Street bought. Russia was said to be trying to buy 250,000 bales of long-term credits. The summary of the weekly report said: "While the warmer weather was helpful for cotton, it continued cool during most of the week over considerable areas and growth is rather generally slow. Most of the Eastern belt had very little rain and only light to moderate showers were the rule west of the Mississippi River. The temperatures averaged near normal except in Texas, where coolness persisted. In Texas, the condition and progress of cotton average fair, with fields mostly clean and planting about completed, except in the Northwest. In Oklahoma late planted fields show fair to good germination with some still being seeded in the North Central and Western portions. Growth was very good in most of Arkansas and Louisiana, but was rather slow in Tennessee; it was fairly good in parts of Mississippi, and some improvement was reported from Alabama. Replanted cotton in northern Georgia is not germinating well because of dryness, and progress is generally slow in that State, but early plants are showing squares in Florida. Growth was fairly good in the northeastern portion of the belt."

On the 4th inst. prices advanced about 25 points owing to a sharp rise in stocks, higher Liverpool cables than due, and heavy covering in a short market. Wall Street, local operators, New Orleans, Liverpool, and spot houses bought. The weather was favorable, but Wall Street and technical factors dominated the market. Texas had temperatures of 100 to 102 degrees. But the nights are still cool. And the forecast was for cloudy or showery weather. Fair weather and warmer nights are desirable. Alexandria advanced 42 to 66 points, and Egyptian in Liverpool some 40 to 50 American points. Bombay also rose. Spot cotton advanced 20 to 30 points, and the basis was firm, with rather more demand. Montgomery, Alabama, reported that although stocks in the interior warehouses and compresses have been reduced to some extent, they remain heavy, but offerings on the recent decline were small at an advanced basis. Shippers are having an unusually good demand for this season of the year, but mostly for nearby shipment. Manchester reported a better inquiry. Worth Street was more active. Most of the advance at the Exchange was held at the close.

To-day cotton was irregular, alternately advancing and declining, but winding up for the day 18 to 22 points net

lower, owing mainly to two things, that is, the weakening of the technical position after an advance since Tuesday of 60 points, and some reaction in stocks. Also good weather played some part. Profit-taking, after such a quick advance, was one of the features. Liverpool, New Orleans, the South and local traders sold. Worth Street was quiet and 3 1/2-inch 64x60 print cloths had sold down, it seems, to 4 1/2c. Spot markets were off 20 points. Houston reported a fair demand and offerings light. The spot basis was firm. Manchester reported a little more inquiry from India, Egypt, and South America. The weekly statistics were considered more or less bullish in the matter of the decrease in the world's visible supply of American cotton, and also to some extent as regards spinners' takings. But one unsatisfactory feature is the lack of outside public trading in cotton. Outsiders are said to be watching it, but, it is believed, will not take hold unless the market makes a further sharp advance and holds it, and stocks do the same thing. Final prices show a net decline for the week of 13 to 16 points. Spot cotton ended at 8.60c. for middling, a net drop of 15 points.

Staple Premiums 60% of average of six markets quoting for deliveries on June 11 1931.

Table with columns for 15-16 inch, 1-inch & longer, and various cotton grades like Middling Fair, Strict Good Middling, etc. with corresponding prices.

Differences between grades established for delivery on contract June 11 1931. Figured from the June 4 1931 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

*Not deliverable on future contracts. The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been: May 30 to June 5— Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Middling upland— Hol. 8.55 8.35 8.60 8.80 8.60

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures prices for Saturday (May 30) through Friday (June 5) for various months from June to May.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending June 5 1931 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing the range of future prices at New York for week ending June 5 1931 and since trading began on each option, with columns for Option for, Range for Week, and Range Since Beginning of Option.

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.

Table showing cotton supply statistics including categories like June 5, Total Continental stocks, Total American, and various regional stocks (e.g., Liverpool, London, Bombay, India).

Continental imports for past week have been 69,000 bales. The above figures for 1931 show a decrease from last week of 208,651 bales, a gain of 1,892,491 bales over 1930, an increase of 3,101,183 bales over 1929 and a gain of 2,615,845 bales over 1928.

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 with columns for Towns, Movement to June 5 1931, and Movement to June 6 1930. Rows list various towns like Ala., Birm'ham, Eufaula, Montgomery, Selma, etc.

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 28,368 bales and are to-night 269,229 bales more than at the same time last year. The

receipts at all towns have been 112 bales less than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS:

The quotations for middling upland at New York on June 5 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table showing cotton quotations for 32 years (1931-1924) with columns for year and price in cents.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Table showing market and sales data for Saturday through Friday, including Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and Sales (Spot, Contr't, Total).

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, comparing 1930-31 and 1929-30 with columns for Week, Aug. 1, and Since Aug. 1.

*Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 8,430 bales, against 10,618 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 27,775 bales.

Table showing In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Receipts at ports to June 1, Net overland to June 5, Southern consumption to June 5, Total marketed, Interior stocks in excess, Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to May 1, Came into sight during week, Total in sight, and North. spin'n's takings to June 5.

*Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table showing movement into sight in previous years (1929-1927) with columns for Week, Bales, and Since Aug. 1.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table showing closing quotations for middling cotton at various markets (Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Norfolk, Baltimore, Augusta, Memphis, Houston, Little Rock, Dallas, Fort Worth) from Saturday to Friday.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing New Orleans contract market quotations for various months (June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May) from Saturday to Friday.

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE ELECTS OFFICERS.—The following were elected officers of the New York Cotton Exchange on June 1 for the year 1931-1932:

President, Phillip B. Weld; Vice-President, William S. Dowdell; Treasurer, T. Lucello Guild. Managers: Eric Alliot, Herman B. Baruch, John C. Botts, Lamar L. Fleming, Harry L. Goss, Clayton B. Jones, Kenneth G. Judson, Frank J. Knell, Elwood P. McEnany, John H. McFadden, Jr., Gardner H. Miller, Paul Pflieger, Clayton E. Rich, Simon J. Shlenker and George R. Siedenburg. Trustee of the Gratuity Fund, to serve for three years, George M. Shutt. Inspectors of election: William C. Bailey, William A. Boger and J. Victor di Zerega.

ELLIOTT WHITE SPRINGS ELECTED MEMBER OF NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.—Elliott White Springs of Fort Mill, S. C., was elected to membership in the New York Cotton Exchange on June 4.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that although the early part of the week was somewhat too cool in many sections of the cotton belt, temperatures the latter part of the week have been considerably higher. There have been light to moderate showers in many localities. Growth of cotton has been slow as a rule.

Texas.—The condition and progress of cotton in this State averages fair. Fields are clean and planting is about complete except in the northwest portion of this State.

Mobile, Ala.—The weather has been warm and dry, which has been favorable for the growth of cotton.

Memphis, Tenn.—The condition of cotton is fair. Chopping is active.

Table with 5 columns: City, Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer (High/Low), and Mean. Lists various Texas cities like Galveston, Abilene, Brownham, etc., with their respective weather data for the week.

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 with 3 columns: City, June 5 1931, June 6 1930. Shows river heights for New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, and Vicksburg.

Dallas Cotton Exchange Weekly Crop Report.

The Dallas Cotton Exchange each week publishes a very elaborate and comprehensive report covering cotton crop conditions in the different sections of Texas and also in Oklahoma and Arkansas. We reprint this week's report, which is of date June 1, in full below:

TEXAS.

WEST TEXAS.

Abilene (Taylor Co.).—Light showers last week; cotton doing fine; weather warm; planting about done, need more rain.

Floydada (Floyd Co.).—Cotton planting is about over here, small percent up, none to a stand in this section; been too dry and cool part of time past ten days. Need rain and moderately warm weather to bring cotton up. Dry weather last ten days has cut production 25% or more.

Haskell (Haskell Co.).—Weather past week favorable for the development of cotton plant. Had showers and warm days, but still need more rain. Planting made good progress this past week.

Quanah (Hardeman Co.).—Weather favorable to cotton past week. Planting 80% finished except about 15% to be replanted. Later indications confirm estimate of 20% reduction in cotton acreage.

Sweetwater (Nolon Co.).—Planting is practically completed, with 85% of the cotton up. About 10% has been chopped, and very little replanting will need to be done. Cotton is up to a good stand, and with the rainfall of the past few days of over an inch makes prospects very favorable.

Stamford (Jones Co.).—About 90% of the crop has been planted;

some replanting will have to be done, but the most of the acreage will have a good stand and be in good condition when it comes up. Showers this week will bring up practically all of the cotton that has been planted. We need a good soaking rain.

NORTH TEXAS.

Forney (Kaufman Co.).—Weather of past week more favorable for cotton. Rain of no damage but not needed. Some complaint of cut-worm or similar worm eating cotton. Fields in fair state of cultivation. All planted. 96% up to stand. 20% chopped.

Gainesville (Cooke Co.).—Weather past week more favorable, and crop is making satisfactory progress back to a state of normalcy in growth and cultivation. Planting about completed and chopping begun.

Paris (Lamar Co.).—The past week has been favorable; it permitted completion of planting and the working out of a goodly portion of the cotton, however only about 20% of the cotton has been chopped, some delaying chopping on account of rather high winds, dry top soil, and the possibility of stand injury by "woolly worms," though as yet the worms have done no material injury. I estimate planting completed, 90% above ground, stands fair, 20% cotton chopped, land generally well cultivated. Last night and this morning we have had a nice rain, which was much needed to moisten the top soil, which should hurry growth, which is desirable for we are about two weeks late of normal.

Sherman (Grayson Co.).—Much improvement has taken place in the cotton conditions the past ten days, the fields have been cleaned, fully 80% having been chopped out and plowed. The past week has been much warmer and we received a much needed rain Friday night that fell slowly and soaked in the ground. Other than the crop's being about two weeks late the conditions are good.

Terrell (Kaufman Co.).—Weather past week more favorable. Rain Saturday beneficial. Late planting crop about two weeks late, need warm dry weather.

Tezakana (Bowie Co.).—The past week ideal for cultivation and development of cotton. Showers the coming week would be beneficial.

Wills Point (Van Zandt Co.).—Fair weather first part and rain latter part of past week makes conditions more favorable. Practically all cotton planted with fair to good stands. About 10% chopped. Lots of grass and weeds and there is lots of work ahead to keep the fields clean. Of course, there is no money, but I look for this crop to be worked as well as the high priced crops in past years. The crop is ten to fifteen days late.

CENTRAL TEXAS.

Cameron (Milam Co.).—Condition past week much improved. Plant small but beginning to grow. Had showers that will be beneficial. About 40% chopped.

Lockhart (Caldwell Co.).—Acreage reduction 15%. Fields clean. Need one inch of rain then dry and hot, top of ground very dry although good underground season. 95% planting completed, 5% to be replanted. Plant fairly healthy, 60% chopped out. Crop two weeks late. Labor plentiful. Too early to determine amount of insect damage.

San Marcos (Hays Co.).—Cotton not making much progress account cool weather and high winds. Have lots of fleas and lice. Fields are clean, about 75% chopped. An inch of rain followed by hot weather is needed.

Taylor (Williamson Co.).—Cotton doing only fairly well, nights and mornings seem too cool, yet. Had a shower last night but not enough to be of benefit. Farmers busy chopping and plowing and getting fields in good condition. I hear of some complaints of fleas and cut-worm damage. Need good rain and hne hot weather. Crop average from 2 to 3 weeks late.

Temple (Bell Co.).—Planting and replanting practically completed. Most of cotton up to fair stands. Fields generally clean. Chopping under way but small percent chopped out. Past week weather favorable and crop made fair progress. Showers last night and to-day. Need another week or two of dry and warm weather.

EAST TEXAS.

Jefferson (Marion Co.).—Weather conditions favorable past week. 95% planted. Stands poor. Rain to-day not needed, grass growing faster than cotton.

Palestine (Anderson Co.).—Crop made good progress past week. Weather has been warmer and more favorable. Beneficial showers fell latter part of week and will help late plantings. Planting practically completed. Crop 70% up 50% chopped to average stand. Plant looks much better with warmer weather. Farmers are catching up with field work and have cleaned most of the grassy fields. No insects bothering the plant so far. No reports of weevils to date. Clear and warm to-day.

SOUTH TEXAS.

San Antonio (Bexar Co.).—At this time crop is about 2 weeks late. Weather has been too cool and the plant has not made much progress. With clear, hot weather, some of the lateness can be made up. Acreage in this county will be decreased about 15%. About 80% has been planted and 10% to 12% will be replanted. We had a beneficial rain here last night and what we need now is dry, hot weather.

Victoria (Victoria Co.).—100% planted, 95% up, 60% chopped. Fields fairly well cultivated. Ample moisture, labor plentiful. No insects reported yet. Crop 15 to 20 days late. Raining this section to-day, light rains followed by warm sunshine will be favorable.

OKLAHOMA.

Chickasha (Grady Co.).—Cotton doing fine past week, 95% planted 80% up to good stand, good rain would be beneficial. Some chopping coming week. My last report was 10% decrease in acreage but think now it will be 15%.

Hugo (Choctaw Co.).—Weather cloudy but no rain, soil very dry. Crop 98% planted, 40% chopped. Cold weather retarded growth in beginning, followed by unusually dry weather. Plants small, need rain.

Manum (Greer Co.).—Cotton made wonderful strides past week and practically all up to good stand. Had good rains with cloudy weather most of week. Need sunshine and continued warm weather for best progress. No signs of replanting being necessary from Elreno west yesterday.

ARKANSAS.

Blytheville (Mississippi Co.).—Cotton is 95% up to good stand; is well cultivated and in good shape except a few grassy spots. About 40% chopped out and balance is being chopped and cultivated rapidly. Weather, both rainfall and temperature, has been favorable, and crop is a week ahead of last year in planting and growth and probably ten days ahead in state of cultivation. Cut-worms are disappearing since arrival of hot weather.

Ft. Smith (Crawford Co.).—Planting completed some chopping this week. Stands irregular; have had too much rain; need hot dry weather. Crop two to three weeks late.

Little Rock (Pulaski Co.).—Good rains and normal temperatures during the past week have been beneficial.

Pine Bluff (Jefferson Co.).—More rain needed, not enough sub-soil moisture. Cotton about two weeks late. Replanting in buckshot land not up yet. Deficiency in fertilizers becoming gradually more evident.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1931, 1930, 1929), Stocks at Interior Towns (1931, 1930, 1929), Receipts from Plantations (1931, 1930, 1929). Rows include Feb 20, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, June 5.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1930 are 8,857,662 bales; in 1929-30 were 8,551,545 bales, and in 1928-29 were 8,973,199 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 20,902 bales, the actual movement from plantations was nil bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 28,368 bales during the week.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Table with columns: Cotton Takings Week and Season, 1930-31 (Week, Season), 1929-1930 (Week, Season). Rows include Visible supply, American in sight, Bombay receipts, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 3,818,000 bales in 1930-31 and 4,630,000 bales in 1929-30—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 12,515,906 bales in 1930-31 and 13,718,418 bales in 1929-30, of which 7,444,906 bales and 8,039,218 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table with columns: June 4, Receipts at—, 1930-31 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1929-30 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1928-29 (Week, Since Aug. 1). Rows include Bombay, Exports from (Great Britain, Continent, Japan & China, Total).

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 22,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 8,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 7,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, June 3, 1930-31, 1929-30, 1928-29. Rows include Receipts (cantars), Exports (bales).

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended June 3 were 95,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 12,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report, received by cable to-night from Manchester, states that the market in both yarns and in cloths is quiet. Demand for India is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1931, 1930, Cotton Midd'g Up'lds. Rows include Feb 20, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, June 5.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 86,265 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Table with columns: MOBILE, SAVANNAH, HOUSTON, WILMINGTON, GALVESTON, NEW ORLEANS, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, NORFOLK, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS CITY, LAKE CHARLES. Rows list ship names, destinations, and dates.

Total 86,265

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrowes, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table of cotton freight rates from New York to various ports including Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, and Orio.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Statement of Liverpool weekly sales, stocks, and imports for May 15, 22, 29, and June 5.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table showing daily closing prices of spot cotton in Liverpool from Saturday to Friday.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table of futures prices at Liverpool for each day from Saturday to Friday, including contract details.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, June 5 1931.

Flour was quiet and steady. Export business was slow; exports on the 2nd inst. were 12,000 barrels. On the 1st inst. prices declined 10 to 15c. Flour production in the four weeks ending May 29 was 12% below that in the same period a year ago, according to a compilation by General Mills, Inc., based on all mills reporting, representing about 90% of the mills in the principal flour producing centers.

Wheat at one time dropped in sensational fashion on the June delivery, that is, 10c. or more, when the Farm Board withdrew its support of cash wheat at Minneapolis. Later prices rallied with stocks, and also because of the persistence of the Canadian drouth which is supposed to be having a serious effect. On the 1st inst. prices declined 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c., with stocks and cables weak and export demand small. Also the United States visible supply, to the surprise of everybody, increased last week 2,322,000 bushels against a decrease in the same week last year of 1,645,000 bushels. The total is now 193,730,000 bushels against 116,532,000 a year ago. Scattered moisture occurred in the Canadian Northwest with the forecast to thundershowers in parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba and lower temperatures in Alberta. Minneapolis weakened, especially on the July position, with deliveries on June contracts 2,422,000 bushels. Government agencies were said to be bidding 81c. for No. 1 hard wheat and 78c. for No. 2 Northern, which for a time caused some nervousness among shorts, for it was pointed out that the Farm Board was paying practically the old basis.

On the 2nd inst. prices ended 1 point lower to 3/4c. higher, with rains in Canada, turning an early rise of 1/2 to 1c. into weakness later. Final prices were a cent under the high of the day. It continued warm throughout the American and Canadian Northwest. Rains were reported around Saskatoon, Canada. In the American winter wheat territory some rains occurred, and the crop accounts were good. Private crop estimates were bearish. The average of four experts on condition was 88%, with a crop of 689,000,000 bushels of winter wheat. The spring wheat condition was 78.6, and the crop 212,000,000 bushels. One estimate put the Canadian crop at 310,000,000 bushels and the acreage at 20,050,000.

The Canadian crop last year was 398,000,000 bushels. The average of the private crop experts on May 1 was 90.2 for the condition of winter wheat and the crop was 658,000,000 bushels, while the Government made the condition 90.3 and the crop 652,902,000. The final last year was 604,337,000. The increase in the production, despite the lowering of condition, was due to the method of figuring. The pars were higher. The Canadian Government proposes to establish a subsidy for export wheat of 5c. for every bushel exported in order to push Canadian wheat in the markets of the world. Bradstreet's world's visible supply for the week showed a decrease of 7,317,000 bushels. The total now is 409,752,000. Liverpool closed quite steady 1d. to 1 1/2d. higher. Buenos Aires late in the day was up 1 1/2c. The weekly foreign crop summary was very favorable. Export sales were 500,000 bushels, largely Manitoba.

Washington wired, June 3: "It is true that the Grain Stabilization Board is not supporting cash wheat prices any longer, Chairman Stone, of Federal Farm Board, stated. Reasons for the discontinuance of support are that new wheat is moving in the Southwest, he said. Commitments were to support cash prices only until the new crops started moving. Stabilization Corp. has announced that up until July 1 it has promised not to sell its holdings of wheat except at a schedule of prices made public some time ago by General Manager Milnor, of Stabilization Corp. This price would be around 85c. for the basic grade at the present time."

On the 3rd inst. June wheat dropped 10c. at Western markets. The Farm Board withdrew its support at Minneapolis. This told heavily on the cash market. Duluth fell 10 1/2c, Minneapolis 10c., and Chicago 5 1/2c., all for June wheat. Otherwise prices were off 1/2 to 2 1/2c. The Government weekly report was favorable as regards winter wheat, but rain is needed in the spring wheat section. A fair export demand was reported. New York bonded grades fell 1c. net. On the 4th inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 2 1/2c., owing chiefly to a sharp rise in stocks. Winnipeg ended 1 1/2c. higher than on Tuesday, with July 2 1/2c. over Chicago. Liverpool was up 1/4d. Eastern and local operators were covering freely. It was said that 9,000,000 acres in Saskatchewan had virtually no rain, and the forecast was for clear and cooler weather. The point was that the Canadian drouth has not been broken despite some scattered rains or showers here and there.

The Canadian Government crop report said: "The grain crops of practically the entire Western region of normally heaviest production are in a critical condition as a result of severe and prolonged drouth. Combined with the greatly reduced precipitation serious damage has been done by high winds, frost, and cut worms. Germination of early sown grain was generally good, but high winds and frost caused later setbacks. The germination of late sown crops is reported as very patchy and reseeding is being resorted to in the hope of rain."

To-day prices ended 1 to 1 1/4c. higher in Chicago and 1 1/2 to 2c. higher in Winnipeg, while Minneapolis was up 1 1/4 to 2 1/4c. June was the strongest. Drouth in Canada played a prominent part in the rise. At the high point prices were up 3 1/2 to 4 1/2c. from the recent lows. Export sales were estimated at 500,000 bushels, largely Manitoba, but including some old hard winter. Buenos Aires advanced 1/2 to 1 1/4c. The stock market was largely ignored. Profit-taking and selling against privileges checked the rise. Kansas in some parts had 3 to 5 inches of rain, together with some hail. Winter wheat advices, in the main, were very favorable. It is expected that the Winnipeg "Free Press" to-morrow will issue a bullish report, possibly showing a loss of 100,000 bushels in the Canadian crop. Final prices show comparatively little net change for the week, that is, a decline of 1/2c. on July and a rise of 5/8c. on September.

Table of daily closing prices of bonded wheat in New York for July, October, and December.

Table of daily closing prices of wheat in New York for No. 2 red.

Table of daily closing prices of wheat futures in Chicago for July, September, and December deliveries.

Table of season's high and low when made for July, September, and December.

Table of daily closing prices of wheat futures in Winnipeg for July, October, and December deliveries.

Indian corn has been sold by some who at the same time were buying wheat, and no very marked net change in prices has taken place. New lows were recently reached, with December well below 50c. Also the cash demand has been unsatisfactory. Country offerings, on the other hand, have been light. The weather has been favorable. On the 1st inst. prices ended 1/2 to 1c. lower, following wheat with the weather good. The United States visible supply last week decreased 2,337,000 bushels against 938,000 last year; total now 11,412,000 bushels against 10,824,000 a year ago. On

the 2nd inst. crop reports from Iowa were unusually favorable, with cultivation under way over a wide area, but rains are needed and only showers were forecast. Prices ended lower, with wheat. On the 3rd inst. prices ended 1/8c. lower to 1/2c. higher. Some have been selling corn and buying wheat. On the 4th inst. July corn dropped for a time 3/4c., but other months were steady. Later on there was a net rise of 3/8c. on July and 1 to 1 1/8c. on other months, on covering of shorts. The technical position proved to be rather stronger. But some were selling the nearby months against buying of September. Country offerings showed some tendency to increase. And the shipping demand was not at all brisk.

To-day prices ended irregular, or 1/8c. lower to 1/2c. higher, in an irregular market all day. The weather was good. There was some selling on it for a time. But the strength of wheat was the main thing. Cash demand was somewhat better, though it is not active. Receipts were fair. July was comparatively steady. Final prices show the net result as 1/8c. lower to 1/2c. higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: No. 2 yellow, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 69 to 71 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: July delivery, Sept. delivery, Dec. delivery, etc. Values range from 46 3/8 to 57 1/2.

Oats have not shown much life, being for the most part a mere echo of other grain markets. There have been reports of some export business in Canadian oats, but not enough to have much effect. On the 1st inst. prices fell 1/4 to 1/2c. with corn lower. The United States visible supply decreased last week 593,000 bushels against a decrease last year of 513,000 bushels.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: No. 2 white, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 38 1/2 to 39 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: July delivery, Sept. delivery, Dec. delivery, etc. Values range from 25 1/2 to 29 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with 6 columns: July delivery, Oct. delivery, etc. Values range from 29 1/2 to 31 1/2.

To-day prices closed 1/8c. to 1/4c. higher on the dry weather in the Northwest and reports that a little export business had been done in Canadian oats. Final prices for the week were unchanged at 3/4c. higher. Rye has been irregular, closing about 1c. lower to a cent higher with shorts covering to some extent and Northwestern crop reports unfavorable.

To-day prices ended 1/4 to 3/8c. higher under the support of wheat and on reports of damage to the crop in the Northwest. A moderate quantity of barley was taken for export, but nothing was said about rye. Final prices were 1/8c. lower to 7/8c. higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: July delivery, Sept. delivery, Dec. delivery, etc. Values range from 41 to 43 1/2.

Table with 6 columns: July, Sept., Dec., etc. Values range from 55 1/2 to 44 1/2.

Closing quotations were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: GRAIN, Barley. Lists prices for Wheat, Corn, and Barley in New York and Chicago.

Table titled 'FLOUR' with columns for various flour types and prices per bushel.

For other tables usually given here, see page 4185.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, May 30, were as follows:

Table titled 'GRAIN STOCKS' showing bushels of various grains (Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley) at various ports and for different years.

Summary table for Total May 30 1931, Total May 23 1931, Total May 31 1930, showing totals for various grain types.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats—New York, 8,000 bushels; Baltimore, 150,000; Buffalo, 180,000; total, 238,000 bushels, against 259,000 bushels in 1930.

Table titled 'Canadian' showing prices for Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, and Other Canadian.

Summary table for Total May 30 1931, Total May 23 1931, Total May 31 1930, comparing American and Canadian grain stocks.

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Summary table for Total May 30 1931, Total May 23 1931, Total May 31 1930, comparing American and Canadian grain stocks.

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, May 29, and since July 1 1930 and 1929, are shown in the following:

Table with 6 columns: Wheat (Week May 29 1931, Since July 1 1930, Since July 1 1929), Corn (Week May 29 1931, Since July 1 1930, Since July 1 1929), Bushels.

Total 15,390,000 bushels of wheat and 708,231,000 bushels of corn.

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED JUNE 2.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended June 2, follows:

Following last week's abnormally cool weather over most sections east of the Rocky Mountains, there was a reaction to higher temperatures, except in the west Gulf area. The week had normal, or above normal, warmth rather generally over the northern half of the United States and temperatures were only slightly below normal from the lower Mississippi Valley eastward.

It remained cool in Texas and southeastern New Mexico where the weekly means were 3 deg. to 8 deg. subnormal. High temperatures for the season continued west of the Rocky Mountains where practically every week during the winter and spring months have had more than normal warmth. In the interior of the Pacific Coast area, including the northern Great Basin, the week averaged from 6 deg. to 10 deg. warmer than normal.

Precipitation was widespread, but rather spotted. Heavy to excessive falls occurred in the middle Atlantic area, especially in Virginia and Maryland, and substantial amounts were reported in the northern Ohio Valley and in many trans-Mississippi localities, with heavy falls in the lower Rio Grande Valley. There were also substantial rains in parts of the northern Great Plains and in central Rocky Mountain sections; west of the mountains the week was practically rainless, and only light, local showers occurred from the lower Mississippi Valley eastward.

Warmer weather in the interior valleys and most of the South promoted better advance of vegetation, with a rather general improvement in condition, especially in corn and other warm-weather crops. The week was also mostly favorable for outdoor operations and seasonal farm work made satisfactory progress. Rains were helpful over extended areas, but some sections are needing more moisture.

The rather general showers east of the Appalachian Mountains from northern South Carolina to Pennsylvania were helpful in conditioning the soil, though there was slight damage by excessive falls and hail in a few localities. Showers were beneficial also in much of the Ohio Valley, and

especially in the upper Mississippi Valley and northern Great Plains where moisture has been more pronouncedly deficient. The areas most benefitted include northern Illinois, Iowa, the northern two-thirds of South Dakota, rather generally North Dakota, except in the northwest, and south-central Montana.

Many localities still need rain in Wisconsin, Minnesota, southern South Dakota, Nebraska, and much of Montana; more moisture is needed also in central and southern Kentucky, much of Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, and parts of Florida. In the Pacific Northwest, especially the interior, the drought is unrelieved, with many crops, especially wheat, suffering.

COTTON.—While the warmer weather was helpful for cotton, it continued cool during most of the week over considerable areas and growth is rather generally slow. Most of the eastern belt had very little rain, and only light to moderate showers were the rule west of the Mississippi River. The temperature averaged near normal, except in Texas where coolness persisted.

In Texas the condition and progress of cotton average fair, with fields mostly clean and planting about completed, except in the northwest. In Oklahoma late-planted fields show fair to good germination, with some still being seeded in the north-central and western portions. Growth was very good in most of Arkansas and Louisiana, but was rather slow in Tennessee; it was fairly good in parts of Mississippi and some improvement was reported from Alabama. Replanted cotton in northern Georgia is not germinating well, because of dryness, and progress is generally slow in the State, but early plants are showing squares in Florida. Growth was fairly good in the northeastern portion of the belt.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Normal temperatures, moderate to heavy precipitation, and ample sunshine favorable for crop growth in most localities. Hail in Albemarle County on 22nd caused much damage, mostly to fruit. Meadows and pastures good to excellent. Tobacco and sweet potatoes good; mostly transplanted. Cultivating corn. Wheat, oats, and cotton good.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Generally fair, with normal temperatures, followed by scattered, light to heavy rains and cooler Sunday and Monday. Weather mostly favorable for cultivation and growth of crops; also for mowing oats, rye, and clover, and spraying fruit. Progress of cotton fairly good. Some improvement of corn and tobacco. Wheat doing well.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Temperatures more seasonable, with some light rain. All crops improved. Oat and rye harvests continue and wheat ripening rapidly. Cotton stands generally good, though plants rather small; chopping near completion on Coastal Plain and is general in northwest; cultivation against grass active in north. Corn, tobacco, truck, early sweet potatoes, and lesser crops vigorous.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Insufficient rain, with increasing tendency to drought, detrimental; day temperatures more nearly normal, but nights continue too cool. Excellent progress in cultivation. Replanted cotton in north not germinating well, due to dryness, and progress generally poor, with chopping finished, except in extreme north; stands only poor to fair, but crop would respond to more favorable moisture and temperature conditions. Progress of corn also poor to fair. Harvesting wheat and oats and digging early potatoes continue.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Progress and condition of cotton very good; early showing squares. Except scattered showers in north and central, week mostly dry. Corn well worked, but backward; much wilting on uplands and some tasseling prematurely; better on lowlands. Melons fair, but late; rain badly needed. Tobacco mostly good, but backward. Citrus doing well, but much dropping locally.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Nearly normal temperatures first five days favorable for growth of crops; cool thereafter. Scattered showers and rain needed in some sections. Farm work good progress. Condition and progress of corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, truck, and minor crops mostly fair to good. Oat harvesting nearly finished. Cotton improved somewhat account moderate temperatures, but condition mostly poor to only fair; stands irregular, ranging from poor to good; chopping nearly finished in South, and good progress in North where replanting continues locally.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Mostly light to heavy showers; nights generally somewhat cool. Many stands of cotton fair; considerable chopping accomplished; growth fairly good in South, but rather fair elsewhere. Progress of corn poor in North; mostly fair elsewhere.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Warmly favorable for crops; scattered showers favorable for growth and cultivation. Progress of cotton fairly good, but condition rather poor to fair; some late not up in northwest and needs rain for germination; chopping progressing in North. Corn benefited by warmth, but rain needed locally; progress and condition very good. Oat harvest nearly completed.

Texas.—Houston: Cool, except moderate on western border; rain fairly general, except in extreme west and near coast where little or none. Condition of winter wheat and oats good and oat harvest well advanced. Pastures still mostly good, but needing rain locally. Condition and progress of corn generally good, though crop late and stalks small. Condition and progress of cotton averaged fair; fields mostly clean and coping advanced favorably; planting about completed, except in northwest.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Warmly favorable for crops; scattered showers cool, especially nights; light to moderate showers beneficial in most sections. Progress of cotton fair; condition of winter wheat mostly very good to excellent; ripening fast in South and maturing slowly in North. Progress and condition of oats good; harvesting winter oats under way in South. Progress and condition of corn fair to very good, but small and late; mostly cultivated once. Progress of cotton fair; late-planted fair to good stands; still some planting and replanting in north-central and west; some chopping in southeast.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton very good in most portions; stands of early poor, but late very good; excellent progress in chopping and cultivation; fields usually clean. Progress of corn fair to excellent; well cultivated, but stands poor in some fields. Very favorable for wheat, oats, meadows, pastures, potatoes, truck, and fruit.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Warmly favorable for crops; general dryness favored cultivation of early corn, but progress only fair; cutworms responsible for much replanting. Progress and condition of winter wheat excellent. Winter oats heading well, while spring oats somewhat short and need rain. Tobacco fair. Cotton late in East; condition in West poor to fair.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Temperatures above normal and more favorable for growth; rainfall light and more needed in most districts, but especially in central and south. Condition and progress of corn fair; color improved; considerable replanting account cutworms. Tobacco plants improved; setting pushed, but hampered by dry soil. Condition and progress of winter wheat excellent; heading full in North.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, June 5 1931.

While retailers have continued to enjoy a good volume of business, notably in connection with the recent long week-end, there has been no noteworthy pick-up in sales from primary quarters, and business at the primary end of all divisions is, on the whole, rather quiet. Retail turnover continued to center in offerings of low-priced merchandise, which include goods of admirable quality and design, such as could not possibly have been offered at the present levels a few seasons ago, and which are doing much to stimulate the public's appetite. At the same time buyers continued to limit themselves strictly to a hand-to-mouth buying policy, and thus the orders which producers are receiving are much more notable for their frequency than for the volume they specify. Silk goods, rendered attractive at retail by very low prices, have continued to sell in large quantities. It transpires that the actual movement during April was around 16% greater than in the same month in 1930, with production about 10½% greater, and stocks on hand lower than in the last three years. However, notwithstanding this favorable comparison, unmercantile policies and the general depression in sentiment continue to maintain the silk trade

as a whole in a very unsatisfactory position. Price-cutting remains prevalent, with no immediate prospect of relief, despite the fact that there is an obviously good demand from the public for the goods in point. Producers' sales of rayons during May proved somewhat larger than in April, it is reported, further fortifying them against the summer slackening in business, early intimations of which made their appearance in the present week. Stocks are reported to be still generally below normal levels, and though production has recently registered gains they have not been sufficient, it is estimated, to cause very large accumulations of stocks during the summer.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The widespread and very effectively organized promotional activities currently in process in connection with "National Cotton Week" have not yet had any measurable effect on the volume of goods being taken out of primary quarters. Business in cotton goods as a whole continues to be of restricted character, though there are many reports of a steady if moderate stream of business to offset others which complain that demand has become increasingly sluggish. Print cloths have registered further moderate recessions and undercutting in sales by agencies who are determined to attract business with the smallest practical regard for price is still the bugbear of the cloth situation. Hand-to-mouth buying is being generally and rigidly practiced and market observers see no prospect of modification of this policy until more stability is shown in the raw product. Speculative markets for raw cotton, though higher in the past two or three days, coincidentally with securities, are by no means a source of bullish feeling. While values are already at an abnormally low level, the future, complicated by the Government's substantial holdings and the uncertainty of how substantial the much-talked-of reduction in domestic acreage will prove to be, is entirely conjectural. It is this instability in the raw product which is regarded as a primary factor in the continued decline in goods prices, in the face of only moderate stocks and a relatively good retail turnover. Buyers are unwilling, understandably, to place confidence in current values and buy, while the basic trend in the staple is so uncertain, and while, somewhat paradoxically, the low price of the staple is stimulating greater production on the part of some mills. Curtailment is seen to be called for more than ever, but no concerted plan for general regulation is on the summer schedule of mills generally. A more favorable aspect of the situation, however, is visible in the retail trade. "National Cotton Week" propaganda is reported to have already had a stimulating effect at retail, and it is rather widely hoped that a considerably increased turnover will result in the near future. Should better action in the raw markets combine, in the near future, with better retail activity, to inspire confidence, there is good reason to expect that buyers will take a much greater volume of fabrics soon, more especially as they are by no means plentifully supplied at present. Resistance to scale down bids in gray goods markets was not very successful, and moderate quantities of goods were moved at further concessions of ¼c. and even, in a few cases, of ½c., it was reported yesterday. Prices elsewhere were generally subject to unsettlement, and volume was restricted. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's constructions are quoted at 3½c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 3½c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 5½c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 6½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Relative to the unfavorable position that woolens and worsteds markets occupied at this time last year, current conditions are reassuring. Men's wear goods were extremely difficult to move in the spring months of last year, and currently both mill activity and total sales of that description have shown substantial improvement. Strengthening of the credit structure of the trade, to which the elimination from the trade of a large number of firms of the least sound financial position has greatly contributed, is an important present factor. Profitable business is far more the rule than last year at this time, though it is true that further upward readjustments in prices would be more than justified. At present, while women's wear mills are rather quiet, men's wear mills are operating in the neighborhood of a normal rate. Prospects for the fall season, while admittedly bound up largely with prospects for business in the country as a whole, are nevertheless regarded with comparative equanimity, with mill-men taking the reasonable view that, in these hard times, any industry is lucky to be in a good position internally, with enough business to carry on with. Men's sports wear flannels are reported to be in very good demand, and are a feature of current business. A less favorable aspect of their popularity, in the view of some producers, is the fact that in some sections they have been usurping the demand for spring suitings. A shortage is an imminent possibility in tropical worsteds, stocks of which have been dwindling progressively.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—A continued good demand for dress fabrics, and moderate buying of heavy linens and household specialties continue to feature local linen markets. The linens situation is essentially unchanged. Bur-laps declined as a result of the failure of the plan to curtail production at Calcutta by a further 25% to go through. Light weights are quoted at 4.00c., and heavies at 5.30c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN MAY.

The ease in the money market, coupled with the superabundance of idle funds, resulted in the marketing during May of several large municipal issues, which served to swell the total of State and municipal financing during the month to the figure of \$172,818,922. An April the municipal awards footed up \$105,939,805, while in May a year ago the amount was \$144,872,096.

The most prominent award during May was the sale of \$52,000,000 N. Y. City 3% 4-year corporate stock to a syndicate headed by the National City Co. of New York, at a net interest cost basis to the city of 2.997%. This basis represents the lowest interest cost at which the city has sold corporate stock or bonds since the incorporation of the Greater New York in 1898. Then again, it marked the second appearance of the city in the long-term bond market this year, an award of \$100,000,000 4 1/4% 1 to 50-year corporate stock and serial bonds having been made on March 4 at an interest cost basis of 4.134%.

The marked decline in the cost of municipal borrowing now as compared with the corresponding period in 1930 is strikingly illustrated in the result of the recent borrowing by Detroit, Mich., and Westchester County, N. Y., as compared with a year ago. Whereas in May 1930 Detroit disposed of \$20,350,000 4 1/4 and 4 1/2% bonds, due serially from 1931 to 1960 incl., at a net interest cost of 4.415%, it was able on May 18 1931 to market \$19,337,000 4s and 4 1/2s, due from 1932 to 1961 incl., at an interest cost of only 4.162%. In May 1930 Westchester County, N. Y., sold \$19,775,000 4 and 4 1/4% bonds, due from 1931 to 1980 incl., at a 4.087% basis, and on May 7 of this year disposed of \$15,547,000 3 1/2s and 3 3/4s, due from 1933 to 1980 incl., at an interest basis of but 3.6015%.

State and municipal long-term bond sales during the five months of 1931 have reached \$727,800,316, which compares with \$613,897,001 for the same period in 1930; \$519,680,721 in 1929; \$648,612,959 in 1928; \$723,958,401 in 1927, when the flotations in the months of January and May of that year exceeded \$200,000,000 each, and \$608,255,147 during the first five months of 1926. A table appearing at the conclusion of this article shows the financing for May and for the first five months of each year since 1892.

In the following we give an account of each long-term municipal bond award of \$1,000,000 or over that occurred during the month of May:

- \$52,000,000 New York, N. Y., 3% gold corporate stock for rapid transit construction purposes, due May 1 1935, awarded to a lengthy syndicate headed by the National City Co. of New York, at 100.011, a basis of about 2.997%. Re-offered for public investment, at 100.50, to yield about 2.87%. Announcement was made that the entire issue had been marketed in 10 minutes following the opening of subscription books.
- 19,337,000 Detroit, Mich., bonds, comprising \$10,520,000 4 1/2s, due serially from 1932 to 1951 incl., and \$8,817,000 4s, due in 1961, awarded to a group managed by the Bankers Co. of New York, at 100.021, the net interest cost of the financing to the city being about 4.162%. The award comprised five separate issues.
- 15,547,000 Westchester Co., New York, bonds, comprising 13 issues, divided into \$7,783,000 3 1/2s, due from 1933 to 1963 incl., and \$7,764,000 3 3/4s, due from 1933 to 1980 incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp. of New York, at 100.668, a basis of about 3.6015%.
- 10,400,000 San Francisco (City and County) Calif., 4 1/2% bonds, comprising five issues, due serially from 1932 to 1977 incl., purchased at public sale by a syndicate under the management of the First National Bank, of New York, at 104.90, a basis of about 4.13%.
- 10,187,000 Newark, N. J., 4% bonds, comprising six issues, due annually from 1932 to 1970 incl., awarded to a group headed by the First National Bank, of New York, at 104.13, a basis of about 3.68%.
- 5,000,000 Nassau County, N. Y., 3 3/4% bonds, comprising three issues, due serially from 1944 to 1961 incl., awarded to a group headed by the Chase Securities Corp., of New York, at 103.47, a basis of about 3.51%.
- 4,000,000 Maverick Co. Water Control and Impt. Dist. No. 1, Tex., 6% improvement bonds reported to have been purchased by Cray, McFawn & Co., of Detroit. Due serially from 1933 to 1968 incl.
- 3,000,000 Chicago, Lincoln Park District, Ill., 4 1/2% park impt. bonds, due in equal amounts annually from 1932 to 1951 incl., purchased by a group of banks headed by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, at 98.579, a basis of about 4.68%.
- 2,030,000 Worcester, Mass., 3 1/2% bonds, representing five separate issues, due serially from 1932 to 1941 incl., purchased by Edward Lowber Stokes & Co., of New York, and H. C. Wainwright & Co., of Boston, jointly, at 102.548, a basis of about 2.96%.
- 2,000,000 Boston, Mass., 3 1/2% bonds, comprising 11 issues, due serially from 1932 to 1951 incl., awarded to a group headed by H. C. Wainwright & Co., of Boston, at 100.48, a basis of about 3.41%.
- 1,600,000 Amarillo, Tex., 6% gas distribution system bonds purchased by G. M. Dunne of Wichita, and associates. Due in 15 years. Price paid not disclosed.
- 1,500,000 Cleveland, Ohio, 4% hospital construction bonds, due annually from 1932 to 1955 incl., awarded to Eldredge & Co., of New York, and the Weil, Roth & Irving Co., of Cincinnati, jointly, at 101.95, a basis of about 3.80%.
- 1,450,000 Albany Co., N. Y., 3 1/2% funding bonds, due in equal amounts annually from 1932 to 1941 incl., sold to the International Manhattan Co., Inc., of New York, at 100.188, a basis of about 3.21%.

- 1,100,000 Beaumont, Tex., 4 1/2% bonds, representing five separate issues, due serially from 1932 to 1971 incl., purchased by a syndicate headed by C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago, at 95.35, a basis of about 4.84%.
- 1,086,000 Morris Co., N. J., 3 3/4% public impt. bonds, due serially from 1933 to 1957 incl., purchased by a syndicate headed by the First National Bank, of New York, at 100.13, a basis of about 3.74%.
- 1,046,000 Morristown, N. J., 4% water bonds, due serially from 1933 to 1969 incl., awarded to the Guaranty Co. of New York and Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., both of New York, jointly, at 100.67, a basis of about 3.95%.
- 1,000,000 Cameron Co., Tex., county road bonds sold to a group headed by C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago, at a price of 90. These bonds are the last of an original issue of \$6,000,000.
- 1,000,000 Knox Co., Tenn., 4 1/2% bonds sold at a price of par to Joseph, Hutton & Estes, of Nashville, and Little, Wooten & Co., of Jackson, jointly. The sale consisted of \$500,000 bridge bonds and a similar amount of school bonds, all of which mature in 1951.
- 1,000,000 Ramsey Co., Minn., 3 3/4% bonds, due annually from 1932 to 1951 incl., awarded to a group headed by the BancNorthwest Co., of Minneapolis, at 101.456, a basis of about 3.59%.
- 1,000,000 South Dakota (State of) rural credit bonds, sold as ds to the Chatham Phenix Corp., of New York, and the Central Illinois Co., of Chicago, jointly, at 100.27, a basis of about 3.94%. Due in 1951; optional after 1936.

Continued ease in the money market, especially for loans of short duration, resulted in the issuance during May of a considerable number of note issues aggregating \$29,597,000. During the preceding month financing of the same nature amounted to \$117,323,000, of which \$93,000,000 was contributed by N. Y. City. No temporary borrowing during May was undertaken by N. Y. City.

Canadian municipal bond financing in May was on a much diminished scale in comparison with the output during the month of April. The total of long-term issues disposed of during the month under review was \$18,088,512 and compares with \$51,160,543 for the preceding month. The difference, however, is explained by the fact that during April several large flotations occurred, such as the \$10,084,000 Toronto, Ont., award, the \$7,500,000 Province of Quebec issue, and the \$5,215,000 Province of New Brunswick sale. The situation in May was quite different inasmuch as the largest individual emission was the \$7,824,000 Province of British Columbia loan, followed, in size, by the \$3,000,000 Province of Alberta disposal. The British Columbia sale comprised two 4% issues, one of \$4,324,000 bonds, due in 30 years, and one of \$3,500,000 bonds, due in 5 years. The purchasers were a syndicate headed by Fry, Mills, Spence & Co. of Toronto, which paid a price of 92.51, or a basis of about 4.46%, for the 30-year block and a price of 98.68, or a 4.29% basis, for the 5-year issue.—V. 132, p. 3938. The Alberta disposal consisted of \$3,000,000 4 1/2% bonds, due in 1961, and was made privately to a syndicate headed by Wood, Gundy & Co. of Toronto. Price paid not disclosed.—V. 132, p. 4109.

The Montreal Metropolitan Commission, Que., also effected permanent borrowing during May, having sold an issue of \$2,680,000 4 1/2% bonds, due in 1965, to a group headed by the Guaranty Company of New York, at 98.91, a basis of about 4.56%—V. 132, p. 3588. The City of Hamilton, Ont., sold \$2,503,233 improvement bonds, comprising \$1,569,783 4 1/2s, \$910,000 4 3/4 and \$32,450 5s, due in 1941, 1950 and 1961, to the Bank of Toronto, at 100.71, a basis of about 4.50%—V. 132, p. 3764.

The failure of the Government of Newfoundland to secure a bid for an issue of \$8,000,000 5% 25-year bonds offered for sale on May 22 resulted in the publication of a considerable number of reports regarding its financial condition, all of which were subsequently denied officially. An item dealing with the matter appeared in—V. 132, p. 4100.

About \$2,144,000 of the total of Canadian bonds sold during May have been placed to date in the United States. No financing during the month was undertaken by any of the United States Possessions.

In the following table we furnish a comparison of all the various forms of obligations put out in May for the last five years:

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Perm. loans (U. S.)	\$ 172,818,922	\$ 144,872,096	\$ 176,356,781	\$ 154,707,953	\$ 216,463,588
*Temp. lns (U. S.)	29,597,000	23,135,500	56,122,000	15,716,000	23,669,600
Can. lns (perm.)	15,944,512	30,315,640	36,305,246	13,438,490	2,941,356
Plac'd in U. S.	2,144,000	27,000,000	23,000,000	20,000,000	1,235,000
Bds. of U. S. Poss'ns	None	1,425,000	None	3,075,000	None
Gen. fd.bds., N.Y.C.	None	14,800,000	10,100,000	9,400,000	* None
Total	220,504,434	241,548,236	301,884,027	216,337,443	244,309,544

* Including temporary securities issued by N. Y. City: None in May 1931; \$6,750,000 in May 1930; \$14,536,500 in May 1929; \$1,076,000 in May 1928; none in May 1927.

The number of municipalities emitting permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during May 1931 were 325 and 457, respectively. This contrasts with 446 and 646 for May 1930 and with 486 and 640 for May 1929.

For comparative purposes we add the following table, showing the aggregates of long-term issues for May and the five months for a series of years:

	Month of May.	For the Five Months.		Month of May.	For the Five Months.
1931	\$172,818,922	\$727,800,316	1911	\$33,765,245	\$195,791,550
1930	144,372,096	613,897,001	1910	18,767,754	143,476,335
1929	170,356,781	519,682,721	1909	27,597,869	145,000,867
1928	154,707,953	648,612,959	1908	25,280,431	137,476,515
1927	219,469,583	723,958,041	1907	15,722,336	93,937,403
1926	137,480,159	608,255,147	1906	14,899,937	89,651,623
1925	190,685,636	612,184,802	1905	16,569,066	92,706,300
1924	117,445,017	546,293,435	1904	55,110,016	113,443,246
1923	95,088,046	423,089,026	1903	14,846,227	62,649,815
1922	106,878,872	536,116,865	1902	20,956,404	59,211,223
1921	63,442,294	356,003,428	1901	14,562,340	47,754,962
1920	37,280,635	277,548,512			
1919	46,319,625	205,273,378	1899	7,897,642	33,996,634
1918	33,814,730	123,945,201	1898	7,036,926	34,373,622
1917	23,743,493	193,068,268	1897	8,258,927	56,890,312
1916	29,096,488	235,908,381	1896	10,712,538	30,384,656
1915	42,091,129	213,932,380	1895	11,587,766	41,084,172
1914	34,166,614	303,153,440	1894	14,349,410	50,067,615
1913	83,234,679	179,493,040	1893	4,093,969	30,774,180
1912	98,852,064	196,803,386	1892	7,856,860	36,844,291

a Includes \$52,000,000 bonds of New York City. b Includes \$52,000,000 N. Y. City bonds. c Includes \$60,000,000 N. Y. C. bonds.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

NEWS ITEMS

Chicago, Ill.—State Legislature Refuses to Act on Tax Relief Bills.—Despite the plea of Mayor Anton J. Cermak to the revenue committee of the House to pass ten bills designed to relieve the present chaotic condition of the city finances, the committee on June 3 deferred consideration of the bills for one week by a vote of 16 to 11, according to press dispatches from Springfield. The Mayor told the committee that the city is in a very difficult financial condition at the present time, owing about \$6,000,000 and having about \$150,000 in the treasury, with the banks refusing to honor city tax anticipation warrants. As an alternative to legislative relief Mayor Cermak threatened to make wholesale discharges in the civil service departments.

Connecticut.—Changes in List of Legal Investments for Savings Banks.—On June 1 the State Bank Commissioner issued a bulletin showing the following changes in the list of investments considered legal for savings banks and trust funds:

Additions.	Subtractions (Concluded):
Great Northern Ry. Co.;	Bridgeport Hydraulic Co.;
Western Fruit Express, series "E,"	First mortgage, series C, 4 1/2%, 1961
4 1/2%, 1931-1945	Metropolitan District of Hartford
Ohio Public Service Co.;	County:
First and refunding 7 1/2%, 1946	All bonds and notes
First and refunding 7s, 1947	Deduction.
First and refunding 6s, 1953	Detroit, Mich.
First and refunding 5s, 1954	

Cook County, Ill.—Technical Default Occurs on June 1 Bond Payments.—The county was forced to default on the payment of \$1,451,000 principal amount and \$417,400 in interest due on June 1 because of delinquent 1929 tax collections, said to be far behind owing to the irregularities discovered in property assessments some years ago when it became a necessity to call for a reappraisal. Tax collections were halted for the time being and current revenues were obtained from the sale of tax anticipation warrants. The default is purely technical because seven of the largest banks in Chicago have offered to purchase the bonds at par, thus preventing any loss to investors. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of June 2 reported on the default as follows:

Cook County, Ill., has defaulted on the June 1 1931 interest and principal on its outstanding bonds. Holders of bonds and bond coupons, due June 1, upon presentation of the same to the county treasurer's office, received receipts for such coupons and bonds but no checks were forthcoming.

The banker's relief committee, which was in session yesterday, refused to advance the county funds to avoid the default, but offered, instead, to purchase at par and accrued interest any of the defaulted bonds.

Many Banks Make Offer.—The local banks making this offer included The Central Trust Co.; the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co.; the First National Bank, Chicago; the Foreman-Stans National Bank; the Harris Trust & Savings Bank; the National Bank of the Republic and the Northern Trust Co.

Joseph B. McDonough, county treasurer, yesterday stated: "Principal and interest on bonds amounting to \$1,868,400 is due June 1, the money for the payment of which was levied in 1929 and 1930. As only 58% of the 1929 tax levy has been collected to date and the 1930 levy will not be collected until January 1932, we will be unable to make the payment promptly."

Three Month's Effort Vain.

"I have been endeavoring for the last three months to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of these taxes. This I have been unsuccessful in doing."

"The only other way I could meet the service on these bonds on maturity date would be to divert money held by me in trust, which I am advised I cannot do without incurring a liability on my bond."

Almost coincidentally with the announcement of the default in the interest and principal of the bonds due yesterday, the county issued notice of the availability of funds for the payment of \$5,000,000 tax notes, \$4,000,000 of which were due Dec. 1 1930, and the remainder due Jan. 31 last.

The payment of these notes is obligatory, certain tax funds having been pledged for their retirement, explaining the county's failure to meet service charges on its long-term debt with this tax money.

The default is the climax of a long drawn out disagreement between the local banks and politicians regarding tax legislation for Cook County which would prevent a recurrence of the present unfortunate situation. Default of this interest and principal is the greatest blow struck as yet at the politicians and will have a lasting effect on the credit rating of Cook County.

Banks' Action a Surprise.—Failure to pass the desired tax legislation at an early date met with a firm refusal by the banks to advance further funds. Political circles, however, did not believe the banks would adhere to their announced policy and, as a result, tax legislation in recent Springfield sessions was shelved.

Under these conditions, with the local banks already carrying a huge load of tax anticipation warrants, distributing bonds in an uncertain and insecure market, tax delinquencies at new high levels and real estate interests taking steps to block the tax collections, the bankers decided to let the matter come to a head.

The county, according to the statements made at a public session with the bankers, will have to stay in default until funds can be raised. The only means of doing this will be either through passing the desired tax legislation at Springfield and the purchase of the 1931 tax anticipation

warrants by bankers, enactment of special relief legislation and the sale of bonds to raise funds, or the procurement of funds from some special source.

Warrants Absorb Collections.

Collections of 1929 taxes cannot be used, as they have to be applied to the redemption of the outstanding 1929 tax warrants and such county warrants are outstanding well in excess of the taxes collected to date. It is unlikely that the sale of relief bonds can be resorted to as the credit of the county is temporarily ruined by the present existing default, and a purchaser for the bonds at a fair price might not be found. Thus, barring any special means of raising funds such as diversion of funds, the politicians are forced either to let the county remain in default or put their heads together and pass the desired tax legislation.

Cook County is the first and only one of the local municipal bodies to default to date. How long the other local taxing bodies, such as the city and the various local taxing districts, can hold out without a sale of 1931 tax warrants is problematical. The ability of each of these other entities differs with the amount of warrants they sold against the 1929 levy and the sources of funds they have other than taxes, such as miscellaneous revenues and special reserves.

Will Offer Relief Bonds.

At a meeting of the board of commissioners of Cook County, yesterday, a motion was approved to advertise the sale of \$1,000,000 4% relief bonds, recently authorized at Springfield. Details of the sale have not been announced, but in view of the present default it is unlikely any purchaser can be found.

Prospects of early collection of the delinquent 1928 and 1929 taxes were dimmed somewhat when Federal Judge Charles E. Woodward granted a preliminary injunction to the American Mutual Liability Insurance Co. of Massachusetts, restraining County Treasurer Joseph B. McDonough from levying upon or putting up for sale its property. The injunction was granted on the grounds that the board of review had refused to hear complaints from 30,000 taxpayers who thought their levies too high, and that the board had showed discrimination between assessing personal property and real estate.

This decision is expected to have far-reaching effects as it opens the way for intervening petitions by the dissatisfied taxpayers. During the litigation period, tax collections will be delayed.

Jackson, Miss.—City Will Not Appeal Decision on Constitutionalality of New Banking Act.—The recent decision of the State Supreme Court upholding the constitutionality of the act passed by the last legislature suspending the old Guaranty of Deposits law, which paid off depositors in closed banks with Guaranty certificates, will not be appealed to the United States Supreme Court by the above-named city, according to the Jackson "News" of May 24, which reported in part as follows:

Holder of some \$5,000,000 worth of Deposit Guaranty Certificates may get cash for their paper this summer.

Mayor Walter A. Scott announced Saturday that the City of Jackson definitely would not appeal to the United States Supreme Court from the decision of the Mississippi Supreme Court in which the new banking act, passed a year ago, was declared constitutional.

Immediately his announcement became known, Governor Bilbo issued a call for the State Bonding Commission for Monday, at which plans for selling the greatest bond issue in the State's history are to be considered.

Bids for bonds must be advertised for 30 days, but if they are asked at once, the funds might be available to the State before July 1.

The recent decision of the State Supreme Court, in which the law passed by the 1930 Legislature was upheld, came in the case of the Deposit Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. of Jackson, against the City of Jackson.

Sale of the \$5,000,000 in bonds to take up all outstanding certificates, was authorized by the last legislature, but was made contingent upon a decision by the highest court holding the new banking act constitutional.

"Should the city have taken the appeal to the United States Supreme Court, sale of the bonds would automatically have been postponed until determination of the case by the Federal Tribunal.

The bonds authorized would pay off certificates issued to depositors in banks which failed prior to March 1930, when the new act passed. Under the old law, suspended by the new act, a levy was made against all banks and the funds placed in a special trust to pay off the certificates. Banks failed faster than the funds accumulated, however, until a \$5,000,000 deficit approached.

Local financial leaders were apprehensive lest bond buyers would fail to bid for the State's bonds, if offered, because of three pending suits filed by national banks of Jackson, attacking the law. W. E. Morse, Jackson City Attorney, expressed the opinion that a victory for the national banks in these cases would void the entire 1930 bank guaranty act.

"Since the city has announced its intention not to prosecute an appeal, however, steps were considered to have the three national banks withdraw their suits against the city, which were brought to recover taxes paid under protest, in conformity with the administrative provisions of the new banking act."

Michigan.—Governor Brucker Signs Bill Amending Municipal Bond Provisions.—On May 21 Governor Brucker signed as Act No. 142 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1931 a bill which was drawn up as a result of the recommendations made by a special committee selected to frame amendments to the existing bond law. Because of the difficulties encountered during the past year by some Michigan municipalities in meeting their obligations certain amendments to the bond law were deemed inevitable if the credit of the municipalities in Michigan was to be maintained intact. The bill containing the necessary changes was framed by Senator Claude Stevens of Highland Park, a member of the committee referred to, and was introduced in the Legislature by him. The text of the new law reads as follows (the amendments being indicated by italics):

STATE OF MICHIGAN

56th Legislature—Regular Session of 1931.

Senate Bill No. 57 (File No. 59)—Introduced by Senator Stevens.

SENATE ENROLLED ACT NO. 43.

An Act to amend Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 of Act No. 273 of the Public Acts of 1925, entitled "An Act to regulate the issue of bonds, or other obligations, by municipalities in this State, to provide the method of payment of such bonds, or other obligations, and to prescribe the duties of municipal officers and of the State Treasurer in connection therewith," as amended by Act No. 332 of the Public Acts of 1927, Act No. 28 of the Public Acts of 1929 and Act No. 43 of the Public Acts of 1929, being Sections 2,691, 2,692, 2,694, 2,695, 2,697, 2,698 and 2,700, respectively, of the compiled laws of 1929, and to repeal Section 9-a of said Act as added thereto by Act No. 43 of the Public Acts of 1929, being Section 2,699 of the compiled laws of 1929.

The People of the State of Michigan enact: Section 1. Sections 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 of Act No. 273 of the Public Acts of 1925, entitled "An Act to regulate the issue of bonds, or other obligations, by municipalities in this State, to provide the method of payment of such bonds, or other obligations, and to prescribe the duties of municipal officers and of the State Treasurer in connection therewith," as amended by Act No. 332 of the Public Acts of 1927, Act No. 28 of the Public Acts of 1929 and Act No. 43 of the Public Acts of 1929, being sections 2,691, 2,692, 2,694, 2,695, 2,697, 2,698 and 2,700, respectively, of the compiled laws of 1929, are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 2. No municipality shall hereafter issue any bonds, or other negotiable obligations, for the payment of current expenses, or to fund deficiencies in current revenue except in anticipation of taxes actually levied and uncollected or for which an appropriation has been made, and in such cases only in accordance with any limitations prescribed by

law, but any bond issue may be made to include interest accruing before the date of the first collection of taxes or assessments from which such interest is payable. No bonds or other negotiable obligations shall be made payable on demand. No bonds or other obligations running more than three years, shall be sold at a price which would make the net interest rate on the money borrowed exceed six per cent per annum: Provided, however, That all provisions of law now in force requiring an affirmative vote of the electors to authorize the issuance of bonds by municipalities or permitting the issuance of bonds by the governing bodies of municipalities, without authorization by the electors, shall not in any manner be affected by the provisions of this Act, except in the case of refunding bonds as provided for in Section 6 hereof: *Provided further, That the total debt in special assessment bonds of any township, city or village pledging the full faith and credit of the municipality shall at no time by reason of future issues of such bonds, except refunding bonds, exceed five per centum of the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the municipality; nor shall such bonds be issued in any one year in excess of one per centum of such assessed valuation unless authorized by majority vote of the electors, or by such larger vote as may be provided by statute or charter. For the purposes of this Act, the assessed valuation of taxable property in a village shall be deemed to be the assessed valuation placed thereon in the last preceding township roll as equalized by the county board of supervisors.*

Section 3. No municipality shall hereafter issue any bonds, or other obligations running for more than six months, except in accordance with the provisions of this Act. If serial bonds are issued the first installments of principal shall fall due not more than three years after the date of issue, and no installment of principal shall be less than one-third the amount of the largest installment, except that serial annuity bonds may be sold wherein the sum of the principal installment and the annual interest shall be approximately equal in each year after the second year of the life of the bonds. Several issues of bonds issued under the same authorization may be treated as a single issue for the purpose of fixing maturities. Any municipality may issue bonds not maturing serially on condition that provision is made for their payment by an annual tax that shall be paid into a sinking fund in approximately equal annual amounts, which with the increment thereof will equal the face of the bonds at maturity: *Provided, however, That all bonds hereafter issued in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be serial bonds except those issued by a city or village having an assessed valuation of two hundred million dollars or more according to its last confirmed assessment roll and which is located in a county having a population of more than one million according to the last United States census.*

Section 5. Whenever any money shall be borrowed by any municipality it shall be the duty of every officer or official body charged with any duty in connection with the determination of the amount of taxes to be raised or with the levying of such taxes, to include in the amount of taxes levied each year an amount sufficient to pay the annual interest on all such loans, any installments of the principal thereof falling due before the time of the following tax collection and all payments required to be made to sinking funds. In any municipality having any debt now outstanding and unpaid, a tax shall in like manner be levied each year, sufficient to pay the interest on such debt falling due before the time of the following tax collection, to pay any principal installment of serial bonds falling due before the time of the following tax collection and to deposit into a sinking fund annually an amount which with the increment thereof will be sufficient to pay the principal of such debt at maturity or within the term of refunding bonds hereby authorized to be issued. All sinking funds shall be kept separate from all other moneys of the municipality, and shall be used to pay or purchase the bonds of the municipality. Until such bonds are paid or purchased, the moneys belonging to such funds shall be invested in bonds, or other obligations, of the United States, the State of Michigan, or of any municipal corporation or political subdivision of the State of Michigan, which are a general obligation of the governmental unit issuing the same, or such funds may be deposited in interest bearing accounts in banks or trust companies having banking powers organized under the general banking laws and trust laws of this State or the United States: *Provided, That such deposit shall be secured by corporate surety bond or bonds which are authorized to be furnished as security by depositories of public funds, under the provisions of Act No. 22 of the Public Acts of 1931, during such time as said Act shall be in force and effect. Not more than five per cent of the time of purchase, of the total sinking funds of any municipality shall be invested in the bonds of any other one municipality having a population of less than 40,000 according to the last official census, except in cases of municipalities occupying wholly or in part the same territory, and except in case of a sinking fund of the total amount of \$25,000 or less. Nothing herein contained shall compel the sale of any security now held in any sinking fund. Any officer who willfully fails to perform the duties required of him by this section shall be personally liable to the municipality or to any bondholder for any loss or damage arising from such failure. No limitation in any statute or charter shall prevent the levy and collection of the full amount of taxes required by this section for the payment of debts, but nothing herein shall authorize the levy of a tax for any other purpose exceeding the existing tax limitation.*

Section 6. Refunding bonds may be issued under the following conditions:

(a) Any municipality having bonds outstanding on Sept. 1 1925 may extend the time of payment thereof by the issue of refunding bonds payable over a period of not more than 15 years.

(b) If sixty days before the date of maturity of any bonds of a municipality more than twenty-five per cent of the general taxes of the municipality on the last preceding *pro rata* due tax roll, or, in case of special assessment bonds, more than twenty-five per cent of the installment of the special assessment roll corresponding to the maturing bonds remain delinquent, refunding bonds may be issued payable over a period of not more than ten years, to extend the time of payment of a proportionate part of such maturing bonds not greater than the percentage of such taxes or special assessments then delinquent. Similar refunding bonds may be issued by counties for the part of highway and drain district bonds which the county may be required to advance by reason of delinquency in payment of special highway and drain taxes.

(c) If any municipality having notes outstanding on April 15 1931, issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes or special assessments, shall at the expiration of the maximum time for which such notes can be renewed under other provisions of law, be unable to pay such notes by reason of failure of tax collection, or by reason of the closing of a bank in which municipal funds are deposited, it may apply for further relief to a board consisting of the State Treasurer, Attorney-General and Auditor-General, and said board may in its discretion grant permission to refund any part or all of said notes by the issue of refunding bonds over a period of not more than five years.

(d) Any municipality having bonds maturing on or before July 1 1933, which it is unable to pay by reason of failure of tax collection or by reason of the closing of a bank in which municipal funds are deposited, may apply for further relief to a board consisting of the State Treasurer, Attorney-General and Auditor-General, and said board may in its discretion grant permission to refund any part or all of said bonds by the issue of refunding bonds over a period of not more than ten years.

Refunding bonds authorized by this section may be issued by a majority vote of the governing body without a vote of the electors, shall be made payable serially in approximately equal amounts of principal each year and shall not be subject to refunding.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the officer having charge of the financial records of every municipality in the State, within sixty days after this Act takes effect, and during the month of July of each year thereafter, to file with the State Treasurer a sworn statement showing the dates of issuance, purposes, amounts and maturities of all bonds, notes or other obligations outstanding, the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the municipality, the condition of all sinking funds and such other information as the State Treasurer may require. Any officer of a municipality charged with the duty of filing such report who shall fail to file the same within the time herein fixed shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment not more than ten days. The State Treasurer shall keep a record of all bonds issued or redeemed by each municipality and of the conditions of their sinking funds and shall make an annual statement showing the amounts and maturities of bonds outstanding against each municipality and the amount of money and detailed description of all securities in the sinking funds for their payment.

Section 9. Before any municipality shall issue any bonds, the officer having charge of its financial records shall transmit to the State Treasurer a sworn statement showing the dates of issuance, purposes, amounts and maturities of all bonds or other indebtedness outstanding, the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the municipality, the total amount of general taxes and special assessments falling due during the preceding fiscal year, and the amount of such taxes and assessments delinquent at the time of making such statement, the condition of all sinking funds, and such other information as the State Treasurer may require. The State Treasurer shall examine the same and if he finds that the proposed bonds comply with the requirements of this Act as to maturity and sinking fund provisions, he shall make a certificate to that effect and forward the same to the officer of the municipality from whom the statement was received.

Except in case of refunding bonds, emergency bonds, judgment bonds and notes issued in anticipation of taxes and special assessments, such certificate shall also show that the amounts of delinquent taxes and assessments, respectively for the preceding fiscal year does not exceed twenty-five per cent of the total taxes and assessments falling due, and that the amounts are in manner of investment of all sinking funds comply with the provisions of this Act. No bonds, or other obligations running more than six months, may be issued until such certificate has been made. The State Treasurer is hereby authorized to employ the necessary assistance to perform the duties hereby assigned to him.

Section 10. A municipality may borrow money and issue notes in anticipation of the sale of any bonds, except refunding bonds, emergency bonds and judgment bonds, lawfully authorized. Such notes shall pledge the full faith and credit of the municipality, shall bear interest not exceeding six per cent and shall be payable not more than two years from date of issue. During the year or years while said notes are outstanding a tax shall be levied for their payment in amount not less than would be required if bonds had been sold without the issue of such notes. The amount so borrowed shall not exceed the amount of bonds authorized, and the proceeds shall be used only for the purpose for which the bonds were authorized. If the entire amount shall not be required for that purpose, the surplus shall be applied to the payment of the notes issued in anticipation of the sale of such bonds. Such notes shall in all cases be offered at public sale as herein provided, and the bonds shall be considered as issued at the time the notes are issued for the purpose of computing the debt limits and maturity of the bonds. The State Treasurer's certificate for the proposed bonds shall be obtained before the notes are issued and no further certificate shall be required when the bonds are sold.

Section 2. Section 9-a of Act No. 273 of the Public Acts of 1925, as added to Act No. 45 of the Public Acts of 1929, being Section 2,699 of the compiled laws of 1929, is hereby repealed.

This Act is ordered to take immediate effect.

New Law Authorizes Temporary Borrowing in Emergencies by Municipalities.—In addition to the above amendments to the municipal bond law of this State—the so-called Evans Baxter Law of 1925—another important measure was passed by the Legislature this year which also deals with the debt-incurring powers of municipalities. This is Senate Enrolled Act No. 21, introduced by Mr. Woodruff, signed by Governor Brucker on April 21 and which is now Public Act No. 26 of 1931. It provides authority for temporary borrowing by those municipalities whose funds are badly depleted because of unusual tax delinquencies. The text of the new law reads as follows:

An act to authorize counties, townships, cities, villages and school districts to borrow money and issue notes in anticipation of the collection of taxes and delinquent special assessments, to validate such notes heretofore issued and to provide for a board to pass upon such issues.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 1. Any county, township, city, village or school district may, by resolution of its legislative or governing body, borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes and delinquent special assessments, and issue notes therefor bearing a rate of interest not to exceed 7% per annum, in the following cases:

(1) Any such governmental unit may within the six months' period preceding the end of any fiscal year, borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the next succeeding fiscal year: *Provided, That an irrevocable appropriation has been made to repay such loan from the receipts of such taxes. Such loan shall be payable within four months after such taxes first become due and shall not exceed 25% of the tax levy for the then fiscal year: Provided further, That any such loan made after Oct. 1 1933 shall not exceed 10% of such tax levy.*

(2) Any such governmental unit may borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes for any current fiscal year and in such case such loan shall be payable not later than 90 days after the close of such fiscal year and shall not exceed 50% of the amount of such unpaid taxes at the time of the passage of the resolution authorizing such loan. If there is any outstanding loan which has been made under the provisions of subdivision one of this section, then the amount of such loan shall be deducted from the amount of the loan permitted under the provisions of this subdivision. The resolution authorizing such loan shall state the percentage which such loan bears to the taxes against which it is made, and thereafter at least a like percentage of all collections made on such taxes shall be set aside in a sinking fund to repay such loan at its maturity.

(3) Any such governmental unit may borrow money in anticipation of the collection of delinquent taxes for any preceding fiscal year. No such loan against the delinquent taxes of any such preceding fiscal year shall exceed 60% of such taxes: *Provided, That no such loan shall be made against the delinquent taxes of any year unless such delinquency exceeds 5% of the total taxes levied for such year. The notes evidencing such loan shall be payable not later than the estimated time or times of actual collection of such taxes but in no case later than the expiration of the period of redemption following the sale of lands for the non-payment of the taxes for such fiscal year. Such delinquent taxes when collected, including the proceeds of sales for the non-payment of such taxes and proceeds of redemption from such tax sales, shall be placed in a sinking fund for the payment of such notes and if the amount in such sinking fund shall be insufficient to pay the principal and interest of any such notes in full when due, the amount necessary for such payment shall be advanced out of the general funds and provision shall be made on the next general tax roll for raising the amount so advanced. No more than one loan shall be made against the delinquent taxes of any one preceding fiscal year unless a subsequent loan is authorized in the resolution authorizing such first loan.*

(4) Any such governmental unit may borrow money in anticipation of the collection of any delinquent installment or installments of special assessments for the payment of bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of such special assessments, and which bonds are a general obligation of such governmental unit. Such loans shall not exceed 80% of the amount of such installment or installments of such special assessments. The notes evidencing such loan shall be payable not later than the estimated time or times of actual collection of the particular installment or installments respectively of such special assessments, but in no case later than the expiration of the period of redemption following the sale of lands for the non-payment of such installment or installments. Such delinquent installment or installments of assessments when collected, including the proceeds of sales for the non-payment of the same and proceeds of redemption from such sales, shall be placed in a sinking fund for the payment of such notes and if the amount in such sinking fund shall be insufficient to pay the principal and interest of such notes in full when due, the amount necessary for such payment shall be advanced out of the general funds, and provision shall be made on the next general tax roll for raising the amount so advanced. No more than one loan shall be made in anticipation of any delinquent installment or installments of special assessments unless a subsequent loan is authorized in the resolution authorizing such first loan.

Sec. 2. If any notes issued pursuant to the provisions of this act shall mature in more than six months from the date of issue, they shall be sold in accordance with the terms of Sec. 7 of Act No. 273 of the public acts of 1925 as amended, being Sec. 2,696 of the compiled laws of 1929. No such notes shall be issued under the provisions of this act which mature in more than six months from the date of issue, until the officer having charge of the financial records of the governmental unit issuing the same, shall make a sworn statement to the State Treasurer containing the information required to be given by Sec. 8 of Act No. 273 of the public acts of 1925 as amended, being Sec. 2,697 of the compiled laws of 1929, together with any other information showing a compliance with this act, and if the State Treasurer shall find that said notes comply with the provisions of this act then he shall issue a certificate to that effect.

Sec. 2-a. In all cases of notes issued under the provisions of subdivisions 3 and 4 of Sec. 1 of this act, the governmental unit shall in addition to any other requirements of this act and before any such notes shall be issued, make application to a board to be known as the "Loan Board" consisting of the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the Auditor General for permission to issue such notes. Such application shall be upon blanks to be furnished by the State Treasurer. Applicants shall also furnish such additional information as the board may require. The decision of such board shall be final as to whether such loan may be made and if so to what extent.

Sec. 3. Notes heretofore issued in anticipation of the collection of delinquent taxes of special assessments are hereby declared to be legal and

valid obligations of the county, township, city, village or school district issuing the same as if issued or sold hereunder.
 Sec. 4. No officer or officers of any of the governmental units referred to in this act shall use or cause to be used any money borrowed under the provisions of subdivisions 1, 2 and 3 of Sec. 1 of this act except for the payment of debts and for the necessary maintenance expenses of such governmental unit. The moneys in each sinking fund required by this act shall be deposited in a bank account separate from any other moneys of the governmental unit and shall be used for no purpose except to retire the notes for the payment of which such sinking fund was established.
 Sec. 5. No notes shall be issued under the provisions of subdivision 3 of Sec. 1 of this act after Oct. 1 1933, except renewals of such notes theretofore issued. The term of such renewal notes shall in no case exceed the maximum term permitted by said subdivision.
 This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

Michigan.—Legislative Session Ends.—The 56th session of the State Legislature came to a close on May 22 after one of the longest sessions on record, with the State tax levies for the next two years set at \$30,215,000 and \$29,218,000 respectively, as compared with \$29,500,000 for the current year, according to a dispatch from Lansing to the Detroit "Free-Press" of May 23. The final adjournment is set for June 19, usually regarded as a matter of form, although vetoes of the Governor could be overridden at that time.

Governor Signs Bank Tax Bill.—The McEachron bank tax bill, setting up a new method of determining assessments of banks for taxation, was recently signed by Governor Brucker. The "Michigan Investor" of May 16 had the following to say regarding the bill:

Despite the signing by Governor Brucker this week of the McEachron bank tax bill, advocated by the Michigan Bankers Association, as great a muddle exists as before concerning the basis upon which Detroit banks will be taxed this year. The misunderstanding arises from a rider which was attached to the bill providing that boards of review which have adjourned must reconvene and remove assessments upon banks and trust companies made under any previous laws which now are superseded by the McEachron bill.

"This," says John Nagel, president of the Detroit council, "is illegal as the board of review cannot resume its sessions until the people of Detroit amend the city charter, thereby making provision for a resumption of hearings."

Assessments for 1931 taxes have been levied against Detroit banks and trust companies under the old law that prevailed prior to the enactment of legislation in 1929 that was held unconstitutional last summer. Under this method of figuring assessments the taxable assets of banks and trust companies in Detroit is \$82,000,000. Under the terms of the McEachron bill the figure will be materially lower.

Representatives of Detroit bankers appeared before the board of review last week to protest against the assessment of their institutions under an old law but their protest was overruled because at the time no new law had been enacted. The McEachron bill was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor shortly afterward.

Missouri.—Five Amendments to the State Corporation Laws Signed by Governor.—A special dispatch from Jefferson City to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" recently reported as follows on five amendments to the State corporation laws liberalizing and safeguarding the formation of corporations which were signed by Governor Caulfield:

Five amendments to the Missouri corporation laws were passed by the 56th General Assembly and all have been approved by Governor Caulfield. The changes not only liberalize the statutes covering the formation of corporations, but throw safeguards about their conduct and supervision.

Two of the measures carried emergency clauses and are now in effect. One of these, Senate Bill No. 132, requires foreign corporations to file all changes in their charter with the Secretary of State, the same as in the State in which they were incorporated. This enables the Secretary of State of Missouri to collect all fees due the State arising from charter changes. There has always been doubt as to whether foreign corporations could be required to file charter changes after having qualified to do business here. This amendment was passed to clarify the existing law and make definite when and how charter changes are to be filed.

\$5 Per Share Value.

The other corporation law change now in effect is House Bill No. 315 which places an arbitrary value of \$5 per share on no par value shares for qualification purposes, both as to domestic and foreign corporations, unless the actual value of the shares should exceed \$5, in which event the State's fees and taxes are based on actual value. Prior to enactment of this amendment all no par value stock for incorporation purposes had to be computed at \$100 per share. Effect of this will be to increase the number of domestic corporations and prevent Missouri incorporators from going to other States because of lower rates.

Of the other three measures none will become effective until 90 days after date of sine die adjournment of the session of the General Assembly.

Fraternal Bill Approved.

One of these is Senate Bill No. 128, which authorizes beneficiary, religious and fraternal organizations to change their place of location from one county or city to another by vote of the shareholders. There is no provision in the present statutes on the subject for such procedure.

Another, Senate Bill No. 131, is an amendment authorizing extension of corporate existence. Missouri has never had a definite statute authorizing a corporation to extend its charter when it was about to expire.

The third is House Bill No. 316, authorizing change of location of domestic corporations. There has never been a law in Missouri authorizing a change of location for domestic corporations. This is considered an important change and a matter of convenience for corporations.

New Jersey.—Special Legislative Session Called for June 15.—The special session of the State Legislature which was indicated as likely by Governor Larson at the close of the regular session—V. 132, p. 3200—has been called by him to convene on June 15 in order to take concurrent action with Pennsylvania on the creation of a bi-state port authority and to take action on the nominations provided by the Abell reorganization program for the various State governmental offices, according to a dispatch from the Trenton Bureau of the "Newark News" appearing on June 1. It is stated that the reapportionment of Congressional districts and other controversial matters that were not disposed of at the regular session will not be dealt with at this time but will be taken up at another special session after the November election.

Texas.—Legislature Adjourns.—On May 23 both branches concluded their work after 121 days and the regular session of the Forty-second Legislature came to a close. The session is said to have seen the largest number of bills introduced in the history of Texas. There were 1,766 measures offered to change the laws, of which 1,689 were bills to amend the statutes and 77 were joint resolutions proposing amendments to the Constitution. The House originated 1,060 bills and 46 joint resolutions and the Senate had 629 bills and 31 joint resolutions. This session operated for the first time under a new constitutional amendment raising the pay of members and allocating the work to be done. According to the

Dallas "News" of May 24, a considerable number of bills were finally passed, but a much larger percentage was left to die on the calendar. The new constitutional amendment mentioned above provided that the first 30 days of the session be devoted to bill introduction, the second 30 days to committee work and the final 60 days to the disposition of measures in the main bodies. Also, it doubled the pay of the members by raising it from \$5 to \$10 a day. It is reported that by the wholesale suspension of the allocations the worst bill congestion ever experienced was brought about. Appropriation bills passed at this session aggregated \$52,753,646. One law of more than ordinary importance resulting from this session is that limiting the amount of warrants or other evidences of indebtedness, which may be issued by Commissioners' Courts as a charge against the county or by the governing bodies of cities as a charge against the city. Warrants running into the millions, bearing large interest, have been put against taxable property for payment without having been submitted to a vote of the people. This law is designed to stop that practice. The gasoline tax law was revised to reach about 50,000,000 gallons that were escaping annually by making the payment at the point of first distribution at refineries in Texas or the wholesaler where the gasoline is shipped into the State. At 4 cents a gallon, this means an additional \$2,000,000 annually in taxes. It is stated that a special legislative session is expected to be called shortly.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Abington), Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles M. Doll, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on June 29 for the purchase of \$125,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Dated July 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 each on July 1 in 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956 and 1961. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. These bonds are issued subject to the favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia, as to their validity.

ADA COUNTY (P. O. Boise), Ida.—BOND SALE.—The \$525,000 issue of general refunding obligation bonds offered for sale on May 29—V. 132, p. 4100—was purchased by the First Security Co. of Salt Lake City as follows: \$475,000 as 4½s, and the remaining \$50,000 as 4s. Due in 20 years.

ADAMS, Berkshire County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$21,000 3¼% coupon sewer bonds offered on June 2 were awarded to the South Adams Savings Bank at a price of par. The bonds are dated June 1 1931 and mature \$1,000 annually on June 1 from 1932 to 1952 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Payable as to both prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) at the Merchants National Bank of Boston. This institution will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to their genuineness. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

AIKEN COUNTY (P. O. Aiken), S. C.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$100,000 issue of 4½% semi-ann. debt refunding bonds that was purchased by the First National Co. of Atlanta—V. 132, p. 4100—was awarded for a premium of \$350, equal to 100.35, a basis of about 4.71%. Due on June 1 1941.

ALBANY, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The Bancamerica-Blair Corp. and Eldredge & Co., both of New York, jointly, were the successful bidders on June 3 for \$2,310,000 bonds of the total of \$2,330,000 offered for sale.—V. 132, p. 3927. The bankers paid a price of 101.161 for the bonds as 3½s, or an int. cost basis of about 3.30%. The sinking fund commission of the city purchased the remaining \$20,000 bonds, also as 3½s, paying a price of par. This block matures \$500 annually on June 1 from 1932 to 1971 incl. The \$2,310,000 bonds purchased by the investment houses mature serially on June 1 as follows: \$184,000 from 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$176,000, 1935 and 1936; \$126,000 from 1937 to 1939 incl.; \$114,000, 1940 and 1941; \$66,000 from 1942 to 1951 incl., and \$7,000 from 1952 to 1971 incl. All of the bonds are dated June 1 1931. Coupon in \$1,000 denoms., with privilege of registration as to prin. and int.

BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The bonds, according to the bankers, are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York and Massachusetts, and are being reoffered for public investment priced to yield as follows:

Year—	Yield.	Year—	Yield.	Year—	Yield.
1932	1.75%	1936	3.00%	1940	3.30%
1933	2.25%	1937	3.10%	1941-42	3.35%
1934	2.50%	1938	3.20%	1943-51	3.40%
1935	2.75%	1939	3.25%	1952-71	3.45%

The following issues were included in the sale:

\$1,170,000 public imp't. bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$58,000 from 1932 to 1941 incl., and 59,000 from 1942 to 1951 incl.
 740,000 local imp't. bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$99,000 from 1932 to 1936 incl., and \$49,000 from 1937 to 1941 incl.
 *300,000 water bonds, due \$7,500 June 1 from 1932 to 1971 incl.
 120,000 municipal equipment bonds. Due June 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1932 to 1934 incl., and \$12,000 from 1935 to 1939 incl.
 * \$20,000 bonds of this issue, as previously noted, were purchased by the Sinking Fund Commission of the city.

ALCOA, Blount County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by A. B. Smith, City Recorder, until 1 p. m. on June 15 for the purchase of two issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$36,000, as follows:

\$21,000 street improvement bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1937 to 1945, and \$3,000 in 1946. Authority for issuance: Chapter 18, Public Acts of Tennessee, 1913, First Extra Session as amended and by ordinances of the City adopted pursuant thereto.

15,000 sewer improvement bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1937 to 1941, and \$2,000, 1942 to 1946, all incl. Authority for issuance: Chapter 5, Private Acts of Tennessee, 1920, and by ordinances of the City.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1931. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Bankers Trust Co. in New York City. The approving opinion of Masslich & Mitchell, of New York, will be furnished. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the City, is required.

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY (P. O. Waukon), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. on June 11 by C. C. Hath, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$460,000 issue of primary road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1931. Due \$46,000 from May 1 1937 to 1946 incl. Optional after May 1 1937. Interest payable annually. Sealed bids will be received up to the hour of calling for open bids. The County will furnish the approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, purchaser to furnish the blank bonds. A certified check for 3% of the bid, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

AUBURN, Cayuga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—A. P. Briggs, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on June 9 for the purchase of \$700,000 not to exceed 4% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated July 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$35,000 annually on July 1 from 1932 to 1951 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July) are payable in gold at the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., New York. A certified check for \$14,000, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal. The legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished to the successful bidders. According to the official offering notice, the bonds are direct general obligations of the City, the principal and interest thereon being payable from

R. H. Moulton & Co. and Security First National Co., \$809; William R. Staats Co., \$676; National City Co., \$673; Dean Witter & Co., \$382; Bankamerica Co., \$1,782. The Bankamerica Co. bid was for coupon rate of 4 1/4%, while all others were for a rate of 4%.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of not to exceed 4 1/2% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$2,000,000, offered on June 1—V. 132, p. 3932—were not sold as all the bids were rejected. The high bidder for the bonds was the First National Bank of San Diego, offering 101.20 for 4s. The issues are divided as follows:

- \$1,000,000 Los Angeles City School District bonds. Due from June 1 1932 to 1961.
1,000,000 Los Angeles City High School District bonds. Due from June 1 1932 to 1961.

It is reported that new bids will be advertised for on these bonds.

BONDS RE-OFFERED.—It is now reported that sealed bids will be received again on June 22, by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of school bonds aggregating \$2,000,000 as follows:

- \$1,000,000 Los Angeles City School District bonds. Due on June 1 as follows: \$72,000 in 1932, and \$32,000, 1933 to 1961, incl.
1,000,000 Los Angeles City High School District bonds. Due on June 1 as follows: \$72,000 in 1932, and \$32,000, 1933 to 1961, incl.

Int. rate is not to exceed 4 1/2%. All of said bonds shall bear the same rate of interest, and bids for varying rates of interest for portions of such bonds will be rejected. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1931. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable either at the Country Treasury, or at Kuntze Bros. in New York City. A certified check for 3% of the bonds, payable to the Board of Supervisors, is required.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds has been purchased by Little, Wooten & Co. of Jackson. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1930. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1941 to 1950, and \$10,000, 1951 to 1955, all incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. in New York. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

MAINE, State of (P. O. Augusta).—\$2,000,000 BONDS AUTHORIZED FOR SALE.—Wm. S. Owen, State Treasurer, has been authorized by Governor Gardner and the executive council to sell on June 24 \$2,000,000 3 1/2% State highway and bridge construction bonds, to be dated July 1 1931 and mature \$100,000 annually from 1932 to 1951, incl.

MALIN, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on June 9, by C. R. Beardsley, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 6% coupon water bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 2 1930. Due on Sept. 2 1950. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. The approving opinion of Teal, Winfree, McCulloch & Shuler of Portland will be furnished. A \$500 certified check must accompany the bid.

McMINNVILLE, Yamhill County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 issue of coupon armory refunding bonds offered for sale on May 19—V. 132, p. 3932—was purchased by Atkinson-Jones & Co., Inc. of Portland, as 4 1/4% at a price of 100.85, a basis of about 4.35%. Dated June 1 1931. Due \$2,000 from June 1 1933 to 1942 incl. The other bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid, Bidder, Price Bid. Lists American National Corp, Central Illinois Co, First Natl. Bank of Portland, U. S. Natl. Bank of McMinnville, and Broom.

MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 coupon or registered paying impt. bonds offered on May 28—V. 132, p. 3932—were awarded as 4s to Graham, Parsons & Co. of New York at a price of 100.033, a basis of about 3.99%. The bonds are dated May 1 1931 and mature May 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1932 and 1933, and \$1,000 from 1934 to 1936 incl. Bids submitted at the sale were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Lists Graham, Parsons & Co. (purchasers), Dewey, Bacon & Co., Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., and George B. Gibbons & Co.

MAMARONECK SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Mamaroneck), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter R. Marvin Jr., Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (Daylight saving time) on June 11 for the purchase of \$649,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered (series I) sewer bonds. Dated June 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$16,000 on June 15 from 1936 to 1975 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and December) are payable at the Larchmont National Bank & Trust Co., Larchmont, or at the First National Bank, of New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Town, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, to the effect that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the Town of Mamaroneck, payable in the first instance from assessments and not from a general town tax, which, however, may be levied if there is a shortage in the primary fund, will be furnished the successful bidder.

MAMARONECK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Mamaroneck), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 series C coupon or registered school bonds offered on June 2—V. 132, p. 3932—were awarded as 3.90s to Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc. and B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Inc., both of New York, jointly, at a price of 100.149, a basis of about 3.89%. The bonds are dated July 1 1930 and mature July 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1935 to 1954 incl., and \$20,000 from 1955 to 1964 incl. The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for general investment priced to yield 3.25% for the 1935 maturity; 1936, 3.40%; 1937, 3.50%; 1938, 3.60%; 1939, 3.70%; 1940 and 1941, 3.75%; 1942 to 1949 incl., 3.80% and 3.85% for the bonds due from 1950 to 1964 incl. The securities are reported to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State and to be direct general obligations of the District, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable property therein.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported by District Clerk as of May 14 1931)
Assessed valuation 1930: \$72,225,705
Total bonded debt, including this issue: 3,483,750
Population: 1920, 8,374; present estimate, 19,058.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—P. L. Kelley, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on June 15 for the purchase of \$35,000 not to exceed 6% int. incinerator construction bonds. Dated June 1 1931. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$3,500 annually on Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1941 incl. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, drawn on a Mansfield banking institution, must accompany each proposal. Bond int. is payable semi-annually in April and October.

MARENISCO TOWNSHIP (P. O. Marenisco), Gogebic County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Mayne Arnestad, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on June 9 for the purchase of \$50,000 5% highway improvement bonds. Dated July 15 1931. Due \$10,000 annually on Jan. 15 from 1933 to 1937 inclusive.

MARION, Grant County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 4% certificate redemption bonds offered on June 1—V. 132, p. 3932—were awarded to Broad & Harrison of Indianapolis at par plus a premium of \$763, equal to 102.18, a basis of about 3.69%. Dated June 1 1931. Due \$1,000 Dec. 1 1931, and \$1,000 June and Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1948 incl.

The following is a list of the bids submitted at the sale:
Bidder: Breed, Elliott & Harrison (purchasers) \$763.00; Fletcher American Co 588.60; Fletcher Savings & Trust Co 731.00; Union Trust Co. of Indianapolis 650.00; First National Bank, Marion 1.00

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—NOTE OFFERING.—Harry Dunn, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on June 15 for the purchase of \$200,000 not to exceed 4% interest poor relief notes. Dated June 1 1931. Denom. \$5,000. Due \$100,000 on May 15 and on Nov. 15 in 1932. Prin. and int. (May and Nov. 15) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 3% of the par value of the notes 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 notes is to be furnished by the successful bidder.

MAXTON, Robeson County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until June 12, by Chas. M. Johnson, Secretary of the Local Government Commission, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 6% semi-annual funding bonds. Dated June 1 1931. Due \$1,000 from 1936 to 1944, and \$2,000, 1945 to 1952, all incl. (These are the bonds that were scheduled for sale on June 2—V. 132, p. 4104.)

MEDFORD, Jackson County, Pa.—BOND DETAILS.—The two issues of impt. bonds aggregating \$41,269.22, that were purchased by Ferris & Hardgrove of Portland—V. 132, p. 3932—bear int. at 5 1/2%.

MEDINA, Medina County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,000 coupon special assessment sewer construction bonds offered on May 19—V. 132, p. 3386—were awarded as 4 1/2s to the State Teachers Retirement System, of Columbus, at par plus a premium of \$50, equal to 101, a basis of about 4.17%. The bonds are dated April 1 1931 and mature \$1,000 Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1936 incl.

MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. F. Garver, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on June 8 for the purchase of \$45,408 5% special assessment road improvement bonds. Dated June 15 1931. One bond for \$408, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$9,408 in 1932, and \$9,000 from 1933 to 1936, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (A. & O.) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. 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 \$1,000, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Bids must be wholly unconditional or conditioned upon the approval of the bonds by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, whose opinion will be furnished at the expense of the purchaser.

MERIDEN, New Haven County, Conn.—NO IMMEDIATE SALE OF BONDS EXPECTED.—Edward J. Pickett, City Treasurer, informs us that the various issues of bonds aggregating \$277,000 authorized recently for sale, are not expected to be placed on the market for a period of at least three months.

MICHIGAN CITY, CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, LaPorte County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$110,500 4 1/2% school bonds offered on May 27—V. 132, p. 3386—were awarded to Hill, Joiner & Co., of Chicago, at a price of 108.484, a basis of about 3.83%. The bonds are dated July 1 1931 and mature July 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1939 to 1943, incl.; \$12,000 in 1944; \$19,000, 1948; \$19,500 in 1949; and \$9,000 in 1950. The Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., of Indianapolis, was second high bidder, with an offer of 108.04.

MIDDLEBURY, Addison County, Vt.—BOND SALE.—The \$78,000 4% coupon refunding bonds offered on May 29—V. 132, p. 3583—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co., of Boston, at a price of 100.80, a basis of about 3.94%. The bonds are dated June 1 1931 and mature \$2,000 annually on Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1970, incl. B. H. Rollins & Sons, of Boston, bid a price of 99.909 for the issue.

MILL FOUR DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Toledo), Lincoln County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1:30 p. m. on July 1, by Carl Tanger, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of 6% drainage bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,000 from July 1 1936 to 1950, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the First National Bank in Toledo. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

MILWAUKEE, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. (central standard time) on June 12, by Louis M. Kotecki, City Comptroller, for the purchase of three issues of 4 1/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$3,540,000, divided as follows: \$1,900,000 viaduct; \$1,140,000 school and \$500,000 park bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1931. Due \$177,000 from July 1 1932 to 1951, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer, or at the authorized agent of the City in New York. These bonds may be registered as to principal only. Bids are requested for all or none. The approving opinion of Charles B. Wood, of Chicago, will be furnished. Authority for issuance: Chapter 385, Laws of Wisconsin, 1925 and Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for is required.

(The preliminary report of this offering appeared in V. 132, p. 3744.)

Official Financial Statement. Assessed valuation of the taxable property of the City of Milwaukee, as ascertained by the assessment of State and county taxes

Table with columns: Description, Amount. Shows assessed valuation for 1930, debt limit, bonds sold in 1931, less bonds paid in 1931, net outstanding debt, and net debt margin.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on June 16, by Geo. M. Link, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, for the purchase of a \$516,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the certificates. Dated June 15 1931. Due on March 15 1932. Bids offering an amount less than par cannot be accepted. The certificates will be sold subject to the approving opinion of the City Attorney or the attorney for the purchaser. Forms on which to submit bids will be furnished on request. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, is required.

MISSISSIPPI, State of (P. O. Jackson).—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until July 1, according to report, by the State Bond Commission, for the purchase of a \$5,000,000 bond issue to take up outstanding bank guaranty certificates.

MISSOURI, State of (P. O. Jefferson City).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until July 8, by Lewis Ellis, Acting State Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$5,000,000 issue of 3 3/4% semi-ann. highway bonds. Dated July 1 1931. Due \$1,000,000 from 1948 to 1952, incl. Delivery of bonds will be made on July 15.

MONMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Freehold), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—C. Asa Francis, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Daylight saving time) on June 17, for the purchase of \$3,000,000 coupon or registered temporary State highway bonds. Dated July 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$1,000,000 in 1935 and \$2,000,000 in 1936. Rate of interest to be suggested in bid. Principal and interest (Jan. and July 15) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. 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, as to legality will be furnished to the purchaser without charge, and if desired by the purchaser will include a statement that the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the State Highway Commission, has entered into a valid agreement with the County to repay thereto the actual cost of construction of State highway routes Nos. 35 and 36, being the highways for the cost of construction of which the above-mentioned bonds are issued, and further to pay interest thereon, and that all amounts received from the State of New Jersey pursuant to said agreement are required by law to be held in inviolate for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon.

MONTANA, State of (P. O. Butte).—BOND CALL.—Notice is being given by F. E. Williams, State Treasurer, that he is calling for payment bonds numbers 1 to 1250 incl. of series A of the Montana State Educational bonds on July 1 1931, interest to cease on that date, at the Chase National Bank in New York City, as provided in said bonds.

MORGANTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Morgantown), Monongalia County, W. Va.—BONDS CALLED.—G. S. Brewer, Secretary of the Board of Education, is giving notice that the Board is calling for payment as of July 1, the outstanding issue of \$92,000 5% school bonds dated July 1 1914, at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Int. shall cease on the bonds at that time. Bonds are numbered from 59 to 150, inclusive.

MORRISTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Morris County, N. J.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The \$308,000 4% coupon or registered

