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### The Financial Situation.

Business sentiment has unquestionably improved within recent weeks, and the conviction is steadily growing that the turn in the long period of trade depression has been definitely reached, and that henceforth there will be gradual, even if only very slow, improvement. In a word, a change for the better appears to have been inaugurated, and the change would seem likely to continue unless untoward developments shall arrest its progress, such as the Japanese-Chinese situation, the refusal of the railroad brotherhoods to agree in a broad-minded way to some concession from present wage schedules, or some new financial involvement abroad or additional credit and currency inflation here, creating a new spirit of distrust, shall lead to a resumption of gold withdrawals. The change in sentiment is based on a number of favorable developments, more particularly the rise in the price of grain and the appreciation in the value of silver.

The improvement in commodity prices which undoubtedly lies at the bottom of the change for the better has not been quite fully maintained in all instances. There has been a natural reaction after the sharp upturn of the last few weeks. The price of silver in London sold up to 21 9/16d. per ounce on Tuesday, and after falling back to 20 3/4d. the next day, sold yesterday at 21 1/8d. against 20 5/16d. on Friday of last week. On the Metal Exchange speculation in futures has been on an enormous scale. Perhaps this is to be regretted, since a purely legitimate basis were much to be preferred as indicative of a permanent rise, and yet there can be no doubt that silver, like so many other things, was unduly depressed before the recent rise. Prices of many other articles and commodities also show net ad-

vances for the week, even though they may not be at the highest figures. Copper is not much higher at 7@7 1/4c., yet trading in the metal has been active. Rubber was quoted yesterday for the December option on No. 1 standard contract at 4.57c. against 4.72c. the previous Friday, while middling upland spot cotton on the Cotton Exchange in this city was 6.55c. against 6.75c. on Friday of last week.

Better accounts also come regarding the steel market, the "Iron Age" this week saying that "for the third consecutive week steel ingot production has gained slightly, being estimated at 31% of capacity against 30% last week and 29% the week before that. Against an average output of 27.76% in October, this is the most consistent increase in steel activity since last spring." The "Age" adds that "while its importance could easily be exaggerated, in view of the sluggishness of some branches of the industry, there is hope of further slight betterment during the remainder of the year, particularly in automobile tonnage, to be followed, perhaps, by a sharper upturn in the first quarter of 1932." At the same time, however, it is also said that "expectations for the remainder of the year have been modified somewhat by the probability that the bulk of rail orders, usually placed at this time, will go over until January," and furthermore, that "the steel mills are not receiving much fresh support from building construction, notwithstanding that a reliable estimate places the amount of pending work at 650,000 tons."

Some concern is also being felt regarding the strained situation in the Far East, and likewise as to the outcome of the negotiations for the modification of German reparations payments. In both instances there is apprehension lest American commitments may go too far. Of course no one is opposed to having the Administration at Washington make the most determined efforts to prevent war in that part of the world, either between Japan and China or among Japan, China and Russia combined—indeed, it is considered closely akin to a religious duty to do this—and yet there is the strongest feeling against having this country dragged in too far or against letting it become involved in commitments that would be tantamount to the United States joining the League of Nations, thereby abandoning the policy to which the country has consistently adhered from the outset. Nevertheless, in the present instance our Government, it would appear, has apparently taken a deliberate stand of acting in full co-operation with whatever course the League of Nations may pursue.

One of the main reasons why the United States has refused to join the League is that membership in that body involves courses of action to which the

great majority of the people of this country are unalterably opposed, and which they believe would involve the country in endless trouble and be objectionable both on political and on moral grounds.

At present the situation in the Far East, from a military standpoint, is threatening in the extreme. One of the provisions of the League organization permits the use of so-called "sanctions" against an offending member of the League. "Sanctions" means the use of very drastic measures for bringing the offending member to task. These measures may take the form of a boycott or even go to the extent of employing actual force against the offender in certain contingencies. The United States, in co-operating with the League in order to bring pressure against Japan, would appear to be giving endorsement to the principle of "sanctions," even though it does not bind itself to join in the application of the principle, as indeed it would have no authority to do without the approval of Congress. Carried to its extreme, this doctrine means that we would be obliged to go to war in order to prevent war—a doctrine that is abhorrent, and which has never appealed to any considerable body of our citizens, and is full of danger. The Kellogg-Briand treaty, by which all the subscribing nations pledge themselves not to resort to war as an instrument of national policy, is of a different character. It contains no provision for the enforcement of its provisions. It relies on moral suasion alone, and this, indeed, was considered its strongest feature from the outset. Every nation says in effect that it has an abiding faith in the rectitude of purpose of every other nation, and entertains unqualified confidence that they will never deviate from the principles embodied in the Peace Pact. In the present instance we are persuaded that a carefully worded reminder of the pledge by both Japan and China would have done more good than the bringing of the ponderous machinery of the League of Nations into action, with all the threats and penalties which may be invoked thereunder and be enforced against any member of the League that refuses to yield implicit obedience to the League's mandates.

We are not unmindful of the fact that on Wednesday of this week a letter to President Hoover, expressing "heartly approval" of the steps taken to provide for the co-operation of the United States with the League of Nations in its efforts to preserve peace in Manchuria, was made public by Raymond B. Fosdick, a New York lawyer of great public spirit. The letter was signed by 161 men and women of great distinction and whose views always command the highest respect. In their letter to the President these eminent persons give utterances to a "desire to express their hearty approval of the steps that you (the President) have taken to provide for the co-operation of our Government with the League of Nations in its efforts toward maintaining peace in Manchuria." They then go on to say: "We fully endorse the statement of Secretary Stimson that 'The American Government, acting independently through its diplomatic representatives, will endeavor to reinforce what the League does and will make clear that it has a keen interest in the matter.' We trust that this policy will be followed without qualification, that the representative of the United States will sit with the Council of the League when it reconvenes Nov. 16, and that any joint action which may be agreed upon at that meeting, looking toward the just and peaceful settlement of the Manchurian

question, will receive the whole-hearted support of the American Government."

But these noble-hearted men and women are so wedded to an ideal, to which no one in the whole wide world can or does take exception, namely, the maintenance of peace, that they never take account of ulterior consequences, no matter how these may be freighted with possible ill consequences. Many of the men and women who join in this approving letter believe in the cancellation of all reparation payments and all inter-Allied indebtedness, which latter contains another source of menace to the United States. This last would mean the foregoing by the United States of the yearly payments now received by this country from the Allied governments. The United States has already made sacrifices enough on account of such indebtedness, and is in no condition to make any further sacrifices of the same kind now, especially as in the present period of trade depression it is called upon to take care of a budget deficit running between \$1,000,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000 a year.

Besides, there is something farcical in the suggestion of relieving at least some of these Allied governments from the payment of the indebtedness owing to the United States. Take the case of France. All the settlements of the indebtedness owing by the Allied governments were made on the basis of ability to pay, and in the case of France she pleaded poverty (as a result of German destruction) so strenuously that she succeeded in getting very low terms—far below those obtained by Great Britain—in a word, obtained specially favorable terms of settlement. It now appears that France is one of the richest countries on earth. It has such large balances outstanding in the different countries of the world that it was able by the withdrawals of these balances first to undermine the financial stability of Germany, then that of Great Britain, and more recently its large withdrawals of gold from the United States became a menace even to this country. Think of relieving a country so superbly situated of the payment of its indebtedness to the United States!

Along with the improvement in trade which appears to be in prospect there is another favorable development to be noted. Credit and currency inflation which has been such a conspicuous feature of affairs during the present autumn is now being modified to some extent. This is a more important development than generally supposed. In the paragraph immediately above we have referred to the large takings of gold here by and on behalf of France. France, however, was not alone in this process. Nearly all the other countries of Europe were engaged in the same practice. France was in special position to inflict harm by reason of the extraordinary amount of short-term balances and short-term investments she held here. But, as just stated, other European countries indulged in the same practice. And why? Because of impaired confidence in the ability of the United States to maintain gold payments. The fear was that the United States would pass off the gold standard, the same as Great Britain and Germany had been obliged to do. And why had confidence become thus impaired? Not because we had an insufficient stock of the metal for the purpose. As a matter of fact, we had \$5,000,000,000 in this country at the time, or nearly half the gold supplies of the world.

Confidence became impaired because of the inflation of currency and of credit which was proceeding steadily and uninterruptedly in this country. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation finally reached a point where the amount of such notes outstanding ran considerably over a billion dollars in excess of that at the corresponding dates a year ago, and the volume of Reserve credit outstanding was some \$1,200,000,000 to \$1,300,000,000 greater than 12 months before. This attracted very little attention in this country, and, in fact, passed almost unnoticed here. In Europe, where they have had much sad experience as a result of inflationary policies, and were painfully aware of how unerringly they work to the undoing of the financial structure of countries thus afflicted, the perturbation and alarm were great. Then came President Hoover's proposal for the organization of the National Credit Corp. with a \$500,000,000 levy on the deposits of the banks of the country and authorized also to put out debentures to an aggregate of \$1,000,000,000. To the European observers this looked like further inflation to an alarming extent, and having in mind their own experience they jumped to the conclusion that it foreshadowed inevitable collapse. Feeling thus, and having in mind what had just happened to Germany and Great Britain, they determined to call back home their short-term investments and their bank balances.

Fortunately, at this juncture the Bank of France, prompted by the rise in money rates at this center (the Federal Reserve Bank of New York having first raised its rate of rediscount from 1½% to 2½%, and then to 3½%, and rates for acceptances having moved up in unison) was induced to resume the purchases of acceptances, and thereupon the danger point was quickly passed. As showing the importance of this last feature, the bill holdings held here by foreign banks, which had fallen to only \$40,571,000 Oct. 14, increased regularly thereafter, rising first to \$68,335,000 Oct. 21, then to \$82,879,000 Oct. 28, and to \$105,470,000 Nov. 4, and this week's Federal Reserve returns showing a further rise to \$108,862,000 Nov. 11.

All this is now a matter of history. The fortunate fact is that some of the inflation which so scared foreign observers is now being eliminated. And this is a decidedly encouraging feature, full of promise for the future. This week's returns of the Federal Reserve banks show numerous changes for the better in continuation of the improvement for the three weeks preceding. Both the two leading forms of credit have this week been reduced just as they had been reduced in the two weeks preceding. In other words, the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve institutions, which had been reduced the previous week from \$716,670,000 to \$705,224,000, have been further reduced the present week to \$683,764,000, and the holdings of acceptances which last week fell from \$724,680,000 to \$642,033,000, have the present week dropped to \$596,752,000. Holdings of United States Government securities have remained virtually unchanged, though holdings of "other securities" are slightly larger at \$31,599,000 Nov. 11 against \$30,194,000 Nov. 4. The result altogether is that the total holdings of bills and securities, which constitute a measure of the amount of Reserve credit outstanding, have fallen during the week from \$2,105,027,000 to \$2,039,578,000, at which figure, however, they are still about \$1,033,000,000 in excess of the holdings

12 months before, on Nov. 12 1930, when the total was no more than \$1,006,586,000.

At the same time gold holdings are again increasing as a result of the cessation of gold takings on behalf of foreign banks. The present week these gold reserves increased from \$2,772,746,000 to \$2,826,647,000. Most important of all, the ratio of reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities is likewise rising, being up this week from 61.5% to 62.5%, which compares with a low of 59.9% on Oct. 21, though a year ago, on Nov. 12 1930, the ratio stood as high as 81.2%. A further encouraging feature is that takings of gold for foreign account or for earmarking have now almost entirely ceased. For the week ending Nov. 11 the engagements of gold for export aggregated only \$688,000, while there were imports of \$210,000 and \$8,591,000 of gold held for foreign account was released from earmark. On Thursday and Friday the story was the same. On Thursday the amount that was withdrawn for export was only \$70,000, with \$1,900,700 released from earmark, while on Friday there were no withdrawals for export at all, though \$1,200,000 of the metal was set aside for earmark, offset, however, by imports of \$960,000. We have already referred to the fact that the bill holdings of the foreign central banks further increased during the week from \$105,447,000 to \$108,862,000. It ought to be added that foreign bank deposits with the Federal Reserve institutions also increased during the week, rising from \$131,431,000 to \$133,008,000.

Brokers' loans with the reporting member banks in New York City have been slightly further reduced during the week, dropping from \$849,000,000 Nov. 4 to \$831,000,000 Nov. 11. The changes in these loans, however, from week to week are no longer of much consequence, inasmuch as the totals have fallen to such low levels.

Production of cotton in the United States this year gets nearer and nearer to a record crop, and that notwithstanding the 10% cut in acreage about which so much fuss was made at the time of the planting. The November report of the Department of Agriculture, issued at Washington on Monday of this week, estimates the yield this year at 16,903,000 bales. This is an increase of 619,000 bales over the Oct. 1 estimate, and is only 1,074,000 bales less than highest cotton production on record, which was from the growth of 1926. The area planted to cotton this year was much less than last year. The Department has estimated that it was 90.7% of the area for 1930. It is also indicated that the area to be harvested this year will be 40,889,000 acres against 45,218,000 acres harvested last year. This year's production is based on an average yield of 197.8 pounds per acre, against a 10-year average yield of 154.4 pounds per acre. There is no record higher than that indicated for this year's production per acre since 1914, when the average yield was 202.2 pounds to the acre. Not only is production larger this year, but the average weight of the bales will be higher than for any previous year of record. For the 1930 crop, the average weight was 506.4 pounds to the bale.

Conditions in October were exceptionally favorable to the development and picking of the crop. The weather was ideal, with temperatures above the average, and rainfall very light. There was an increase of production in every State during October excepting only Arizona. A much larger production

is promised for Texas and for Arkansas in the latest figures. For Texas it is now indicated at 5,250,000 bales, whereas last year the final production for that State was 4,039,136 bales. For Arkansas the yield this year is now placed at 1,860,000 bales, while last year it was only 874,400 bales, the latter being very low even for that State. There is a substantial increase indicated this year for the Gulf States, especially for Louisiana. Mississippi and Oklahoma promise a much larger yield this year. In 1926, the only year in which the yield was in excess of that now indicated for this year, it was not until the October report that a heavy production was promised. The November report in that year indicated a production of 17,918,000 bales—the final estimate was 17,977,000 bales. Ginnings, too, have been very heavy this year, amounting, up to Nov. 1, to 12,129,546 bales. Last year ginnings to the same date were 10,863,000 bales, while in 1926, the year of record growth, the ginnings to Nov. 1 were 11,263,000 bales.

Other crops, in addition to cotton, were benefited by the fine October weather this year. Corn suffered somewhat as to quantity, but the quality is excellent and is well above that of recent preceding years. The November report of the Department of Agriculture on the growing grain and other crops for this year was issued at Washington on Tuesday of this week. It estimates the production of corn this year at 2,674,369,000 bushels. This is based on the condition of the crop on Nov. 1 of this year. There was a decrease of 28,383,000 bushels from the Oct. 1 estimate of yield of this year. Last year's production of corn was only 2,093,552,000 bushels, much the smallest yield in any year since 1901. The average yield for the past 10 years has been 2,726,580,000 bushels, but there were two years in which production was in excess of 3,000,000,000 bushels.

The yield per acre this year is now placed at 25.3 bushels, against only 20.6 bushels last year, and a high record of 29.6 bushels per acre in 1921. The latter was one of the 3,000,000,000-bushel years. Furthermore, the quality of the corn raised this year is now placed by the Department at 85.0% against 78.6% last year and a 10-year average condition of 80.0. The amount of old corn remaining on the farms this year is placed by the Department at 4.4% of last year's crop, or 92,837,000 bushels, compared with 72,383,000 bushels last year and a five-year average of 96,951,000 bushels.

The past season has been favorable for most crops, the yields being estimated by the Department at 11.4% above the average yields per acre secured last year. Prospects improved 0.7% during October, and one of the crops mentioned is white potatoes. The yield of the latter is now placed at 382,325,000 bushels compared with an estimate of 375,000,000 bushels on Oct. 1. Last year the production was 343,236,000 bushels, and the five-year average yield has been 381,000,000 bushels. For rice, too, a production this year of 43,000,000 bushels is now indicated against 41,300,000 bushels raised last year, and of buckwheat 10,800,000 bushels this year against 7,900,000 bushels last year. A large production of tobacco is also promised this year, 1,648,000,000 pounds against a five-year average of 1,357,000,000 pounds.

The stock market this week has pursued an irregular course with early strength succeeded by more or less of a downward reaction, which eventuated in a general break on Friday. On Saturday and on Monday the market was decidedly active and the tone at times close to buoyancy. Sharp advances in prices occurred on both these days in continuation of the strength the market had displayed last week on the days immediately preceding. At the half-day session on Saturday the transactions aggregated over two million shares, being in exact figures 2,040,670 shares—a quite unusual total for two hours' business. On Monday there was a continuation of this activity, with prices still rising and with the transactions for the day reaching 3,047,293 shares. The feeling at this time was exceedingly confident owing to a variety of favoring influences, in particular the sharp advance in grain prices and the further appreciation in the value of silver. Many other commodities also showed improving prices, copper futures advanced 35 to 45 points in the heaviest trading in weeks, rubber prices rose from 11 to 23 points on the New York Rubber Exchange, and hide futures were up from 55 to 85 points on the New York Hide Exchange. On the New York Cotton Exchange futures rose from 13 to 16 points, and the spot price was marked up from 6.70c. to 6.85c. in face of the report of the Agricultural Bureau at Washington estimating the current crop at 16,903,000 bales, or more than 600,000 bales above the Oct. 1 estimate and comparing with an actual harvest of only 13,931,597 bales last season. Many of the copper stocks enjoyed advances by reason of the appreciation in the price of silver, which constitutes a by-product of many of these companies. The American Smelting & Refining Co. in particular belongs in this class, and of course the International Silver Co. was directly benefited as a result of the higher price for silver.

After Monday, however, the market became reactionary, in part by reason of sales to realize profits, but more especially because commodity prices also became reactionary. Grain prices fell sharply after the long-continued advance dating back to Oct. 5, and nearly all the other commodity markets showed an easier tendency. The price of silver also moved lower, though on Thursday it again showed a sharp upturn. Reports regarding the steel trade were of more encouraging character than for a long time past, but the steel stocks continued to move lower in the general downward reaction.

Among the more important dividend changes for the week may be mentioned the Alabama Great Southern RR., which on Nov. 12 omitted the customary extra semi-annual divs. of 3% each on both the common and pref. stocks, but declared the reg. semi-annual divs. of 4% each on both issues. American Steel Foundries on Nov. 10 omitted the quar. div. on the common stock, but declared the usual quar. div. of 13¼% on the 7% cumul. pref. stock; California Packing Corp. omitted the quar. div. of 50c. a share on the no par common stock; Bulova Watch Co., Inc., also omitted the quar. div. of 20c. a share on the common stock. Among some of the companies which reduced their dividends the past week are the Motor Wheel Corp., which declared a quar. div. of 12½c. a share on the common stock payable Dec. 10, as compared with 25c. a share paid on Sept. 10 last. United Fruit Co. declared a div. of 75c. a share as against \$1 a share previously; Underwood-Elliott Fisher Co. made a declaration of 75c.

a share on the common stock compared with a dividend of \$1 a share paid in the previous quarter; Lanston Monotype Machine Co. on Nov. 13 decreased the quar. div. on its capital stock from \$1.75 a share to \$1.50 a share, and the Western Auto Supply Co. reduced the quarterly dividend payments on the class A and class B stocks from 75c. a share to 50c. a share. Yesterday the market was decidedly weak. The continued decline in New York Central and the further downward reaction in grain prices carried the whole market down. Call loans on the Stock Exchange again ruled at 2½% without alteration. In this week's dealings 42 stocks touched new low figures for the year and 10 stocks made new highs.

Trading was of more than ordinary size early in the week, while prices were rising, but diminished in volume as the market reacted. At the half-day session on Saturday last the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 2,040,670 shares; on Monday they were 3,047,293 shares; on Tuesday 1,750,052 shares; on Wednesday 1,491,401 shares; on Thursday 1,441,972 shares, and on Friday 1,794,382 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 287,599 shares; on Monday 403,880 shares; on Tuesday 254,270 shares; on Wednesday 217,458 shares; on Thursday 240,315 shares, and on Friday 210,590 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices are quite generally lower, the advances the early part of the week having been lost in the subsequent reaction and in the break on Friday. General Electric closed yesterday at 31½ against 32⅞ on Friday of last week; Warner Bros. Pictures at 5½ against 6¾; United Corp. at 13½ against 14⅝; North American at 41 against 42½; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 38½ against 39; Standard Gas & Elec. at 38⅞ against 42⅞; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 73⅞ against 76⅞; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 22½ against 23½; Brooklyn Union Gas at 94 against 95; Elec. Power & Light at 16⅞ against 18½; Public Service of N. J. at 67 against 66⅞; International Harvester at 31⅞ against 35¾; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 48 against 55½; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 41⅝ against 48; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 11¾ against 13¼; Woolworth at 52 against 55⅞; Safeway Stores at 51 against 53½; Western Union Telegraph at 68 against 76¼; American Tel. & Tel. at 139¾ against 142; Int. Tel. & Tel. at 16½ against 18¼; American Can at 81¾ against 83⅞; United States Industrial Alcohol at 33¾ against 32⅞; Commercial Solvents at 11⅞ against 12⅝; Shattuck & Co. at 13¼ against 14⅞, and Corn Products at 53½ against 54⅞.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 88¾ against 92⅞ on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 63 against 63¼; National Cash Register at 17⅝ against 18¼; International Nickel at 10¼ against 11; Timken Roller Bearing at 24⅞ against 23⅞; Mack Trucks at 20 against 20¾; Yellow Truck & Coach at 5 against 5¼; Johns-Manville at 31 against 33¾; Gillette Safety Razor at 14¼ against 15¾; National Dairy Products at 28½ against 30; Associated Dry Goods at 13⅝ against 13⅞; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 28¼ against 30; Amer. & Foreign Power at 14⅞ against 16⅞; General Amer. Tank Car at 44⅝ against 47¾; Air Reduction at 64⅞ against 66⅝; United Gas Improvement at 23¼ against 24; National Biscuit at 49½ against 49⅞; Coca Cola at 121 against 121¾; Continental Can at 40 against 41; Eastman Kodak at 108½ against 112; Gold Dust Corp. at 21⅝ against 23⅝; Radio-Keith-

Orpheum at 4⅞ against 6⅞; Standard Brands at 15⅞ against 16; Paramount Publix Corp. at 15 against 15⅞; Kreuger & Toll at 8 against 8⅞; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 45 against 49⅞; Drug, Inc. at 57½ against 59¾; Columbian Carbon at 47¼ against 52⅞; Amer. Tobacco at 89 against 91; Liggett & Myers, class B at 59¼ against 60¾; Reynolds Tobacco, class B at 39½ against 40¼; Lorillard at 14⅞ against 16⅞, and Tobacco Products, class A at 8⅞ against 8½.

The steel shares have held up better than some of the other groups. United States Steel closed yesterday at 68⅞ against 70 on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 29¼ against 29; Vanadium at 19¾ against 21¼; Crucible Steel at 30½ against 28¼, and Republic Iron & Steel at 8⅞ against 7¾. In the auto group Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 127¼ against 135½ on Friday of last week; General Motors at 27⅞ ex-div. against 28; Chrysler at 16¾ against 17½; Nash Motors at 19⅞ against 20; Packard Motors at 5¾ ex-div. against 5⅞; Hudson Motor Car at 13 against 12¼, and Hupp Motors at 5½ against 5⅞. In the rubber group Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 26⅞ against 28¼ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 7⅞ against 7⅞; United States Rubber at 7⅞ against 8½, and the preferred at 14 against 14⅞.

The railroad shares have zig-zagged a good deal. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 31 against 31½ on Friday of last week; Atchison, Topeka & Sante Fe at 110¾ against 113; Atlantic Coast Line at 60 against 57; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific at 20½ against 24; Erie RR. at 12½ against 12½; New York Central at 45⅞ against 51⅞; Baltimore & Ohio at 33½ against 34¾; New Haven at 36⅞ against 40½; Union Pacific at 106 against 106; Southern Pacific at 47¼ against 50¼; Missouri Pacific at 13½ against 14½; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 8¼ against 8½; Southern Railway at 16½ against 16½; Chesapeake & Ohio at 32 against 31⅞; Northern Pacific at 22¾ against 23⅞, and Great Northern at 25½ against 27½.

The oil shares have moved downward with the rest of the list. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 35 against 36⅞ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at 34⅞ against 35¾; Atlantic Refining at 14 against 14⅞; Freeport-Texas at 19⅞ ex-div. against 22⅞; Sinclair Oil at 7½ against 8⅞; Texas Corp. at 19 against 20⅞; Phillips Petroleum at 7½ against 8⅞, and Pure Oil at 6½ against 7.

The copper stocks have lost some of last week's gains. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 16¾ against 17¾; Kennecott Copper at 15⅞ against 16⅞; Calumet & Hecla at 4⅞ against 4⅞; Phelps Dodge at 9 against 9⅞; American Smelting & Refining at 30¼ against 31¼; and Cerro de Pasco Copper at 19 against 20⅞.

Quotations of securities listed on the stock exchanges in London and Paris fluctuated narrowly this week. Trading also was of small proportions, as much uncertainty exists regarding the business trend and the outcome of the political conversations now in progress. Disappointment was occasioned in all markets by the lack of any intimation by the MacDonald Government of possible action in regard to sterling stabilization and tariff legislation. Concern also was apparent in the various centers regarding the course of the Franco-German conversations on German reparations and private debts. Apart

from these considerations, however, a more confident tone appeared to prevail. Announcement was made in London, Monday, that the regulations limiting dealings to a cash basis would be removed Nov. 16, making transactions on the basis of fortnightly settlements again possible. Although it is recognized that the recent improvement in the British textile and other trades is due largely to sterling depreciation, there is a general belief that the gains will be maintained. Signs of the economic crisis in France are becoming more emphatic, Paris reports say, and there is much concern regarding the mounting deficits of the railway systems owned and operated by the State. The Berlin Boerse remains closed and no indication of the reopening date has yet been given. The unofficial curb market in the German center is becoming steadily more active in these circumstances and some important transactions in bank and steel company shares were reported this week.

Dealings on the London Stock Exchange started in cheerful fashion, Monday, owing in part to the announcement that normal trading would be resumed in a week. British industrial and shipping shares were generally better, and a considerable upswing appeared in international stocks. **British funds declined, however, owing to weakness in sterling exchange.** Dealings Tuesday were small, partly as a result of the pre-occupation of brokers with settlements of the election bets, which resulted in a turnover estimated at £750,000, and partly because traders and investors preferred to await the Parliamentary declaration of Prime Minister MacDonald. A few issues in the British industrial list received support, but most were listless. British funds remained dull, notwithstanding slight improvement in sterling exchange. The tone Wednesday was soft and prices drifted downward in almost all sections with the exception of shipping stocks. British textile and motor issues were offered liberally, while international stocks also lost ground. British Government securities were inactive and unchanged. A markedly better tendency appeared Thursday, as a result of rumors from the Continent that France and Germany had reached substantial agreement on the reparations and debts problems. Industrial issues moved up generally and British funds also improved. The tone yesterday was flat. Industrial stocks sagged slightly, while British funds showed fractional gains.

The Paris Bourse was irregular in the initial session of the week, but the undertone was firm and most stocks registered small gains. Sensational rumors were circulated for a time regarding the Sino-Japanese difficulties in Manchuria and these had an unsettling effect. The weakness was overcome, however, and quotations moved forward impressively thereafter. Tuesday's session was dull and prices drifted slowly lower in all departments of the market. Losses were modest and there were even a few increases here and there. The Bourse was closed Wednesday in observance of Armistice Day, which is a national holiday in France. When trading was resumed, Thursday, prices again turned soft under the influence of unsatisfactory reports from London and New York. Copper stocks were especially weak as a consequence of rumors that the copper producers' conference in New York was unlikely to result in agreement on curtailment. Other stocks also were weak at first, but some recovery appeared in the later dealings and net losses were held to small

proportions. Prices were firm yesterday on reports of progress in the Franco-German negotiations.

The series of direct contracts between leading statesmen of the world which began two years ago will be continued next week, when Foreign Minister Dino Grandi, of Italy, arrives in the United States for a brief stay in which questions of interest to the United States and Italy will be discussed with President Hoover and officials of the State Department. Signor Grandi and his party will proceed directly to Washington, after their arrival in New York next Monday on the Conte Grande. The Italian Minister will stay in the capital four days, on the invitation of President Hoover. Rome reports indicated, early this week, that he will discuss with Mr. Hoover and State Department officials those problems of Europe, especially armaments, which Italy regards as largely to blame for the current world depression. The possibility of revising the peace treaties and of reducing the intergovernmental obligations arising from the World War also will be discussed, it was said. Official circles in Rome expect no immediate results from the Washington visit, it was added. Washington dispatches stated that the conversations will range over all international problems in which Italo-American co-operation might offer a solution.

Methods of procedure for the calling of an international conference to reconsider reparations and war debts payments were again debated by representatives of the French and German Governments this week. The conference is likely to begin next January, Paris reports indicated, in accordance with the recent Hoover-Laval agreement that the initiative regarding further action on intergovernmental debts should be taken by the European nations principally concerned within the framework of the agreements existing prior to the Hoover year of postponement. Conversations were started between Paris and Berlin early last week, and it became immediately apparent that divergent views were held regarding the priority of the external political and commercial debts of Germany. In the current week these differences were closely studied and many avenues of approach to the projected general conference were discussed.

German objections to the calling of a special advisory committee of the Bank for International Settlements as a preliminary to reduction or abolition of conditional annuities only, were again reflected in Berlin dispatches. Proposals of the German Government as to the method of procedure were submitted to the French Ambassador, Andre Francois-Poncet, last Sunday, it was said, and promptly transmitted to Paris. Although their nature was not disclosed officially, it was agreed generally that they conformed to the previous German postulation that the intervention of a special committee could serve a useful purpose only if its functions included a comprehensive investigation of the commercial debt position as well as reparations. The German argument, as reported in a special dispatch of last Sunday to the New York "Times," is to the effect that an unrestricted survey is not only an indispensable prelude to reopening the reparations debate, but is also highly essential to establishing the juxtaposition of reparations and Germany's private short term credits under the Stillhaltung agreement. Berlin proposes, it was said, to put the private credits to the fore in the forthcoming negotiations on the

ground that they constitute priority claims and that their adjustment is of more immediate urgency to the future of German economy and the stability of German currency than the resumption of political payments under the Young plan.

French official circles viewed the German suggestions as to procedure rather coldly, according to Paris reports of Monday. It was intimated that Germany had expressed willingness to ask that an advisory committee be convened under the Young plan provisions to determine her capacity to pay. The Berlin Government, it was added, insists that the powers of the committee be enlarged to cover not only the political payments but also the private short-term credit position. The French contention, a Paris report of Monday to the New York "Herald Tribune" said, is that a distinction should be drawn between reparations and private debts. The latter, it was suggested, could be considered as a parallel to reparations and could be studied, for instance, by a subcommittee acting in close touch with the bankers most vitally concerned. That the matter remained in dispute early in the week was shown by the lack of any action in the course of the regular monthly meeting of Bank for International Settlement directors at Basle, Monday. Although it was believed Germany might present a request at the meeting for a further postponement of conditional annuities and the appointment of an advisory committee, no such action was taken. Subsequent reports from Paris indicated that France intended to adhere firmly to the contention that the advisory committee should be limited strictly to activities within the Young plan formula. That document provides in Article 125, it was pointed out, that the proposed committee "shall play no part in connection with the unconditional annuity accepted by Germany and referred to in the plan as unconditional annuity."

The negotiations were hampered somewhat by the French Cabinet preparations for the resumption of Parliamentary sessions, Thursday. It appeared Wednesday, however, according to a Paris report to the New York "Evening Post," that they include a French suggestion for German payments in kind in order to make up the suspension during the Hoover year. Chancellor Heinrich Bruening was said to have rejected the proposal. The dispatch also disclosed that the French Minister of Finance, Pierre Etienne Flandin, had suggested further application of the present scheme whereby unconditional annuities are paid by Germany in marks to the B. I. S., and then loaned back to German enterprises. Germany also rejected this proposal, it was said, taking a position against the payment of any reparations, either conditional or unconditional. The German attitude stiffened materially, the dispatch added, after the statements of Prime Minister MacDonal at the Guildhall and the opening of the British Parliament.

Optimism regarding the results of the negotiations was reported from both Paris and Berlin, Thursday. Diplomatic circles in the two capitals were said to feel that the German Government will be able to take the first formal step for re-examination of the Reich's ability to pay early next week. This will take the form, a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" said, of a request for the appointment of a B. I. S. committee under the Young plan formula. The German Government, at the same time, is expected to send to the powers concerned

an exposition of the Reich viewpoint on the matter. The dispute regarding the priority of reparations or private debts may result in a compromise, it was suggested, with additional consideration to be given the private debts by a special committee. A Paris dispatch to the same journal stated that the French Government contemplates a temporary waiver of the unconditional annuities for the duration of the economic depression. Sums due on this account would be relented to Germany, it was said, and guarantees demanded by France in the form of pledges of German tobacco and other revenues.

Statements on the policies of the new National Government of Great Britain were made this week both in the usual speech from the throne with which Parliamentary sessions are opened and in addresses by Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonal before the Commons and at the annual Guildhall banquet. The declarations made at the official opening of Parliament, Tuesday, were of more importance than the Guildhall address of the previous evening, but their substance was foreshadowed in the earlier speech by the Prime Minister. The two matters of greatest interest in Britain—stabilization of the pound sterling and imposition of a tariff—were touched on only vaguely in the speeches and no definite proposals were made. It was also considered remarkable that no distinct references were made to the Manchurian problem, which is at present engaging the attention of all the leading Governments. In his Parliamentary address the Prime Minister referred in no uncertain terms, however, to reparations and war debts. He scored the "unnatural economic adjustment" forced upon the world and asserted that it has resulted in a "crazy economy" which is bound to impoverish not only the nation that makes the payments but also the recipients. The first division of the new Parliament occurred Wednesday on a minor question, and the National Cabinet was sustained by the handsome majority of 369. Since the supporters of the Government outnumber its opponents almost ten to one, even larger majorities are expected on important questions.

In a brief speech delivered by King George but written by the Prime Minister and his colleagues, the Parliament was informed that British relations with foreign powers remain friendly. A policy of promoting peace and good-will is to be pursued by the new Government, it was said, and particular attention will be paid to preparations for the February disarmament conference. Co-operation with other governments also was promised in the attempt to overcome current financial and economic difficulties and restore international trade. After expressing hopes for the success of the Indian Round Table conference and a projected Empire conference, King George remarked that the nation endorsed at the general election those measures for securing economy and balancing the national budget which constituted the first essential steps in the solution of British financial and economic problems. An emphatic mandate also was given the Cabinet, he added, to pursue a policy for re-establishment of full financial confidence and the insuring of a favorable balance of trade.

Prime Minister MacDonal followed with a Parliamentary declaration in which he gave first attention to the reparations and debt problem. Steps have already been taken, he stated, for contacts be-

tween the nations concerned, so that "arrangements may be made to extricate ourselves from this absurd economic entanglement which we have got into." He warned that progress would be slow owing to the great care necessary to achieve success. The highest importance was placed by the Prime Minister on the recent visit of Premier Laval of France to Washington. He expressed expectations that an understanding between France and Germany will follow. Turning specifically to the British economic position, the Prime Minister said that his Government's mandate was to investigate all possible remedies to restore British prosperity, and that it was not committed to any definite policy before such an investigation. Suspension of gold payments and the consequent depreciation of sterling undoubtedly gave British exports certain advantages, he pointed out. Such advantages, however, may well prove temporary, Mr. MacDonald declared, as they may be met by counter-action on the part of importing countries. Profiteering will be sternly dealt with, he asserted, and every effort made to prevent an undue rise in the sterling price of primary commodities.

In his address at the Lord Mayor's banquet in the Guildhall on the preceding evening, Mr. MacDonald referred more fully to the financial problems that have resulted from the current world-wide economic depression and its specifically European manifestations. He touched briefly on the Central European financial crisis, and pointed out that termination of the standstill agreement on German credits next Feb. 29 makes advisable an immediate review of the whole reparations and intergovernmental debt position. "The governments concerned, with France and Germany leading, should come together on the basis of business common sense to survey the enormous problem as one of objective reality and to come to some agreement as to what is to be done now and later on when the Hoover moratorium has ended," he declared. "A series of piecemeal and ephemeral compromises of a purely temporary nature will not meet the circumstances. A comprehensive and firm settlement is now required." Pointing out the inevitable entanglement of this and other financial questions with the disarmament problem, Mr. MacDonald promised that his Government would play its part in finding a solution. Severely practical steps must be taken by statesmen, he said, as Europe needs a "period of political peace to enable it to readjust its economic life and put an end to enforced obligations which cannot be fulfilled without injury to every nation concerned." As soon as practicable, the Prime Minister asserted, steps will be taken for stabilization of sterling on a definite basis, but he declared that stabilization depends on factors not fully within British control. One additional intimation of policy was given in the speech, when the Prime Minister remarked that the Government will accept the invitation of Canada for a Dominions economic conference at Ottawa next summer.

Parliamentary debate on the King's speech was opened, late Wednesday, by George Lansbury, who is leading the small Labor party group in the House of Commons owing to the defeat at the polls of Arthur Henderson. Mr. Lansbury described the throne speech as "innocuous and the last word in emptiness." The Labor party, in due time, would present its own program for dealing with the national crisis and international affairs, he added.

In Wednesday's sessions some interest was occasioned by a declaration in favor of an immediate protective tariff, made by Winston Churchill, Conservative. Mr. Churchill, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Baldwin Cabinet which went down to defeat in 1929, is regarded as the Parliamentary leader of a formidable Conservative group, estimated at 300 members, that desires early tariff legislation. It was remarked in an Associated Press report of Wednesday from London that the high tariff Conservatives were frankly disgruntled by Prime Minister MacDonald's declared intention to take no tariff action until after an investigation has been made.

The French Parliament reassembled for its usual winter session, Thursday, and immediately plunged into a debate on the policies of the Laval Cabinet, which promises to reach a bitter stage in coming weeks. The Laval regime, like most others on the Continent, consists of a coalition with a slim margin of support. Right and Center groups furnish almost all the support for the Premier and his colleagues, and the powerful Left seized the first available opportunity for a trial of strength after the opening of the session. The question whether the Government could consent to a fare increase on French railways without a full debate in the Chamber was made a political one and M. Laval accepted the challenge. In the voting that followed the Laval Government was upheld by 311 Deputies and opposed by 272, or a majority of 39 in its favor. This is considered representative of the divisions likely to occur on most political questions in coming months, with defections possible at any time, so that the life of the Government will probably be precarious. Unemployment was the principal subject of the opening debate. M. Laval declared he was ready to spend 4,000,000,000 francs on national works in order to provide relief. In a session of the Foreign and Finance Committees of the Chamber, Premier Laval reported on his recent talks with President Hoover in Washington. He told the Committees that he made no binding agreements, Paris reports said, and that the real decisions would have to be made by the Chamber.

Yugoslavia held last Sunday a general election that was a travesty of democratic rule, as the result could hardly have been otherwise than favorable to the existing regime. The election was the first held since the proclamation of a dictatorship by King Alexander in January 1929, but as all the candidates for the 310 seats in the lower house of the Yugoslavian Parliament had to have the Government's approval, it will occasion little difference in the rule of the country. A new electoral law, promulgated by the Dictatorship in September, imposed drastic restrictions on the activities of political parties. In answer to this measure all the opposition groups declared they would have nothing to do with the general election. Some 1,200 candidates secured the necessary Government approval and campaigned for the 310 seats. Since all were favorable to the regime of Premier Zhivkovitch, the only question was the aggregate vote polled. The Premier announced Monday, a Belgrade dispatch to the New York "Times" said, that 230,000 votes were received by his candidates, but opposing factions claimed that the number actually cast was much fewer.



Under the recent electoral decree the voting was oral and not by secret ballot, as "secret voting is a pernicious influence on national character." An Associated Press dispatch stated that the voter, unless known to the electoral board, was subject under the regulations to being photographed and finger printed. "If, in spite of these regulations, he insists on opposing the Government of King Alexander, there is no legal way to stop him," the report dryly added. A Belgrade report of Sunday to the "Times" stated that "the appearance of a parliamentary contest was desired to influence foreign financiers." In view of this comment it is interesting to note an undenied report in a New York newspaper, last Saturday, that the Federal Reserve System has participated to the extent of about \$500,000 in a \$3,000,000 Bank for International Settlements credit to Yugoslavia.

Events in Manchuria were again disquieting this week, with armed clashes reported daily between Japanese and Chinese troops and both governments clearly determined to maintain the intransigent attitudes adopted from the start of the troubles at Mukden on Sept. 18. The incidents in Manchuria itself were much like those previously reported, and the skirmishes were hardly more extensive than those of last week. They occurred in the area between the Nonni River and the city of Anganchi, along the line of the Japanese-controlled Taonan-Anganchi Railway. Within this district a Japanese force, augmented to about 2,000 men, struggled with portions of the Chinese army, estimated at 30,000, commanded by General Ma Chen-shan, who is an adherent of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, and therefore loyal to the Nanking Nationalist Government of China. Japanese troops were sent to the Nonni River early last week to repair the bridges destroyed by the Chinese. After a sanguinary clash north of the river, the Chinese withdrew early this week and the weary Japanese force pursued them only a small distance. With the aid of reinforcements the Japanese have slowly moved northward, however, gradually approaching Anganchi, which is the terminus of the line and the junction point of the railway with the Russian-controlled Chinese Eastern Railway. It is stated in some reports that the Japanese may move on to Tsitsihar, capital of Heilunkiang Province, situated a few miles northward of the Chinese Eastern Railway.

A voluminous diplomatic exchange between the Nanking and Tokio Governments on the one hand and the League of Nations and the Washington Government on the other, served merely to confuse this situation. It would hardly appear, from the published exchanges, that any progress has been made by the League or the United States Government, which is associated with the League in this matter, toward pacific settlement of the dispute. The elements of the conflict remain much the same, but the Japanese aims appear in clearer light. Extensions by the Japanese of the area of military occupation, it is pointed out in a Tokio dispatch to the New York "Times," have been confined rather rigidly to the lines of railroads owned by Japanese nationals or built with Japanese capital that has never been repaid by China. The only exceptions to this rule have been sallies down the Peiping-Mukden Railway, explained on the ground of military necessity. The Japanese contention is that the extensions are due

to the necessity for protecting Japanese property and the lives of the 1,000,000 nationals of the country in Manchuria. It was officially reported Wednesday from Tokio that a Korean brigade will be withdrawn from Manchuria and fresh troops dispatched to replace them. This will augment the Japanese forces to 16,500 men, but this number, it is said, conforms to the treaty provision for the maintenance of 15 soldiers to every kilometer of the South Manchuria Railway.

An incident at Tientsin, the port of Peiping, gained great prominence this week, although it was only indirectly connected with the Manchurian imbroglio. Although the nature of the Tientsin affair is by no means clear, it would appear that shots were exchanged Monday between Chinese soldiers and Chinese bandits or refugees near the Japanese concession in that city. Some of the bullets falling in the concession, Japanese soldiers are said to have fired on the Chinese, killing four and wounding 10. Tokio reported that one Japanese soldier was killed by a stray bullet. Some shells, said to be from a Japanese trench mortar, fell near the American Methodist Mission in the city, and one hit a school maintained by the mission. Rioting was reported in the native city and Chinese policemen were said to have arrested 400 "rebels," beheading a number. Further trouble occurred Wednesday, when 200 armed rebels stormed Nankai University at the edge of the Japanese concession. An international military patrol of the foreign concessions was thereupon set up, with American, British, French and Italian troops participating. The bitter feeling throughout China regarding the Manchurian incidents and the Tientsin affair caused precautionary declarations of martial law in Shanghai and Hankow, Wednesday.

Of especial importance in the Manchurian dispute is, of course, the attitude of Soviet Russia, since the fighting is definitely within the area served by the Chinese Eastern Railway. There were rumors of Soviet military activity in the Manchurian zone, Tuesday, but these came only from Harbin, which has not heretofore furnished any reliable reports on Soviet activities. The same center reported rather definitely that Soviet money and ammunition was being supplied the troops of General Ma Chen-shan at Tsitsihar and Anganchi. These reports assumed a more serious aspect, Thursday, when Tokio dispatches indicated that the Japanese War Office Intelligence Department was giving out similar information. The Department stated, an Associated Press dispatch said, that it had "fairly reliable evidence" from various sources that Russian arms were being shipped to General Ma. "The Russians apparently are planning something," the War Office bureau is quoted as saying. The Moscow Government took no official notice of the comments, but rather strong editorials were published in the Soviet journals. Walter Duranty, Moscow correspondent of the New York "Times," expressed the opinion that the Soviet Government does not seriously believe Japan wants to draw Russia into a conflict, although there is fear in Moscow that some of the Japanese generals may be less cautious. "What the Soviet Government does feel and resents accordingly," he added, "is that Japan is trying to bluff Geneva and Washington by waving the Red bogey."

The series of notes exchanged by the two disputants with the League of Nations and the United States Government attracted as much attention,

meanwhile, as the events in China themselves. It was reported in Washington last Saturday that the United States Government will continue its policy of applying diplomatic pressure on Japan, in cooperation with other powers, in the effort to restore peace in Manchuria. League officials at Geneva were said to be considering the possibility of applying pressure by means of a concerted withdrawal of diplomatic representatives from Tokio. The French Foreign Minister, Aristide Briand, dispatched a note to the League Secretariat, last Saturday, in which he requested, in his capacity as President of the Council, that the Japanese and Chinese Governments be reminded of their engagements to prevent aggravation of the situation. "In order to fulfill the engagements," he continued, "it appears to me now necessary that the two governments without delay give instructions to the commanders of their forces to avoid the possibility of conflict between Chinese and Japanese troops, as new grave incidents might render even more difficult the efforts which the Council is making for the maintenance of peace and for a pacific settlement of the difficulties in question."

In reply to a League memorandum of Oct. 26, the Japanese Government replied last Saturday, Tokio reports said, that the "moral ultimatum" of the Council for the withdrawal of troops within treaty zones by Nov. 16 is unacceptable unless China, in the meantime, complied with the five stipulations originally advanced by Tokio for settlement of the dispute. The five points, reiterated in the message, are mutual repudiation of aggressive policies; respect for China's territorial integrity; suppression of organized movements interfering with trade and stirring up hatred; effective protection throughout Manchuria of Japanese nationals, and observance of treaty rights of the Japanese by China. Tokio sent instructions last Sunday to Kenkichi Zoshizawa, Japanese delegate at Geneva, to lodge a formal complaint against the alleged League practice of giving publicity to statements of individual opinion by Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese delegate, and to "other varieties of Chinese propaganda."

A Chinese statement on the situation was issued in Geneva, Tuesday, by Dr. Sze, who again requested the League to terminate the Japanese occupation of non-treaty zones. The position is now perfectly clear, Dr. Sze declared, and China is waiting for the League members and the United States "to take whatever steps the situation demands to uphold the sanctity of the Covenant, the Pact of Paris and the Nine Power Treaty." The Chinese note contained a report by Dr. Frederick A. Cleveland, associate chief inspector of the salt revenue in Manchuria, which asserted that the Japanese had confiscated salt revenues amounting to \$2,600,000 last Saturday. Dr. Sze stated, on the basis of this and other accounts, that "there is now abundant proof, submitted by the Chinese to the members of the Council and the United States, that Japanese military authorities are pursuing a deliberate policy of steadily extending the areas of occupation, subverting the authority of the Chinese Government and substituting persons and groups subservient to themselves, forcibly diverting the revenues of the Chinese Government, including those which are guarantees for international loans, to their own use." It was remarked by the Chinese delegate that such proceedings "are entirely unconnected with the safety of

Japanese subjects and property in Manchuria and not compatible with Japan's obligations as a member of the League and a signatory of the Paris pact, nor with the undertakings the Japanese Government has itself made to the Council, nor with the Nine Power Treaty."

Foreign Minister Shidehara, of Japan, sent a note to Washington, Monday, in reply to a Washington communication which had not been published. In observance of diplomatic usage the Japanese reply also was held confidential, but Tokio reports indicated that it called, in the main, for Chinese acknowledgment of the Japanese treaty position in Manchuria. Washington reports of the same day stated that President Hoover and Secretary Stimson were considering the Manchurian problem intensively, under circumstances which pointed to some new diplomatic move being made in behalf of peace at the League Council meeting in Paris next Monday. An announcement, issued Wednesday, was to the effect that General Charles G. Dawes, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, had been instructed to go to Paris in connection with the League meeting Monday. "It is not anticipated," Secretary Stimson said, "that General Dawes will find it necessary to take part in the meetings of the League Council, but he will be in a position to confer with the representatives of the other nations present in Paris in case such conference should seem desirable." The Chinese Government again appealed to the League of Nations through Dr. Alfred Sze, Thursday, to act drastically and immediately to prevent the situation in Manchuria from getting beyond control. Dr. Sze reported that the Japanese were preparing to occupy Tsitsihar, and had issued an ultimatum that General Ma Chen-shan resign and evacuate the city. Illegal confiscation by the Japanese of Chinese mines, estates and industries was alleged by the Chinese official. Foreign Minister Briand dispatched a further note to the League Secretariat, Geneva reports said, asking that the Chinese and Japanese Governments be urged to issue unequivocal orders to their military chiefs to refrain from further military gestures.

A Tokio dispatch of Wednesday to the New York "Times" outlined the Japanese position rather fully. The Government adhered firmly, it was said, to its demand for recognition of basic Japanese rights in Manchuria. In the meantime, strenuous efforts were being made for a better presentation of the Japanese case. "Our mistake," a Foreign Office official was quoted as saying, "was in assuming that the facts were generally known. China's principal policy in recent years has been an effort to shake off her treaty obligations. Many countries have suffered from this, and we thought the world understood the situation, but it seems people quickly forget troubles which do not directly affect them." It was remarked that the Tokio Government is preparing lists of concrete cases of Chinese treaty violations, in order to counteract the impression in many countries that Japan will agree to a compromise. Japanese officials denied that any concessions will be made, the dispatch added.

National elections were held, during the past month, in the South American countries of Argentina, Peru and Ecuador, and reports in every instance indicate that they were not only the freest but also the quietest elections held in the respective

lands for many years. Polling in Argentina took place last Sunday, but counting of the ballots will take several weeks. The Presidential office was contested by General Augustin P. Justo, candidate of the Conservative coalition, and Lissandro de la Torre, representative of the Liberal coalition. Provincial Governors and members of the Argentine national legislature also were elected. The balloting was viewed as the culmination of 14 months of effort by Provisional President Uriburu and his colleagues to right the abuses that provoked the 1930 revolution overthrowing former President Irigoyen. Finances of the Argentine Government, meanwhile, show steady improvement. The Ministry of Finance announced early this week that a surplus of \$500,000 resulted in October, as against a deficit of \$5,000,000 in the same month last year. Expenditures for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 were \$169,500,000, the Ministry states, while revenues were \$167,334,000. In the same period of last year expenditures were \$268,500,000 and revenues \$276,038,000.

In the elections held in Peru and Ecuador last month the results have only recently become known, owing to the slow counting of ballots. The event in Peru took place Oct. 11, with Lieutenant-Colonel Luis M. Sanchez Cerro, leader of the Union Revolutionary party, the chief candidate. It has now been established that Senor Sanchez Cerro was elected by a majority of about 32,000 over his nearest opponent, Victor Haya de la Torre, leader of an extremist group with Fascist leanings. Voting for a new President started in Ecuador on Oct. 20, and it appears that Neptali Bonifaz, leader of an independent Conservative faction, was chosen to head the Government. He was opposed mainly by Commander J. Ildefonso Mendoza, Liberal party candidate, and Modesto Larrea Jijon, who appealed to the more radical section of the electorate for support. Although conditions are quiet in most South American countries, disaffection was reported in Paraguay late in October, and as a result President Jose Guggiari was forced to resign. His place was taken by Vice-President Gonzales Navero, who, as Provisional President, will continue the Liberal party's administration of the country. Opposition to the Guggiari regime developed in part as a consequence of the protracted dispute with Bolivia regarding the Gran Chaco area, it is said. Military support was accorded the movement Oct. 26, and the change in Government promptly followed.

The Austrian National Bank on Nov. 11 reduced its discount rate from 10% to 8%. On Nov. 12 the South African rate was raised from 5% to 6%. Rates are 8% in Germany, Austria and Hungary; 7% in Portugal and Italy; 6½% in Spain and Ireland; 6% in Norway, Sweden and Denmark and in England; 3% in Holland; 2½% in Belgium, and 2½% in France and Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills yesterday were 5¼@5½% against 5⅛@5¼% on Friday of last week, and for three months' bills 5⅝@5⅞%, the same as on the previous Friday. Money on call in London on Friday was 4⅝%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 1⅞%, and in Switzerland also at 1⅞%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Nov. 11 shows a slight decline in gold holdings of £72,217, which leaves the total at £121,836,587,

as compared with £160,080,546 a year ago. Circulation contracted £1,662,000 and so reserves rose £1,589,000. Public deposits fell off £734,000 and other deposits £2,340,554. The latter consists of bankers' accounts and other accounts, which decreased £475,217 and £1,865,337 respectively. The reserve ratio rose to 33.60% from 31.44% a week ago. A year ago the ratio was 58.57%. Loans on Government securities decreased £2,830,000 and those on other securities £1,808,294. Other securities include discounts and advances, which increased £926,317 and securities which fell off £2,734,611. The discount rate is unchanged at 6%. Below we furnish a comparison of the different items for five years.

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1931 Nov. 11.	1930 Nov. 12.	1929 Nov. 13.	1928 Nov. 14.	1927 Nov. 16.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation a.....	357,195,000	355,380,919	355,108,000	133,344,390	136,575,945
Public deposits.....	19,143,000	16,978,509	15,784,000	15,543,417	21,346,328
Other deposits.....	98,804,300	93,471,429	96,460,426	99,417,489	100,653,530
Bankers accounts.....	60,461,123	60,321,291	54,705,309	-----	-----
Other accounts.....	38,343,177	33,150,138	41,755,117	-----	-----
Government securities.....	54,995,906	36,726,247	66,834,855	44,358,449	44,610,178
Other securities.....	41,033,085	26,727,008	28,485,253	39,400,478	60,673,065
Disc. & advances.....	11,677,207	4,287,804	9,210,078	-----	-----
Securities.....	29,355,878	22,449,204	19,275,175	-----	-----
Reserve notes & coin.....	39,641,000	64,699,627	34,661,000	48,822,683	34,425,142
Coin and bullion.....	121,836,587	160,080,546	132,771,032	162,467,073	151,251,087
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	33.60%	58.57%	30.88%	42½%	28¼%
Bank rate.....	6%	3%	6%	4½%	4½%

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

The Bank of France in its weekly statement dated Nov. 6, records an increase in gold holdings of 2,932,367,147 francs, raising the total of the item up to 67,580,593,737 francs. Gold at the corresponding week last year aggregated 51,096,528,540 francs and the year before 40,298,109,810 francs. Decreases appear in credit balances abroad and bills bought abroad of 1,482,000,000 francs and 1,692,000,000 francs. Notes in circulation show a decrease of 843,000,000 francs, reducing the total of notes outstanding to 82,795,790,230 francs. Last year circulation amounted to 74,709,038,180 francs and two years ago to 67,099,716,550 francs. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities rose this week to 59.82% from 56.30% last week. A year ago the item stood at 53.17%. French commercial bills discounted and creditor current accounts contracted 1,949,000,000 francs and 1,003,000,000 francs, while advances against securities gained 154,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.	Status as of			
	Nov. 6 1931.	Nov. 7 1930.	Nov. 8 1929.	
Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	
Gold holdings.....Inc.	2,932,367,147	67,580,593,737	51,096,528,540	40,298,109,810
Credit bals.abr'd.....Dec.	148,200,000	13,374,320,276	6,605,489,077	7,311,575,928
a French commerce.....	Dec. 194,900,000	6,860,132,232	6,870,897,382	9,833,141,259
b Bills discount. abrd.....Dec.	169,200,000	11,051,855,178	19,131,828,043	18,706,878,657
Adv. agt. securs.....Inc.	154,000,000	2,865,017,048	2,994,769,184	2,658,070,936
Note circulation.....Dec.	843,000,000	82,795,790,230	74,709,038,180	67,099,716,550
Cred. curr. acct's.....Dec.	1,003,000,000	30,177,898,057	21,394,440,357	21,023,256,696
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities.....Inc.	3.52%	59.82%	53.17%	45.73%

a Includes bills purchased in France. b Includes bills discounted abroad.

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the first week of November shows a loss in gold and bullion of 43,241,000 marks. Owing to this decline, the item now stands at 1,101,298,000 marks, as compared with 2,180,009,000 marks last year and 2,229,010,000 marks two years ago. An increase is shown in reserve in foreign currency of 29,919,000 marks, in silver and other coin of 31,902,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 4,508,000 marks and in other liabilities of 11,954,000 marks. Notes

in circulation reveal a reduction of 204,271,000 marks, bringing the total of the item down to 4,541,599,000 marks. Circulation last year stood at 4,372,863,000 marks and the year before at 4,550,369,000 marks. Bills of exchange and checks, advances, other assets and other daily maturing obligations record decreases of 179,404,000 marks, 127,248,000 marks, 27,986,000 marks and 119,233,000 marks. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation now is 27.8%, compared with 26.9% last week and 54.9% last year. The items of deposits abroad and investments remain unchanged. A comparison of the various items for three years is furnished below:

## REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Assets—	Changes for Week.			
	Reichsmarks.	Nov. 7 1931.	Nov. 7 1930.	Nov. 7 1927.
Gold and bullion.....	Dec. 43,241,000	1,101,298,000	2,180,009,000	2,229,010,000
Of which depositions abrd.....	Unchanged	100,454,000	221,376,000	149,788,000
Res'v in for'n curr.....	Inc. 29,919,000	160,650,000	219,185,000	366,665,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....	Dec. 179,404,000	3,830,121,000	2,178,856,000	2,351,159,000
Silver and other coins.....	Inc. 31,902,000	93,841,000	157,723,000	100,000,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....	Inc. 4,508,000	9,080,000	15,766,000	15,534,000
Advances.....	Dec. 127,248,000	112,268,000	101,208,000	50,653,000
Investments.....	Unchanged	102,884,000	102,475,000	92,562,000
Other assets.....	Dec. 27,986,000	870,077,000	485,257,000	617,677,000
<b>Liabilities—</b>				
Notes in circulation.....	Dec. 204,271,000	4,541,599,000	4,372,863,000	4,550,369,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig.....	Dec. 119,233,000	398,903,000	313,658,000	497,446,000
Other liabilities.....	Inc. 11,954,000	850,386,000	260,034,000	333,049,000
Prop. of gold & foreign curr. to note circ'n.....	9%	27.8%	54.9%	57%

Money rates in the New York market were steady this week, with the exception of a somewhat easier tendency in bankers' acceptances. Reductions in the yield rates on these instruments were effected by dealers Monday and again yesterday. The Federal Reserve Bank buying rate remains undisclosed, as it is understood no bills have been offered the institution this week. Call loans on the Stock Exchange were 2½% for all transactions, whether renewals or new loans. Banking house funds were reported available every day, however, in the unofficial "Street" market at 2%, or a concession of ½% from the official level. Time loans were unchanged. Gold movements reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the week to Wednesday night were again of small proportions. The largest change was favorable, as it consisted of a release of \$8,591,000 from the stock of the metal held earmarked for foreign account. Imports amounted to \$210,000, while exports totaled \$688,000. The brokers' loan statement for the same period reflected a decline of \$18,000,000.

Dealing in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 2½% was again the ruling quotation all through the week, both for renewals and for new loans. There has been no improvement in the market for time money this week. Rates on all maturities are 3½% bid and 4% asked. These quotations are nominal, however. The market for prime commercial paper has again been greatly restricted, due to the scarcity of offerings, and the small amount available was quickly distributed. Rates remain unchanged from last week. Quotations for choice names of four to six months' maturity are 3¾@4¼%. Names less well known are 4½%.

Prime bankers' acceptances were in good demand throughout the week, but the supply was extremely limited and transactions were greatly restricted on that account. On Nov. 7 quotations of five and six months' maturities dropped to 4¼% bid and 3⅞%

asked. On Nov. 9 rates were again reduced to 3⅞% bid and 3% asked for 30-, 60- and 90-day accommodation, 3⅞% bid and 3⅞% asked for four months, and 4% bid and 3¾% asked for five and six months. On Nov. 13 a further reduction of ⅛ of 1% on all maturities was put in effect. The quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to 90 days are now 3% bid, 2⅞% asked; for four months' bills, 3¼% bid, 3% asked; for five and six months, 3⅞% bid and 3⅞% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank remains undisclosed. The Federal Reserve banks show a further decrease this week in their holdings of acceptances, the total falling from \$642,033,000 to \$596,752,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents further increased from \$105,470,000 to \$108,862,000. Open market rates for acceptances are as follows:

	SPOT DELIVERY.					
	—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞	3¼	3
	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	3	2⅞	3	2⅞	3	2⅞
	FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.					
Eligible member banks.....						3⅞ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....						3⅞ bid

Yesterday (Nov. 13) the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta increased the rediscount rate from 3% to 3½%, effective Nov. 14. There have been no other changes this week in the rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve banks. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Nov. 14.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	3⅞	Oct. 17 1931	2⅞
New York.....	3⅞	Oct. 16 1931	2⅞
Philadelphia.....	3⅞	Oct. 22 1931	3
Cleveland.....	3⅞	Oct. 24 1931	3
Richmond.....	4	Oct. 20 1931	3
Atlanta.....	3⅞	Nov. 14 1931	3
Chicago.....	3⅞	Oct. 17 1931	2⅞
St. Louis.....	3⅞	Oct. 22 1931	2⅞
Minneapolis.....	3⅞	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City.....	3⅞	Oct. 23 1931	3
Dallas.....	4	Oct. 21 1931	3
San Francisco.....	3⅞	Oct. 21 1931	2⅞

Sterling exchange continues virtually unchanged from last week, when an easier tone developed, which bankers think is likely to continue until after the turn of the year, as under normal conditions this is the season of greatest pressure on sterling. The range this week has been from 3.75¼ to 3.83¼ for bankers' sight bills, compared with 3.71 to 3.84 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 3.75½ to 3.83½, compared with 3.71½ to 3.84½ a week ago. There is nothing strikingly new in the exchange situation. Aside from normal seasonal pressure resulting from the importation of foodstuffs and other raw materials, the pound suffers at this season because of the almost complete cessation of tourist expenditures abroad. In addition, the rate is inclined to show weakness at this time because of the apparent inrush of foreign goods in anticipation of higher British tariffs. While such goods are not immediately payable, the pound is depressed in anticipation of the payments. Whereas a few weeks ago there was a "flight from the dollar," partly as a result of patriotic motives on the part of British nationals, but also because of general uneasiness in Europe with respect to the exchange outlook, sterling became firmer than the commercial position of the pound would justify, and dollars were easier in the European markets. At the same time many British investment and insurance companies, as well as

other large holders of capital, were appealed to not to send money abroad lest a flight from the pound might embarrass the government pending the outcome of the elections.

The withholding of these funds from foreign investment, whether in New York or in other markets, had the effect of giving firmness to sterling. Now these large investors have begun to take renewed interest in the New York and other markets and British funds are again flowing in this direction. This trend tends to make the dollar stronger with respect to the pound. It is generally felt in London that sterling may remain comparatively stable for a fairly long period around present levels, but it is thought that the longer outlook is none too good as heavy imports are likely to continue for some time unless checked by emergency measures. It seems more than likely that such emergency measures will be put into effect almost any day. Nevertheless the restoration of complete confidence in America will undoubtedly encourage withdrawals from the London market. It is now recognized in London, from the firmness displayed by London discount rates, that hopes for a lower Bank rate in the near future must be abandoned. According to well informed opinion, the Bank of England is not likely to lower its rate until after the period of seasonal pressure against the pound, which lasts until about Jan. 15. It has in fact been officially intimated to the London market that no reduction is likely. The purpose of the authorities seems to be to maintain London money rates at a high level until the special risks to which sterling is open shall have disappeared and until some definite move is made to clarify the German situation. Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald in his recent speech at the Mansion House dinner in London, details of which will be found on another page, said:

"We intend, as soon as practicable to take steps which will most surely tend to stabilize the pound on a definite basis which will make it independent of speculative movements or day-to-day transactions. But stabilization must depend on factors outside our separate control.

"In the meantime the main objective of our policy will be substantial maintenance of the internal purchasing value of sterling. The stabilizing of sterling is one of the essentials of healthy world trade, and his Majesty's Government will be at the greatest pains to help create conditions which will promote this step being taken."

Gold continues to rule at a high level in London and the South African consignments are still withheld from the market, although occasionally small amounts are sold to the trade and sometimes for shipments to the Continent at prices around 109s. an ounce. This week the Bank of England shows a loss in gold holdings of £72,217, the total standing on Nov. 11 at £121,836,587, which compares with £160,080,546 a year ago. The Bank's ratio of reserves to liabilities, however, shows an improvement of 2.26% over the week of Nov. 5 and stands at 33.60% owing to reductions in circulation and in deposit liabilities. Present ratio of reserves to liabilities compares with 58.57% a year ago.

At the Port of New York, the gold movement for the week ended Nov. 11, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$210,000, chiefly from Latin America. Exports totaled \$688,000, of which \$426,000 was shipped to Peru, \$175,000 to Switzerland, and \$87,000 chiefly

to other European countries. There was a decrease of \$8,591,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Nov. 11, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, NOV. 5-NOV. 11, INCL.	
Imports.	Exports.
\$210,000 chiefly from Latin America	\$426,000 to Peru 175,000 to Switzerland 87,000 to other European countries
\$210,000 total	\$688,000 total
Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account. Decrease: \$8,591,000.	

On Thursday \$50,000 gold was shipped to Belgium and \$20,000 to Switzerland. There was a further decrease of \$1,900,700 in earmarked gold. Yesterday the Reserve Bank reported the receipt of \$960,000 of gold from India and there was a further decrease of \$1,200,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. On Saturday of last week approximately \$7,500,000 of gold was received at San Francisco from Japan.

Canadian exchange continues at a considerable discount. On Saturday, Montreal funds were at a discount of  $9\frac{3}{4}\%$ ; on Monday, at  $9\frac{3}{4}\%$ ; on Tuesday at  $9\frac{7}{8}\%$ ; on Wednesday at  $9\frac{3}{4}\%$ ; on Thursday at  $9\frac{7}{8}\%$ , and on Friday at  $10\%$ .

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was dull. Bankers' sight was  $3.79\frac{1}{4}@3.81\frac{1}{4}$ ; cable transfers  $3.80@3.81\frac{1}{2}$ . On Monday the market was quiet with an easier tone. The range was  $3.76\frac{1}{2}@3.82\frac{1}{4}$  for bankers' sight and  $3.77\frac{1}{2}@3.82\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers. On Tuesday the market was quiet and slightly irregular. Bankers' sight was  $3.79\frac{1}{4}@3.83\frac{1}{4}$  cable transfers  $3.79\frac{1}{2}@3.83\frac{1}{2}$ . On Wednesday exchange was quiet and steady. The range was  $3.78@3.80$  for bankers' sight and  $3.78@3.80\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers. On Thursday sterling was steady. The range was  $3.77\frac{1}{4}@3.80\frac{1}{4}$  for bankers' sight and  $3.77\frac{1}{2}@3.80\frac{1}{2}$  for cable transfers. On Friday rates were lower; the range was  $3.75\frac{1}{4}@3.78\frac{1}{4}$  for bankers' sight and  $3.75\frac{1}{2}@3.78\frac{1}{4}$  for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were  $3.76\frac{1}{2}$  for demand and  $3.77$  for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at  $3.74\frac{1}{2}$ ; 60-day bills at  $3.70\frac{1}{2}$ ; 90 day bills at  $3.68\frac{1}{2}$  documents for payment (60 days) at  $3.70\frac{1}{2}$ , and 7-day grain bills at  $3.75\frac{1}{2}$ . Cotton and grain for payment closed at  $3.74\frac{1}{2}$ .

Exchange on the Continental countries presents no new features. French francs have receded from the high points which prevailed a few weeks ago when dollars were being sold in all the European markets. Last week, and to a greater extent this week, the franc has receded from the levels at which gold can be taken from New York, and for the first time in months, the weekly statement of the gold movement at New York shows no shipment to France. The Bank of France statement shows an increase of 2,932,367,147 francs in gold holdings, the total standing at record high of 67,580,593,737 francs, which compares with 51,096,528,540 francs on Nov. 7 1930 and with 28,935,000,000 francs in June 1928 when the franc was stabilized. In all probability the present gold holdings will represent the maximum obtainable by the Bank of France for some time to come. If it is ever exceeded, the excess will be small and will occur within the next week or so. The Bank's ratio is also at a record high of 59.82%,

which compares with 56.30% on Oct. 30, with 53.17% on Nov. 7 1930, and with legal requirements of 35%. According to Paris authorities, the Paris money market is easier and the hoarding of gold has completely ceased. Gold hoarding, French bankers say, was practised only by a small section of the public. Hoarding of Bank notes has also practically ended, although Bank notes previously hoarded have not yet returned to circulation. Delivery of American gold to the Bank of France, it is thought in Paris, will probably continue for a short time, but the deliveries now concern transactions effected before the recovery of dollar exchange. The delivery to the Bank of France of the major portion of the gold imported from America has not as yet had much influence on the Paris money market. When public confidence returns completely, however, and when bank notes issued as counterpart of this gold which are now practically withdrawn from circulation again seek employment, real currency inflation will occur in France, according to the Paris viewpoint. The present figure of 82,794,000,000 francs at which circulation now stands, to which should be added 20,902,000,000 francs in private deposits, far exceeds currency requirements. According to Paris advices, it is known that the Bank of France is desirous of raising the Bank rate, but cannot do so, they say, until the Federal Reserve Bank also puts up its rate. Even if these two events happen, it will be difficult to make a new French rate effective in the money market unless gold exports from France decrease the excess of bank notes. Such exports would be welcomed by the Bank of France, Paris bankers say, but no country except the United States is in a position to draw gold from Paris.

German marks are exceptionally steady though transactions are at a minimum, as German money rates of all kinds are largely pegged by virtue of governmental decrees, and the mark cannot be expected to reflect world market conditions until the difficulties arising from the June crisis are completely resolved. Even changes in the Reichsbank statement from week to week, whether favorable or otherwise, under normal conditions, can have no effect on exchange quotations. Important interests in Germany continue to urge a reduction in the Reichsbank's rate of rediscount, but the authorities are reluctant to make any change until the inquiries into Germany's financial condition and prospects which are now in progress are fully completed. The Reichsbank's discount rate remains at 8%, to which it was reduced on Aug. 31 from 10%, at which figure it had remained since the reduction from 15% on Sept. 2.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 96.06 on Friday of this week, against 96.75 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at 3.92 3-16, against 3.93 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 3.92 1/4, against 3.93 1/8, and commercial sight bills at 3.92 3/8, against 3.93. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.93 for bankers' sight bills and at 13.94 for cable transfers, against 13.96 and 13.97. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.64 for bankers' sight bills and 23.71 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.70 and 23.73. Italian lire closed at 5.15 for bankers' sight bills and at 5.16 for cable transfers, against 5.16 1/2 and 5.17 1/2. Austrian schillings closed at 14.15, against 14.06; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 2.96 1/2, against 2.96 1/2; on Bucharest at 0.60, against 0.60;

on Poland at 11.22, against 11.22, and on Finland at 2.00, against 2.05. Greek exchange closed at 1.27 7/8 for bankers' sight bills and at 1.28 7/8 for cable transfers, against 1.27 7/8 and 1.28 7/8.

Exchange on the countries neutral during the war presents no new features. Under normal conditions this is the season of pressure for the neutrals as for all European currencies when dollars come into demand for the settlement of foodstuffs and other raw materials from this side and tourists' requirements are completely at an end. The Scandinavian units are dull and strongly inclined to ease, but the extraordinary ease in these exchanges at present is due almost entirely to the abandonment of gold by them following the lead of London in September. For several years past, and practically at all times, Swedish exchange has been regarded as the strongest of the Scandinavians, Stockholm being the financial leader of the Baltic group. Swedish exchange is now especially weak and in Wednesday's trading dropped to 21.30 for cable transfers, which compares with par of 26.80. Sweden naturally moves more sharply in the wake of sterling. Stockholm previously has been well above the rate on both Oslo and Copenhagen, but now has declined to a parity with Oslo and is below Copenhagen. Holland guilders and Swiss francs continue relatively firm but both units have slipped away from the exceedingly high levels which prevailed while Europe was selling dollars and withdrawing gold from this side. Neither of these countries are now in a position to take gold from the United States even were there a disposition to do so. On the contrary there seems to be a demand for dollars in both countries and some evidence that both Swiss and Dutch funds are again seeking the New York markets. This seems to be more especially true of Holland. The Bank of the Netherlands' gold reserves show an increase since Sept. 28 of 153,605,000 florins, or \$61,600,000. The Bank of Switzerland's gold reserves show an increase since Sept. 3 of 824,087,000 francs, or \$159,000,000. Spanish pesetas continue to display weakness and have been dropping steadily ever since the overthrow of King Alphonso.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.14, against 40.34; cable transfers at 40.15, against 40.35, and commercial sight bills at 40.05, against 40.25. Swiss francs closed at 19.51 for checks and at 19.53 for cable transfers, against 19.53 and 19.55. Copenhagen checks finished at 21.35 and cable transfers at 21.38, against 21.70 and 21.75. Checks on Sweden closed at 21.33 and cable transfers at 21.38, against 21.65 and 21.75, while checks on Norway finished at 21.00 and cable transfers at 21.13, against 21.46 and 21.48. Spanish pesetas closed at 8.64 1/2 for bankers' sight bills and at 8.65 1/2 for cable transfers, against 8.78 and 8.79.

Exchange on the South American countries shows marked improvement over recent weeks. This applies especially to Argentina. The government, as a result of the improved position of the peso, has found it expedient to reverse its exchange policy. Under the influence of rising grain prices and improved political outlook, the peso has gained ground steadily and during the week was quoted close to 27.00, compared with 23.40 at the end of last month. On Tuesday the Government Exchange Control committee suspended the pegging of exchange and

until further notice will instead fix maximum and minimum limits for cable transfers. Limits for gold pesos in Buenos Aires were fixed at 1.71 and 1.65 to the dollar. The commission said it believed it would aid the exchange market to find its own level by terminating the pegging practice. Formerly the Government committee fixed the rate at which dealings could take place and limited the amount which could be sold from day to day. The amount of exchange which may be bought in a day has been extended to 50,000 pesos. Fear is entertained in Buenos Aires that the rate may appreciate too rapidly. It is confidently believed that the rate for the paper peso will shortly touch 32.00. Until now the peso had been declining more or less steadily for the past 18 months. Dollar parity is 42.45 but this price is a most remote possibility. Shipments of Argentine leading products for the year to the end of October compare as follows with those of a year ago. All grains 13,966,074 tons, against 7,358,971 tons; wheat 119,908,174 bushels, against 74,844,423 bushels; corn 319,957,667 bushels, against 148,112,332 bushels; flaxseed 70,805,330 bushels, against 41,066,098 bushels. The Argentine Ministry of Finance issued a statement of the governments expenditures for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 showing a total of \$169,500,000 compared with \$268,500,000 for the same period a year ago. Revenue for the first 10 months amounted to \$167,334,000 as compared with \$276,038,000 a year ago. Brazilian business conditions are showing improvement despite the unsatisfactory coffee situation. The position of importers is slightly improved as a result of increasing amounts of exchange available through the Bank of Brazil. The meat exporting season is opening with very good prospects despite stiff competition from Argentina for foreign markets.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 26 7-16 for bankers' sight bills, against 24 3/8 on Friday of last week and at 26 1/2 for cable transfers, against 24 1/2. Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 5.95 for bankers' sight bills and 6.00 for cable transfers, against 5.95 and 6.00. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted 12 1/8, against 12 1/8. Peru, not quoted.

Exchange on the Far Eastern countries presents many anomalies, emphasized this week by the sharp advance in the price of silver. This sent up the quotations on the Chinese units. To buy or sell exchange on China is equivalent to buying or selling silver. However, despite the rise in the Chinese exchange quotations there is nowhere any evidence to show that the higher prices for exchange on Hong Kong or Shanghai were anything more than nominal, thus indicating that the advance in silver does not arise from any increased demand either for silver from China or from commercial requirements for exchange. In some quarters the rise in silver is attributed to speculative anticipation of an immense demand from the Far East in case the Sino-Japanese Manchurian dispute should take on the major aspects of real war. It seems more reasonable to suppose that the advance in the silver prices, which gives enhancement to the Chinese exchange quotations, arises from wider causes associated with the advance in many other commodity prices marking the return of more normal business conditions both here and in other countries, or in other words indicating the turn in the tide of world-wide business depression. One time during the week spot silver

was quoted as high as 37 1/4 cents, but dropped on Wednesday to 35 3/8 cents an ounce. This compares with the low of 25 3/4 cents established last February. However, under normal conditions silver is considered as extremely low at any price under 60 cents. In the findings of the independent experts' committee recently made to the International Chamber of Commerce, it was pointed out that while a rise in the price of silver might benefit exporters to China it is doubtful whether it would increase China's imports of silver.

Japanese yen are relatively steady despite the considerable injury imposed upon Japanese business by the Chinese boycott. Reports constantly arise to the effect that Japan may go off the gold basis. On Saturday last the heads of the leading Japanese banks met with the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister in Tokio and adopted a resolution "recognizing the imperative necessity of maintaining Japan's gold standard especially in view of the grave international situation arising from Manchurian developments." The resolution said that after Great Britain's abandonment of the gold standard Japan's outflow of gold "assumed alarming proportions, causing much discussion of the resumption of the gold embargo." "We are confident, however," the resolutions add, "that the situation in no wise justifies such a measure, which, moreover, would drastically affect the foundations of our national economy through the fall and fluctuation of exchange rates abroad."

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 49 7-16@49 3/4, against 48 15-16@49 1/2. Hong Kong closed at 28 1-16@28 1/8, against 26 5/8@26 11-16; Shanghai at 36 3/8, against 35 9-16@36 1/8; Manila at 49 5/8, against 49 5/8; Singapore at 47 7/8, against 47 7/8; Bombay at 28 7/8, against 28 7/8, and Calcutta at 28 7/8, against 28 7/8.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, NOV. 7 1931 TO NOV. 13 1931, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Nov. 7.	Nov. 9.	Nov. 10.	Nov. 11.	Nov. 12.	Nov. 13.
<b>EUROPE—</b>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling.....	1.38825	1.39106	1.39112	1.39762	1.39750	1.39778
Belgium, belga.....	1.39577	1.39527	1.39510	1.39513	1.39431	1.39172
Bulgaria, lev.....	0.07137	0.07137	0.07137	0.07137	0.07137	0.07137
Czechoslovakia, krona.....	0.29625	0.29625	0.29630	0.29620	0.29624	0.29624
Denmark, krone.....	2.15480	2.15140	2.15635	2.14175	2.14250	2.13176
England, pound sterling.....	3.802750	3.775833	3.820952	3.795833	3.789047	3.770714
Finland, marka.....	0.20812	0.20518	0.20537	0.20550	0.20450	0.20375
France, franc.....	0.39298	0.39305	0.39306	0.39307	0.39293	0.39241
Germany, reichsmark.....	2.36633	2.36420	2.36982	2.36080	2.35627	2.36310
Greece, drachma.....	0.12877	0.12878	0.12895	0.12887	0.12882	0.12882
Holland, guilder.....	4.03236	4.03205	4.03205	4.02842	4.02410	4.02047
Hungary, pengo.....	1.74507	1.74582	1.74533	1.74616	1.74816	1.74707
Italy, lira.....	0.51710	0.51615	0.51655	0.51695	0.51680	0.51579
Norway, krone.....	2.13353	2.12820	2.13688	2.12762	2.11584	2.09687
Poland, zloty.....	1.11850	1.11884	1.11815	1.11839	1.11896	1.11853
Portugal, escudo.....	0.37000	0.36540	0.36500	0.36540	0.36625	0.36625
Rumania, leu.....	0.05970	0.05941	0.05972	0.05993	0.05981	0.05988
Spain, peseta.....	0.87897	0.87780	0.87717	0.87407	0.87030	0.86327
Sweden, krona.....	2.16773	2.15693	2.15505	2.13466	2.13362	2.12843
Switzerland, franc.....	1.95468	1.95315	1.95465	1.95325	1.95277	1.95155
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	0.17847	0.17875	0.17891	0.17915	0.17893	0.17867
<b>ASIA—</b>						
<b>China—</b>						
Chefoo tael.....	3.57916	3.70416	3.75416	3.69166	3.81250	3.74166
Hankow tael.....	3.49687	3.60000	3.70000	3.59062	3.71562	3.65312
Shanghai tael.....	3.46071	3.57678	3.67142	3.55535	3.68392	3.60178
Tientsin tael.....	3.61250	3.73333	3.79166	3.72916	3.84166	3.77083
Hong Kong dollar.....	2.62500	2.71607	2.83214	2.76428	2.84464	2.75357
Mexican dollar.....	2.52812	2.60312	2.68437	2.58750	2.68750	2.69000
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar.....	2.50166	2.66666	2.73333	2.46166	2.74166	2.64166
Yuan dollar.....	2.52500	2.62500	2.69166	2.60000	2.70000	2.60000
India, rupee.....	2.84041	2.84075	2.86041	2.85208	2.83916	2.82500
Japan, yen.....	4.90312	4.90428	4.90671	4.91250	4.92631	4.94301
Singapore (S.S.) dollar.....	4.35625	4.33750	4.36250	4.35625	4.36250	4.35625
<b>NORTH AMER.—</b>						
Canada, dollar.....	9.01911	9.01213	9.02022	9.02205	9.02127	9.00477
Cuba, peso.....	9.99937	9.99906	9.99843	9.99781	9.99968	9.99843
Mexico, peso (silver).....	3.92816	3.95433	3.99466	4.07166	4.09400	4.05000
Newfoundland, dollar.....	8.99000	8.98000	8.99500	8.99500	8.99650	8.98000
<b>SOUTH AMER.—</b>						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	5.69009	5.82664	6.03883	6.14840	6.19478	6.19440
Brazil, milreis.....	0.61750	0.61531	0.61375	0.61833	0.61750	0.61812
Chile, peso.....	1.20750	1.20750	1.20750	1.20750	1.20750	1.20750
Uruguay, peso.....	4.55000	4.54166	4.51666	4.48750	4.50000	4.51666
Colombia, peso.....	9.65700	9.65700	9.65700	9.65700	9.65700	9.65700

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

Banks of	Nov. 12 1931.			Nov. 13 1930.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England...	£ 121,836,587	---	£ 121,836,587	£ 160,080,546	---	£ 160,080,546
France a...	540,644,749	d	540,644,749	408,772,228	d	408,772,228
Germany b...	50,052,200	c994,600	51,036,800	101,511,050	994,600	102,505,650
Spain	89,867,000	21,267,000	111,134,000	99,068,000	28,086,000	127,154,000
Italy	58,918,000	---	58,918,000	57,222,000	---	57,222,000
Neth'lands	71,340,000	2,396,000	73,736,000	35,459,000	2,034,000	37,493,000
Nat. Belg.	73,355,000	---	73,355,000	37,006,000	---	37,006,000
Switz'land.	51,303,000	---	51,303,000	25,624,000	---	25,624,000
Sweden	11,860,000	---	11,860,000	13,433,000	---	13,433,000
Denmark	9,121,000	---	9,121,000	9,561,000	---	9,561,000
Norway	6,560,000	---	6,560,000	8,134,000	---	8,134,000
Total week	1084847,536	24,657,600	1109505,136	955,870,824	31,114,600	986,985,424
Prev. week	1060364,316	24,737,600	1085101,916	954,974,672	31,129,600	986,104,272

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 £5,022,700. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

### The British National Government Begins Its Work—The Tariff Outlook.

The opening of the new British Parliament has afforded encouraging evidence not only of the strength of the new National Government, but also of the conservative care with which the Government intends to proceed with its great tasks. The make-up of the new Cabinet, the membership of which was announced on Nov. 5, was generally recognized as giving the various elements of the Government coalition a fair representation, at the same time that it avoided an overwhelming Conservative predominance. The selection of Neville Chamberlain, an outstanding representative of high protection, for the important post of Chancellor of the Exchequer was balanced by the designation of Walter Runciman, a Liberal industrialist and financier, as President of the Board of Trade. For the important office of Foreign Secretary Mr. MacDonald chose Sir John Simon, a National Liberal. Of the twenty members of the Cabinet, eleven are Conservatives, five National Liberals and four National Laborites, while on the question of the tariff fourteen are to be regarded as protectionists, although three of the number hold moderate views, four are free traders, and two, Mr. MacDonald and the Lord High Chancellor, Lord Sankey, are of doubtful standing on the question. As far as individual quality goes, the Cabinet is one of the strongest that the country has had for many years, and while its protectionist tinge is marked, its composition negatives the fear that a radical program of any kind will be undertaken.

The most significant political change, aside from those involved in the remaking of the Cabinet, is the retirement of Lloyd George from the leadership of the Liberal party. The change was forecast when the Liberals split on the question of protection, and as a result of the split there are now two Liberal groups, one, numbering about thirty, who adhere to free trade and have elected Sir Herbert Samuel, Home Secretary in the new Government, as their leader, and some 33 protectionist Liberals led by Sir John Simon. On the tariff issue the latter are to all intents and purposes Conservatives, but their importance as a restraining influence may be considerable because of their moderate tariff views. The political future of Lloyd George is, naturally, a subject of active speculation and the prediction is freely made that he will eventually be found in the Labor ranks, but his health, which is not yet restored, seems likely to keep him from any very energetic participation in politics until after the long holiday recess which Parliament customarily takes.

One does not expect precise declarations of policy in the King's speech with which Parliament is opened, and the speech on Tuesday was hardly an exception to the rule. It did, however, refer with

unusual emphasis to the significance of the recent election. "The nation," it declared, "at a general election, indorsed those measures for securing economy and balancing the budget which constituted the first essential steps in solution of the financial and economic problems with which the country has been confronted," and was invited by the Government "to empower them to pursue a policy designed fully to re-establish confidence in our financial stability and to give them authority to frame plans for insuring a favorable balance of trade. They further sought from the nation unfettered discretion to consider every proposal likely to be of assistance in these matters." As a result of the election "a clear, emphatic mandate to that effect" has been given, and "decisions will be taken and applied with the least possible delay."

Somewhat more definite intimations of what the Government had in mind are to be found in two speeches by Mr. MacDonald, one delivered on Monday night at the Lord Mayor's banquet in the Guild Hall, London, and the other in the House of Commons on Tuesday in the debate on the speech from the throne. Speaking at the Guild Hall banquet, Mr. MacDonald said that the two great problems to be solved were the balancing of the budget and the balancing of trade. The currency situation, he pointed out, was not an internal problem only, since it had been created "by the condition of the world outside," and "the economics of Europe must be straightened out and rationalized before any nation in Europe can find the foundations for stable economic and industrial conditions." A "speedy and complete overhauling" of the German situation was placed in the forefront of the things which Mr. MacDonald emphasized as imperative, and an agreement must be reached regarding the steps to be taken when the "standstill" agreement on German credits expires at the end of February. To that end Mr. MacDonald distinctly forecast the calling of an international conference. The Government further proposed to take steps as soon as practicable "which will most surely tend to stabilize the pound on a definite basis which will make it independent of speculative movements or day-to-day transactions," although here, again, "stabilization must depend on factors outside our own separate control. In the meantime the main objective of our policy will be substantial maintenance of the internal purchasing value of sterling."

As "a sign of our reviving trade," Mr. MacDonald pointed to the fact that "there have been 114,000 fewer unemployed within the last five weeks, largely through improvement in the cotton, coal and suchlike industries. During the same period last year unemployment increased by 110,000, so we are 215,000 to the good." It was further announced that the Government had accepted the invitation of Canada to take part in a dominions economic conference at Ottawa next year, probably in July, and that before that time J. H. Thomas, Secretary of State for the Dominions, would visit the various dominions "to get a first-hand knowledge of the possibilities."

In his speech in the House on Tuesday Mr. MacDonald, while still confining himself to general terms, used language which was interpreted as meaning that an international conference to deal with reparations, war debts and tariffs would be urged by the Government at an early date. "So



long as the will of man has forced upon the world an unnatural economic adjustment," he declared, "the world will never succeed, never prosper. You cannot decree by your will that certain blocks of gold—for it comes ultimately down to that when you have high tariff walls, preventing imports—should be transferred from one nation to another. That economy is crazy, and it is bound to result not only in the impoverishment of the nation that hands out the gold, but ultimately, if not immediately, in the impoverishment of the nation receiving it. What has to be done is to get immediately—it is already in hand—into contact, first of all with the nations primarily concerned, so that arrangements may be made to extricate ourselves from this absurd economic entanglement which we have got into." The "highest importance" was attributed by Mr. MacDonald to the American visit of Premier Laval, and the hope was expressed that it "will lead, firstly, to an understanding between France and Germany, but in the full understanding, in the final understanding, every nation of the world must be a party to the agreement. That is the policy of this Government."

It seems a fair inference from Mr. MacDonald's remarks that while reparations, debts and tariffs are linked together in his mind in any plan for general world recovery, he does not mean that the Government shall be forced to take precipitate action regarding either of those matters, but will take time to frame its program through study and conference. Obviously, the several parts of the program at which Mr. MacDonald has hinted do not stand on the same footing. He is himself in accord with those who feel that any change in the reparations situation must come through the initiative of Germany and France, but although it was reported from Paris on Thursday that those two Governments had reached an agreement regarding procedure, the apparent necessity of considering both reparations and other German debts in a common scheme of settlement, the former through the agency of the Bank for International Settlements, in accordance with the Young plan, and the latter probably through an independent conference, means that the negotiations may be prolonged.

Regarding the tariff, on the other hand, Mr. MacDonald can hardly contemplate a delay until an international conference has paved the way for some general lowering of tariffs, for an overwhelming majority of his support in the Commons is bent upon having tariff action of some kind before long. Winston Churchill's demand for immediate action, in his characteristic speech in the House of Commons on Wednesday, did not, indeed, rally the high-tariff wing of the Conservatives which he aspires to lead, but Mr. MacDonald evidently felt the pressure enough to promise on Thursday that the Government's policy in regard to the dumping of foreign goods in Great Britain would be made known before the debate on the speech from the throne ended, and Mr. Runcieman's statement, in reply to a question, that merchandise imports into the United Kingdom for the nine months ended Sept. 30 exceeded exports by £281,000,000 gave weight to the protectionist demand. The old problem of how to raise the tariff without raising the cost of living or restricting the volume of exports still remains. Moreover, with the dominions economic conference at Ottawa definitely planned for, the wishes of the dominions in tariff matters are an obstacle no less difficult to surmount

now than they were in the last Imperial Conference. In any case, the addition of Great Britain to the already long list of high-tariff countries would not conduce to the general lowering of tariffs which Mr. MacDonald desires.

It is possible that Mr. MacDonald, in intimating that the Government will not act hastily and that all necessary time will be taken to study the financial situation in all its bearings, may have cherished the hope of some improvement in industrial and business conditions shortly which would make tariff action unnecessary. Himself no confirmed partisan of either protection or free trade, he doubtless regards the whole matter as one of policy rather than principle. There will be much sympathy for him and his Government in their dilemma, and much hope that their hands may not be forced. With a majority so large that nothing short of widespread revolt can seriously weaken it, the Government is in a position to resist considerable pressure. The danger is that with so many things to be studied and so many bearings of the case to consider, the high-protection advocates may become impatient and demand a specific measure upon which they can act. On the whole, however, the situation is no more perilous than others which Mr. MacDonald has had to meet, and it is not yet time to fear that his courage or political skill have deserted him.

#### *The Tin Box Brigade.*

Because a man on an annual salary of five thousand dollars deposits a hundred thousand dollars in a bank in five years is not proof presumptive that he got that sum dishonestly. It may arouse suspicion as to the integrity of his official conduct or as to the legality of his business methods, but we do not convict men in our courts on suspicion. If proof can be obtained that money has been secured by practices contrary to law, then conviction naturally follows, and there is no need for prying into private bank accounts. The "long arm of the law" must not reach out in the dark and seize a man on suspicion, if liberty is to be protected by government. And far from being in contempt of court to make this assertion it is with highest respect for both the law and the court that citizenry demand protection in their private affairs and the utmost circumspection in all court procedure as the true guardian of the rights and privileges of citizenship. Courts may err with the best intent.

Aside from this, as we see it, drag-net "investigations" are in the nature of supererogation to our respected laws and courts. They tend to stamp the law and courts as inefficient. By seeking to do that which the law and official justice has, seemingly, failed to do, they themselves are guilty of contempt. For there is a way to indict, try and convict, men, in office and out, of misdemeanors and felonies. To assume that a probing committee has the powers of a court in the procurement of valid testimony of wrong-doing is, at least, temporarily to set aside the courts. One of the prime objects of the law is to protect the privacy of individuals in their homes and legitimate business affairs, not to open by legal force their doors and bank accounts and safety deposit boxes. In an atmosphere of general suspicion courts should be especially wary of themselves yielding to suspicion.

To us there seems much menace to private rights involved in so-called investigations "outside the

courts themselves, as the basis of future prosecutions in the courts under the laws. These investigations seem to come closer to the people than the courts. They, ostensibly, are in behalf of the people. In the arousal of public attention they presume to dig deeper and delve farther than the courts. In the present legislative investigation of city affairs there seems to be arrayed on one side the whole people against a political organization charged with corruption. Thus there is aroused at the outset a sort of cry of the hounds, of the pack, that centers upon officeholders allegedly representative of an already (in a sense and degree) popularly condemned organization. This is not the meticulous judgment of our courts and our laws.

We do not believe that justice is best served by prying into the private affairs of men who suffer from the mere membership of an organization always in the thick of political charge and counter-charge. We do not believe our banks should be forced to disclose the private accounts of their customers. Go to a bank yourself and try to find out how much a man has on deposit. You will be peremptorily refused. It is not considered just to a patron. That the law may compel it depends upon the object in view, depends upon more than a mere suspicion that his private dealings have been dishonest. He is entitled to the privacy that respects his innocence until he is *proven guilty*. Then a disclosure may be made to further the processes of recovery by and under the law. Banks should protest against these procedures as tending to penalize them for the accepted and lawful conduct of their *own* business. Concealment of a criminal is against the law. But concealment of his deposit *before* he is a criminal is not, and ought not to be.

This "tin box brigade," after all, is only a handful of citizens. At least the boxes are innocent, whether lodged in the cellar at home or in the vaults of a bank. And the money, when found, has a right to be there. That is what safety deposit boxes are for—to safeguard money and securities. At this particular juncture in economic affairs there is altogether too much money in these strong boxes—and most of it is honest, if misguided, money. If the great City of New York, or the State of New York for the city, cannot establish malfeasance in office without poking its nose into these tin boxes, variously distributed, it must admit a large degree of incompetency. These tin boxes are becoming the stage properties of a huge farce. To make the bank disclose professional secrets regarding deposits is bad enough, but this tin box investigation is worse. It lowers the dignity of the law—though it be lawfully done. It makes a mountebank of the city—juggling with disappearing balls, before the gaping crowd, to establish guilt before the court is able to do so, or at least before it has done so. The usual habitues of the court room may find amusement; sober citizens are likely to find disgust.

Strange things are done in the name of the law. They are not always consistent. We have an Amendment in the Constitution and a Federal statute prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. Yet illicit sale, known as "bootlegging," has become a fine art. Petty offenders are convicted by the thousands. But the chiefs, the organizers of systems of procurement and distribution, have for many years, in the main successfully defied the law. The "gangs" have made

fearful war on each other for trespassing on preempted territory, but the law has been much of a failure in bringing them to book by direct indictment and prosecution. In this debacle, a new way has been found. These bootleggers have large incomes. Naturally they do not give themselves away by returning their ill-gotten gains. So the Government prosecutes them under the income tax law for failure to make returns. The illegal profits are used to convict for the illegal sales. This may not be compounding a felony, but it is a queer proceeding. Here, too, various expedients, as in the last noted case, are resorted to, to show income—namely the character and amount of the outgo.

It would appear that the Government, as well as the individual, must come into court with "clean hands" if it is to establish a case. Is it "clean" to invade private rights to provide testimony to convict of public wrongdoing? If a man's bank account is not private and personal, what is? It is by no means condonation of crime to ask these questions. There is too much smoke in this city investigation for there to be no fire. But there is a right way and a wrong (or questionable) way to show it. Must a man show where, how, and when, and from whom, he got every dollar in his bank account or in his safety deposit box, or it may be used against him in time of excited probing and colorful prosecution under dragnet proceedings of artificially created general suspicion. We can imagine a man, caught in the net of these circumstances, being entirely innocent. Shall he be haled before this new form, this modern form, of inquisition, and made to prove his innocence, or is the fact and site of the money in the tin box *prima facie* evidence of his guilt? Does the Government establish guilt or the man establish innocence?

New York City is not a den of thieves; nor should it be made to appear so in order to convict a few miscreants who break the law. There is of course no intent to do this. But a questionable method may produce a questionable impression. The "tin box" joke makes too many glaring headlines for the outsider to give it its proper place, if it has one at all, in our administration of justice. Too much care cannot be given to present this mighty city of wealth and hard work before the people in its true light. It is not necessary to defend a political organization to prevent it becoming (good or bad) the basis of the prosecution of an individual. It is very doubtful indeed that a fair presentation of the *prevalence* of crime can be shown by an "investigation" which necessarily proceeds *through* a political organism to reach the private or public life of one person.

We are all interested in the fair name of the City of New York. So great is the city, so wonderful in its accomplishments, so marvelous in its achievement, material, charitable, spiritual, that those who view it from afar must hesitate to believe it is the plaything of a political organization, and regret that an "investigation," itself not immune to politics, however fair and open, should cast a taint of crime on its official conduct. Consequently the inquiry must be made upon the high plane of the dignity of the law. No subterfuge to procure evidence, if such there may be, no zeal to convict by unusual and intolerant probings, if such there may be, can afford excuse for putting the whole citizenry in a false light. The very weary way this inquiry drags along, the discursive routes it takes, the comic

means it employs to reach inconclusive ends, afford legitimate ground for serious criticism.

Before it began, and during its procedure, there have been instances of orderly conviction, in courts under law, of bribery and graft. The "investigation" has shown that not all of the offenders have been reached. It is not without its merits and accomplishments. It is the general opinion that it is fair and impartial. But it is our contention that in its methods, in the time consumed, in the haphazard breadth of its windings, it should beware lest it hold, unwittingly, the whole city up to ridicule as a den of thieves.

#### *Armistice Day, Nov. 11 1931.*

On Nov. 11 last, by proclamation of the President, the people, with appropriate ceremonies, commemorated Armistice Day. It is well that we carry the thoughts of that occasion with us for more than a day—not that we remember what we would fain forget, the pomp and panoply of war, but that we dwell deeply on the "attainment of the ideals of justice, freedom and peace" for which that war was waged. And, "lest we forget," while we carry with us the sacred memories of the dead, let us with one heart do obeisance to those returned to us, now silently and faithfully doing their duty in the quiet walks of our civil and social life. To these men it is given to uphold the glory of the service and sacrifice of that colossal conflict, now 13 years buried in the past, not so much by organization and parade, as by citizenship and industrial endeavor.

The years sweep by, and while the States and peoples of the world find times of friendship and times of enmity creep upon them out of the vexed relations of national effort, there always remains the beacon light of universal peace beckoning them onward and upward. We hear now and then the smouldering threats of war, but we still have faith that our institutions, conferences and commemorations will gird us ever to the resistance to war. As the marching columns pass us on this day memorial of the Armistice we silently resolve that the awful bloodshed of unholy war shall not come again. Not one day alone is fit for this resolve, but every day of the revolving year. Lest we forget!

The still waters that flow deeply in our consciousness bear us to the vast ocean of compromise and conciliation. We are convinced, in these after-reflections, that there is no need for future wars. We may differ as to the best means to prevent them, but in the calm of untroubled peace we perceive all good, all happiness, all culture. Once we can possess that peace, the fate of humanity lies in the hands of those who live, love and labor. It is this thought that consecrates Armistice Day in its universal observance. In every country that took part in that conflict, the people assembled to deliver their souls into the keeping forever of the cessation of hostilities.

If there ever is to be another World War, why did men cease fighting on that sublime Nov. 11 1918 before the last battalion was destroyed and the last cross planted above a soldier's grave? Armistice means the ascension of reason and the reign of amity. In our inevitable relations as peoples and governments we are false to the sacrifices of millions of brave men when we do not settle all our differences by concessions and arbitrations. Some of the shibboleths that rang out above the battles may now seem to be misleading and false to results, but the

spirit of the men who fought lives with us yet to see that that war was the last of earth.

Armistice marks the light that breaks through the cloud of storm and stress to lead the world to perpetual peace. It is the dawn that follows the darkness and dread and death that belong only to insensate war. We commemorate to little purpose if we do not think more on peace than on war. Millions of men who cast their fortunes and fate into that terrible maelstrom remind us that we too are consecrate to that peace they fought to bring to earth and humanity. We know that we repeat the reverence of our last dedicatory exercise. We know that the thought is worth repeating. We know that on both sides, despite all the passions and animosities, there was a shining ideal.

If, therefore, we but echo some of the sublime sentiments uttered on this late commemoration our task is not in vain. Repetition is the means of remembrance. Armistice celebrates peace, not war. It soothes the soul that it may guide the man away from malice and carnage. It assures those who wait outside the fields of slaughter, who suffer in sorrow and silence, that thought is to take the place of force, and sense overcome the sword. Not one day alone but every day is fit for Armistice.

While men are fighting they do not think, they cannot love. In that World War which ended Armistice Day 1918 hostilities were not resumed. The years that have since passed by have brought much trouble to the nations and peoples of two continents, indeed of the whole world. The dead are not forgotten; the living are still revered. But the physical destruction of property, the immense debts that were contracted, the severance of States and peoples, the treaties that were tortured by a still existent hate, all brought in their wake a turmoil that statesmen have not yet been able satisfactorily to modify or mollify. What, then, of a new Armistice—a new appraisal of "justice, freedom and peace"?

Far from the grave of the Unknown Soldier, typifying all the dead who died for liberty, save for this one ordered Armistice Day of the year, we sit in office and counting room, we gather in parties and assemblies, to plot and plan, not for that competition which is cumulation and friendly rivalry—the true co-operation of an uplifting individualism—but for that warring of selfish interests which attempt through laws and governments to gain undue riches and gratify inordinate desires. If we could cry an Armistice on much of this turbulence we would set an example to coming generations, we would greatly prevent anticipated real wars, we would honor the heritage of civilization preserved to us by the martyred dead.

Thirteen years fly swiftly in the shuttle of time. If we are still pursuing the ways that lead to military wars we have not truly interpreted the Armistice that ended an unequalled war. The lesson lies in observance of the natural peace that comes with a cessation of hostilities, be they militaristic, economic, national or political.

We banish war when we live peace. Pageantry that decks itself out in the colors of marching columns and parading fleets, tends to exalt war. Perhaps the men who lived through the carnage and came back to pursue the arts of peace, but do themselves a natural justice when they wear the uniform on Armistice Day. No right thought would deprive

them of the distinction. But we who never saw a war should not mistake the deed for the spirit. Ours it is to do honor to the valiance that went "over the top" to gain a victory that forever lives in the annals of heroism. Ours to crystallize our praise and reverence by renouncing the spectacle in favor of the service. Ours to resolve, in their presence, that "it shall never come again."

Armistice Day is Peace Day! As we look back upon this current commemoration we are impressed by the tenor and temper of those who represent the mind and heart of all the survivors and all the peopls. We do not find them panting for new battlefields in which to conquer. We do not find them impatiently waiting orders to go again into the shambles of death. We see in their solemn demeanor and grave faces that sense of "justice and peace" which comes only out of the deep reserves of experience. The soldiers who march on Armistice Day want no more war. We who watch the lines go by should dedicate our efforts to peace alone.

#### ***Privately Owned Utilities Spur Invention.***

Due to Governor Pinchot's antagonistic attitude towards utility companies in general and the Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania in particular, which resulted in a prolonged investigation by the Pennsylvania legislature early this year, the American Academy of Political and Social Science devoted all sessions of its annual conference last week to discussions of utilities, giving supporters of either side opportunity to be heard. One of the speakers at the final session was Donald R. Richberg, of Chicago, general counsel for the National Council on Valuation of Railroads, who at 5 o'clock on Friday afternoon was arguing a case in Southwestern Arkansas, but by utilizing an airplane was able to meet his engagement in Philadelphia the following evening. Mr. Richberg, Governor Pinchot and Joseph B. Eastman, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, were the chief advocates of public ownership of utilities, while private ownership and operation were supported during the sessions by such well-known figures in the public utility field as Matthew S. Sloan, President of the New York Edison Company; Edwin Gruhl, General Manager of the North American Company, and Colonel William J. Donovan, former Assistant Attorney General of the United States.

Discussion of rate making was prolonged and tedious and so involved that the lay mind was left all at sea. What was really the meat of the two-day meeting was raised by a question propounded from the

audience. A listener asked: "When an important improvement is discovered and perfected of advantage to the development and distribution of electric current, which will be most apt to make practical use of the new discovery, privately owned or publicly owned utility companies?"

Although Mr. Eastman was inclined to uphold publicly owned corporations in this as in all other circumstances, the other side has some strong points in its favor. The very human element of a desire for gain is a forceful influence in progress. There must be an incentive to induce men to give the best that is in them and one of the strongest motives to induce effort is the prospect of profits. This motive exists in large degree in privately owned utilities as it is certain that the reward of success will be shared by the management through increased salaries for their services and by the stockholders in increased dividends.

This motive is lacking in publicly owned utilities. Moreover it is a well-known fact that politics plays such a forceful part in publicly owned utilities that indifference is created among officials. Public officials fully realize that with a change of administration they are likely to be unseated and that their successors may undo whatever of good the existing incumbents may have accomplished.

It is the desire for gain that has built up such remarkable organizations in the steel and automobile industries and other lines of business. The estate of the late Thomas A. Edison is estimated at many millions. If the great inventor had been dependent upon publicly owned utilities for a market for his wonderful discoveries it would not have been possible for him to have obtained such a substantial reward for his labors in behalf of mankind, and without the assurance of an adequate compensation for his labors both his senses and energy might have been dulled, notwithstanding his recognized persistent perseverance. Encouragement of substantial reward was essential to provide means for continuous and more elaborate work.

Every great privately owned industrial corporation has its laboratories, well equipped and manned by skillful research workers. The practical work of such laboratories has done much to further the interests of the people at large. But it is private not public initiative which brings about marvelous results.

That public regulation of privately owned utilities is essential is not disputed, but regulation should be so tempered that the main-spring, which is an inspiring motive, must not be destroyed.

### ***Gross and Net Earnings of United States Railroads for the Month of September***

The character of the earnings exhibits of United States railroads for the month of September is the same as in all the months preceding for nearly two years past, or since the panic in the autumn of 1929, namely, is extremely unfavorable; the explanation of the result is likewise the same as in previous months; that is, it follows entirely as a result of business depression of the intensest type. A year ago in September the losses were extremely heavy, notwithstanding the roads had the advantage of an extra working day, since the month contained only four Sundays as against five Sundays in September

1929, and now for September 1931 our compilations show a further heavy shrinkage in gross and net earnings alike, with the same advantage of an extra working day as in September 1930. As a matter of fact, these further losses in gross and net earnings for the month the present year run even heavier than those of last year.

In brief, gross earnings now record a loss of no less than \$117,073,774, or 25.07%, following a loss in September 1930 (as compared with September 1929) of \$99,634,540, or 18.64%, and the net earnings a further contraction of \$55,161,214, or 37.41%, after

a contraction in September 1930 of \$36,255,079, or 19.75%. In both amount and ratio the decrease in gross for September the present year, as also the decrease in net, runs in excess of that of any other month of the present calendar year. The result altogether is that gross earnings for September 1931 are down to \$349,821,538, as against \$566,461,331 in September 1929, and net earnings (before the deduction of taxes) for September 1931 amount to no more than \$92,217,886, against \$183,486,079 in September 1929, the shrinkage in the net for the two years thus being almost 50%. It would be necessary to go back all the way to 1916 to find a total of the gross so low as that of the present year, and to go back to 1922 to find a total of the net as low as that for September 1931.

Month of September—	1931.	1930.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
Miles of road (170 roads)-----	242,815	242,593	—	+222
Gross earnings-----	\$349,821,538	\$466,895,312	—\$117,073,774	—25.07%
Operating expenses-----	257,603,652	319,516,212	—61,912,560	—19.38%
Ratio of expenses to earnings	73.67%	68.58%		62.90%
Net earnings-----	\$92,217,886	\$147,379,100	—\$55,161,214	—37.41%

As to the evidences of business depression, these all testify to its presence in the same emphatic fashion as in previous months. One turns first of all to the statistics regarding automobile production since the automobile industry suffered beyond all others from the setback and collapse of trade. For September 1931 the number of motor vehicles turned out was only 140,566, as against 220,649 in September 1930 and 415,912 in September 1929. For the nine months ending Sept. 30 the automobile production was only 2,119,188 as against 2,909,130 in the first nine months of 1930, and no less than 4,640,823 in the corresponding period of 1929. In other words, 2,521,635 less automobiles were produced in the first nine months of 1931 than in the same nine months two years ago. This tells the story of business depression perhaps more plainly than anything else does, or could.

As a matter of fact, however, the collapse in the iron and steel trades has been no less pronounced, and, of course, the setback encountered in the automobile industry has been a strong contributing influence to the setback. In September 1931 steel ingot production in the United States was only 1,547,602 tons as against 2,840,379 tons in September 1930, and no less than 4,527,887 tons in September 1929. In brief, steel production for the month in 1931 was only one-third of that two years ago. The September 1931 output was the lowest indeed since that of September 1921, when the steel product for the month fell to 1,342,092 tons. In September 1931 the daily product was only 59,523 tons against 109,245 tons per day in September 1930 and 181,115 tons per day in September 1929. The make of iron in the United States in September 1931 aggregated only 1,168,915 tons against 2,276,770 tons in September 1930 and 3,497,564 tons in September 1929, the falling off in the two years having been fully two-thirds. The shrinkage in the quantity of coal mined has also been extremely heavy, though less proportionately than in the case of iron and steel. Only 31,919,000 tons of bituminous coal were mined in this country in September 1931 as against 38,632,000 tons in September 1930 and 45,334,000 tons in September 1929. The production of Pennsylvania anthracite was 4,358,000 tons in September 1931 in comparison with 5,293,000 tons in September 1930 and 6,543,000 tons in September 1929.

It follows as a matter of course that building operations were on a greatly reduced scale, having

suffered severe restriction last year and still more severe the present year. Building permits in 562 cities and towns of the United States during September 1931 represented a contemplated outlay of \$96,258,098, according to compilations prepared by S. W. Straus & Co., against \$168,680,637 in September 1930 and \$218,009,891 in September 1929. Turning to still another compilation, the F. W. Dodge Corp. finds that the construction contracts awarded during September the present year in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains, had a money value of only \$252,109,700 against \$331,863,500 in September 1930 and \$445,402,300 in September 1929. To all this was added a great diminution in the Western grain movement, owing both to the small export demand and the low prices prevailing in the market (the rise, now such a prominent feature, did not come until October), resulting in farmers holding back their wheat. We give the details of the Western grain movement in a separate paragraph further along in this article, and will only say here that for the four weeks ending Sept. 26 the receipts at the Western primary markets aggregated no more than 56,002,000 bushels, as compared with 105,632,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of 1930, only 86,869,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of 1929, but no less than 141,086,000 bushels in the same four weeks of 1928. The loading of railroad revenue freight furnishes a composite of these various items of freight, as well as of all other items of freight, and from statistics compiled by the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association, it appears that for the four weeks ending Sept. 26 the loading of revenue freight on all the railroads of the United States comprised only 2,907,953 cars as against 3,725,686 cars in the same four weeks of 1930, and 4,542,289 cars in the corresponding weeks of 1929.

In the case of the separate roads or systems the exhibits are in consonance with the showing for the railroads as a whole, which means that earnings have everywhere been further heavily reduced after having sustained such heavy shrinkage last year. The remark applies to gross and net earnings alike; and, with all roads in the country in all sections and subdivisions sharing in the common experience, the list of decreases is necessarily a long one. The decreases, too, are large-sized in the great majority of cases. We have room only to mention a few of the more conspicuous instances, and these may be accepted as typical of the entire list, the same as a year ago. As was to be expected, the Pennsylvania RR. and the New York Central lead all others for amount of loss. The Pennsylvania RR. reports \$11,532,845 decrease in gross and \$4,071,327 decrease in net for the month, following \$13,395,843 decrease in gross and \$5,300,699 decrease in net in September of last year as compared with September 1929. The New York Central, including not only the leased lines like the Big Four, the Michigan Central, the Cincinnati & Northern, and the Evansville Indianapolis & Terre Haute, but also the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and the Indiana Harbor Belt, suffered a loss of \$10,667,464 in gross and \$4,076,327 in net the current year on top of \$11,468,783 loss in gross and \$4,761,499 loss in net in September 1930. The Baltimore & Ohio has fallen behind \$4,054,483 in gross the present year, and \$1,112,353 in net, after \$4,345,098 in gross and \$1,157,090 in net in 1930. In the New England group, the New York New Haven & Hartford, after

having fallen behind \$2,633,487 in gross and \$1,252,679 in net in September last year, has sustained a further decrease the present year of \$1,524,927 in gross and \$726,970 in net.

In the West the Chicago Mil. St. Paul & Pacific has added \$4,043,781 to its decrease of \$2,590,930 in gross last year and \$1,715,545 to its decrease of \$728,994 in net. The Great Northern last year lost \$1,202,866 in gross, but managed to convert this into a gain of \$467,031 in net through a reduction in expenses. The present year the Great Northern has sustained a further shrinkage of \$4,623,073 in gross and of \$3,193,022 in net. The Northern Pacific reports a falling off of \$2,746,950 in gross and of \$1,644,402 in net, following \$1,396,868 loss in gross and \$859,652 loss in net last year. Similarly, the Chicago & North Western has added \$3,592,710 to its loss of \$1,930,593 in gross in 1930 and \$2,173,675 to its loss of \$435,773 in net. The Union Pacific, which in September last year suffered a decrease of \$1,666,737 in gross and of \$126,086 in net, the present year suffered a further decrease of \$4,667,764 in gross and of \$2,223,780 in net. The Southern Pacific, after a decrease last year of \$3,854,232 in gross and of \$780,372 in net, has sustained a further decrease the present year of \$6,764,722 in gross and of \$3,922,719 in net.

The Rock Island for the month in 1931 reports a loss of \$2,597,026 in gross and a loss of \$1,237,191 in net in addition to the loss of \$2,246,515 in gross and \$424,990 in net in September 1930. The St. Louis-San Francisco, after losing \$1,862,496 in gross and \$770,462 in net in 1930, has had to contend with an added loss of \$1,640,795 in gross and of \$644,495 in net the current year. The Missouri Pacific and the Atchison are no exception to the rule. The former reports \$3,029,423 shrinkage in gross and \$1,117,555 in net the present year, on top of \$2,367,825 decrease in gross and \$865,812 decrease in net in 1930. The Atchison, which in September last year made quite an exceptional exhibit in being able to show \$46,282 increase in net in face of \$2,750,093 diminution in gross, the present year shows \$5,271,613 shrinkage in gross and \$3,583,192 in net.

In the South, the Southern Railway, which in 1930 showed \$2,324,034 decrease in gross and \$793,680 decrease in net, the present year reports a further decrease of \$1,964,705 in gross and of \$1,310,030 in net, while the Louisville & Nashville, which last year fell behind \$1,955,757 in gross and \$589,147 in net, the present year suffered a further contraction of \$2,618,580 in gross and of \$1,336,970 in net. Below we show all changes for the separate roads and systems for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases and decreases, and in both gross and net. As a matter of fact, however, no increase for that amount appears in the gross and only one in the net, the latter the St. Louis Southwestern, and this due entirely to a lowering of expenses.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN GROSS EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1931.

	Decrease.	Decrease.	
Pennsylvania	\$11,532,845	Norfolk & Western	\$1,768,130
New York Central	9,670,234	St Louis San Fr (3 rds)	1,640,795
Southern Pacific (2 rds.)	6,764,722	Reading Co.	1,605,070
Atch Top & S Fe (3 rds.)	5,271,613	N Y N H & Hartford	1,524,927
Union Pacific (4 rds.)	4,667,764	Atlantic Coast Line	1,302,248
Great Northern	4,623,073	Wabash	1,186,806
Baltimore & Ohio	4,054,483	Central RR of New Jer.	1,158,037
Chic Milw St P & Pac	4,043,781	Lehigh Valley	1,127,903
Chicago Burl & Quincy	3,648,254	Boston & Maine	1,108,930
Chicago & North West.	3,592,710	Chesapeake & Ohio	1,092,939
Missouri Pacific	3,029,423	Pere Marquette	1,085,846
Northern Pacific	2,746,950	N Y Chicago & St Louis	1,028,214
Louisville & Nashville	2,618,580	Missouri-Kansas-Texas	1,001,833
Chic R I & Pac (2 rds.)	2,597,026	Duluth Missabe & Nor.	946,589
Illinois Central	2,224,717	Del Lack & Western	931,132
Erie (3 roads)	2,138,941	Seaboard Air Line	893,798
Minn St Paul & S S M.	2,067,356	Texas & Pacific	865,958
Southern Ry	1,964,705	Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	864,637

	Decrease.		Decrease.
Delaware & Hudson	\$860,398	Los Angeles & Salt Lake	\$300,604
Elgin Joliet & Eastern	734,900	Kansas City Southern	297,120
Bessemer & Lake Erie	668,897	Colo & Southern (2 roads)	270,650
Chic St P Minn & Om	644,721	Wheeling & Lake Erie	230,806
Western Pacific	566,072	Tenn Ry Assn of St Louis	226,222
Yazoo & Miss Valley	562,168	Buffalo Roch & Pittsb.	213,752
Grand Trunk Western	538,788	Bangor & Aroostook	213,124
Nashv Chatt & St Louis	493,282	Spokane Port & Seattl.	196,369
Denver & Rio G West.	479,225	Florida East Coast	189,793
N O Tex & Mex (3 rds.)	469,279	Gulf Mobile & Northern	160,725
Union RR	468,782	Monongahela	147,858
Alton RR	436,353	Belt Ry of Chicago	147,329
Chicago Great Western	434,978	Ann Arbor	141,083
Long Island	421,902	Alabama Great South	137,720
Central of Georgia	417,836	Indiana Harbor Belt	132,593
Maine Central	413,104	Rich Fred & Potomac	131,719
Chicago & Eastern Ill	408,386	Northwestern Pacific	126,006
Minneapolis & St Louis	392,198	Midland Valley	120,190
Chic Ind & Louisville	357,755	Illinois Terminal	118,980
St Louis Southwestern	348,850	Central Vermont	114,123
Cinc New Ori & Tex Pac	345,269	Gulf Ship Island	103,304
Western Maryland	342,178	N Y sq & Western	100,144
Internat & Great Nor.	328,257		
Detroit Toledo & Ironton	319,904	Total (97 roads)	\$114,016,234

a These figures cover the operations of the New York Central and the leased lines—Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, Michigan Central, Cincinnati Northern and Evansville Indianapolis & Terre Haute. Including Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and the Indiana Harbor Belt, the result is a decrease of \$10,667,464.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1931.

	Increase.		Decrease.
St Louis Southwestern	\$119,970	Yazoo & Miss Valley	\$479,112
Total (1 road)	\$119,970	Missouri-Kansas-Texas	468,088
		Western Pacific	463,617
		Bessemer & Lake Erie	433,656
		Del Lack & Hudson	428,213
		Delaware & Western	427,159
		Lehigh Valley	407,399
		Boston & Maine	380,929
		Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	365,524
		Chicago St P Minn & Om	347,598
		Texas & Pacific	342,364
		Central of Georgia	312,809
		Chesapeake & Ohio	301,323
		Long Island	289,490
		Minneapolis & St Louis	280,101
		Grand Trunk Western	263,206
		Chicago Great Western	260,062
		Cinc New Ori & Tex Pac	233,559
		New Ori Tex & Mex (3 rds.)	227,527
		Union RR (Pa)	227,362
		Nashville Chatt & St L.	214,934
		Elgin Joliet & Eastern	190,625
		Chicago & Eastern Ill	185,230
		Internat'l & Great Nor.	184,826
		Bangor & Aroostook	173,421
		Reading Co.	161,340
		Western Maryland	156,420
		Chicago Ind & Louisv.	147,037
		Mobile & Ohio	142,941
		Detroit Toledo & Ironton	125,605
		Spokane Portl & Seattl.	100,062
		Total (72 roads)	\$53,207,492

a These figures cover the operations of the New York Central and leased lines—Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis, Michigan Central, Cincinnati Northern and Evansville Indianapolis & Terre Haute. Including the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and the Indiana Harbor Belt, the result is a decrease of \$4,076,327.

It follows as a matter of course from what has been said above that when the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions according to their location, we have a repetition of the record of the previous year, namely, that all the different districts, Eastern, Southern and Western, as well as all the different regions in each of these districts, show a contraction in gross and net alike. Our summary by groups appears below. As previously explained, we group the roads to conform to the classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The boundaries of the different groups and regions are indicated in the footnote to the table.

SUMMARY BY GROUPS.

District and Region.	Gross Earnings					
	Month of September.	1931.	1930.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).		
<b>Eastern District—</b>						
New England region (10 roads)	16,040,525	19,589,427	-3,548,902	-18.08		
Great Lakes region (31 roads)	66,929,766	87,568,135	-20,638,369	-23.58		
Central Eastern region (26 roads)	72,163,871	95,112,651	-22,948,780	-24.13		
Total (67 roads)	155,134,162	202,270,213	-47,136,051	-23.30		
<b>Southern District—</b>						
Southern region (30 roads)	38,273,602	50,836,638	-12,563,036	-24.73		
Pochohantas region (4 roads)	19,914,578	22,950,713	-3,036,135	-13.25		
Total (34 roads)	58,188,180	73,787,351	-15,599,171	-21.01		
<b>Western District—</b>						
Northwestern region (17 roads)	43,780,150	64,462,087	-20,681,937	-32.09		
Central Western region (24 roads)	62,660,391	84,102,884	-21,442,493	-25.50		
Southwestern region (30 roads)	30,058,655	42,272,777	-12,214,122	-28.89		
Total (71 roads)	136,499,196	190,837,748	-54,338,552	-28.52		
Total all districts (172 roads)	349,821,538	466,895,312	-117,073,774	-25.07		
District and Region.	Net Earnings					
	Month of Sept.	1931.	1930.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).		
<b>Eastern District—</b>						
New England reg'n	7,277	7,329	4,334,252	5,838,866	-1,504,614	-25.77
Great Lakes region	27,908	27,941	12,244,270	21,311,190	-9,066,920	-42.57
Central East. reg'n	25,004	25,031	19,872,849	27,832,722	-7,959,873	-28.61
Total	60,189	60,301	36,451,371	54,982,778	-18,531,407	-31.89
<b>Southern District—</b>						
Southern region	40,026	40,070	5,203,268	12,620,294	-7,417,026	-58.80
Pochohantas region	6,119	6,030	8,400,770	9,718,749	-1,317,979	-13.57
Total	46,145	46,100	13,604,038	22,339,043	-8,735,005	-39.10

District and Region (Concl.)		Net Earnings				
Month of Sept.	Mileage	1931.	1930.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)	%	
Western District—1931.	1930.	\$	\$	\$	%	
Northwest'n region	48,877	48,973	13,019,418	24,912,583	-11,893,165	-47.78
Central West. reg'n	52,213	52,034	20,666,054	31,364,317	-10,698,263	-34.10
Southwest. region.	35,391	35,185	8,477,005	13,780,379	-5,303,374	-38.54
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>136,481</b>	<b>136,192</b>	<b>42,162,477</b>	<b>70,057,279</b>	<b>-27,894,802</b>	<b>-39.82</b>
<b>Total all districts.</b>	<b>242,815</b>	<b>242,593</b>	<b>92,217,886</b>	<b>147,379,100</b>	<b>-55,161,214</b>	<b>-37.41</b>

NOTE.—We have changed our grouping of the roads to conform to the classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and the following indicates the confines of the different groups and regions:

**EASTERN DISTRICT.**

*New England Region.*—This region comprises the New England States.

*Great Lakes Region.*—This region comprises the section on the Canadian boundary between New England and the westerly shore of Lake Michigan to Chicago, and north of a line from Chicago via Pittsburgh to New York.

*Central Eastern Region.*—This region comprises the section south of the Great Lakes Region, east of a line from Chicago through Peoria to St. Louis and the Mississippi River to the mouth of the Ohio River, and north of the Ohio River to Parkersburg, W. Va., and a line thence to the southwestern corner of Maryland and by the Potomac River to its mouth.

**SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

*Southern Region.*—This region comprises the section east of the Mississippi River and south of the Ohio River to a point near Kenova, W. Va., and a line thence following the eastern boundary of Kentucky and the southern boundary of Virginia to the Atlantic.

*Poconantas Region.*—This region comprises the section north of the southern boundary of Virginia, east of Kentucky and the Ohio River north to Parkersburg, W. Va., and south of a line from Parkersburg to the southwestern corner of Maryland and thence by the Potomac River to its mouth.

**WESTERN DISTRICT.**

*Northwestern Region.*—This region comprises the section adjoining Canada lying west of the Great Lakes Region, north of a line from Chicago to Omaha and thence to Portland and by the Columbia River to the Pacific.

*Central Western Region.*—This region comprises the section south of the Northwestern Region, west of a line from Chicago to Peoria and thence to St. Louis, and north of a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Mexican boundary to the Pacific.

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

The Western grain traffic, as already indicated above, suffered a heavy shrinkage as compared with the movement in the corresponding period of 1930. This applies not only to wheat, but to all the other cereals as well. For the four weeks ending Sept. 26 1931 the receipts of wheat at the Western primary markets were only 36,376,000 bushels as against 59,571,000 bushels in the same four weeks of 1930; the receipts of corn only 7,107,000 bushels as against 15,229,000 bushels; of oats but 6,779,000 bushels against 14,594,000 bushels; of barley 4,740,000 bushels against 10,867,000, and of rye 1,000,000 bushels as against 5,371,000. For the five cereals, wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye combined, aggregate receipts for the four weeks of September 1931 were only 56,002,000 bushels as compared with 105,632,000 bushels in the corresponding period of 1930. The details of the Western grain movement, in our usual form, are set out in the table which now follows:

WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS.						
4 Wks. Ended	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Sept. 26.	(bbls.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)
<b>Chicago</b> —						
1931 ---	855,000	1,748,000	2,480,000	2,246,000	409,000	274,000
1930 ---	1,035,000	1,642,000	5,631,000	2,974,000	1,894,000	1,285,000
<b>Minneapolis</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	9,600,000	372,000	800,000	1,742,000	617,000
1930 ---	-----	18,069,000	638,000	2,948,000	3,850,000	1,993,000
<b>Duluth</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	4,357,000	27,000	305,000	406,000	41,000
1930 ---	-----	20,741,000	230,000	2,902,000	2,952,000	1,555,000
<b>Milwaukee</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	123,000	1,980,000	285,000	181,000	1,580,000
1930 ---	-----	81,000	211,000	1,040,000	1,905,000	1,462,000
<b>Toledo</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	719,000	49,000	514,000	5,000	2,000
1930 ---	-----	1,103,000	83,000	224,000	2,000	9,000
<b>Detroit</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	137,000	-----	72,000	46,000	44,000
1930 ---	-----	167,000	35,000	116,000	20,000	17,000
<b>Indianapolis &amp; Omaha</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	3,012,000	1,488,000	1,226,000	30,000	8,000
1930 ---	-----	4,526,000	2,267,000	1,123,000	-----	2,000
<b>St. Louis</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	598,000	2,452,000	621,000	420,000	229,000
1930 ---	-----	543,000	3,100,000	1,554,000	904,000	235,000
<b>Peoria</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	195,000	347,000	631,000	277,000	268,000
1930 ---	-----	231,000	348,000	1,316,000	416,000	412,000
<b>Kansas City</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	7,995,000	633,000	350,000	-----	-----
1930 ---	-----	6,408,000	1,559,000	364,000	-----	-----
<b>St. Joseph</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	751,000	258,000	260,000	-----	-----
1930 ---	-----	1,890,000	589,000	390,000	-----	-----
<b>Wichita</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	2,821,000	9,000	6,000	17,000	-----
1930 ---	-----	1,216,000	35,000	24,000	17,000	-----
<b>Sioux City</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	457,000	254,000	122,000	8,000	1,000
1930 ---	-----	150,000	252,000	304,000	23,000	10,000
<b>Total</b> —						
1931 ---	1,771,000	36,376,000	7,107,000	6,779,000	4,740,000	1,000,000
1930 ---	1,890,000	59,571,000	15,229,000	14,594,000	10,867,000	5,371,000

Jan. 1 to	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Sept. 26.	(bbls.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)	(bush.)
<b>Chicago</b> —						
1931 ---	7,580,000	50,023,000	40,451,000	13,094,000	2,981,000	946,000
1930 ---	8,654,000	23,795,000	59,831,000	25,328,000	5,118,000	2,715,000
<b>Minneapolis</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	60,991,000	6,277,000	7,994,000	9,431,000	3,214,000
1930 ---	-----	79,365,000	8,716,000	13,829,000	14,975,000	7,607,000
<b>Duluth</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	36,231,000	1,406,000	1,790,000	1,544,000	413,000
1930 ---	-----	53,921,000	1,136,000	4,988,000	4,838,000	3,612,000
<b>Milwaukee</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	602,000	17,651,000	5,464,000	2,883,000	6,636,000
1930 ---	-----	813,000	3,401,000	9,670,000	7,680,000	9,321,000
<b>Toledo</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	9,148,000	700,000	5,096,000	38,000	8,000
1930 ---	-----	10,935,000	947,000	4,152,000	21,000	33,000
<b>Detroit</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	1,035,000	184,000	554,000	356,000	160,000
1930 ---	-----	1,369,000	341,000	585,000	43,000	175,000
<b>Indianapolis &amp; Omaha</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	34,308,000	28,504,000	10,578,000	30,000	12,000
1930 ---	-----	39,834,000	39,667,000	15,538,000	10,000	129,000
<b>St. Louis</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	4,930,000	31,456,000	15,918,000	12,351,000	1,439,000
1930 ---	-----	5,496,000	39,814,000	21,647,000	14,605,000	1,023,000
<b>Peoria</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	2,115,000	2,680,000	7,395,000	3,091,000	2,655,000
1930 ---	-----	1,803,000	1,899,000	17,862,000	5,386,000	3,157,000
<b>Kansas City</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	27,000	95,397,000	20,135,000	2,563,000	11,000
1930 ---	-----	-----	73,479,000	24,008,000	4,887,000	-----
<b>St. Joseph</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	10,733,000	7,970,000	1,933,000	5,000	2,000
1930 ---	-----	10,793,000	8,670,000	1,814,000	-----	-----
<b>Wichita</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	23,899,000	1,425,000	141,000	112,000	-----
1930 ---	-----	19,988,000	3,272,000	191,000	17,000	-----
<b>Sioux City</b> —						
1931 ---	-----	2,366,000	1,704,000	1,288,000	67,000	6,000
1930 ---	-----	1,870,000	4,931,000	2,468,000	205,000	34,000
<b>Total</b> —						
1931 ---	15,254,000	375,918,000	137,443,000	63,356,000	25,275,000	7,343,000
1930 ---	16,786,000	351,463,000	200,698,000	101,451,000	38,698,000	15,525,000

The Western live stock movement also appears to have been much smaller than in September last year. At Chicago the receipts comprised only 15,493 carloads, as compared with 18,400 carloads in September last year; at Kansas City they were only 6,736 carloads against 9,263 carloads, and at Omaha but 6,916 cars against 9,118.

The Southern cotton movement, too, was on a reduced scale both as regards shipments of the staple overland and receipts at the Southern outports. In view of the tremendous size of the new crop this seems strange, but is explained by the fact that owing to the low price of the staple farmers have been holding back their cotton. Gross shipments overland for the month under review reached only 29,405 bales, as against 49,837 bales in September 1930; 51,520 bales in September 1929, and 34,363 bales in September 1927. Receipts of cotton at the Southern outports in the month the present year were only 1,053,908 bales as compared with 1,649,271 bales in September 1930; 1,327,471 bales in September 1929; 1,306,890 bales in 1928, and 1,395,840 bales in 1927. In the subjoined table we give the details of the cotton movement for the past three years:

RECEIPTS OF COTTON AT SOUTHERN PORTS IN SEPTEMBER AND FROM JAN. 1 TO SEPT. 30 1931, 1930 AND 1929.

Ports.	September.			Since Jan. 1.		
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Galveston.....	227,827	197,003	249,551	500,913	532,031	872,590
Houston, &c.....	446,179	655,847	467,942	885,732	1,275,167	1,136,518
New Orleans.....	54,047	158,303	223,635	540,018	664,619	822,367
Mobile.....	30,947	80,273	54,907	253,278	183,021	168,977
Pensacola.....	7,559	23,469	-----	45,256	35,815	41,779
Savannah.....	90,830	209,936	161,567	271,580	397,829	309,311
Charleston.....	26,927	71,484	36,226	82,409	161,973	80,684
Wilmington.....	4,696	3,293	9,161	23,620	18,513	32,851
Corpus Christi.....	8,352	20,160	2,310	46,297	67,856	51,817
Lake Charles.....	149,380	194,327	119,911	274,458	512,139	361,754
Brunswick.....	-----	1,715	-----	18,781	5,409	1,825
Newport News.....	-----	31,866	-----	-----	37,866	-----
Beaumont.....	-----	3,239	-----	5,398	4,914	37
Jacksonville.....	7,170	72	546	8,592	72	612
Port Arthur.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9,217
<b>Total</b> .....	1,053,908	1,649,271	1,327,471	2,956,332	3,896,924	3,890,339

**RESULTS FOR EARLIER YEARS.**

It is important to bear in mind that the heavy losses in 1931 and 1930—\$117,073,774 in gross and \$55,161,214 in net in 1931 and \$99,634,540 in gross and \$36,255,079 in net in 1930—do not, as might be supposed, follow large gains in the years immediately preceding. On the contrary, they come after indifferent results in September 1929 and equally indifferent results in September 1928 and decidedly un-

favorable results in September 1927. In 1929 our September compilation registered an increase of no more than \$9,812,986 in gross, and of only \$2,612,246 in net. In September 1928 our tables recorded \$9,980,689 loss in gross with \$1,711,331 gain in net. In September 1927 there was \$26,058,156 loss in gross, and \$13,799,429 loss in net. On the other hand, however, our tabulations for September 1926 showed gains then which did not differ greatly from the losses which followed in 1927. In other words, our statement for September 1926 recorded \$24,192,709 increase in gross and \$14,996,918 increase in net. These 1926 increases, too, followed moderate increases in the year preceding, our tabulations for September 1925 having shown \$24,381,000 gain in gross, and \$18,026,891 increase in net, notwithstanding that at that time the anthracite carriers had to contend with the strike at the anthracite mines, which served to cut off completely all traffic in hard coal. Even in 1924, which was a period of trade reaction, there was in September of that year only a relatively slight falling off in gross earnings (no more than \$5,116,223), while in the net there was no loss at all then, but rather improvement in the large sum of \$29,947,793 (expenses having been reduced in amount of \$35,064,016 at that time). Moreover, this followed \$44,549,658 improvement in gross in September 1923, and \$37,441,385 improvement in net. It is true that this notable improvement in 1923 was due in part to the poor exhibit made by the carriers in September 1922, when they had to contend at once with the shopmen's strike and the strike in the unionized coal mines. And yet there was no actual loss in gross even in September 1922, but an increase, though this increase amounted to only \$1,723,772, and was accompanied by \$29,046,000 decrease in the net, due to the augmentation in operating costs occasioned by the labor troubles referred to. Furthermore, this loss in the net in 1922 came after \$11,372,524 gain in the net in 1921, as compared with September 1920.

The noteworthy feature about this 1921 gain in the net was that it occurred, notwithstanding a tremendous shrinkage in the gross revenues in that year arising out of the great slump in trade and industry which marked the course of the whole of the year 1921. The improvement in net came as a result of prodigious curtailment of the expenditures which was forced upon the carriers in order to offset the great loss in traffic. In previous months of that year the extent of the shrinkage in traffic consequent upon the collapse in trade had been in considerable measure concealed owing to the fact that the roads were then getting very much higher transportation rates both for passengers and for freight. In other words, in these earlier months of 1921 the loss in gross revenues because of diminished traffic was in large part offset by the additional revenue derived from higher rates on the traffic which the carriers actually did handle and transport. In September this was no longer the case, for in that month comparison was with a time in 1920 when the higher rates authorized by the Inter-State Commerce Commission in the summer of that year were already in effect. It was estimated at the time when these great advances were made that on the volume of traffic then being handled they would add \$1,500,000,000 to the annual gross revenues of the roads, or, roughly, \$125,000,000 a month.

Deprived of the advantage—in the comparisons—of these higher rates, the naked fact of a tremendous shrinkage in the volume of business then being moved (1921) stood out in all its grimness. The loss, accordingly, aggregated no less than \$120,753,579, or not far from 20%. But by dint of great effort, the roads managed to cut down their ex-

penses in the prodigious sum of \$132,126,103, leaving a gain in net of \$11,372,524. The 12% reduction in the wages of railroad employees which had been in effect since July 1, under the authorization of the Railroad Labor Board, was one fact in the big contraction in expenses; the shrinkage in traffic was yet another factor, and of much larger magnitude, in addition to which railroad managers skimmed and pared in every direction, in particular cutting the maintenance outlays to the bone, little repair work of any kind being done that could be deferred.

As against the gain in net in 1921, however, brought about in the way indicated, it is important to note that in preceding years very large additions to gross revenues arising either from an increased volume of traffic or from higher rates failed to yield any substantial additions to the net. This remark applies to the results for many successive years of this earlier period, operating costs having steadily risen at the expense of the net. In that respect, the exhibit for September 1920 was particularly disappointing. Great expectations had been built on the benefits to be derived from the noteworthy increase in passenger and freight rates that had then just been put into effect. Gross earnings did reflect the higher rates in an increase of no less than \$113,783,775, or 23.68%, but \$104,878,082 of this was consumed by augmented expenses, leaving hence a gain in net of only \$8,905,693, or less than 10%. In the years preceding, the showing as to the net was equally unsatisfactory. Thus for September 1919 our tabulations registered \$9,252,922 gain in gross, but \$18,828,861 loss in the net. In September 1918 the gain in the gross revenue reached enormous proportions, the war being still in progress and the volume of traffic extremely large, besides which decided advances in both passenger and freight rates had been made only a few months before. The addition to the gross was no less than \$129,367,931, or 36.16%. But this was accompanied by an augmentation in expenses of \$126,177,381, or 51.82%, leaving net larger by only \$3,190,550, or 2.79%. The year before, rising expenses played a similar part in contracting the net results. In that year (in September 1917) there was \$33,901,638 increase in gross, but \$7,699,654 loss in net, owing to an expansion of 41½ million dollars in expenses. In the following we furnish the September comparisons back to 1906:

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
Sept.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1906	136,839,986	126,782,987	+10,056,999	48,341,798	45,653,884	+2,687,914
1907	141,229,009	128,047,787	+13,172,222	41,818,855	45,413,358	-3,594,503
1908	218,929,381	234,228,778	-15,299,397	61,615,318	77,531,878	-15,916,560
1909	246,965,956	219,013,703	+27,952,253	95,443,958	81,858,560	+13,585,398
1910	256,647,792	246,335,586	+10,312,206	101,580,434	95,449,517	+6,130,917
1911	249,054,036	249,014,234	+39,801	90,720,548	89,398,733	+1,321,815
1912	272,209,628	252,318,587	+19,891,041	96,878,558	90,842,946	+6,035,612
1913	285,050,942	275,244,811	+9,805,231	92,847,193	98,000,260	-5,153,067
1914	272,992,901	285,850,745	-12,857,844	92,022,947	91,274,033	+748,914
1915	294,241,340	276,458,199	+17,783,141	111,728,276	93,181,915	+18,546,361
1916	332,888,990	294,333,449	+38,555,541	124,447,830	111,875,296	+12,572,534
1917	364,880,086	330,978,448	+33,901,638	116,086,103	123,785,757	-7,699,654
1918	487,140,781	357,772,850	+129,367,931	117,470,621	114,280,071	+3,190,550
1919	495,123,397	485,870,475	+9,252,922	98,302,598	117,131,459	-18,828,861
1920	594,192,321	480,408,546	+113,783,775	102,329,084	93,423,391	+8,905,693
1921	496,784,097	617,537,676	-120,753,579	120,604,462	109,232,938	+11,372,524
1922	498,702,275	496,978,503	+1,723,772	91,384,503	120,428,552	-29,046,050
1923	544,270,233	499,720,575	+44,549,658	129,800,909	91,858,924	+37,441,385
1924	539,853,860	544,970,083	-5,116,223	159,176,504	129,228,711	+29,947,793
1925	564,443,591	540,062,587	+24,381,004	177,242,895	159,216,004	+18,026,891
1926	588,948,935	564,756,924	+24,192,009	193,148,176	176,936,230	+16,241,946
1927	564,048,987	590,102,143	-26,058,156	179,454,277	193,233,706	-13,774,429
1928	554,440,541	564,421,630	-9,980,689	180,359,111	178,647,780	+1,711,331
1929	565,816,654	556,003,668	+9,812,986	181,413,185	178,800,939	+2,612,246
1930	466,826,791	566,461,331	-99,634,540	147,231,000	183,486,079	-36,255,079
1931	349,821,538	466,895,312	-117,073,774	92,217,886	147,379,100	-55,161,214

Note.—In 1906 the number of roads included for the month of September was 98; in 1907, 84; in 1908 the returns were based on 231,367 miles; in 1909 on 236,545 miles; in 1910 on 240,678 miles; in 1911 on 230,918 miles; in 1912, 237,951 miles; in 1913, 242,097 miles; in 1914, 242,386 miles; in 1915, 245,132 miles; in 1916, 248,156 miles; in 1917, 245,148 miles; in 1918, 232,136 miles; in 1919, 232,772 miles; in 1920, 228,955 miles; in 1921, 235,155 miles; in 1922, 235,280 miles; in 1923, 235,611 miles; in 1924, 235,178 miles; in 1925, 236,752 miles; in 1926, 236,779 miles; in 1927, 238,814 miles; in 1928, 240,693 miles; in 1929, 241,704 miles; in 1930, 242,341 miles; in 1931; 242,815 miles.

## Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.  
Friday Night, Nov. 13 1931.

There has been some improvement in trade here and there, and there is no doubt that the business morale of the country is better. Not that there is any real activity anywhere. The weather has been too warm. Seasonable conditions are, of course, required for seasonable trade. Business is being conducted along conservative lines. The temperatures here in New York have been as high as 72

degrees, or within 4 degrees of summer heat. The petroleum industry has been helped by the unseasonably warm weather in some parts of the country as there is more auto travel than usual. And there is no doubt that hope is in the air. The recent big advance in wheat and other grain, the rise in cotton and other commodities, the advance in silver and the tendency towards easier rates for money all tend to encourage a more cheerful feeling, even if, as a rule, there has been little or no actual increase in business. Chicago



has had a temperature of 70 degrees, and in many other parts of the Central West it has been 60 to 66 degrees. St. Louis has had 72 degrees. That is not the kind of weather that is wanted. The grain markets have dropped some 5 to 8c. this week and cotton is lower. In fact, all the leading commodities have declined. But belief is very general that these declines were simply natural setbacks after recent pronounced advances. Cotton is less than  $\frac{1}{4}$ c. lower for the week in spite of a crop estimate by the Government of 16,903,000 bales, as against 13,931,597 bales last year. The estimate was 600,000 bales larger than the previous one in October. Yet the answer of the cotton market was to advance substantially on the 9th inst. when this report was issued. Wheat declined, it is true, some 8c., with only a moderate export demand and some increase in the Russian shipments to western Europe. But new Russian offerings were comparatively small. There was an unconfirmed rumor that Russia has confessed itself insolvent. Also the Sino-Japanese war continues, and there are hints that Russia is helping China. If that is so, it may mean that Russia will eventually be drawn into the war. The whole Sino-Japanese muddle, however, may be cleared up soon. It is not believed that Japan will definitely sever its relations with the family of nations and make itself a kind of Ismaelite among the peoples of the globe. Corn declined about 5c. with the weather good and the cash demand anything but brisk, while the Government made some reduction in its estimate of the crop on Nov. 1; that is, to 2,674,000,000 bushels, against 2,703,000,000 on Oct. 1 and 2,094,000,000 harvested last year. The five-year average is 2,761,000,000 bushels. It was still too dry in the winter wheat sections of the Central West and Southwest, especially the Southwest, where the drouth is described as serious. There is also drouth in the Canadian Northwest. A feature of the week was the persistent reports of a good demand from Germany for North American rye, mostly Canadian. At times there have been reports of a little export business in domestic barley and oats, as well as some rye. The world's crop of rye is short; domestic and foreign speculators have been buying it. Germany is said to have bought 1,000,000 bushels of rye from Russia. Canada had an active business in cash rye, supposedly for export.

The stock market has not moved very decisively as a rule either way. It seemed to be for the most part marking time awaiting some decisive cue. Nobody expects a sudden revival of trade. The general belief is that it will be gradual. The new note in this country, however, is that there is greater hope that the worst has been seen and that the turn of the tide for the better is near at hand if it has not already started. Not a few believe that it has already started. Still the fact must be faced that collections throughout the United States are still slow because trade is slow. Mild weather has interfered with the sale of heavy clothing in parts of the country. In this city, it is true, men's clothiers report business as good as it was last year and collections too are up to last year's mark. This is an exception that proves the rule. Of late Chicago's trade has been hurt by mild weather. In Baltimore the clothing business is slow. Boston department stores are selling rather less than they were a year ago. In St. Paul a fair business has been done in women's wear, furniture and house furnishing goods. Very low retail prices by comparison with former years have had some effect. They would have a great deal more if the weather were 15 or 20 degrees colder, throughout the length and breadth of the United States. Philadelphia's sales of sweaters, hosiery, overcoats and suits are smaller than those of a year ago. Dry goods at the leading wholesale centers of the country lag behind the business of this time last year. But retail failures are much less numerous than those of last week. Building is very small in most sections. This, of course, tends to keep the steel business within comparatively narrow bounds, though some lines of the steel industry are said to be doing a little better. It is only a little. Railroads are not buying rails on any important scale. Some look for a larger production of automobiles in November. October's output is estimated at 86,328 or a total for 10 months of 2,838,018 as against 3,206,680 for a like period last year. Boston and Philadelphia found the wool market quiet, although there was rather more inquiry. Boston had a rather better leather trade. Shoe manufactories are said to be doing less business after a rise in prices of the lower priced sorts. At Rochester manufacturers of men's clothing are quiet, awaiting spring orders, not yet due. Provisions have declined

slightly in sympathy with grain. Coffee dropped 20 to 25 points as there seems no likelihood that the Brazilian government's surplus stocks will be destroyed. Bankers object.

Sugar futures are unchanged to a single point higher, after light trading. Large Cuban interests seem to give the price support from time to time. Spot raws have within a day or two become more active; possibly 20,000 tons have been sold. Rubber declined 13 to 16 points, but this was simply a natural reaction and not very much of a reaction at that after the recent big rise. Hides had a similar experience, with a drop of 40 to 50 points, after a recent swift upturn on big trading. Cocoa declined 33 points in a natural reaction. Silk dropped 1 to 2 points. Silver, after wild fluctuations, a rise at one time of 250 to 300 points, and the largest trading on record, winds up at a net decline of 30 to 70 points. The coal trade has been hampered by warm weather. Cotton goods have been rather slow and some constructions of print cloths seem to have declined  $\frac{1}{8}$ c. On the 7th inst., stocks advanced 1 to 4 points, with wheat rallying after an early decline. Cotton, rubber, coffee, sugar, cocoa and hides advanced. Wall Street watches commodity markets, especially wheat, respectfully. For years past in homely parlance Wall Street houses have not been carrying all their eggs in one basket—the stock market. They have joined the commodity exchanges like cotton, the Chicago Board of Trade, the Coffee & Sugar Exchange here and other exchanges. Grain, cotton and other trading has been an important source of income recently. Copper was more stable. Oil earnings are larger. Steel output increased. Prices of seats on the various Exchanges have advanced. On the 7th inst., Cotton Exchange memberships rose \$4,000. Domestic bonds advanced 1 to 5 points more; foreign were irregular.

On the 9th inst. stocks made a moderate advance in a larger and broader market. Silver futures in some cases ran up 260 to 300 points, the latter the limit prescribed for a maximum change whether upward or downward in a single day and the sales bounded to 7,500,000 ounces, the largest on record up to then. It has been surpassed then. All this was on Sino-Japanese war talk. Cotton advanced \$1 a bale despite a Government crop estimate of 16,903,000 bales, or 609,000 larger than that of Oct. 1 and nearly 3,000,000 bales larger than the last crop. Wheat rallied at one time  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3c. Copper stocks were generally strong. Anaconda advanced  $1\frac{1}{2}$  and there were advances in U. S. Steel, American Smelting, Waldorf System, Central RR. of New Jersey, Inland Steel, National Steel, International Business Machines, du Pont, Southern Pacific and National Biscuit. London and Paris were quiet but firm. As commodities rose in popularity, higher prices were paid for memberships in the Cotton, Rubber and Cocoa Exchanges, i. e. \$20,000 at the Cotton Exchange, or \$6,500 above the recent low level; \$1,800 at the Cocoa Exchange and \$1,500 at the Rubber Exchange. Bonds were active and generally higher with sales of \$15,186,500, overtopping even those of two years ago, let alone the smaller totals of 1930 and 1931. Japanese issues dropped sharply; government  $5\frac{1}{2}$ s were down 5 points and  $6\frac{1}{2}$ s, 4. Among domestic bonds, railroad issues set the upward pace.

On the 10th inst., in a day of profit taking in stocks and commodities, stocks were irregular but significantly enough railroad issues advanced slightly. The average was only about a quarter of a point, but the contrast with the action of other stocks was what arrested attention. Lower prices occurred for United States Steel common  $1\frac{1}{2}$ , American Telephone  $1\frac{1}{8}$ , American Steel Foundry  $2\frac{3}{4}$ , Ingersoll Rand  $3\frac{1}{2}$ , International Business Machines  $3\frac{1}{4}$ , du Pont  $1\frac{3}{4}$ , and Eastman Kodak 2. The sales were 1,750,052 shares, against 3,047,293 shares on Monday, 3,335,000 a year ago and 6,450,000 two years ago. Bonds dropped though Japanese issues advanced 2 to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  points after an early decline. But foreign bonds were generally lower. Domestic issues were irregular, leaning to the lower side on railroad, convertibles, &c. Yet the average decline was less than one-eighth. Advances took place in Northern Pacific 3s, Union Pacific 1st 4s, New York Central consolidated 4s, Louisville & Nashville  $5\frac{1}{2}$ s, Consolidated Coal of Maryland 5s, Utilities and Power and Light  $5\frac{1}{2}$ s, all of which were in brisk demand. Stocks on the 11th inst. fell 1 to 3 points on the more popular issues, with total transactions only 1,491,401 shares, owing partly no doubt to the closing of the grain exchanges at the West and some of the cotton markets at the South for Armistice Day. Bonds declined, though the loss was less than on Tuesday. A "seat" at the

Exchange sold at \$180,000, an advance of \$5,000. The low this year was \$156,000. Stocks had the appearance of a small traders' market exhibiting a timely and natural reaction. A few stocks advanced, but the trend was mostly moderately downward.

On the 12th inst. stocks and bonds were irregular with sales 1,441,972 shares. Railroad stocks were the most depressed. Wheat corn and some other commodities were lower. Wheat was 7c. under the highest level of the 9th inst. and corn  $5\frac{1}{4}$ c. under. There was some evidence that the upward pace in commodities had recently been too fast to last. New York Central was off 4 points, Santa Fe and Baltimore & Ohio  $1\frac{3}{8}$ , New Haven  $2\frac{1}{8}$ , Union Pacific  $1\frac{1}{2}$  and Southern Pacific  $2\frac{3}{8}$ . Fractional declines also took place in American Can, American Tel. and Johns-Manville. But one thing noticeable in the speculative markets in stocks and commodities is the cautiousness of operators in going short if they go short at all. They say in effect that the recovery of business may be slow, but it is sure to come and that there is likely in the long run to be more money on the bull side than on the bear side all along the line. Where stocks and production are still large the cheapness of prices it is argued discounts all this. To-day stocks declined 1 to 5 points. The greatest pressure was on railroad shares. Lower wheat prices told. New York Central led the way downward with a fall of  $3\frac{3}{4}$  points or  $7\frac{3}{4}$  in two days on persistent selling. It pulled Santa Fe down  $5\frac{3}{4}$ , Union Pacific 5 and Southern Pacific  $3\frac{1}{8}$ . Western Union declined  $5\frac{1}{4}$  and recovered only half a point of it. U. S. Steel and American Can dropped  $1\frac{7}{8}$ . Metal stocks were something of an exception to the general depression. Copper stocks acted well.

In Boston department store sales were stimulated by more seasonal weather. Although this period is usually quiet, shoe manufacturing operations are higher than a fortnight ago. The textile industry continues to do fairly well but prices of cotton goods are generally low. A considerable number of small woolen and worsted plants continue very active. Philadelphia reported improvement. The commodity movement increased. Building gained and mills were active. The sentiment was generally more cheerful. Richmond, Va. retail trade is better and the advance in the price of wheat has had a heartening effect among farmers. Atlanta, Ga. reported trade improving; department store sales are much larger. Dallas, Tex. reports that cooler weather, advances in oil and wheat prices and a loosening of credits had brought a much better feeling. The petroleum situation was better. Martial law continued in the East Texas fields and Governor Sterling has just directed that the allowable production be reduced to 125 barrels a day for each well. Cleveland, Ohio, reported improvement due chiefly to buying of material for new model automobile output.

Lawrence, Mass. wired Nov. 12 that Lawrence textile mills were getting back to normal today after the five weeks' strike which affected 23,000 operatives. All the mills are hiring additional workers as the production moves along, but there were still many hundreds idle. The Arlington Mills resumed after the Armistice Day holiday, prepared to start its night force tonight. There were no pickets in the vicinity of the American Woolen Co. plants. The Pacific Mills were still closed, with 5,400 employes affected. North Andover, Mass. wired Nov. 12 that a 10% in reduction in wages will become effective at Sutton's Mill next Monday. Lowell, Mass. wired that announcement of a 10% cut in wages for 1,200 employes was made on the 12th inst. by the Lawrence Manufacturing Co. The reduction will be effective Nov. 20. This is the first reduction of any of the larger textile corporations in that city. New Bedford, Mass. wired that a horizontal wage cut of 10% including officers, executives, salaried employes and wage earners, effective the week of Dec. 7, has been announced by the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association.

Charlotte, N. C., reported that while the textile situation does not show the marked buying activity of 10 days ago, sales have kept up on a moderately large basis and most of the large gray goods plants have been selling more than they produced. Greenville, S. C., wired Nov. 10 that most mills in that section are operating both day and night, although, in many instances, officials say their plants are only operating a portion of the machinery at night. The general increase in two months is marked, especially within the last two or three weeks. Most mills are running full day shifts. All mills appear to be complying with the

recommendations of the Cotton Textile Institute that only men or boys over 18 years of age should be employed.

Kansas City stated that there was decided improvement owing to the rise in oil and wheat and retail sales increased owing to the stimulus of a co-operative downtown sales plan with expanded newspaper advertising and free street car rides. Schools were closed at 11 a. m. to permit the children to accompany their families downtown for the sales. Wholesale trade, however, continued generally slow. St. Louis reported a gain in wholesale trade owing to depleted stocks of retailers and because of the rise in the prices of grain and some other commodities. Minneapolis's retail trade was good and the rise in wheat cheers business men. The flour trade was better at higher prices. Chicago had a larger business among mail-order concerns and department stores owing to cooler weather. San Francisco finds that the opinion is strengthening that conditions are turning for the better.

Washington wired the Associated Press Nov. 12: "Whirling spindles in England and China give promise of reducing America's big cotton surplus. Mill activities in the two countries have entered upon a decided upward trend. Induced by Great Britain's abandonment of the gold standard and the Manchurian crisis. Reports to the Agriculture Department show the operations of English mills are now at 70% of capacity, largely as a result of the pound sterling's lower value which enabled manufacturers to meet production from other milling centers on a more competitive basis." The actual output of carded cotton cloths, it is stated, rose steadily throughout the greater part of October, in line with normal seasonal tendencies, and in the last week of the month, the gain exceeded the usual seasonal increase so that the adjusted index for the week ended Oct. 31 stands at 90.7, as against 88.6 for the preceding week and 68.3 for the same week last year.

Sears' Roebuck & Co's sales fell 21.5% in the four weeks ended Nov. 5, it was said. Reports for the four weeks ended Nov. 5 showed sales of \$27,145,925, against \$34,588,125 in 1930, it is stated.

Manchester, England, reports a better business in cotton goods with India, notably in dhooties, white shirtings and prints with quite a good business with China in white and gray shirtings. Africa bought a good deal of heavy cloth and the trading with the Continent was larger while there was also an active home business.

On the 10th inst. the temperature here went as high as 70 degrees and open cars were again seen on Broadway. At sea it was another story. Stormy weather raged there for days and delayed shipping. Even well to the north it was unseasonably warm. Montreal, Canada, wired that people shed their overcoats in the sunshine of a genuine Indian summer. Although the normal temperature on Nov. 1 at Montreal is 36 degrees, the thermometer on the 10th inst. was up to 67. Boston even had 50 to 78, Chicago had 52 to 56, Cincinnati 42 to 70, Cleveland 56 to 66, Detroit 52 to 60, Kansas City 42 to 48, Milwaukee 40 to 52, St. Paul 38 to 48, New York 47 to 70, Omaha 38 to 52, Philadelphia 44 to 66, Portland, Me., 38 to 74, Portland, Ore., 40 to 50, San Francisco 52 to 60, Seattle 42 to 48, Spokane 34 to 40, St. Louis 62 to 66, Winnipeg 30 to 48. On the 11th inst. New York temperatures were 55 to 61 degrees, which was still warm for this time of year. Boston had 54 to 58 degrees, Chicago 48 to 60, Cincinnati 54 to 70, Cleveland 46 to 50, Detroit 42 to 50, Kansas City 44 to 66, Milwaukee 46 to 50, St. Paul 33 to 46, Montreal 38 to 46, New Orleans 60 to 78, Omaha 40 to 52, Philadelphia 54 to 64, Portland, Me., 46 to 54, Portland, Ore., 36 to 44, San Francisco 50 to 62, Seattle 40 to 50, Spokane 30 to 36, St. Louis 54 to 76, Winnipeg 34 to 42.

On the 12th inst. the temperatures here were 59 to 63. To-day they were 59 to 72. Boston had 56 to 62, Philadelphia 60 to 68, Portland, Me., 50 to 58, Chicago 42 to 70, Cincinnati 58 to 66, Cleveland 48 to 66, Detroit 44 to 64, Milwaukee 38 to 60, New Orleans 64 to 82, Kansas City 44 to 60, St. Paul 34 to 48, St. Louis 50 to 72, Portland, Ore., 46 to 70, San Francisco 48 to 66, Seattle 48 to 50, Hamilton, Bermuda, 64 to 70, Montreal 46 to 56, Winnipeg 26 to 42.

#### Annalist Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The Annalist Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices continued its rise to 102.6 on Tuesday, Nov. 10, an advance of 0.7 from last week's revised 101.9, but 16.0 under last year's 118.6. The "Annalist" continues:

Its rise from the post-war low of Oct. 6 amounts to 2.7% and, with the exception of July 7, when it touched its present mark, it now stands at the highest level since May 12. The important commodity advances, which last week were largely confined to the grains, steers and oil, were much more generally distributed during the week, although last week's leaders were again outstanding.

The period of decline that started on July 23 1929, when the index stood at 150.4 continued without serious break until June 2, 1931, and was marked by a total drop of 33.5%, or an average decline for the period of 0.5 point weekly. The weeks from June 2 have been marked by relative stability, the movements of the index during this period having been confined to 2.7 points between 99.9 and 102.6. The next few weeks should indicate whether this stability is to be continued or a new trend developed.

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

	Nov. 10 1931.	Nov. 2 1931.	Nov. 11 1930.
Farm products.....	89.9	*87.8	109.6
Food products.....	111.0	111.2	129.8
Textile products.....	85.0	*85.1	107.4
Fuels.....	131.3	128.8	141.6
Metals.....	100.2	100.1	105.6
Building materials.....	111.5	111.9	131.1
Chemicals.....	96.8	*96.8	105.7
Miscellaneous.....	88.1	92.4	95.2
All commodities.....	102.6	*101.9	118.6

\*Revised.

Production of Electricity in the United States During Week Ended Nov. 7 1931 Shows a Falling Off of 5.8% as Compared with the Same Period Last Year—September Output 3.5% Below Corresponding Month in 1930.

The production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Nov. 7 was 1,628,147,000 kwh., according to the National Electric Light Association. Largely because of the Election Day holiday, this represents a decline from the previous week. The Atlantic seaboard shows a decrease of 3.2% from the corresponding week last year and New England, taken alone, shows a decrease of 1.3%. The central industrial region, outlined by Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Milwaukee, registers as a whole a decrease of 10%, while the Chicago district alone shows a decrease of 6.2%. The Pacific Coast shows a decline of 4.5% below last year.

Arranged in tabular form, the output in kilowatt hours of the light and power companies for recent weeks and by calendar months since the beginning of the year, according to the National Electric Light Association, is as follows:

Weeks End—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1931 Under 1930.
Sept. 5----	1,635,623,000	1,630,081,000	1,674,588,000	1,484,000,000	x4.1%
Sept. 12----	1,582,267,000	1,726,800,000	1,806,259,000	1,604,000,000	
Sept. 19----	1,662,660,000	1,722,059,000	1,792,131,000	1,614,000,000	3.4%
Sept. 26----	1,660,204,000	1,714,201,000	1,777,854,000	1,623,000,000	3.2%
Oct. 3----	1,645,587,000	1,711,123,000	1,819,276,000	1,637,000,000	3.8%
Oct. 10----	1,653,369,000	1,723,876,000	1,806,403,000	1,651,000,000	4.1%
Oct. 17----	1,656,051,000	1,729,377,000	1,798,633,000	1,665,000,000	4.2%
Oct. 24----	1,646,531,000	1,747,353,000	1,824,160,000	1,678,000,000	5.8%
Oct. 31----	1,651,792,000	1,741,295,000	1,815,749,000	1,688,000,000	5.1%
Nov. 7----	1,628,147,000	1,728,210,000	1,798,164,000	1,697,000,000	5.8%
Months.					
January----	7,439,888,000	8,021,749,000	7,585,334,000	6,637,064,000	7.3%
February----	6,705,564,000	7,066,788,000	6,850,855,000	6,289,337,000	5.1%
March----	7,381,004,000	7,580,335,000	7,380,263,000	6,632,542,000	2.6%
April----	7,193,691,000	7,416,191,000	7,285,359,000	6,256,581,000	3.0%
May----	7,183,341,000	7,494,807,000	7,486,635,000	6,552,575,000	4.2%
June----	7,057,029,000	7,239,697,000	7,220,279,000	6,454,379,000	2.5%
July----	7,222,869,000	7,363,730,000	7,484,727,000	6,570,110,000	1.9%
August----	7,144,840,000	7,391,196,000	7,773,878,000	6,944,976,000	3.3%
September----	7,080,300,000	7,337,106,000	7,523,395,000	6,724,148,000	3.5%

x Because of irregularity of Labor Day holiday, change is calculated for the first two weeks of September.  
 Note.—The monthly figures shown above are based on reports covering 92% of the Electric Light and Power industry and the weekly figures are based on 70%.

Wholesale Price Index of The National Fertilizer Association Shows Largest Gain in Many Months.

The weekly wholesale price index of The National Fertilizer Association, based on 476 price quotations computed weekly, showed the largest gain in many months. The index number for the latest week is 67.8, compared with 66.6 for the preceding week, a gain of 1.2 points. A month ago the index number stood at 66.4 and a year ago it stood at 81.9. (The index number 100 represents the average for the three years 1926-1928.) The Association continues under date of Nov. 9:

The rise in the index number was due chiefly to sharp advances in the prices for grains, foodstuffs, cattle and petroleum. While spot cotton at New Orleans showed a slight gain in price, spot cotton at Galveston showed a slight drop.

Of the fourteen groups comprising the index, four advanced, six declined and the remaining four showed no change. The advancing groups were foods, grains, feeds and livestock, fuel and miscellaneous commodities. The declining groups were textiles, fats and oils, fertilizer materials, metals, building materials and chemicals and drugs.

Thirty-two commodities showed price advances, while only 17 commodities showed price declines. Among the commodities which advanced were spot cotton at New Orleans, burlap, linseed oil, tallow, eggs, beef, flour, potatoes, apples, all grains, cattle, hogs, silver, rosin, petroleum, gasoline and coffee. Listed among the commodities that declined in price during the latest week were wool, spot cotton at Galveston, lard, butter, peanuts,

cottonseed, lambs, lead, oak flooring, glycerine, sulfate of ammonia and rubber. The index numbers and comparative weights of each of the fourteen groups are shown in the table below.

WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX—BASED ON 476 COMMODITY PRICES (1926-1928=100).

Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index.	Group.	Latest Week Nov. 7 1931.	Preceding Week.	Month Ago.	Year Ago.
23.2	Foods.....	74.2	71.2	71.3	87.3
16.0	Fuel.....	60.3	59.3	58.8	76.7
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock.....	55.0	52.1	49.8	80.0
10.1	Textiles.....	51.2	51.3	49.5	67.8
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities.....	66.3	66.0	66.1	78.0
6.7	Automobiles.....	89.3	89.3	88.6	91.0
6.6	Building materials.....	75.0	75.2	76.0	86.9
6.2	Metals.....	75.3	75.4	75.8	81.6
4.0	House furnishings.....	86.0	86.0	88.8	96.8
3.8	Fats and oils.....	58.3	60.0	63.1	76.4
1.0	Chemicals and drugs.....	86.7	86.8	86.8	95.0
.4	Fertilizer materials.....	70.5	71.2	71.2	86.1
.4	Mixed fertilizer.....	79.7	79.7	80.1	96.3
.3	Agricultural implements.....	95.2	95.2	95.2	95.6
100.0	All groups combined.....	67.8	66.6	66.4	81.9

October Building Report—Structures Costing \$5,388,500 Were Planned in Manhattan.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Nov. 7:

The estimated value of building plans filed in Manhattan last month was greater than in October 1930 although plans were submitted for fewer structures last month, when 20 new structures were projected at a cost of \$5,388,500, as against plans for thirty structures costing \$4,528,650 during the corresponding period last year.

The estimated cost of new buildings during the ten months of this year was \$105,021,996, compared with \$142,940,800 during the same period last year.

There was a decided increase in the number of buildings and the amount involved in alterations during October as compared with a year ago. During last month plans were filed for alterations on 267 buildings at a cost of \$1,840,865 and in October 1930, plans were put in for alterations on 219 buildings at a cost of \$615,340.

The total expenditure for alterations for the first ten months of this year was \$22,009,303, as against \$26,395,343 in the same period a year ago.

Among the plans filed were those for two Class A multiple dwellings to house 141 families and to cost \$410,000. Plans were also put in for a building in the stores and showroom classification to cost \$300,000 and for two garages to cost \$160,000. A \$3,500,000 school is also included among the plans.

Production of Boots and Shoes, Other Than Rubber for September and Nine Months Ending With September—Both Show an Increase Over Last Year.

The Department of Commerce announces the following statistics on the production of boots and shoes, by classes, for September 1931, representing 1,165 factories. The revised figures for August 1931, represent 1,199 factories. These statistics represent establishments that reported more than 98% of the footwear, other than rubber, in the United States, at the 1929 biennial census of manufactures.

The total production of footwear in factories reporting for September 1931, indicates an increase of 7.6% over September 1930. Production during the period January-September 1931, shows an increase of 5.3% as compared with the corresponding period of 1930.

TABLE 1.—PRODUCTION OF BOOTS AND SHOES, OTHER THAN RUBBER BY CLASSES: SEPTEMBER AND AUGUST 1931, SEPTEMBER 1930 AND JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 1931 AND 1930.

Kind.	Number of Pairs.			
	September 1931.	September 1930.	Jan.-Sept. 1931.	Jan.-Sept. 1930.
Boots and shoes, total.	31,554,532	29,334,302	253,046,551	240,359,773
High & low cut (leather), total.....	25,587,165	24,167,697	214,237,682	207,993,205
Men's.....	7,423,064	6,567,975	60,830,179	60,937,221
Boys' and youths'.....	1,900,812	1,608,558	15,337,279	14,439,386
Women's.....	11,861,461	11,855,527	95,155,641	91,809,308
Misses' and children's.....	2,784,573	2,741,532	27,769,205	25,871,753
Infants'.....	1,537,255	1,394,105	15,145,378	14,935,537
Athletic and sporting.....	137,719	123,415	1,306,128	1,333,716
Part-leather & part-fabric.....	88,188	b	2,841,679	b
All-fab. (satin, canvas, &c).....	465,455	222,066	3,849,514	2,096,925
Shippers' & moccasins for house wear, total.....	4,459,055	4,291,583	24,329,109	24,312,368
All leather.....	1,297,821	865,601	5,693,048	4,334,043
Part leather, felt, &c.....	3,161,234	3,425,982	18,636,061	19,978,325
Barefoot sandals, play shoes, & all other footwear.....	816,950	529,541	6,482,439	4,623,559

a Excludes footwear with fabric uppers and rubber soles. b No data available.

Valuation of Construction Contracts Awarded as Compiled by The F. W. Dodge Corporation Shows 28% Decline for October.

The valuation of construction contracts awarded in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains in the month of October 1931 was \$94,612,200 less than in October 1930, the figure for October of this year being \$242,094,200, against \$336,706,400 in the same month last year, a decline of 28%. The decrease in the valuation for the ten months ended Oct. 31 1931, in comparison with the same period

last year was \$1,215,303,400, the totals being \$2,804,802,000, against 4,020,105,400.

A more wholesome tone in October business sentiment, although not yet felt in the construction industry, is likely to bear favorably on the future revival of this industry according to statements in the October statistical reports issued by F. W. Dodge Corp.

In connection with figures on construction contracts awarded in the 37 States east of the Rockies, this organization points to an October "revival of business and financial confidence from a State verging on panic toward a more healthy anticipation of constructive solutions of underlying financial problems. While this turn of sentiment is the essential first step toward recovery, it has not yet gathered sufficient momentum to affect favorably business volume or construction volume."

Non-residential building led the three major construction classes during October with \$99,092,400. This was followed by public works and utilities with \$82,461,700 and residential building with \$60,540,100:

Two of the thirteen Dodge districts produced October gains in dollar contract totals over that month of last year. Non-residential building contracts in the Metropolitan New York area, with a gain of \$22,000,000 over October 1930, put the month's total for that district 12% ahead. This gain was accounted for by letting of contracts for three units of the Radio City project. The Middle Atlantic territory showed a \$23,000,000 gain in public works and utilities projects or a 31% total gain over October of last year.

Comparison of the month with September records show advances in the New England, Metropolitan New York and Middle Atlantic territories. In the first named the month's total of \$25,362,800 was ahead of September's \$22,989,000. In the Metropolitan New York area \$89,518,600 compared with \$67,483,500 in September. The Middle Atlantic district's \$42,460,300 in October compared with \$27,635,500 for September.

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AWARDED—37 STATES EAST OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

	No. of Projects.	New Floor Space (Sq. Ft.)	Valuation.
<i>Month of October—</i>			
1931—Residential building.....	5,268	15,217,000	\$60,540,100
Non-residential building.....	2,145	15,312,600	99,092,400
Public works and utilities.....	1,288	170,600	82,461,700
<b>Total Construction.....</b>	<b>8,701</b>	<b>30,700,200</b>	<b>\$242,094,200</b>
<i>1930—</i>			
Residential building.....	6,822	22,336,500	\$104,670,300
Non-residential building.....	3,319	16,808,200	119,070,500
Public works and utilities.....	2,017	339,000	112,965,600
<b>Total construction.....</b>	<b>12,158</b>	<b>39,483,700</b>	<b>\$336,706,400</b>
<i>Ten Months Ended Oct. 31—</i>			
1931—Residential building.....	56,070	170,562,300	\$729,934,800
Non-residential building.....	24,496	161,604,700	1,009,740,100
Public works and utilities.....	16,672	5,944,100	1,065,127,100
<b>Total construction.....</b>	<b>97,238</b>	<b>328,111,100</b>	<b>\$2,801,802,000</b>
<i>1930—</i>			
Residential building.....	65,005	196,490,200	\$949,619,500
Non-residential building.....	34,828	238,594,700	1,574,246,700
Public works and utilities.....	18,918	13,143,700	1,496,239,200
<b>Total construction.....</b>	<b>118,751</b>	<b>448,228,600</b>	<b>\$4,020,105,400</b>

CONTEMPLATED WORK REPORTED—37 STATES EAST OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS.

	1931.		1930.	
	No. of Projects	Valuation.	No. of Projects	Valuation.
<i>Month of October—</i>				
Residential building.....	5,901	\$86,407,900	7,600	\$140,704,800
Non-residential building.....	2,482	79,223,300	4,062	202,263,100
Public works and utilities.....	1,588	148,698,200	2,278	205,659,000
<b>Total construction.....</b>	<b>9,971</b>	<b>\$314,329,400</b>	<b>13,940</b>	<b>\$548,626,900</b>
<i>Ten Months Ended Oct. 31—</i>				
Residential building.....	61,809	\$1,005,997,900	72,175	\$1,441,162,500
Non-residential building.....	29,524	1,316,176,700	42,331	2,542,066,400
Public works and utilities.....	21,630	1,661,060,800	24,869	3,400,898,400
<b>Total construction.....</b>	<b>112,963</b>	<b>\$3,983,235,400</b>	<b>139,375</b>	<b>\$7,384,127,300</b>

Shipbuilding Lowest Since War—Commerce Department Reports 1,000,000 Tons Less Construction Than Year Ago—America in Second Place.

As the result of a further decline in shipbuilding, the tonnage of merchant vessels under construction in the principal maritime countries of the world is at a new post-war low level and is less than half the volume of construction under way just before the World War, the Department of Commerce reported on Oct. 25. The department's survey does not include Russia, said a dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times," which continued:

A decline of nearly 300,000 gross tons has occurred since June 30 1931, and this followed a drop of about 175,000 tons in the quarter ended Mar. 31.

"At this time last year," the department said, "over 1,000,000 gross tons more of shipping were being built than to-day.

"Once again the greatest decline reported during the past quarter was for Great Britain and Ireland, where the shrinkage during the three months amounted to 138,000 gross tons. For the first time in more than 40 years, less than 500,000 gross tons of merchant vessels are being built in the shipyards of those countries.

"For the United States a decrease of about 40,000 gross tons was shown during the past quarter; but the greater loss in Great Britain and Ireland leaves the United States holding second place, only about 150,000 tons behind Great Britain and Ireland, as compared with a gap of about 900,000 gross tons at this time last year."

The gross tonnage of vessels under construction on Sept. 30 1931, compared with June 30, in the principal shipbuilding countries of the world was given by the department as follows:

Country—	Sept. 30.	June 30.
Great Britain and Ireland.....	417,385	555,603
United States.....	261,364	301,489
France.....	169,720	211,940
Italy.....	159,147	170,658
Sweden.....	121,080	110,355
Germany.....	113,468	130,651
Netherlands.....	95,216	108,299
Denmark.....	69,160	90,655

Dun's Index of Commodity Prices.

Monthly comparisons of Dun's Index Number of wholesale commodity prices, proportioned to consumption, follow:

Groups.	Nov. 1 1931.	Oct. 1 1931.	Nov. 1 1930.	Nov. 1 1929.	Nov. 1 1928.
Breadstuffs.....	\$19.474	\$17.579	\$27.349	\$34.678	\$31.394
Meat.....	14.596	13.592	18.634	23.110	25.570
Dairy and garden.....	15.898	14.951	20.223	22.657	22.847
Other food.....	16.851	16.331	17.890	18.690	19.533
Clothing.....	24.176	24.454	28.109	34.568	35.425
Metals.....	18.550	18.591	19.659	21.148	21.272
Miscellaneous.....	30.824	30.918	33.324	36.328	36.364
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$140.369</b>	<b>\$136.416</b>	<b>\$165.188</b>	<b>\$191.179</b>	<b>\$192.945</b>

Dun's Report of Business Failures in October.

The disturbances occasioned by the financial troubles both in this country and abroad during the past six weeks, increased business failures in the United States in October to an unusual number for that month; also the amount of liabilities. Insolvencies during the month just closed, according to the records of R. G. Dun & Co., numbered 2,362, with \$70,660,436 of indebtedness. There is no previous report for October showing a larger number than the 2,124 business defaults that occurred in that month last year.

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

The two larger divisions into which the October figures are separated, manufacturing and trading show an increase in the number of defaults over October 1930. The increase is relatively greater among manufacturing concerns than among traders. This is a reversal of conditions shown by the figures for a number of months preceding October this year for in most of these earlier reports there were fewer defaults in manufacturing lines than in the corresponding months of the preceding year.

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.
October.....	2,362	2,124	1,832	\$70,660,436	\$56,296,577	\$31,313,581
September.....	1,936	1,963	1,563	\$47,255,650	\$46,947,021	\$34,124,731
August.....	1,944	1,913	1,762	\$3,025,132	\$9,180,653	\$3,746,452
July.....	1,983	2,028	1,752	\$60,997,833	\$9,826,417	\$2,425,519
<b>3d quarter.....</b>	<b>5,863</b>	<b>5,904</b>	<b>5,082</b>	<b>\$161,278,635</b>	<b>\$135,954,091</b>	<b>\$100,296,702</b>
June.....	1,993	2,026	1,767	\$51,655,648	\$63,130,762	\$31,374,761
May.....	2,248	2,179	1,897	\$3,371,212	\$5,541,462	\$1,215,865
April.....	2,383	2,198	2,021	\$6,868,135	\$9,059,308	\$5,269,702
<b>2nd quarter.....</b>	<b>6,624</b>	<b>6,403</b>	<b>5,685</b>	<b>\$155,894,995</b>	<b>\$167,731,532</b>	<b>\$107,860,328</b>
March.....	2,604	2,347	1,987	\$80,386,550	\$56,846,015	\$36,355,691
February.....	2,563	2,262	1,965	\$9,607,612	\$1,326,865	\$4,035,772
January.....	3,316	2,759	2,535	\$4,608,212	\$1,185,171	\$3,877,145
<b>1st quarter.....</b>	<b>8,483</b>	<b>7,368</b>	<b>6,487</b>	<b>\$214,602,374</b>	<b>\$169,357,551</b>	<b>\$124,268,608</b>

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS—OCTOBER 1931.

	Number.			Liabilities.		
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.
<i>Manufacturers—</i>						
Iron, foundries and nails.....	13	9	11	\$4,345,550	\$199,330	\$84,500
Machinery and tools.....	42	25	24	1,837,160	526,667	430,830
Woolens, carpets & knit gds.....	7	2	1	1,891,370	28,203	5,100
Cottons, lace and hosiery.....	54	54	94	3,659,024	1,177,111	4,351,789
Lumber, building lines, &c.....	59	62	44	2,490,022	3,882,155	595,444
Clothing and millinery.....	15	33	21	237,653	1,407,505	308,927
Hats, gloves and furs.....	7	4	2	356,285	65,300	20,550
Chemicals and drugs.....	4	3	1	239,902	93,034	15,000
Paints and oils.....	32	20	10	750,448	729,339	139,632
Printing and engraving.....	50	35	36	936,309	245,631	483,661
Milling and bakers.....	14	15	17	216,456	250,828	166,825
Leather, shoes and harness.....	18	14	4	163,305	322,030	70,600
Tobacco, &c.....	9	12	8	2,305,424	1,414,046	284,320
Glass, earthenware & brick.....	292	211	210	7,904,615	7,648,110	5,114,251
All other.....	292	211	210	7,904,615	7,648,110	5,114,251
<b>Total manufacturing.....</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>\$26,333,523</b>	<b>\$17,989,289</b>	<b>\$12,071,429</b>
<i>Traders—</i>						
General stores.....	105	108	78	\$1,734,222	\$1,468,720	\$838,905
Groceries, meat and fish.....	312	269	295	4,630,978	3,139,522	2,469,449
Hotels and restaurants.....	110	102	96	3,517,424	1,024,041	689,979
Tobacco, &c.....	25	27	17	123,903	218,888	195,157
Clothing and furnishings.....	217	193	138	5,141,522	2,488,405	1,650,902
Dry goods and carpets.....	96	99	56	1,501,221	1,101,980	1,128,200
Shoes, rubbers and trunks.....	60	46	47	917,519	339,420	473,703
Furniture and crockery.....	70	78	39	2,131,172	2,122,840	679,648
Hardware, Stores and Tools.....	61	48	43	825,769	859,839	625,300
Chemicals and drugs.....	106	88	75	1,056,766	747,445	641,251
Paints and oils.....	6	6	11	290,934	105,505	95,445
Jewelry and clocks.....	33	28	29	970,675	454,749	616,300
Books and papers.....	18	18	10	667,797	135,122	142,300
Hats, furs and gloves.....	7	11	6	71,496	313,030	75,200
All other.....	379	353	271	5,844,581	7,576,057	4,141,918
<b>Total trading.....</b>	<b>1,605</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>\$29,485,979</b>	<b>\$22,095,565</b>	<b>\$14,463,657</b>
<b>Other commercial.....</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>\$4,840,934</b>	<b>\$6,211,723</b>	<b>\$4,778,495</b>
<b>Total United States.....</b>	<b>2,362</b>	<b>2,124</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>\$70,660,436</b>	<b>\$56,296,577</b>	<b>\$31,313,581</b>

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Still Small.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Oct. 31 totaled 740,363 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on Nov. 10. This was a reduction of 29,310 cars below the preceding week, 194,352 cars below the corresponding week last year and 331,871 cars under the same week two years ago. Details follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of Oct. 31 totaled 273,090 cars, a decrease of 11,476 cars below the preceding week this year, 85,935 cars under the corresponding week in 1930 and 148,815 cars under the same week in 1929.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 214,339 cars, a decrease of 376 cars under the preceding week this year, as well as 26,243 cars under the corresponding week last year and 56,966 cars under the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 41,275 cars, 1,112 cars above the preceding week this year but 3,072 cars under the corresponding week last year, although it was 2,932 cars above the same week in 1929. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended on Oct. 31 totaled 26,485 cars, a decrease of 4,336 cars below the same week last year.

Forest products loading totaled 23,650 cars, 313 cars below the preceding week this year and 14,484 cars under the same week in 1930. It also was a decrease of 36,151 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Ore loading amounted to 12,656 cars, a decrease of 4,268 cars below the week before, 22,407 cars under the corresponding week last year and 33,161 cars under the same week in 1929.

Coal loading amounted to 141,068 cars, 11,793 cars below the preceding week, 35,189 cars below the corresponding week last year and 47,948 cars under the same week in 1929.

Coke loading amounted to 5,286 cars, 447 cars below the preceding week this year, 3,562 cars below the same week last year and 6,864 cars below the same week two years ago.

Live stock loading amounted to 28,999 cars, a decrease of 1,749 cars below the preceding week this year, 3,460 cars below the same week last year and 4,898 cars below the same week two years ago. In the Western districts alone, live stock loading for the week ended on Oct. 31 totaled 23,911 cars, a decrease of 2,383 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
Five weeks in April	2,985,719	3,618,960	3,989,142
Five weeks in May	3,736,477	4,593,449	5,182,402
Four weeks in June	2,991,749	3,718,983	4,291,881
Four weeks in July	2,930,767	3,555,610	4,160,078
Five weeks in August	3,747,284	4,671,829	5,600,706
Four weeks in September	2,907,953	3,725,686	4,542,289
Five weeks in October	3,813,456	4,751,349	5,751,645
Total	32,379,444	39,905,050	45,671,671

The foregoing, as noted, cover total loadings by the railroads of the United States for the week ended Oct. 31. In the table below we undertake to show also the loadings for the separate roads and systems. It should be understood, however, that in this case the figures are a week behind those of the general totals—that is, are for the week ended Oct. 24. During the latter period only 11 roads showed increases over the corresponding week last year, the most important of which were the Boston & Albany RR., New York Ontario & Western Ry., Fort Worth & Denver City Ry., and Louisiana & Arkansas Ry.

REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED AND RECEIVED FROM CONNECTIONS (NUMBER OF CARS)—WEEK ENDED OCT. 24.

Railroads.	Total Revenue Freight Loaded.			Total Loads Received from Connections.	
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.
<b>Eastern District—</b>					
<b>Group A—</b>					
Bangor & Aroostook	2,066	2,296	2,239	254	403
Boston & Albany	3,746	3,702	4,302	5,869	6,411
Boston & Maine	9,721	11,539	14,175	12,158	13,679
Central Vermont	755	802	967	2,766	3,296
Maine Central	3,083	3,949	4,740	2,929	3,675
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford	13,467	14,799	18,725	14,697	15,909
Rutland	754	769	821	1,283	1,390
Total	33,622	37,956	45,969	39,956	44,763
<b>Group B—</b>					
Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh	3,910	5,109	5,886	1,553	1,632
Delaware & Hudson	7,776	9,963	9,853	7,983	9,074
Delaware Lackawanna & West.	12,966	14,377	15,617	6,713	7,003
Erie	16,052	16,971	19,737	15,371	18,950
Lehigh & Hudson River	208	234	309	2,534	2,382
Lehigh & New England	2,155	2,389	2,741	1,261	1,619
Lehigh Valley	11,115	12,379	12,995	7,631	8,837
Montour	2,363	3,189	2,922	63	62
New York Central	25,990	32,969	39,019	31,452	37,558
New York Ontario & Western	2,134	1,553	2,280	2,443	2,582
Pittsburgh & Shawmut	597	618	817	75	25
Pitts. Shawmut & Northern	467	521	679	321	329
Ulster & Delaware	45	49	75	158	122
Total	85,778	100,830	112,930	77,558	90,175
<b>Group C—</b>					
Ann Arbor	651	767	740	1,135	1,615
Chicago, Ind. & Louisville	1,929	2,550	2,744	2,019	2,808
C. C. C. & St. Louis	9,213	12,120	12,966	11,932	15,015
Central Indiana	62	72	74	91	117
Detroit & Mackinac	481	519	557	167	159
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line	267	315	276	2,313	2,896
Detroit, Toledo & Ironton	1,338	22,777	3,397	855	1,365
Grand Trunk Western	2,767	3,992	5,556	6,225	8,425
Michigan Central	6,593	8,727	11,236	9,041	10,243
Monongahela	4,356	5,257	7,941	220	422
New York, Chicago & St. Louis	6,199	6,804	7,369	8,853	12,003
Pere Marquette	5,812	7,772	9,129	4,930	5,379
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	4,364	6,532	9,050	5,289	7,693
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	1,440	1,734	1,699	735	880
Wabash	6,786	7,156	8,301	8,147	10,941
Wheeling & Lake Erie	3,223	4,107	5,742	2,683	3,290
Total	55,471	70,651	86,807	64,639	83,251
Grand total Eastern District	174,871	209,437	245,706	182,153	218,189

Railroads.	Total Revenue Freight Loaded.			Total Loads Received from Connections	
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.
<b>Allegheny District—</b>					
Baltimore & Ohio	28,671	36,741	46,698	16,799	21,237
Bessemer & Lake Erie	2,104	4,506	6,469	1,175	2,872
Buffalo & Susquehanna	561	651	642	181	252
Buffalo Creek & Gauley	109	205	290	5	10
Central R.R. of New Jersey	9,368	11,727	14,460	13,060	15,209
Cornwall	564	388	660	62	103
Cumberland & Pennsylvania	435	472	625	16	37
Ligonier Valley	188	191	295	35	34
Long Island	1,753	2,004	1,588	4,670	4,772
Pennsylvania System	75,325	90,723	113,155	45,859	53,343
Reading Co.	17,819	20,651	23,284	19,038	22,832
Union (Pittsburgh)	5,470	9,908	13,888	1,830	5,381
West Virginia Northern	46	70	83	1	1
Western Maryland	6,646	3,884	4,724	4,509	5,053
Total	146,039	182,121	226,861	106,739	131,136
<b>Pocahontas District—</b>					
Chesapeake & Ohio	24,733	29,221	32,326	8,405	9,886
Norfolk & Western	21,609	22,539	27,845	4,149	5,725
Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line	950	1,066	931	1,753	2,193
Virginian	3,845	4,195	4,746	444	559
Total	51,137	57,021	65,848	14,756	18,363
<b>Southern District—</b>					
<b>Group A—</b>					
Atlantic Coast Line	8,720	12,572	12,717	4,945	6,493
Clinchfield	1,328	1,389	1,579	1,246	1,335
Charleston & Western Carolina	420	720	829	894	987
Durham & Southern	189	229	269	483	470
Gainesville Midland	70	130	108	165	173
Norfolk Southern	2,106	2,500	2,387	1,390	1,853
Piedmont & Northern	565	651	629	905	1,110
Richmond, Fred. & Potomac	437	440	564	2,808	3,334
Seaboard Air Line	7,982	11,414	10,946	3,629	4,637
Southern System	24,046	28,657	32,904	13,214	15,625
Winston-Salem Southbound	204	234	248	1,057	1,197
Total	46,067	58,866	63,380	30,736	37,214
<b>Group B—</b>					
Alabama, Tenn. & Northern	285	258	367	175	282
Atlanta, Birmingham & Coast	690	1,031	969	600	775
Atl. & W. P.—West R.R. of Ala.	791	915	1,134	1,134	1,392
Central of Georgia	3,797	4,917	5,893	2,582	3,176
Columbia & Greenville	350	544	846	280	333
Florida East Coast	541	749	752	435	619
Georgia	1,127	1,408	1,504	1,400	1,516
Georgia & Florida	431	597	656	275	458
Gulf Mobile & Northern	988	1,467	1,877	857	1,254
Illinois Central System	26,636	31,320	37,455	9,820	12,742
Louisville & Nashville	19,964	26,976	30,932	4,249	5,811
Macon, Dublin & Savannah	152	191	236	287	388
Mississippi Central	228	299	429	340	654
Mobile & Ohio	2,432	3,317	4,114	1,325	2,093
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. L.	3,386	4,066	4,830	2,171	2,714
New Orleans-Great Northern	982	863	1,020	348	481
Tennessee Central	609	754	708	705	706
Total	63,639	79,672	93,822	26,983	35,304
Grand total Southern Dist	109,436	138,538	157,202	57,719	72,608
<b>Northwestern District—</b>					
Belt Ry. of Chicago	1,399	1,599	1,936	1,976	1,745
Chicago & North Western	19,779	26,187	32,685	11,045	14,215
Chicago Great Western	3,382	3,553	3,905	3,132	3,753
Chic. Mtw. St. Paul & Pacific	22,421	27,692	32,493	7,944	10,442
Chic. St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha	3,832	5,455	5,592	3,920	4,215
Duluth, Missabe & Northern	5,591	12,853	13,358	108	176
Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic	1,177	1,190	1,875	442	614
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern	3,804	6,352	8,797	4,663	7,484
Ft. Dodge, Des. M. & Southern	324	432	502	174	249
Great Northern	13,274	19,454	24,018	2,248	2,593
Green Bay & Western	782	902	995	545	546
Minneapolis & St. Louis	2,208	2,882	3,403	1,729	2,395
Minn. St. Paul & S. S. Marie	6,173	9,101	10,242	2,160	2,302
Northern Pacific	12,280	16,206	17,897	2,511	3,219
Spokane, Portland & Seattle	908	1,664	1,996	987	1,735
Total	97,334	135,522	159,694	43,524	55,355
<b>Central Western District—</b>					
Atch. Top. & Santa Fe System	27,116	33,135	38,600	5,659	8,746
Bingham & Garfield	182	281	409	31	54
Chicago & Alton (Alton)	3,977	4,720	4,818	2,433	3,628
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	21,336	28,456	30,565	8,230	10,266
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	16,224	18,116	22,909	8,269	10,468
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	3,189	4,078	4,656	2,453	2,983
Colorado & Southern	2,363	2,805	3,109	1,350	1,436
Denver & Rio Grande Western	4,672	6,265	7,667	2,702	4,036
Denver & Salt Lake	649	952	759	15	10
Fort Worth & Denver City	2,041	1,917	2,996	1,435	1,703
Northwestern Pacific	836	1,256	1,763	300	341
Peoria & Pekin Union	136	241	316	58	61
S. P. (Pacific)	18,738	27,239	30,472	3,569	4,958
St. Joseph & Grand Island	328	329	385	283	281
Toledo, Peoria & Western	276	302	368	892	1,059
Union Pacific System	19,851	24,265	27,311	9,495	14,097
Utah	584	1,038	917	21	23
Western Pacific	1,850	2,186	1,945	1,917	3,044
Total	124,248	157,582	179,965	49,162	67,194
<b>Southwest District—</b>					
Alton & Southern	169	244	295	2,671	3,715
Burlington-Rock Island	219	464	521	553	432
Fort Smith & Western	273	471	500	130	209
Gulf Coast Lines	1,508	2,013	2,827	1,543	1,924
Houston & Brazos Valley	227	291	292	62	50
International-Great Northern	2,117	2,434	2,342	2,061	2,256
Kansas, Oklahoma & Gulf	268	444	512	986	1,476
Kansas City Southern	1,985	2,659	3,147	2,017	2,492
Louisiana & Arkansas	1,795	1,726	2,362	1,154	1,140
Litchfield & Madison	345				

### Expects Shipyards to Be Idle in Year—American Bureau of Shipping Urges More Government Construction to Keep Private Plants Going—Asks 100 New Vessels.

The withdrawal of many American shipyards from competition within the year is predicted by the American Bureau of Shipping in an analysis of its bi-monthly report on ship construction, covering conditions on Nov. 1. The transfer of Navy Department tonnage from government to privately owned yards and the construction of 100 modern cargo vessels by the government as a means of maintaining the private yards are included in the remedies suggested by the Bureau as an aid to the industry in an editorial in its current bulletin. The New York "Times" of Nov. 9, reporting this, quoted as follows from the bulletin:

From the present outlook the shipbuilding industry in the United States within one year from now will be almost prostrate. There are no new ships building in the once great yards of the Pacific Coast, and there are none building in the extensive shipbuilding plants on the Great Lakes. On the Atlantic Coast the yards are in a fairly prosperous condition today, yet by Nov. 1 of next year all merchant contracts now in hand will have been completed.

Shipbuilding must be dealt with in terms of the future, as it takes from one to three years to complete vessels of the various types built in this country. At the present time the outlook is that there may be five or six new ships under construction at this time next year, but there are no prospects or even rumors of anything further in the line of new construction at that time.

The "Times" added:

The Bureau points out that the United States has built no strictly cargo vessel for overseas traffic since the completion of the war-time fleet, and that the ships of that type now operating under the American flag "are far below competing vessels of other nations in efficiency and speed." The near future, it says, will develop a demand for a great volume of such ships for commercial and naval purposes which could be built more cheaply now than in times of greater prosperity.

"Before the great war," says the bulletin, "American shipyards could depend on a sufficient amount of naval construction to act as a backlog in tiding the industry over the depression in the construction of merchant vessels. This has largely ceased, as there are but few contracts for naval vessels being constructed in private yards at this time. It is probable that there is more tonnage for the Navy now being built in Navy yards than in private establishments.

"The attention of the country, from time to time, has been called to this uneconomical procedure of the government, building ships in its dock yards at much greater expense than they could be built in private yards, but political pressure on the part of organized Navy yard employees has thus far succeeded in keeping up this most expensive procedure. If the private shipyards go out of business, as many of them are now threatened within a year or so, it will be a national catastrophe, for as a nation we cannot afford to sacrifice the ability of constructing our own ships in our own yards."

### Business Conditions in Michigan As Viewed by Union Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit—Increase Noted in Wheat Prices.

An increase in wheat prices of more than 25% since Oct. 5 is decidedly an encouraging development, 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. December wheat reached a low of 44 $\frac{5}{8}$ ¢ per bushel on Oct. 5. By Oct. 30 it had advanced to 59 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ per bushel, an increase of 14 $\frac{5}{8}$ ¢. Applied to the 18,000,000 bushel crop of Michigan wheat, this increase adds more than \$2,500,000 to the aggregate value of the 1931 crop. The review from the Union Guardian Trust Co., issued Nov. 2, also says in part:

Such evidence as we have points to an upturn in automobile output in the near future. One of the largest producers of light cars is reported to be in production on a limited scale at present. Detroit's leading manufacturer is expected to begin to produce its 1932 models about Nov. 15. As a result of the reduced operations in recent weeks, employment has been at relatively low levels. In Detroit, the Board of Commerce index declined to 46.1% (1923-1925=100) on Oct. 15, which compares with 51.0 on Sept. 30 and with 78.0 on Oct. 15 1930.

Industrial activity in Detroit, based on power consumption data, declined 9% during September and was 47% below the level of September 1930. In other automobile centers of the southeastern part of the State, similar situations were indicated by the September electric power figures. The greatest decline occurred in Flint, and the smallest in Jackson. However, returns from this bank's questionnaire indicate that as of Oct. 15 improvement had already occurred or was in prospect in nearly all important cities of this section of the State. Employment has increased considerably in Saginaw. In Flint and Lansing improvement is also evident. Some employees have been recalled by Detroit manufacturers and more are expected to be recalled next week.

The anticipated improvement in employment and in manufacturing is also reflected in an improved retail trade outlook. In eight of 12 southeastern Michigan cities, an increase in retail trade is expected during the month ending Nov. 15. Building activity is still restricted. In most cities of southeastern Michigan the supply of money is reported sufficient for local needs. Farming conditions are good, but low prices tend to restrict the farmers' ability to buy goods. Many farmers in the Saginaw Valley and the Thumb areas have held their wheat and bean crops for higher prices. This has proven to be a wise policy in each case, for both commodities have increased in value. In the case of beans, some further strengthening of price is expected, for with the advent of cool weather the demand usually increases.

Employment in certain southwestern cities, such as Grand Rapids, Muskegon and Ionia, has shown marked improvement. At Muskegon die and tool makers are operating on full shifts, and in one factory a night

shift has been added. A motor manufacturer in Muskegon is expected to increase his payrolls 50% during the next fortnight. Improvement in employment and manufacturing activity is also anticipated in Grand Rapids, Holland and Ionia.

Farming conditions seem to vary materially in different parts of this section of the State. At Hastings and Ionia, for example, they are distinctly below normal, while at Hillsdale and Battle Creek they are reported good to very good. The following is quoted from our Holland report: "Fruit has moved seasonably well, with a fair price. The farming outlook is good, a spirit of confidence seems to be building up in this community, with prospects insuring the resumption of normal spending."

Northern Michigan business, which is especially dependent on agriculture, has been affected by low crop prices. This year's potato crop, one of the principal sources of revenue, has been very satisfactory in terms of yield. With prices at 18 to 20¢ per bushel, and in some cases as low as 10¢, purchasing power is however substantially below normal.

Ironwood is at present the brightest spot in the Upper Peninsula so far as business is concerned. Employment is greater than it was a year ago and should continue to improve with the anticipated increase in manufacturing activity. Furthermore, Ironwood is one of the very few cities in the State where building projects under way represent a greater total value than they did in October 1930. In the vicinity of Bessemer, mines have reduced operations from 10 days to eight days per month.

### Substantial Excess of Lumber Orders Over Low Production Continues Through Second Week.

Although lumber orders have as a rule equalled or exceeded the limited cut for several months past, the most favorable ratios have been noted during the past two weeks. For the week ended Nov. 7 new business received exceeded production by 20% it is indicated in telegraphic reports from 824 leading hardwood and softwood mills to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. Production of these mills amounted to 146,915,000 feet and shipments were 9% above this figure. A week earlier 816 mills reported orders 16% above and shipments 21% above a cut of 157,072,000 feet. Comparison by identical mill figures for the latest week with the equivalent period a year ago shows—for softwoods, 446 mills, production 37% less, shipments 30% less and orders 26% less than for the week in 1930; for hardwoods, 233 mills, production 39% less, shipment 21% less and orders 8% under the volume for the week a year ago.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Nov. 7 1931, by 562 softwood mills totaled 154,158,000 feet, or 17% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 139,111,000 feet, or 5% above production. Production was 132,159,000 feet.

Reports from 281 hardwood mills give new business as 21,610,000 feet, or 46% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 21,427,000 feet, or 45% above production. Production was 14,756,000 feet. The Association, in its report, further states:

#### Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 484 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 477,414,000 feet, on Nov. 7 1931, or the equivalent of 10 days' average production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 512 softwood mills on Nov. 8 1930, of 744,668,000 feet, the equivalent of 14 days' production.

The 419 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 464,821,000 feet or the equivalent of 10 days' average production on Nov. 7 1931, as compared with 719,295,000 feet, or the equivalent of 16 days' average production on similar date a year ago. Last week's production of 446 identical softwood mills was 122,771,000 feet, and a year ago it was 195,894,000 feet; shipments were respectively 128,645,000 feet and 184,838,000; and orders received 141,541,000 feet and 190,839,000. In the case of hardwoods, 233 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 12,884,000 feet and 21,288,000; shipments 19,292,000 feet and 24,490,000; and orders 18,990,000 feet and 20,728,000 feet.

#### West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for 224 mills reporting for the week ended Nov. 7:

NEW BUSINESS.		UNSHIPPED ORDERS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	Feet.		Feet.		Feet.
Domestic cargo delivery	32,531,000	Domestic cargo delivery	110,758,000	Coastwise and intercoastal	25,007,000
Export	18,634,000	Foreign	67,894,000	Export	9,332,000
Rail	23,841,000	Rail	54,678,000	Rail	25,186,000
Local	7,124,000	Local	7,124,000	Local	7,124,000
Total	82,131,000	Total	233,330,000	Total	66,648,000

Production for the week was 72,635,000 feet.

For the year to Oct. 31, 170 identical mills reported orders 0.4% below production, and shipments were 4.8% above production. The same number of mills showed a decrease in inventories of 10% on Oct. 31, as compared with Jan. 1.

#### Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 130 mills reporting, shipments were 7% below production, and orders 6% below production and 1% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 25,473,000 feet, (previous week 30,471,000 at 115 mills); shipments 25,200,000 feet, (previous week 35,154,000); and production 27,070,000 feet, (previous week 24,552,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 113 mills were 63,126,000 feet. The 117 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 38%, and in new business a decrease of 33%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

The Western Pine Association, of Portland, Ore., reported production from 106 mills in the Inland Empire and California as 27,180,000 feet, shipments 37,314,000 and new business 39,365,000. The 77 identical mills reported a decrease of 42% in production and a decrease of 18% in orders, compared with the same week last year.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minn., reported no production from seven mills, shipments 2,158,000 feet and new business 1,873,000 feet. The same number of mills reported a decrease of 11% in new business, compared with the corresponding week of 1930.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 19 mills as 524,000 feet, shipments 80,000 and orders 827,000. The 17 identical mills reported production 42% less and new business 18% less than for the same week of 1930.

The North Carolina Pine Association, of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 76 mills as 4,750,000 feet, shipments 6,990,000 and new business 4,489,000. The 35 identical mills reported a decrease of 14% in production and an increase of 24% in orders, compared with the same week last year.

*Hardwood Reports.*

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 262 mills as 14,506,000 feet, shipments 19,942,000 and new business 19,712,000. The 216 identical mills reported a 38% decrease in production and a 13% decrease in new business, compared with the corresponding week a year ago.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 19 mills as 250,000 feet, shipments 1,485,000 and orders 1,898,000. The 17 identical mills reported production 70% less and new business 78% more than for the same week last year.

**Production of Lumber for Four Weeks Ended Oct. 31 1931 by an Average of 660 Mills Amounted to Approximately 32% Below Same Period Last Year—Shipments and Orders Also Decreased.**

We give herewith data on identical mills for the four weeks ended Oct. 31 1931, as reported by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association:

An average of 660 sawmills reported as follows to the National Lumber Trade "Barometer" for the four weeks ended Oct. 31 1931:

M. Board Feet.	1931.			1930.		
	Soft-woods.	Hard-woods.	Total.	Soft-woods.	Hard-woods.	Total.
Production.....	570,530	54,888	625,418	831,005	87,537	918,542
Shipments.....	616,421	75,074	691,495	845,324	92,548	937,872
Orders received.....	577,724	72,219	649,943	825,740	85,516	911,256

Production of total hardwoods and softwoods in 1931 was 32% below that of 1930 and 57% below production of comparable mills in 1929. Orders received in 1931 were 29% below those of 1930 and 50% below production of comparable mills in 1929. Shipments in 1931 were 26% below those of 1930.

These mills in 1931 showed production as about 32% of their rated capacity and 48% of their three-year average production (same weeks in 1928-29-30).

On Oct. 31 1931 gross stocks, as reported by 354 softwood mills, were 4,000,975,000 feet compared with 4,533,450,000 feet a year ago. They were the equivalent of 94 days' average production of the reporting mills on Oct. 31 1931, and the equivalent of 106 days' average production on Nov. 1 1930.

On Oct. 31 1931 unfilled orders, as reported by 610 mills—both softwoods and hardwoods—were 552,495,000 feet, the equivalent of 11 days' average production, as compared with 866,328,000 feet on Nov. 1 1930, the equivalent of 17 days' average production. Comparable reports for corresponding date in 1929 show unfilled orders the equivalent of 24 days' average production.

**New Automobile Models.**

The Pierce Arrow Motor Car Co. is offering two new lines of 12-cylinder cars and a new line of eight-cylinder cars, viz.:

MODELS AND PRICES—F.O.B. BUFFALO.

Body Types.	xModel 54.	yModel 53.	zModel 52.
Club Brougham, 5-passenger.....	\$2,385	\$3,185	---
Sedan, 5-passenger.....	2,485	3,285	\$3,785
Club Sedan, 5-passenger.....	2,650	3,450	3,885
Club Berlina, 5-passenger.....	2,850	3,650	4,085
Convertible Sedan, 5-passenger.....	2,950	3,750	---
Sedan, 7-passenger.....	2,750	3,550	4,085
Enclosed Drive Limousine, 7-passenger.....	2,950	3,750	4,250
Coupe, 4-passenger.....	2,485	3,285	---
Convertible Coupe Roadster, 4-passenger.....	2,650	3,450	---
Tourer, 5-passenger.....	2,750	3,550	---
Tourer, 7-passenger.....	2,850	3,650	---
Sport Phaeton, 5-passenger.....	3,050	3,850	---

x Eight cylinders, wheelbase 137 inches to 142 inches. y Twelve cylinders, with a 137-inch to 142-inch wheelbase. z Twelve cylinders, with a 142-inch to 147-inch wheelbase.

Note.—Prices on the 1931 Pierce-Arrow lines ranged from \$2,685 to \$6,400.

The new special speedster model recently added to the eight-cylinder line of the Auburn Automobile Co. is listed at \$1,145 and \$1,345 f.o.b. factory. The new cars are built on the standard Auburn wheelbase and are offered as standard and custom models.

The Buick Motor Co., a division of the General Motors Corp., will shortly offer a new line of straight eight models for 1932. Prices will range from \$935 to \$2,055 f.o.b. Flint, Mich., compared with the previous price of \$1,025 to \$2,035. There are four series in the new line, which will comprise 26 models. Formal offering will be made Nov. 14. The new Buick feature, "wizard control," combines three new engineering advancements, including automatic clutch, free wheeling and new silent-second synchro-mesh transmission. The automatic clutch permits shifting without using the clutch pedal.

The Federal Motor Truck Co. has added a new four-ton six-wheel truck to its line. This new model is powered by a six-cylinder engine and is produced in 164-inch and 182-inch wheelbases, listing at \$2,360 and \$2,385, respectively.

**Consumption of Crude Rubber by Manufacturers in the United States Declines—Imports in October 2.2% Over Previous Month—Inventories Increase.**

Consumption of crude rubber by manufacturers in the United States for the month of October decreased 5.8% as compared with September. The usual seasonal decline is 3%. October consumption is estimated to be 22,277 long tons as compared with 23,638 long tons for September and 27,516 long tons for October 1930, according to statistics released by the Rubber Manufacturers Association. Imports of crude rubber for October amounted to 41,395 long tons, an increase of 2.2% over the September figure of 40,505 long tons, but a decrease of 5.3% under October, 1930.

The Association estimates total domestic stocks of crude rubber on hand Oct. 31, at 273,456 long tons, an increase of 7.5% over September and 47.4% over Oct. 31, 1930. Crude rubber afloat for the United States ports on Oct. 31 is estimated at 68,427 long tons as against 62,420 long tons on September 30 and 51,123 long tons on Oct. 31 1930.

**Automobile Output 86,328 Units in November—Ten Months Production Estimated at 2,283,018 Cars and Trucks.**

Production of the American automobile industry amounted to 86,328 cars and trucks, according to the estimate announced Nov. 9 by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber states that on this basis the month's output was 40% under September and 46% under the production for October 1930. The industry's production for the first ten months of 1931 was estimated at 2,283,018 vehicles or 29% under last year. The Chamber estimate is based upon reports of factory shipments of new cars.

**Drop in Tire Shipments.**

Shipments of pneumatic casings for the month of September amounted to 3,931,860 casings, a decrease of 20.7% from August total of 4,954,984, compared with the average seasonal decrease of 15.2% and 10.7% below September 1930 shipments of 4,405,176 according to an announcement Nov. 11 by the Rubber Manufacturers Association, Inc.

Production of pneumatic casings for September was 3,171,969 units, a decrease of 18.8% from 3,905,933 as compared in August, and 5.7% below September production of 3,365,444 a year ago. Pneumatic casings on hand Sept. 30 amounted to 8,158,453 units, a decrease of 8.3% from 8,896,296 at end of August and 16.9% below inventory of 9,811,764 on Sept. 30 1930.

**Production of Pneumatic Casings and Tubes in September 1931 the Lowest Since Last December—Shipments Continue to Exceed Output—Inventories Show Further Decline.**

According to the Rubber Manufacturers Association, Inc., figures estimated to represent 80% of the industry show that shipments of pneumatic casings and tubes are still at a higher rate than output. During the month of September 1931 production, according to these estimates, amounted to 2,537,575 pneumatic casings—balloons and cords—and 10,371 solid and cushion tires, as against 2,692,355 pneumatic casings and 14,361 solid and cushion tires in the same period last year and 3,124,746 pneumatic casings and 11,643 solid and cushion tires in August 1931. Shipments during September of the current year totaled 3,145,488 pneumatic casings and 12,786 solid and cushion tires, as compared with 3,967,987 pneumatic casings and 15,758 solid and cushion tires in the preceding month and 3,524,141 pneumatic casings and 23,318 solid and cushion tires in the corresponding period in 1930. Pneumatic casings on hand as of Sept. 30 1931 amounted to 6,526,762 as against 7,117,037 at Aug. 31 1931 and 7,849,411 at Sept. 30 1930.

Production of balloon and high-pressure inner tubes during the month of September 1931 totaled 2,759,431 as compared with 3,053,424 in the same month last year and 3,548,335 in the preceding month. Shipments amounted to 3,320,103 inner tubes, as against 4,240,403 in August 1931 and 3,632,458 in September 1930. Inventories at Sept. 30 1931 showed a further decline, amounting to 6,476,191, as against 7,019,217 a month previous and 8,052,121 at Sept. 30 1930.

The Association, in its bulletin dated Nov. 10 1931, gave the following data:

**PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS OF PNEUMATIC CASINGS AND INNER TUBES (BY MONTHS).**

[From figures estimated to represent 80% of the industry.]

	Pneumatic Casings.			Inner Tubes.		
	Inven-tory.	Out-put.	Ship-ments.	Inven-tory.	Out-put.	Ship-ments.
<b>1931—</b>						
January	7,165,846	2,939,702	2,995,479	7,551,503	2,898,405	3,249,734
February	7,628,520	3,188,274	2,721,347	7,936,773	3,132,770	2,720,135
March	8,011,592	3,730,061	3,297,225	8,379,974	3,559,644	3,031,279
April	8,025,135	3,955,491	3,945,525	8,330,155	3,693,222	3,708,949
May	8,249,856	4,543,003	4,332,137	8,433,799	4,329,731	4,224,594
June	8,357,768	4,537,970	4,457,509	8,403,401	4,286,467	4,317,543
July	7,935,565	3,941,157	4,369,526	7,671,801	3,964,174	4,664,964
August	7,117,377	3,124,746	3,967,987	7,019,217	3,548,335	4,240,403
September	6,526,762	2,537,575	3,145,488	6,476,191	2,759,431	3,320,103
<b>1930—</b>						
January	9,539,353	3,588,862	3,505,404	10,163,267	3,685,410	3,885,717
February	9,928,838	3,644,606	3,356,104	10,428,968	3,707,066	3,469,919
March	10,010,173	3,890,981	3,773,865	10,543,026	3,952,921	3,781,789
April	10,461,208	4,518,034	4,071,822	11,027,711	4,428,377	4,058,847
May	10,745,389	4,573,693	4,173,177	11,081,523	4,408,080	3,078,697
June	10,621,634	4,097,808	4,234,924	10,889,444	3,959,972	4,212,082
July	9,449,318	3,193,057	4,357,836	9,325,602	3,151,107	4,684,182
August	8,678,184	3,332,489	4,139,900	8,589,304	3,836,880	4,609,856
September	7,849,411	2,692,355	3,524,141	8,052,121	3,063,424	3,632,458
October	7,842,150	2,865,933	2,799,440	8,413,578	3,161,048	2,777,985
November	7,675,786	2,123,089	2,267,465	8,250,432	4,143,609	2,230,654
December	7,202,750	2,251,269	2,688,960	7,999,477	2,448,195	2,729,973

**CONSUMPTION OF COTTON FABRICS AND CRUDE RUBBER IN THE PRODUCTION OF CASINGS, TUBES, SOLIDS AND CUSHION TIRES AND OUTPUT OF PASSENGER CABS AND TRUCKS.**

Calendar years:	Consumption.			Production.	
	Cotton Fabrics (80%)	Crude Rubber (80%)	Gasoline (100%)	Passenger Cars. (100%)	Trucks (100%)
	(Pounds)	(Pounds)	(Gallons)		
1926	165,963,182	518,043,062	10,708,068,000	3,929,535	535,006
1927	177,979,818	515,994,728	12,512,976,000	3,093,428	486,952
1928	222,243,398	600,413,401	13,633,452,000	4,024,590	576,540
1929	208,824,653	598,994,708	14,748,552,000	4,811,107	810,549
1930	158,812,462	476,755,707	16,200,894,000	2,939,791	569,271
<b>Month of:</b>					
Jan. 1931	12,738,467	36,318,980	1,127,832,000	144,878	33,521
Feb. 1931	12,002,161	36,651,119	1,097,208,000	159,264	39,975
Mar. 1931	14,040,803	41,850,638	1,303,302,000	241,728	47,696
April 1931	15,243,625	45,016,344	1,402,800,000	280,041	47,312
May 1931	18,009,764	53,417,709	1,499,904,000	299,736	53,131
June 1931	17,054,749	51,270,827	1,611,540,000	213,741	42,556
July 1931	15,139,769	46,696,925	1,657,446,000	186,258	36,923
Aug. 1931	11,745,425	36,231,633	1,657,446,000	158,851	32,890
Sept. 1931	9,584,599	29,854,183	1,543,500,000	111,336	31,876

\* These figures include Canadian production and cars assembled abroad the parts of which were manufactured in the United States.

Note.—With the exception of gasoline consumption and car and truck production, the figures shown above since January 1929 are estimated to represent approximately 80% of the industry as compared with 75% for prior years.

**Agricultural Department's Official Report on Cereals, &c.**

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture, made public late Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 10, its forecasts and estimates of the grain crops of the United States as of Nov. 1, based on reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture. This report shows that the production of wheat remains unchanged from the estimate of the previous month, the spring wheat yield being 109,000,000 bushels and the winter wheat yield 775,000,000, or together 884,000,000 bushels, which compares with the harvest last year of 612,000,000 bushels for winter wheat and 251,000,000 for spring wheat, or together 863,000,000 bushels. The probable production of corn is now placed at 2,674,000,000 bushels, which compares with 2,703,000,000 bushels—the Department's estimate a month ago—and 2,094,000,000 bushels harvested last year and a five-year average production of 2,761,000,000. Crop prospects during October improved 0.7%, the unusually warm weather increasing the yields of cotton, potatoes, beans, buckwheat, sugar beets, peanuts, and rice. Below is the report:

Crop prospects improved 0.7% during October, improvement being shown chiefly by cotton, potatoes, beans, buckwheat, sugar beets, peanuts and rice, which were all favored by the unusually warm October weather with large areas even as far north as Southern Michigan escaping frost till late in October or early November. On the other hand, in some of the States affected by drouth earlier in the season reported yields of corn and flax are below earlier indications and some Southern crops, particularly sweet potatoes, sorghum, sugar cane and pecans have been hurt by the continued dry weather. Combining the 23 principal crops, exclusive of vegetables, yields per acre are now expected to be 11.4% above yields last year and 0.6% above average yields during the previous 10 years.

**Corn.**

The corn crop is now estimated at 2,674,369,000 bushels as compared with 2,093,552,000 bushels produced last year and 2,760,753,000 the five-year (1925-29) average production. The present estimate is 28,383,000 bushels, or about 1% below the Oct. 1 forecast.

In areas of the Western Corn Belt, which suffered from lack of rainfall during the summer, husking reveals yields running slightly below those expected on Oct. 1. In other sections of the country, yields are reported about the same as those forecast last month, except in the Western States, where they are turning out a little better than earlier expectations. The average yield per acre is estimated to be 25.3 bushels against 20.6 in 1930 and 10-year average of 28.0.

Warm dry weather during October permitted the crop to mature and dry out with practically no frost damage and quality is exceptionally good, although earworms were unusually prevalent in Iowa, Illinois and adjacent territory. The percentage of the crop, which was of merchantable quality,

was reported at 85.0%, as compared with 78.6% of the 1930 crop and 80.0%, the 10-year (1920-29) average. This is the highest per cent merchantable reported since 1922. Favorable weather during October resulted in a larger than usual percentage of the crop being husked by Nov. 1 in the Corn Belt States.

Stocks of old corn on farms Nov. 1 1931 were estimated at 92,837,000 bushels, or 4.4% of the previous year's crop. On the same date last year, stocks of old corn on farms amounted to 72,383,000 bushels, or 2.8% of the previous year's crop. The five-year (1925-29) average of farm stocks of corn on Nov. 1 was 96,951,000 bushels.

**Buckwheat.**

Production of buckwheat is estimated to be 10,847,000 bushels, an increase of 253,000 bushels above the Oct. 1 estimate. Improved prospects in New York and Pennsylvania, the two principal buckwheat-producing States, offset decreases in many of the North Central States where the crop is of minor importance. The preliminary yield estimate of 18.4 bushels compares with 13.5 bushels harvested in 1930, and with 18.5 bushels, the 10-year average yield. The acreage grown this year is 21.2% smaller than the five-year average acreage.

**Flaxseed.**

A flaxseed production of 11,314,000 bushels is shown by the Nov. 1 reports indicating a yield of 3.6 bushels per acre. The present estimate of production is 1% below the estimate of last month, 47% below the 21,369,000 bushels harvested in 1930, and 46% below the five-year average production. The 3,132,000 acres grown this year is much below the record acreage of 3,692,000 harvested in 1930. The yield as reported is the lowest on record. The quality of the crop is reported as 81.3%, or 8% below the 10-year average, due chiefly to severe heat damage in the Dakotas and Montana.

**Rice.**

With harvesting approaching completion it is now evident that the rice crop in the three Southern States (Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas) will be approximately 35,000,000 bushels, compared with 34,000,000 bushels (unrevised estimate) harvested last year and an average of nearly 33,300,000 bushels for the previous five years.

This year's crop in Louisiana is expected to be nearly 1,400,000 bushels less than either last year's crop or the average of the previous five years. The Arkansas crop is estimated to be 1,000,000 larger than last year and 700,000 bushels larger than the average of the previous five years. The Texas crop is also large, being more than 9,750,000 bushels compared with less than 8,500,000 bushels last year and 7,300,000 bushels for the previous five-year average.

The yield per acre is expected to be at least 50 bushels per acre in both Texas and Arkansas, but in Louisiana only about 35 bushels per acre, which is not very far from the average for the State.

In California late rice yields are comparatively high and the 1931 crop is now estimated at 7,875,000 bushels, which is 500,000 bushels more than the Oct. 1 forecast and about 600,000 bushels more than either last year's crop or the average of the previous five years.

**Grain Sorghums.**

The preliminary estimate of grain sorghum production, including that which will be fed in the bundle without threshing, is 127,039,000 bushels, about 2,000,000 bushels less than the Oct. 1 forecast. Continued dry weather in Texas was responsible for the decline. In 1930, a short crop of 86,514,000 bushels was produced and the average production during the previous five years was 124,933,000 bushels. The yield per acre this year is estimated at 18.8 bushels, or one bushel per acre less than the 10-year average.

**Potatoes.**

November reports on the yields secured indicate a potato crop of 382,325,000 bushels, compared with the 1930 crop of 343,236,000 bushels. The fall has been unusually favorable for the further development and harvesting of the potato crop. Frosts had not visited some of the more important late potato-growing States up to the end of October and, with favorable moisture conditions, the crop took on tonnage rapidly. With losses from blight and freezing also low, yields are running above the earlier expectations in practically all of the Northern States from Maine to Illinois and Wisconsin, and also in Idaho.

Notwithstanding the small loss from blight and field frost the quality of the potato crop is reported at 78.8 as compared with 82.8 for the 1930 crop and 86.4, the average for the 10 years preceding. The reports on quality, which may not be strictly comparable, average lower than in any year since the very dry season of 1901.

**Sweet Potatoes.**

From southern Virginia northward the late fall has improved prospects for sweet potatoes and good yields are being secured, but in most of the Cotton Belt, where the bulk of the crop is grown, the very dry weather of September and October seriously reduced both yield and quality. November reports indicate an average yield of 84.4 bushels per acre for the country as a whole, the lowest yield since that of 1925. As a larger acreage was planted and the yield is expected to be only slightly lower than that of last year, the crop is expected to total 73,475,000 bushels, which is 18% more than the 62,230,000 bushels harvested last year.

**Tobacco.**

Little change in tobacco prospects occurred during October. The preliminary estimate of production for the United States is placed at 1,647,975,000 pounds, compared with 1,660,992,000 pounds forecast a month ago. The present estimate, although indicating a record crop, is only about 0.4% larger than the production in 1930, but approximately 21.4% above the average for the five years, 1925-1929.

Yields reported on Nov. 1 average 786.2 pounds per acre for the country as a whole, compared with 775.3 pounds last year and 763.8 pounds, the average for the previous 10 years (1920-1929). The warm, dry weather prevailing throughout October was unusually favorable for the proper curing of the crop and in general good colors have been obtained. Quality, however, is somewhat below average, being reported at 75.8%, compared with 73.3% last year and 79.0% the 10-year average.

The production of flue-cured tobacco, the type ranking first in importance, is estimated to be 687,137,000 pounds, which is about 20% below the crop of 1930, when the production amounted to 859,831,000 pounds, although 2.6% above the average production for the five years, 1925-1929. The smaller production of this type, compared with last year, is accounted for by decreased acreage and substantially lower yields. The average yield for the entire flue-cured belt is reported at 664.0 pounds per acre, compared with 753.4 pounds last year. Quality of this type is also below last year, being reported at 64%, compared with 70% in 1930.

The production of burley, the second type in importance, is estimated at 468,502,000 pounds, which would be a record crop, 34% larger than the 1930 crop of 349,263,000 pounds and 72% above the average production during the five years, 1925-1929. Substantial increase in acreage and



above average yields in the burley belt account for the large increase in production compared with last year. The average yield for the entire belt is reported at 877.5 pounds per acre, compared with 739.0 pounds for the 1930 crop. The quality of burley is unusually high, being reported at 84%, compared with 73% reported last year.

The production of fire-cured tobacco, all types combined, is estimated to be 201,003,000 pounds, compared with 166,191,000 pounds harvested last year. Both yield and quality of these types are reported above average. The production of fire-cured, by types, as a percentage of last year, is as follows: Virginia, dark-fired, 143; Clarksville-Hopkinsville, 109; Paducah, 138, and Henderson stemming, 122.

Production of the dark-air-cured types, including One Sucker, Green River and Virginia Sun-cured, is estimated to be 73,442,000 pounds, compared with 60,990,000 pounds harvested last year. Both yield and quality of these types are reported as being good—yield averaging 871.2 pounds per acre, compared with 781.9 pounds last year, and quality 83% against 78% last year.

Among cigar tobaccos, the production of the filler class shows an increase from 80,341,000 pounds last year to 88,967,000 pounds this year, while the binder class records a decrease in production from 93,363,000 pounds last year to 85,983,000 pounds this year. The wrapper class also shows a decrease from last year, the production being estimated at 8,519,000 pounds, compared with 11,696,000 produced in 1930.

Sugar Crops.

An unusually favorable growing condition for sugar beets throughout October has improved sugar beets, both as to yield per acre and sugar content. The average yield per acre for the United States is now forecast at 10.9 short tons per acre. The total production is expected to be about 7,600,000 short tons, compared with less than 7,200,000 forecast as of Oct. 1; 9,200,000 short tons harvested in 1930 and the average of 7,355,000 short tons for the previous five years. Part of the increase over the Oct. 1 forecast of production is due to a larger acreage being harvested than had been anticipated. Apparently more than 700,000 acres will be harvested, compared with 776,000 in 1930 and an average of 675,000 acres for the previous five years. Although the sugar content of the beets is reported to be quite satisfactory in the Great Plains area, it apparently will not be much above the average for the country as a whole. If the average quantity of sugar is made per ton of beets, the production of sugar will be somewhat more than 1,000,000 short tons, which would be about 200,000 tons less than the quantity made from the 1930 crop but about the same as the amount made from each of the three previous crops.

Sugar cane in Louisiana has failed to overcome the adverse conditions of the early part of the season so that the yield per acre in the Sugar Belt is expected to be only about 15.2 short tons per acre, compared with 17.1 short tons in 1930, 18.8 short tons in 1929 and 16.2 short tons in 1928. Production of sugar cane for all purposes is estimated at slightly less than 2,800,000 short tons. Last year the cane crop was 3,100,000 short tons and the average for the previous five years was just under 2,500,000 short tons. If the usual amount of sugar is made from the cane expected to be used for sugar, Louisiana will make 160,000 short tons, compared with 184,000 made from the 1930 crop and 200,000 from the 1929 crop, which was the largest outturn of sugar in Louisiana since the introduction of the new varieties of cane.

The production of sugar cane sirup in Louisiana is estimated at nearly 5,300,000 gallons compared with 6,208,000 last year and an average of 5,659,000 during the previous five years. In the eight Southern States growing this crop, including Louisiana, the present estimate of production this year is 17,800,000 gallons, compared with 18,400,000 gallons made in 1930 and an average of 21,200,000 during the previous five years.

Sorghum sirup production is now estimated at only 22,600,000 gallons, which is 1,800,000 gallons less than the Oct. 1 forecast, 9,700,000 gallons more than the short crop of 1930 and 6,000,000 gallons less than the average crop of the previous five years. Changes from Oct. 1 forecast are mostly downward in the South due to drought and mostly upward in States north of the Cotton Belt.

CROP REPORT AS OF NOV. 1 1931.

The crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following forecasts and estimates for the United States, from reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Agricultural Colleges:

Crop.	Total Production in Millions. <sup>a</sup>			Yield per Acre.		
	5-yr. Average 1925-1929.	1930.	1931. Prelim.	10-yr. Average 1920-1929.	1930.	1931. Prelim.
Corn, bushels	2,761	2,094	2,674	28.0	20.6	26.3
Winter wheat, bushels	547	612	775	14.9	15.5	19.0
Durum wheat, 4 States, bushels	67	57	20	12.4	12.0	5.5
Other spring wheat, U. S., bushels	207	194	89	12.9	11.9	6.7
All wheat, bushels	822	863	884	14.2	14.3	15.3
Oats	1,317	1,358	1,174	31.1	33.8	28.5
Barley, bushels	265	335	216	25.2	26.0	16.9
Rye, bushels	46.1	48.1	36.2	13.5	13.7	11.0
Buckwheat, bushels	13.4	7.9	10.8	18.5	13.5	18.4
Flaxseed, bushels	20.9	21.4	11.3	7.6	5.8	3.6
Rice, bushels b	40.9	41.3	43.0	41.2	43.1	44.9
Grain sorghums, bushels b	124.9	86.5	127.0	19.8	14.0	18.8
Hay, all tame, tons	94.4	77.8	79.3	1.56	1.44	1.45
Hay, wild, tons	13.1	11.8	9.1	.99	.86	.68
Hay, alfalfa, tons	29.3	28.6	25.5	2.62	2.46	2.08
Timothy seed, bushels	2.03	1.74	1.70	c3.75	4.41	4.02
Clover seed (red and alsike) bush.	1.40	1.61	1.39	1.47	1.55	1.61
Alfalfa seed, bushels	.85	1.16	.83	3.24	2.83	2.57
Sweet clover seed, bushels	1.04	.69	.65	c4.11	4.04	3.54
Beans, dry edible, bushels b	18.4	22.1	20.4	11.1	10.7	10.2
Soy beans	---	---	---	c12.0	11.8	13.6
Peanuts (for nuts), lbs.	796	727	1,001	702	669	746
Cowpeas, bushels	---	---	---	c5.8	5.1	6.5
Velvet beans, lbs.	---	---	---	---	794	732
Apples, total crop, bushels	174	164	220	d58.9	d52.3	d72.1
Apples, com'l crop, bushels	32.6	33.7	36.2	d61.0	d58.2	d69.4
Peaches, total crop, bushels	e55.2	e53.6	77.9	d62.7	d52.8	d79.8
Pears, total crop, bushels	22.1	e27.6	24.2	d70.2	d73.8	d66.1
Grapes, tons f	e2.40	e2.46	1.61	d78.0	d81.4	d54.4
Pecans, lbs.	52.0	44.5	75.5	d42.5	d39.0	d59.7
Potatoes, bushels	381	343	382	110.6	108.4	109.0
Sweet potatoes, bushels	80.3	62.2	73.5	95.2	86.2	84.4
Tobacco, lbs.	1,357	1,641	1,648	764	775	786
Sugar beets, tons	7.36	9.20	7.62	10.4	11.9	10.9
Sorgo for sirup, gals.	28.6	12.9	22.7	80.7	64.2	83.0
Sugar cane for sirup, gals.	21.2	18.4	17.8	181.9	163.2	150.6
Broomecorn, tons b	h45.0	h50.2	h47.1	h318.4	h264.0	h302.2
Hops, lbs. b	31.4	23.4	25.3	1,268	1,202	1,181

a Data for 1930 mostly revised on basis of 1929 census. Not revised for earlier years. b Principal producing States. c Short time average. d Production in percentage of a full crop. e Includes some quantities not harvested. f Production is the total for fresh fruit, juice, and raisins. g Thousands of tons. h Pounds.

CROP REPORT AS OF NOV. 1 1931 FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Crop.	Acreage. <sup>a</sup>			Quality, Per Cent.			
	1,000 Acres.			1931 Per Ct. of 1930.	10-yr. Average 1920-1929. Per Ct.	1930. Per Ct.	1931 Per Ct.
	5-yr. Average 1925-1929.	1930.	1931. Prelim.				
Corn	99,568	101,413	105,557	104.1	79.6	78.6	85.0
Winter wheat	36,466	39,514	40,692	103.0	89.7	93.4	92.1
Durum wheat, 4 States	5,380	4,763	3,543	74.4	90.5	87.7	83.8
Other spring wheat, U. S.	15,604	16,243	13,434	82.7	c87.2	86.5	82.7
All wheat	57,449	60,520	57,669	95.3	89.0	91.5	91.0
Oats	42,553	40,125	41,248	102.8	86.1	91.2	79.8
Barley	10,222	12,901	12,771	99.0	87.2	86.5	77.9
Rye	3,601	3,525	b3,294	93.4	89.6	86.7	83.0
Buckwheat	746	589	588	99.8	88.9	84.4	88.3
Flaxseed	2,909	3,692	3,132	84.8	89.1	84.6	81.3
Rice d	949	959	958	100.0	---	83.5	---
Grain sorghums d	6,494	6,174	6,760	109.5	---	---	---
Hay, all tame	59,172	54,080	54,591	100.9	88.7	85.6	84.8
Hay, wild	13,872	13,810	13,283	96.2	88.7	81.6	75.7
Hay, alfalfa	11,171	11,653	12,304	105.6	---	---	---
Timothy seed	535	395	423	107.0	---	91.9	90.7
Clover seed, red & alsike	962	1,037	861	83.0	e87.4	89.5	87.0
Alfalfa, seed	269	409	324	79.2	e88.8	90.4	87.3
Sweet clover seed	251	172	185	107.5	---	---	---
Beans, dry edible d	1,691	2,067	1,996	96.6	---	---	---
Peanuts (for nuts)	1,096	1,087	1,341	123.4	---	---	---
Apples, total crop	---	---	---	---	77.5	75.7	75.5
Peaches, total crop	---	---	---	---	82.0	82.5	81.5
Pears, total crop	---	---	---	---	86.0	85.5	79.5
Grapes	---	---	---	---	89.3	83.5	77.3
Potatoes	3,369	3,167	3,506	110.7	86.4	82.8	78.8
Sweet potatoes	832	722	871	120.6	85.4	77.7	73.0
Tobacco	1,787	2,117	2,096	99.0	79.0	73.3	75.8
Sugar beets	675	776	701	90.3	---	---	---
Sorgo for sirup	364	201	273	135.8	---	---	---
Sugar cane for sirup	120	113	118	104.4	---	---	---
Broomecorn d	272	394	312	79.2	---	---	---
Hops d	23	20	21	109.7	---	---	---

a Data for 1930 mostly revised on basis of 1929 census, but for earlier years, not so revised. b Acres remaining for harvest. c All spring wheat. d Principal producing States. e Short time average.

The amount of corn remaining on farms in the United States Nov. 1 1931 is estimated at 4.4% of the crop of 1930, or about 92,837,000 bushels, compared with 72,383,000 bushels on Nov. 1 1930 and an average of 96,951,000 bushels for the five years 1925-1929.

CORN.<sup>x</sup>

State.	Yield per Acre. (Bushels)			Production. <sup>y</sup> (1,000 Bushels)		Nov. 1931 Prelim. Estimate.
	10-yr. Average 1920-1929.	1930.	1931.	Harvested, Subject to Revision in December.		
				Average 1925-1929.	1930.	
Maine	41.4	42.0	41.0	511	546	574
New Hampshire	44.6	45.0	47.0	611	585	658
Vermont	44.5	43.0	48.0	3,447	2,752	3,168
Massachusetts	43.2	46.0	48.0	1,893	1,794	1,728
Rhode Island	40.9	42.0	46.0	384	378	368
Connecticut	43.6	42.0	42.0	2,329	2,142	2,226
New York	35.8	30.0	41.0	22,761	16,230	22,673
New Jersey	42.0	36.0	40.5	7,914	6,048	6,804
Pennsylvania	42.0	22.0	51.0	55,127	26,840	64,107
Ohio	38.6	25.5	46.0	140,330	88,358	152,564
Indiana	35.8	26.2	41.5	160,699	116,066	185,671
Illinois	35.5	25.5	37.0	329,948	228,506	338,180
Michigan	33.6	20.5	32.0	48,142	25,276	43,008
Wisconsin	39.2	39.0	31.0	82,368	79,365	66,247
Minnesota	34.4	31.0	23.5	142,337	139,190	110,779
Iowa	40.1	32.5	33.5	442,005	368,388	389,203
Missouri	28.3	12.3	28.0	170,204	73,935	171,668
North Dakota	24.1	17.5	21.0	21,553	19,058	25,158
South Dakota	25.5	15.5	5.2	100,327	79,840	28,392
Nebraska	26.6	25.7	16.5	223,580	247,106	166,534
Kansas	21.4	12.0	17.5	126,793	82,908	116,078
Delaware	33.2	20.4	34.0	4,570	2,815	4,896
Maryland	39.0	14.7	44.0	21,593	7,276	22,440
Virginia	26.8	11.5	33.0	44,077	17,227	50,919
West Virginia	33.7	13.3	36.0	16,432	5,772	15,624
North Carolina	20.7	20.5	23.0	48,754	51,865	60,513
South Carolina	15.1	16.5	16.2	21,484	25,806	26,600
Georgia	12.9	12.2	11.0	47,997	43,261	40,953
Florida	13.6	12.0	11.0	8,038	7,500	7,084
Kentucky	27.2	10.8	32.5	81,751	30,402	91,488
Tennessee	23.9	14.1	27.0	69,912	39,832	80,082
Alabama	14.2	10.5	15.5	39,253	29,505	47,910
Mississippi	16.7	11.5	21.5	33,312	22,540	48,461
Arkansas	18.1	4.7	23.0	33,315	8,404	44,413
Louisiana	17.1	11.0	18.6	20,936	12,309	22,487
Oklahoma	20.0	11.6	17.0	56,605	36,436	53,397
Texas	20.5	18.5	21.0	87,327	86,710	112,203
Montana	18.2	12.0	10.0	5,304	2,160	2,070
Idaho	38.7	39.0	35.0	2,680	1,365	1,470
Wyoming	20.2	21.0	13.0	3,261	3,696	2,951
Colorado	15.4	24.5	10.0	18,551	41,234	18,850
New Mexico	18.2	14.0	20.0	3,544	3,612	5,680
Arizona	27.3	33.0	29.0	1,141	1,122	1,044
Utah	25.1	31.0	22.0	498	496	330
Nevada	25.2	22.0	20.0	50	44	40
Washington	36.8	38.0	39.0	1,791	1,482	1,521
Oregon	32.8	33.0	35.0	2,682	1,980	

"There will be no unemployment in Dearborn," the Mayor said. "Every bona fide resident of Dearborn will have a job."  
Mayor Ford is a cousin of Henry Ford.

### The Paper and Pulp Industry for September—Increase in Total Paper Production Over August.

According to identical mill reports to the Statistical Department of the American Paper and Pulp Association from members and co-operating organizations, the daily average of total paper production in September increased 5% over August but was 6% under September 1930. The daily average wood pulp production in September was 6% above August 1931, but 7% below September 1930. The Association's survey dated Nov. 10 continues:

Compared with September a year ago, the daily average production registered a decrease in the following grades: Newsprint, uncoated book, wrapping, writing, hanging and building papers. Compared with August 1931, the following percentage decreases were registered in the daily average production: Uncoated book, 2.9%; wrapping, 7.7%; tissue, 8.0%, and hanging, 7.6%.

The nine months' cumulative total of production of paper was 9.5% below the corresponding period in 1930 while shipments were 8.8% smaller than a year ago. Newsprint, paperboard, bag and building papers have shown improvement while uncoated book, writing, tissue and hanging papers showed practically no change in production at the end of the nine-month period as compared with the end of the eight-month period.

The nine-months' cumulative total of wood pulp production for this year was reported as 16% below the level of the same period in 1930.

Total shipments of wood pulp to the outside market were 30.2% below the level of the nine months' total of 1930. Bleached sulphite, mitscherlich sulphite and kraft pulp shipments to the open market were greater than in the first nine months of 1930.

Total wood pulp inventories showed a decrease and at the end of September were 20.5% below the level of September 1930. All grades, excepting easy bleaching and mitscherlich pulp, showed inventories below the level of September 1930.

#### REPORT OF PAPER OPERATIONS IN IDENTICAL MILLS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1931.

Grade.	Production, Tons.	Shipments, Tons.	Stocks on Hand End of Month, Tons.
Newsprint.....	91,241	90,303	33,517
Book, uncoated.....	65,558	66,771	47,056
Paperboard.....	163,622	164,460	57,657
Wrapping.....	39,636	39,406	44,147
Bag.....	12,363	12,342	4,960
Writing, &c.....	21,154	22,089	45,991
Tissue.....	6,025	6,390	3,799
Hanging.....	3,040	2,972	3,121
Building.....	5,915	5,730	3,148
Other grades.....	14,368	14,368	14,208
<b>Total all grades—</b>			
September 1931.....	422,922	424,831	257,604
9 mos., 1931.....	3,941,697	3,944,288	257,604
9 mos., 1930.....	4,355,299	4,324,169	268,062

#### REPORT OF WOOD PULP OPERATIONS IN IDENTICAL MILLS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1931.

Grade.	Production, Tons.	Used During Month, Tons.	Shipped During Month, Tons.	Stocks on Hand End of Month, Tons.
Groundwood.....	62,998	67,299	1,662	53,469
Sulphite news grade.....	26,763	25,955	637	6,641
Sulphite bleached.....	18,116	14,980	2,912	3,083
Sulphite easy bleaching.....	2,717	2,322	231	1,367
Sulphite mitscherlich.....	3,208	1,844	859	1,830
Kraft pulp.....	25,437	21,046	5,012	3,652
Soda pulp.....	13,976	11,987	2,638	2,283
Pulp—Other grades.....	471	443	50	209
<b>Total all grades—</b>				
September 1931.....	153,686	145,876	14,001	72,534
9 mos., 1931.....	1,524,289	1,389,924	131,103	72,534
9 mos., 1930.....	1,817,408	1,603,181	187,812	91,263

### Germany Restricts Wheat Import Duty.

The following from Washington, Nov. 11, is from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Issuance by the German Government of a decree, effective Nov. 16, restricting the reduced import duty on hard wheat of 11.25 reichsmarks per 100 kilos to hard wheat imported by semolina mills in operation in Germany prior to Oct. 1 1931, was reported to the Department of Commerce to-day, in a cable from Acting Commercial Attache Douglas Miller at Berlin.

The reduced duty on imports of hard wheat for making semolina is to expire July 31 next, it was said. The regular duty on wheat imported into Germany is 25 reichsmarks for 100 kilos.

### National Federation of Vegetable Growers and Exporters Organized in Cuba.

Information as follows was contained in special correspondence from Havana, Oct. 25, published in the New York "Times" of Nov. 8:

The National Federation of Vegetable Growers and Exporters has been organized to obtain better transportation facilities for vegetables; to develop home and foreign markets; seek favorable tariff agreements with countries consuming Cuban products; work in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture; give members the benefit of latest crop-growing methods and in general to increase the vegetable production of Cuba.

The Federation was formed under supervision of General Eugenio Molinet, Secretary of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, and will receive the hearty support of the Administration.

Cuba's vegetable production has increased steadily during the past few years and more farmers are devoting their efforts in this direction due to the low price of cane.

### French Grain Increases—More Wheat, Rye and Oats Expected Than in 1930.

Despite the fact France had one of the rainiest summers in many years, the Ministry of Agriculture predicted on Nov. 11 there would be substantial increases in this year's grain harvest over that of last year. A cablegram from Paris to the New York "Times," noting this, added:

Figures published in to-days "Journal Official" estimate that the year's wheat harvest will be 269,313,958 bushels, against a little more than 230,000,000 bushels in 1930.

The rye harvest for 1931, it is predicted, will attain 28,911,309 bushels, against slightly more than 27,000,000 bushels last year.

It is estimated that 183,369,356 bushels of oats will be produced this year, as compared with slightly more than 161,000,000 bushels in 1930.

### State-Wide Corn Purchasing Campaign in Iowa—Business Men and Salaried Workers Appealed to.

A State-wide corn-purchasing campaign, resembling roughly the wartime Liberty Loan campaigns, intended to put from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 in the hands of Iowa farmers, was started on Oct. 30, according to Associated Press dispatches from Des Moines, which likewise said:

The plan calls for the sale of millions of bushels of Iowa corn at 60 cents a bushel, starting early in November. Every Iowa business man and every salaried person receiving \$2,400 or more annually will be asked to purchase at least one unit of 100 bushels.

Farmers who desire to do so may participate in the purchasing. Buyers will receive warehouse receipts as evidence of their purchases and the corn will be protected, not in cash, but with coupons, which must be exchanged with their local merchants for merchandise.

After the coupons have served their purpose in stimulating trade all along line they may be cashed at the banks.

### Total of 7,985,350 Bags of Santos Coffee Harvested and Put in Warehouse in Three Months Ended September.

The current Santos coffee crop is coming into the interior warehouses at an unusually rapid pace, according to cable advices to the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange. During July, August and September, the first three months of the 1931-32 crop year, a total of 7,985,350 bags were harvested and put in warehouse. In the same three months period last year a total of 4,146,250 bags was harvested and put into the warehouses.

### Decrease in World's Visible Supply of Coffee Nov. 1 as Compared with Oct. 1.

The world's visible supply of coffee on Nov. 1 1931, without the interior stocks of Brazil, shows a decrease of over 200,000 bags when compared with Oct. 1 1931, according to statistics compiled by the N. Y. Coffee & Sugar Exchange. The supply on Nov. 1 was 6,374,431, compared with Oct. 1, when the total was 6,577,586 bags. This compares with 5,050,996 bags on Nov. 1 1930, says the Exchange, which further states:

Consumption of coffee in Europe, as estimated by deliveries, shows an increase during the four months of July to October, inclusive, over the similar period in 1930. Consumption was 3,687,445 bags during the four months' period this year compared with 3,537,557 bags during the similar period last year. During the same period, world consumption decreased from 7,517,361 bags last year to 7,358,832 bags this year.

### No Further Cuban Sugar Restrictions Proposed.

From Havana the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 11 reported the following:

Rodriguez Blanca, President of Sugar Planters' Association, conferred with Francis J. Powell, chairman of International Sugar Council, who told him that Cuba has no reason to further restrict its next crop inasmuch as the quota assigned to the island for sale in European markets had been well absorbed and there was nothing to suggest a diminishing of that demand.

### Cuban Sugar Crop.

President Machado, in a message to Congress regarding the past sugar crop, said (according to Havana advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 7): "In the crop of 1931, 140 sugar mills produced 3,120,796 tons of sugar, yielding 12.38% of cane ground, the greatest yield obtained in Cuba."

### F. E. Powell of International Sugar Council Reassures Cuba on Sugar Plan—Surprise at Opposition to Chadbourne Pact.

Francis E. Powell, President of the International Sugar Council, who has been in Cuba for four days conferring with members of the National Sugar Exporting Corporation and the Sugar Institute in regard to the Chadbourne plan for stabilizing the world sugar market, left Havana on Nov. 12 with a final statement of reassurance to Cuban producers, but (according to advices to the New York "Times"), his

visit has not allayed the fears of Cuban planters as to restriction of the next crop. The following is also from the "Times" advices:

"Every country in the international agreement can be relied upon to fulfill its obligations under it," said Mr. Powell. "That obligation is primarily to restrict production and prevent the accumulation of stocks. I feel that underlying conditions are moving toward health and renewed prosperity for the sugar industry and that, through the Chadbourne plan, a way will be found for assuring to the industry a strength and stability such as it has never before enjoyed.

"American production is apparently standing still and every pressure should be brought to bear, particularly upon Porto Rico and the Philippines, to follow Cuba's example in restraining production . . . and allow Cuba her fair share of the American market."

As did Thomas L. Chadbourne on his recent visit, Mr. Powell appealed to Cuban planters to have patience and give the plan a chance to solve the situation.

Nevertheless, the planter, with reports before him of a bumper crop in Java and increased production in Porto Rico and the Philippines, rumors of dumping by Russia, is in no mood to await the passage of time to benefit from what he feels to be a highly problematical plan when he is struggling for his very existence. Letters have poured in from all parts of the island to Mr. Powell, expressing the opinion of cane planters that the Chadbourne plan should be abandoned, arguing that Cuba has made greater sacrifices than any other country signatory to the Brussels agreement and they are opposed to further restriction.

Mr. Powell expressed surprise at the tremendous amount of opposition to the plan, but said: "The people of Cuba may rely upon the International Sugar Council to do everything in its power to promote the welfare of Cuba along with that of all other countries which produce and export sugar."

The restriction decree, which was to have been issued no later than Nov. 10, will be promulgated between now and Dec. 31. The Sugar Institute has not yet compiled all the data necessary for calculation of quotas.

### Brazilian Growers Urge Coffee Destruction—Want 18,000,000 Sacks Burned, Cabinet 12,000,000.

From Sao Paulo Nov. 12 the New York "Times" reported the following:

Increasing agitation by the coffee growers of Sao Paulo and Minas Geraes is forcing the Federal Government to consider their proposals seriously, and Provisional President Vargas held an emergency Cabinet meeting yesterday.

All the growers' organizations are demanding that the Government immediately destroy the 18,000,000 sacks held in Sao Paulo warehouses, but the Government is unable to comply to the £20,000,000 loan made against surplus coffee under the political regime.

The Government yesterday proposed a compromise, suggesting the immediate destruction of 12,000,000 sacks and the retention of 6,000,000 of the finer grades for sale. The entire project is dependent upon the willingness of the foreign bankers to refinance the loan.

The Government proposes to substitute a four-year ten shilling coffee export tax as a guarantee of the loan in order to destroy the surplus coffee now used as a guarantee.

### Plan to Eliminate Coffee Carryover—Brazil to Destroy All Interior Stocks If Planters and Creditors Agree.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 6:

The plan proposed by the Sao Paulo Farmers' Commission for the early destruction of the entire interior stocks of coffee in Brazil is being given increasing attention, according to Rio de Janeiro advices received by the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange. It is believed that Minister of Finance Whitaker agrees with the proposal in principle, provided that coffee planters show a sufficiently united front and creditors accept the guarantee of a 10 shilling export tax for four years instead of the proceeds from the sale of the 16,500,000 bags of coffee pledged in the \$97,300,000 "realization" loan of April 1930.

Under the present system, this pledged coffee is being liquidated on the world markets at the rate of 1,650,000 bags yearly. All interest payments to date have been met promptly.

As of Nov. 1 there were 1,545,000 bags of coffee in Rio interior warehouses 243,000 in Victoria and 23,502,000 in Santos storehouses, or a total of 25,290,000 bags.

The present Brazilian crop is about 25,000,000 bags, or 9,000,000 over the most optimistic figure that can be given for that country's possible export sales. An export tax of \$2.43 a bag is now being collected on each bag exported, with the proceeds devoted to the destruction of surplus stocks. If 16,000,000 bags are exported this season, it will be possible for the Government to destroy 9,720,000 bags, or 720,000 more than the surplus from the present crop. The new crop to be mowed next July is placed at from 13,000,000 to 17,000,000 bags, or more in line with export needs.

While the removal of the vast oversupply that has been overhanging the market would undoubtedly enhance coffee prices materially, and thus improve the financial condition of Brazil, it is unlikely that either the entire group of planters will agree to the destruction, particularly if the forthcoming crop looks poor, or that the foreign banking syndicate will concur in this suggestion.

### Brazil's Coffee Exports Increase.

A wireless message Nov. 5 from Sao Paulo to the New York "Times" stated:

The Rio de Janeiro Government announces coffee statistics for the first nine months of this year, showing 13,200,000 sacks as compared with 11,294,000 for the same period of last year. Despite the increase in the number of sacks exported this year, the income decreased by about \$55,000,000.

### Brazil Abandons Coffee Deal with Russian Soviet.

Sao Paulo (Brazil) Associated Press accounts Oct. 30 stated:

Negotiations between Soviet Russia and Brazil for the sale of half a million sacks of coffee failed to-day because of the Brazilian Coffee Institute's fear that the Soviets would dump their purchase on European markets.

Negotiations were instituted in July with the Institute proposing to sell coffee cheaply to Russia for advertising purposes.

### Protest by National Coffee Roasters Association Against More Coffee-Wheat Deals.

In its Oct. 29 issue the "Wall Street Journal" reported the following from Chicago:

National Coffee Roasters' Association has adopted a resolution protesting against repetition of the Federal Farm Board's recent wheat-coffee trade with the Brazilian Government. In the same resolution, however, the association expressed appreciation of Grain Stabilization Corporation's "evident desire to protect the interests of the entire coffee industry" in disposing of the coffee it has acquired, and also commended the co-operation which was received from the Government agency.

### Strike at Lawrence (Mass.) Textile Mills Ends—Pacific Mills Remain Closed.

The strike of 23,000 Lawrence textile workers (Lawrence, Mass.) against a 10% reduction in pay collapsed on Nov. 9, said a Lawrence dispatch on that date to the Boston "Herald" from which the following is also taken:

More than 15,000 flocked back to the mills, in defiance of their labor leaders, but there were jobs for only 9,000 of them. In addition 5,400 others, all employed by the Pacific mills, were deprived of a chance of returning because those plants have been closed indefinitely.

At the closing of the mills to-night, there were less than 4,000 hands who still were holding out against the reduced wage scale.

The return to work of the men was far more general than even the most optimistic mill executive had predicted. The millmen said that in a few weeks they expect to be able to employ everybody who desire to work.

Associated Press dispatches from Lawrence on Nov. 9 said in part:

The return of the workers to-day followed an announcement last week by the citizens committee that the textile companies were determined to be uncompromising in their stand for the wage adjustment.

Labor leaders, including Robert J. Watt, Secretary of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor, and Horace Riviere, organizer for the United Textile Workers of America, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, yesterday counseled the workers to be their own judges of whether they should return to work or not. Both Mr. Watt and Mr. Riviere warned against violence in the event that the strike was to be prolonged.

The strike which began six weeks ago, had affected the American Woolen Co., Arlington and Monomac Mills and the George E. Kunhardt Co., which had made a 10% cut in wages. The following Lawrence advices Nov. 9 are from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The Arlington gave work to 3,500 out of the 6,000 operatives who reported at the mill gates this morning. About 650 of the 750 normally employed by the Monomac were inside the mill when the whistles sounded. The Kunhardt reported that all of its force of 450 operatives had returned. The Stevens mills reported that all of its 250 workers were rehired this morning.

The American Woolen Mills reported a similar situation. Of the 1,200 who applied at the Shawsheen, 500 were given jobs. The Washington hired 500 out of the 4,500 who sought work. The Wood Mill accepted 2,000 of the 6,000 workers who entered the gates, while the Ayer gave work to 400 out of the 1,200 who applied.

*See Last Strike for Lawrence.*

The general opinion here is that Lawrence has seen its last strike. Sentiment here is opposed to the efforts of the American Federation of Labor and similar organizations which sought to prolong the disturbance, hoping to make Lawrence the test of the wage cuts imposed in all sections of the country. It is also believed that the ending of the strike marks the conclusion of the sporadic disturbances that have marred the industrial history of New England for the last five years.

The strike has undoubtedly caused a heavy loss in business to mills located in this area. The loss in pay rolls is between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000. It is certain that scores will possibly never find employment in the mills again. The city has gained such a reputation as a hotbed of radical labor activity that few industries can be prevailed upon to take over the vacant mills here. The Istwoco Mill, which was erected in 1911 at a cost of \$900,000 was sold at auction for \$4,500 last week and will be used as a furniture warehouse. Owners of other vacant plants have been unable to obtain bids for their property.

A surplus of textile operatives has resulted from the shutdown of the Pacific Mills and the loss of business suffered through cancellations by other mills on account of the strike. It is probable that none of the mills will resume full time operation for months. Indications are that 10,000 workers will be unemployed during the winter months. Men in close touch with mill managers state that the worsted division of the Pacific may not reopen until January.

In the meantime, it is likely that efforts will be made to weed out the undesirable and lawless element that started the strike and who prevented those desiring to do so, from returning to work.

*Tax Rise Feared.*

Police officials said that some of those out of work and whom mills refuse to re-employ may endeavor to prolong the strike, but sentiment is so strong against tactics of this sort that little trouble is anticipated. Mills, however, are fearful of a rise in the tax rate. The city has been spending money extravagantly and many here predict a rate of \$40 per thousand. This rise would offset the reductions won by mills last year. An effort is on foot to cut down city expenditures, but is meeting with the opposition of politicians and the hundreds employed by the city. Wages paid by the city to unskilled labor are almost double the wages paid by mills. Merchants and property owners have repeatedly warned city officials to cut down expenditures but their warnings have not been heeded.

At the closing of the mills tonight, there was an absence of violence of any sort. Police repeated their precaution of the morning in placing ample guards around each of the mills, but it was evident that the strike is quickly becoming a closed chapter in the city's industrial history.

### 10% Wage Cut at Cotton Mills in New Bedford, Mass. to Take Effect Dec. 7—Union Agreement Likely.

Twenty thousand officers, executives, salaried employees and wage earners of the sixteen mills in the cotton goods

manufacturing centre at New Bedford, Mass., will be affected by a 10% wage cut, effective the week of Dec. 7, it was announced on Nov. 10 by the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association, according to a New Bedford dispatch to the New York "Times", which also said:

The possibility of a general strike, similar to that which has crippled the Lawrence woolen textile trade, seemed unlikely tonight, because of the announcement by the executive council of the New Bedford Textile Council that an investigation by the union leaders had disclosed the manufacturers' claims of general reductions in competing centres were founded on fact.

The council, without recommendation, referred the announcement from the manufacturers to the local union for voting.

**Globe Woolen Mills at Utica, N. Y. to Reopen in Dec.**

Associated Press dispatches from Utica, N. Y., Nov. 1, stated:

The Globe Woolen Mills, closed since March 1930, will be opened by the American Woolen Co. in December, employing about 800 men.

**Egyptian Cotton Crop Estimated by Alexandria General Produce Association.**

The Alexandria General Produce Association estimates the cotton crop of Egypt at 6,500,000 cantars of 99.049 pounds each, which is equivalent to approximately 871,000 Egyptian bales of 739 pounds net weight, or to 1,350,000 American bales of 478 pounds each, according to a cable received by the New York Cotton Exchange Service. The latter's advices Nov. 6 add:

This is slightly larger than the latest estimate of the Egyptian Government issued about a month ago, which put the crop at 6,416,000 cantars, or the equivalent of 860,000 Egyptian bales or 1,333,000 American bales. It has been estimated in trade circles in Alexandria that the crop is about 300,000 cantars larger than the Egyptian Government's estimate, or about 900,000 Egyptian bales or 1,395,000 American bales. The Egyptian crop last year totaled 1,114,000 Egyptian bales or 1,693,000 equivalent American bales.

**Census Report on Cottonseed Oil Production During October.**

On Nov. 12 the Bureau of the Census issued the following statement showing cottonseed received crushed and on hand and cottonseed products manufactured, shipped out, on hand and exports during the month of October 1931 and 1930.

COTTONSEED RECEIVED, CRUSHED AND ON HAND (TONS).

State.	Received at Mills.*		Crushed		On Hand at Mills	
	Aug. 1 to Oct. 31.		Aug. 1 to Oct. 31.		Oct. 31.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Alabama	167,089	238,310	107,832	142,671	59,926	95,905
Arizona	14,095	22,487	8,690	17,825	5,454	4,908
Arkansas	202,238	143,490	91,021	89,938	111,992	56,602
California	36,833	39,572	17,634	26,356	20,399	21,356
Georgia	170,200	370,444	123,823	293,454	47,756	132,719
Louisiana	133,189	145,110	73,883	89,572	59,958	56,208
Mississippi	306,785	341,961	144,152	191,187	163,714	160,749
North Carolina	90,215	131,244	53,601	88,002	37,621	43,606
Oklahoma	177,986	129,374	83,532	65,728	97,749	65,928
South Carolina	74,927	125,538	59,326	85,619	16,506	40,313
Tennessee	182,405	150,555	64,580	76,863	118,053	76,287
Texas	948,223	837,177	528,999	536,681	432,717	317,217
All other States	36,127	36,645	15,431	21,056	20,747	15,591
United States	2,540,312	2,711,907	1,372,504	1,669,952	1,192,592	1,087,389

\* Includes seed destroyed at mills but not 24,784 tons and 45,434 tons on hand Aug. 1, nor 6,705 tons and 18,171 tons reshipped for 1931 and 1930, respectively.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT AND ON HAND.

Item.	Season.	On Hand Aug. 1.	Produced Aug. 1 to Oct. 31.	Shipped Out Aug. 1 to Oct. 31.	On Hand Oct. 31.
	1930-31	7,893,957	504,669,081	445,460,490	111,631,523
Refined oil, lbs.	1931-32	a277,836,530	b282,599,351	-----	a231,078,953
	1930-31	301,609,092	361,993,221	-----	254,762,491
Cake and meal, tons	1931-32	150,291	614,913	627,521	137,683
	1930-31	55,352	750,901	603,896	202,357
Hulls, tons	1931-32	47,818	384,403	272,561	159,660
	1930-31	28,495	462,664	328,053	163,106
Linters, running bales	1931-32	174,998	212,997	140,896	247,099
	1930-31	135,220	289,696	168,702	256,214
Hull fiber (500-lb. bales)	1931-32	3,564	7,872	3,051	8,385
	1930-31	2,659	9,499	7,460	4,698
Grabbots, notes, &c., (500-lb. bales)	1931-32	12,874	5,902	4,116	14,660
	1930-31	12,776	9,498	6,001	16,273

\* Includes 3,267,812 and 16,139,823 pounds held by refining and manufacturing establishments and 3,011,840 and 35,206,900 pounds in transit to refiners and consumers Aug. 1 1931 and Oct. 31 1931, respectively.

a Includes 4,207,734 and 1,496,190 pounds held by refiners, brokers, agents, and warehousemen at places other than refineries and manufacturing establishments and 3,585,902 and 9,111,547 pounds in transit to manufacturers of lard substitute, oleomargarine, soap, &c. Aug. 1 1931 and Oct. 31 1931, respectively.

b Produced from 303,020,627 pounds of crude oil.

EXPORTS OF COTTONSEED PRODUCTS FOR TWO MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30.

Item—	1931.	1930.
Oil—Crude, pounds	171,600	392,257
Refined, pounds	1,026,576	2,384,518
Cake and meal, tons of 2,000 pounds	13,850	2,267
Linters, running bales	9,575	11,495

**Production, Sales and Shipments of Cotton Cloths During October.**

Reports of production, shipments and sales of carded cotton cloths during the month of October 1931 were made public Nov. 9 by the Association of Cotton Textile Mer-

chants of New York. The figures cover a period of four weeks.

Stocks on hand at the end of October amounted to 255,-833,000 yards as against 244,924,000 yards at the beginning of the month, according to the Association, which continues:

Shipments during October were 216,207,000 yards against production of 227,116,000 yards. Sales amounted to 333,679,000 yards, which were 146.9% of production and 131% of the total goods on hand at the end of the month. Unfilled orders of 344,639,000 yards on Oct. 31 show an increase of 117,500,000 yards, or 51.7% over the business on hand at the close of September.

In actual yardage, as well as in percentage, this is the greatest improvement in orders on hand recorded in any single month since these statistics have been gathered. This rather clearly indicates that buyers generally are coming to the conclusion that the record low price on cotton and correspondingly low prices on cloth warrant forward commitments and that hand-to-mouth buying is being abandoned in favor of more liberal purchasing policies.

It also carries a reasonable assurance that the employees of the cotton textile industry will, in the main, be kept fairly busy during the coming winter.

These statistics are compiled from data supplied by 23 groups of manufacturers and selling agents reporting to the Association of Cotton-Textile Merchants of New York and the Cotton-Textile Institute. These groups report on more than 300 classifications or constructions of carded cotton cloths and represent the major portion of the production of these fabrics in the United States.

Production Statistics October 1931.

The following statistics cover upwards of 300 classifications or constructions of carded cotton cloths, and represent a very large part of the total production of these fabrics in the United States. This report represents yardage reported to our Association and the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc. It is a consolidation of the same 23 groups covered by our reports since October 1927. The figures for the month of October cover a period of four weeks.

October 1931 (Four Weeks).

Production was	227,116,000 yards
Sales were	333,679,000 yards
Ratio of sales to production	146.9%
Shipments were	216,207,000 yards
Ratio of shipments to production	95.2%
Stocks on hand Oct. 1 were	244,924,000 yards
Stocks on hand Oct. 31 were	255,833,000 yards
Change in stocks	Increase 4.5%
Unfilled orders Oct. 1 were	227,167,000 yards
Unfilled orders Oct. 31 were	344,639,000 yards
Change in unfilled orders	Increase 51.7%

**Petroleum and Its Products—Corning Crude Registers Five-Cent Advance—A. P. I. States Favorable Stand on World Oil Curtailment Conference.**

With few further price changes occurring in the crude oil market, interest in the industry was concentrated on the American Petroleum Institute meeting in Chicago, where, among other developments, the Institute indicated its willingness to officially discuss world oil conservation, and heard a comprehensive oil program as suggested by Secretary of Commerce Lamont.

Amos L. Beaty, newly elected President of the A. P. I., approved of the world conservation movement as one of his first official acts. He cabled the Association of Rumanian Petroleum Industrialists that the A. P. I. believes benefit might result from a world conference of oil producers. He revealed that the A. P. I. is willing to call such a conference "if desired." The recent plan for world oil conservation sponsored by Royal-Dutch-Shell officials was rejected by the Institute as a basis of discussion, however, as "neither this plan nor any other involving a definitive agreement between producers to restrict production could be accepted owing to the laws of the United States."

The address of Secretary Lamont emphasized that Federal participation is essential for the protection of the consuming public in any program to stabilize the oil industry, and offered a program containing three integral points which, if carried out, would in his opinion, assure a fair price to consumer and a fair return on capital investment to the industry. Mr. Lamont's outstanding points included co-ordination of State production by an inter-State pact; uniform State oil conservation laws; and an equation of foreign and domestic production by a joint Federal-State board created by the compact. The Secretary of Commerce, discussing the action taken in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas to curtail production through enforcement by State militias, praised the steps, saying that "after five years of evolution we have the beginning of a solution."

On Saturday, Nov. 7, the Joseph Steep Purchasing Agency announced an advance of 5c. per barrel in Corning, Pa., crude. Monday, Nov. 9, the Stoll Refining Co. posted a 15c. advance in crude in its Kentucky lines, the new price being 75c. a barrel at wells.

The crude oil situation was in the main unchanged this week. The new prices announced last week were strongly maintained, with indications pointing to further advances in Oklahoma and Texas.

E. B. Reeser, retiring President of the A. P. I. and President of the Barnsdall Corp., announces that he is "consider-

ing further' the proffer of the presidency of the Oil Producers Sales Agency of California, made public last week. This post would amount virtually to a rulership of the sales policy of California crude producers.

The industry as a whole is not disposed to take seriously the filing of ouster charges against 18 of the leading companies and associations by the Attorney-General of Texas, who charges evasion of that State's anti-trust and corporation laws. Those made defendants include the Standard Oil Companies of New Jersey and California, American Petroleum Institute, Texas Petroleum Marketers' Association, Gulf Refining Co., Continental Oil Co., Sinclair Oil & Gas Co., Simms Oil Co., Cities Service Oil Co., Texas Co., Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co., and others. It is pointed out in the industry that the code of marketing practices under which the alleged violations were committed were approved by the Federal Trade Commission, and that upon this body rests the responsibility. The Attorney-General charges that the American Petroleum Institute was the agency through which the alleged conspiracy was operated, and that the Institute was controlled and subsidized by the defendant companies.

Price changes of the week follow:

Nov. 7.—Joseph Steep Purchasing Agency posts 5c. advance in Corning, Pa., crude.

Nov. 9.—Stoll Refining Co. posts 15c. advance in crude in its Kentucky lines, new price being 75c. per barrel at wells.

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

Bradford, Pa.	.....\$2.00	Eldorado, Ark., 40	.....\$0.63
Corning, Pa.	..... .80	Rusk, Texas, 40 and over	..... .68
Illinois	..... .80	Salt Creek, Wyo., 40 and over	..... .85
Western Kentucky	..... .75	Darst Creek	..... .60
Midcontinent, Okla., 40 and above	..... .85	Sunburst, Mont.	..... 1.05
Hutchinson, Texas, 40 and over	..... .66	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 40 and over	..... .75
Spindletop, Texas, 40 and over	..... .79	Huntington, Calif., 26	..... .72
Winkler, Texas	..... .71	Petrolia, Canada	..... 1.75
Smackover, Ark., 24 and over	..... .55		

**REFINED PRODUCTS—TANK CAR GASOLINE NOW 6C.—FUEL OIL DEMAND INCREASES—KEROSENE ACTIVE.**

All leading refiners are now posting 6c. per gallon for U. S. Motor, tank car lots, at local refineries. The Texas Co. was the last of the major companies to meet the 1/2c. advance posted last week, taking this action on Tuesday, Nov. 10. Others who had met the advance the day previous included Standard of New York, Standard of New Jersey, Colonial Beacon Oil Co., Continental Oil Co. and Republic Oil Co.

Continued strengthening of Western refined markets indicates that further advances may be made in tank car prices, while the trade here looks for an upward revision of tank wagon and service station prices shortly. The export market has shown considerable improvement, as gasoline prices are on an upward swing in that division of the refined products market.

The Standard Oil Co. of Ohio increased its Statewide gasoline structure 1c. a gallon on Tuesday, Nov. 10, the new price being 21c. for ethyl and 18c. for regular or X-70. On the same day the Atlantic Refining Co. advanced service station prices 1c. per gallon in the Philadelphia area, making the new gasoline price 11c. Its tank car price on kerosene was advanced 1/2c. to 5 1/2c. per gallon at Philadelphia.

Bunker fuel oil is showing an improved tone, although prices remain at the 60c. per barrel level, at refinery, for grade C. Gulf markets showed stronger price tone, however, with prices ranging from 40c. to 45c. a barrel, as against 38c. to 43c. The position of fuel oil has been strengthened by colder weather and the advances in crude oil prices. Diesel oil is quiet and unchanged at \$1.30 per barrel, at refinery.

Kerosene demand shows a healthy increase, with the price firm at 5 1/2c. per gallon, refinery, for 41-43 water white. Local consumption is well maintained.

Price changes follow:

Nov. 9.—Half-cent per gallon advance in U. S. Motor gasoline, tank car lots at refineries, announced by Standard of New York, Standard of New Jersey, Colonial Beacon Oil Co., Continental Oil Co., Republic Oil Co. New price 6c. per gallon.

Nov. 10.—Texas Co. meets 1/2c. advance in U. S. Motor, tank car, new price 6c., and 7c. for "Texaco."

Nov. 10.—Standard of Ohio increases Statewide structure 1c. per gallon on gasoline, new service station prices being 21c. for ethyl and 18c. for regular, or X-70.

Nov. 10.—Atlantic Refining Co. advances service station gasoline prices in Philadelphia area 1c., new price being 11c. per gallon. Bulk kerosene advanced 1/2c. to 5 1/2c. tank car at Philadelphia.

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)—	New York—	New Orleans, ex. \$0.05-.05 1/4
Stand. Oil, N. J. \$0.06	Colonial-Beacon \$0.06	Arkansas..... .04-.04 1/4
Stand. Oil, N. Y. .06	Crew Levick..... .06	California..... .05-.07
Tide Water Oil Co. .06	z Texas..... .06	Los Angeles, ex. .04 1/2-.07
Richfield Oil (Cal) .06 1/4	Gulf..... .06	Gulf Ports..... .05-.05 1/4
Warner-Quin, Co. .06 1/4	Continental..... .06	Tulsa..... .04 1/4-.05
Fan-Am. Pet. Co. .06	Republic Oil..... .06	Pennsylvania..... .05 1/4
Shell Eastern Pet .06	Chicago..... .03 1/4-.04	
	z "Texaco" is .07.	

**Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.**

New York.....\$1.63	Cincinnati.....\$.18	Kansas City.....\$.149
Atlanta......18	Cleveland......18	Minneapolis......162
Baltimore......144	Denver......19	New Orleans......118
Boston......16	Detroit......131	Philadelphia......10
Buffalo......158	Houston......13	San Francisco......17
Chicago......15	Jacksonville......19	St. Louis......129

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

N. Y. (Bayonne) \$0.05-.05 1/4	Chicago.....\$0.02 1/4-.03 1/4	New Orleans, ex. \$0.03 1/4
North Texas......03	Los Ang., ex. .04 1/4-.06	Tulsa......04 1/4-.03 1/4

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)—	California 27 plus D	Gulf Coast "C".....\$0.55-.65
Bumer "C".....\$.60	Chicago.....\$.75-1.00	Chicago 18-22 D. .42 1/4-.50
Diesel 28-30 D.....1.30	New Orleans "C"......55	

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)—	Chicago—	Tulsa—
28 D plus.....\$0.3 1/4-.04	32-36 D Ind. \$0.01 1/4-.02	32-36 D Ind. \$0.01 1/4-.02

**Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.**

Reports compiled by the American Petroleum Institute for the week ended Nov. 7, from companies aggregating 3,365,600 barrels, or 95.2% of the 3,852,000 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States, indicate that 2,294,000 barrels of crude oil were run to stills daily, and that these same companies had in storage at refineries at the end of the week, 32,071,000 barrels of gasoline, and 137,050,000 barrels of gas and fuel oil. Reports received on the production of gasoline by the cracking process indicate that companies owning 95.6% of the potential charging capacity of all cracking units, manufactured 3,445,000 barrels of cracked gasoline during the week. The complete report for the week ended Nov. 7 1931, follows:

**CRUDE RUNS TO STILL, GASOLINE STOCKS AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED NOV. 7 1931.**  
(Figures in barrels of 42 gallons each.)

District.	Per Cent Potential Capacity Report- ing.	Crude Runs to Stills.	Per Cent Oper. of Total Capacity Report.	Gasoline Stocks.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast.....	100.0	3,271,000	73.7	4,116,000	10,378,000
Appalachian.....	91.8	598,000	62.2	1,319,000	1,668,000
Ind., Illinois, Kentucky	98.9	2,115,000	70.0	3,183,000	5,647,000
Okla., Kans., Missouri	89.6	1,640,000	53.8	2,633,000	4,896,000
Texas.....	91.3	3,843,000	71.7	5,810,000	12,026,000
Louisiana-Arkansas	98.9	1,122,000	69.5	830,000	3,904,000
Rocky Mountain.....	89.4	227,000	22.5	1,236,000	814,000
c California.....	97.1	3,242,000	52.2	*12,944,000	97,717,000
Total week Nov. 7....	95.2	16,058,000	62.6	32,071,000	137,050,000
Daily average.....		2,294,000			
Total week Oct. 31....	95.2	16,348,000	63.7	31,445,000	135,707,000
Daily average.....		2,335,400			
Total Nov. 8 1930....	95.6	15,922,000	63.8	535,309,000	139,020,000
Daily average.....		2,274,600			
d Texas Gulf Coast.....	99.8	3,017,000	81.1	4,369,000	8,738,000
d Louisiana Gulf Coast	100.0	787,000	76.2	719,000	3,059,000

a 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). b Revised in Indiana-Illinois district, due to transfer to "bulk terminals" of stocks previously reported as "at refineries." c California stocks include approximately 580,000 barrels of gasoline and 680,000 barrels of gas and fuel oil held at tank farm storage which has not been previously reported. d Included above in table for week ended Nov. 7 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."

**Production of Crude Oil in the United States in September 1931 the Lowest in Over Five Years—Inventories Again Fall Off.**

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during September 1931 amounted to 63,636,000 barrels, a daily average of 2,121,000 barrels. This, the lowest production in more than five years, represents a decline of 86,000 barrels from the daily average of the previous month, and is 253,000 barrels, or 11%, below the output of a year ago. Practically all of the decline in output in September resulted from the shut-down of the East Texas field. The field was closed Aug. 17 and was not reopened until Sept. 5, when the wells were allowed to produce 225 barrels daily. Its daily average production in September amounted to 343,000 barrels as compared with 460,000 barrels daily for the previous month. The production in the California fields remained virtually stationary in September. The shut-down of all but the "stripper" wells in Oklahoma was continued throughout the month, and the output of the State amounted to only 280,000 barrels daily, or slightly less than in August. The Bureau, in its statement, adds:

Stocks of crude petroleum continued to reflect the curtailment in production and declined nearly 12,000,000 barrels in September. This was somewhat less than the withdrawal in August, due mainly to a falling off in crude runs to stills. Stocks of refined oils, principally gasoline, fell off approximately 2,000,000 barrels, making a total withdrawal from all stocks of about 14,000,000 barrels. This total, while large, did not quite come up to the record withdrawal of the previous month.

The decline in the price of refined products, chiefly gasoline, to a very low level in September caused a number of refineries to shut down and others to curtail their operations. This resulted in a material decline in crude runs to stills in all districts, except the Appalachian district.

The daily average output of motor fuel in September amounted to 1,249,000 barrels as compared with 1,267,000 barrels in August. Daily average imports of gasoline were practically the same as in the previous month, but exports declined from 136,000 barrels daily in August to 112,000 barrels daily in September. Stocks of motor fuel continued to fall off, though the withdrawal was considerably below that of August. Total stocks of motor fuel on hand Sept. 30 amounted to 35,033,000 barrels as compared with 36,405,000 barrels on hand on Aug. 31. The daily average indicated domestic demand for motor fuel in September amounted to 1,225,000 barrels, which represents a decline of 4% from August and is below the demand of September 1930. At the current rate of domestic demand, the motor fuel stocks of Sept. 30 represent 26 days' supply as compared with 27 days' supply on hand a month ago and with 27 days' supply on hand a year ago.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from schedules of 363 refineries with an aggregate daily recorded crude-oil capacity of 3,764,960 barrels, covering, as far as the Bureau is able to determine, all operations during September 1931. These refineries operated during September at 66% of their recorded capacity, given above, as compared with 363 refineries operating at 69% of their capacity in August.

**SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF ALL OILS.**

(Including wax, coke and asphalt in thousands of barrels of 42 U. S. gallons.)

	Sept. 1931.	Aug. 1931.	Sept. 1930.	Jan.-Sept. 1931.	Jan.-Sept. 1930.
<b>New Supply—</b>					
<b>Domestic production:</b>					
Crude petroleum.....	63,636	68,418	71,216	631,171	690,189
Daily average.....	2,121	2,207	2,374	2,312	2,528
Natural gasoline.....	3,062	3,179	4,152	32,740	39,638
Benzol.....	138	145	202	1,519	2,115
Total production.....	66,836	71,742	75,570	665,430	731,942
Daily average.....	2,228	2,314	2,519	2,437	2,681
<b>Imports:</b>					
Crude petroleum.....	3,426	2,702	5,808	35,225	47,874
Refined products.....	3,468	3,224	3,614	29,411	33,572
Total new supply, all oils.....	73,730	77,668	84,992	730,066	813,388
Daily average.....	2,458	2,505	2,833	2,674	2,979
<b>Increase in stocks, all oils b.....</b>	<b>13,909</b>	<b>14,471</b>	<b>8,439</b>	<b>45,245</b>	<b>11,105</b>
<b>Demand—</b>					
Total demand.....	87,639	92,139	93,431	775,311	824,493
Daily average.....	2,921	2,972	3,114	2,840	3,020
<b>Exports:</b>					
Crude petroleum.....	2,296	2,867	1,961	19,637	18,434
Refined products.....	7,816	8,713	8,753	76,742	103,941
Domestic demand.....	77,527	80,559	82,717	678,932	702,568
Daily average.....	2,584	2,599	2,757	2,487	2,574
Excess of daily average domestic production over domestic demand	c356	c285	c238	c50	107
<b>Stocks (End of Month)—</b>					
Crude petroleum:					
East of California.....	329,098	340,102	376,763	329,098	376,763
California b.....	137,373	136,033	144,137	137,373	144,137
Total crude.....	466,471	476,135	520,900	466,471	520,900
Natural gasoline.....	3,088	2,299	2,534	3,088	2,534
Refined products f.....	153,667	156,300	154,958	158,667	154,958
Grand total stocks, all oils.....	623,226	634,734	678,392	623,226	678,392
Days' supply.....	218	214	218	219	225
Bunker oil (included above in domestic demand)	3,094	3,442	4,333	33,590	38,648

a Revised. b Decrease. c Deficiency. d Includes residual fuel oils. e California placed on new basis. Revised figures: Light crude, 40,495,000 barrels; natural gasoline at refineries, 2,062,000; gasoline, 13,031,000 barrels; gas oil, 4,656,000 barrels; unfinished oils, 8,486,000 barrels. f Natural gasoline held by refiners formerly included under refined products, now combined with natural gasoline at plants.

**PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY STATES.**

(Thousands of barrels of 42 U. S. gallons.)

	September 1931.		August 1931.		Jan.-Sept. 1931.	Jan.-Sept. 1930.a
	Total.	Daily Av.	Total.	Daily Av.		
Arkansas.....	1,105	37	1,116	36	11,738	15,087
California:						
Kettleman Hills.....	1,854	62	1,965	63	12,037	9,978
Long Beach.....	2,379	79	2,354	76	23,176	27,725
Santa Fe Springs.....	1,871	62	1,931	62	18,534	35,836
Rest of State.....	9,077	303	9,419	304	88,872	105,804
Total California.....	15,181	506	15,669	505	142,619	173,343
Colorado.....	112	4	124	4	1,160	1,254
Illinois.....	436	15	437	14	3,708	4,524
Indiana:						
Southwestern.....	67	2	64	2	603	736
Northeastern.....	3	—	3	—	29	42
Total Indiana.....	70	2	67	2	632	778
Kansas.....	2,926	97	2,759	89	27,517	31,755
Kentucky.....	574	19	465	15	4,692	5,716
Louisiana:						
Gulf coast.....	692	23	678	22	6,722	6,125
Rest of State.....	882	29	899	29	9,689	10,829
Total Louisiana.....	1,574	52	1,577	51	16,411	16,954
Michigan.....	357	12	289	9	2,484	3,135
Montana.....	247	8	221	7	2,214	2,568
New Mexico.....	1,286	43	1,330	43	11,257	6,547
New York.....	299	10	257	9	2,478	2,852
Ohio:						
Central and Eastern.....	345	11	290	9	3,191	3,958
Northwestern.....	93	3	82	3	842	1,022
Total Ohio.....	438	14	372	12	4,033	4,980
Oklahoma:						
Oklahoma City.....	647	22	734	24	33,071	26,661
Seminole.....	1,830	61	2,331	75	36,004	53,901
Rest of State.....	5,916	197	6,098	187	64,873	88,941
Total Oklahoma.....	8,393	280	9,163	286	133,948	169,503
Pennsylvania.....	1,077	36	933	30	8,413	9,937
Tennessee.....	—	—	—	—	5	15
Texas:						
Gulf coast.....	3,520	117	3,706	120	37,461	47,090
East Texas.....	10,290	343	14,268	460	72,056	84,321
West Texas.....	6,050	202	6,353	215	60,820	67,890
Rest of State.....	8,204	274	7,712	249	72,790	92,465
Total Texas.....	28,064	936	32,039	1,044	243,127	223,878
West Virginia.....	381	13	347	11	3,323	3,922
Wyoming:						
Salt Creek.....	699	23	724	23	6,794	7,958
Rest of State.....	417	14	529	17	4,612	5,478
Total Wyoming.....	1,116	37	1,253	40	11,406	13,436
U. S. total.....	63,636	2,121	68,418	2,207	631,171	690,189

a Includes Alaska and Utah. b Revised.

**NUMBER OF WELLS COMPLETED IN THE UNITED STATES.a**

	September 1931.	August 1931.	September 1930.	Jan.-Sept. 1931.	Jan.-Sept. 1930.
Oil.....	445	441	781	4,425	9,577
Gas.....	147	135	289	1,495	2,078
Dry.....	233	218	542	2,978	5,207
Total.....	825	794	1,612	8,898	16,862

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

**Crude Oil Production in United States Continues to Increase.**

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Nov. 7 1931 was 2,456,800 barrels, as compared with 2,431,250 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 25,550 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended Nov. 8 1930 of 2,297,250 barrels daily, the current figure represents an increase of 159,550 barrels per day. The daily average production east of California was 1,960,700 barrels for the week ended Nov. 7 1931, as compared with 1,934,350 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 26,350 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production, by districts:

**DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS)**

Week Ended—	Nov. 7 '31.	Oct. 31 '31.	Oct. 24 '31.	Nov. 8 '30.
Oklahoma.....	534,850	519,050	482,500	459,650
Kansas.....	106,450	102,950	101,900	117,550
Panhandle Texas.....	67,450	64,700	65,050	84,150
North Texas.....	67,450	67,450	67,450	62,600
West Central Texas.....	26,600	27,150	26,950	46,100
West Texas.....	194,750	191,800	192,700	272,700
East Central Texas.....	55,900	56,450	56,250	41,050
East Texas.....	419,450	417,700	400,300	—
Southwest Texas.....	56,400	54,050	56,000	80,950
North Louisiana.....	29,050	28,900	29,500	43,900
Arkansas.....	37,750	37,750	37,950	52,050
Coastal Texas.....	126,350	124,400	125,100	161,650
Coastal Louisiana.....	32,450	31,850	27,250	27,250
Eastern (not incl. Michigan).....	109,750	111,400	107,100	112,000
Michigan.....	11,850	13,400	11,950	7,300
Wyoming.....	38,450	38,850	38,500	47,850
Montana.....	7,500	8,050	7,750	5,350
Colorado.....	4,300	4,250	4,450	4,300
New Mexico.....	43,950	44,200	43,800	43,950
California.....	496,100	496,900	508,100	596,900
Total.....	2,456,800	2,431,250	2,381,250	2,297,250

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, for the week ending Nov. 7 was 1,586,100 barrels, as compared with 1,557,950 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 28,150 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover (Arkansas) heavy oil, was 1,560,150 barrels, as compared with 1,531,500 barrels, an increase of 28,650 barrels.

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

—Week Ended—	Nov. 7.	Oct. 31.	—Week Ended—	Nov. 7.	Oct. 31.
Oklahoma—			Southwest Texas—		
Bowling.....	8,100	11,350	Chapman-Abbot.....	2,000	2,100
Bristow-Slick.....	12,200	12,250	Lurist Creek.....	16,750	17,600
Burbank.....	12,300	12,300	Luling.....	7,050	7,100
Carr City.....	12,500	11,100	Salt Flat.....	12,350	10,400
Earlsboro.....	20,850	13,700	North Louisiana—		
East Earlsboro.....	10,150	14,100	Sarepta-Carterville.....	850	850
South Earlsboro.....	4,100	2,700	Zwolle.....	5,750	5,700
Konawa.....	7,950	6,450	Arkansas—		
Little River.....	14,200	18,300	Smackover, light.....	3,200	3,100
East Little River.....	3,000	3,800	Smackover, heavy.....	25,950	26,450
Maud.....	1,700	2,000	Coastal Texas—		
Mission.....	5,100	6,600	Barbers Hill.....	22,600	21,000
Oklahoma City.....	189,150	184,750	Raccoon Bend.....	6,100	6,150
St. Louis.....	21,150	17,450	Refugio County.....	20,800	21,700
Searight.....	2,250	3,500	Sugarland.....	11,100	11,150
Seminole.....	12,900	10,450	Coastal Louisiana—		
East Seminole.....	1,750	1,150	East Hackberry.....	10,850	8,550
Kansas—			Old Hackberry.....	600	600
Ritz.....	17,150	14,500	Wyoming—		
Sedgwick County.....	14,350	14,450	Salt Creek.....	22,000	22,850
Voshell.....	11,700	12,150	Montana—		
Panhandle Texas—			Kevin-Sunburst.....	4,650	4,650
Gray County.....	45,100	43,600	New Mexico—		
Hutchinson County.....	13,900	13,300	Hobbs High.....	37,100	37,100
North Texas—			Balance Lea County.....	4,500	4,700
Archer County.....	12,750	12,700	California—		
North Young County.....	7,100	7,150	Elwood-Coleta.....	24,000	24,400
Wilbarger County.....	13,550	13,450	Huntington Beach.....	20,700	23,000
West Central Texas—			Inglewood.....	14,000	13,100
South Young County.....	5,300	5,350	Kettleman Hills.....	57,800	57,800
West Texas—			Long Beach.....	74,300	73,600
Crane & Upton Cos.....	18,300	18,200	Midway-Sunset.....	49,500	48,100
Ector County.....	6,300	6,300	Playa Del Rey.....	22,000	22,500
Howard County.....	26,100	26,100	Santa Fe Springs.....	60,600	60,000
Reagan County.....	28,000	25,400	Salt Beach.....	13,100	13,700
Winkler County.....	36,500	36,250	Ventura Avenue.....	40,500	39,400
Yates.....	65,100	65,000	Pennsylvania Grade—		
Bal. Pecos County.....	2,500	2,700	Allegheny.....	7,600	8,200
East Central Texas—			Bradford.....	28,800	31,150
Van Zandt County.....	49,200	49,800	Kane		

daily average of 298,000 barrels for the week ended Oct. 31. The Institute's statement shows:

**IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM AT PRINCIPAL UNITED STATES PORTS.**  
(Barrels of 42 gallons.)

	Month of		Week Ended	
	October.	September.	Nov. 7.	Oct. 31.
<b>At Atlantic Coast Ports—</b>				
Baltimore.....	1,665,000	812,000	165,000	423,000
Boston.....	449,000	218,000	---	200,000
New York.....	3,124,000	a3,159,000	928,000	857,000
Philadelphia.....	829,000	603,000	186,000	148,000
Others.....	1,260,000	689,000	258,000	343,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>7,327,000</b>	<b>a5,481,000</b>	<b>1,537,000</b>	<b>1,971,000</b>
Daily average.....	236,355	182,700	219,571	281,571
<b>At Gulf Coast Ports—</b>				
Galveston district.....	189,000	145,000	---	64,000
New Orleans and Baton Rouge.....	213,000	250,000	65,000	51,000
Port Arthur and Sabine district.....	65,000	---	---	---
Tampa.....	37,000	---	---	---
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>524,000</b>	<b>395,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>115,000</b>
Daily average.....	16,903	13,166	9,286	16,429
<b>At all United States Ports—</b>				
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>7,851,000</b>	<b>5,876,000</b>	<b>1,602,000</b>	<b>2,086,000</b>
Daily average.....	253,258	195,866	228,857	298,000

**DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL IMPORTS.**  
(Barrels of 42 gallons.)

	Month of		Week Ended	
	October.	September.	Nov. 7.	Oct. 31.
Crude.....	4,215,000	2,795,000	1,096,000	808,000
Gasoline.....	1,045,000	a1,012,000	91,000	271,000
Gas oil.....	63,000	24,000	---	---
Fuel oil.....	2,528,000	2,045,000	415,000	1,007,000
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>7,851,000</b>	<b>a5,876,000</b>	<b>1,602,000</b>	<b>2,086,000</b>

a Revised.

**Receipts of California Oil at Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports Higher in October.**

Receipts of California oil (crude and refined) at Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports for the month of October, totaled 1,616,000 barrels, a daily average of 52,129 barrels, compared with 1,195,000 barrels, a daily average of 39,833 barrels for the month of September, reports the American Petroleum Institute.

Receipts at Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports for the week ended Nov. 7, totaled 357,000 barrels, a daily average of 51,000 barrels, compared with 97,000 barrels, a daily average of 13,857 barrels for the week ended Oct. 31. The Institute's statement shows:

**CALIFORNIA OIL RECEIPTS AT ATLANTIC AND GULF COAST PORTS.**  
(Barrels of 42 gallons.)

	Month of		Week Ended	
	October.	September.	Nov. 7.	Oct. 31.
<b>At Atlantic Coast Ports—</b>				
Baltimore.....	73,000	128,000	---	---
Boston.....	35,000	110,000	---	---
New York.....	598,000	388,000	285,000	97,000
Philadelphia.....	518,000	141,000	---	---
Others.....	289,000	221,000	---	---
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,513,000</b>	<b>988,000</b>	<b>285,000</b>	<b>97,000</b>
Daily average.....	48,806	32,933	40,714	13,867
<b>At Gulf Coast Ports—</b>				
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>103,000</b>	<b>a207,000</b>	<b>72,000</b>	<b>---</b>
Daily average.....	3,323	6,900	10,286	---
<b>At Atlantic &amp; Gulf Coast Ports—</b>				
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,616,000</b>	<b>a1,195,000</b>	<b>357,000</b>	<b>97,000</b>
Daily average.....	52,129	39,833	51,000	13,857

a Revised.

**DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL CALIFORNIA OIL RECEIPTS.**  
(Barrels of 42 gallons.)

	Month of		Week Ended	
	October.	September.	Nov. 7.	Oct. 31.
<b>At Atlantic Coast Ports—</b>				
Gasoline.....	1,513,000	704,000	285,000	97,000
Gas oil.....	---	284,000	---	---
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,513,000</b>	<b>988,000</b>	<b>285,000</b>	<b>97,000</b>
<b>At Gulf Coast Ports—</b>				
Gasoline.....	103,000	a177,000	72,000	---
Kerosene.....	---	30,000	---	---
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>103,000</b>	<b>a207,000</b>	<b>72,000</b>	<b>---</b>

a Revised.

**Bulk Terminal Stocks of Gasoline Continue to Rise—Gasoline in Transit Falls Off.**

The American Petroleum Institute below presents the amount of gasoline held by refining companies in bulk terminals and in transit thereto, by Bureau of Mines refining districts, East of California. The Institute's statement follows:

It should be borne definitely in mind that comparable quantities of gasoline have always existed at similar locations as an integral part of the system of distribution necessary to deliver gasoline from the points of manufacture to the ultimate consumer. While it might appear to some that these quantities represent newly found stocks of this product, the industry itself and those closely connected with it have always generally known of their existence. The report for the week ended Aug. 22 1931 was the first time that definite statistics had ever been presented covering the amount of such stocks. The publication of this information is in line with the Institute's policy to collect and publish in the aggregate statistical information of interest and value to the petroleum industry.

For the purpose of these statistics, which will be issued each week, a bulk terminal is any installation, the primary function of which is to supply other smaller installations by tank cars, barges, pipe lines or the longer haul tank trucks. The smaller installations referred to, the stocks of which are not included, are those whose primary function is to supply the local retail trade.

Up to Aug. 22 1931 statistics covering stocks of gasoline east of California reflected stocks held at refineries only, while for the past several years California gasoline stocks figures have included, and will continue to include, the total inventory of finished gasoline and engine distillate held by reporting companies wherever located within continental United States, that is, at refineries, water terminals and all sales distributing stations, including amounts in transit thereto.

District.	Gasoline at "Bulk Terminals."			Gasoline "in Transi."		
	Figures End of Week.			Figures End of Week.		
	Nov. 7 1931.	Oct. 31 1931.	Nov. 8 1930.	Nov. 7 1931.	Oct. 31 1931.	Nov. 8 1930.
East Coast.....	7,568,000	7,577,000	7,519,000	1,311,000	1,893,000	2,079,000
Appalachian.....	283,000	270,000	306,000	10,000	15,000	19,000
Ind., Ill., Ky.....	2,713,000	2,689,000	2,190,000	51,000	87,000	33,000
Gks., Kan., Mo.....	426,000	410,000	---	---	---	---
Texas.....	203,000	188,000	170,000	43,000	---	---
Louisiana-Arkans.....	358,000	349,000	346,000	---	49,000	---
Rocky Mountain.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total east of Calif.....</b>	<b>11,551,000</b>	<b>11,483,000</b>	<b>10,531,000</b>	<b>1,415,000</b>	<b>2,044,000</b>	<b>2,131,000</b>
Texas Gulf.....	178,000	162,000	144,000	43,000	---	---
Louisiana Gulf.....	278,000	272,000	344,000	---	22,000	---

**Oil Stabilization Through Compact of States Urged—Three-Point Program Suggested by Secretary of Commerce Lamont in Address Before American Petroleum Institute—Federal-State Board Also Recommended.**

A three-point program for stabilization of the oil industry was proposed in Chicago on Nov. 11 by the Secretary of Commerce, Robert P. Lamont, in an address before the American Petroleum Institute. Mr. Lamont suggested co-ordination of State production by an inter-State compact, uniformly of conservation principles by a compact or otherwise, and equation of foreign and domestic production by a joint Federal-State board created by the compact. All these, he said, "can be accomplished just as quickly as necessity demands."

The seven major oil-producing States, said Mr. Lamont (we are quoting from the "United States Daily") bear a peculiar relationship to the Nation and they must prevent waste through their police power, which is not possessed by the Federal Government. There is a growing consciousness, he continued, that the oil States hold this power in trust for the Nation, because any one of four States can directly damage a nation-wide industry. The program suggested by Secretary Lamont, he said, is not so much an invention as a restatement of ideas that have been "soaking in" for five years. The address as given in the "United States Daily" follows:

During the past five years a new movement has taken form in the oil industry. It is not an exaggeration to say that its success or failure may determine whether the producing branch of the oil industry continues as an individual business, if the new movement succeeds, or comes ultimately under closer Federal regulation, if the present effort fails. That movement is the plan for co-operation between the producing States. It may be of service to show the background of that effort, to indicate how far it has gone, and to point out what we hope can be accomplished by it.

Before going back over the last five years, it is well to point out certain present-day conceptions of the relationship of the State and the National governments to the oil industry.

*National Interests.*

First, the national interest deserves emphasis. For instance, in the matter of national defense: Of 291 seagoing vessels in active service in the Navy, 281 are oil-burners.

The Army and Navy between them have about 2,800 planes in commission, all using petroleum products. About 80% of the horsepower of all prime movers of the country, fixed and automotive is generated by oil and its products. There are about 26,000,000 automobiles registered or in present use, representing an investment by our citizens of about \$18,000,000,000.

The 48 consuming States in 1930 collected more than \$494,000,000 in gasoline-sales taxes, quite aside from the crude oil production-taxes realized by the producing States. The consuming States collected almost exactly the same amount for each gallon of gasoline—a weighted average of about 3.77 cents—as the oil industry did for all its work from the well through the refinery, since the average refinery price of gasoline was about 3.5 cents.

The 300,000 oil wells which are responsible for the steam of our warships, the flight of our airplanes, the financing of our highways, and the turning of 80% of all our wheels, are most vital if the compact itself does not outline them. But the co-ordination of various State production programs is a more pressing matter than uniformity of State laws; the first objective of a compact should be to get the States to co-operating on a permanent basis. Uniform laws, when adopted, might reasonably go beyond the production stage and aim at correction of the demoralized marketing methods of the industry, but that is beyond the scope of the present discussion.

*Joint Body Suggested.*

Third, as recommended by Secretary Wilbur, a joint Federal and State fact-finding body for arriving at an equation of domestic and foreign production and imports should be created by the compact of the States and with the approval of Congress. This joint body might be authorized to negotiate with foreign producers and assist in negotiations with foreign

governments. Its State members might be also members of the interstate advisory board so that the agreements made could bring the States' police power directly into play for their enforcement.

Federal participation, in the long run, is essential for the protection of the consuming public.

This three-point program—co-ordination of State production by an interstate compact, uniformly of conservation principles by a compact or otherwise, and equation of foreign and domestic production by a joint Federal-State board created by the compact—can be accomplished just as quickly as necessity demands.

It is to be hoped that the beginning made by Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, which is a temporary compact enforced partly by martial law, will grow into something permanently effective, or else a continuation of such sprees as we have seen in East Texas very quickly will convert the indigestion of the oil industry into something like appendicitis.

#### Work Need Not Wait.

Meanwhile, there are certain things that can be done without waiting for legislation. I hope that Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas continue their joint curtailment program, and their public service commissions and the Oil States Advisory Committee continue to co-operate.

The Federal Oil Conservation Board will continue to supply such forecasts of supply and demand as may be helpful. The question of relief from excessive imports while we are correcting our domestic situation can be taken up by the official State commissions directly with each importing company. While a Federal statute prohibits agreements between individuals looking toward import restrictions, I know of nothing to prohibit a State from such discussions, conducted formally by its regulatory body for the purpose of acquiring information on which to base its own proration program.

Imports for the first nine months of 1931 were about 26% below the comparable 1930 figures; you are familiar with the efforts of the Federal Oil Conservation Board to that end. While further adjustment of imports may be desirable, it will not cure all of our difficulties, the greatest of which lie within our own borders and it should be kept in mind from the standpoint of national interest that we are exhausting our own reserves of this vital resource at a rate out of all proportion to the ratio between our own reserves and those of the rest of the world. As you all know, the United States, with less than 20% of the world's reserves is producing and consuming over 60% of current world production.

The oil industry has a great responsibility and a great opportunity. Its market reaches to every family and every industry in the country. It deals with a national resource in which every citizen has a vital interest. If conducted on the basis of a trusteeship of a basic commodity, avoiding unnecessary wastes in production and distribution, the industry should be able to furnish an adequate supply of oil and its derivatives of good and uniform quality at fair prices to the consumer, and to make a fair return on its invested capital.

These purposes can be accomplished within the framework of existing laws and with a minimum of Federal regulation, if the industry will wholeheartedly co-operate in making effective the measures already initiated and the proposals which have been outlined. I have every confidence that the industry has or will develop the capacity and leadership to recognize its great opportunity and to discharge its equally great responsibilities.

### Malayan Government Orders Further Curtailment of Tin Production and Purchases Excess Supply of Metal.

With the concurrence of the Malayan Government, the following communique was issued in London this week by the Chairman of the International Tin Committee and the Committee of Control of the International Tin Pool:

Owing to the fact that there are over 1,200 separate producers of tin in Malaya and that no organization for detailed control of production and export existed prior to the introduction of the international system of control, exports of tin concentrate from Malaya exceeded the authorized quota by approximately 4,700 tons, equivalent of metallic tin at the end of August 1931. In order to rectify the country's position the Government has restricted production and export of tin concentrates, effective from Sept. 1 to 40% of the assessed potential production. Production and export on this scale are 2,451 tons of metallic tin per quarter below the existing authorized quota. The excess will, therefore, be rapidly absorbed and approximately 1,200 tons were so absorbed during September.

Further, the Government has purchased 3,500 tons of tin, being the excess at the end of September and will release this tin month by month in such manner that total releases for any quarter will not exceed the amount of excess absorbed during the quarter by special reduction referred to above.

This holding of tin is additional to and entirely independent of holdings of the International Tin Pool and will be maintained at a tonnage equal, at the end of each quarter, to the then adjusted balance of excess over quota.

The International Tin Committee and Committee of Control of International Tin Pool have been informed of the decision, which they welcome.

### Production of Malleable Iron Castings in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District in September at Highest Point in Year—Report by University of Pennsylvania.

According to a report issued by the Industrial Research Department of the University of Pennsylvania, production during September of malleable iron castings in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District increased to the highest point reported since a year ago. Further reporting on foundry operations in the Philadelphia District the Research Department says:

The tonnage of gray iron and steel castings produced decreased, however, to new lows. In both cases the decreases were chiefly in castings for jobbing work. Shipments of iron and steel castings were also less than during the previous month and during the same month of last year in volume, value, and price per pound. Unfilled orders on hand at the end of September in both groups of foundries were larger than at the beginning of the month. In general, the stocks of raw materials on hand in the iron foundries were less than a month ago and a year ago, while among the steel foundries the tendency was towards increased stocks.

#### IRON FOUNDRIES.

No. of Firms Reporting.		September 1931.	Per Cent Change from August 1931.	Per Cent Change from September 1930.
31	Capacity, short tons.....	12,237	0.0	0.0
31	Production, short tons.....	2,511	+0.8	-41.2
30	Gray iron, short tons.....	2,052	-2.6	-45.6
	Jobbing, short tons.....	1,493	-7.6	-36.9
	For further manufacture, short tons.....	589	+13.0	-59.6
4	Malleable iron, short tons.....	429	+21.7	-3.6
30	Shipments, short tons.....	2,500	-0.7	-39.3
	Value.....	\$300,134	-5.4	-40.7
18	Unfilled orders, short tons.....	1,081	+12.8	-34.5
	Value.....	\$143,786	+20.4	-38.5
	Raw stock—			
27	Pig iron, short tons.....	2,775	-1.6	-37.1
26	Scrap, short tons.....	1,937	-0.8	-2.5
26	Coke, short tons.....	612	-21.6	-22.5

#### Gray Iron Foundries.

The tonnage of gray iron castings produced in 31 foundries in September was 2.6% less than in the previous month and 45.6% less than in the same month of last year. The decrease in activity from August was caused by a lessened output of castings for jobbing work of 7.6%. The volume of castings used in further manufacture within the plants increased 13.0% during the same period. The ratio of production to capacity was again approximately 20%.

Seasonal factors seem to account largely for the decrease in September; although during the corresponding period of 1930 production was practically the same as in August, there were decreases in September 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929 ranging from 1.8% to 7.3%. This comparison may minimize the importance of the decline in September; as an offset it should be noted that this is the third consecutive month in which production has decreased, and that since last October the production in every month except two (March and June) has been less than in the previous month.

The chart [this we omit.—Ed.] indicates that the total output of the Philadelphia foundries increased slightly in September while that of the foundries in the balance of the district (including an estimate of production in one foundry) decreased. Seven of the 13 foundries reporting increased activity are located outside of Philadelphia.

Shipments of iron castings during September were 0.7% less in tonnage and 5.4% less in value than in August. Compared with the same month of 1930, the decreases were approximately 40%. The average price per pound of shipments made in September was slightly less than a month ago and a year ago.

Unfilled orders on hand at the end of September increased 12.8% in tonnage and 20.4% in value over the amount reported last month. This is the first increase in unfilled orders since last March. Stocks of raw materials on hand were less than a month ago and a year ago.

#### Malleable Iron Foundries.

The output in September of malleable iron castings in four foundries was 21.7% more than during August. The chart comparing the activity of the local firms with that of the foundries reporting to the Department of Commerce shows that the production of the local firms in September was the greatest since a year ago. This is the third consecutive month in which the output has exceeded that of the previous month.

#### STEEL FOUNDRIES.

No. of Firms Reporting.		September 1931.	Per Cent Change from August 1931.	Per Cent Change from September 1930.
9	Capacity, short tons.....	9,690	0.0	0.0
9	Production, short tons.....	1,931	-6.3	-40.0
	Jobbing, short tons.....	1,522	-7.5	-41.5
	For further manufacture, short tons.....	409	-1.6	-33.3
9	Shipments, short tons.....	1,881	-1.7	-30.4
	Value.....	\$253,653	-13.8	-35.1
8	Unfilled orders, short tons.....	2,638	+66.5	-10.0
	Value.....	\$298,093	+59.6	-21.9
	Raw stock—			
7	Pig iron, short tons.....	312	+1.5	-29.0
7	Scrap, short tons.....	4,973	-2.6	+33.5
7	Coke, short tons.....	361	+3.3	+75.0

The production of steel castings in nine foundries during September was 6.3% less than last month and 40.0% less than in the same month of 1930. The decrease was chiefly in the tonnage of castings for jobbing work, which was 7.5% less than in August. Four foundries, however, reported increased production in September. The ratio of production to capacity was slightly less than 20%.

The chart comparing the output of the steel foundries in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District with that of the firms reporting to the Department of Commerce shows that the local foundries are operating at a slightly higher level of activity than the average of the country. The decrease in production in this district during September offset the increase reported last month so that a new low was made.

Shipments of steel castings decreased 1.7% during September, and their value decreased 13.8%. The average price per pound was less than a month ago and a year ago.

Unfilled orders on hand at the end of September were 66.5% more in tonnage and 59.6% more in value than at the beginning of the month.

Stocks of raw materials on hand were practically the same as last month. Compared with the end of September 1930, however, the tonnage of pig iron in stock decreased while the amount of scrap and coke on hand increased considerably.

### October Production and Shipments of Slab Zinc Slightly Higher than in Preceding Month, but Still Continues Below Corresponding Period Last Year.

According to the American Zinc Institute, Inc., a total of 21,674 short tons of slab zinc were produced during the month of October 1931, as compared with 40,922 tons in the same period last year and 21,356 tons in September 1931. Shipments amounted to 21,163 tons in October this year as against 20,902 tons in the previous month and 32,430 tons in October 1930. Stocks at the end of October 1931 were 130,666 short tons, as compared with 143,327 tons a year ago and 130,155 tons at Sept. 30 1931.



Production of slab zinc during the ten months ended Oct. 31 1931 amounted to 258,582 short tons, as against 439,633 tons in the same period last year, while shipments totaled 271,534 tons as compared with 371,736 tons during the first ten months of 1930. The Bureau's statement follows:

SLAB ZINC STATISTICS (ALL GRADES 1929, 1930 & 1931, (Tons of 2,000 lbs.)

Month.	Produced During Month.	Shipped During Month.	Stock at End of Month.	x Shipped for Export.	Retorts Operat'g End of Month.	Unfilled Orders End of Month.	Daily Aver. Prod.
January	50,862	50,234	47,058	1,551	63,698	58,726	1,641
February	48,057	52,395	42,720	1,014	68,127	59,610	1,716
March	55,107	58,463	39,364	1,025	68,015	79,959	1,778
April	55,203	58,334	36,233	1,227	70,455	55,571	1,840
May	57,475	58,226	35,482	690	70,533	42,883	1,854
June	52,532	49,182	38,832	235	69,703	36,127	1,751
July	54,447	47,943	45,336	185	69,911	32,031	1,756
August	55,708	51,980	49,064	135	59,408	24,283	1,797
September	51,994	47,202	53,856	123	69,468	20,270	1,733
October	54,513	48,777	59,502	67	67,636	14,844	1,758
November	48,411	43,148	64,855	39	58,723	11,872	1,614
December	47,292	36,717	75,430	11	57,999	18,585	1,526
<b>Total</b>	<b>631,601</b>	<b>602,601</b>		<b>6,352</b>			
<b>1930.</b>							
January	52,010	40,704	86,736	20	59,457	39,017	1,678
February	44,628	41,296	90,068	6	57,929	32,962	1,594
March	48,119	41,820	96,367	17	51,300	29,330	1,552
April	44,435	40,597	100,205	26	60,038	29,203	1,481
May	44,556	38,681	106,080	31	52,072	30,515	1,437
June	43,458	36,448	113,090	37	52,428	28,979	1,449
July	40,023	35,389	117,724	31	46,030	34,135	1,291
August	41,012	31,901	126,835	17	50,404	28,972	1,323
September	40,470	32,470	134,835	11	44,974	27,108	1,349
October	40,922	32,430	143,327	0	41,004	29,610	1,320
November	32,097	30,285	145,139	0	37,492	24,481	1,070
December	32,733	34,254	143,618	0	33,640	26,651	1,056
<b>Total</b>	<b>504,463</b>	<b>436,275</b>		<b>196</b>			
<b>1931.</b>							
January	32,522	31,064	145,076	1	35,635	30,251	1,049
February	29,562	30,249	144,389	0	35,518	33,453	1,056
March	30,328	35,224	141,493	0	34,221	31,216	1,043
April	29,137	27,418	143,212	0	29,072	30,150	971
May	25,688	25,851	143,049	20	23,024	31,146	829
June	23,483	27,604	138,928	0	21,422	33,086	785
July	21,365	28,460	131,833	20	21,666	24,815	689
August	21,467	23,599	129,701	0	21,705	20,503	692
September	21,356	20,902	130,155	0	22,817	15,388	712
October	21,674	21,163	130,666	0	23,774	18,365	699
<b>Total</b>	<b>258,582</b>	<b>271,534</b>		<b>41</b>			

x Export shipments are included in total shipments. y One company's retorts estimated.

Average Retorts Operating During the Last Nine Months.

	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July.	June.	May.	April.	March.	Feb.
1931	22,209	22,512	20,540	20,320	22,298	23,032	29,105	33,047	36,823
1930	43,745	47,415	48,575	44,646	52,440	52,004	50,261	54,809	58,403

Note.—The foregoing figures have been adjusted to include a number of corrections made by slab zinc producers in their reports as originally submitted to the Institute. The corrections were made to insure uniformity in the method of reporting and particularly to include in "Stock on Hand" all slab zinc at the reporting plants, regardless of whether sold or unsold.

**Shipments of Portland Cement Continue to Exceed Production—Inventories Again Decline.**

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the Portland cement industry in October 1931 produced 10,762,000 barrels, shipped 12,360,000 barrels from the mills and had in stock at the end of the month 21,138,000 barrels. Production of Portland cement in October 1931 showed a decrease of 25.3% and shipments a decrease of 20.8% as compared with October 1930. Portland cement stocks at the mills were 2.1% higher than a year ago.

The statistics here presented are compiled from reports for October, received by the Bureau of Mines, from all manufacturing plants except three, for which estimates have been included in lieu of actual returns.

In the following statement of relation of production to capacity the total output of finished cement is compared with the estimated capacity of 165 plants both at the close of October, 1931, and of October, 1930. The estimates include increased capacity due to extensions and improvements during the period.

RELATION OF PRODUCTION TO CAPACITY.

	Oct. 1930.	Oct. 1931.	Sept. 1931.	Aug. 1931.	July 1931
The month	65.4%	47.4%	55.3%	60.2%	62.0%
The 12 months ended	64.2%	48.6%	50.2%	52.0%	53.8%

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY DISTRICTS, IN OCTOBER 1930 AND 1931. (IN THOUSANDS OF BARRELS.)

District.	Production.		Shipments.		Stocks at End of Month.	
	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.
Eastern Pa., N. J., & Md.	2,793	2,369	3,535	3,123	4,255	4,668
New York and Maine	1,220	1,110	1,201	1,231	1,088	1,159
Ohio, Western Pa. and W. Va.	1,655	904	1,704	1,139	3,030	3,109
Michigan	1,130	602	1,093	616	2,317	1,893
Wis., Ill., Ind. and Ky.	1,938	1,337	2,115	1,662	2,546	2,324
Va., Tenn., Ala., Ga., Fla. & S. C.	1,132	1,009	1,248	1,050	1,697	1,684
Eastern Mo., Ia., Minn. & S. Dak.	1,591	957	1,618	995	1,542	2,341
W. Mo., Neb., Kan., Okla. & Ark.	957	795	957	881	1,652	1,219
Texas	484	601	469	583	721	558
Colo., Mont., Utah, Wyo. & Idaho	134	117	227	185	414	474
California	953	695	1,006	662	963	1,085
Oregon and Washington	423	245	436	233	472	624
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,410</b>	<b>10,762</b>	<b>15,599</b>	<b>12,360</b>	<b>20,697</b>	<b>21,138</b>

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS, AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY MONTHS, IN 1930 AND 1931. (IN THOUSANDS OF BARRELS.)

Month.	Production.		Shipments.		Stocks at End of Month.	
	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.
January	8,498	6,595	4,955	4,692	27,081	27,759
February	8,162	5,920	7,012	5,074	28,249	28,612
March	11,225	8,245	8,826	7,192	30,648	29,676
April	13,521	11,245	13,340	11,184	30,867	29,715
May	17,249	14,010	17,234	14,200	30,891	29,554
June	17,239	14,118	15,781	16,077	29,364	27,602
July	17,078	13,899	20,153	15,545	26,289	25,934
August	17,821	13,549	20,299	15,172	23,824	24,313
September	16,124	12,092	18,083	13,671	21,889	22,738
October	14,410	10,762	15,599	12,360	20,697	21,138
November	11,098	8,480	8,784	-----	23,056	-----
December	8,480	-----	5,688	-----	25,838	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,905</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>158,744</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>-----</b>

a Revised.

**Advance in the Price of Lead.**

The "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 10 reported that the American Smelting & Refining Co. has advanced the price of lead 10 points to 4.05 cents a pound, New York.

**Plan for "Rationing" of Steel Placed Before President Hoover.**

A plan for "rationing" the business of the structural steel industry, to offset some disadvantages of unrestrained competition was placed before President Hoover on Nov. 12 by W. M. Wood, a director of the American Institute of Steel Construction. The Associated Press accounts from Washington on that date said:

His organization proposes a statistical organization to measure the capacities of firms engaged in the structural steel business.

"Each month a report on tonnage contracted will be issued," he said on leaving the White House. "Every plant taking its normal share of business for the month will pay normal dues to the American Institute of Steel Construction of perhaps \$0.25 per ton sold."

"If any plant takes more than its rated share of the existing business, it will pay increased dues amounting to something like \$1 for every 5% increase in business taken over its normal ratio."

Wood contended that no plant would be restrained in its prices nor be restrained from selling outside its normal territory and that absolute freedom in bidding for business would be allowed.

Proceedings from the proposal will go to technical research and promotional work.

Wood, who is President of the Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Co., at Decatur, Ill., said he planned to lay the proposal also before the Department of Justice.

**Inland Steel Co. Recalls 400 Workers.**

Associated Press accounts from Milwaukee report that because of increased orders 400 workers were recalled on Nov. 10 by the Inland Steel Co. plant, E. G. Jones, superintendent, announced.

**Unfilled Steel Orders Off 25,401 Tons.**

The United States Steel Corp., in its latest monthly report of the unfilled orders on the books of its subsidiaries, shows a backlog of only 3,119,432 tons at Oct. 31 1931, the lowest since June 30 1927 when the amount was 3,053,246. At Sept. 30 1931 the unfilled tonnage was 3,144,833 tons and at Oct. 31 1930, 3,481,763 tons. We list below the monthly figures back to January 1926. For earlier figures refer to "Chronicle" of April 17 1926, page 2126.

UNFILLED ORDERS OF SUBSIDIARIES OF U. S. STEEL CORPORATION.

End of Month.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
January	4,132,351	4,468,710	4,109,487	4,275,947	3,800,177	4,882,739
February	3,965,194	4,479,748	4,144,341	4,398,189	3,597,119	4,616,822
March	3,995,330	4,570,653	4,410,718	4,335,206	3,553,140	4,379,935
April	3,897,729	4,354,220	4,427,763	3,872,133	3,456,132	3,867,976
May	3,204,452	4,059,227	4,304,167	3,416,822	3,050,941	3,649,250
June	3,479,323	3,968,064	4,256,910	3,637,009	3,053,246	3,478,642
July	3,404,816	4,022,055	4,088,177	3,570,927	3,142,104	3,602,522
August	3,169,457	3,580,204	3,658,211	3,244,043	3,19,037	3,542,335
September	3,144,833	3,424,338	3,902,581	3,698,368	3,148,113	3,593,509
October	3,119,432	3,481,763	4,086,562	3,751,030	3,341,040	3,683,661
November	-----	3,639,636	4,125,345	3,643,000	3,454,444	3,807,447
December	-----	3,943,596	4,417,193	3,976,712	3,972,874	3,960,969

**Steel Ingot Production—Average Daily Output Lower than in September.**

The American Iron & Steel Institute in its monthly statement of steel ingot production calculates the output of all companies during October at 1,592,376 tons, which is an increase of 44,774 tons over September when 1,547,602 tons were produced. October however contained 27 working days or one more working day than September and so the average daily output was only 58,977 tons in October in comparison with 59,523 tons in September. The output per day in October is the lowest since September 1921 when the daily turnout was only 51,619 tons. In October 1930, which also contained 27 working days there were produced 2,692,539 tons or approximately 99,724 tons daily. Below we show the monthly statement issued by the Institute, covering the period since January 1930.

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

Report by companies which made 95.21% of the Open-hearth and Bessemer Steel Ingot Production in 1930.

Months.	Open-Hearth.	Bessemer.	Monthly Output Companies Reporting.	Calculated Monthly Output All Companies.	No. of Working Days.	Approx. Daily Output All Cos.	Per Cent. Operation.
<b>1930.</b>							
January	3,157,761	441,572	3,599,333	3,778,235	27	139,935	69.89
February	3,335,425	508,618	3,844,046	4,035,111	24	168,130	83.98
March	3,513,269	539,616	4,052,885	4,254,331	26	163,628	81.73
April	3,405,671	509,234	3,914,905	4,109,892	26	158,057	78.95
May	3,265,353	528,968	3,794,321	3,982,915	27	147,515	73.68
June	2,849,079	407,886	3,256,965	3,418,535	25	136,741	68.30
July	2,541,367	374,467	2,915,834	3,060,763	26	117,722	58.80
August	2,275,910	429,775	2,705,685	2,840,379	26	109,245	54.56
Sept.	2,165,341	399,704	2,565,045	2,692,539	27	99,724	49.81
Oct.							
<b>10 mos.</b>	<b>28,939,307</b>	<b>4,493,463</b>	<b>33,432,770</b>	<b>35,094,520</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>134,979</b>	<b>67.42</b>
Nov.	1,807,133	300,337	2,107,470	2,212,220	25	88,489	44.20
Dec.	1,659,026	226,788	1,885,814	1,979,547	26	76,136	38.03
<b>Total 1931.</b>	<b>32,405,466</b>	<b>5,020,588</b>	<b>37,426,054</b>	<b>39,286,287</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>126,322</b>	<b>63.09</b>
Jan.	2,044,298	296,620	2,340,918	2,458,689	27	91,063	42.86
Feb.	2,085,529	296,974	2,382,503	2,502,366	24	104,265	49.08
March	2,504,060	348,137	2,852,197	2,993,590	26	115,138	54.20
April	2,275,404	316,668	2,592,072	2,722,479	26	104,711	49.29
May	2,083,833	301,639	2,385,472	2,505,485	26	96,365	45.38
June	1,730,109	246,365	1,976,474	2,075,910	26	79,843	37.58
July	1,570,776	225,030	1,795,806	1,886,153	26	72,544	34.15
August	1,462,720	174,380	1,637,100	1,719,462	26	66,133	31.13
Sept.	1,274,321	199,151	1,473,472	1,547,602	26	59,528	28.02
Oct.	1,320,158	195,943	1,516,101	1,592,376	27	58,977	27.76
<b>10 mos.</b>	<b>18,351,208</b>	<b>2,598,907</b>	<b>20,950,115</b>	<b>22,004,112</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>84,631</b>	<b>39.84</b>

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 66,069,670 gross tons for Bessemer and open-hearth steel ingots.

**Steel Output Again Increases Slightly—Price of Pig Iron Declines to New Low Level—Steel Scrap Higher.**

For the third consecutive week, steel ingot production has gained slightly, being estimated at 31% against 30% last week and 29% the week before that, reports the "Iron Age" of Nov. 12. Against an average output of 27.76% in October, this is the most consistent increase in steel activity since last spring. While its importance could easily be exaggerated in view of the sluggishness of some branches of the industry, there is hope of further slight betterment during the remainder of the year, particularly in automobile tonnage, to be followed, perhaps, by a sharper upturn in the first quarter of 1932, adds the "Age" which further states:

Steel-making rates have not changed materially except at Wheeling and in the Valleys, but orders for some lines of finished steel, sheets especially, are more numerous and inquiries have shown an even more noteworthy expansion, undoubtedly indicating greater requirements, as manufacturers would be slow to increase stocks with the inventory season approaching and with no price advances in immediate prospect.

Some improvement in business has come from farm implement manufacturers, warehouse, distributors, the oil country and agricultural communities. The rise in prices of staple commodities has had a wholesome psychological effect, but industry is inclined to view the rapidity of the advance as somewhat speculative and has not lost its sense of caution.

Although automobile orders for steel are improving, much of the steel that will be needed for production of new models is still to be specified. The Ford Motor Co. has been particularly slow in releasing tonnage, which points to the possibility of a delay in its new manufacturing program.

Expectations for the remainder of the year have been modified somewhat by the probability that the bulk of rail orders, usually placed at this time, will go over until January. Ordinarily the mills have this tonnage in hand for rolling in the early winter months. Some car repair work is being done. The Norfolk & Western is to rebuild 500 steel coal cars, and the Western Fruit Express is inquiring for 300 steel underframes for cars. The Delaware Lackawanna & Western will buy 12 freight locomotives.

The steel mills are not receiving much fresh support from building construction, notwithstanding that a reliable estimate places the amount of pending work at 650,000 tons. A conspicuous feature of current activity in this field is the very small number of private undertakings, public projects predominating. Lettings in the week were only 17,000 tons, but new inquiries total 32,000 tons, including 20,000 tons for Federal buildings in Cleveland and Pittsburgh. A San Francisco pipe line has taken 7,000 tons of plates.

Although the steel industry looks to the farm sections for some business gains, provided the improvement in grain prices is maintained, the situation is complicated by poor collections and the difficulty of obtaining bank credits. Wire mills in the Chicago district have stepped up operations, largely because of increased orders from rural districts. Inquiry for tanks for Texas and Oklahoma fields is directly attributed to the rise in crude oil prices.

Steel ingots made in October, as reported by the American Iron and Steel Institute, totaled 1,592,376 tons, or 58,977 tons a day for 27 days. Based on the daily rate, this was a decline of about 1% from September, but the month's total, owing to the extra working day, gained about 3%. The 10 months' output was 22,004,112 tons, or a loss of 37.3% from the 35,094,520 tons produced in the corresponding period of 1930.

Unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel Corp., as of Oct. 31, declined 25,401 tons, whereas the average change in October in the decade from 1921 to 1930 was an increase of 59,000 tons. Unshipped orders of the leading producer at the end of last month were 3,119,432 tons.

A reduction in short-haul freight rates on steel in central and trunk line territories went into effect Nov. 10.

Pig iron business continues to expand at Chicago, where 15,000 to 20,000 tons of inquiry is pending, but elsewhere there is no noteworthy change. Prices are weak in some districts. Steel scrap, however, has shown an indication of renewed strength at Pittsburgh. The "Iron Age" composite price for pig iron has declined to \$14.96 from \$15 last week.

but steel scrap is slightly higher at \$8.75 compared with \$8.71 last week. Finished steel is unchanged at 2.116c. a lb. A comparative table follows:

**Finished Steel.**

Nov. 10 1931, 2.116c. a lb.	Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and sheets. These products make 87% of the United States output.
One week ago.....2.116c.	
One month ago.....2.116c.	
One year ago.....2.135c.	

	High.	Low.
1931.....	2.142c. Jan. 13	2.102c. June 2
1930.....	2.362c. Jan. 7	2.121c. Dec. 5
1929.....	2.412c. Apr. 2	2.362c. Oct. 25
1928.....	2.391c. Dec. 11	2.314c. Jan. 3
1927.....	2.453c. Jan. 4	2.293c. Oct. 25
1926.....	2.453c. Jan. 5	2.403c. May 18
1925.....	2.560c. Jan. 6	2.396c. Aug. 18

**Pig Iron.**

Nov. 10 1931, \$14.96 a Gross Ton.	Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.
One week ago.....\$15.00	
One month ago.....15.34	
One year ago.....16.29	

	High.	Low.
1931.....	\$15.90 Jan. 6	\$14.96 Nov. 10
1930.....	18.21 Jan. 7	15.90 Dec. 16
1929.....	18.71 May 14	18.21 Dec. 17
1928.....	18.59 Nov. 27	17.04 July 24
1927.....	19.71 Jan. 4	17.54 Nov. 1
1926.....	21.54 Jan. 5	19.46 July 13
1925.....	22.50 Jan. 13	18.96 July 7

**Steel Scrap.**

Nov. 10 1931, \$8.75 a Gross Ton.	Based on heavy melting steel quotations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.
One week ago.....\$8.71	
One month ago.....8.83	
One year ago.....11.58	

	High.	Low.
1931.....	\$11.33 Jan. 6	\$8.71 Oct. 27
1930.....	15.00 Feb. 18	11.25 Dec. 9
1929.....	17.58 Jan. 29	14.08 Dec. 3
1928.....	16.50 Dec. 31	13.08 July 2
1927.....	15.25 Jan. 11	13.08 Nov. 22
1926.....	17.25 Jan. 5	14.00 June 1
1925.....	20.83 Jan. 13	15.08 May 5

"Steel," of Cleveland, Nov. 9, in its summary of the iron and steel markets, says:

Steel continues to broaden the base of its market structure. Bookings are appreciably heavier; sentiment has been further lifted by improvement in agriculture and oil, industries which greatly influence the consumption of steel; production rose over 2 points last week to 30-31%, highest rate since Sept. 24, and will hold that gain this week.

Chary of attempting to call the turn, steel producers nevertheless are increasingly confident that October represented the low point of the depression. November appears to be registering a modest advance, and while December doubtless will develop a seasonal letdown, the industry looks to January to close the gap and carry on.

No small degree of confidence flows from the fact that actual improvement in bookings and output this month—while small—has developed without tangible support from the automobile industry, despite a slight easing in structural steel awards, with improved demand from expanding farm and all country purchasing power assured but not yet realized. And the bulk of recent track material placements has been for first quarter rolling.

It is assumed, therefore, that the stimulus has been provided by scattered, small demand resulting in some measure from recent starved buying policies. Late this month producers apparently can count on substantial releases for 1932 automobile models. Structural inquiry, brisker the past week, promises at least sustained requirements. Producers, accordingly, are confident that late November will at least consolidate the betterment thus far.

Steel producers at Chicago, first to benefit from expanded farm purchasing power, estimate that the rise in grain prices thus far has put up purchasing power 10%, \$1 wheat will increase it 40%. While a freer spending attitude may be engendered by the rising market, the steel industry does not look for an actual reflex, to be noted first by wire mills, before early January.

Fresh structural inquiry is more impressive than actual awards—23,971 tons, compared with 23,022 tons in the preceding week. Prospective business includes 14,000 tons for the Tri-boro bridge, New York; 15,000 tons for Pittsburgh postoffice; 8,000 tons for Illinois bridges; 5,000 tons each of shapes and bars for Mississippi River locks and dams. Northern Pacific is to build 150 hoppers; Lackawanna to buy 12 locomotives; Norfolk & Western to repair 500 freight cars, and build 10 tenders.

Last week steel production at Pittsburgh rose 2 points to 30%; at Youngstown and Chicago 1 point to 31% and 26%, respectively; at Cleveland 6 points to 35%, with Buffalo, Birmingham and Eastern Pennsylvania stationary at 37, 30 and 29%, respectively. This week Youngstown is scheduled for a half point rise and Cleveland 3 points, probably neutralizing an easier situation at Chicago and Buffalo, with other districts unchanged.

Indicating that the downward momentum in pig iron production has practically spent itself, the reduction in the daily rate from September to October was only 3%, half the decline from August to September. Actual daily output was 37,831 gross tons, down 1,116 tons from September, lowest since September 1921. Steel ingot production declined likewise in October, to 58,977 tons daily, but like pig iron this was the smallest monthly slip during the depression. October was a 27.76% steel month; September, 28.02%.

Pig iron, for which demand is increasing moderately, is characterized by further price reduction in Eastern Pennsylvania, thus reducing "Steel's" iron and steel composite 1c. to \$30.63. Steelworks scrap composite remains \$8.25. Stripmakers are endeavoring to stiffen their prices. Finished steel composite holds at \$48.22.

Steel ingot production for the week ended last Monday (Nov. 9) was at a good fraction over 31%, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 10, which adds:

This compares with a shade above 30% in the previous week and around 28% two weeks ago. U. S. Steel is estimated at 34½%, against a little under 32¼% a week earlier and below 31% two weeks ago. Independents were at fractionally over 29%, contrasted with 29% last week and 27% two weeks ago.

At this time last year the average was above 43%, a drop of 4% for the week, with U. S. Steel at better than 47%, a decrease of 4¼%, and independents around 41%, off 3%. In the corresponding week of 1929 the average was down 4% to a little over 73%. U. S. Steel showed a drop of 5% to 75%, and independents were off 3% to 72%. For the like week of 1928 the average dropped about 4% to 82¼%, U. S. Steel showing a loss of 5% to 80%, while independents were off 3½% to 84%.

**Active Week in Metals Trading—Copper Sales High—Good Demand for Lead, Tin and Zinc.**

Growing belief that industry has turned the corner toward better times and current excessively low prices were factors which brought about an active copper market in the week just closing, "Metal and Mineral Markets" reports. Optimism as to the outcome of the curtailment conferences among the producers contributed to the general activity, which was noted both in the United States and abroad. It is added:

Close to 9,000 tons of copper were reported sold for the week, largely by the custom smelters in the open market at 7c. delivered in the East, and 7½c. delivered in the Middle West. The large producing groups continue out of the market at 7¼c. for Eastern deliveries. The export price continues at 7½c., c.i.f. Demand has been pretty well distributed among all classes of consumers and they have had no difficulty in getting what they wanted.

Lead, along with most other commodities, sold in good volume through the week and the price was raised on two occasions. Sales for the week exceeded 6,500 tons, a total well above the average. In zinc, consuming demand was active and in only one week during the past year have sales exceeded the total for the week just ending. Demand for tin was fairly active, with buying well distributed as to volume over the next five months. The spectacular advance in silver was partly responsible for this buying interest.

**October Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Production Shows Seasonal Gain, but Continues Below Output for Corresponding Period Last Year.**

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, preliminary estimates show that a total of 35,740,000 net tons of bituminous coal and 6,520,000 tons of anthracite were produced during the month of October 1931 as against 31,919,000 and 4,358,000 tons, respectively, during the previous month and 44,150,000 and 7,443,000 tons, respectively, during the corresponding month last year.

The average daily rate of production of bituminous coal during October 1931 amounted to 1,324,000 net tons as compared with 1,262,000 tons in September 1931 and 1,635,000 tons in October last year. The Bureau's statement follows:

	Total for Month (Net Tons).	No. of Working Days.	Average per Working Day (Net Tons).	Cal. Year to End of Oct. (Net Tons).
October 1931 (preliminary)				
Bituminous coal.....	35,740,000	27	1,324,000	317,780,000
Anthracite.....	6,520,000	26	250,800	50,688,000
Beehive coke.....	104,900	27	3,885	1,093,100
September 1931 (revised)				
Bituminous coal.....	31,919,000	25.3	1,262,000	-----
Anthracite.....	4,358,000	25	174,300	-----
Beehive coke.....	77,800	26	2,992	-----
October 1930				
Bituminous coal.....	44,150,000	27	1,635,000	383,792,000
Anthracite.....	7,443,000	26	286,300	57,473,000
Beehive coke.....	176,600	27	6,541	2,440,100

a Slight revisions of these estimates will be issued in the weekly coal report about the middle of the month. b Final figures.

**Bituminous Coal and Pennsylvania Anthracite Again Falls Off.**

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, production during the week ended Oct. 31 1931 totaled 8,022,000 net tons of bituminous coal, 1,272,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite, and 25,200 tons of beehive coke. This compares with 10,145,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,404,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite, and 41,700 tons of beehive coke produced during the corresponding period last year and 8,144,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,706,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite, and 23,500 tons of beehive coke during the week ended Oct. 24 1931.

During the calendar year to Oct. 31 1931 bituminous coal output amounted to 317,746,000 net tons as against 382,992,000 tons in the calendar year to Nov. 1 1930. The Bureau's statement follows:

**BITUMINOUS COAL.**  
The total production of soft coal during the week ended Oct. 31 1931, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 8,022,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 122,000 tons, or 1.5%. Production during the week in 1930 corresponding with that of October 31 amounted to 10,145,000 tons.

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

Week Ended—	1931		1930	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.
Oct. 17.....	8,148,000	301,580,000	9,230,000	362,394,000
Daily average.....	1,358,000	1,227,000	1,538,000	1,474,000
Oct. 24.....	8,144,000	309,724,000	10,453,000	372,847,000
Daily average.....	1,357,000	1,231,000	1,742,000	1,481,000
Oct. 31.....	8,022,000	317,746,000	10,145,000	382,992,000
Daily average.....	1,337,000	1,233,000	1,691,000	1,486,000

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

The total production of soft coal during the present calendar year to Oct. 31 (approximately 258 working days) amounts to 317,746,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent calendar years are given below:

1930.....	382,992,000 net tons	1928.....	409,406,000 net tons
1929.....	440,717,000 net tons	1927.....	434,378,000 net tons

As already indicated by the revised figures above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Oct. 24 amounted to 8,144,000 net tons—approximately the same figure as for the preceding week. The following table apportions the tonnage by States and gives comparable figures for other recent years:

Estimated Weekly Production of Coal by States (Net Tons).

State—	1931				Oct. 1929	Average.
	Oct. 24 '31.	Oct. 17 '31.	Oct. 25 '30.	Oct. 26 '29.		
Alabama.....	215,000	198,000	297,000	371,000	398,000	28,000
Arkansas.....	56,000	58,000	61,000	44,000	28,000	217,000
Colorado.....	136,000	144,000	224,000	216,000	1,558,000	520,000
Illinois.....	916,000	960,000	1,464,000	1,297,000	1,558,000	116,000
Indiana.....	273,000	257,000	367,000	354,000	91,000	70,000
Iowa.....	64,000	67,000	96,000	92,000	116,000	238,000
Kansas.....	52,000	53,000	86,000	59,000	82,000	35,000
Kentucky—Eastern.....	699,000	707,000	74,000	71,000	91,000	28,000
Western.....	190,000	188,000	224,000	311,000	70,000	82,000
Maryland.....	45,000	31,000	57,000	15,000	28,000	28,000
Michigan.....	11,000	10,000	19,000	15,000	28,000	70,000
Missouri.....	69,000	74,000	77,000	86,000	82,000	58,000
Montana.....	45,000	53,000	90,000	75,000	82,000	36,000
New Mexico.....	33,000	30,000	40,000	62,000	58,000	317,000
North Dakota.....	34,000	43,000	73,000	44,000	36,000	60,000
Ohio.....	490,000	476,000	574,000	582,000	817,000	3,149,000
Oklahoma.....	48,000	58,000	94,000	88,000	60,000	118,000
Pennsylvania (bitum.).....	1,914,000	1,901,000	2,578,000	3,021,000	3,149,000	118,000
Tennessee.....	86,000	82,000	111,000	114,000	118,000	26,000
Texas.....	17,000	18,000	17,000	24,000	26,000	121,000
Utah.....	67,000	82,000	118,000	109,000	121,000	231,000
Virginia.....	217,000	207,000	230,000	269,000	68,000	1,488,000
Washington.....	35,000	40,000	60,000	44,000	68,000	805,000
West Virginia—South'n.....	1,774,000	1,773,000	1,886,000	2,260,000	1,488,000	805,000
Northern.....	542,000	536,000	559,000	846,000	184,000	4,000
Wyoming.....	115,000	121,000	146,000	169,000	184,000	4,000
Other States.....	1,000	1,000	2,000	6,000	4,000	-----

Total bituminous coal.. 8,144,000 8,148,000 10,453,000 11,625,000 11,310,000  
Pennsylvania anthracite.. 1,706,000 1,584,000 1,856,000 1,822,000 1,968,000

Total all coal..... 9,850,000 9,732,000 12,309,000 13,447,000 13,278,000  
a Average weekly rate for the entire month. b Includes operations on the N. & W.; C. & O.; K. & M.; and Virginian. c Rest of State, including Panhandle.

**PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.**

The total production of anthracite in the State of Pennsylvania during the week ended Oct. 31 is estimated at 1,272,000 net tons. The decrease—434,000 tons—was due in part to the holiday observance of "Mitchell Day," Oct. 29. The average daily rate of output for the five active days, however, was lower by 10.5% than in the preceding week. Production during the week in 1930 corresponding with that of Oct. 31 amounted to 1,404,000 tons.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1931		1930	
	Week.	Daily Aver.	Week.	Daily Aver.
Oct. 17.....	1,584,000	264,000	1,296,000	216,000
Oct. 24.....	1,706,000	284,300	1,856,000	309,300
Oct. 31.....	1,272,000	254,400	1,404,000	280,800

a Subject to revision. **BEEHIVE COKE.**  
The total production of beehive coke for the country during the week ended Oct. 31 is estimated at 25,200 net tons. This is in comparison with 23,500 in the preceding week and 1,092,800 tons produced during the week in 1930 corresponding with that of Oct. 31. Cumulative production since Jan. 1 1931 amounts to 1,092,800 net tons. Compared with 2,448,500 tons produced during the corresponding period of 1930, there is a decrease, in the current year, of 1,355,700 tons, or 55.4%.

Estimated Weekly Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Region—	1931			1930	
	Oct. 31 1931.	Oct. 24 1931.	Nov. 1 1930.	to Date.	to Date.
Pennsylvania.....	20,600	20,700	30,900	861,000	1,773,000
West Virginia.....	2,100	1,300	5,200	96,100	381,400
Tennessee and Virginia.....	1,500	1,300	3,700	92,700	203,100
Colorado, Utah and Washington.....	1,000	200	1,900	43,000	91,000

United States total..... 25,200 23,500 41,700 1,092,800 2,448,500  
Daily average..... 4,200 3,917 6,950 4,203 9,417  
a Minus one day's production first week in January to equalize number of days in the two years. b Subject to revision.

**Current Events and Discussions**

**The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.**

The daily average volume of Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding during the week ended Nov. 11, as reported by the Federal Reserve Banks, was \$2,095,000,000, a decrease of \$79,000,000 compared with the preceding week and an increase of \$1,062,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1930. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On Nov. 11 total Reserve bank credit amounted to \$2,064,000,000, a decrease of \$45,000,000 for the week. This decrease corresponds with decreases of \$26,000,000 in money in circulation and \$23,000,000 in member bank reserve balances and an increase of \$35,000,000 in monetary gold

stock, offset in part by an increase of \$18,000,000 in unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c., and a decrease of \$21,000,000 in Treasury currency, adjusted.

Holdings of discounted bills increased \$5,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and declined \$10,000,000 at San Francisco, \$8,000,000 at New York, \$7,000,000 at Chicago and \$21,000,000 at all Federal Reserve Banks. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$45,000,000, while holdings of United States securities were practically unchanged.

Beginning with the statement of May 28 1930 the text accompanying the weekly condition statement of the Federal Reserve Banks was changed to show the amount of Reserve bank credit outstanding and certain other items not included

in the condition statement, such as monetary gold stock and money in circulation. The Federal Reserve Board's explanation of the changes, together with the definition of the different items, was published in the May 31 1930 issue of the "Chronicle," on page 3797.

The statement in full for the week ended Nov. 11, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 3215 and 3216.

Changes in the amount of Reserve bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ended Nov. 11 1931 were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since		
	Nov. 11 1931.	Nov. 4 1931.	Nov. 12 1930.
Bills discounted	684,000,000	-21,000,000	+492,000,000
Bills bought	597,000,000	-45,000,000	+390,000,000
United States securities	727,000,000	-1,000,000	+126,000,000
Other Reserve bank credit	56,000,000	+22,000,000	+22,000,000
<b>TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT</b>	<b>2,064,000,000</b>	<b>-45,000,000</b>	<b>+1,030,000,000</b>
Monetary gold stock	4,346,000,000	+35,000,000	-203,000,000
Treasury currency adjusted	1,746,000,000	-21,000,000	-52,000,000
<b>Money in circulation</b>	<b>5,517,000,000</b>	<b>-26,000,000</b>	<b>+1,040,000,000</b>
Member bank reserve balances	2,099,000,000	-23,000,000	-391,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.	540,000,000	+18,000,000	+125,000,000

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

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

Below is the statement for the New York member banks and that for the Chicago member banks for the current week as thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks. The grand aggregate of brokers' loans the present week records a decrease of \$18,000,000, the amount of these loans on Nov. 11 1931 standing at \$831,000,000. The present week's decrease of \$18,000,000 follows a decrease of \$20,000,000 last week and a decrease of \$494,000,000 in the eight preceding weeks. Loans "for own account" fell during the week from \$583,000,000 to \$553,000,000, while loans "for account of out-of-town banks" increased from \$97,000,000 to \$116,000,000, and loans "for account of others" decreased from \$169,000,000 to \$162,000,000. The present week's total of \$831,000,000 is the lowest since Nov. 9 1921, when the amount was \$821,887,000.

**CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.**

	New York.		
	Nov. 11 1931.	Nov. 4 1931.	Nov. 12 1930.
Loans and investments—total	7,240,000,000	7,310,000,000	8,363,000,000
Loans—total	4,474,000,000	4,547,000,000	6,022,000,000
On securities	2,270,000,000	2,287,000,000	3,377,000,000
All other	2,204,000,000	2,260,000,000	2,644,000,000
Investments—total	2,766,000,000	2,763,000,000	2,341,000,000
U. S. Government securities	1,732,000,000	1,724,000,000	1,151,000,000
Other securities	1,034,000,000	1,039,000,000	1,191,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	723,000,000	724,000,000	867,000,000
Cash in vault	53,000,000	61,000,000	50,000,000
Net demand deposits	5,353,000,000	5,413,000,000	5,924,000,000
Time deposits	902,000,000	905,000,000	1,487,000,000
Government deposits	27,000,000	40,000,000	12,000,000
Due from banks	68,000,000	74,000,000	97,000,000
Due to banks	967,000,000	983,000,000	1,183,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	16,000,000	17,000,000	-----
<b>Loans on secur. to brokers &amp; dealers</b>	<b>553,000,000</b>	<b>583,000,000</b>	<b>1,335,000,000</b>
For own account	116,000,000	97,000,000	451,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks	162,000,000	169,000,000	449,000,000
For account of others	275,000,000	317,000,000	435,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>831,000,000</b>	<b>849,000,000</b>	<b>2,235,000,000</b>
On demand	594,000,000	594,000,000	1,643,000,000
On time	237,000,000	255,000,000	592,000,000
<b>Chicago.</b>	<b>1,661,000,000</b>	<b>1,670,000,000</b>	<b>2,043,000,000</b>
Loans and investments—total	1,661,000,000	1,670,000,000	2,043,000,000
Loans—total	1,160,000,000	1,157,000,000	1,528,000,000
On securities	676,000,000	672,000,000	896,000,000
All other	484,000,000	485,000,000	632,000,000
Investments—total	501,000,000	513,000,000	516,000,000
U. S. Government securities	283,000,000	294,000,000	224,000,000
Other securities	218,000,000	219,000,000	292,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	148,000,000	162,000,000	196,000,000
Cash in vault	16,000,000	15,000,000	14,000,000

	Nov. 11 1931.	Nov. 4 1931.	Nov. 12 1930.
Net demand deposits	1,105,000,000	1,110,000,000	1,340,000,000
Time deposits	449,000,000	455,000,000	629,000,000
Government deposits	3,000,000	4,000,000	1,000,000
Due from banks	124,000,000	114,000,000	174,000,000
Due to banks	259,000,000	261,000,000	361,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	3,000,000	3,000,000	1,000,000

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

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

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business on Nov. 4:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on Nov. 4 shows decreases for the week of \$74,000,000 in loans and investments, \$106,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$61,000,000 in time deposits, \$32,000,000 in Government deposits, \$25,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve Banks and \$109,000,000 in reserves with Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on securities declined \$21,000,000 at reporting banks in the New York district and \$30,000,000 at all reporting banks, and increased \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district. "All other" loans increased \$12,000,000 in the New York district and \$19,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of United States Government securities declined \$21,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$25,000,000 at all reporting banks, while holdings of other securities declined \$13,000,000 in the New York district, \$6,000,000 in the Boston district and \$38,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks aggregated \$428,000,000 on Nov. 4, principal changes for the week being decreases of \$23,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and \$7,000,000 at San Francisco, and an increase of \$5,000,000 at Cleveland.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Nov. 4 1931, follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since		
	Nov. 4 1931.	Oct. 28 1931.	Nov. 5 1930.
Loans and investments—total	21,147,000,000	-74,000,000	-2,364,000,000
Loans—total	13,510,000,000	-11,000,000	-3,296,000,000
On securities	5,867,000,000	-30,000,000	-2,218,000,000
All other	7,643,000,000	+19,000,000	-1,078,000,000
Investments—total	7,637,000,000	-63,000,000	+933,000,000
U. S. Government securities	4,108,000,000	-25,000,000	+1,066,000,000
Other securities	3,529,000,000	-38,000,000	-133,000,000
Reserve with Federal Res'v'e banks	1,605,000,000	-109,000,000	-186,000,000
Cash in vault	264,000,000	-----	+41,000,000
Net demand deposits	12,343,000,000	-106,000,000	-1,486,000,000
Time deposits	6,297,000,000	-61,000,000	-1,250,000,000
Government deposits	129,000,000	-32,000,000	+68,000,000
Due from banks	1,043,000,000	+62,000,000	-584,000,000
Due to banks	2,654,000,000	+126,000,000	-952,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks	428,000,000	-25,000,000	+350,000,000

**Mexican Silver Mines in No Haste to Reopen—Leading Owner Ascribes Rise to Speculation, Not Calling for Renewed Work.**

Walter Palmer, leading Mexico silver mine owner, said on Nov. 6 it would be unwise to plan the reopening of Mexican silver mines in the near future because of the rise of silver to more than 34c. a troy ounce. He said the rise was largely due to speculation, according to Mexico City advices, Nov. 7, to the New York "Times," which went on to say:

The advance of silver from around 25c. an ounce a year ago has been sufficient to arouse the hopes of thousands of unemployed that closed mines and other plants would be reopened. During the slump only the richest silver veins have been operated profitably.

Industrialists emphasize that as the value of the Mexican silver peso improves, producing prices must increase, and as Mexican currency becomes firmer the dollar must drop. There is not great optimism over the continuation of silver at the present price, but if it remains for any length of time it will greatly help Mexico's greatest industry.

During normal years Mexico produced more than \$100,000,000 worth of silver annually compared with the United States production of about \$65,000,000.

**Speculation Raises London Silver Price—Market Spurred by Suggestion of Agreement Between India and American Producers.**

Speculation in silver, chiefly on the American account, brought the price in London, on Nov. 9, to 21 1/16 pence an ounce as compared to the record low of 12 pence on Feb. 9. A London cablegram to the New York "Times," from which we quote, further said:

A recommendation made by the Silver Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris that attempts should be made to obtain a silver agreement between the Indian Government and American producers accounted, it is said, for to-day's rise of a penny an ounce. It was sug-

gested that the Committee would not have made the recommendation unless satisfied that the American producers would not be hostile to such an agreement, while the Indian Government, as a holder of surplus silver, is expected to look favorably on an agreement enabling it to obtain a higher price than recently.

As the price of silver already has risen, such an agreement, it is thought here, would aim chiefly at stability. Concerning the Committee's finding that bi-metalism has no chance of early application, a London "Times" financial writer says:

"There is reason to believe that the leading central banks would be more inclined now to consider a managed currency system than the extension of the employment of silver. This may or may not be a sound view but there is little doubt of its being held by the leading central bankers. Proposals of other students of the silver question are not inconsistent with those of the international committee for what the latter suggests might be the first steps toward realizing the larger objective of those who believe that, failing the removal of the fundamental causes which led to the cornering of gold—namely, excessive debts and prohibitive tariffs—the scarcity of international monetary means of payment might with advantage be relieved by using silver."

### Rise in Silver Strengthens Mexican Peso.

The peso has strengthened considerably in the week of Nov. 2 on the rise in bar silver prices and on Nov. 6 the dollar was quoted at from 2.50 to 2.52 pesos. Associated Press accounts from Mexico City added:

This quotation is 10 to 15 points stronger than a year ago, when Mexico was on the gold basis.

The rise in bar silver prices is viewed optimistically here by silver producers, and it is believed that if the tendency continues several mines that have been shut down will be enabled to resume operations.

The rise thus far, however, has not helped producers much, as it has driven the value of the peso up and has kept production costs and the marketing price at about the same relative levels.

### Tonopah, Nev., Mines Reopen With Rise in Price of Silver.

The rising price of silver has brought about the reopening of one silver mine in this [Tonopah] area and prospects for resumption of work at several others and the employment of 500 men here should the price reach 50c. an ounce. We quote from an Associated Press account from Tonopah, on Nov. 10, which likewise said:

The Tonopah extension mine has announced resumption of operations after the discovery of a new ore body. This mine was shut down last year when silver went below 30c. an ounce. The reopening, it was said, was accomplished without great expense.

Fort Worth interests have started to lift water from a silver mining property in the Hannapah district. A British-backed enterprise has done the same thing.

Should silver rise higher, the advantages of cheap electric power in the Tonopah Divide district would start great activity there. Rich ore samples have been taken from properties in this section, one shoot producing values said to be above \$1 a pound.

Activity of the Tonopah Mining Co. and Tonopah Development Co., which have been working throughout the low-price period in ore bodies of high value, would be stimulated with the further rise of silver prices. Operators have been making a bare living through this selective mining.

Other mines expected to open if the rise should carry to 50c. were the Walker Mine at Royston and the Treadwell Yukon plant at Tybo.

### Silver's Price Rise Heartens Ontario—Resumption of Operations in Rich Deposits Expected to Result Soon.

According to Toronto (Ont.) accounts, Nov. 7, to the New York "Times," it is expected that the increased value of silver will result in early operation of the holdings of the Castle-Trethewey Mines, Ltd., near Haileybury, now laying dormant. The dispatch added:

The company has a working capital of \$902,200. Mining men interested in silver properties of Northern Ontario look anxiously to the resumption of operations of the rich deposits. It is believed also that Keeley will conduct an improvement program, and other properties along the T. & N. O. will, it is said, receive an impetus to resume operations.

Production by the Mining Corp. of Canada in the quarter ended on Sept. 30 1931 amounted to 196,941 ounces of silver and 436,154 pounds of cobalt. This compares with a production in the previous quarter of 94,086 ounces of silver and 303,551 pounds of cobalt. In the September quarter nearly all the ore came from a shoot on the Cobalt Lake fault, from which nearly all the ore has now been extracted. Other small pockets have been found, however, which assure profitable operations to the end of the current year.

### Action on Bimetallism in Congress Foreseen by Senator Wheeler.

Bimetallism is being discussed in every capital of Europe, and there may be a resolution adopted at the coming session of Congress asking the President to call an international conference to consider the silver situation and bimetallism. Senator Wheeler (Dem.), of Montana, stated orally Nov. 9, said the "United States Daily" of Nov. 10, which quotes him as follows:

"At the present time the United States and France have practically the control of all the gold used as a medium of exchange between the various countries. That means that when the other countries of the world have no gold to back up their currency, it is impossible for them to buy the things which the United States produces. The fact that there is not

sufficient gold to back the currency is one of the chief causes of the general breakdown in England, Germany and throughout the world.

"Bimetallism would make India and China more prosperous and put them in a position to buy American products. I doubt if the United States can go back to bimetallism by itself. It should be effected by an international agreement between the leading powers. There is a growing sentiment that something must be done. The subject is being discussed in every capital in Europe. The international chamber of commerce has taken action in the matter.

"I think there will be a great deal of sentiment in this Congress in favor of calling on the United States Government to bring about an international agreement regarding silver. There undoubtedly will be resolutions along that line in this Congress."

### United States Smelting Big Producer of Silver—Output Continues at 25,000,000 Ounces a Year—Production Sold As Available.

The Boston News Bureau of Nov. 9 said:

U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining Co., the world's largest primary producer of silver and a producer of over 300,000 ounces of gold per annum—the output was 322,968 ounces in 1930—continues producing something over 25,000,000 ounces of silver per annum from its own mines, about 20,000,000 ounces of which come from its Mexican properties.

For the first 10 months of this year United States Smelting has averaged something over 28c. an ounce for silver sold while currently the market is 33c. To the United States Smelting Co., a rise of 1c. an ounce applied to a year's output is a matter of \$250,000 additional profits, or almost 50c. a share on the common stock.

For the eight months of this year to Sept. 30, in the face of distressingly low prices for lead, zinc and silver, and after charging against gross earnings \$1,425,552 for reserves, the company earned 19c. a share on the common stock. It is now in the best earnings months of the year so that there is no reason to believe that the full \$1 dividend now being paid on the common will not be fully earned.

The management has further fortified the company's capital position by taking advantage of the very low quotations at which the common stock has sold this year by buying in the open market for company account something over 13,000 shares of the common stock. This, together with the 56,700 shares similarly purchased in 1930 at an average cost of \$21.06 per share, has reduced the common stock outstanding to-day to approximately 550,000 shares.

### Silver Prices Rise on Reports of Possible International Selling Agreements—Informal Conferences Held.

A statement to the effect that informal conferences have already begun looking toward an international silver agreement among silver producers of the world was contained in the New York "Times" of Nov. 11. The movement, it is said, follows the issuance of the report of the Committee of Experts of the International Chamber of Commerce, in which recommendations to this end were made. According to the "Times," representatives of the most important silver interests in the United States and in Europe will be invited shortly to meet in New York or London to study the committee's suggested stabilization program. In part the "Times" also said:

#### Aim to Prevent "Unloading."

Influential financial interests in Wall Street are advocating the adoption of at least part of the International Chamber's program. The conversations now taking place aim at bringing about an understanding that will prevent the "unloading" of silver on a market which, for the first time in months, is showing signs of stability.

Reports that a selling agreement was being arranged were partly responsible for a fresh advance yesterday (Nov. 10) in silver bullion which carried the price here to a new high of 37½ cents an ounce, a gain of 1½ cents. There was at the same time a rush of selling on the National Metal Exchange which depressed prices in the futures market 175 to 225 points, canceling a large part of Monday's sensational gain. Trading on the Metal Exchange yesterday was the heaviest since the futures market was opened on June 15. The day's turnover was 8,175,000 ounces, compared with 7,500,000 ounces on the previous day, which had also established a record for volume.

Yesterday's decline in silver futures was largely the result of profit-taking which the recent sharp advances had invited. The selling came from domestic speculators, brokers said.

The mystery surrounding the source of the heavy foreign buying which has advanced prices spectacularly within the last five weeks was partly cleared up when it became known that Sir Henri Detering, managing director of the Royal Dutch Shell Co. and one of the world's leading industrialists, had accumulated a large amount of the metal. Sir Henri's purchases have been heaviest in London and other foreign markets, but he has also bought in the New York market, it is understood. For some months Sir Henri has been advocating a form of bimetallism as a solution of one of the underlying economic problems of the world. According to reports in Wall Street, he is to-day one of the world's largest individual holders of silver, and he feels, it is said, that the metal has been undervalued to a greater extent than any of the other key commodities.

In its Nov. 12 issue the "Times" stated:

With some of the principal silver interests opposed to an early conference for the purpose of reaching an international selling agreement, silver futures turned reactionary yesterday (Nov. 11) and lost 65 to 110 points. Business on the National Metal Exchange was sharply curtailed. The turnover amounting to 4,775,000 ounces, compared with 8,175,000 ounces on the day before. Bar silver also reacted, falling to 35¾ cents an ounce, at which it showed a loss of 1¾ cents on the day.

Speculation in silver was discouraged by the fact that some of the commission houses had advanced margin requirements. Where \$500 and \$600 have been demanded as the minimum margin on a contract of 25,000 ounces, houses have begun to insist upon \$700 to \$1,000. The clearing house requirements, applicable to member firms of the Metal Exchange, also have been tightened. It was announced that arrangements had been made for the sale of a membership in the Metal Exchange for \$1,000, an increase of \$400 over the last transaction.

So great has the spread become between the New York and the London price of silver that it was reported yesterday a shipment of \$500,000 ounces to New York had been arranged in London. There was no confirmation of the report here, but brokers considered such a shipment likely in view of the price conditions.

On Nov. 13 the same paper stated:

Silver futures advanced sharply again yesterday (Nov. 12) as the volume of trading on the National Metal Exchange established a new high record of 9,175,000 ounces. The previous record, made on Tuesday, was 8,175,000 ounces.

Yesterday's futures market reflected the revival of speculative interest after the recent technical reaction. It was stimulated also by fresh activity in bar silver, the price of which rose here to 35 $\frac{1}{4}$  cents an ounce, a net gain of  $\frac{1}{8}$  cent. The London bullion market was strong again, apparently in response to heavy buying orders from India.

The advance in silver futures on the National Metal Exchange ranged from 1 cent an ounce for the September and October options to 1.40 cents for February. May showed a net advance of 1.20 cents.

The "Sun" of last night (Nov. 13) said:

Silver futures were somewhat lower and less active to-day after the rise and the record volume of trading yesterday. In London bar silver at 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per ounce was 5-16d. lower and the tone was easy.

Initial trading on the National Metal Exchange was in good volume at lower prices. In the later trading the volume diminished somewhat and prices improved slightly but held below the previous close.

### International Exchange Conference at Prague Fails to Agree on Problems—Shelves World Clearing Plan.

An international conference of Central European nations met at Prague, Czechoslovakia, Nov. 2 to deal with problems of exchange. The conference was concluded on Nov. 7, leaving the Central European States as badly off as ever, said a copyright cablegram on that date to the New York "Evening Post" which also stated:

No definite steps have been taken to relieve the foreign exchange famine, which is strangling trade of this part of the world. The only recommendation made by the conference was that agreements for exchange on a barter basis be concluded between the separate countries.

This was the plan of Austria and Hungary, which are interested chiefly in keeping such reserves of gold and foreign exchange as they still have. It is a plan that is likely to reduce trade to a minimum, since countries with unfavorable trade balances will establish only agreements which reduce their imports to equal their exports.

The conference advised national banks to function only as clearing houses and that ultimately all clearings should be made through the Bank for International Settlements at Basle. This Bank also was asked to take the initiative in further negotiations to relieve the gold famine or in setting up such arrangements as will allow trade to be resumed.

On Nov. 5 when the executive sessions were concluded (they were followed by a plenary session), a Prague cablegram to the New York "Times" stated:

The results achieved were meager, as had been expected. Certain administrative modifications of currency regulations calculated to ease international transactions were agreed upon, but the real business of the conference, namely, the resolution, sponsored by Dr. Richard Reich, President of the Austrian National Bank, was virtually shelved.

The resolution, which demanded the institution of international clearing, met with sharp opposition from those States with an active balance of trade and the support of those with an unfavorable balance, and the intervention of representatives of the Bank for International Settlements was required to obtain a measure of agreement.

The final communique, which will be given out to-morrow, will say that the conference has been unable to discuss the question of the advisability of adopting Dr. Reich's proposals as they are beyond the competence of the banks of issue represented, but that it has considered the technical side of these suggestions.

The conference decided to recommend that the governments of the respective countries summon an international conference to consider Dr. Reich's scheme. Only when this has been done, it is declared, can the delegates of the banks of issue re-assemble to consider further technical problems.

The same paper in its Nov. 8 issue also had the following to say:

According to papers received here from Sofia, Belgrade and Athens, the crucial point in the recent Balkan conference, the question of whether economic problems or political problems involving minorities should be taken up first, should be settled by the Bulgarian, Yugoslav and Greek Governments independent of future conferences.

The political point was raised when the Albanian delegates accused Yugoslavia of illegally Serbizing their compatriots in Yugoslav territory, and the Yugoslav delegates retorted that Albania was the tool of Italy. No settlement was reached.

The official newspapers of Belgrade and Athens support M. Ionitch, head of the Yugoslav delegation, in his statement to the conference:

"We must proceed to regulate economic problems and then take up the question of political problems. It is important that our first task should be to create an atmosphere of confidence and friendship."

The Bulgarian official organ, "La Bulgarie," supported by the outlawed Macedonian press, does not believe in the sequence of the problems determined by M. Ionitch, and comments:

"What we must not lose sight of on this subject is that economic and political problems are closely allied; both demand favorable conditions for their solution. The advocates of the method of giving precedence to the regulation of economic problems declare that the others could then be regulated in the same way—for the first would have strengthened the good relations among the Balkan States, upon which the solution of political problems must depend. Those of the opposite method advocate first the settlement of those problems most essential to inter-Balkan relations. These are political and the first of them is that of minorities."

In its advices from Prague Nov. 2 the "Times" said:

The conference will be held at the National Bank and will be under the chairmanship of Dr. Pospischil, Governor of that institution. Karl Blessing will represent the Bank for International Settlements at Basle and experts from the national banks of Germany, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Poland and Rumania will be present.

### Comparative Figures of Condition of Canadian Banks.

In the following we compare the condition of the Canadian banks for Sept. 30 1931 with the figures for Aug. 31 1931 and Sept. 30 1930:

#### STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF THE BANKS OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

Assets.	Sept. 30 1931.	Aug. 31 1931.	Sept. 30 1930.
Current gold and subsidiary coin—			
In Canada.....	\$ 47,039,553	\$ 46,687,080	\$ 47,664,904
Elsewhere.....	24,456,662	16,880,229	24,184,006
Total.....	71,496,219	64,567,313	71,848,912
Dominion notes—			
In Canada.....	110,374,180	98,976,353	115,577,930
Elsewhere.....	12,959	17,966	25,361
Total.....	110,387,141	98,994,321	115,603,292
Notes of other banks—	12,055,990	15,629,798	17,112,421
United States & other foreign currencies.	14,929,699	18,466,944	22,090,683
Cheques on other banks.....	97,211,138	92,304,384	146,875,265
Loans to other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted.....	-----	-----	-----
Deposits made with and balance due from other banks in Canada.....	3,930,938	4,747,402	9,361,715
Due from banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom.....	3,597,587	4,477,349	3,971,137
Due from banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	108,780,215	89,188,075	108,425,138
Dominion Government and Provincial Government securities.....	455,928,988	452,406,898	325,560,670
Canadian municipal securities and British, foreign and colonial public securities other than Canadian.....	160,100,226	169,610,939	99,780,304
Railway and other bonds, debts. & stocks	61,548,049	78,967,511	54,460,125
Call and short (not exceeding 30 days) loans in Canada on stocks, debentures, bonds and other securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover—	166,575,719	158,630,062	226,020,490
Elsewhere than in Canada.....	90,095,595	109,665,579	186,811,278
Other current loans & discounts in Canada.....	1,136,510,527	1,127,280,857	1,255,805,777
Elsewhere.....	192,623,032	198,795,904	225,301,724
Loans to the Government of Canada.....	-----	-----	-----
Loans to Provincial Governments.....	32,986,243	24,784,089	16,008,878
Loans to cities, towns, municipalities and school districts.....	114,793,151	111,078,190	101,077,788
Non-current loans, estimated loss provided for.....	10,309,759	9,456,587	7,900,102
Real estate other than bank premises.....	6,337,205	6,323,969	5,571,660
Mortgages on real estate sold by bank.....	6,248,477	6,231,485	6,775,476
Bank premises at not more than cost, less amounts (if any) written off.....	79,466,204	79,538,048	78,657,126
Liabilities of customers under letters of credit as per contra.....	62,056,921	61,343,152	83,847,159
Deposits with the Minister of Finance for the security of note circulation.....	6,814,154	6,807,497	6,790,447
Deposit in the central gold reserves.....	24,250,866	27,530,866	39,430,866
Shares of and loans to controlled cos.....	14,733,840	14,496,888	11,265,600
Other assets not included under the foregoing heads.....	1,700,040	1,726,602	2,012,449
Total assets.....	3,045,448,019	3,033,950,748	3,228,366,584
Liabilities.			
Notes in circulation.....	139,908,403	141,813,032	163,513,493
Balance due to Dominion Govt. after deducting adv. for credits, pay-lists, &c.	17,925,201	10,540,890	31,234,077
Advances under the Finance Act.....	19,500,000	6,500,000	20,700,000
Balance due to Provincial Governments.....	22,117,872	26,141,550	26,793,190
Deposits by the public, payable on demand in Canada.....	504,275,249	568,462,418	667,886,160
Deposits by the public payable after notice or on a fixed day in Canada.....	1,455,518,906	1,461,091,577	1,419,641,859
Deposits elsewhere than in Canada.....	313,097,017	331,596,171	372,364,253
Loans from other banks in Canada, secured, including bills rediscounted.....	-----	-----	-----
Deposits made by and balances due to other banks in Canada.....	12,694,945	12,739,019	18,242,577
Due to banks and banking correspondents in the United Kingdom.....	4,939,359	9,306,962	10,586,090
Elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	65,501,779	64,976,742	61,551,766
Bills payable.....	5,375,678	5,932,531	12,874,322
Letters of credit outstanding.....	62,056,921	61,343,152	83,847,159
Liabilities not incl. under foregoing heads.....	2,802,513	2,850,841	3,964,037
Dividends declared and unpaid.....	800,422	3,523,914	806,256
Reserve fund.....	162,000,000	162,000,000	160,992,767
Capital paid up.....	144,500,000	144,500,000	144,853,071
Total liabilities.....	3,023,014,331	3,013,318,844	3,199,851,125

Note.—Owing to the omission of the cents in the official reports, the footing in the above do not exactly agree with the totals given.

### Result of Hoover-Laval Conversations Reviewed—Foreign Policy Chairman Declares France Has Accepted Great Responsibilities—Expresses Confidence in French Premier's Policy.

Declaring that as a result of the Hoover-Laval conversations, France has been given a great opportunity to take the lead in restoring Europe to a healthy political, economic and financial condition, James G. McDonald, Chairman of the Foreign Policy Association, on Nov. 12 expressed confidence that Premier Laval would do his utmost to be worthy of the responsibilities given him. Mr. McDonald's address, the 130th in "The World To-day" series, was delivered over WEAFF and stations associated with the National Broadcasting Co.

Rejecting the conclusion that France won a great diplomatic victory in the Hoover-Laval conversations at the expense of other nations, Mr. McDonald said, "The victory seems to me to promise to be one in which all may share—a victory for mutual understanding, for lawful procedure and for common sense." He continued:

France has been given a great opportunity. We have promised not to interfere with that country's initiative in the political field and to cooperate in the economic and financial sphere. But time presses. Conditions in Germany permit of scant delay. France can justify its unique

position in Europe only by prompt and energetic co-operation with Germany.

France has gained great diplomatic victories, but the events of the next few months may prove that President Hoover, by recognizing frankly France's predominant position on the Continent and by putting squarely upon the French Government the responsibility for initiating and carrying through constructive policies, has made a notable contribution toward the pacification of Europe.

On four important issues President Hoover and M. Laval appear to have reached a considerable measure of agreement or at least of understanding. These are the gold standard, interallied debts and reparation, security and disarmament.

Two points of great importance appear to have been settled with regard to interallied debts and reparation, according to Mr. McDonald. He added:

One of these points is that the United States Government now recognizes the close interrelation between the two. The other important result is President Hoover's acceptance of the French thesis that the next step in considering Germany's obligations must be taken within the framework of the Young plan. I think it is a good thing that Germany be reminded that the Young plan is a binding obligation not to be lightly ignored. Moreover, if further and more radical steps are necessary, I think they will be accepted more readily by France if the initial move is what they consider a legal one—that is, within the Young plan. The wisest French leaders are insisting not so much upon the maintenance of the Young plan unchanged, as they are that any new plan must be a "legitimate child" of the Young plan.

In conclusion, Mr. McDonald said:

In the discussion of the gold standard France was able to show its power, but seems to have agreed to use it for the common good. The French point of view that interallied debts and reparation are related and that the Young plan must be used as the next step in the reconsideration of Germany's obligations were accepted, but policies based on these points of view may expedite, rather than delay, relief for Germany. The French view that security must precede disarmament was not challenged, but that does not necessarily diminish the chances of progressive disarmament.

#### President Hoover to Oppose French Debt Plan—Scaling Down of Amounts Owed Here Contrary to Attitude Expressed to Laval.

The French position, as reported in unofficial advices from Paris, that in any scaling down of intergovernmental debts there should be equivalent reductions of German reparations and war-time debts owed to the United States, is not received with favor in Washington, it was stated Nov. 5 in a dispatch to the New York "Times," from which we also quote as follows:

Such an arrangement, it is contended, not only would transfer German obligations to the American taxpayers but would be contrary to President Hoover's attitude that a revision of debts owed to this country should be on the basis of capacity to pay.

Any prospect that Mr. Hoover might consent to equivalent reductions, should the nations agree to make substantial reductions in armaments, is lessened because of the reported failure of any arrangement to this end in the recent conversations between the President and Premier Laval. It is understood that in those conversations American opposition to equivalent reduction in debts owed to the United States and reparations was made known.

When the question of revising the war debts owed to the United States arises after conferences on reparations in Europe, it is expected that the Administration will ask Congress to reconstitute the debt funding commission and that body will deal with the subject, presumably upon application of the various countries concerned, for reconsideration of their present debt arrangements.

American interests will probably not be directly involved in the reparations discussions of Europe until the problem of renewing the short-term loans to Germany arises. This issue is due to be injected into the reparations discussions because it will be desirable before renewing the credits to determine their status, particularly as to priority of Young and Dawes Plan loans in relation to them.

#### French Roads Ask Aid—Deficit \$200,000,000—Stockholders Urge Railways Receive First Attention in Public Works Plans.

Under date of Nov. 10 a cablegram from Paris to the New York "Times" said:

The deficit of those French railway systems which are owned and operated by the State has reached the staggering figure of \$200,000,000, according to a letter addressed to-day to Parliament by the Association of Stockholders and Creditors. The Chamber of Deputies is urgently petitioned to vote much needed credits as soon as possible after it reconvenes Thursday.

A huge appropriation for public works budget will be recommended by the Chamber's finance commission. It will be argued that this budget will go far toward relieving the rapidly increasing unemployment in France.

Stockholders and creditors of the French railroads believe they should be the first to receive attention under the program for public improvements already drawn up, because the lack of funds during the past year has necessitated the curtailment of train services, with the consequent laying off of a large number of employees.

#### Meeting at Basle of Directors of Bank for International Settlements—Question of German Reparations Discussed, But No Request Made by Germany—Gold Basis to Be Studied by Committee.

The directors of the Bank for International Settlements met at Basle, Switzerland on Nov. 9 and adjourned until Dec. 14 apparently (says the Associated Press) without having received any request from Germany to set up a board of inquiry as authorized in the Young Plan to con-

sider the reparations problem. The Associated Press also said:

Financial authorities are watching closely for such a move and when it comes it is expected to be in the form of a request for the establishment of such a board.

Assuming that the request is made, the Bank would create a committee representing the central banks of the United States, Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and Japan. This group would nominate four other financiers, representing interests especially concerned in reparations, and these 11 men would form the inquiring committee.

To-day the directors set up a committee to study the problem of payments between the World Bank and its constituent national banks. It will consider a proposal that such payments shall be in gold or in gold values. This rule is designed to eliminate profits and losses due to fluctuations in national currencies.

The directors took note of the agreement by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the Bank of England and the Bank of France to participate in renewal of a \$100,000,000 credit to Germany. At the October meeting the board authorized participation by the World Bank in this renewal.

The Hoover moratorium on reparations payments was one of the reasons assigned by the board of directors of the World Bank for International Settlements for the decline in the World Bank's holdings over the last three or four months.

The decline was considered by the board at its meeting to-day. Withdrawal of money for domestic needs by various small central banks and conversion by others of deposits into gold, which does not show on the balance sheet, were also given as reasons for the falling off. Although the Bank has suffered some losses through depreciation of national currencies, officials said, these have been offset by profits on others.

Regarding the proposed study of the gold question a Basle dispatch Nov. 9 to the New York "Times" stated:

The board named a committee of five to study the question of maintaining the Bank's deposits on gold parity and in World Bank circles tonight there was expressed considerable hope that some arrangement would be reached. The members of this committee are Montagu Norman of the Bank of England, Alberto Beneduce of the Bank of Italy, M. Franck of the Bank of Belgium, Charles Farnier of the Bank of France and Dr. Wilhelm Vocke of the Reichsbank.

#### Plan for Payment Studied.

They met in Bank headquarters this afternoon and a plan was outlined whereby it is thought possible the Bank may adopt some arrangement under which a deposit placed in the Bank would be guaranteed for repayment at the gold point value of the money in which the deposit is made, regardless of the exchange quotation for that money at the time of repayment. If this problem, which will be studied carefully between now and the next meeting, is solved, World Bank officials will have made great progress in putting it into a position to render a valuable service to central banks.

In its Basle cablegram Nov. 8 it was noted by the "Times" that the absence of Dr. Hans Luther, President of the Reichsbank, made it virtually certain no German demand for a moratorium would be submitted to the board of the Bank for International Settlements at its meeting Nov. 9. The Nov. 8 cablegram went on to say:

It is understood, however, that Dr. Wilhelm Vocke, German board member, who represented Dr. Luther, discussed the question of a moratorium with members to-day, especially regarding the Bank's duties and procedure in the event a moratorium was asked. The bankers reached no decision, but it is said several are of the opinion that the Bank's role would be strictly limited by its statutes and the article of the Young Plan referring to the summoning of a consultative committee whose functions would depend largely on the nature of the proposal.

Until this proposal is officially at hand it will be impossible to define the committee's powers, some maintained, and unless a definite proposition is set before the Bank's board meeting it is not likely there will be further discussion of the matter.

Some curiosity was aroused among the bank directors at this meeting by the fact that Montagu Norman for the first time was accompanied by a legal expert of the Bank of England. This expert did not take part in the conversations to-day. It is thought possible the expert might have come because of an expected German moratorium demand and the French claim for priority of reparations payments over payments on short-term credits to Germany.

Bank circles believe the Germans may now ask that, simultaneously with the consultative committee to deal with reparations, the Wiggin committee be resummoned to deal with short-term credits, because the opinion at Basle seems to be opposed to the consultative committee considering credits.

Leon Fraser, Vice-President of the World Bank, presided at to-day's informal meeting in the absence of Gates W. McGarrath, who has not returned from the United States. At to-morrow's board meeting Sir Charles Addis will preside.

The main subject discussed by the bankers this afternoon was a renewal of the credit of \$8,500,000 to Austria, which was recommended in a report submitted by financial experts of the World Bank. This question is complicated by the sharp reduction in World Bank deposits shown by the November report. Some contend the Bank cannot afford to maintain this loan when its liquid assets are seriously diminishing.

These objections were raised principally by the Bank of France which implied it would be obliged to increase its deposits to the World Bank to make possible the Austrian credit. The Bank of France is almost the only institution of importance which has not reduced its deposits in the World Bank. Some smaller depositors have even sold their holdings of foreign exchange and changed them into gold which they left deposited with the World Bank without interest.

The World Bank experts' report showed the Austrian situation had been improved by a balanced budget and did not insist on the urgency of renewal of this credit which may be left over for future action when it comes before the board to-morrow.

#### Directors of Bank for International Bank for International Settlements Accepts Resignation of British Member.

Regarding the meeting at Basle, Nov. 9, the New York "Times" said:

The board accepted the resignation of the British member, Francis Renell Rodd, and appointed in his place R. H. Porters of the Bank of England. Henry J. Bruce of London was named financial adviser of the Bank of Hungary.

### Jacques Bainville, French Writer, Sees the Bank for International Settlements in "Cruel" Difficulties—Lays Troubles to Hoover Moratorium and Slump of Pound.

A Paris cablegram Nov. 10 is quoted from the New York "Times":

Under the title of "A Bank in Difficulties," Jacques Bainville, one of the best known French political writers, to-day comments in "La Liberté" on the situation of the Bank for International Settlements as revealed at the meeting of its board in Basle, Switzerland, yesterday.

"The Bank for International Settlements at this meeting," he says, "examined its position. This position is a melancholy one. The resources of the institution have melted like snow in the sunshine or like butter on a stove. The total of its assets has become a modest sum and in one month its deposits diminished by one-fourth. Its resources for assisting the financial world in its difficulties are so small that it was obliged to refuse Austria 60,000,000 schillings (about \$8,500,000).

"What has happened to the Basle bank? All sorts of misfortunes. In the space of three months, from June 20 to Sept. 21, it experienced extraordinary reverses. The first Hoover moratorium deprived it of German reparations payments which were to have passed through its hands.

"Then the collapse of the pound sterling dealt it another serious blow by reducing the value of its holdings in British and Scandinavian foreign exchange by 25 to 30% of their value. Now the central banks are systematically withdrawing their deposits. The entire system based on the Young Plan has been disorganized, and without the support it is obtaining from the Bank of France the institution at Basle would have to close.

"To think that the Bank for International Settlements was to have been the guardian angel of the world's financial system and that even after the fall of the pound sterling it was seriously suggested the World Bank could be entrusted with the task of issuing international money to be used by all countries."

### Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain Accepts Empire Parley Call to Stabilize Pound Sterling—Pledges Best Efforts at Ottawa in July to Redeem 1930 Conference Failure—Hints World Money Talks.

Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain, in his address in London Nov. 9 at the Lord Mayor's banquet, laid stress on the preparations for the Imperial Conference in Ottawa next July and on the determination that this conference should be more fruitful than that held last year. The London correspondent of the New York "Times" further said in part:

The Prime Minister declared he completely associated himself with President Hoover in the theory that disarmament could not be separated from the questions arising out of the world's general economic condition. He also asked what would have happened had it not been for the Hoover moratorium, but he left the answer to the imagination of his hearers, including diplomats of all great powers who were guests at the great dinner in London's Guildhall.

#### Sees Need for Collaboration.

He wanted to know also what was going to happen, not only when the Hoover moratorium ended next Summer, but in February when extension of Germany's short-term credits expired. If all nations concerned could not solve these questions, said MacDonald, "the world will go from bad to worse until collapse and revolution may be the only way out."

France and Germany must take the lead, get together on the basis of business and common sense, he said, and "come to an agreement as to what is to be done now and later on when the Hoover moratorium ends."

"There is no time to be lost," he added. "A series of piecemeal, ephemeral promises of a temporary nature will not meet the circumstances."

In an allusion to his government's task of correcting the adverse balance of Great Britain's foreign trade with its implied reference to a tariff as a possible cure, Mr. MacDonald observed judicial impartiality by referring to his protectionist Chancellor of the Exchequer, Neville Chamberlain, and his free trade president of the Board of Trade, Walter Runciman, as the two men in his Cabinet who, between them, were going to solve the stupendous task of restoring prosperity to British commerce and industry.

Later he associated the world's tariffs with war debts and reparations as the chief obstacles to straightening out international economic relations.

#### Aims to Stabilize the Pound.

Concerning the future course of British currency and the ultimate stabilization of the pound, Mr. MacDonald implied that this, too, involved international co-operation. That part of his speech was interpreted as meaning that, sooner or later, the British Government hoped there would be a world monetary conference.

"We intend, as soon as practicable," he said, "to take steps which will most surely tend to stabilize the pound on a definite basis which will make it independent of speculative movements or day-to-day transactions. But stabilization must depend on factors outside our own separate control.

"In the meantime the main objective of our policy will be substantial maintenance of the internal purchasing value of sterling. The stabilizing of sterling is one of the essentials of healthy world trade, and his Majesty's Government will be at the greatest pains to help create conditions which will promote this step being taken."

That the new government hoped to redeem the failure of last year's Imperial Conference was indicated by the Prime Minister's assurance that an invitation to attend another parley of all the British dominions next July in Ottawa had been accepted.

In the meantime the British Parliament will enact legislation for the constitutional reforms in interdominion relationships proposed by the Imperial Conference in 1926 and confirmed last year. These have nothing to do with the economic negotiations which broke down in 1930, but rather they are designed to eliminate certain anomalies inconsistent with the absolute political independence of the British Parliament which the dominions already enjoy.

#### Stresses Empire Relations.

On this matter of empire relations Mr. MacDonald said tonight:

"During the next few weeks we shall be engaged in the House of Commons in passing this necessary legislation. This country, this empire, has been the first that has promised to succeed in solving the problem of how to preserve individual freedom within imperial unity. We appear to be going to be the first to substitute common loyalty for coercion, affection for legal force."

The Prime Minister also announced that, in anticipation of the July conference at Ottawa, his secretary for the Dominions, J. H. Thomas, would visit all parts of the empire to survey the situation. It was Mr. Thomas, in the same Dominions' post in Mr. MacDonald's late Labor Government, who said at the close of last year's imperial conference that the economic proposals made by Premier R. B. Bennett of Canada were "all humbug."

### Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain Asks Deal on War Debt Issue—Fears World Chaos Should France and Germany Fail to Reach Accord.

Warning Germany and France that they must work out an understanding based on common sense with respect to reparations and predicting world collapse followed by revolution should their efforts fail, Prime Minister MacDonald of Great Britain on Nov. 9 declared that no time should be lost in working out such an agreement. A London cablegram to the New York "Journal of Commerce" and from which we quote, continued:

This dramatic appeal was made at the Lord Mayor's banquet in the London Guild Hall. A distinguished gathering listened with rapt attention. An international radio hook-up carried the message to the four corners of the globe.

The Prime Minister did not mince words in setting forth his views. Emphasizing that some sort of an accord should be arrived at by France and Germany in anticipation of the expiration of the Hoover moratorium, he asserted that a series of piecemeal measures of a temporary nature would not meet the crisis. The two States he held, must make concessions.

#### Sees Big Task Ahead.

Contending that the American Government regards the reparations question as closely allied to armaments, with the French on the question of armaments demanding security, he exclaimed, "What a task or any government or combination of governments to face!"

The Premier's speech follows:

"The economics of Europe," he said, "must be rationalized before any nation in Europe can find the foundations of stable economic and industrial conditions.

"The present position of Germany in relation to the rest of the world must be subject to a complete overhauling in which Germany herself should be a willing co-operator.

"A financial agreement should be reached which is tolerable and practicable; one which will not lead to more and more trade difficulties; one which will not prevent international exchange of goods from settling down to normal channels. We have had our lesson of trying to put the will of vain man against cosmic forces.

#### Stresses Economic Breakdown.

"We have been witnessing the breakdown of the doctrine of national economic self-sufficiency. When I spoke here last year minds were disturbed by the world-wide industrial depression.

"To-day we are living in its sequel—a world-wide financial crisis. The Hoover moratorium got us over the difficulty temporarily. Heavy responsibility rests upon the governments of the new and old world to avoid calamity. Next month we may be in the fringe of the storm area.

#### Says Time Is Short

"France and Germany should come together on a basis of common sense to survey the enormous problem and come to agreement as to what is to be done when the Hoover moratorium ends. No time may be lost.

"A series of piecemeal measures of a temporary nature will not meet the crisis. The two States must make concessions. If not, the world will go from bad to worse until collapse and revolution are the only way out.

"The American Government views the question of reparations as having a direct bearing on disarmament, while the French, on the question of disarmament, demand security. What a task for any government or combination of governments to face. But His Majesty's Government is prepared to play its part in disentangling it."

### J. P. Morgan Returning to United States.

J. P. Morgan sailed for New York on the Mauretania after more than three months in Europe according to Southampton (England) advices in the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 11.

### Fortnightly Stock Deals To Be Resumed in London Nov. 16.

The London Stock Exchange Committee relaxed on Nov. 9, the regulations imposed when the country went off the gold standard, by allowing resumption of dealings for fortnightly account, beginning Nov. 16. The Associated Press (Nov. 9) in London cablegrams said:

No carry-over rates will be allowed, however, and no cotton or future dealings beyond each fortnight, so that transactions must be settled at the end of each fortnight.

The action of the Stock Exchange in banning fortnightly settlements was referred to in these columns Sept. 26, page 2005, Oct. 3, page 2177 and Oct. 10, page 2348.

### Montagu Norman Renominated as Governor of Bank of England.

The following London cablegram, Nov. 12, is from the New York "Times":

The Court of Directors of the Bank of England to-night agreed to recommend to the proprietors in April that Montagu Collet Norman be



re-elected as Governor and Sir Ernest Musgrave Harvey as Deputy Governor for the ensuing year.

The predictions of Mr. Norman's opponents, following his recent Canadian trip, that his health would prevent his nomination for his 13th consecutive year in office, therefore are discounted.

Every November the Court of Directors submits a nomination for the governorship to the stockholders, holding the election the following April. It is understood Mr. Norman's health has been completely restored.

#### Irish Income Tax Up—And Gasoline Levy is Boosted to 16 Cents a Gallon.

From the New York "Sun" we take the following (Associated Press) from Dublin, Nov. 6:

The Dail adopted a supplementary budget to-day boosting the income tax to three shillings sixpence to the pound and doubling the present gasoline tax of fourpence a gallon.

Ernest Blyth, Minister of Finance, introduced the budget to meet a £900,000 deficit for the current year.

#### Dominion Supplies Gold to Meet Provinces' Debts—Government Advances Dollar in Metal for Each Bill Presented.

The New York "Herald Tribune" reported the following from Winnipeg Oct. 31:

The Canadian government has decided to supply the gold necessary to redeem the debts of the provinces of Canada now maturing in New York. In doing so the Dominion is incurring the loss represented by the adverse exchange, although some adjustment will be made with the provinces in this regard. What is being done is to permit the provinces to exchange Dominion notes for gold. One dollar in gold is given for each dollar bill. The gold is then permitted to be exported, and debts are redeemed without the provinces having to pay the dollar discount.

In order to find the gold, the government is not only using its currency gold reserves, which is quite proper in the circumstances, but is buying in all gold produced by Canadian mines. On this gold the Treasury has agreed to pay the premium represented by the difference in exchange between the United States and the Canadian dollar. A few days ago the government of the Province of Alberta retired a debt of \$7,000,000 in the United States, using the new machinery. This cost the Dominion Treasury \$700,000. Similar facilities for debt settlement will be extended to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbian provinces.

#### Holland Votes Loan Conversion.

According to a cablegram, Nov. 12, from The Hague, the Second Chamber voted that day a bill for conversion, after March 1, of both the 6% loans of 1922 into one or more loans of a maximum of 300,000,000 guilders bearing a lower interest rate. The cablegram, as given in the New York "Times" continued:

A bill establishing a reserve fund of the surpluses of 1929 and 1930, totaling 81,000,000 guilders, to be available to reduce deficits in the budgets from 1931 to 1934, also was adopted.

#### Princess Juliana of Holland Institutes Crisis Board—Forms Committee of 52.

From The Hague, Nov. 12, a wireless message to the New York "Times" said:

A National crisis committee was instituted to-day by Princess Juliana, presided over by Schelto van Citters, member of the Upper Chamber.

Among the 52 members are several other members of the Upper Chamber, the President of the Netherlands Trading Co., the Presidents of the principal employers', workmen's and middle-class unions; the President of the Circle of Journalists, the President of the social Democratic Women's Club and the commander of the Amsterdam Salvation Army.

#### Bank of Portugal Resumes Transactions in Non-Sterling Exchange.

The Bank of Portugal resumed exchange transactions in currencies other than sterling on Nov. 3, according to a cablegram received in the Commerce Department from Commercial Attache Richard C. Long at Lisbon. On Nov. 5 the Department added:

The buying was 1½ below and the selling rate 1½ above the London and Paris quotations, the cable states. Other Portuguese banks are said to be following this procedure. The escudo sterling basis of 110 escudos to the pound sterling is said to be unchanged but an early statement of future policy as promised in the annual report of the Minister of Finance is expected by Portuguese financial circles.

#### France and Germany Agree to Review German Finances—Will Investigate Economic Structure for Future Reparations Policy.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of last night (Nov. 13) we take the following (United Press) from Berlin:

France and Germany have agreed in principle to investigate the entire German financial and economic structure as a preliminary to readjustment of reparations payments, it was disclosed on high authority.

The negotiations are being continued, however, to arrange certain formalities.

Premier Pierre Laval of France, upon his return from the United States, proposed reopening of the reparations issue through a German appeal to the Bank for International Settlements. It was to send an advisory committee to investigate the German ability to pay.

This is the arrangement provided by the Young Plan, which France is anxious to uphold in principle.

Germany, however, contended that the Wiggin bankers' committee had reported ad adjustment was necessary and that any further examination would be unnecessary and useless. The Germans wanted to include the

private debts owed to foreign bankers, chiefly British and United States, in the negotiations. France insisted that the reparations issue should supersede private debts.

Both were agreed upon the necessity for an international conference later. Premier Laval proposed to call such a meeting as soon as possible.

#### Berlin Denies Plan to Reduce Interest—New York Bankers Reassured in Telephone Conversation With Finance Ministry—Securities Sales Curbed—New Decree Tightens Restrictions on Purchases from Abroad and in Foreign Currencies.

According to a Berlin cablegram, Nov. 11, to the New York "Times," the Bruening Government will not consider the reduction of interest of either foreign or domestic loans and bonds, it was learned on good authority. The cablegram likewise stated:

While a reduction of the rate on foreign loans, which would amount to a partial foreign moratorium, never has been considered, it is understood that proposals to lower by decree the interest on domestic loans and bonds have figured prominently in discussions of the Government's economic advisory board.

As a result the Government has been flooded with protests from leading banking, commercial and industrial organizations. It has been pointed out that a conversion of the interest rates would be equivalent to raising the tax on capital revenue, which is in direct contradiction to the Government's intentions and moreover would destroy the confidence of the public in legal security.

When the Ministry of Finance was called by telephone from New York by bankers who were anxious to know whether the rumors of an impending conversion were well founded, the Government hastily issued a formal denial. While this denial left open the question of whether the conversion of domestic interest rates would be considered later by the Government, it was learned that Chancellor Bruening was greatly irritated about the rumors and expressed a determination to drop the matter definitely.

#### Agreement With Creditors Urged.

There is general agreement in business circles that an eventual lowering of interest rates will be necessary, but the consensus is that it cannot be done through a decree that could hardly be enforced but that it must come about through an agreement between debtor and creditors. It is asserted that the creditors will not object to a reduction if the excessive rate threatens ruin to their debtor.

The Government is being urged to obtain a prolongation of the agreement for freezing foreign short-term debts and thereby enable the Reichsbank to lower its discount rate, which would initiate a general decline in interest levels in Germany. It is understood the deliberations of the Government's special committee on interest reduction run along such lines.

The Government's brief denial read:

"With respect to rumors about alleged plans for a compulsory conversion of German securities it is stated that to convert foreign loans never in any way has been so much as considered. The suggestion offered from a private source to the Government to convert internal loans has not been discussed by the Government."

#### New Curb on Buying Securities.

Another leak in the Basle freezing agreement was stopped to-day by a decree prohibiting the purchase of foreign securities which are admitted to trading on the German Bourse from a person abroad and the purchase of German securities made out in foreign currency. They can be purchased only with the permission of the bureau for foreign exchange control, and such permission shall be necessary for the withdrawal of mark claims which any foreigner has obtained through the sale of any securities.

As certain foreign mark deposits are released periodically under the Basle agreement foreign creditors apparently have been busy converting their claims into cash deposits in order to withdraw them.

The Government's original intention to exclude securities from the frozen credits in order to attract foreigners to invest money in German bonds now has been entirely given up. The purchase of German bonds in foreign currencies by Germans is permitted only for the regular loan service.

#### Report That Germany Will Declare Inability to Pay Debts.

The following, from London, Nov. 10, is from the New York "Evening Post":

Paris reports to the London "Daily Mail" were received to-day that Germany will shortly declare her inability to meet her debts, even the unconditional annuities. This report reached here simultaneously with the declaration of Premier MacDonald in London that Germany's finances must be completely overhauled.

The newspaper points out that the latest figures place Germany's private holdings and business profits abroad at £400,000,000, which is the exact amount it professes to be unable to return to its short-term creditors. Of Germany's short-term commercial credits, about half, or \$1,850,000,000 at par, should be repaid before March 1.

#### Germany Suggests Two Inquiry Boards—One on Reparations and Other on Her Debts Proposed.

A cablegram, as follows, from Paris, Nov. 10, is taken as follows from the New York "Times":

Ambassador von Hoesch of Germany called on Foreign Minister Briand this morning but his visit was once more for the purpose of seeking information regarding the French attitude. It is understood that within the next 48 hours a formal note from Chancellor Bruening setting forth the German situation will be forthcoming.

Meanwhile the German Government was anxious to know whether the French Government would oppose the setting up of two committees, one charged with an examination of the situation as it affects Germany's capacity to pay reparations and the other with the whole question of Germany's indebtedness.

In the absence of Premier Laval, who has gone incognito on a two-day vacation before he faces the hard task of the Chamber of Deputies session, M. Briand received the Ambassador, and it is understood he replied that France's only interest was in the setting up of the legal machinery provided for under the Young plan.

### German Proposals Submitted to Paris—Francois-Poncet Expected to Communicate Reparations Offer to Premier Laval—Berlin for Wide Inquiry—Holds Young Plan Must Not Limit World Bank Investigation—Private Debts Put First.

It was stated in a Berlin cablegram, Nov. 8, to the New York "Times" that the conversations which have been going on between the German Government and Premier Laval of France since his return from Washington have reached the stage where the initial step by Germany for reopening the international discussions over reparations and allied problems may be anticipated this week. The cablegram continued:

The formal proposals of the German Government have been submitted to Andre Francois-Poncet, the French Ambassador to Berlin, who will personally communicate them to M. Laval to-morrow.

While their nature has not been revealed in official quarters, it is taken for granted in political circles that they conform fundamentally to the well known German postulation that the intervention of a special advisory board of the Bank for International Settlements could have a useful purpose only if its jurisdiction embraced the function of subjecting the German financial situation to a comprehensive investigation regardless of the limitations imposed by the provisions of the Young plan.

#### Short-Term Credits Stressed.

Such an unrestricted survey, it is argued here, is not only an indispensable prelude to reopening the reparations debate but is also highly essential to establishing the juxtaposition of reparations and Germany's private short-term credits under the stabilization agreement.

The Government proposes to put these private credits to the fore in the forthcoming negotiations on the ground that they constitute priority claims and that their adjustment is of more immediate urgency to the future of German economy and the stability of the German currency than the resumption of the political payments imposed by the Young plan.

Whether the German thesis will prevail in the face of the announced French opposition should be known in the course of the next few days.

In his determination to have the credit stabilization agreement receive preferential treatment Chancellor Bruening has the undivided support of the political press and banking and industrial interests.

While such approval may in large measure be inspired by the growing popular opposition to the resuscitation of the Young plan after the expiration of the Hoover moratorium year, an early clarification of the private debt situation is viewed as an issue of such paramount importance to the future of German economy that it takes precedence over reparations.

#### Paper Says "Young Plan Is Dead."

The very contradiction between private and political debts, it is argued, definitely disposes of the Young plan.

"The Young plan is dead and no power on earth will be able to revive it," asserts the "Mining Gazette" of Essen, which speaks for the Ruhr industrialists. It predicts that any future reparations will have to be exacted by the aid of some other instrument.

### Germany Would Repay Credits in 10 Years—Frames Plan for Redemption of \$170,000,000 of Short-Term Debts Yearly—Conversations with Premier Laval.

Under date of Nov. 2, a cablegram from Berlin to the New York "Times" said:

In the forthcoming international, and especially the Franco-German negotiations about Germany's political and commercial debts, the German Government will lay stress on the commercial short-term credits, which, it is emphasized, must be prolonged over a period of many years.

It is believed in political circles, therefore, that Ambassador von Hoesch, when he calls on Premier Laval in Paris to-morrow, will declare that the amount of reparations which Germany may be able to pay at the end of the Hoover moratorium year depends primarily on the size of the annuities for the gradual redemption of the short-term debts, as both much be paid out of the more or less fixed surplus of the German balance of payments.

As a prolongation scheme for short-term credits providing for their gradual amortization cannot be agreed upon by France and Germany alone without the participation of the other nations involved, notably the United States and Britain, it is believed that the German Government will move for an international conference on short-term credits, to precede the reparations negotiations.

It is learned in political circles that the Government, in collaboration with the credit stabilization committee and the Economic Advisory Board, has evolved a scheme providing for short-term credit redemption to the extent of \$1,700,000,000 in annuities of \$170,000,000 over a period of 10 years.

The remaining part of the German short-term debts, the total of which is put at about \$2,700,000,000, cannot be included in freezing agreement as it consists mostly of reimbursements and other necessarily fluctuating credits.

While it is stated in well informed quarters that Dr. von Hoesch will not submit the amortization scheme to M. Laval as a definite proposal, it is understood that an annuity of \$170,000,000, plus interest charges, represents the maximum Germany can pay on the basis of her present balance of trade. If the reparations holiday is not to be prolonged, it is asserted, this annuity must therefore be reduced in accordance with the reparation payments.

In setting this annuity the Government figured on the basis of a 50% reduction of the interest charges on the short-term credits, which are now at 15%, it was learned.

It is believed that now, after having decided upon the amount of the annual payments which must be calculated in any scheme of economic reorganization, the Government's Economic Advisory Board will proceed to tackle the problems of wage and price reductions.

### Director of German Federal Statistical Bureau Holds Gold-Exchange Standard Responsible for Recent Crisis.

The director of the German Federal Statistical Bureau, Professor Wagemann, takes the stand in a written review

of the existing situation that the gold-exchange standard will have to be modified or abandoned. A Berlin message Nov. 6 to the New York "Times" went on to say:

This practice in the maintenance of Central Bank reserves against currency issues, which since the war has been used to supplement the gold standard pure and simple, has in his judgment played a vital role in bringing on this year's world crisis.

His conclusion is that, if it is desired to prevent recurrence of such crises in the future, international co-operation and general reform in the system of gold reserves and of international credit methods will be imperative.

### Gold Reserve Rising in Continental Banks—Switzerland Has Gained \$159,000,000, Holland \$61,600,000, Belgium \$9,800,000.

A London cablegram as follows Nov. 6 is taken from the New York "Times":

Continental central banks, in countries outside of France, have continued to gain gold during the week. The Bank of The Netherlands reports increase for the week of 20,215,000 florins, or \$8,100,000. Its gold reserve has risen since Sept. 28 by 153,605,000 florins, or \$61,600,000. There was no increase in the Bank of Belgium's gold during the past week, but the bank's gain since Sept. 24 has been 70,459,000 belgas, or \$9,800,000.

The largest gain outside of Paris has been that of the Bank of Switzerland. Its latest statement shows gain of 5,634,000 Swiss francs in gold during the week, or \$1,087,000. Since Sept. 3 it has added to its gold reserve 824,087,000 francs, or \$159,000,000.

### Gold Must Be Distributed—"Neue Freie Presse" Appeals to France and America.

From Vienna a wireless message Nov. 6 to the New York "Times" stated:

Regarding the American economic situation, the Neue Freie Presse writes that "the gold standard is not only a currency term but also an economic idea." It goes on to say that it would be both absurd and dangerous if both America and France were not finally to utilize their fantastic accumulations of gold for the purpose of renewing the purchasing power of millions, and for the purpose of improving credit relations between all the countries of the earth.

### Bank for International Settlements Defers Action on Credit to Austria.

In reporting the issuance on Nov. 9 of a communique by the directors of the Bank for International Settlements, a Basle cablegram to the New York "Times" stated:

The communique reveals that the question of renewing the 60,000,000 schilling credit to Austria has been deferred until further information as to Austria's financial rehabilitation. The bank's treatment of this problem is one of the first instances of close co-operation between the World Bank and the League of Nations at Geneva. While the League's financial committee has conducted a full inquiry into the Austrian Government's budget, World Bank experts have reported fully on the situation of the National Bank of Austria and Geneva by communicating its findings to Basle, allowing board members to obtain a clear perspective of the Austrian situation today. Professor Bruins, the World Bank expert, reported real improvement in the Austrian situation and in the national bank while the League's experts found the budget balanced.

#### Creditanstalt Unknown Quantity.

There remains, however, at the present moment one unknown factor, which probably was responsible for the bank's postponing action on the credit renewal. This relates to the rehabilitation of the Creditanstalt, the collapse of which is regarded as having opened the active phase of Europe's extreme economic crisis. Until the Creditanstalt, in which the National Bank of Austria is involved, is reorganized firmly, financiers believe the budgetary equilibrium of the Austrian State will be imperiled. And, as Professor Bruins's report indicated, renewal of the credit was not urgent, and the World Bank preferred to wait for further developments in the Austrian situation.

The World Bank's action, too, is motivated by its own condition as to deposits, which have been sharply reduced by recent withdrawals on central banks.

### Austria Worried Over Failure of Bank for International Settlements to Act on Credits.

Under date of Nov. 9 a cablegram from Vienna to the New York "Times" said:

The failure of the Bank for International Settlements to grant Austria a \$9,000,000 credit which the Bank of France is understood to have placed at its disposal not only has caused great disappointment here but is expected to have as a sequel the tightening of the already severe exchange restrictions. It is not likely that Austrians will be called on to surrender all the gold in their possession, but it is understood they will be required to turn over to the National Bank all foreign exchange, foreign stocks and shares and other effects readily liquid in foreign currency which have been acquired since a fixed date. This date may be either May 1 or Sept. 9.

Although it is said tonight that the failure to obtain the \$9,000,000 credit will not make any appreciable difference in Austria's financial situation, since the National Bank's holding of foreign exchange has materially increased in the last fortnight, it is admitted that there is grave anxiety about the government's liability under its guarantee of the liabilities of the Kreditanstalt. It is now openly stated that the obligation under this head may total \$200,000,000. Already the National Bank has discounted bills of the Kreditanstalt for almost \$90,000,000, which has reduced its currency cover dangerously near the legal minimum.

#### One Source of Credit.

The Kreditanstalt controlled two-thirds of Austria's industries, which, as that institution lost most of its deposits, now have no other source of cash or credit than the Austrian National Bank, or in other words, the Austrian State.

It was planned some time ago to convert the Kreditanstalt debt to the National Bank into a State loan, but officials now contemplate leaving the purely commercial bills with the National Bank as hitherto and asking the State to guarantee the interest on the remainder.

### Foreign Minister Schober Questioned on Austrian Credit Refusal—Paper Lays Action of Bank for International Settlements to France.

The following Vienna account Nov. 10 is from the New York "Times":

The refusal of the Bank for International Settlements to grant a \$9,000,000 credit to Austria which France, according to an Austrian official announcement, had placed with the Bank for that purpose was the subject of an interpellation in Parliament to-day, the occasion also renewing the demand for the resignation of Foreign Minister Schober and precipitating a violent newspaper controversy.

The Reichspost, the organ of the clerical section of the Christian Socialist party—the main constituent of the coalition government—suggested this morning that France had used her influence to prevent the grant of the credit because she was dissatisfied with the refusal of Dr. Schober, one of the authors of the Austro-German customs union scheme, to follow the example of his German colleague, Dr. Curtius, and resign.

The Allgemeine Zeitung published a violent attack on the League of Nations, which it described as a mere instrument of Austria's creditors, and accused it of having failed to live up to a virtual contract made with Austria.

In Parliament, Dr. Otto Bauer, the Socialist leader, asked Dr. Schober why the government had announced the grant of a \$9,000,000 credit which was now refused. Dr. Schober answered that the government had been informed by former Finance Minister Juch from Paris that the French Government had placed that amount at the disposal of the world bank for transmittal to the Austrian National Bank.

In a telegram from the Austrian Legation in Paris, Dr. Schober said, the wish had been expressed that this obligingness of the French Government should be duly appreciated by the Austrian newspapers. Last Saturday, he added, on again inquiring in Paris, he had been told that the French Government was still favorably disposed toward the granting of the credit.

### Imports Into Austria Regulated by National Banks.

From the New York "Times" we quote the following from Vienna Nov. 6:

Austrian foreign trade has lately appeared to be influenced decidedly by the policy of the National Bank, which has the power of granting or refusing foreign currencies for imports of merchandise. Import of luxuries of all kinds has been discontinued for the present. For instance, automobiles and even spare parts are considered luxuries by the National Bank.

Many people would probably prefer temporary invalidation of commercial treaties to this present kind of indirect financial throttling of imports.

### Portion of City of Dresden 7% Bonds of 1925 Purchased for Cancellation Through Sinking Fund.

Speyer & Co., as fiscal agents, announce that there have been purchased and cancelled for the 1931 sinking fund, \$343,500 bonds of the City of Dresden 7% sinking fund gold loan of 1925. Out of an original issue of \$5,000,000 bonds, there remain outstanding \$3,889,500 bonds.

### Agrarian Deputies in Budapest Chamber Oppose Currency Restrictions.

A cablegram from Budapest, Nov. 5, is given in the New York "Times," which had the following to say:

In the Chamber of Deputies to-day there was further stormy debate in which agrarian deputies announced that the Hungarian Association of Cattle Exporters had decided last night to suspend all export of cattle until the government had revised its currency restrictions, which were described as unfair and operated in the interests of the banks to the detriment of the farmers.

The government party agrarian Deputy, Ferencz Marshall, made a statement to this effect which was accompanied by shouts from the agrarians: "The farmers are starving; hundreds of thousands are breadless."

The opposition vociferously demanded that the report of the economy committee of 33 be submitted to the Chamber, declaring the government was seeking to cover up misdeeds of the Bethlen regime.

### Hungarian Government Purchases Interest in Hungarian General Credit Bank.

A cablegram as follows from Vienna, Nov. 8, appeared in the New York "Times":

The Hungarian Government has acquired for \$5,600,000 a majority of the shares of the Hungarian General Credit Bank and thus has taken an even larger interest in Hungary's principal bank than the Austrian Government has to the Creditanstalt, according to the newspaper "Stunde." The Creditanstalt collapse in Austria resulted in the throwing on the Hungarian markets of large blocks of shares in the General Credit Bank, which the government had to take up.

### Shortage of Raw Materials in Hungary Predicted As Result of Exchange Restrictions and Regulation of Imports.

Under date of Nov. 11 a Budapest message to the New York "Times" said:

The shortage of raw materials predicted in Opposition circles in consequence of the Hungarian exchange restrictions and regulations of imports, described by the League of Nations financial committee as necessary to enable Hungary to pay her foreign obligations, was the subject of an interpellation in Parliament to-night by Alexander Propper, Socialist Deputy. He asserted that Hungary had raw materials for only six weeks.

Minister of Commerce Kenez replied that the government was now negotiating with the United States, Germany, France, Egypt and South American countries for raw materials for which importers were willing to deposit payments in pengoes.

### Finnish Cabinet Seeks Emergency Powers to Issue Financial Decrees.

Owing to serious financial stringency, aggravated by the scarcity of foreign currencies following Finland's suspension of the gold standard, the Cabinet is planning the introduction of a bill in the Diet asking for special authority to issue emergency decrees concerning State financial measures. Advices from Helsingfors, Nov. 11, to the New York "Times" indicating this added:

The parliamentary parties have already been informed of the project, which is very wide in scope, including power for the Cabinet to declare a moratorium on State payments.

It is reported that the Cabinet wants to rush the bill through the Diet to obtain the desired powers without delay in order to meet possible emergencies arising from difficulties in balancing the budget, owing to the depreciation of the currency.

The parliamentary budget committee asked the Cabinet to-day to suggest means of covering the deficit, which has increased because of the larger amounts which it is now estimated will be necessary for the foreign debt service.

### Rumania Gets \$12,000,000—National Bank Obtains French Credit to Improve Note Coverage.

The following Bucharest (Rumania) cablegram Nov. 10 is from the New York "Times":

The Rumanian National Bank has made an agreement with the Bank of France for a credit of 300,000,000 francs (\$12,000,000) to be used to strengthen the gold coverage for notes in circulation.

It was emphasized this was not a loan to permit an increase in note circulation, but a provision for eventualities to be used when necessary. A big decrease in the foreign currency surplus is expected during the winter.

### Czechoslovak Budget Shows Deficit for 1930.

The final auditing of the 1930 Czechoslovak budget shows a deficit of 666,108,000 crowns (\$19,743,500), as compared with surpluses of 232,460,000 crowns in 1926, 642,483,000 in 1927, 328,722,000 in 1928, and 338,271,000 in 1929, according to a report received in the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache K. L. Rankin, Prague. The Department on Nov. 6 also said:

The estimated budget for 1930 provided for revenues amounting to 9,419,667,000 crowns and for expenditures of 9,366,905,000 crowns, leaving an anticipated surplus of 52,962,000 crowns. During the past year, however, actual revenues reached 9,645,444,000 crowns and actual expenditures 10,311,552,000 crowns (1,025,491,000 crowns of extraordinary expenditures above the amount provided in the budget), leaving a deficit of 668,108,000 crowns.

Receipts from taxation (including State enterprises), which accounted for 90% of total revenue, totaled 8,638,630,000 crowns, a decline of a little over 3% from the estimates. As compared with estimates, there were substantial increases in receipts from income and consumption taxes, but returns from profits and turnover and luxury taxes, import and export duties, and from State enterprises declined. The reduced volume of foreign trade was responsible for the drop of 18% in customs receipts.

Net profits of Government-owned enterprises during 1930 were much less than anticipated in the budget. Estimates placed these profits at 1,562,271,000 crowns, whereas actual operating results showed only 1,239,388,000 crowns, a reduction of 322,883,000 crowns, or 20.7%.

The tobacco monopoly, the State mines and smelting plants, the Government printing office, and the military airplane factory increased their profits over budget figures. The State railways, however, closed with a deficit of 196,077,000 crowns, as compared with anticipated profits of 148,496,000 crowns. The administration of State forests and estates also had a bad year, ending with a deficit of 8,402,000 crowns, as against an expected profit of 84,881,000 crowns. Posts and telegraphs closed with a surplus of 49,457,000 crowns which, however, represent a decrease of 40,019,000 crowns from the budget estimate.

### Gold Purchases by the Bank of Danzig Increases—Movement Toward Gold Basis for Currency Seen As Likely.

Supplementing the item in our issue of Oct. 31 (page 2851) we quote the following from the Department of Commerce at Washington under date of Oct. 29:

The statement of the Bank of Danzig as of Aug. 31, reports gold holdings of the bank amounting to 10,569,674 gulden (about \$2,057,558), as compared with 129,859 gulden (about \$25,279) on Aug. 15, according to a report from Consul C. W. Perkins, Free City of Danzig.

At the same time, demand deposits with the Bank of England (including bank notes) declined from 26,162,850 gulden to 9,434,000 gulden. The portion of this decrease not accounted for by the purchase of gold may very possibly represent the repayment of a part of the foreign credits obtained by the Bank of Danzig during the German financial crisis in July; the bank announced on July 18 that such credits had been granted by the Bank of England and the Bank for International Settlements, but did not make public the amounts involved. Some indication of the size of these loans may perhaps be gained from the fact that the obligations of the Bank of Danzig in foreign currencies increased by approximately 9,000,000 gulden (\$1,800,000) between July 15 and July 31.

As the note circulation of the Bank of Danzig on Aug. 31 was 40,998,970 gulden (about \$7,981,112), the Free City's currency on that date was covered by actual gold to the extent of 25.78%. The security provided by demand deposits with the Bank of England and Danzig coins was 29.73%, and discounted bills afforded additional coverage, or approximately 51.50%, making 107% in all.

It is probable that this purchase of gold represents the first step toward placing the Danzig currency on an actual gold basis. At present the Bank of Danzig is required only to maintain a coverage of 33 1-3% in Bank of England notes, demand deposits with the Bank of England, and gold coin, in any proportion which it may desire; moreover, its notes are not legally redeemable in gold, under paragraph 11 of the Note Concession.

### Reported Participation by Federal Reserve System in Credit to Jugoslavia.

From the New York "Times" of Nov. 7 we take the following:

The advance of \$505,000 in the item "due from foreign banks" in the weekly statement (Nov. 4) of the Federal Reserve Banks was interpreted generally yesterday as reflecting participation by the Federal Reserve in the recent \$3,000,000 credit to Jugoslavia announced by the Bank for International Settlements. The Federal Reserve's participation in the International Bank's earlier credits to Austria and Hungary are presumed to be reflected in the same item, which amounted on Wednesday (Nov. 4) to \$9,297,000. No formal announcement of these credits has been made by the Reserve Bank, but, following foreign dispatches, officials of the bank here confirmed the participation. No confirmation was given yesterday, however, as to participation in the Jugoslav credit. The practice of the Federal Reserve in respect to announcing its foreign credits is governed by the wishes of the foreign borrower. As a rule foreign central banks consider it advantageous to have announcement made that they have obtained credits, but occasionally an institution takes the stand that it would be better off if public attention was not called to its need for assistance.

### French Treasury Extends Loan to Jugoslavia.

The following from Paris (United Press) is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 12:

The French Treasury has loaned Jugoslavia 300,000,000 francs to enable the latter country to meet its budget deficit. The deficit was caused by a loss of fr. 500,000,000 in reparations under the war debt moratorium. The loan was negotiated by Finance Minister Djuritch of Jugoslavia.

### Report of French Credit to Rumania.

Associated Press advices from Paris, Nov. 12, stated that the financial newspaper "L'information" said that night that the Bank of France had granted Rumania a \$12,000,000 supplementary credit to aid in the maintenance of her gold coverage.

### Expansion of Polish Postal Savings Banks.

The American Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the United States, issued the following announcement Nov. 7:

The Polish press reports that negotiations conducted between the Polish Postal Savings Bank and the Government of Argentina have been satisfactorily concluded. The Government of Argentina has published a decree approving the charter and by-laws of a branch of the Postal Savings Banks in that country, which was scheduled to be opened about Nov. 1.

Polish emigrants living in Argentina will now have an excellent opportunity to avail themselves of the services of that great financial institution for the purpose of transmitting their remittances and transacting all other business with Poland.

### John B. Stetson Jr. Elected President of American-Polish Chamber of Commerce—Was Formerly United States Minister to Warsaw.

John B. Stetson Jr., former United States Minister to Poland was elected President of the American-Polish Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting of the Chamber held at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York on Nov. 9. Mr. Stetson succeeds Colonel Robert E. Lee, Vice-President of the American Seantie Line and Vice-President of Moore & McCormack Co., Inc., operators of the American Seantie Line.

Mr. Stetson formerly United States Minister to Poland, was stationed at Warsaw from 1925 to Jan. 1930, during which period the foundation was laid for the commercial rehabilitation of the new Polish nation. His election to head the American-Polish Chamber of Commerce is in recognition of his wide understanding and sympathetic interest in Polish development. Mr. Stetson, is a son of the founder of the hat manufacturing company of that name. During the war he served in France as a pilot in the United States Army Aviation Corps with the rank of captain. He is a member of the investment banking firm of Stetson & Blackman. The American-Polish Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1920 to promote commercial relations and to co-operate with the governments of both countries in trade arrangements.

### National Economic Bank on Economic Situation in Poland.

Under date of Nov. 7, the "Survey of Poland," issued by the American Polish Chamber of Commerce and Industry in the United States, said:

The suspension of gold payments in England, with which country Poland maintains close commercial and financial relations, is being watched by Poland with keen interest in order to ascertain what effects that important British event will have on the economic life of Poland.

A very interesting analysis of the situation during September is being presented by the National Economic Bank. As the Bank points out, the crisis of the pound sterling revealed again, just as in July during the German crisis, to what extent the Polish money market is independent and how strongly it can withstand such important international changes.

The Polish zloty was one of the few European currencies which have not fluctuated even fractionally, throughout that whole period maintaining its gold parity. The cover of the Polish currency with gold and other currencies based on the gold standard was also continuously considerably

above the legal minimum. This stability of the zloty protected the Polish market and the entire business life of the country against violent shocks and prevented panics which swept over other countries, even economically stronger than Poland.

No doubt the favorable balance of foreign trade has been a powerful factor in maintaining the stability of the zloty. A no less powerful element however, is the fact that thanks to the efficient measures of economy adopted by the Government, the monthly deficit of the State budget has been reduced in September to 8½ million zlotys only as against 46½ million in June.

Although of course a financial crisis of such magnitude as the recent crisis in England cannot pass without reacting on Poland, its effects, as far as the money and security markets are concerned, were not strong enough to necessitate the undertaking of drastic measures of protection. The business life of Poland has thus escaped regulations of the foreign exchange market and of the security markets, which have been introduced in other countries.

The unwillingness of practically all countries to engage capital abroad compelled the Polish banks to reduce their credit activities at a time when seasonal requirements for credit accommodations were increasing. This reacted unfavorably on the anticipated improvement on the credit market which usually takes place during the fall season. Agriculture was particularly affected, inasmuch as the harvest was not very satisfactory and, as a consequence, the earning capacity of the farmers was reduced. Moreover, worse conditions on international markets have decreased the sale of products such as meat, eggs and butter.

### Formation of State Industrial Bank in Italy Agreed Upon at Cabinet Meeting—To Release Frozen Assets of Banks and Assist Industry—Decision Follows Relinquishing of Holdings of Industrial Stocks by Banca Commerciale Italiana.

The Council of Ministers, at Rome, Italy, with Premier Mussolini presiding, decided on Nov. 9 to organize a credit institution on practically the same lines as that recently established in the United States by President Hoover, according to Associated Press accounts from Rome, which also stated:

It will have a capital of \$26,000,000 and its purpose is to release the frozen assets of banks and to assist Italian industry.

Half the capital is to be contributed by Government savings and loan institutions and the other half by banks which will receive 5% interest. The organization will be under the supervision of the Finance Ministry and its President will be selected by the Premier.

The following regarding the new institution is from Rome advices, Nov. 9, to the New York "Times":

It will be called the "Istituto Mobiliare Italiano," and its chief duty will be the thawing out of frozen credits by financing industrial and agricultural concerns with long-term credits until public confidence is restored sufficiently to induce investors to put their capital into industries and agricultural undertakings.

The big banking concerns which have in recent years undertaken this work will now be relieved of the burden and the Banca Commerciale Italiana will be able to keep its business strictly within the customary banking limits and the issuance of short-term credits.

The new institution will be State-controlled and have a capital of not less than 500,000,000 lira, equal to \$25,000,000, subscribed by institutions belonging to a consortium for industrial credits and State savings and loan institutions which will contribute half the capital. The institution will finance private Italian enterprises and take up their shares for not more than 10 years. It is authorized to issue bearer bonds for concerns approved by the State and obligations at fixed interest, but may not accept deposits or have current account debts.

Income from the new institution's obligations and shares will be free of income tax and State guarantees will be given by the head of the Government through decrees. Its obligations will be quoted on the Italian Bourses.

Senator Teodoro Mayer, President of the Senate Finance Committee, has been president of the new institution and appointed a Minister of State by the King on Mussolini's proposal. Under him will be a Board of 15 directors, some of them named by the State.

In a copyright cablegram to the New York "Herald Tribune" (Nov. 9) it was stated that the institution may issue securities backed by industrial or agricultural properties aggregating 10 times the capitalization, none with a longer maturity than 10 years. Certain issues may be guaranteed by the State with the approval of the Council of Ministers.

The same copyright account also said:

The evidence of State control is seen most clearly in the constitution of the governing body, 15 of whom, including the President and Vice-President, are to be named by royal decree on the suggestion of the head of the Government and the Minister of Finance after consultation with the Minister of Corporations.

Reference to the action of the Banca Commerciale Italiana in relinquishing its holdings of commercial stocks was noted in our issue of Nov. 7, page 3038.

### Italy Holding Gold Standard—Country on Point of Establishing Soundest Financial System Since the War—Stock of Metal Gains.

From its Paris bureau the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 10 reported the following:

While Italy has been recipient of practically none of the huge gold shipments which have been leaving New York for European destinations in recent weeks, her gold position has actually improved since the announcement on Sept. 20 that the pound sterling was off the gold standard. From Sept. 10 to Oct. 10, Italian central bank reserves of the yellow metal rose from lire 5,374,000,000 to lire 5,447,000,000. However, at the same time foreign exchange holdings fell from lire 3,439,000,000 to lire 2,752,000,000—indicative, first, that the British breakdown caused a material loss to the

Italian treasury, but, secondly, and of perhaps greater importance, that Italy is changing from a "gold exchange" nation to a "gold" nation.

Losses taken in her holdings of sterling, once considered the safest of investments, have quite evidently brought the Italian financial regime to realize to the fullest the benefits of holding liquid assets in the form of gold during times of economic stress. Nor evidently is there any possibility now of Italy following British and Scandinavian example in allowing currency depreciation as a measure for reducing salaries and debt charges. Thus, despite the fact that many economists attacked the lira stabilization law of Dec. 1927, as having placed its value too high, the present occasion which seemingly offers a tempting chance for readjustment is being "passed by."

#### *Solid System Imminent.*

Italy seems to be on the point of establishing the most solid, gold-backed, financial system that she has known since the war. The gold block centered about France and including Belgium, Holland and Switzerland, should certainly welcome this rather unexpected ally in the South.

At first glance the balance sheets of the Bank of Italy since the close of 1927 appear to show a definite and dangerous retrogression. Thus gold and exchange holdings during the nearly four years in question have declined from lire 12,106,000,000 to only lire 8,199,000,000—but the gold portion of the total rose from lire 5,547,000,000 to lire 5,445,000,000 or from 37.5% to 66.4%.

The losses in liquid funds are attributed to the continuous excess of imports over exports during the period and to the reduction of sight debts from lire 2,830,000,000 to lire 1,890,000,000. Another favorable point is the progressive reduction in circulation from roughly lire 19,000,000,000 in Dec. 1927, to lire 14,500,000,000 currently.

As a result of these offsetting movements, the cover against sight engagements has been maintained well above the legal minimum of 40% and at this writing the gold reserves alone actually amount to 37% of the monetary circulation.

#### *Tariff Wall Nearly Prohibitive.*

The recent heavy ad-valorem surtaxes on imports are expected to increase Government revenues by lire 800,000,000 a year, which income is to partly defray special construction works for aiding the unemployed and partly to further increase the gold backing of the lira. The nearly prohibitive tariff wall which has been built around this country already has made itself felt in curbing the usual import trade balance. Whereas the trade deficit amounted to lire 5,100,000,000 in 1930 and was even heavier in the preceding two years, it totaled only lire 1,700,000,000 for the first nine months of the current year.

In September, the nation hailed the first month of an import trade balance recorded in many years. From the results so far visible, it seems certain that the strict monetary and commercial trade policies of the Fascist regime have to date brought favorable results outweighing the unfavorable results of necessarily reduced exports and resultant increased unemployment. If this latter problem of the unemployed can be largely solved through the ambitious work program getting under way this winter, the world will perforce have to recognize the skill, amounting near to genius, of the Fascist guidance of Italy through the present world crisis.

### **Alexander Kerensky, Former Premier of Russia, Says Soviet Has Wrecked Country.**

A wireless message as follows from London Nov. 10 is taken from the New York "Times":

Fourteen years after the Bolsheviks hurled him from power, Alexander Kerensky is still implacably hostile to the Soviet regime. The Russian former Premier, who now edits a small newspaper in Paris for exiles, revealed to a luncheon audience in London today that he had lost none of his bitterness against his old enemies. He has grown grayer and stouter than in the days when he tried to establish a moderate government in Petrograd.

"Never has a regime of enforced famine and destitution been so ruthless as now in Soviet Russia," said Mr. Kerensky. "The present dictatorship of Stalin possesses no precedent even in the Middle Ages.

"The five-year plan not only is not needed, but it is extremely damaging. It has destroyed the very foundations of national economy. The Bolsheviks have shown themselves bankrupt as organizers of production and have thrust Russia into a bottomless abyss of destitution."

M. Kerensky insisted he did not oppose economic co-operation with Russia, for, he said, Europe's economic destinies and Russia's are irrevocably united. The granting of foreign credits, however, merely exploits the "poverty famine of the Russian population," in his opinion, and foreigners who back the Soviet regime with credits "resemble the lunatics who gave willing help to Nero in the burning of Rome."

#### **Australian Revenue.**

Canadian press accounts from Canberra (Australia) Nov. 10 stated:

The revenue of the Australian Commonwealth for October amounted to \$27,780,000, compared with expenditures of \$23,940,000, the government announced today. The National Debt Commission has redeemed \$15,715,000 of Commonwealth debts and \$16,205,000 in Australian State debts in the last year.

### **Inheritance Tax Imposed by Peruvian Government to Aid University.**

Under date of Nov. 8 a Lima (Peru) cablegram to the New York "Times" stated:

In order to provide an annual revenue of 800,000 soles (about \$225,000) for the maintenance of the University of San Marcos, the Provisional Government has issued a decree imposing an inheritance tax on all properties whose value exceeds 50,000 soles (about \$14,000).

The tax will be on a sliding scale, being 1% between 50,000 and 100,000 soles and advancing progressively to 12% on properties whose value is in excess of 1,000,000 soles. There will be a 50% rebate to the testator leaving more than five children and an increase of 50% where the heirs are not in the direct line of descent.

#### **Peru Extends Oil Concession Period.**

A cablegram as follows from Lima (Peru) Nov. 8 is taken from the New York "Times":

The Provisional Government has issued a decree prolonging the period allowed for the exploration of petroleum concessions. Article XVIII, paragraph C of Law 4452, as amended, now reads: "The term of exploration of petroleum concessions shall be two to four years, extendable two to four

years longer, according to conditions thought desirable by the Executive authority after consultation with the Council on Mining and Petroleum."

### **Deficit of \$9,805,832 Reported Shown by Banco of Peru y Londres.**

The following Lima, Peru, cablegram Nov. 8 is from the New York "Times":

The Peruvian Superintendent of Banks has issued a preliminary report on the situation of the Banco of Peru y Londres, at one time Lima's chief banking institution, which suspended payments in October last year. The statement covers the status of liquidation in August of this year.

Liabilities, worked out in United States money, were \$19,030,556 and assets \$9,224,724, leaving a deficit of \$9,805,832.

The liquidation of the institution was referred to in our issue of April 11 1931, page 2691, and May 30, page 3978.

### **New York Federal Reserve Bank to Be Represented at Conference in Peru of South American Central Banks.**

The New York Federal Reserve Bank has been invited to send representatives to attend a meeting of financial representatives of Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia and Ecuador on Dec. 2 at Lima, Peru. At these conferences the general financial condition will be considered. Representatives of the New York Federal Reserve Bank will include Professor E. W. Kemmerer of Princeton, and Allan Sproul, Assistant Deputy Governor in the foreign department and Eric F. Lamb of the foreign department of the Federal Reserve Bank. An item regarding the conference appeared in our issue of Nov. 7, page 3019.

### **Uruguayan Peso Improves—Rises from 43 to 45.60 Cents in Week—Moratorium Praised.**

The following Montevideo cablegram, Nov. 8, is from the New York "Times":

Uruguayan exchange improved during the week, the gold peso closing at 45.60 American cents, as compared with 43 cents the previous Saturday (Oct. 31). Sterling fluctuated widely from 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ d to the peso to 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ d and closed at 28 15-16d.

Government officials attribute the improvement to the moratorium on commercial obligations in foreign currency and point out that its moratorium has reduced foreign commercial obligations from 22,000,000 to 14,000,000 pesos, but the wool exporters complain that the restrictions are hindering their operations, making it impossible to negotiate exchange and thereby reducing exports, on which the country is dependent for the improvement of its economic situation.

### **Uruguay to Check Debts—Will Ascertain Amounts Owned Abroad to Find Balance of Payments.**

A cablegram as follows from Montevideo, Nov. 11, is taken from the New York "Times":

The Minister of Finance has instructed the Bank of the Republic to ascertain the exact amount of the debts owed abroad by Uruguayan industries and commercial organizations in an effort to determine the country's balance of international payments.

Former calculations have not included direct debts between importers and foreign houses or agents, and the Finance Minister believes that this is an important factor on which the present exchange control law authorizes the bank to question all business men.

The National Administrative Council has decreed new restrictions against the exportation of Uruguayan bond coupons for collection abroad in foreign currencies, resident bondholders having made large profits by the difference in exchange.

### **Uruguayan Foreign Minister Sails for Rio de Janeiro—Reported Seeking Tripartite Treaty.**

Foreign Minister Juan Carlos Blanco and Senora Blanco sailed for Rio de Janeiro on Nov. 11, ostensibly for a short rest of only two or three days in the Brazilian capital, but, said a Montevideo cablegram to the New York "Times", it is generally believed he will complete arrangements for a tripartite economic conference between Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay here on Dec. 1. The cablegram added:

Before sailing Senor Blanco admitted he undoubtedly would confer with Brazilian authorities. He explained that there really would be three conferences meeting simultaneously, the delegates of Brazil and Uruguay framing a new trade treaty, the delegates of Uruguay and Argentina doing the same, and the delegates of all three negotiating a united economic front for the protection of their export trade.

The newspapers of all three countries are devoting much space daily to details of the plan and expect important results, believing a closer understanding among the three to be of the utmost importance, even if the conference does not develop into a continental agreement.

### **Argentina Takes Step to Stabilize the Peso.**

To stabilize the Argentine peso the Argentine Government has issued a decree fiscalizing all the exchange operations of Buenos Aires banks and controlling the local sales of export bills for merchandise sent out of the country, according to the "United States Daily" of Nov. 10 from which the following is also taken:

The decree, which has been received by the Department of State, contains the following information:

The Exchange Control Commission is in general charge of exchange transactions, with the clearing house banks permitted to operate in foreign exchange transactions. Drafts are granted only up to a daily maximum of the equivalent of 1,000 pesos (paper) to each purchaser, "for the purpose of avoiding the monopolizing of exchange and its negotiation in the market by speculators."

The limit of postal or telegraphic transfers, the emission of letters of credit, and the opening of simple or documentary credits is limited to an equivalent of 5,000 pesos, unless previously authorized by the Exchange Control Commission.

These banks shall have the right, according to the decree, "to apply exchange without limit for the value of the collections constituted by accepted documents falling due day by day and sight drafts, as well as liquidations of credits opened abroad, upon receiving notices of payments."

### Argentina Suspends Pegging of Exchange—Limits for Gold Peso Fixed.

Associated Press dispatches from Buenos Aires, Nov. 10 stated:

The Government Exchange Control Commission suspended the pegging of exchange to-day, and until further notice will instead fix maximum and minimum limits for cable quotations.

Limits for gold pesos were fixed between 1.71 and 1.65 to the dollar, effective beginning to-day.

The Commission said it believed it would aid the exchange market to find its own level by terminating the pegging practice.

Later in the day the gold peso, jumping nearly 10 points in the two days since the election, was quoted at 165.5 for \$100. The paper peso rose from 25 cents on Saturday to 26.5 to-day.

### Gain in Argentine Exports.

According to Buenos Aires advices, Nov. 11, to the New York "Evening Post" the National Statistical Department report on Argentine exports for the first 10 months of the current year gives a total of \$309,323,860, against \$306,568,280 for the same period last year. This marks the first time this year that these reports have indicated a higher value of exports for this year as compared with the totals of 1930, says the cablegram which added:

October exports revealed an extraordinary increase both in weight and value, the latter amounting to \$33,681,572, against \$26,624,500 during September, \$25,701,515 in August, and only \$26,696,686 in October of last year.

### Argentina Reports Budgetary Surplus.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 7, we take the following from Buenos Aires, Nov. 6:

Argentina is steadily improving her financial position. Whereas at the end of 1930 Argentina had a deficit of \$115,000,000, the latest statement on finances gives every indication that she will finish the current year with at least a balanced budget, if not a surplus.

The Argentina Ministry of Finance in a statement published to-day showed a surplus of \$500,000 for the month ended Oct. 31, compared with a deficit of \$5,000,000 in October last year. Total expenditures for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 were only \$169,500,000, compared with \$268,500,000 for the same period a year ago. Total receipts for October amounted to \$19,438,000, of which \$18,444,000 was cash revenue and the balance authorized bond issues, Treasury notes and various internal credit resources.

The total receipts were \$3,781,500 under last year's, but whereas in October 1930, the internal bond issues amounted to more than \$4,800,000, these internal issues for October 1931, totaled less than \$1,000,000. The cash revenue of October 1931, exceeded that of October 1930, by \$1,498,000, the diminution of receipts being therefore solely accounted for by Argentina's comparative abstinence from borrowing. Expenditures in October amounted to \$18,952,000, compared with \$26,778,000 for October last year.

The total revenue for the first 10 months of 1931 amounted to \$167,334,000, as against \$276,038,000 for the corresponding period of last year. This falling off is explained, however, by the fact that this year's revenue included only \$21,149,000 from internal bond issues and various internal credits, against \$128,030,000 received from these sources last year. Total expenditures for the past 10 months were \$99,040,000 less than last year notwithstanding the fact that the sum required for interest and amortization service on internal and external debts required \$3,570,000 more than in the same period last year.

### Bolivia Lifts Moratorium—Finds Customs Revenues Badly Cut by Suspending Foreign Payments.

A cablegram from La Paz, Nov. 12 to the New York "Times," stated:

The Bolivian Government has issued a decree suspending the moratorium of Oct. 9 on obligations payable in foreign currency. The lifting of the ban is effective Nov. 16.

The suspension of payments of foreign obligations resulted in complications in commerce, especially for shippers to Bolivia, and had considerably curtailed imports, customs revenues having fallen alarmingly.

The Central Bank has officially announced that Professor E. W. Kemmerer, Princeton fiscal expert, will head the Reserve Board delegation to the conferences in Lima scheduled for Dec. 2. It is generally believed Dr. Kemmerer, after the conference, will again visit Bolivia to discuss problems arising from the economic crisis.

The "Wall Street Journal" of last night (Nov. 13) said:

Bankers here state the lifting of the moratorium on payment of foreign obligations by Bolivia has no bearing on external bond service. It relates to private commercial obligations. Cessation of payments was ordered about a month ago to protect exchange but was rescinded because it had worked great hardship on importers, and lowered customs revenues.

### Bogota Curbs Payments—Colombian Board Denies Requests for Transfer Abroad of \$894,000.

The first report of the Colombian Exchange Control Board appointed under special authorization of the President, as

published Nov. 12, shows applications denied for transfer of funds abroad totaled \$894,000 from Sept. 25 to Oct. 31. A cablegram from Bogota Nov. 12 to the New York "Times," reporting this, added:

The Board also withheld permits to transfer funds for foreign debt service for the week ended Nov. 6 totaling more than \$750,000, which had been deposited in pesos in the Bank of the Republic to the order of the nation's creditors for service on bonds sold in the United States.

### Colombia Has New Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

The establishment of a new Ministry in the Colombian Cabinet to be known as Agriculture and Commerce which will begin to function as soon as the funds available for its proper administration are secured, is provided for by a new Colombian law, the Department of Commerce is informed in a report from James J. O'Neil, Assistant Trade Commissioner in Bogota. The Department on Nov. 11 also stated:

Agriculture and cattle raising in all parts of the country will receive the necessary aid and attention in the program of work outlined for this new branch. The Government is also authorized to appoint two Colombia technical employees of this ministry to receive instruction in foreign universities with salaries paid while conducting their studies provided that upon completion it is agreed that those so sent shall give their services to the Government for a period of at least three years in salaried positions.

### Ecuador Seizes American Lard.

The following Guayaquil (Ecuador) cablegram Nov. 12 is from the New York "Times":

Customs authorities here have confiscated shipments of American lard containing more than 12% of stearin, acting under a new law. The former law permitted up to 25% stearin, and the Chamber of Commerce has protested the seizure on the grounds the shipment had been made before the new law became effective.

### Colombia Moves to Ease Finances—President Olaya Completes Plan of Executive Action to Conserve Gold—Budget and Taxes Held Up—Congress May Prolong Session to Provide for Big Deficiency in Customs Revenue.

The decree which President Olaya issued to establish official control over exports of Colombian products may be said to complete the initial program of executive action to conserve gold as contemplated by the Emergency Powers Act which was rushed through Congress and signed during the week the Bank of England suspended payments in gold. In special correspondence from Bogota, Nov. 2, the New York "Times" of Nov. 8, from which we quote, also said:

The Government's other fences erected around the gold supply are also embodied in Presidential decrees of a legislative character issued during the past 30 days. Free commerce in gold is forbidden to all except the Bank of the Republic. Foreign exchange operations are limited to banks, and must be approved by an official board before each sale of foreign drafts. Banks are required to deposit their gold in the Bank of the Republic, sell that bank their daily balances of foreign exchange purchased in excess of foreign drafts sold, and invest all their capital, reserves and deposits in Colombia.

Imports of articles of luxury, such as alcoholic beverages, jewelry, toiletries, manufactures of silk and tobacco products, have been forbidden. Customs duties on practically all imported foodstuffs have been doubled, and increases of 25% to 100% have been decreed on many imported dispensable manufactured commodities. The purpose of the new exports control is to ensure the return to Colombia of gold payments covering the net money value of exports, thus balking possible attempts to export capital from the country in the form of coffee or other Colombian products readily marketable abroad.

The Government has also just directed the mint to coin a new 2,000,000 peso issue of silver half pesos, as a further means of increasing circulation by utilizing the Treasury's stock of bar silver which has accumulated during the last seven years by the gradual retirement of old silver currency. The Government has been purchasing this old currency with part of its dividends from the Bank of the Republic.

### Covers Broad Field.

By these measures the Administration hopes to correct the unfavorable balance of international payments, maintain the gold standard, avoid a moratorium of interest and amortization payments on the foreign debts of the nation, States, municipalities and mortgage banks, increase credit and circulation, and develop the home market for domestic agriculture and industries. However, critics of the Administration, among them former Minister of Finance Marulanda, demand, as what they call the only effective alternative to the eventual collapse of the banking structure and the permanent stagnation of the national economy, an immediate general moratorium of foreign debt payments. Others also view as inevitable and even desirable the abandonment of the gold standard. Moreover, a definite shift of capital from commerce, in imported goods to investment in domestic agriculture and industry is represented as improbable unless native producers are assured of a permanent protective policy on the part of the Government.

The recent slight increase in the gold reserve of the Bank of the Republic reverses the alarmingly rapid downward trend of the first weeks of September, but it is too soon to estimate the full economic effects of the Government's drastic steps. However, serious fiscal and some political repercussions have already been produced, and the fiscal situation may force the President to extend the present regular session of Congress beyond Nov. 16 in order to pass the 1932 budget and vote new taxes to supply the large deficiency in customs revenues which is expected to result from the limitation of imports.

The 1932 budget has not yet come before the House on second reading. The House Budget Committee returned it to the Finance Ministry early this month with a request for a revised schedule of revenues in the light of the new situation created by the emergency decrees. The Ministry has not yet complied, and only 19 legislative days remain of the present regular session.

#### *May Attack Measures.*

The Constitution provides that the power of national taxation resides exclusively in the Legislature, and some legislators hold the view that this power is not delegatable to the President. The Government majority bloc in the Senate has gone on record to the effect that the Emergency Powers Act authorizes the President up to the end of this year to decree new taxes or increase existing rates. This position has not been ratified by the House. If executive decrees imposing new or higher taxes be issued, they would undoubtedly be challenged in the courts, and tax collections enjoined, with consequent embarrassment to the Treasury.

The Administration has moved to increase credit facilities for farmers, by obtaining from the Bank of the Republic an additional credit of 5,000,000 pesos with which to finance the government's share of the capitalization of a new national savings bank and an additional agrarian credit institution to make loans on crops and live stock. Some of the money may be diverted to resume construction of public works on a modest scale, as a means of relieving unemployment and providing highway outlets to the Magdalena River for native farm products destined to supply the Atlantic coastal region, which has heretofore been largely dependent on imported wheat, rice and lard.

The Ministers of Finance and Industries have been summoned to appear before the House to answer interpellations on the feasibility of additional means of ameliorating the difficult fiscal and economic situation. The citation specifically refers to a possible reduction of the legal gold reserve of the Bank of the Republic, which is now fixed at 50% of its deposits and bills in circulation; aids to agriculture; relief for mortgage debtors; new taxes to balance the budget; the period which the decreed emergency measures should remain in force; lower freight rates for domestic products; better customs organization; lower interest rates, and the establishment of maximum legal rates of interest.

#### **Funds Received for Payment of Interest on Cuban Bonds.**

The following from Havana is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 11:

Cuban Government has remitted to Speyer & Co. \$85,000 for interest and amortization on Cuban 5% bonds, 1944, and also remitted \$52,998 to J. P. Morgan & Co. for interest and amortization on Cuban 5% bonds, 1949.

#### **Chase National Bank Reported to Have Extended Maturity of Loan to Cuba.**

Havana advices in the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 13 said:

Secretary of the Treasury states that the Chase National Bank has extended its \$20,000,000 loan to Dec. 15.

#### **Payments Suspended on Dominican Bonds—State Department Permits Republic to Use Funds for Domestic Functions.**

Because of the seriousness of the financial situation existing in the Dominican Republic, the Department of State will permit the Dominican Government to allocate the revenue from certain customs revenues to the payment of its own expenses rather than the payment of American bondholders. Announcement of this was made by the Department of State Nov. 10, it is learned from the "United States Daily" of Nov. 11, which gives the text of the announcement as follows:

#### *Economic Conditions.*

The economic conditions of the Dominican Republic have suffered in common with the rest of the world and were made much worse by the disastrous hurricane of September 1930. The conditions have become so serious and the revenues, including both customs and internal revenues, have declined so abruptly that the Dominican Republic has informed the Department of State that it has found it necessary to adopt emergency legislation giving priority to the interest charges on the foreign loans but temporarily diverting certain customs revenues from the payment of amortization on these loans, applying the amounts so diverted to the maintenance of vital governmental functions and the preservation of law and order upon which the ultimate payment of the external debts must depend.

#### *"Drastic" Retrenchment.*

The Dominican Government communicated to the Department of State in advance of its intention and the facts upon which its action is based together with a statement of the drastic economy measures already taken in an endeavor to meet the situation. The Dominican Government frankly recognized that the step proposed by it is not only a violation of the obligations as to the holders of its securities, but also a violation of the convention between the United States and the Dominican Republic.

After an independent investigation by the Department confirming the existence of the serious situation in the Dominican Republic, the Department informed the Dominican Government that it has noted the steps which that Government felt required to take and the reasons therefor; and that the additional funds thus made available to the Dominican Government as a measure of last resort would be spent with the greatest care in maintaining vital governmental functions by an official specially designated to administer the same as a special emergency fund.

The Department has noted the firm intent of the Dominican Government to make as soon as possible the payments now to be deferred, and called attention to the fact that the measure proposed would necessarily extend the life of the receivership of customs for so long a period as the amortization payments are held in abeyance. The Department added that with an understanding of these special circumstances thus pointed out the policy of the United States Government would be guided.

Having in mind the provisions of the convention between the United States and the Dominican Republic, and in view of the circumstances set

forth above, this Government is not disposed at this time to take any action other than to continue to follow with attention and care the developments in the Dominican Republic. It is the belief of the Department that this policy will be the best for all concerned, including the bondholders upon whose bonds the Dominican Government proposes to continue to pay interest regularly.

#### **Banco de Mexico Destroying 12,000,000 Pesos Gold Notes in Accordance With Monetary Law—Silver Monetary Standard.**

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 11 we quote the following from Mexico City:

Banco de Mexico has started destruction by fire of the 12,000,000 pesos (about \$5,000,000, American) of gold bank notes it issued prior to enactment on July 27, last, of new monetary law that established silver money standard and prohibited circulation of gold currency in any form.

Bank officials state that practically all of the 12,000,000 peso gold billet issue has been redeemed. Action is in preparation for an issue of silver bank notes which is likely for the near future.

#### **Bank of Zorilla Hermanos in Ciudad Victoria (Mexico) Closed.**

From Mexico City Nov. 10, a wireless message to the New York "Times" stated:

The Bank of Zorilla Hermanos in Ciudad Victoria, capital of the State of Tamaulipas, closed its doors yesterday. The bank had several million pesos and held the money of many small depositors.

The State funds of Tamaulipas are said to have been largely deposited in the institution.

#### **Dollar Lower in Mexico—Silver Peso Rises After Long Slump, With Imports Curbed.**

Under date of Nov. 5, advices from Mexico City to the New York "Times" stated:

The dollar dropped to-day to the lowest point since the beginning, many months ago, of the Mexican industrial and economic crisis. American notes brought 2.55 pesos in the local market and were sold at 2.52 in exchange houses. Six months ago the dollar was quoted as high as 3.60 and for a few days was near four-to-one against the Mexican silver peso.

There are various explanations for the rise of the peso, the principal among them being the fact that the latest price for bar silver was 31¼ cents per troy ounce after dropping to 24 cents. The drop in the dollar is also said to be due to large offers of dollars on the local market coupled with Mexico's curtailment of all classes of imports.

#### **Honduras to Change from Silver to Gold Standard.**

Associated Press accounts, Nov. 11, from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, said:

Immediate monetary conversions from the silver to the gold standard, with a new gold backed "Lempira" as the unit was decided upon at a conference of bankers, merchants and industrialists held under Government auspices yesterday.

New coins to the number of 1,100,000 already have been minted in the United States and will be brought here immediately to redeem the present silver currency. For redeeming the balance now in circulation, the conference agreed to issue \$1,000,000 in 7% Government bonds which will be bought by local merchants and bankers.

#### **Surtax on Practically All Import Duties Imposed in China.**

The Nationalist Government has announced a flood relief surtax equivalent to one-tenth of the present import and export duties to be effective from Dec. 1 1931 to July 31 1932 after which time the surtax will equal one-twentieth of the duties continuing until the time of the completion of the liquidation of the American wheat loan, it is reported in a radiogram received in the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache Julean Arnold, Shanghai. The Department on Nov. 4 also said:

The surtax applies to all of the export duties and most of the import duties. The principal exceptions in the case of the latter are reported to be cigarettes and cigars and those articles covered by the conventional tariff treaty with Japan, namely: wheat flour, most cotton piece goods, cotton yarns and threads and other manufactures of cotton (excluding clothing), and certain fish and fishery products.

#### **Banking Heads in Tokio Urge Maintenance of Gold Standard—Act to Stop Outflow of Gold.**

Asserting that the outflow of gold from Japan had reached alarming proportions, financial and banking authorities of the empire at Tokio on Nov. 6 called upon the people to do their utmost to help maintain the gold standard in the face of the threatening situation in Manchuria. Associated Press accounts from Tokio indicating this added:

A meeting of the heads of all Japan's leading banks was held at the residence of Premier Wakatsuki, with Finance Minister Inoyue attending. It adopted a resolution "recognizing the imperative necessity of maintaining Japan's gold standard, especially in view of the grave international situation arising from Manchurian developments."

The resolution said that after Great Britain's abandonment of the gold standard Japan's outflow of the yellow metal "assumed alarming proportions, causing much discussion of the resumption of the gold embargo."

"We are confident, however," it added, "that the situation in no wise justifies such a measure, which, moreover, would drastically affect the foundations of our national economy through the fall and fluctuations of exchange rates abroad."

(In the last 30 days \$75,000,000 worth of gold has been shipped from Japan to the United States, according to San Francisco compilations. Of this amount, \$23,500,000 arrived in the California city yesterday.)

### Demand Japanese Gold Embargo.

United Press advices from Tokio are taken from the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 10:

The executives of the Seiyukai Opposition Party passed a resolution demanding re-application of the Japanese embargo on gold exports without delay.

Later the Ministry of Finance advised the Government's financial representatives abroad that the Government did not contemplate such a move. The embargo was established during the war and lifted only about a year ago.

### Japan Establishes Informal Foreign Exchange Control—Internal Industrial Groups Agree to Buy Dollars Only from Yokohama—New York Bankers Working With Tokio.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 12 we take the following:

Through informal agreements made by Japanese banks, insurance and industrial companies, and through the virtual monopoly of foreign balances held by the Yokohama Specie Bank, an indirect control of foreign exchange has been established in Japan. It was learned yesterday.

Because of the firm control over foreign exchange which is being carried out in Tokio the New York banks are co-operating with Japan in the effort to support the exchange. At the present time there are strong restrictions in the futures market, it was said, although trades arising out of business transactions are being made.

#### Short Position.

Yen exchange was unusually strong yesterday and there were predictions that it would reach a level above gold point and thus make further large gold shipments from Tokio to San Francisco unlikely for the present. Because of the partial control of foreign exchange, it was said, those who carry obligations to deliver yen exchange are finding difficulty in making deliveries.

Since England went off the gold standard there were repeated rumors that Japan also would be forced to stop shipping gold and to permit her exchange to find lower levels in the international markets. These rumors were denied again and again in official quarters. Fear that the exchange could not be kept on the gold standard led to heavy purchases of foreign exchange by Japanese nationals, which, in turn, was taken as a cue for foreign short selling.

#### Interant Support.

On November 6 the large financial and business institutions in Japan passed a resolution agreeing to support the yen. While the terms of the resolution were general an informal agreement was reached that they would not purchase foreign exchange from sources other than the Yokohama Specie Bank. The Yokohama Specie Bank agreed spot exchange need not be used to meet the payment of foreign bills would be sold if the funds were to be used to support Japanese bonds in the foreign markets. Because of the low quotations on the bonds such purchases became an important factor in the bond market.

During the past month importers from Japan commenced to take up the practice of making their contracts for payment in yen instead of in dollars. The banks for the most part agree that this amounts to short speculation in a Japanese exchange and are trying to discourage the practice.

With the restrictions on futures exchange actual trades for deliveries of yen beyond December are extremely unusual, it was said. The banking authorities in Japan, it was declared, themselves are offering to sell dollar exchange only to dates up to the close of the year, but it is believed that they now carry contracts for later deliveries.

### Egypt Will Keep Link with Sterling—Decides to Hold British Bonds Forming Part of Basis of Country's Currency—New Agreement with National Bank to Last Until June 30 1932.

A cablegram as follows from Cairo (Egypt) Nov. 8 is taken from the New York "Times":

By an agreement about to be concluded between the Egyptian Government and the National Bank of Egypt it will definitely be established that there will be no flight of the Egyptian pound from sterling until June 30 1932, at the earliest.

Even since Great Britain's departure from the gold standard there has been much speculation as to whether the Egyptian pound would continue to be linked with sterling. The Egyptian Government and the National Bank have an agreement under which the bank has the right to issue banknotes until 1948. The agreement stipulates that every Egyptian pound must be covered by 50% gold.

There are about £20,000,000 of paper currency in circulation in Egypt, and until 1914 the National Bank had £10,000,000 in gold. At the outbreak of the war, however, the Government agreed to let the bank replace £6,500,000 of the gold reserve by British war loan bonds, the income of which was divided, about three-fourths going to the Egyptian Government and the remainder to the bank, thus making the Egyptian pound entirely dependent on sterling.

In 1926 a new agreement was signed for a five-year renewal of the bank's right to retain the British war bonds, but fixed the Egyptian Government's share of the income at 89.5%, leaving 10.5% to the bank. The agreement was due to expire Dec. 31, and if not renewed the National Bank would be forced to replace the bonds by gold, which would involve a loss of 25% through the sale of the bonds due to the depreciation in their value.

The Government, therefore, has decided to extend the five-year agreement another six months, during which period a special committee with the aid of a Belgian expert due to arrive here soon, will study thoroughly Egypt's monetary system with a view to deciding whether Egypt should continue the present arrangement or change it.

### Japan to Ship \$30,000,000 in Gold—Bank Discount Rate Higher.

The financial situation in Japan is receiving the close attention of Government and financial leaders. The Government

has not altered its policy of maintaining the gold standard, but it is probable the policy of restricting loans may be modified, says a cablegram from Commercial Attache H. A. Butts, Tokio. Under date of Nov. 10 the Department adds:

We noted in our issue of Nov. 7, page 2973, that the Bank of Japan raised its discount rate from 4.84% to 6.57%.

Regarding the \$60,000,000 gold shipment we quote the following from the Washington bureau of the New York "Journal of Commerce" Nov. 10:

The Yokohama Specie Bank is expected to ship 60,000,000 yen (approximately \$30,000,000) in gold during the first half of November, according to Japanese financial circles. Further decline in yen exchange is anticipated by the general public. The Bank of Japan increased its discount rate on Nov. 5.

The Japanese Department of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture and Forestry has agreed on an import license system governing imports of sulphate of ammonia. Similar regulations regarding soda ash imports are possible.

The shipment, expected to be made by the Yokohama Specie Bank, will be in two lots as part of the \$60,000,000 movement in gold which the Tokio Government last month said it expected to ship to the United States.

The message to-day stated that the Japanese Government was trying to remain on the gold standard, and this was cited by some officials of the department as being partly responsible for Japan's gold shipments here. Another reason given was the unfavorable balance of Japan's foreign trade during a period when she normally exports more than she imports.

"The financial situation in Japan is receiving the close attention of Government and financial leaders," Mr. Butts cabled. "The Government has not altered its policy of maintaining the gold standard, but it is probable that the policy of restricting loans may be modified. A further decline in yen exchange is anticipated by the general public and the Bank of Japan has increased its discount rate."

### France to Sue Egypt for Payment in Gold—Premier Sidky Notified of Proposed Action in Regard to 1904 Bonds.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Cairo Nov. 5:

The latest move in the dispute regarding the payment of interest on the Egyptian unified preference debt bonds occurred this morning when Victor Delacroix, French representative of the Public Debt Commission, visited Premier Sidky Pasha to inform him that he intended to file a suit in the Mixed Courts in his capacity as French Debt Commissioner against Premier Sidky as Minister of Finance, demanding the payment of interest in gold.

Although the action had been foreseen in some quarters, it will probably react favorably upon the bonds. M. Delacroix is leaving for France tomorrow, presumably to consult with his government.

The French representative's action was independent of the other two commissioners, whose attitude is not fully known. Apparently Sir Robert Greig, British member of the commission, does not agree, but the Italian member, who is now in Italy, probably will follow the French lead.

The dispute is a result of the decision of the Egyptian Government, following the British departure from the gold standard, to pay interest on its public debt in paper instead of gold, as laid down in the convention signed in 1904 governing the issue of the loan.

Individual holders recently brought similar action, which was postponed by the court until May. The present action is also expected to be postponed.

### South Africa Rejects United States Loan Terms—Seeks \$50,000,000 Credit to Aid in Keeping Gold Standard—Turns to Paris.

From Johannesburg, South Africa, Nov. 8 a wireless message as follows was reported in the New York "Times":

The South African Government is seeking a \$50,000,000 loan to maintain the country on the gold standard, but so far has been unsuccessful. It is understood the terms required by American bankers who were approached were 3% promotion fee, 6% interest and a guarantee from the British Government. The Government is said to have rejected them as entirely unacceptable.

An attempt is now being made to float the loan in Paris, but owing to the collapse of negotiations for a trade treaty between South Africa and France these negotiations also are likely to end in failure.

There seems to be possibility that commercial banks will take a considerable interest in the proposed loan. Meanwhile the Chamber of Mines, which represents the owners of the Rand Gold Mines, is considering important government proposals which have not been disclosed.

### South Africa to Get Loan.

From London Nov. 11 a cablegram to the New York "Evening Post," said:

French, Dutch and Swiss banks have agreed to participate in a loan of £10,000,000 to South Africa, to assist in the maintenance of the gold standard by that country, it was reported here.

### New Zealand's Income Drops.

Wellington, N. Z., Prime Minister Forbes said on Nov. 12 that the national income of New Zealand had shrunk \$150,000,000 in the past two years, it was reported in Associated Press accounts.

### Farm Loans of Federal Land Banks Aggregate \$3,907,711,000—Amount Outstanding Sept. 30 \$2,055,959,000—Proposed Legislation Affecting System

Indicating the aid to agricultural interests rendered by Federal Land banks, which are under supervision of the Federal Farm Loan Board, a report issued at Washington



Nov. 9 showed that from the time of organization until Sept. 30 these institutions have made total loans of \$3,907,711,000. The volume of loans outstanding Sept. 30 amounted to \$2,055,959,000, with assets and liabilities amounting to \$2,073,831,000 for all banks. The Washington advices to the New York "Journal of Commerce," in referring to the report further said:

*Several Proposals Made.*

Several proposals for strengthening the Federal Land Bank system have been brought forward and legislation may result at the next session of Congress. President Hoover is favorable to increasing the capitalization of the land banks by \$60,000,000 which would boost their loaning power by \$1,200,000,000. Federal land banks, now having a capitalization of \$65,954,000, may issue bonds in an amount not exceeding 20 times the capital and surplus for the purpose of making loans. Total capital, reserves and undivided profits Sept. 30 were given as \$101,349,000.

Another proposal was for legislation to authorize Federal Land Banks to make loans on urban real estate. This met with objection at the Treasury, where it was held that the scope of activities of these Banks should be limited, as provided in the present law, to loans for use in the purchase or farm land, farm equipment and live stock, to building improvements and for the liquidation of indebtedness incurred for agricultural purposes.

*Gross Loans Given.*

Gross loans of the Federal Land Banks Sept. 30 mounted to \$1,318,321,000, with net loans of \$1,177,521,000. Assets also included notes receivable of \$23,196,000, delinquent installments of principal and interest of \$12,042,000, sheriffs' certificates and judgments of \$11,446,000 and real estate owned of \$28,274,000.

Bonds outstanding from these Banks at the end of Sept. totaled \$1,175,819,000. Of the original total capitalization of the 12 Banks amounting to \$9,000,000 the greater part was subscribed by the Federal Government.

This has been reduced, as required by law, until the Government now owns stock in but two Banks, \$96,895 in Springfield and \$107,803 in the Berkeley bank. Approximately 98% of the stock is held by national farm loan associations.

Joint Stock Land Banks may make loans for the purpose of agricultural development, the outstanding amount Sept. 30 having amounted to \$609,236,000. These institutions had notes receivable of \$13,693,000, delinquent installments of \$6,514,700 real estate owned valued at \$23,196,000 and sheriffs' certificates and judgments of \$7,255,000.

Liabilities included \$550,456,000 and \$43,503,000 in paid in capital stock.

Forty-nine of the 88 Banks originally organized are in operation, one in involuntary liquidation and three in receivership. There were 35 which liquidated voluntarily, the Kansas City Joint Stock Land Bank, one of those in receivership, was reorganized July 1. Liabilities of the banks in receivership amounted to \$45,868,200 Sept. 30, with book assets of \$17,058,000 including gross mortgage loans of \$7,904,000.

*\$128,402,700 Credit Advances.*

Intermediate Credit Bank loans and discounts totaled \$128,402,700 Sept. 30, of which \$47,281,700 was loans to co-operatives and \$81,120,900 to financial institutions. Unmatured debentures of these banks totaled \$104,100,000. Liabilities also included \$30,000,000 paid in capital stock and \$30,000,000 capital callable from the Treasury.

Intermediate Credit Banks may make loans for the purpose of providing agricultural credit for periods that are intermediate between the usual maturities of short time commercial bank loans and long term farm mortgage loans. Loans may be made to co-operative marketing associations on warehouse receipts or shipping documents covering stable agricultural products. They also may discount notes of farmers and stockmen endorsed by State and national banks, agricultural credit corporation and live stock loan companies.

**Plan for Reorganization of Bankers Joint Stock Land Bank of Milwaukee Declared Operative—Holders Offered 40 Cents on Dollar or Stock in Bankers Farm Mortgage Co.**

The following is from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 7:

The plan for disposition of bonds and reorganization of affairs of the Bankers Joint Stock Land Bank of Milwaukee, Wis., has been declared operative.

Under the plan, holders of bonds were given the option of accepting 40 cents on the dollar for the principal amount of their bonds, of which one-fourth would be paid Dec. 5 1931, and the remaining 30 cents on or before March 5 1932 or of exchanging their bonds for stock in the Bankers Farm Mortgage Co. in the ratio of one share of stock for each \$100 principal amount of bonds.

The Bankers Farm Mortgage Co. was organized by a group of bondholders, owning a substantial amount of these joint stock land bank bonds, for the purpose of acquiring and liquidating assets of the bank.

Approximately 95.7% of the bondholders have agreed to the plan, of which between 65 and 80% elected to take cash. Inasmuch as the mortgage company has agreed to pay the expenses of the committee, those electing to take cash will receive 40 cents net and more than that gross.

These holders heretofore have received a 15-cent liquidating dividend, which, in addition to the 40 cents presently available, makes a total return to such holders of 55% of the original value of their bonds.

The offer was previously referred to in our issue of May 16, page 3640.

**Everett Sanders, Former Secretary to President Coolidge, Proposes Joint Stock Land Banks Be Given Ranking and Aid Equal to That Accorded Federal Land Banks.**

The Federal Government should come to the aid of the Joint Stock Land banks as well as of the Federal Land banks, it is contended in a brief for the Joint Stock Land Bankers' Association, according to Washington advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 6, which continued:

Everett Sanders, former Secretary to ex-President Coolidge, is the author of the brief, which contends that any remedial legislation should apply equally to both Joint Stock and Federal Land Banks and their borrowers.

In support of this contention, quotations are listed from authorities, over a number of years, backing the assertion that because the bonds of the Joint Stocks are termed instrumentalities of the Government, and because there is an avowed public purpose carried out in the operation of these banks, according to Mr. Sanders "the 'good faith and credit of the sovereign' requires that it come to the aid of the Joint Stock and Federal Land Banks, which from their inception have been nothing but Federal instrumentalities, the main purpose of which has been to perform a Government function"

**Public Offering of \$6,000,000 4½% Debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks.**

Public offering of a new issue of \$6,000,000 of 4½% debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks was announced on Nov. 9 by Charles R. Dunn, Fiscal Agent for the Banks in New York. The debentures, priced upon application, are dated Nov. 16 1931 and mature in three, six nine and twelve months. They are secured by loans and discounts representing advances made for production and marketing of crops and livestock under Act of Congress approved March 4 1923, and are exempt from all income taxes. The entire capital of the 12 Banks was subscribed for by the United States Treasury and all 12 Banks are liable, under conditions stated in the Act, for the principal of and interest on the debentures of each Bank. The issue of debenture put out by the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks early in October (and referred to in these columns Oct. 10, page 2357) bore 3½%.

**Cotton Policy of Federal Farm Board Said to Have Raised Value of New Crop—Promise to Keep Holdings if Banks Offer Credit Being Received Favorably, Says Chairman Stone—Participation in \$1,000,000 Corn Credit.**

The value of the current cotton crop has been increased approximately \$125,000,000 by the Federal Farm Board's offer to hold 3,500,000 bales off the market provided that Southern bankers extend credit on an equal amount until July 31 1932, James C. Stone, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, declared orally Oct. 29. The "United States Daily" of Oct. 30 is authority for the foregoing, its further account follows:

Although the bankers have not yet been able to report the extent of their lendings on cotton, Mr. Stone said he believed they would be able to make their share of the quota and thus automatically bind the Farm Board to withhold its share.

The project has awakened a favorable reaction in the South and has helped raise cotton prices 1½ cents from their low sag at the first of the month, Mr. Stone explained. Additional oral information made available by Mr. Stone follows:

The extent to which the Farm Board will participate in the \$1,000,000 credit corporation being formed in Chicago to aid corn growers will be determined within the next two or three days. Half of the corporation's capital may be supplied by the Board, but final arrangements are still being debated in Chicago by lawyers for the Farm Board, representatives of the co-operative marketing associations, and officers of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation.

The Farm Board has made no definite proposals for selling cotton to France. If such sales should be made from the stocks held by the Stabilization Corporation, the Board would be obliged by its agreement with the southern bankers to purchase futures in the current market to replace the amounts sold.

The Grain Stabilization Corporation is selling wheat in the export market, but if its monthly sales exceed the 5,000,000 bushel maximum agreed upon, the Corporation repurchases in the domestic market sufficient wheat to make up the difference, thereby keeping its net sales within the limit to which it agreed.

Because some estimates of the Stabilization Corporation's wheat holdings are below the actual holdings and others are above, no definite announcement of the amount actually held will be made while the wheat market continues to strengthen. Wheat prices are now 13 cents higher than their lower point on Oct. 1. Livestock prices are steady, and dairy products, poultry and egg prices continue to advance.

**Credit Extension by Farm Loan Bank Increasing—Head of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank at Louisville Finds More Credit Groups Discounting Farm Notes.**

A. G. Brown, President of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of this city, has reported to the Federal Farm Loan Board at Washington that the number of agricultural credit corporations using the facilities of the Bank to discount farmers' notes has increased from 7 to 47 during the last year. Louisville advices Nov. 6 to the "United States Daily" from which we quote, continued:

The discounts of farmer paper in the Fourth Intermediate Credit Bank District—covering Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee—a year ago were \$464,205 and they have since increased until there is now outstanding \$1,937,032.

Mr. Brown stressed to the Board the need for more farmer credit because of the low prices received by farmers for commodities this year and he indicated that the credit corporations and banks discounting or selling farmers' notes to the Intermediate Credit Bank are aiding their communities by so doing, bringing in so-called "new" money into the areas they serve.

*Statements From Manager.*

Mr. Brown recently gave to the Board statements from a number of managers of credit corporations, giving their interpretation of the value of

discounting farmer paper with the Intermediate Credit Bank of Louisville. Some of the statements were as follows:

George G. Richman, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Tipton County Agricultural Credit Corporation of Kempton (Ind.) says: "Our board is 'sold' on the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank and it has faith in the possibilities of the institution. We have advanced \$97,000 to the farmers in this community and in very many instances it represents new and additional loans to the borrowers, but in some instances borrowers took up their existing agricultural loans at the banks and secured longer advances through the agricultural credit corporation and at lower rates of interest. We have been making a uniform interest rate of 6% on all loans. It has been a great help to the farmers and the community in general."

#### Benefits Stressed.

Paul H. Graham, Secretary of the Farmers Credit Corp. at Decatur, Ind., says: "The establishment of an agricultural credit corporation in any rural community is, in my opinion, just as important as a bank and in no way is it a competitor of a bank since, as a great many bankers believe, it is rather an aid as it extends to the farmer a long-time credit that is necessary in the operation of his business.

"We have had applications for loans from farmers living 80 miles from our town but this is too great a distance for us to cover. The benefits by farmers from such loans as can be safely made by agricultural credit corporations are such that farmers readily take to this loan when it is explained to them and it is a benefit that can not be realized by them through local banks."

The Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Louisville makes no loans directly to the farmers but it does discount or loan upon notes which the farmers give to local institutions such as agricultural credit corporations, livestock loan companies or banks. These notes must be given for agricultural purposes, including the feeding or breeding of livestock or the production or marketing of crops. During the eight years in which the 12 banks operated, they have discounted such notes for more than 790 financing institutions and had outstanding discounts, on Sept. 1 1931, amounting to \$81,000,000, compared to \$67,000,000 a year earlier.

They secure their funds to loan, aside from their capital, which was supplied by the Federal Government, by the sale of debentures. The interest paid on these debentures governs the rate of interest charges by the banks to the local institutions. At present, the interest charged on paper discounted is 4½% per annum. The local institutions, in turn can charge the farmer not more than 3% above the rate charged by the Intermediate Credit Bank, if this does not exceed the legal limit for the State.

### Grain Futures Trading Volume Dropped 32% Last Year.—Annual Report of Grain Futures Administration Shows Sharp Cut in Wheat Trading—Increase in Corn.

Trading in grain futures in the United States, although it reached a total volume of 17,034,201,000 bushels in the fiscal year ended June 30 1931, and exceeded the low record of 1923-24 by about 38%, was 32% less than the previous year and the smallest since 1924, says the annual report to Secretary Hyde of J. W. T. Duvel, Chief of the Grain Futures Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Department on Nov. 6 also had the following to say regarding the report:

Although grain futures trading as a whole showed a decrease, the trading in corn was about 50% greater than in the previous year. Trading in wheat was about 50% less. A short corn crop and a close adjustment between supply and demand account for the increase in the futures trading in corn. The drop in wheat futures trading is attributed to the large supply of wheat, the operations of the Grain Stabilization Corp., the limited foreign demand, the unsettled stock market and the world-wide business uncertainty.

Despite the large drop in futures trading, the report says it was less than the decline of trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Grain futures trading dropped 32%, while stock exchange trading dropped 38%.

Most of the futures trading was on the Chicago Board of Trade. The total volume there was 14,504,286,000 bushels. The largest volume of trading for any one day was Aug. 6 1930, when it reached 180,127,000 bushels.

In the course of the year the administration established field offices at New York City and at Omaha. It also continued daily announcements of the volume of trading and the amount of contracts open in each grain future on the books of all clearing members of the principal contract markets.

The report summarizes results of several investigations by the administration. In one of these the majority of futures operators were found to be on the "long" side of the market and to be small operators while the relatively few professional speculators were chiefly on the "short" side. Another investigation was that of the Russian short selling of 7,765,000 bushels of wheat in Chicago in September 1930. Another was into the sending of a spurious telegram about the Canadian wheat pool from Winnipeg to Chicago and Liverpool. Mixing of grain in Chicago public warehouses was investigated and action taken. Falsifying of records by an employee of a commission house was discovered when there was a discrepancy in the reports to the administration.

Litigation and legislation regarding the work of the administration is reported. The report includes a list of publications by the administration issued in the course of the year. Several tables give detailed information relative to wheat and corn futures trading in the principal markets.

### Marketing Loans to Co-operative Farm Groups Total 300 Million—More Than Half of Federal Advances Have Been Repaid, According to C. S. Wilson of Federal Farm Board.

Farmers' co-operative associations have been loaned \$300,000,000 so far from the revolving fund provided by the Agricultural Marketing Act, Charles S. Wilson, a member of the Federal Farm Board, told the National Fertilizer Association in an address at Atlanta on Nov. 9, according to the "United States Daily," from which we also quote the following:

Of this amount, which was loaned to 106 associations, \$170,000,000 has been repaid, he said. Mr. Wilson pointed to recent organizational gains made by farmers and asserted that the commitment of the Federal Government to the co-operative marketing of farm products is of even greater

importance than these gains. An authorized summary of his address follows in full text:

In attaining the objectives of the Agricultural Marketing Act, the Farm Board must work with and through co-operatives, according to Charles S. Wilson, member of the Board.

#### Production Programs Urged.

"In the final analysis agriculture must adjust its production to demand," declared Mr. Wilson. "When the producers are well organized into co-operative associations—locals, regionals and Nationals—by commodities, they will be in a position to work out sound production programs and to carry these programs into effect.

"Co-operative marketing has made substantial progress in the past two years. Of the 1930 cotton crop the American Cotton Co-operative Association with 156,000 members handled 2,000,000 bales, while other co-operative organizations in that year handled 196,000,000 bushels of grain, 130,000,000 pounds of wool and mohair and over 8,000,000 head of livestock.

"A survey of 192 large-scale associations shows that since the creation of the Farm Board there has been an increase in membership of 33.4% and in volume of productions handled of 28.8%. There has been an increase of nearly 70% in the membership of some of the cotton co-operatives.

"Of greater importance," in Mr. Wilson's opinion, "than the increases in membership and volume of products handled is the fact that through the Agricultural Marketing Act the Federal Government has committed itself to the marketing of farm products co-operatively.

And in addition to these gains Mr. Wilson pointed out "the great advance that has been made in the support of educational institutions, National farm membership organizations and by broad-gauge business men and by the public generally.

"Bankers and business men who never before appreciated the importance of fair returns to farmers now realize that unless the farmer makes a profit on the operation of his farm he cannot pay his loans at the bank or his taxes for the support of schools and highways so essential to our modern life."

#### Loans to Co-operatives.

An important feature of the Agricultural Marketing Act is the revolving fund out of which loans are made to co-operatives for expenses of marketing operations, for the construction, purchase or lease of facilities, and for advances to members when their products are delivered at market. Already a total of \$300,000,000 has been loaned for these purposes to a total of 106 associations and \$170,000,000 has been repaid.

"The farmers' unimpaired buying power is of great concern to the members of the fertilizer industry," said Mr. Wilson. "It is vital to your welfare that you become interested in the National program for farm betterment.

"Your co-operation, intelligent leadership, sympathetic attitude and aggressive stand on these questions will be of tremendous importance to the ultimate success of the long-time program of farm improvement."

### Payments Increase on Drouth Seed Loans.

Repaying in one week more than \$1,100,000, or almost half as much as they had paid in the whole year up to Oct. 16, farmers who received drouth loans from the Farm Seed Loan Office increased their total payments to \$3,897,858 on Oct. 23, according to information made available Oct. 29 at the Seed Loan Office. The "United States Daily" of Oct. 30 further reports:

Loans aggregating \$17,879,663 fall due on Oct. 30. These loans were made in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee, and part of the exceptionally heavy payments during the week between Oct. 16 and Oct. 23 may be advance payments on these maturing loans, it was explained orally at the Seed Loan Office. Additional oral information made available at the office follows:

Because crops are now being liquidated in large volume and because the 200 field agents of the Seed Loan Office are now active, the office expects that payments will increase again during the week ending Oct. 30. Predictions are that the payments may go as high as \$1,750,000 during those seven days.

The loans which come due at the end of this month are the second series to mature: \$4,500,000 loaned in the Northwestern States came due at the end of September. All these loans are from the \$45,000,000 voted by Congress last spring for drouth relief.

### President Hoover's Plan to Stagger Jobs Is Barred by McCarl Ruling.

President Hoover's organization on unemployment relief will have to abandon its plan to use the rotary or staggered system of employment in the Federal building program under a ruling handed down by Comptroller-General J. C. McCarl, on Nov. 5, according to a dispatch on that date to the New York "Journal of Commerce," which continued:

The plan designed to provide more employment during the winter months was introduced yesterday to contractors of Washington, which was to have been the starting point of a nationwide campaign. Under the plan proposed by William A. Starrett, Chairman of the construction section of the President's organization, a worker employed six days a week would be reduced to four, providing two days a week for a man out of a job. Although the proposal amounts in effect to a wage cut, Starrett said the question of actual wage reductions was not and should not be involved.

In a decision to Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, McCarl held that however worthy such a proposal might be it could not be adopted under the present acts of Congress. The Comptroller cited the law forbidding the Government to use the rotary or staggered system.

Secretary Mellon, in asking a decision, said it had been suggested that specifications include the requirement that contractors must employ the rotary or staggered system of labor. This would provide for the use of two different groups of men, mechanics and laborers, instead of only one, and would thus increase employment. These two groups would be employed in such fashion that one would be engaged for the first three days of the week and the other the last three, or they could be alternated an entire week at a time.

As the McCarl ruling was being transmitted to the Treasury Secretary, building contractors here were considering the proposal made to them by the President's organizations to rotate their working hours so that employment could be obtained by the skilled and unskilled members of the

jobless force in the national capital. At yesterday's meeting with the contractors Chairman Starrett disclosed his plans to tour the country preaching employment rotation to the building trades.

**Federal Buildings to Employ 100,000, According to President Hoover—Progress of Public Construction Program in Last Two Months Reviewed.**

President Hoover made public on Nov. 4 an estimate of the Department of the Treasury predicting that 100,000 men will be directly and indirectly employed on Jan. 1 next in that portion of the Federal building program specifically expedited as an aid to employment. The number of men now employed was estimated at 50,000. The "United States Daily" of Nov. 5, from which we quote, further reported:

Two hundred and seven buildings, with an aggregate cost of \$229,772,700, are now under construction and 131 buildings at a cost of more than \$41,000,000 have already been completed. Total authorizations amounted to \$496,584,192.

The President's statement was designed to bring the public up to date on the building program since his last report on Sept. 1.

The statement showing the status of the Federal Government's \$700,000,000 public building program follows in full text:

That portion of the Federal program of aid to unemployment comprised in the great expansion of public buildings under the Treasury Department shows the following progress since the report of Sept. 1. There are a total of \$17 projects which have so far been specifically authorized and 222 firms of architects are engaged in plans and supervision. The attached tables show the progress of individual projects which may be summarized:

1.—A total of 131 buildings have been completed at a total cost of \$41,934,569. Sixteen buildings have been completed during the months of September and October.

2.—There are 270 buildings in construction at the first of November by contract, at an estimated cost of \$229,772,700. There have been 41 contracts let during the months of September and October with a total value in excess of \$48,000,000.

3.—There are 64 projects in which sites have been arranged, drawings are completed, for which construction contracts have been invited, of a total cost of \$19,970,500.

4.—There are 240 projects in which sites have been selected and on which plans are now under way of a total estimated cost of \$141,947,923.

5.—At the first of this month there were 100 projects in which the sites have been determined and are in process of being acquired. The estimated cost of buildings thereon is \$31,133,500.

6.—There are 12 projects held for amended legislation or for other reasons with a total estimated cost of \$3,145,000.

It is estimated that the number of men now directly and indirectly employed on this program is 50,000. It is estimated by the Treasury Department that the number that will be directly and indirectly employed on Jan. 1 is 100,000.

**Governing Committee of New York Stock Exchange Votes to Extend Time for Disposal of Rights to Additional Memberships.**

On Nov. 4 the Governing Committee of the New York Stock Exchange adopted resolutions, which are to be passed upon by members, under which the time for the exercise of rights to additional members is extended from Feb. 7 1932 to Dec. 31 1932. The Governing Committee's action postpones the date of expiration in order to give members a further period of time in which to dispose of their rights. From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 6 we take the following:

Under the original plan of increasing the number of seats on the Exchange by giving all members a proportionate right or interest in the 275 new seats created the rights would have become void after Feb. 7 1932.

Up to the present there have been sold 1,020 rights of the original 1,100, leaving 80 rights for 20 memberships.

*Minimum Price Set.*

The Government Committee's plan for the sale of the remaining rights creates a special committee to have the power until Dec. 31 1932, to sell any or all of the seats still untransferred on Feb. 7 at a price not less than the last contract for the sale of a membership prior to that date. This effectively pegs the price of memberships made up from the assembly of rights and prevents further losses to holders of rights than may have occurred by that time. Rights have sold from \$125,000 down to \$40,000.

After Feb. 7 owners of unsold rights are to become known as "former right holders." Any four of such persons may request the special committee to sell their rights to any applicant for membership approved. The committee may draw lots to decide which four right holders are to dispose of their rights and may divide the proceeds of the sale among the four persons.

*Other Provisions.*

The resolution approved yesterday requires the minimum price established for the last sale prior to Feb. 7 to be by bona fide sale and not a nominal consideration. It also provides that holders of rights unsold by Feb. 7 shall pay to the Stock Exchange Treasurer \$250.

Persons classified as former right holders after Feb. 7 may sell their own memberships without transferring any right or privilege which they may have had before the approval of the resolution.

According to the exchange's figures, there are at present 1,355 members of the 1,375 planned when the original plan of right sales was announced. Only six memberships have been created this year to date by the assembly of rights.

**Market Value of Bond Issues Listed on New York Stock Exchange.**

On Nov. 1 the following announcement was issued by the Committee on Publicity of the New York Stock Exchange:

Because of the great number of requests which the Stock Exchange has received, it has decided to make a pre-release each month of the total market value and the average market price of all listed bonds, together

with various sub-divisions. This information has heretofore been first available in the monthly statistical bulletin. Hereafter this information will be released each month in the following form for your prior information.

Detailed tabulations will be continued in the "Bulletin."

The Nov. 1 figures follow: As of Nov. 1 1931, there were 1,603 bond issues aggregating \$52,599,179.992 par value listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$41,702,539,146.

In the following tables listed bonds are classified by Governmental and industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and average price for each.

	Market Value.	Average Price.
United States Government.....	\$15,105,401,165	\$99.40
Foreign Government.....	11,382,168,707	69.11
Railroad industry (United States).....	7,877,817,868	72.75
Utilities (United States).....	3,303,683,983	87.77
Industrial (United States).....	2,565,574,469	69.14
Foreign companies.....	1,467,892,954	55.83
All bonds.....	\$41,702,539,146	\$79.28

From the October "Bulletin" of the Exchange we take the following:

**DATA ON LISTED BONDS—ALL LISTED BONDS.**

Date.	No. of Issuers.	No. of Issues.	Average Price.	Par Value of Listed Bonds.	Total Market Value.
Jan. 1 1925.....	---	1,332	\$94.79	\$35,457,811,674	\$33,611,817,346
Jan. 1 1926.....	---	1,367	95.98	36,995,089,533	35,509,211,458
Jan. 1 1927.....	---	1,420	98.06	37,900,053,650	37,167,607,468
Jan. 1 1928.....	---	1,491	99.98	36,881,320,122	36,874,717,458
Jan. 1 1929.....	824	1,534	97.51	48,588,549,854	47,379,028,502
Jan. 1 1930.....	824	1,543	95.59	49,058,099,434	46,392,458,780
Oct. 1 1930.....	840	1,607	97.38	50,027,129,653	48,715,222,900
Nov. 1 1930.....	840	1,615	96.47	50,191,572,803	48,417,892,161
Dec. 1 1930.....	837	1,609	95.74	56,094,547,694	47,959,730,628
Jan. 1 1931.....	838	1,607	94.63	50,072,879,897	47,384,805,889
Feb. 1 1931.....	936	1,602	95.32	49,881,922,059	47,546,190,092
Mar. 1 1931.....	837	1,605	95.53	56,108,876,488	47,869,817,155
Apr. 1 1931.....	835	1,610	95.42	50,788,506,210	48,463,021,490
May 1 1931.....	835	1,605	94.34	50,911,768,944	48,282,336,086
June 1 1931.....	836	1,608	93.67	50,848,575,244	47,629,698,234
July 1 1931.....	839	1,608	94.77	51,846,247,978	49,132,895,753
Aug. 1 1931.....	842	1,608	93.14	51,938,698,878	48,375,745,828
Sept. 1 1931.....	842	1,607	91.09	51,949,752,078	47,318,973,356
Oct. 1 1931.....	840	1,605	81.70	52,671,359,575	43,031,447,232

**Banks Notify Corporations and Others to Arrange for Distribution of Funds, Following New York Clearing House Restrictions Against Placing of Brokers' Loans—"Others" Reported Transferring Funds to Jersey.**

Corporations and individuals for whose account Clearing House banks are at present making loans to brokers have been notified that under the action recently taken by the New York Clearing House Association to ban loans for the account of "others," they must decide by next Monday what disposition they intend to make of the funds that they now are employing in the call market. The New York "Times" of Nov. 19, noting this, added:

Loans for the account of "others" now amount to \$169,000,000, against a total of nearly \$4,000,000,000 in September 1929. Bankers expect no disturbance of any kind incident to the calling of these loans next Monday, since the amount involved is so small that it can easily be taken over by the banks themselves.

Some of the money, it is expected, will be placed with non-clearing bank<sup>s</sup> and private banking institutions for employment in the call market, but it is the general opinion that in the future these so-called "bootleg" brokers loans will be of much smaller volume than formerly.

According to the New York "World-Telegram" of Nov. 10 the ban of the New York Clearing House Association against making loans for "others" is rapidly coming to a head, with the result that a number of independent figures in the call loan market are advising their banks to transfer the proceeds of loans to banking institutions in New Jersey. The action of the Clearing House was referred to in our issue of Nov. 7, page 3028.

**Trusts May Evade Ban on Call Loans—Investment Concerns Expect to Place Funds Without Clearing House Aid—To Use Lure of Deposits.**

The decision of the New York Clearing House Association late last week to prohibit member banks from continuing the practice of placing brokers' loans for the account of non-banking interests was of vital interest to the general management of investment trusts, said the New York "Times" of Nov. 8, which went on to say:

Almost since the beginning of the investment trust movement in this country, trusts have placed substantial amounts, if not all of their free cash in the call-loan market for the obvious reason that at almost all times a greater return has been possible on loans than on interest on deposits.

The Clearing House action may cut materially into the income that trusts have received from call loans, but the general feeling among trust executives is to the contrary.

One executive said quite definitely that he knew many small banks, not members of the Clearing House Association, would be glad to place call loans for his trust in return for getting his deposits.

*Talk of Forming Loan Groups.*

Another executive predicted that if the business of placing such loans became too overwhelming for the small banks, loan groups for money would actually be formed when the next prolonged rally in security prices came. This man said no such measure as that just adopted by the Clearing House could ever restrain people and institutions from placing their free cash in the call market.

Such a money-lending market, he said, would not only be able to fill the need of those desiring to enter the call-money market, but should prove to be very lucrative if placed on a commercial basis. It would be expected, he said, that such an agent would demand a small fee for placing money, but even that would provide a handsome return in a loan market such as existed in 1928 and 1929.

The advantages of the call-money market to investment trusts are evident when it is noted that in 1929 call-money rates were as high as 20% for a while, and that they remained around 15% for many months. Some trust leaders admit that such great yield was in some cases a temptation for trust executives not to put their money into securities, where, under the generally accepted meaning of the term investment trust, they really belong.

At times in 1929 the percentage of investment trust assets in the call-money market ran as high as 10% and at most times it exceeded 5%. Even during the depression, when money rates have gone away down, those trusts that have any cash, keep at least part of it in call loans—as much as can be placed.

*Trusts Expected More Call Loans.*

These trusts have looked forward to being able to use this source of income, at least when waiting to make security commitments in the new prosperity they are anticipating, as indicated in their disapproval of the Clearing House action.

There have been some signs of bitterness toward this action, which many never had expected until two weeks ago, when it was announced that the measure was under consideration. Some executives have secretly accused the large banks of manipulating the whole call-loan market into their own control—of shutting outsiders off from this lucrative form of investment—not for the purpose of protecting the public, but merely to further their own interests.

**Increase in Outstanding Bankers' Acceptances—Gain of \$43,419,901 During October—Total Now \$1,039,784,979.**

After a steady decline in volume each month since Nov. 1930, the bankers' acceptance total as of Oct. 31 was reported on Nov. 12 by the American Acceptance Council to be \$43,419,901 greater than at the end of the preceding month. This increase places the total at \$1,039,784,979 compared with \$1,508,243,726 on October 31 1930, a decrease of \$468,458,747. In making known these figures Robert H. Bean Executive Secretary of the American Acceptance Council, said:

The feature of the current report is the unusually heavy gain in the total of acceptances based on goods in Domestic Warehouses. This class of bills increased \$51,391,348 during the month, thus wholly accounting for the better showing in the total volume. It clearly marks the beginning of the seasonal movement of agricultural commodities such as cotton, grain, tobacco, beet sugar and canned goods, from the production point to warehouse distributing locations. The next evidence of this movement should be seen in an increase in exports.

The gain in warehouse credits in the current report is almost exactly the gain reported for this type of bills on the corresponding months in 1930 when they increased from \$174,000,000 in September to \$234,000,000 in October.

Aside from the warehouse credit acceptances, other types of bills varied only moderately in volume. Export bills increased \$3,515,000 and Dollar Exchange bills increased \$1,177,000.

Acceptances based on goods shipped between or stored in foreign countries declined \$7,922,000 to \$330,483,271 the lowest figure since August 1929. Domestic shipment credits went off \$4,014,000 and Import acceptances dropped \$727,000.

Just as the increase in volume was found in one type of acceptance credits, the gain is also reported in one banking center. New York banks increased their acceptance liability during October by \$47,000,000 while other Federal Reserve districts showed only moderate gains or losses which nearly offset each other and were without particular significance.

Outside of New York the Dallas Federal Reserve District had the best increase as the banks are now reporting their seasonal cotton crop acceptances. While the present total of Texas Acceptances amounting to \$4,100,000 is considerably under the 1930 total of \$6,300,000, due allowance must be made for the lower 1931 cotton prices, as well as for the reduction in cotton shipments both domestic and foreign.

Through the agency of the Farm Board and the large cotton exporters large quantities of the current cotton crop will be financed this year by acceptance credits giving the bill market an excellent volume of domestic acceptances, either of the warehouse or shipment type.

Recent changes have brought bill market rates to a level that is considered more nearly in keeping with money market conditions. On November 9 the 26th change in rates since Jan. 1 was made effective. The immediate effect of this lower rate has been to bring out a fair volume of the new bills from the accepting banks, thus giving the dealers a slightly better assortment and volume with which to fill their increasing demand.

The prevailing rates and those for the end of the previous month are as follows:

	Nov. 11.	Oct. 30.		Nov. 11.	Oct. 30.
30	3½-3	3½-3¼	1120	3½-3¼	3¼-3¼
60	3½-3	3½-3¼	1150	4 -3¾	4½-4¼
90	3½-3	3½-3¼	1180	4 -3¾	4½-4¼

Details, as supplied by Mr. Bean, follow:

**TOTAL OF BANKERS' DOLLAR ACCEPTANCES OUTSTANDING FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.**

Federal Reserve District.	Oct. 31 1931.	Sept. 30 1931.	Oct. 31 1930.
1	\$71,185,960	\$81,273,197	\$137,395,045
2	\$27,541,914	780,785,075	1,108,445,904
3	17,201,582	17,667,152	25,836,334
4	17,780,507	19,262,532	24,088,970
5	3,360,039	3,655,470	8,302,026
6	9,507,975	7,110,001	21,661,842
7	51,827,390	50,708,274	100,167,902
8	1,935,727	1,831,132	4,324,452
9	3,116,137	2,673,216	6,691,896
10	399,970	600,000	500,000
11	4,115,621	1,555,594	6,361,609
12	31,812,157	29,238,385	64,457,746
Grand total	\$1,039,784,979	\$996,365,078	\$1,508,243,726
Increase		43,419,901	
Decrease			468,458,747

CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NATURE OF CREDIT.

	Oct. 31 1931.	Sept. 30 1931.	Oct. 31 1930.
Imports	\$172,954,392	\$173,681,770	\$244,106,885
Exports	260,911,065	257,395,744	407,090,647
Domestic shipments	23,675,207	27,659,635	31,340,578
Domestic warehouse credits	213,869,725	162,478,877	234,989,437
Dollar exchange	37,891,319	36,714,277	57,812,207
Based on goods stored in or shipped between foreign countries	330,483,271	338,405,275	532,903,972

AVERAGE MARKET QUOTATIONS ON PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES OCTOBER 13 TO NOVEMBER 12.

Days—	Dealers' Buying Rate.	Dealers' Selling Rate.	Days—	Dealers' Buying Rate.	Dealers' Selling Rate.
30	3.3125	3.1009	120	3.6057	3.3557
60	3.3125	3.1009	150	4.2596	4.0192
90	3.3173	3.1057	180	4.2596	4.0192

**Montreal Stock Exchange Removes Minimum Bond Prices.**

The Montreal Stock Exchange has removed price minimums on all bonds, according to Montreal advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 12; the paper from which we quote added:

This action follows removal of price restrictions on stocks by both the Montreal and Toronto Exchanges which had put restriction measures into effect when England suspended the gold standard.

The removal of these restrictions affecting stocks was noted in our issue of Nov. 7, page 3007.

**Reorganization Plan for Montreal Brokerage Firm of McDougall & Cowans Approved by Creditors.**

Further referring to the affairs of the Montreal brokerage house of McDougall & Cowans, which failed Oct. 5 last, it is learned from the Montreal "Gazette" of Nov. 11 that the company's creditors at a meeting the previous day ratified "by an overwhelming majority, both as to value of claim and number," the reorganization plan proposed by the partners and approved by the trustee, Hon. Gordon Scott, and by the inspectors appointed as creditors' representatives. The Montreal paper continuing said in part:

Very pertinent to the same end was the announcement by Hon. Gordon Scott, that J. W. McConnell had assumed the responsibility of arranging for the necessary capital for the partners of the firm to recommence operations, which capital, in fact, has been provided by a few good friends of the old firm. Much applause greeted this statement. It now remains solely for the Court to approve this scheme of arrangement, involving the formation of a realization company, to make the composition complete, and enable the partners to recommence business.

At the outset of the meeting, Hon. Mr. Scott announced that he had received voting letters from creditors of whom, in point of value, 91.4% favored the proposed plan; one-fifth of one per cent opposed it, while the balance of 8.4%, not having voted, were assumed to oppose it. Numerically, 76.8% were in favor, 1-3 of 1% in opposition, and 22.9%, not having voted, were assumed to oppose. \* \* \* Objections were then raised by Messrs. Ralston, O'Donnell and Cotter, representing clients in Ottawa, Montreal, Plattsburg and Ausable Chasm. Their objection took the form of a resolution providing that the 60% of the net profits of the reorganized firm, accruing to the realization company for the payment of creditors, should be first applied to the settlement, pro rata, of such claims as are not dischargeable by a discharge in bankruptcy. This led to considerable discussion, but on a vote being taken, the amendment was supported by claims representing only \$26,371, while Hon. Gordon Scott voted proxies representing an amount in excess of \$4,355,400 against the amendment, defeating it.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Purvis McDougall, senior partner of the firm, addressed the gathering briefly. He thanked the creditors for their having placed their confidence in him and his partners, and added that every effort would be made to the full discharge of their obligations, with the utmost expedition.

The next step in the situation will be circularizing creditors to the effect that since they have approved the plan of re-organization, it now remains for the court's approval to permit the firm re-entering business.

In reply to a questioner, Hon. Gordon Scott stated that no announcement could be made at this early date as to whether the firm would re-open its branch offices in Toronto, Ottawa and other cities. That would depend solely on business exigencies.

The failure of McDougall & Cowans, was noted in our Oct. 10 number, page 2358.

**Failed Brokerage House of Greenshields & Co., Montreal, Submits Offer to Creditors.**

The Montreal brokerage firm of Greenshields & Co., the failure of which on Oct. 5 last was noted in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 10, page 2358, has presented a plan to its creditors for a realization company along the lines of that offered by McDougall & Cowans of Montreal. The plan is presented by the partners of the concern and endorsed by the trustee. Montreal advices to the Toronto "Financial Post" of Nov. 7, from which the above information is obtained, continuing said:

The new realization company, if the plan is approved, will receive 60% of the net profits of the reorganized brokerage firm and will be controlled by the creditors. Directors will number nine, being made up of the trustee, five inspectors and three members of the firm of Greenshields & Co., namely, R. O. Johnson, R. D. Bell and Joseph Copeman.

*Will Receive Debentures.*

Unsecured creditors are to receive debentures up to the amount of their proven claim in the realization company which will bear interest

at the rate of 3% per annum, with this rate to be cumulative from the date on which the assignment was made, namely, Oct. 5.

When the realization company has discharged all of the obligations of Greenshields and Co. control will then be handed over to the partners of the firm. The plan calls for complete payment of all debts by Jan. 31 1939, with interest at 3%.

Under the proposed plan, the firm would be released from bankruptcy as soon as the creditors approved the proposal. The plan also gives consideration to a possible merger of the firm with other houses, stipulating that the realization company shall still receive the same percentage of profits accruing to the partners.

The formal proposal is signed by the partners of the firm as follows: R. O. Johnson, R. D. Bell, Raymond Allan, Joseph H. Copeman, H. L. P. Stephenson, P. Barry German, and by C. G. Greenshields, as executor of the estate of the late John Gordon Greenshields.

*Pay at Any Time.*

Payments by the realization company to creditors will be made at any time, as funds become available for the purpose.

A meeting of creditors has been called for Nov. 26, at which gathering the plan will be considered and passed on.

**322,286 Individuals Own Shares of 16 Leading New York City Banks—Number Compares With 21,869 Stockholders in 1920—Public Utilities Only Other Group Showing Similar Gain.**

The stockholders of 16 leading New York City banks and trust companies now number 322,286, against 21,869 in 1920, an increase of 1,374%, according to a survey just completed by Hoit, Rose & Troster, specialists in bank and insurance company shares. No other group of stocks in the United States, it is stated, with the exception of the public utility group has experienced such an increase in stock ownership. It is further stated:

The market value of the outstanding shares of the 16 banks, the firm points out, is at present approximately \$2,114,720,000, which total compares with \$638,978,500 in 1920, and with an average valuation of \$9,063,045,000 in 1929.

The yield of the 16 stocks on the average makes a very interesting showing. The present yield is approximately 6.25%, virtually the highest for any period in the past 11 years. In 1921 the yield was 6.10%, and in 1929 went as low as 2.11%. The present yield is considered more significant because of the abnormally low money rates prevailing during 1931, compared with the high rates of 1921.

**Commenting upon the above figures the firm says:**

One of the most significant developments of the past decade has been the emergence of New York City bank stocks as popular investments. Twelve years ago bank stocks were owned only by the wealthiest people, but reduction in par values, creating moderate-priced issues accessible to the general public has resulted in a wide distribution of stock ownership.

The result of this large public ownership has made bank stocks more readily marketable. Twelve years ago bank stocks were quoted with wide spreads between bid and asked prices and quotations on some leading issues were even nominal. To-day, they command a well-organized and extremely active market, where thousands of shares are bought and sold daily.

**H. Hentz & Co. to Observe 75th Anniversary of Founding of Firm Next Week.**

H. Hentz & Co., members of the New York Stock and other leading exchanges, will observe the 75th anniversary of the founding of the firm next week. In the three-quarters of a century of its existence, the firm, which was founded by the late Henry Hentz, has witnessed many notable changes in the financial and industrial life of the country. Incident to the anniversary it is stated:

At the age of twenty-two, Henry Hentz came to New York from Philadelphia to enter the cotton brokerage business. This was in 1856. and on Nov. 15 of that year he rented a small office at 5 Hanover Street and hung out a sign, "H. Hentz & Co." He had only \$700 capital, but a wealth of ambition and energy. In a few years his firm became an outstanding factor in the cotton business.

Mr. Hentz was one of the organizers, a charter member and later President of the New York Cotton Exchange, the first organized for trading in cotton futures. He was also a founder of the New York Coffee Exchange (now the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange).

Originally specializing in cotton trading, H. Hentz & Co. during the present century has branched out extensively in the securities field, and is now one of the leading members of the New York Stock Exchange.

Besides membership in the New York Stock Exchange and New York Curb Exchange, H. Hentz & Co. are members of the New York Cotton Exchange Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange, New Orleans Cotton Exchange, New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, New York Produce Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade, Winnipeg Grain Exchange, New York Hide Exchange, Rubber Exchange of New York, New York Cocoa Exchange, National Raw Silk Exchange, National Metal Exchange, Liverpool Cotton Association Chicago Curb Association, Detroit Stock Exchange, Liverpool Sugar Exchange, Ltd., and United Terminal Sugar Market Association. Branch offices are maintained in a number of important cities in this country, as well as in Berlin, Nice and Paris.

The partners of the firm are Dr. Herman B. Baruch, Jerome Lewine, Hartwig N. Baruch, Edmund W. Fitzgerald, Rudolph Zenker, Sherman N. Bijur, Arthur J. Neumark, Sylvan E. Weil and Lewis D. Rabin.

**Moderate Recovery in Insurance Stocks During October.**

Insurance stocks were inclined to share in the general recovery during October, but several issues were sluggish and a desultory rise resulted, Hoit, Rose & Troster report. Opening Oct. 1 at 35, the firm's weighted averages touched a new 1931 low of 32 on Oct. 5, but rose Oct. 24 to 39 and closed Oct. 31 at 38 for a net gain for the month of 3 points. It is further stated:

The stocks that featured were Globe & Rutgers, Westchester Fire, Providence Washington, Hartford Fire and Home Insurance. Calculated on closing bid prices, the range for the month was as follows:

	Opening Oct. 1.	1931 Low Oct. 5.	High Oct. 24.	Close. Oct. 31.	Net Change
Aetna Casualty	48	45	50	45	3
Aetna Fire	30	29	35	33	3
Aetna Life	30	27	30	28	2
American (Newark)	12	11½	13¾	13½	1½
Continental Casualty	16	14	17	18	2
Globe & Rutgers	270	250	300	300	30
Great American	16½	15¾	20	19¼	2¾
Haltax	10	9½	13¼	12¾	2¾
Hanover	16½	16	20	20¼	3¾
Harmonia	14½	14½	17	17	2½
Hartford Fire	40	36	45	45	5
Home Insurance	17½	16¾	23¼	22	4¾
National Casualty	11	10½	11½	12	1
National Liberty	4¾	4¾	6¾	5½	1¼
Providence Washington	29	26	37	35½	6½
Phoenix	44	39	46	44	---
Travelers	550	450	550	550	---
United States Casualty	30	25	20	18	12
United States Fire	28	27	30	30	2
Westchester	20	20	27	27	7
Weighted average	35	32	39	38	3

**Senator Glass Calls Subcommittee Meeting for Nov. 25.**

Senator Glass (Dem., Va.) has called his subcommittee which is making a study of the National and Federal Reserve banking systems for a meeting on Nov. 25, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 13, which stated that the Senator said he had a program to present to the Committee but would not reveal its nature.

**Rediscount Rate of Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank Reduced from 3% to 3½%.**

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta yesterday (Nov. 13) advanced its rediscount rate from 3% to 3½%, effective Nov. 14. This is the first change since Jan. 10 when the rate was reduced from 3½%.

**Reports to New York Federal Reserve Bank Regarding Commercial Paper Outstanding.**

On Nov. 13 the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued the following announcement:

Reports received by this Bank from commercial paper dealers show a total of \$210,000,000 of open market commercial paper outstanding on Oct. 31 1931.

**An Empty Bill Market—Robert H. Bean of American Acceptance Council Says Nationally Developed Supply of Bills by Strong Key Banks Could Be Easily Handled in Times of Abnormal Volume.**

The standstill condition of the bill market is discussed editorially by Robert H. Bean, Executive Secretary of the American Acceptance Council, in the Council's Bulletin of Oct. 31. We give herewith Mr. Bean's comments:

Very seldom does the bill market come to the standstill condition of the past two weeks.

Since the middle of October the daily experience of the dealers has been one of good buying orders with but very scant offerings by the accepting banks.

The situation is not surprising in view of the virtual sell-out to the Federal Reserve Banks of all available prime eligible bills.

How completely the market was cleared of bills can be appreciated when it is shown that of an estimated total of bills of all classes and maturities on Oct. 21 amounting to \$960,000,000, the Federal Reserve Banks held \$837,000,000, of which \$769,000,000 were for their own account and \$68,000,000 were for the account of foreign correspondents.

Of the remaining \$123,000,000 outside the System banks, the bill dealers held about \$35,000,000, about \$20,000,000 were of bills of interior banks not at present in demand and about \$15,000,000 were of bills of an ineligible nature, for one reason or another.

This left approximately \$53,000,000 as the sum total of all bills outstanding or in the bank's hands, an amount sufficient for about a half-day business in a normal market.

Within a few days the dealers' portfolios were down to a little over \$15,000,000 in the aggregate, the banks had no bills to sell and the market was able to start on the new rate basis with such a supply of new or green bills as the banks created from day to day.

It is not unlikely that there will be an inadequate supply of bills for some weeks to come even if the dealers are able to buy all bills from the banks immediately upon acceptance.

Heretofore there has been an ebb and flow of bills that has kept the wheels moving but on this occasion nearly all the bills are in the Federal Banks and as the Federal buys from but never sells to the market the total bill volume is therefore locked up to be held until maturity.

With such large holdings, there will of course be a good volume of acceptances running off each day but such bills as are subject to renewal will find their way into the open market rather than directly back to the Federal Reserve Bank.

The local problem of supply and demand could more easily be solved if the bills of all strong outstanding banks in the dozen or more centers throughout the United States were given a rating in the New York market that would insure their prompt sale at prime rates.

Interior banks are gradually and very steadily retiring from the acceptance business because of their inability to dispose of their bills even at a penalty rate.

In 1930 banks outside the New York and Boston and Chicago Federal Reserve Districts were creating 14% of the total volume while at present they are doing only 8% and their activity is growing less each month.

This question of the concentration of business as it has developed in past years, and which is now partly responsible for the present dried up market supply is worthy of consideration, as the acceptance business enters that will probably be its greatest opportunity in world trade financing.

A nationally developed supply of bills made by 50 to 75 strong key banks, at present almost entirely out of the acceptance business, could be easily handled by the market in times of abnormal volume and be extremely helpful in a situation such as we now have.

All these good banks need is the assurance of a market for the bills, which would match, in the qualities of safety and liquidity, the best bills of the present leading accepting centers.

### Short-Term Municipal Paper and Policy of Federal Reserve Bank.

From the New York "Times" of Oct. 28 we take the following:

Reports that the Federal Reserve Bank had inaugurated an aggressive policy of purchasing municipal short-term paper are wide of the mark, as any municipal dealers who took their holdings to the Federal Reserve Bank yesterday discovered. At the present time the Reserve Bank's first obligation is to stay as liquid as possible while at the same time giving free accommodation to the banks. However, gilt-edged short-term municipal obligations may be, the Federal Reserve is not likely to welcome a substantial offering of such paper. In view of the large export movement of gold it is likely, naturally, to look with most favor upon that class of paper which is eligible as collateral behind Federal Reserve note circulation, in which category municipal paper does not fall.

### Notice to New York State Bank Depositories Regarding Use of Unmatured State Bonds as Security.

Supplementing the item in our issue of Nov. 7, page 3030, we have received from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, at Albany, the following information under date of Nov. 7:

Our letter dated Oct. 15 addressed to the banks of this State which are depositories for general fund money read as follows:

"It is thought advisable to bring to the attention of banks which are depositories for General Fund money that under the State Finance Law it is permissible for banks to deposit as security to guarantee such money, unmatured bonds of the State of New York, any issue, and also Port of New York Authority bonds series C.

"Correspondence would indicate many banks are unaware of this privilege, and hence this office brings it to your attention at what seems an opportune time."

### E. A. Goldenweiser of Federal Reserve Board, Testifying Before Senate Committee on Proposal to Establish National Economic Council, Estimates Hoarding of Public at \$1,000,000,000.

Pictures of the situation arising out of the present economic depression were given in Washington on Oct. 22 by Dr. E. A. Goldenweiser, Director of Research and Statistics of the Federal Reserve Board, before the sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Manufactures, which is considering a program to establish a national economic council. As to his presentments to the sub-committee we quote the following from the Washington accounts to the New York "Times":

Dr. Goldenweiser submitted many charts and figures to show the effect of the stock market decline which began in October 1929. He said that there had been a steady decrease in freight loadings and that the net operating income of railroads dropped from \$1,250,000,000 in 1929 to \$875,000,000 in 1930.

Employment on the railroads decreased from 1,760,000 workers in July 1929, to 1,300,000 to-day, he said. Bank failures numbered 491 in 1928, he stated; in 1929 they increased to 642 and in 1930 to 1,345. The deposits in the suspended banks reached \$138,000,000 in 1928, \$234,000,000 in 1929 and \$865,000,000 in 1930.

Dr. Goldenweiser expressed a view that the principal factor in bank suspensions was a decline in real estate values and the value of securities. He estimated the total amount of hoarded money in the United States at about \$1,000,000,000.

Dr. Goldenweiser said that there are now only a few industries showing any substantial amount of production, the most prominent being the glass industry, principally because of an increased demand for household preserving jars and other containers.

The witness said that department store sales had declined about 20% from June 1929 to August 1930.

Dr. Goldenweiser blamed the continued depression in part on a state of fear which is causing the public to keep down buying.

### Federal Reserve Board's Preliminary Report on Department Store Sales in October.

Preliminary figures on the value of department store sales show an increase from September to October of somewhat more than the estimated seasonal amount. The Federal Reserve Board's index, which makes allowance both for number of business days and for usual seasonal changes, was 86 in October on the basis of the 1923-1925 average as 100, compared with 84 in September and 88 in August.

In comparison with a year ago the value of sales for October, according to the preliminary figures, was 15% smaller. The aggregate for the first 10 months of the year was 10% smaller.

#### PERCENTAGE INCREASE OR DECREASE FROM A YEAR AGO.

Federal Reserve District.	October.*	Jan. 1 to Oct. 31.*	Number of Reporting Stores.	Number of Cities.
Boston.....	-9	-7	102	31
New York.....	-10	-8	56	29
Philadelphia.....	-22	-11	43	18
Cleveland.....	-20	-12	48	16
Richmond.....	-12	-5	57	24
Atlanta.....	-21	-11	30	19
Chicago.....	-16	-13	60	31
St. Louis.....	-15	-13	20	10
Minneapolis.....	-12	-8	20	11
Kansas City.....	-20	-11	27	14
Dallas.....	-23	-15	19	7
San Francisco.....	-13	-10	83	29
Total.....	-15	-10	565	239

\*October figures preliminary; in most districts the month had the same number of business days this year and last year.

### John T. Moore Elected Managing Director of Louisville Branch of St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis on Nov. 4, John T. Moore was elected Managing Director of the Louisville Branch for the unexpired term of W. P. Kincheloe, resigned, ending Dec. 31 1931. Mr. Moore has been Cashier of the branch since its opening in 1917.

The directors also, at the same time, elected Chas. A. Schacht, one of the Controllers of the parent bank, as Cashier of the Louisville Branch, to succeed Mr. Moore. Mr. Schacht entered the employ of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis in 1917, and was elected a Controller in 1927.

### New Offering of 91-Day Treasury Bills to Amount of \$75,000,000 or Thereabouts.

A further issue of 91-day Treasury bills was announced by Secretary Mellon on Nov. 8, offered to the amount of \$75,000,000 or thereabouts. Tenders for the issue were received up to 2 p. m. Eastern Standard time yesterday (Nov. 13) at the Federal Reserve Banks and their branches. It is stated that the purpose of this issue is to retire \$60,280,000 of maturity Treasury bills, and to provide for current operating expenses of the Government. The new bills (sold on a discount basis to the highest bidder) will be dated Nov. 16 1931 and will mature on Feb. 15 1932. They will be issued in denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 (maturity value); the bills will be payable without interest on the maturity date. A similar amount of bills (\$75,000,000 or thereabouts) was offered a week ago, and the results of that offering were indicated in these columns Nov. 7, page 3033. As stated therein the amount of bids accepted was \$75,173,000, at an average price of 99.492, the average rate on a bank discount basis being about 2%. From its Washington bureau Nov. 8 the New York "Journal of Commerce" reported the following:

The average cost of the Government's 90-day paper, which jumped from less than a 1/2 of 1% three months ago to a maximum high for bills of 2.69%, has fallen off considerably in the last week. The bills to go on the market to-morrow (Nov. 9) were sold at an average cost of about 2%.

This encouraged Treasury officials who had been considerably worried at the prospects of meeting the retirements of nearly \$1,000,000,000 in certificates and notes Dec. 15. With 90-day paper at over 2 1/2%, it would have been necessary to pay substantially higher rates for the refunding issues than the 3 1/2% on the maturing notes and the 1 1/4% on certificates.

#### Doubts on Bond Issue.

It is now believed that unless there is another tightening of the market, the new issues in December can be floated at fairly reasonable rates, although probably not as low as the rate on the maturing certificates. Originally, before money hoarding and gold exports had tightened the money market, it had been planned to float a bond issue of probably \$500,000,000 in December. Whether this will be possible now, with rates higher, is a question.

Within the next two or three weeks the Treasury will conduct a careful study of the market in order to reach a decision as to the December issues. It was suggested that a new series of five-year notes might be authorized to refund maturing notes. Certificate issues are anticipated in December, whether there is a bond or note issue.

Officials expressed doubt whether the Treasury would be able to call the \$1,933,528,300 of the First Liberty Loan next June, unless conditions change materially. There is a 3 1/2% rate on \$1,392,239,350 of the First Liberty \$536,285,000 bears 4 1/4% interest and the remainder 4%. There was a possibility that the Treasury might call the 4 and 4 1/4% bonds, provided they could be refunded at lower rates.

Secretary Mellon's announcement (Nov. 8) of the new offering of bills follows:

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that tenders are invited for Treasury bills to the amount of \$75,000,000, or thereabouts. They will be 91-day bills; and will be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders. Tenders will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks, or the branches thereof, up to two o'clock p. m., Eastern Standard time, on Friday, Nov. 13 1931. Tenders will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington.

The Treasury bills will be dated Nov. 16 1931, and will mature on Feb. 15 1932, and on the maturity date the face amount will be payable without interest. They will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts or denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 (maturity value).

It is urged that tenders be made on the printed forms and forwarded in the special envelopes which will be supplied by the Federal Reserve Banks or branches upon application therefor.

No tender for an amount less than \$1,000 will be considered. Each tender must be in multiples of \$1,000. The price offered must be expressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places, e. g., 99.125. Fractions must not be used.

Tenders will be accepted without cash deposit from incorporated banks and trust companies and from responsible and recognized dealers in investment securities. Tenders from others must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the face amount of Treasury bills applied for, unless the tenders are accompanied by an express guaranty of payment by an incorporated bank or trust company.

Immediately after the closing hour for receipt of tenders on Nov. 13 1931, all tenders received at the Federal Reserve Banks or branches thereof up to the closing hour will be opened and public announcements of the acceptable prices will follow as soon as possible thereafter, probably on the following morning. The Secretary of the Treasury expressly reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or parts of tenders, and to allot less than the amount applied for, and his action in any such respect shall be final. Those submitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. Those submitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. Payment at the price offered for Treasury bills allotted must be made at the Federal Reserve Banks in cash or other immediately available funds on Nov. 16 1931.

The Treasury bills will be exempt, as to principal and interest, and any gain from the sale or other disposition thereof will also be exempt, from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. No loss from the sale or other disposition of the Treasury bills shall be allowed as a deduction, or otherwise recognized, for the purposes of any tax now or hereafter imposed by the United States or any of its possessions.

Treasury Department Circular No. 418, as amended, and this notice prescribe the terms of the Treasury bills and govern the conditions of their issue. Copies of the circular may be obtained from any Federal Reserve Bank or branch thereof.

The Treasury Department announced Friday night that the tenders for the above bills had amounted to \$255,289,000. The highest bid was 99.550, equivalent to an interest rate of about 1.78% on an annual basis. The lowest bid accepted was 99.469, equivalent to an interest rate of about 2.10% on an annual basis. The total amount of bids accepted was \$75,410,000. The average price of Treasury bills to be issued is 99.489. The average rate on a bank discount basis is about 2.02%.

**C. F. Childs & Co. Awarded \$25,000,000 of \$75,173,000 91-Day Treasury Bills Dated Nov. 9.**

C. F. Childs & Co., specialists in United States Government securities, was awarded an allotment of \$25,000,000 or approximately one-third of the entire recent issue of \$75,173,000 of 91-day Treasury bills dated Nov. 9. The highest bid for the issue was 99.55 and the lowest bid accepted was 99.458. The offering was referred to in these columns Nov. 7, page 3033.

**President Hoover Reports Decrease of \$17,000,000 in Navy Budget—No Decrease in Personnel of Navy.**

A statement issued by President Hoover on Nov. 12 indicates a cut of \$17,000,000 in the appropriations for the Navy for the fiscal year beginning July 1 1932. The President's statement follows:

The Navy budget which will be presented to Congress for the fiscal year beginning the first of next July has been fixed at \$343,000,000. This is a decrease of about \$17,000,000 under the appropriations for the present fiscal year. It is a decrease of about \$59,000,000 from the \$401,000,000 originally proposed by the Navy some months ago and prior to the development of the evidence of a large deficiency in the National budget.

This budget for the next fiscal year does not decrease the personnel of the Navy below its present status by a single man. It does not decommission any fighting ships, although the rotation plan will be continued. It does not propose to abandon any of the navy yards at the present time, although the Navy officials are convinced that the products of some of these yards could be made more cheaply elsewhere. To close these yards would produce undue hardship to labor at the present time. The budget provides for the maintenance of the frigate Constitution and for the maintenance of the Navy bands. It is proposed to take care of the problem of the Philadelphia hospital in conjunction with the Veterans' Bureau.

In the matter of appropriations for "increases in the Navy," that is, for the expansion of combatant ships, the program is set up in such fashion that \$57,000,000 will be expended either through appropriations or from carryovers in the fiscal year beginning the first of next July. This is an increase from the \$53,000,000 estimated expenditure this present fiscal year, and it is interesting to note the amount of actual expenditures on this item since 1926:

1926	\$25,249,796	1930	49,872,209
1927	27,430,330	1931	37,944,048
1928	36,934,985	1932, est. Nov. 1 1931	53,375,000
1929	46,758,720	1933, proposed	57,000,000

The budget provides for the continued construction of every one of the treaty ships authorized by Congress except six destroyers. The deferment of these six destroyers out of eleven authorized has not only been a measure of economy but a policy of maintaining even construction in destroyer programs and maintenance of evenness of employment in the yards.

The program proposed under this budget will not decrease, but will slightly increase, the total direct and indirect employment in the Navy in naval construction in the next fiscal year over and above that of the present year. The tonnage of combatant ships actually in construction by the United States to-day is nearly double that of Great Britain, and in addition we are engaged in the modernization of three battleships.

These are times when the American people have a right to rigid economy on the part of their Government. Navy officials have co-operated and have taken pride in the development of a proper program that would contribute to this economy.

In keeping with established practice, the details of the budget will not be made public until transmitted to Congress.

**President Hoover Reports Reduction of \$350,000,000 in Budgets of Federal Departments for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1933.**

Congress will be asked at its forthcoming session to appropriate at least \$350,000,000 less than original budget estimates of the Federal Departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1 1932, President Hoover stated Nov. 6. The "United States Daily" noting this in its Nov. 7 issue, stated:

In announcing the figures, the President said that every item of proposed expenditures had been cut and that every possible item had been deferred where injury to the fundamental purposes of the Departments and the efficiency of the services would not result.

President Hoover called attention to numerous sectional interests that are seeking increased expenditures for projects, but said that many of them although meritorious, would have to be postponed until the country can afford to pay for them.

Asked how the \$350,000,000 compared with last year's budget estimates, President Hoover stated orally that it was difficult to compare the two because last year's appropriations were spread out over a long period and included emergency bills which provided funds for use both in the last and the present fiscal year.

The President said, however, that it could be stated roughly that the present budget figures are about \$280,000,000 below the appropriations last year.

The President's formal statement follows in full text:

The departmental budgets for the fiscal year beginning next July have proceeded far enough to enable me to state that appropriations which will be proposed to the Congress will show a reduction of at least \$350,000,000 below that of original departmental requests. Every Department in the Government is co-operating; every item has been cut; every item postponed that can be done without injury to the fundamental purpose of the departments and the efficiency of the services.

As nearly half the expenditures of the Government are for interest, sinking fund, veteran's services and other items which are irreducible, this cut represents most earnest co-operation by all the Departments of the Government in their endeavor to meet the necessities of the taxpayer and the present economic situation.

Again, I wish to refer to the many sectional interests throughout the country who are asking us to increase expenditures. Such action can only embarrass the earnest efforts of the Administration and the Congress to maintain our Governmental finance on a sound basis. Many new plans different sections, meritorious in themselves, must be deferred until the country can afford to pay for them. Nothing will contribute more to the return of prosperity than to maintain the sound fiscal position of the Federal Government.

**In Armistice Day Address President Hoover Says Peace is Product of Preparedness for Defense—Building of Good-will and Constructive Effort Among Nations Best Method of Honoring Memories of Those Who Fought for Peace.**

In an Armistice Day speech, at the dedication in Washington of a memorial to soldiers and sailors of the world war in the District of Columbia, President Hoover declared that "peace is the product of preparedness for defense." Stating that "we have been passing through an emergency second only to the great war," the President observed that "the emergency has brought a realization that the outstanding problem of statesmanship to-day in every country and in every part of the world is to re-establish confidence, not alone each nation in its own institutions, but among nations." "Such action," he said, "requires no treaties, no documents, and no commitments. It requires only that each nation realizes the situation that exists; that it contribute in its own policies and within its own best interest to the building of good will and the rebuilding of confidence." The President's address follows:

Great shrines in our national Capital mark reverent remembrance of those who have given sacrifice and glory to the nation. Marble and bronze, in their eloquence of silence and beauty, tell the deathless story of heroic deeds done for our country.

We gather here to-day to dedicate a new shrine to those residents of the District of Columbia who served in the World War. This temple will recall for all time their services and sacrifices.

It is particularly fitting that these services should be held on Armistice Day, when, throughout the nation, our citizens pause to honor all those who gave their lives in the greatest conflict which has ever engulfed the world.

Thirteen years to the day and hour have passed since the guns ceased their destruction of life, and nations began their march back to peace and reconstruction. That day was a day of rejoicing in victory, a day of pride in the valor of our Army and Navy, a day of hope for peace in a better world. With each succeeding year, Armistice Day has come to be a day to pay tribute to the millions who valiantly bore arms in a worthy cause and to renew resolves that the peace for which these men sacrificed themselves shall be maintained.

*Peace Not Yet Assured.*

However great our desire for peace, we must not assume that the peace for which these men died has become assured to the world or that the obligations which they left to us, the living, have been discharged. The minds of many races still are stirred by memories of centuries of injustice; in others there is ever present the fear of invasion and domination; many peoples are filled with hopes of liberty and independence. The boundaries of many nations are but zones of age-old contention. The growth of population and economic striving press against the borders of others.

World-wide expansion of commerce and industry, with its vast interchange of citizens, brings the daily obligation of self-respecting nations to see that their nationals abroad in pacific pursuits shall not be unjustly imperiled as to life and property.

*World More Heavily Armed Than Before War.*

In every country men can secure public attention and even a living by stirring malignant forces of fear and hate of their neighbors. As a result of these forces the world is more heavily armed than even before the great war.

All of these dangers present to statesmen a world where peace cannot be had by resolution and injunction alone. Peace is the product of preparedness for defense, the patient settlement of controversy and the dynamic development of the forces of good will. It is the result of the delicate balance of that realism born of human experience and of idealism born of the highest of human aspirations for international justice.

The backwash of forces loosened by the great war has grown until during the past two years the stability of many nations has been greatly shaken. This, with their fears and discouragement for the future, weakened confidence throughout the whole financial and economic world. That loss of confidence added enormously to unemployment, to the distress of agriculture and business everywhere. From it all we have been passing through an emergency second only to the great war.

But the emergency has brought a realization that the outstanding problem of statesmanship today in every country and in every part of the world is to re-establish confidence not alone each nation in its own institutions, but among nations. And no greater contribution can be made to economic relief than day-to-day conclusive demonstration that progress is being made in relieving stress and strain which now so oppress the atmosphere of the family of nations.

Such action requires no treaties, no documents and no commitments. It requires only that each nation realize the situation that exists; that it contribute in its own policies and within its own best interest to the building of good-will and the rebuilding of confidence.

That progress is being made. It has been made by frank, sincere, and direct personal conferences on mutual problems between heads of States throughout the world. It has been made by similar action among the financial, industrial and social institutions of the world. These discussions have developed common action and have increased good-will and confidence. These consistent efforts are providing new avenues of relief and are assuredly turning the tide for a greatly suffering world.

It is by building good-will and constructive effort among nations that we can best honor the memory of the men who died that the world should have peace. This monument stands for men who fought not alone for their country but to establish the principles of justice and peace. We pay tribute here to their valor. We honor them for their sacrifices. We respect their memory by renewing our obligations to the purposes and ideals for which they fought.

### President Hoover's Proclamation Designating Nov. 26 As Thanksgiving Day.

In a proclamation issued on Nov. 3, President Hoover designated Nov. 26 as "a day of National Thanksgiving" and recommends that "our people rest from their daily labors and in their homes and accustomed places of worship give devout thanks for the blessings which a merciful Father has bestowed upon us." In pointing out that "our country has cause for gratitude to the Almighty," the President states among other things that "we have been widely blessed with abundant harvests." "The measure of passing adversity which has come upon us, should," he says, "deepen the spiritual life of the people, quicken their sympathies and spirit of sacrifice for others, and strengthen their courage." The proclamation follows:

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
*A Proclamation.*

We approach the season when, according to custom dating from the garnering of the first harvest by our forefathers in the New World, a day is set apart to give thanks, even amid hardships, to Almighty God for our temporal and spiritual blessings. It has become a hallowed tradition for the Chief Magistrate to proclaim annually a National Day of Thanksgiving.

Our country has cause for gratitude to the Almighty. We have been widely blessed with abundant harvests. We have been spared from pestilence and calamities. Our institutions have served the people. Knowledge has multiplied and our lives are enriched with its application. Education has advanced, the health of our people has increased. We have dwelt in peace with all men.

The measure of passing adversity which has come upon us should deepen the spiritual life of the people, quicken their sympathies and spirit of sacrifice for others, and strengthen their courage.

Many of our neighbors are in need from causes beyond their control and the compassion of the people throughout the nation should so assure their security over this winter that they too may have full cause to participate in this day of gratitude to the Almighty.

Now, therefore, I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, Nov. 26 1931, as a National Day of Thanksgiving, and do recommend that our people rest from their daily labors and in their homes and accustomed places of worship give devout thanks for the blessings which a merciful Father has bestowed upon us.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done, at the City of Washington, this third day of November, in the Year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-One, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Fifty-Sixth.

HERBERT HOOVER.

By the President of the United States.

HENRY L. STIMSON, Secretary of State.

### George S. Milner Named President of Newly Formed National Corn Credit Corporation.

What was described at the time it was projected a few weeks ago as a \$10,000,000 pool having for its object the holding of corn awaiting higher prices, has taken shape in the form of the National Corn Credit Corporation. Its formation was planned at a conference in Chicago on Oct. 23 and 29 of farm leaders, meeting with representatives of the Federal Farm Board, Mid-West bankers, and manu-

facturers. Associated Press accounts from Chicago on Oct. 29, in an account of the meeting, said:

Earl C. Smith, President of the Illinois Agricultural Association and sponsor of the conference, disclosed only the preliminary plans, but the financial set-up of the credit pool was learned from other sources.

Incorporation under the laws of Illinois, with a capitalization of \$1,000,000, was expected to follow another conference Tuesday. One-half the capital stock would be subscribed by bankers and industries; the other half was to come from the Farm Board.

The Farmers' National Grain Corp., under the proposed plan, will represent the Farm Board's holdings in the pool. Other farm groups also will pledge funds.

The Credit Corp. will operate in all corn growing areas, loaning money to producers on warehouse receipts. These receipts, in Illinois and Iowa, can be issued by State Departments of Agriculture after sealing and cribbing of the maize on farms. Other States, particularly Indiana and Nebraska, plan similar means of issuing these receipts.

In actual operation the Credit Corp.'s loaning capacity will not exceed \$8,000,000 to \$9,000,000.

The Farm Board was represented by Stanley Reed, head of the Grain Corp. George Ranney, a Vice-President of the International Harvester Co., represented banking and manufacturing interests. The Harvester Co. and similar corporations have been asked to participate in the pool.

Present plans call for the use of banks in the various communities as agents of the credit pool. At current prices the conferees believed that the pool would finance the holding of between 30,000,000 and 40,000,000 bushels of corn. Loans will be made for nine months or less, inasmuch as the farm leaders do not want crops held over for a full season.

It would be necessary to keep a surplus in the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank in St. Louis, through which the pool would discount receipts, to meet marginal fluctuations.

According to dispatches by the Associated Press from Chicago, Nov. 6, George S. Milnor, General Manager of the Farmers' National Grain Corp., has been made President of the National Corn Credit Corporation. The dispatch added:

"The first issue of stock is only \$1,000,000, but this may be boosted to \$2,500,000. The Federal Farm Board, through the Farmers' National Grange, has subscribed to half the stock, with the provision that its funds must be lent to corn growers that are members of co-operatives.

"The remainder of the stock has been subscribed by Mid-West banks and manufacturers."

The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 5 stated:

Articles of incorporation which were sent to Springfield for filing listed the following directors of the corporation: C. E. Huff, President, and George S. Milnor, General Manager of the Farmers' National Grain Corp.; George A. Ranney, Vice-President and Treasurer, International Harvester Co.; Earl C. Smith, President, Illinois Agricultural Association; John H. Hogan, Vice-President, Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co.; C. E. Hurst, President, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation; Mark Woods, Nebraska farmer and banker.

Officials of Farmers' National Grain Corp. announced that they were prepared to subscribe for \$500,000 worth of the stock immediately upon completion of the organization of the corporation with funds obtained from the Federal Farm Board.

*Subscribe for Stock.*

An equal amount of the capital stock is being subscribed by the following:

Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., First National Bank, Central Republic Bank & Trust Co., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Northern Trust Co., International Harvester Co., John Deere & Co., J. I. Case Co., Sears, Roebuck & Co., Montgomery Ward & Co., Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Cudahy Packing Co., Wilson & Co., Quaker Oats Co., Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, and other interests.

Arrangements have been made with the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks of St. Louis and Omaha by which the Corn Credit Corporation will have available through rediscount from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 for loans to producers of corn.

### G. V. McLaughlin, Head of National Credit Corporation No. 7 Reports Gratifying Co-operation by Brooklyn and Long Island Banks.

George V. McLaughlin, Chairman of National Credit Association No. 7 of the Second New York Federal Reserve District, announced on Nov. 6 that over 50% of the total possible amount of subscriptions to notes of the National Credit Corporation had been received from banks and trust companies in the Association area, which comprises all of Long Island. Subscriptions received included one of approximately \$2,000,000 by the Brooklyn Trust Co., of which Mr. McLaughlin is President. Other subscriptions came from banking institutions throughout the counties of Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk. Mr. McLaughlin said:

The co-operation of the banks of this territory in the plans of the National Credit Corporation has been most gratifying. In less than a week after details of the plans were laid before the bankers of this area, more than half the possible amount of subscriptions has been received. The remainder is expected as soon as the approval of the boards of directors of the various banks can be obtained.

Under the plan of organization of the National Credit Corporation and its regional associations, each participating bank subscribes an amount equal to 2% of its net deposits as of the latest bank call date, provided such amount does not exceed 10% of capital and surplus. On this basis, it is estimated that maximum possible subscriptions from banks located in the territory of Association No. 7 will be about \$6,900,000, of which approximately \$3,500,000 has been



subscribed to date. The organization of Group No. 7 was noted in our issue of Nov. 7, page 3034.

### Pittsburgh Clearing House Votes to Recommend to State That Gold Notes of National Credit Corporation Be Approved As Security for Public Funds.

Unanimous approval of steps being taken to make the gold notes of the National Credit Corporation legal security for State, county and city deposits was voted on Oct. 29 by the Pittsburgh Clearing House Association, according to the Pittsburgh "Post Gazette" of Oct. 30, from which we also take the following:

The action followed Federal approval of the notes as security for United States Government deposits.

The Association voted to recommend "to the State of Pennsylvania and all its subdivisions that the gold notes issued by the National Credit Corporation be approved as security for all public funds under the control of the State or any subdivision thereof, together with all school districts in said State."

This move followed a meeting of the Clearing House Committee on Tuesday [Oct. 27], at which it was resolved that the gold notes be approved "as security for public funds of the City of Pittsburgh at 90% of their face value." The Association also voted approval of the committee action.

### Frederick McDonald of Albany Heads National Credit Group No. 5 in New York Federal Reserve District.

Formation of National Credit Association Group No. 5, Second (New York) Federal Reserve District, comprising 16 counties around Albany, has been completed under the Chairmanship of Frederick McDonald, President of the New York State National Bank, Albany. More than 92% of the group's quota of \$5,000,000, it is announced, has actually been or is in process of being subscribed. In addition to Mr. McDonald, the following have been elected members of the loan committee:

Willis T. Hanson Jr., Vice-President, Union National Bank, Schenectady, N. Y.;  
 William C. Feathers, President, Manufacturers' National Bank, Troy, N. Y.  
 William L. Gillespie, President, National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Albany, N. Y.  
 I. H. Chahoon, President, Plattsburg National Bank & Trust Co., Plattsburg, N. Y.  
 Edward Crippen, President, Wilber National Bank, Oneonta, N. Y.  
 Schuyler Merritt 2nd, Vice-President, New York State National Bank, Albany, N. Y.

### Virginia Banks Subscribe Over \$5,000,000 to National Credit Corporation.

It is stated that more than \$5,500,000 has been subscribed in Virginia to the National Credit Corporation. Julian H. Hill, President of the State-Planters Bank & Trust Co. of Richmond is Chairman of the permanent Loan Committee for Association No. 1 of the Fifth (Richmond) Federal Reserve District.

### Philadelphia Banks Subscribe \$19,000,000 to Credit Pool.

Banks of Philadelphia have to date (Nov. 11) subscribed \$19,000,000 to the credit pool being formed in that city as a part of the nation-wide plan to relieve the credit situation. Announcement of this fact was made by Howard A. Loeb, Chairman of the Traders National Bank & Trust Co., and Chairman of the Loan Committee of National Credit Association No. 1 of the Third (Philadelphia) Federal Reserve District. Some banks have not had opportunity to act on membership in the Association and consequently have not as yet subscribed to the pool, according to Mr. Loeb, whose statement announcing subscriptions received to date said:

At the conclusion of the meeting of the Loan Committee of National Credit Association No. 1 of the Third Federal Reserve District, it was announced that subscriptions to debentures of the National Credit Corp. received up to the time of the meeting from banking institutions that have taken membership in this Association, totaled approximately \$19,000,000.

There are a number of banks in this district that have not yet had an opportunity to present the application for membership to their respective boards.

The committee is gratified with the response of the banking institutions in this district, which assures the success of the plan.

Items regarding the Philadelphia unit of the National Credit Corp. appeared in our issues of Oct. 24, page 2706 and Nov. 7, page 3034.

### Chicago Unit of Federal Credit Corporation Extends Loans of \$2,000,000—Aids Six Banks.

Financial aid for Illinois banks through the medium of the National Credit Corp., the \$500,000,000 banking pool, took tangible form late on Nov. 9, according to the Chicago "Tribune" of Nov. 10, which likewise said:

The Chicago-Illinois group of the National corporation approved loans totaling about \$2,000,000 to six banks, some of them in Chicago and

others down-State. This action, which is the first actual functioning of the pool, was approved at a meeting of the State committee in the Federal Reserve Bank building.

It was explained that these initial loans are only the forerunner of a broad policy for helping all solvent banks that have good, but "frozen" assets. The Illinois group has received applications for a number of other loans, and these will be examined as fast as they come in. When approved, the applications will be sent to the directors of the National corporation in New York for final action, and, if passed, the money will be made immediately available for the banks.

#### To Call Subscriptions.

In preparation for making the loans, the banks subscribing to the big pool will be called on to pay in 10% of their subscriptions within the next day or two. These initial payments will total between \$3,000,000 and \$3,500,000 for the Chicago banks, and between \$4,500,000 and \$5,000,000 for all Illinois banks.

Total subscriptions thus far received from the Chicago banks total around \$30,000,000, according to James R. Leavell, Vice-Chairman of the Chicago-Illinois group and also President of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. Still additional subscriptions are assured from both city and down-State banks as soon as they hold directors' meetings. It is expected that total subscriptions from the Chicago Federal Reserve District, which embraces Illinois, Iowa and portions of Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan, will run close to \$70,000,000.

Simultaneously with the call for initial payments in Illinois, it is expected that the Reserve District and State groups in other parts of the country will call for 10% subscriptions. This should give the National Credit Corp. an initial fund of more than \$50,000,000 to start making loans, according to George M. Reynolds, Chairman of the corporation and director for the Chicago Federal Reserve District.

### Representative McFadden Says Question of Allied Debts to United States Should Be Considered Apart from German Reparations—Opposes Cancellation or Reduction of War Debts to United States.

In an address in Boston, on Nov. 5, Louis T. McFadden, Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, declared that "the Allied debts to the United States should neither be cancelled nor reduced, whether Germany continues to pay reparations, or whether she ceases to do so." Representative McFadden prefaced this declaration with the statement, "We see that there is an official movement on foot to reduce, or possibly cancel, the Allied debts, because of a threatened reduction, or a threatened ceasing, of the payment of German reparations to the Allied governments." Mr. McFadden, who spoke before the Institute of Current International Problems of the United States, told his hearers that "the assertion of the Allied governments that they can, and will, pay to the United States, only such sums as they receive from Germany in reparations, is in the nature of a subterfuge." "What is needed now," said Representative McFadden, "is a complete change of policy in our State Department and Federal Reserve System as regards our foreign relations. The entire thesis to which our present regime is committed is European in its origin, specious in its argument, and dangerous to the safety and welfare of the American people." Mr. McFadden added:

"A policy ought now to be adopted or declining revision or cancellation of Allied debts, of salvaging what can be salvaged of the vast investments which American capital has made in Europe since the war, of withholding further loans to Europe, of rejecting the principle of commercialization of the German reparations in the United States, and of dissociating the United States Government from Allied policies in connection with reparations.

"The proposed agreement with the French Government exempting the unconditional annuities of the Young plan from the operation of the Hoover moratorium ought to be flatly rejected; all support ought to be withdrawn from these European schemes for exploiting the German war indemnity and swindling the American investor."

In full, Mr. McFadden's address follows:

There is probably no subject of controversy which suffers more from a lack of precision and definiteness of fact and statement than the question whether the Allied war debts to the United States should be cancelled.

There is argument about the character of the debts and the degree of obligation inherent in them, about the capacity of the Allied States to pay them, about the extent to which the burden they place on the Allied States impedes economic recovery in Europe, and particularly about the relationship of German reparations to them. Their present worth varies with the interest rate which may be thought appropriate, and there is question whether, by reducing interest rates and extending time in the funding agreements, the United States has not already cancelled a large part of them.

The discussion of these and other "ifs" and conditions gives their opportunity to the special pleaders for this or that national or other cause, to the financial geniuses who see profit in the rapid shifting of large sums, and especially to those who would reaffirm a war settlement to-day identical with that of the Treaty of Versailles. Inasmuch as it is the debtors who desire a cancellation of the debts, it is a reasonable inference that most of this discussion and these arguments have their birth in Europe and are brought here to grow and strengthen under the fostering care of the international bankers and our international enthusiasts.

In order that we may have a definite point of departure, let us consider first the proposal of the present moment. The Hoover moratorium called for a year's suspension of payment of all debts and reparations; it was made because of the imminent bankruptcy of Germany, which, if precipitated, would have serious repercussions elsewhere.

But the objections of the French to the inclusion of the unconditional reparation payments of the Young plan caused a delay of several weeks, and resulted in the adoption of an agreement with France that the unconditional annuities should be excepted from the moratorium.

During this period of delay, the collapse in Germany, which the moratorium was intended to prevent, took place, followed a little later by the lapse of Great Britain from the gold standard and by similar developments in several other countries in Europe.

The Bank of France and the Federal Reserve System had joined in loans to Britain and to Germany to support their currencies, and steps had been taken in New York to refrain from calling short-term loans to Germany which would have a disastrous effect in London as well as Berlin, but agreement was not reached in time to prevent the fall of the English pound.

Finally, however, an agreement was obtained to leave a large part of these loans untouched until next February. What will then be done awaits negotiations which are pending.

We are informed that the Hoover-Laval agreement just made preserves the Young plan intact and that the unconditional annuities of \$175,000,000 are to continue to be paid by Germany. But it now appears that the amount of the short-term credits which the Germans cannot pay is \$1,700,000,000, and that they desire a refunding agreement for their repayment in annuities of \$170,000,000 during a period of 10 years. As the Young Committee placed the maximum of the unconditional annuities which Germany could pay at \$175,000,000, this new annual charge of \$170,000,000 per year would seem to require a considerable revision of the Young plan. The Germans are demanding this while the French insist that the Young plan be kept intact and that action be taken only within the framework and according to the existing provisions of that plan.

Only a day or two ago Dr. Luther, the President of the Reichsbank, announced that the total of Germany's foreign commercial debts is between seven and eight billion dollars, and that Germany's chief aim now is to turn its short-term into long-term credits and to pay no reparations whatever, on the theory that it will be all that Germany can do to pay its foreign commercial debts.

France insists that reparations shall take precedence over commercial debts, and that Germany shall be helped only on condition that she shall forego her demands for revision of the Treaty of Versailles, which, according to the French, destroy public confidence and make the sale or discounting of German reparation obligations like the Young plan bonds impossible.

It appears that under the Hoover-Laval understanding the French are to have the support of Washington in their demands and that, within the framework of the Young plan, some provision is to be made for reducing the conditional annuities which Germany pays the Allied governments. In consideration for this concession by the Allies to Germany, the United States will reconsider its debt agreements with the Allies with a view to revision downwards, and the Congressional Debt-Funding Commission may be revived for this purpose. In view of Dr. Luther's forecast that Germany may cease to pay any reparations whatever the question suggests itself whether, in that case, the Government at Washington would be inclined to cancel the Allied debts in toto.

The question of the Allied debts to the United States ought to be considered wholly apart from the question of German reparations. From the beginning, it has been the position of our Government that "there is no connection between German reparations and Allied debts to the United States," and the debt-funding agreements which were based upon the capacity of the respective governments to pay made it clear that this capacity was estimated without reference to reparation receipts which might be received from Germany. The United States Government did not become a party to the Treaty of Versailles, within the scope of which treaty alone the German reparations have validity. The United States, in the peace conference, demanded and took no reparations from Germany; it came out of the war wholly and completely dissociated from them.

Yet when we consider the present situation, as we have just done, we see that there is an official movement on foot to reduce, or possibly cancel, the Allied debts, because of a threatened reduction, or a threatened ceasing, of the payment of German reparations to the Allied governments.

The Allied debts to the United States should neither be cancelled nor reduced, whether Germany continues to pay reparations or whether she ceases to do so. To reduce or cancel the French debt at the present time would be an absurdity. The French hold an immense stock of gold, and with this as a basis of the French currency they are preparing to make loans to all of Europe for the granting of which they will require political subservience to French policy which is aggressive and ambitious. She even makes it clear to the United States that if it wants financial peace with France it can have it at a price. In view of the low interest rate at which the French debt was funded, to ask for its reduction or cancellation would be an act of international effrontery.

The British, however, are for the moment in difficulties, largely as a result of French financial aggression against them, and the making of large foreign payments is a problem. But they have great capital resources in foreign colonies and foreign investments with which they refuse to part. By parting with some of these to the United States they could greatly reduce the capital sum of their debt. The funding agreements with Belgium, Italy and the smaller debtors were all made upon most reasonable terms, and they are entirely within the capacity of the debtors to pay. In the cases of France and Britain, ambitious policies, expensive civil services, and great military and naval establishments, which are unnecessary, divert funds in far greater amounts than would be needed to meet their debt payments to the United States.

The question of the American debts is a minor one in considering the general situation in Europe; it has been magnified and exaggerated in the European statements of their case. If the preliminary agreement which they signed with Germany in order that the fighting might be ended had been put into effect in the definitive treaty, it would have provided for reparations in a sum probably not exceeding eight billion dollars. This was approximately the amount of their debts to the United States at the time of the armistice. This war settlement was just and fair all around and there is no reason why it should not have been carried out.

But instead of that the Allied governments repudiated this settlement with the enemy, effected a conquest after armistice, and imposed upon him an obligation to pay an indemnity of 33 billion dollars which they euphoniously called "reparations." This was a sum that had no relation whatever to Germany's capacity to pay a war indemnity, but it was a sum which, if it could be realized in some way, or if a considerable part of it could be realized in a lump sum, would go far toward paying the cost of the war to the Allied governments.

That the Allied statesmen in the Peace Conference had devised a method by which this sum might actually be drawn into the Allied treasuries may be seen by a study of the reparation clauses of the Treaty of Versailles. These clauses provide that Germany shall sign negotiable bonds for the full amount of the indemnity, that the bonds shall be divided among the Allied States, and that any Allied State may dispose of all or any part

of the bonds which it holds to private purchasers on the markets, and that Germany's liability to the Allied State for reparations shall thereupon cease to the extent of the bonds so sold, her liability being confined solely thereafter to the private holder of the bonds.

During and after the war Europe was drained of its gold, and the currencies in use were managed paper currencies. These bonds were gold bonds and they could not have been purchased to any extent in Europe. They were not intended to be sold in Europe, but were intended to be sold outside of Europe. They were created in the amount of 33 billion dollars, and the United States afforded the only market in which bonds to the extent of billions could be sold.

If they could be sold here promptly in their entirety, the Allied governments would at once have been reimbursed for the cost of the war to them, and they would have shifted the onus of collecting German reparation annuities to the shoulders of the American Government and the American people.

In the light of the passing years, and in view of the economic condition to-day, not only of Germany but of the Allied States themselves, this conception reveals itself as nothing less than fantastic. It would seem that it would have been discarded in the light of rapidly developing realities.

But the conception was not discarded by the Allied statesmen. On the contrary, they have clung to it for 12 years with extraordinary tenacity. On other occasions I have reviewed the efforts which they have made through the succeeding years to put it into effect. The entire future of Europe has been oriented upon the expectation of disposing of billions of dollars worth of German reparation bonds in the United States, and of regaining in this way a working capital sufficiently large to put industrial Europe upon its feet again. It presupposes the industrial slavery of Germany and the re-establishment of the capitalistic power of the Allied States. Essentially faulty, both in its political and its economic conception, it explains the impossible international relations which exist in Europe to-day and the slow decay which is observable there since the war.

The first determined attempt to float the reparation bonds in the United States was made in the London Ultimatum of 1921. Fifteen billion dollars worth of these negotiable bonds were then created and they were prepared for delivery upon the markets by Nov. 1 of that year; it was provided that 18 billions more of them should be prepared at a later date when opportunity for their sale was presented.

The next attempt was made in the Dawes plan of 1924. Yielding somewhat to the pressure of realities, the Allied statesmen limited the issue of the Dawes plan bonds to the sum of four billion dollars. Four billion American dollars coming into Allied treasuries at this time would have been a satisfactory beginning to them.

I have frequently discussed the Dawes plan and explained that none of these bonds were ever sold here and why they could not be launched upon the American market.

I have also explained that it was because of the failure to succeed in setting the Dawes plan into operation in the United States that the Allied governments called in the international bankers and with their aid floated billions of dollars worth of various kinds of European securities upon the rising market in the United States between the years 1925 and 1929. A large part of these securities were German industrial and municipal bonds. This put hundreds of millions of dollars a year into Germany and enabled her to pay the annuities under the Dawes plan, creating the illusion that Germany was able to pay the reparations out of her own resources.

Upon the strength of this illusion the Allied governments determined in 1928 to make another attempt to put the Dawes plan into operation in the United States. This time they had secured the co-operation of the German Government by a promise to turn over to it a substantial portion of the receipts from the sale of the bonds.

Under the Geneva Decision in that year, a committee of experts was created to revise the Dawes plan, and in June 1929 this committee produced the report known as the Young plan. The change of Administration in Washington in that year marked the change in American policy toward the questions involved in Allied debts and German reparations, which has led to the present situation.

Our Government made it known that it had no objection to the sale of German reparation bonds in the United States, and after some delay, which occurred in Europe, a small slice of the Young plan bonds was placed on sale in the United States, where they may be purchased to-day.

Thus, after 12 years of fruitless effort, the Allied governments have obtained recognition from the United States Government of the principle of commercialization of the German reparations. The only difficulty which now faces them is the question to what extent the commercialization may be carried.

Through all these years, of course, certain of the Allied governments have taken measures to prevent Germany from recovering political and financial strength because they knew that as soon as she grew strong enough to do so she would repudiate the obligation to pay reparations which she felt were illegally forced upon her, and if she succeeded in doing this it would be impossible to commercialize the reparation bonds outside of Europe.

Through all the years, also, the Germans have worked at cross-purposes with the Allies because they wished to free themselves from the obligation to pay reparations, and, above all, to free themselves from the danger of having the German war indemnity commercialized in America because the ownership in the United States of a large part of the reparation bonds would tend to enlist the United States in support of the Allies' program. While the United States avoided this plan largely, the same result has apparently been attained through the recent Hoover-Laval agreement wherein the President has assured France of her support in dealing with Germany on reparations, trade, political and territorial matters.

The assertion of the Allied governments that they can, and will, pay to the United States only such sums as they receive from Germany in reparations is in the nature of a subterfuge. This position is taken with reference to the conditional annuities which, under the Young plan, may be suspended upon notice from Germany that she needs a moratorium. It has nothing to do with the unconditional annuities which are to pay the coupons on the commercialized Young plan bonds, and which are the real objects of solicitude on the part of the Allied governments.

This subterfuge enables the Allied governments to say, "If Germany stops paying, or reduces, her conditional annuities to us, we will have to stop paying, or reduce, our annual installments on our debts to the United States." For the United States to accept this as final would be equivalent to saying to the Allies, "We will accept an assignment to us of the conditional annuities which Germany pays you, in lieu of your annual installments on your debts to us."

The Allied debts to the United States are not conditional; they are absolute, in the same way that private debts are absolute. If a man owes a thousand dollars he cannot say, "I will pay this debt if John Smith

pays me a thousand dollars which he owes me." He is obligated to pay it out of his own resources, whatever they may be.

I have said that the question of Allied debts to the United States is a minor one in considering the general situation in Europe. This is so because they have been largely reduced in amount and funded at a small interest rate. It ought to be the fundamental purpose of the Allied governments to honor these obligations and to meet the annual payments squarely out of their own resources. No purpose of cancellation or reduction ought to be entertained at Washington.

The grave situation of the present time consists in the fact that our international bankers have induced American investors to pour many billions of dollars into European securities, and that our bankers, including our Federal Reserve banks, have made vast loans to European governments and banks and discounted vast quantities of European paper. It is obvious enough that the control of our banking system and of the credit resources of the American people have been in the hands of men who have deliberately sought to bring about the situation that exists to-day, and that for the most part our State and Treasury Departments have been administered by men who have co-operated in this purpose. In the political field the State Department has continually promoted the major policies of the European statesmen, and in the financial field the Treasury Department has abandoned governmental control over the Federal Reserve System and become subservient thereto and has actively sought to place the Dawes plan and the Young plan in operation in the United States.

The total amount of the loans which Europe now owes to private American investors and bankers, and which have been made since the war, is no doubt equal to or greater than the total of the war debts which the Allied States owe to the United States. They are already greatly depreciated in value and vast losses have been suffered here. Never in the modern industrial age has a government been so derelict in protecting the vital interests of its people from concerted political aggressions against them and from foreign financial raids on their treasure and on their monetary resources. Never has a course of action by government been so great a menace to the welfare of its own people as that of the State and Treasury Departments in supporting the Allied governments in their European reparation policies, in accepting the principle of "commercialization" of the German war indemnity, and in surreptitiously furthering the purposes of the London Ultimatum, the Dawes plan, and the Young plan. How ceaselessly, cautiously, and at last successfully, they have labored for 12 years in the foreign cause is demonstrated by the fact that in July of last year the Young plan reparation bonds were posted for sale in the United States.

No patience should be shown the impudent claims now being made in Europe that Germany's reparation obligations take precedence over her foreign commercial debts. The validity of the German reparations obligation is as great as, and no greater than, the validity of the Treaty of Versailles. There is no principle of law more firmly established than that the provisions of a definitive treaty of peace to be legitimate must remain within the framework of the preliminary peace agreement. I have repeatedly called the attention of Congress to the terms of the preliminary agreement with Germany which brought the fighting in the Great War to an end, and to the great discrepancy between these terms and the terms finally imposed upon Germany in the Treaty of Versailles. The evidences of illegal duress after the armistice are too strong to be ignored. Yet it is upon the legally and morally faulty basis of the Treaty of Versailles that the entire structure of peace in Europe has been sought to be built. The phases of the settlement involving the principle of "commercialization" of the German reparations contain so direct a menace to the interests of the American people that we have a direct and legitimate interest in scrutinizing the moral and legal sufficiency of the Treaty of Versailles and in questioning its validity.

It is undoubtedly an invalid treaty. The French will not admit it, and the Germans dare not proclaim it, but because of it there is bitterness, a sense of guilt, and a sense of wrong underlying the relations of the two nations and permeating all Europe, and which is aggravated by the lapse of time. The greater the demand for revision, the more uncompromising the French become; "the injured may forgive, but those who have done the wrong seldom pardon."

While the war in Europe ended, leaving the United States in an excellent financial and economic position, a position which might easily have been preserved and maintained by an intelligent and patriotic government, the 12 years which have passed since then have witnessed such ineptness, laxity, not to say venality, in the conduct of foreign policy that our position has been temporarily compromised, and, if existing policies are continued, is threatened with permanent impairment.

What is needed now is a complete change of policy in our State Department and Federal Reserve System as regards our foreign relations.

The entire thesis to which our present regime is committed is European in its origin, specious in its argument, and dangerous to the safety and welfare of the American people. The Allied governments are demanding revision or cancellation of their debts to the United States and informing us that they will not pay them unless they first receive the money in German reparations; the German reparation demands are dubious in law and morals and are maintained at a figure beyond any possibility of payment, and upon the basis of these dubious demands the Allied governments, with the consent of our own Government, are inviting our people to invest three billion dollars in Young plan reparation bonds which they have for sale and which represent nothing but the right to collect the German reparations if our Government can then force collection.

It is hard to believe that our Government does not know to-day that the ownership of the Young plan bonds by the American people would automatically require the Government of the United States to guarantee the status quo of the Treaty of Versailles.

The involvement of the Federal Reserve System with enormous foreign borrowings has been allowed to go along, hand in hand, with these political schemes of the Allied government to pay all of their American debts with German reparation bonds. It is in no exaggerated or figurative sense that it may be said that the Treaty of Versailles contemplates a settlement under which the people of the United States should be made to pay for Europe's war, and that in undertaking to put this settlement into effect they succeed in raising their own agents to high authority in American governmental councils.

A policy ought now to be adopted of deciling revision or cancellation of Allied debts, of salvaging what can be salvaged of the vast investments which American capital has made in Europe since the war, of withholding further loans to Europe, of rejecting the principle of commercialization of the German reparations in the United States, and of dissociating the United States Government from Allied policies in connection with reparations. The proposed agreement with the French Government exempting the unconditional annuities of the Young plan from the operation of the Hoover moratorium ought to be flatly rejected; all support ought to be withdrawn

from these European schemes for exploiting the German war indemnity and swindling the American investor.

In the field of trade and commerce, the great free trade domestic market ought to be preserved and protected. It is for the service of this great producing and consuming market that the Federal Reserve Banking System exists. In our national economy foreign trade is a minor item. Its volume is automatically adjusted to mutual needs if ambitious international financiers are restrained from making excessive loans to the foreigner, which give a temporary purchasing power here that is abnormal and temporary, which turn out in the end to be bad investments, and which are followed by trade stagnation here when the foreigner's temporary purchasing power comes to an end.

Finally, in the field of foreign policy we can do no better than adhere to our ancient tradition. We need, and ought to have, no alliances with one nation or group against another nation or group, whether it be for political purposes or for the maintenance of a financial system. We have the means of maintaining our own financial structure from all assaults from abroad, and we ought to make use of them when necessary. Our care now ought to be the maintenance and protection of the institutions and traditions of our Republic. Deviations from our ancient policy in the interest of foreign States ought not to receive our support.

### Proposal by Real Estate Interests and Bankers for Central Mortgage Rediscount Corporation Further Considered by President Hoover—Seeks Means to Handle Rediscounting of Realty Paper—Home Credits Plan.

The proposal by real estate interests and bankers for the formation of a central mortgage rediscount corporation to handle rediscount real estate mortgages was again before President Hoover this week, according to press accounts from Washington. A previous reference to the proposal appeared in our issue of Oct. 10, page 2369. From a Washington dispatch Nov. 3 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" we quote the following:

Crystallization of that phase of President Hoover's program for economic recovery dealing with establishment of a banking system to handle rediscounting of urban real estate mortgages along the line of the Federal Land banks came to-day with a series of conferences between the President, members of his Cabinet, a Senate leader of banking legislation and the finance committee of the Presidential Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership.

The first of these conferences took place at the White House this morning when the President conferred with Secretary of Commerce Lamont and members of his Home Building Finance Committee, headed by Frederick H. Ecker, President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

*Glass Calls at White House.*

With the President calling off his semi-weekly press conference in order to give close study to the new rediscounting plan, important significance was attached to a call made to the Executive Mansion this afternoon by Senator Carter Glass (Dem., Va.), who is Chairman of the Senate banking probe committee and regarded as playing the principal role in framing of the Federal Reserve Act.

Chairman Glass stated to-day his sub-committee plans to begin consideration of the Federal Land Bank proposal and other banking matters at a meeting which he is endeavoring to arrange for Nov. 20.

Meanwhile various proposals for broadcasting the rediscount base of the Federal Reserve system so as to relieve banking institutions overloaded with slow assets or mortgage paper were reported abandoned by the Administration in favor of the plan of extending the Federal Land Bank systems.

With Senator Glass and the President maintaining strict silence on the nature of their White House conference, the return track of the Virginia Senator to the Capital was followed closely by Governor Eugene Meyer Jr., of the Federal Reserve Board, accompanied by Floyd Harrison, special assistant to the governor; E. A. Goldenweiser, technical adviser to the board, and E. L. Smead, chief of the board's division of bank operations. Before the White House conference George L. Harrison, governor of the New York Reserve Bank, was closeted with Senator Glass for nearly an hour.

According to a Washington dispatch to the New York "Times," a group of building and loan association directors called at the White House on Nov. 3, headed by William E. Best of Pittsburgh, President of the United States Building and Loan League. The group submitted a plan to the President, which, it was understood, proposed the use of the building and loan societies throughout the country, aided by the Federal Land Banks, as the system through which to ease home credits. This they cited as preferable to some new system such as a gigantic central pool or bank to rediscount real estate mortgages, says the "Times" dispatch, which went on to say:

President Hoover has been working for some time on proposals designed to thaw out frozen real estate assets and to make mortgages more attractive securities for banks.

Some months ago he started the White House Home Building Conference, with a major purpose to search for ways and means to make it easier for prospective home builders to attain their goal. Methods to bring about a revival in this field took a place in the President's consideration second only to his project of stimulating bank credits which resulted in the formation of the \$500,000,000 national credit corporation.

*Counter-Plan to Central Pool.*

The proposal for a central rediscount mortgage pool was made to Mr. Hoover about three weeks ago by the president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. That proposal called for a Federal rediscount bank of \$2,000,000,000 capital, where real estate mortgages and bonds, which are now not acceptable to the Federal Reserve Banks, could be rediscounted. Opposition to the proposal was registered immediately by the building and loan associations.

With Mr. Best in laying the counter-proposal before the President were I. Friedlander of Houston, Texas; L. P. McCullough of Columbus, Ohio; C. A. Sterling of Topeka, Kan.; Charles O'Connor Hennessy of New York; H. F. Cellarius of Cincinnati and H. Martin Bodfish of Chicago.

These said that the real estate security situation could be amply handled if the building and loan associations could be supplied with a rediscount

agency to handle some of the \$9,000,000 which they now have invested in homes. Mr. Best said the group favored allowing debtors ample time when in difficulty.

Because of encouraging reports relative to the operation of the National Credit Corporation, Senator Vandenberg, Republican, of Michigan, proposed during the day that this mechanism be taken into the permanent banking system of the country.

#### Kentucky Sales Tax Suit Dismissed—Kroger Co. Denied Writ to Prevent Collection by State—Jurisdiction Lack Cited.

In a joint decision handed down Nov. 6 by three Federal Judges at Louisville, Ky., the suit of the Kroger Grocery & Baking Co., chain store corporation, seeking an interlocutory injunction to restrain the State of Kentucky from collecting taxes under the retail merchants' gross sales Tax Act, was dismissed. The Louisville "Courier-Journal," in reporting the matter further stated:

The Judges joining in the decision were Judge Charles H. Moorman of the Circuit Court at Cincinnati; Judge Charles I. Dawson of the Western District of Kentucky, and Judge A. M. J. Cochran of the Eastern District. The tax act, at which the suit was directed, was enacted by the 1930 General Assembly.

The decision, released by Judge Dawson, sustained a motion of State attorneys to dismiss the case for want of equitable jurisdiction. The hearing was held several months ago at Frankfort. The decision affects several other similar suits filed by other corporations.

The act provides the plaintiffs adequate remedy and recourse in the event of illegal tax collections and repudiated jurisdiction for granting the injunction, the decision held.

The Kroger Company filed suit in the Eastern District Court in January. Other suits affected by the ruling are those filed by the Stewart Dry Goods Co. and Levy Bros., Louisville, and the J. C. Penney Co., operating a chain of department stores. The several suits were merged in the interlocutory injunction action heard at Frankfort.

The joint decision referred to Section 10 of the Act, which allows companies paying the tax under protest two years in which to sue for recovery and provides that in the event of decision that the tax was collected unlawfully, the State Auditor of Public Accounts must issue warrants against the State covering the amount of the tax paid plus interest. The section further allows blanket suits covering any number of tax payments.

Attorneys for the State contended the section provides the plaintiffs "adequate remedy at law for any injury sustained" and denied the right of the Federal Court to "grant the relief sought."

Plaintiff attorneys countered with the argument that in the event the Auditor fails to issue such warrants the company's only recourse is through mandamus action in the State courts, which might result in unreasonable delay in recovery. The Judges held, however, that special provision of the act provides preference for such warrants and insures against unreasonable delay.

#### Revenue Pool Idea Accepted by Railroads—Executives Approve General Principle Laid Down by Inter-State Commerce Commission.

The general principles of the railroad plan for pooling revenue resulting from moderate freight rate increases suggested by the I.-S. C. Commission were approved yesterday (Nov. 13) at a conference of the Association of Railway Executives held at the Hotel Biltmore, N. Y. City. The plan was formulated by the Association's advisory committee at a closed session. In reporting the matter the New York "Sun" stated:

It was announced after the meeting that the plan was to be turned back to the advisory committee to be redrafted for filing with the I.-S. C. Commission in Washington within a few days.

According to the recommendations of the advisory committee, the funds accruing from the proposed increases would be administered nationally in the form of loans and not gifts to roads needing funds.

Administration of the fund would be in the hands of a corporation to be organized for the purpose in which one director would be elected by the roads in each of the three regions of the country, one by the short lines, and one director at large who would head the corporation.

In the meeting of the Association it was the consensus that the plan to be submitted to the Commission should vary as little as possible from the Commission's own suggestions.

One change was made with regard to the increase on coal rates, which the Commission based on the carload unit, while the carriers feel that it should be based on 100 pounds, because some cars are of 41-ton capacity and others of 70 tons.

The resolution to refer back the recommendations to the advisory committee was adopted unanimously by the Association, which represents carriers of the entire country. One road reserved the right to pass judgment on individual details in approving or disapproving the plan as later submitted to the Commission.

#### Hearings to Reopen on Proposal to Unify Railroads of Nation—Resumption of Hearing Set for Jan. 6 by Inter-State Commerce Commission on Plea of Four Large Eastern Lines.

The Inter-State Commerce Commission on Nov. 9, reopened for further hearing proceedings involving the unification of the nation's railroads into 21 independent systems and assigned Jan. 6 1932 as the date for the initial hearing on the reopened case. The action of the Commission follows receipt of a petition from the Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, New York Central and Chesapeake & Ohio railroads to amend the Commission's consolidation plan of Dec. 9 1929 (see plan in "Chronicle" Dec. 28 1929, pages 4025-4037), to provide for four systems in Eastern Trunk Line territory in lieu of the five systems contemplated by the Com-

mission. (For proposed four-party plan see "Chronicle" Oct. 17 1931, pages 2497-2500.)

While the reopening of the case is permitted by the Commission largely to consider the so-called "four-party" plan advocated by the Eastern railroads after a series of conferences, it was announced that any other proposed modification of its plan for rail unification also would be considered during the progress of hearings on the reopened proceedings. Commissioner Claude L. Porter, who championed the four-system arrangement for the East when the matter was before the Commission in 1929, has been assigned to preside over the hearings, with the assistance of Examiner Koch of his office. It was in opposition to the arguments of Commissioner Porter that the Commission's majority in its decision in December, 1929, recommended a fifth Eastern system, the Wabash-Seaboard. Elimination of this system and its division among the four other systems has been proposed by the Eastern executives. The Commission's order reopening the consolidation case follows:

##### No. 12964 Consolidation of Railroads.

In the Matter of Consolidation of the Railway Properties of the United States Into a Limited Number of Systems.

Upon consideration of application of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co., the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co., the New York Central Railroad Co., and the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. to reopen the subject and to change and modify, in certain respects, the plan adopted and published in this proceeding under date of Dec. 9 1929, for consolidation of the railway properties of the continental United States into a limited number of systems:

*It is ordered*, That this proceeding be, and it is hereby reopened for further hearing for the purpose of affording applicants and any others interested an opportunity to be heard for or against said application, or upon matters properly connected therewith, with the view of determining if and to what extent the aforesaid plan of this Commission for the consolidation of the railway properties of the continental United States into a limited number of systems should be modified, and of making such order or orders or supplemental order or orders, in the premises as may be deemed by the Commission to be necessary.

*It is further ordered*, That notice of the reopening of this proceeding as aforesaid be sent, by registered mail, to the Governor of each State, and that notice thereof be given to the public by depositing a copy of this order in the office of the secretary of the Commission at Washington, D. C.

*It is further ordered*, That this proceeding be, and it is hereby, assigned for further hearing as aforesaid before Commissioner Porter and Examiner Koch at the offices of the Commission in Washington, D. C., on Jan. 6 1932, at 10 o'clock a. m., standard time.

#### Railroad Presidents to Confer with Labor Leaders Regarding Reductions in Wages.

Responding to an invitation by the leaders of organized railway labor, the presidents of the country's leading railroads appointed yesterday a committee, representing all regions, which plans soon to confer with the labor executives "on subjects of mutual interest."

One of these subjects is understood to be a reduction in labor costs of possibly 10%, not necessarily by horizontal reductions of wages by this amount, but in great part by modification of working rules.

The committee formed will confer with the heads of the "Big Four" brotherhoods. It is headed by Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. Mr. Willard will also head the section of the committee representative of the Eastern roads. The full committee membership is as follows:

##### East.

Daniel Willard, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.  
Charles Denney, Erie Railroad.  
J. J. Pelley, New York, New Haven & Hartford.

##### South.

C. A. Wickersham, Atlanta & West Point Railroad, an affiliated company of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.  
H. D. Pollard, Central of Georgia.  
A. C. Needles, Norfolk & Western.

##### West.

L. W. Baldwin, Missouri Pacific.  
L. A. Downs, Illinois Central.  
James Gorman, Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.  
Mr. Willard issued a statement announcing formally the appointment of the committee. It said:

"Following the adjournment of the meeting of the railway executives, there was an informal meeting of railway Presidents, at which a small committee was appointed for the Eastern, Western and Southern districts to confer with Mr. Robertson and his associates at a meeting to be arranged in the future."

Mr. Robertson is head of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. His associates in the conference will be A. Johnston of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railway

Trainmen and S. N. Berry of the Order of Railway Conductors.

These labor leaders, says the New York "Times," dined informally Thursday night with Mr. Willard, P. E. Crowley, President of the New York Central; W. W. Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania, and J. J. Bernet, President of the Chesapeake & Ohio. None of the labor executives was present at the meetings here yesterday. Thursday's meeting with the labor leaders was independent of the Association of Railway Executives and of the regional organizations through which labor matters are usually cleared.

#### **Southern Ry. Employs 773 Additional Workers in South.**

Under date of Nov. 10 Associated Press dispatches from Atlanta stated:

The Southern Ry. has announced industrial developments in its territory with expenditures of \$282,000 furnishing employment to 773 additional men. States listed were North Carolina \$32,000, and Kentucky \$10,000.

#### **Shop Crafts on Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. on Five-Day Week to Aid Employment.**

Associated Press dispatches from Richmond, Va., Nov. 10, stated:

Six shop crafts of the Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. will go on a five-day week on Dec. 1 to aid employment. The arrangement is temporary and was taken on a vote of the shop crafts themselves. The shop crafts affected are the machinists, boiler-makers, sheet metal workers, blacksmiths, carmen and electricians.

#### **One Thousand Workers on Missouri Pacific Ry. in Little Rock, Ark., Reported Laid Off.**

In advices from Little Rock, Ark., the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 4 stated that 1,000 employees of Missouri Pacific Ry. in its North Little Rock shops were laid off for an indefinite period, effective Nov. 1. Only a few men still are at work in the roundhouse, it was added.

#### **Reduced Emergency Feed and Livestock Rate on Union Pacific and Rio Grande Western Railroads.**

Advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 4 stated:

Both Union Pacific and Denver & Rio Grande Western railroads have reduced freight rates one-third on feeds and one-half on hay, to areas affected by the drought. Officials say that rates on livestock shipped from drought areas to points where feed is available are to remain as before, but will be only one-fourth the regular rate on return shipments. On emergency livestock shipments, freight charges may be deferred until the stock is marketed, provided the shipper posts a bond to this effect.

Similar action, it is reported, is shortly to be taken by the Missouri Pacific in Kansas and Colorado to Utah points on the D. & R. G. W. These emergency rates are to expire March 31 1932.

#### **Third New Jersey Trust Conference to Be Held at Camden, Nov. 19-20.**

The Third New Jersey Trust Conference will meet at Camden on Nov. 19 and 20. Robert W. Harden, President of the New Jersey Bankers' Association, in making known the program on Nov. 9, indicated that the speakers will include Dr. Charles E. Clark, Dean of the Yale Law School; Dr. Charles W. Gerstenberg, tax authority; Harry F. Pelham, Trust Officer, National Bank of New Jersey, New Brunswick; Charles F. Ellery, Assistant Trust Officer and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Fidelity-Union Trust Co., Newark; Earl S. Johnson, Vice-President, Savings Investment and Trust Co., East Orange; F. Herbert Fulton, President, Camden County Bankers' Association, and Robert W. Harden, President, New Jersey Bankers' Association.

In addition, the Conference will hear M. Albert Linton, President of the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Philadelphia, Edward J. Reilly, of Moody's Investors' Service, New York; Francis A. Zara, Assistant Vice-President City Bank-Farmers' Trust Co., New York; E. Elwood McCleish of New York, former editor and publisher, and Harry Collins Spillman, globe-trotting lecturer.

The 13 speakers will range the entire field of modern methods for acquiring and handling trust business. Particular emphasis will be laid on taxation, problems in the real estate and mortgage fields, life insurance, investments, the technical duties of trust administrations and the relation of the press to trust business.

According to Leslie G. McDouall, Associate Trust Officer, Fidelity-Union Trust Co., who heads the Committee on Trust Matters of the New Jersey Bankers' Association, the program will bring those attending the conference a class of speakers ranking with those invited annually to address the

Annual Mid-Winter Trust Conference of the American Bankers' Association.

In addition to the program of speakers, the conference will hold two special luncheon meetings and will end with a banquet.

#### **Walter W. Head Elected President, Morris Plan Corporation of America.**

Walter W. Head, nationally known Chicago and Omaha banker and former President of the American Bankers' Association, has been elected President of the Morris Plan Corp. of America, it was announced on Nov. 9 by Arthur J. Morris, Chairman of the Board and founder of the Morris Plan of Industrial Banking. The Morris Plan Corp. of America is the sole owner of the franchise rights for the development of the Morris Plan of Industrial Banking. The Morris Plan began 21 years ago and is now in operation in 142 cities of the United States. It is announced that these Morris Plan Banks, all local institutions, have loaned to date more than \$1,750,000,000 to approximately seven million people and are now doing an annual volume of business approximating \$200,000,000, with resources of approximately \$200,000,000. Austin L. Babcock continues as Executive Vice-President of the Morris Plan Corp. of America, it was announced. Mr. Head is Chairman of the Board of the Nebraska Power Co.; a director and member of the Finance Committee of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Co.; director of the C. St. P., M. & O. Railway Co.; Chairman of the Board of the American Union Life Insurance Co.; a director of United States Fidelity & Guarantee Co. of Baltimore; former President of the Omaha National Bank and the Foreman State National Bank of Chicago.

#### **1932 Convention of American Bankers Association Slated for Oct. 3-6 at Los Angeles.**

The dates for the 1932 convention of the American Bankers Association, which will be held in Los Angeles, have been set at Oct. 3-6, it is announced by F. N. Shepherd, Executive Manager of the organization. The opening day, Monday, Oct. 3, will be taken up by Committee, Commission and Divisional meetings. The first general session will be held the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 4, with Divisional meetings in the afternoon. General sessions will also be held the mornings of Wednesday, Oct. 5, and Thursday, Oct. 6, while the afternoons of these days will be taken up with divisional or other subordinate units.

The 1932 meeting of the association in Los Angeles will be the fourth to be held in that city, it having previously met there in 1910, 1921 and 1926.

#### **"The Business Week" Has a New Editor—Marc A. Rose the Choice.**

On the recommendation of J. E. Mason, Publishing Director, and with the approval of H. C. Parmelee, Vice-President and Editorial Director, Marc A. Rose has been appointed Editor of "The Business Week," published by the McGraw-Hill Publishing Co., Inc., effective Nov. 2 1931.

Mr. Rose has been Managing Editor of "The Business Week" from its inception. In that capacity, he has been largely responsible for organizing the editorial staff and directing their activities through the difficult formative period of the paper. At all times, his skill and ability as a journalist have been important factors in building for "The Business Week" the prestige which it now enjoys, and in which every member of the organization may take pride.

#### **Annual Convention of Investment Bankers' Association of America—Money and Credit Committee Pears Broadening of Discounting Provisions of Federal Reserve Act—Federal Taxation Committee Believes Moderate Increase in Taxes Necessary in Present Emergency—John M. Miller, Jr., on National Credit Pool—Other Speeches—Resolution Adopted Approving Creation of Credit Pool—A. M. Pope Elected President.**

At the concluding session on Nov. 11 of the annual convention of the Investment Bankers' Association of America, held at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., a resolution commending the establishment of the National Credit Corporation as a credit relief agency was offered by Trowbridge Callaway of Callaway, Fish & Co. of New York, a former

President of the Association, was approved by the convention. As adopted, the resolution reads:

*Whereas*, our people, in the recent past, have been deeply and increasingly disturbed by the commercial crisis through which American business and banking have been passing; and

*Whereas*, the President of the United States, ably aided and advised by the banking leadership of the Nation, has brought forward a measure of constructive and remedial assistance in the creation of the National Credit Corporation, to aid in the solution of this crisis; and

*Whereas*, the able and prompt organization of this credit agency has brought not only hope but the organizing of tangible and practical aid to our domestic economy, which bids fair to measurably and promptly correct a difficult credit situation; therefore

*Be it resolved*, That the Investment Bankers Association of America, in convention assembled, respectfully offer their commendation to the President and his able banking advisers for their courage, energy and resourcefulness in organizing and making promptly effective this relief agency, and furthermore express their confidence in the scope and prompt benefit of the National Credit Corporation and the far-reaching power of its design.

On the previous day (Nov. 10), John M. Miller, Jr., a director of the National Credit Corporation in the Richmond Federal Reserve District, stated that the corporation has received pledges of support from bankers throughout the country to the amount of \$400,000,000, and it is likely that the figure may eventually reach more than \$600,000,000. A dispatch from White Sulphur Springs to the New York "Times" said:

Departing from his prepared address to the convention on the plans of operation of the Corporation, he explained that the Corporation would not become a catch-all for real estate securities, but that such securities, like all others, would have to be sound and collectible to be accepted as collateral for loans. Although the various local groups of the Corporation may charge a minimum of 6% on loans granted, he said that in all likelihood the rate would be 7 or 8% or even 9% in some areas, depending on local conditions.

#### *Revolving Fund Is Forecast.*

"For the purpose of making emergency loans immediately available when finally approved by the loan committees," he said, "a revolving fund will probably be placed in control of the director of each district. No provision is made for advances to closed banks nor to depositors of such banks upon assignments of proved claims. This relief must come from some other source.

"It is believed that the necessity for the operation of this Corporation will cease when conditions become normal," said Mr. Miller. "Therefore, the National Credit Corporation, through a majority of the whole of its board of directors, is empowered to discontinue making new loans at the expiration of any year by due notice to the associations and member banks."

#### *Bond Work Will Continue.*

He went on:

"The liquidation of bonds, however, will continue in an orderly way for some little time after the discontinuance of making new loans. The local committees will determine as nearly as practicable when final payment of a loan can be reasonably expected.

"If, however, one or more banks in Virginia, for example, should become insolvent and unable to meet their obligations, any losses occasioned by the insolvency and inability of such banks to meet their obligations would fall upon the National Credit Corporation, and such losses would first come out of the income of the Corporation before the principal of the notes would be affected.

"The income to the National Credit Corporation, assuming that \$500,000,000 of loans are made, would be at the rate of not less than \$30,000,000 per annum. From this, small expenses must be deducted. The net income to the National Credit Corporation should be sufficient to cover expenses and probable losses, with a goodly amount left for the payment of interest on its notes."

On the same day (Nov. 10) the report of the Association's special committee on Money and Credit, headed by Henry R. Hayes of Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., had this to say of its study on the Federal Reserve Act and the question of widening the scope of rediscounting by the Federal Reserve System:

"In reviewing this section of the study, your committee feels that no clear-cut case exists either in favor of admitting security collateral loans for rediscount or of barring them, as at present. In part, the difficulty in the analysis arises from changes which have taken place in American banking; in part it arises from the fact that there exists no thorough understanding of the relationship between commercial banking and investment banking, at least under American conditions.

"Therefore, your committee believes that a clear-cut case must first be developed in favor of admitting security collateral loans for rediscount before serious consideration should be given to this subject of a change in the kind of paper eligible for rediscount.

#### *Question of Safety Is Raised.*

"Rediscounting of security collateral loans in emergency rather than under ordinary conditions may be urged, but faces the question of safety from the point of view of the Federal Reserve banks. Again, there is a possibility that regular access to the Reserve banks by means of security collateral loans might cause member banks to relax their efforts to maintain assets in liquid form.

"Emergency rediscounting, if provided at all, therefore, should perhaps necessitate additional safeguards such as a higher rediscount rate and special permission of the Federal Reserve Board, as well as supervision over the use to which proceeds are put. Whether conditions surrounding so many bank failures last year and this year may make it desirable to consider the eligibility of security collateral loans for rediscount under certain emergency conditions is a subject on which your committee is not prepared to-day to express an opinion."

The report characterized the present compilations of brokers' loans by the Federal Reserve Bank and the New York Stock Exchange as incomplete.

As bearing on the committee's report, we quote the following from Washington Nov. 11 to New York "Evening Post":

Opposition of the Investment Bankers Association, meeting at White Sulphur Springs, to liberalization of the Federal Reserve Act will have little effect upon the Treasury's recommendations to Congress or upon the mem-

bers of the House and Senate, it was indicated here to-day in official circles.

The Money and Credit Committee, in a report to the Association, said the rediscount base might be broadened as an emergency measure to include collateral loans, but stressed the necessity for safeguards.

Fear was expressed that Congress would throw open the doors of the Federal Reserve System to real estate and railroad collateral bonds.

There is no doubt in official circles here that members of Congress elected from districts which have experienced bank failures and the inevitable business dislocation which follows will be sufficiently urged before their return to Congress to support legislation which will assist in thawing out the frozen assets, the direct cause of most of the receiverships.

Also, it was pointed out, the Administration favors modification of the Federal Reserve Act, and it is predicted that the President will dwell at some length on this subject in his message to Congress.

The report of the Committee on Federal Taxation, under the Chairmanship of William H. Eddy, of the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., stated that "the committee feels that in addition to a curtailment of government expenses a moderate increase in taxes will be necessary until the present emergency is passed." In its account from White Sulphur Springs, the "Times" said:

The committee recommended that a prompt start be made in collecting any excise taxes which might be levied, thus avoiding retroactive taxation of incomes as well as continued borrowings to cover budget requirements. It was suggested that a limit for the duration of these emergency levies be fixed at the time of their enactment, subject to further temporary continuance if necessary.

On the basis of a probable deficit in the Federal Treasury of about \$2,000,000,000 for the current fiscal year, it was pointed out that the situation which confronts the Treasury is much too serious to justify a continuation of borrowings to pay current expenses. Thus, it was said, it is generally appreciated that conditions necessitate an early readjustment of the tax program, regardless of political considerations.

#### *Retroactive Taxes Are Opposed.*

"Owing to the proximity of a Presidential election," the report stated, "it is probable that both political parties will do their best to avoid sponsorship of any increases in the income tax. This is perhaps fortunate in that it may prevent the imposition of retroactive taxation to apply to 1931 incomes, for as a matter of simple justice retroactive taxation should always be avoided whenever possible. It is to be expected, therefore, that the greatest emphasis will be put on luxury, stamp, gift and special sales taxes."

The Investment Bankers Association, which had gone on record as favoring the elimination of the tax on capital gains and losses, modified its stand to-day by recommending that such elimination become effective only after the end of the present fiscal year. Thus, it was explained, the taxpayers would not be deprived of the benefits from tax losses taken this year in an effort to offset in part the heavy taxes paid on capital gains in other years.

That the stronger nations of the world will have to go the limit in aiding the weaker ones through the maintenance of international credits if the development of world trade is to be fostered as the primary move in overcoming world depression, was the conclusion reached by the Committee on Foreign Securities of the Investment Bankers Association, in its report at the convention on Nov. 8. The reference in the "Times" to the report added:

Defaulting Nations must necessarily have outside aid, the report asserted, but these Nations must of themselves make every effort to put their houses in order as far as possible by cutting expenditures, stimulating exports and by mobilizing currency and securities belonging to their nationals.

In no case, it was said, has there been any expression of intention to repudiate foreign obligations in any country recently in default.

American investors were not warranted in sacrificing foreign securities because of the fall in market values, the report said. In the recent demoralized condition of the foreign bond market, it stated, prices were not indicative of basic values.

Immediate action by the properly constituted authorities designed to maintain the credit structure of the Nation's railroads during the present crisis was recommended by the Railroad Securities Committee of the Association, says the New York "Journal of Commerce," which also said:

#### *Favor Wages Cut.*

As emergency measures designed to carry the roads through the present economic crisis, the committee and the convention went on record as favoring an increase in freight rates, a reduction in wages commensurate with the decline in the cost of living, and the establishment of a national fund to assist the railroads in financing maturing obligations and certain other requirements, pending restoration of earning power sufficient to permit public financing.

The report, coupled with an address by John J. Cornwell, General Counsel of the Baltimore & Ohio RR., and the report of the Real Estate Securities Commission, furnished the features of the first day of the convention.

George C. Clark, of Clark Dodge & Co., headed the Railroad Securities Committee.

In the perennial strength of the bond issues of Federal and local governments, Henry T. Ferris, President of the Investment Bankers' Association, found the "fullest measure of the basic strength of this country and its business structure." Associated Press accounts of his annual address said:

Mr. Ferris, addressing the Association's convention, said "the vision of the New Era has sunk into complete eclipse." But, making all allowances for the strained economic condition, he asserted, "we must conclude that ignorance and blind fear, leading almost to panic, have caused the wholesale sacrifice of many securities at prices which to-day seem wholly unjustified by actual events."

Mr. Ferris attacked the lenient credit policy followed in the years of exceptional prosperity, adding that investment and other bankers by watching closely the real merits of securities, may prevent further periods of deflation. But of favorable aspects to-day, he said:

"Those securities which represent in fullest measure the strength of this country and its business structure continue to hold the confidence of investors."

"Should we not frequently remind ourselves that the bonds of the United States of America are so highly regarded that during the recent summer investors bought them on a 3% basis and only the recent tightening of money rates has raised that yield to a 3.65 basis at the present time?"

"Nor should we forget that the bonds of our several States, with but a few exceptions, have sold during these months at their highest prices of the last 25 years, and that our large cities, which have conducted their financial affairs on a sound basis, enjoy to-day the highest credit and their obligations have been eagerly bought at satisfactory prices."

Allan M. Pope, of New York, was elected President of the Association at the conclusion of the convention on Nov. 11. A. H. Little of Chicago was elected Executive Vice-President. Vice-presidents elected were: J. H. Daggett, of Milwaukee; C. D. Dickey of Philadelphia; W. H. Eddy, of New York; D. Schmitz of Seattle, and C. T. Williams of Baltimore. W. T. Bacon was elected Treasurer and C. L. Felske, Secretary. Both are from Chicago.

A complete report of the convention will appear in our issue of Saturday next.

#### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

Arrangements have been made for the sale of a New York Stock Exchange membership at \$180,000. Last preceding sale, \$175,000.

Four New York Cotton Exchange memberships were sold this week as follows: that held by the estate of James R. Williston to Simon J. Shlenker, for another, for \$19,000, up \$4,000 from the last preceding sale; the second membership of William P. Stewart to Timothy J. Brosnahan, for another, for \$20,000; that of Benjamin G. Lathrop at auction to Kenneth Judson for \$18,700, and that of James M. Hicks to Robert M. Harris for \$19,500.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the sale of two New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange memberships, the first to Arthur E. Orvis for \$5,500, the same price as the last preceding sale and the second by the trustee for Theodore F. Roman to Albert J. Dannemille for \$6,000.

A New York Cocoa Exchange membership was reported sold this week, being the membership of E. Fossat to Eugene A. Canalizo for \$1,800. Last preceding sale, \$1,450.

The New York Rubber Exchange membership of Timothy P. Brosnan was reported sold this week to Thomson & McKinnon for \$1,500, up \$100 from the last preceding sale.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the sale of two National Metal Exchange memberships, one at \$800 an increase of \$150 over the last preceding sale, and the other for \$1,000.

Arrangements were completed today for the sale of a membership on The Chicago Stock Exchange at \$10,000, up \$900 from the previous price. Range of prices for 1931 to date was \$7,000 low, made on Oct. 2, and \$24,000 high, made on March 10. The high and low prices during 1930 was \$45,000 and \$12,000, and the high price since the seat dividend was declared, in 1929, was \$50,000, made late that year.

It is reported that a sale was made to-day for \$9,900.

Floyd Gilbert Blair was elected a Vice-President of the National City Bank of New York at the regular meeting of the directors in New York on Nov. 10. In his new work, Mr. Blair will function in connection with the office of the Chairman, Charles E. Mitchell, where he will act as a special assistant and liaison officer. A lawyer by profession, Mr. Blair practiced in Boston and New York and after devoting some time to the sugar industry in Cuba, went to Washington to serve as legal advisor to the World War Foreign Debt Commission and to the Secretary of the Treasury on foreign financial matters. He became identified with the National City Bank of New York in 1927 and two years later went with the National City Co. Because of his activities in connection with foreign debt problems, Mr. Blair was decorated by three foreign governments. He is a Knight of the Order of the White Lion, class IV, Czechoslovakia Cavaliere of Sts. Mauritius and Lazarus of Italy and Knight Commander of the Order of Leopold II of Belgium.

Details of the architectural and mechanical features of the new 48 story Continental Bank Building at 30 Broad Street were announced, on Nov. 12, by Morris & O'Connor, designers of the edifice, the steel for which has been erected

to the 20th floor. It is to be ready for occupancy May 1 next.

The site has boundary dimensions of 87 feet 1¼ inches on Broad Street, 149 feet 8½ inches in Exchange Place, 88 feet 4½ inches on New Street, and 143 feet 9 11-16 inches along the southern lot line. The height of the building from the Broad Street sidewalk will be 564 feet making it one of the outstanding skyscrapers south of Wall Street. The architect's statement says:

Of the 48 stories 43 will be available for rental, namely from the 5th to the 47th floors. The facades will be built of limestone and brick and the style of architecture will be contemporary with Colonial details in the quarters to be occupied by the bank. The facades will have the limestone surfaces texturally treated with simple ornamentation.

There will be two entrances to the 15-passenger elevators on the ground floor from the street sides, and a freight elevator will also be installed for the service of the tenants. Along the street frontages and Exchange Place provision will be made for six to nine stores depending upon the area desired. There will be no inner court, only the fire court as required by law. As the bank owns the adjoining property to the south the tenants will be assured of light and air on all four sides.

The Continental Bank & Trust Co., now located at 25 Broad St., will occupy 43,500 square feet in the building divided as follows: 9,800 square feet on the second floor, 5,500 square feet on the second floor mezzanine, 9,100 square feet on the fourth floor, 10,400 square feet in basement A, and 8,700 square feet in basement B. A third basement will be occupied by mechanical equipment.

The building will not have its own heating and electric plants but will secure those services from the public utility companies.

An innovation will be provided for the brokers, occupying space in the building, in that pneumatic tubes will be connected from the fifth to the 22nd floors with cages for their respective runners in the first basement. Special elevators are being installed for brokers' security box deliveries in the morning and evenings.

An underfloor duct system will run approximately six feet inside the perimeter of the building and this system has been increased by putting in loops of ducts to tie in the main line, originally provided, so that there shall be an increase of coverage to 50% of the floor area of any given floor.

Another unusual feature will be found in the hardware for the doors throughout the structure; the locking device and knob will be in one unit, the keyhole being in the center of the knob.

On Nov. 2 Superintendent of Banks Joseph A. Broderick announced that he had taken possession of the property and business of the Federation Safe Deposit Co., pursuant to the provisions of Section 57 of the Banking Law. This safe deposit company has been operated in conjunction with the business of the Federation Bank & Trust Co. and will be liquidated concurrently with the liquidation of that trust company. The closing of the latter was indicated in our issue of Oct. 31, page 2865, and Nov. 7, page 3037.

Tentative plans for the new building of the First National Bank of this city, which is to replace the one heretofore occupied by the bank at the northeast corner of Broadway and Wall Street, were announced on Nov. 10. The new building will be twenty stories high. Walker & Gillette, architects, have been commissioned to prepare the plans, and the general construction work will be done by Marc Eidlitz & Son, Inc., builders, said the New York "Times," which also stated:

Although the announcement of the plans contained no estimate as to the cost of the new building or details of construction, it was learned the bank would probably occupy the first floor.

Demolition of the present home of the First National, an old ten-story brownstone building known as 2 Wall Street, is in progress, and it is expected that work on the new building will start about Jan. 1. The bank plans to take over its new quarters in the Spring of 1933, if construction work does not meet with any abnormal interruption, yesterday's announcement said.

As indicated in our issue of Oct. 17, page 2555, the bank moved to the building of the National City Bank at 52 Wall Street, after the old building of the First National had been declared unsafe.

Because of a plan for the reorganization of the Federation Bank & Trust Co. of this city is being worked out, Supreme Court Justice Edward J. Glennon on Nov. 10 delayed approval of the contract under which the bank would be liquidated by the Manufacturers Trust Co. The New York "Journal of Commerce," in reporting this Nov. 11, added:

Under this plan, depositors in the Federation would receive immediate credits on the books of Manufacturers up to some percentage of their Federation deposits. Manufacturers in turn receiving credits on the books of a series of banks and banking firms which subscribed to a pool formed for this purpose.

The delay in approving the contract was requested by Daniel F. Cohan, counsel for the closed bank. The depositors and creditors had up to yesterday morning to show cause why the deal should not be approved, but a postponement until Nov. 27 was secured.

The closing of the bank was referred to in these columns Oct. 31, page 2865, and Nov. 7, page 3038.

Herbert Ten Broeck Jacquelin, a partner in the stock brokerage firm of Jacquelin & De Coppet, 43 Broad Street, died at his home in Barnstable, Mass., of a heart attack

on Nov. 11. Mr. Jacquelin, who was a former member of the New York Stock Exchange, was 60 years old. Mr. Jacquelin began his career in the firm of Jacquelin & De Coppet, which had been founded by his father, John Henry Jacquelin, many years before. He remained with the firm throughout his active career in Wall Street, and was a partner at his death, although having retired from active service several years ago. In 1924 he relinquished his seat on the Stock Exchange after being a member for about forty years. He had been a member of the Board of Governors of the Exchange for several terms.

A merger of the First National Bank of Great Neck, at Great Neck, N. Y., into the Great Neck Trust Co., under the name of the latter, was approved at meetings of the stockholders of the respective institutions on Oct. 31. The merger has already become effective. The State Banking Department at Albany announces approval of plans to increase the number of shares of stock of the Great Neck Trust Co. from 10,000 to 15,000, thereby enlarging the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$225,000, and of reduction of par value of shares from \$20 to \$15 each. Officers of the Great Neck Trust Co. are Frederick C. Gilsey, President; David C. Will, Robert J. Keisling, James K. Ryan and John G. Williams, Vice-Presidents; Frederick J. Rowe, Treasurer, and Charles Mangan, Secretary.

A proposal to increase the capital of the State Bank of Sea Cliff, Sea Cliff, N. Y., from \$50,000 to \$100,000 was approved by the New York State Banking Department on Oct. 26. The plan to increase the capital was approved by the stockholders at a special meeting held on Oct. 15. The par value of the stock is \$100 a share and the new shares are to be placed at \$150 a share. Payment for the new stock will be made 50% on Dec. 1 1931 and 50% Jan. 8 1932.

The Boston "Transcript" of Nov. 10 stated that new interests had become associated with the Boston-Continental National Bank of Boston through the reorganization of its directorate. The number of directors has been reduced from 16 to 11. Six new members have been elected and five former directors re-elected. The new directors were named as follows:

Oliver Ames, a Vice-President of the bank; Forrester A. Clark, of H. C. Wainwright & Co.; Hon. Jesse W. Morton, attorney-at-law; Thomas O'Brien, attorney-at-law; William A. Russell of O'Brien, Russell & Co., and David Stoneman, attorney-at-law.

Former members of the Board re-elected were given as:

W. F. Bartholomew of Clark, Childs & Co.; Thomas E. Greaney of the Standard Neckwear Co.; Charles I. Hosmer, contractor; Terrell M. Ragan, President of the bank, and Fred W. Strobel, Cashier of the bank.

The South Norwalk Trust Co., South Norwalk, Conn., has acquired by purchase the People's Trust Co. of South Norwalk, the consolidated bank opening for business on Nov. 2. As of that date, the enlarged South Norwalk Trust Co. showed capital of \$400,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$671,248, deposits of \$7,739,476, and total resources of \$8,911,295. The officers of the institutions are as follows: Richard H. Golden, President; Joseph R. Taylor, Vice-President; Charles E. Hoyt, Secretary and Treasurer, and Spencer S. Adams, Assistant Treasurer. A statement issued by the trust company said in part:

The South Norwalk Trust Co. was established in 1901 and is one of the largest and strongest Trust Companies in the State of Connecticut.

The People's Trust Co. was organized in 1914. Its officers were Charles F. Mills, President; Luther M. Wright and John Keogh, Vice-Presidents, and Samuel S. Velsor, Secretary and Treasurer.

Banking circles have expressed the opinion that this consolidation of bank assets is a splendid move and believe that it will prove advantageous to the business of Norwalk. The South Norwalk Trust Co. has shown a record of steady progress since its organization, its management is experienced and conservative. Its banking house and equipment combines every known modern facility. Its capital and surplus, a great part of which has been built up by the successful direction of its affairs, is more than adequate. Norwalk should be well served by this fine, large banking institution in all its departments.

According to Franklin, N. J., advices, appearing in the Newark "News" of Nov. 4, the Sussex County Trust Co. of Franklin has announced the appointment of E. E. Puryear of St. Petersburg, Fla., as Executive Vice-President of the bank. Mr. Puryear, a native of Iowa, was graduated from Chicago University. He has been in the banking business in Nebraska and Florida, the dispatch said.

The Linden National Bank & Trust Co., Linden, N. J., was placed in voluntary liquidation on Oct. 15 last. The institu-

tion, which was capitalized at \$250,000, was succeeded by the Linden National Bank.

The State Banking Department announced on Nov. 6 that Mr. Charles R. Murray, of No. 45 Shelby Street, Dumont, N. J., a State bank examiner, has been appointed special Deputy Superintendent of Banks to assist in the liquidation of the business and affairs and distribution of the assets of M. Berardini State Bank, No. 34 Mulberry Street, New York, N. Y. The closing of the bank was noted in our issue of Nov. 7, page 3040. The Department's announcement of Nov. 6 also said:

Because of the non-liquid condition and depreciation in the value of its assets, it is deemed unsafe and inexpedient to permit this institution to continue in business.

The deposit liabilities, as shown by the books, as at the close of business Oct. 29 1931 were approximately \$1,100,000.

That the organization of a new State bank is being planned in Belvidere, N. J., where the Warren County Trust Co. and the Belvidere National Bank closed the early part of October, was reported in the following dispatch from that place to the Newark "News" of Nov. 12:

Stockholders and officers of the two closed banks in Belvidere who are planning to open a new bank have decided to apply for a State instead of a National bank charter. The new bank will be known as the Belvidere Trust Co.

The closed banks are the Belvidere National and the Warren County Trust Co. The first decision was to apply for a charter for a bank to be known as the Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co.

The capital of the new bank will be \$100,000 with a paid-in surplus of \$50,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$10 par value and \$5 paid surplus.

Three Passaic, N. J. banks, the People's Bank & Trust Co., the Lincoln National Bank and the City Trust Co. were merged on Wednesday of this week, Nov. 11, forming an institution with deposits in excess of \$20,000,000. The new bank will continue the title of the People's Bank & Trust Co., the second oldest bank in Passaic founded by the late General Bird W. Spencer in 1890. The three uniting banks will continue in their respective homes until all details of the merger plan are completed. Thereafter, they will be housed in the new People's Bank Building. The respective directors of the consolidated banks will function, for the time being, as one Board of Directors, and former Representative Dow H. Drukker, Sr., who succeeded General Spencer as Chairman of the Board of the People's Bank & Trust Co., will continue to serve in that capacity. The enlarged bank will be headed by Nicholas H. Disker, formerly of Louisville, Ky., while William H. Stevens, former President of the People's Bank & Trust Co., will become Vice-President and Treasurer. James A. Crowley, former Vice-President and Treasurer of the City Trust Co. will become First Vice-President of the merged bank. Representative George N. Seger and Harry Meyers, who have been Presidents, respectively, of the City Trust and the Lincoln National Bank, will become Vice-Presidents, and so will Commissioner John H. McGuire, who is now Vice-President and counsel of the City Trust. Henry C. Whitehead of the People's Bank & Trust Co. will continue as Vice-President and counsel. Mr. Whitehead is City Commissioner of Revenue and Finance.

Passaic advices on Nov. 11 to the New York "Times," from which the foregoing is taken, went on to say:

The merger already has been approved by the State Department of Banking & Insurance and by the boards of the three banks, acting separately. Final approval of the stockholders will be voted at the stockholders' meetings two weeks' notice of which under the law must be given.

The People's Bank & Trust Co. under the merger, will continue a member of the Federal Reserve System and will have the added strength of being a member of President Hoover's new \$500,000,000 National Credit Corp., Chairman Drukker being a member of the Board of Directors of District 13 which includes the member banks of Passaic and Bergen Counties.

Nicholas H. Disker, the new President, served as President of the Kentucky Bankers' Association for two years and was Chairman of its executive committee for ten years. He also served as Chairman of the jurisprudence committee of the American Bankers' Association, and since 1919 has been a member of the Reserve City Bankers' Association. His banking executive positions include that of assistant to the President of the American Southern National Bank of Louisville and Executive Vice-President of the Louisville National Bank & Trust Co.

Beginning Monday of this week, Nov. 9, depositors of the Bankers Trust Co. of Philadelphia, which closed its doors on Dec. 22 1930, are receiving an initial dividend of 20%, which will amount to \$5,868,000, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Nov. 10. The same paper stated that a "double-barreled" ruling in favor of the stockholders of closed trust companies, holding them entitled to dividends



as depositors, and not liable to assessment on their stock holdings, was announced on Nov. 9 by Presiding Judge Finletter of Common Pleas Court No. 4. The paper mentioned went on to say in part:

The opinion was delivered orally from the bench after a 40-minute hearing on the petition presented last week by depositors of the closed Bankers Trust Co. to restrain the Secretary of Banking from including stockholders, directors and executive officers in the 20% distribution to depositors, which began yesterday.

Judge Finletter said there were no existing claims asserted in the suit sufficient to bar stockholders in the Bankers Trust Co. from receiving a share of their deposits.

Among the asserted claims was the possibility the stockholders might be held doubly liable on their stock, but Judge Finletter rejected that expectation as an impossibility under the law.

"With regard to the double statutory liability," he said, "the only one asserted is one already negated by the Supreme Court. It was supposed to exist under the act of May 11 1874, but this has been so expressly done away with by the decision alluded to, in the De Haven case, that in our opinion there is no statutory liability against the stockholder in a modern trust company."

"We have asked if there was any act passed since the decision in the De Haven case, and we are informed there is none. So, therefore, there is no double statutory liability by the stockholder."

The ruling, in which Judge Finletter's colleagues, Judges Brown and Heligman, concurred, was received by a throng that taxed the capacity of the courtroom and included scores of lawyers, among them former Senator Pepper.

Mr. Pepper has been retained by a group of lawyers representing more than 1,200 stockholders in closed trust companies here and elsewhere in the State to represent them in any proceedings intended to assess their stock to benefit depositors.

A legal pronouncement in that connection was not expected from Judge Finletter. His unqualified rejection of further stockholder liability in closed trust companies was a complete surprise. It answered a major problem with which Dr. William D. Gordon, Secretary of Banking, has been concerned.

Before the decision was rendered Deputy Attorney-General Saylor, representing the Secretary of Banking, stated to the Court that no law had been found which would justify withholding deposit-dividends from stockholders.

Regarding allegations in the petition of "malfeasance, mismanagement or incompetence" by officers of the Bankers Trust Co., Mr. Saylor said: "There is no evidence of any such fraud. I do not want to go on record as saying there won't be any disclosed, but up to this time there has been no evidence of it and I believe it is fair to assume, almost a year since the bank closed, that if malfeasance was present our representatives would have found it."

Stockholders of the Adelpia Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia on Nov. 10 approved a resolution of the directors to liquidate the institution and dissolve the corporation, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Nov. 10, which, continuing, said:

Notice is being sent to all depositors that no further deposits can be accepted and that the bank stands ready to pay out immediately all deposit balances held for the account of various customers, subject to existing equities in connection with the accounts of borrowing clients of the bank.

No advance notice is being required from savings depositors who are asked to present their passbooks immediately. Check-account customers are asked to check their balances and withdraw the amount due by check. Christmas Club checks will be mailed on or before Nov. 16.

For the convenience of customers, the bank will continue its night service until Nov. 14.

The proposed liquidation of this institution was noted in our issue of Oct. 31, page 2867.

A dispatch by the Associated Press from Erie, Pa., on Nov. 11 stated that consolidation of the Lincoln Bank of that city and the Bank of Erie Trust Co. had been announced on that day and that beginning Nov. 12 all business would be handled from the quarters of the Bank of Erie Trust Co. under the title of which the merged institutions would operate.

Merger of the First National Bank of Turtle Creek, Pa., and the Turtle Creek Savings & Trust Co., effective the following day, was announced on Nov. 11 by F. M. Morrow, President of the enlarged institution, according to Pittsburgh advices by the Associated Press on Nov. 11. The consolidated bank will have resources of more than \$3,000,000, the dispatch said.

A consolidation of three Scranton, Pa., banks was consummated on Monday of this week, Nov. 9, under the title of the Pennsylvania Trust Co. The institutions included in the merger are the Electric City Bank & Trust Co., Hyde Park National Bank, and Keystone Bank. The new organization, which occupies the former quarters of the Electric City Bank & Trust Co. at North Main Ave. and Lafayette St., has a capital of \$250,000 with surplus and reserves of \$211,245; deposits of \$3,540,652 and total resources of \$4,001,897. The entire staff of officers and employees of the three banks continue with the new institution, whose roster is as follows: Morgan Thomas, President; W. B. Layton, Executive Vice-President; George L. Peck, Vice-

President; Henry T. Harris, Vice-President and Secretary; William J. Lewis, Treasurer, and Wendell P. Evans, Asst. Treasurer.

The First National Bank of Ripley, W. Va., was closed on Nov. 5, according to Associated Press advices from Ripley, which went on to say:

A notice said recent heavy withdrawals prompted the closing. Sept. 29 the bank reported resources of \$722,835, deposits of \$591,718, and capital stock of \$70,000. The Bank of Ripley, a State institution, closed yesterday.

The Bank of Morgantown, Morgantown, W. Va., the closing of which on Sept. 29 last was reported in our Oct. 3 issue, page 2209, reopened for business on Nov. 5 with nearly all of the \$1,400,000 on deposit when it closed pledged to a "mutually protective" agreement which guarantees the bank against withdrawals for 12 months and for an additional 12 months at its option. Associated Press advices from Morgantown, containing the above information, furthermore said:

Less than \$40,000 of the deposits was not pledged to the agreement. D. R. Richards, Vice-President and Cashier of the bank, said new deposits before noon to-day (Nov. 5) totaled \$100,000. New deposits will be kept wholly liquid, he said, and may be withdrawn without restrictions.

From Columbus, Ohio, advices by the Associated Press, Nov. 4, it is learned that the Farmers' Savings & Trust Co. of Mansfield, Ohio, was taken over by the State Banking Department on that day for liquidation. As of Sept. 29, the institution had capital of \$225,000, surplus of \$282,500, and resources of \$2,973,770, it was stated. Associated Press advices from Columbus on the following day, Nov. 5, stated that another Mansfield bank, the Richland Trust Co., had been taken over by the Banking Department for liquidation. As of Sept. 29, the dispatch said, the institution had capital of \$300,000, surplus of \$205,000, and resources of \$3,134,743.

The Citizens' National Bank of New Lexington, Ohio, with capital of \$75,000 and resources of approximately \$1,500,000, was reported closed in Associated Press advices from that place on Nov. 10. Heavy withdrawals and "frozen" assets were given as the reason for the closing of the institution.

Phillip R. Mather has been made a director of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, to succeed his father the late Samuel Mather, according to Cleveland advices on Nov. 11 to the "Wall Street Journal."

That the First State Bank of Plain City, Ohio, with resources of \$309,379, was taken over by the Ohio State Banking Department on Nov. 12, was reported in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Columbus, Ohio, on that date.

Relative to the affairs of the three Youngstown, Ohio, banks which suspended on Oct. 15 1931, namely the First National Bank, Dollar Savings & Trust Co. and City Trust & Savings Bank, a press dispatch from Youngstown on Nov. 11, printed in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer," contained the following:

Financial assistance of the Mellon interest of Pittsburgh has been assured the First National and Dollar banks, jointly controlled institutions, but separately owned, it was announced to-day.

Much secrecy has surrounded efforts of this financial group to effect reopening of the banks, which were closed Oct. 15, together with the City Trust & Savings Bank.

H. F. Black, automobile dealer; D. T. Peters, Earl N. McBride, L. B. McKelvey, and other leading citizens to-day organized the "million-dollar committee" to assist in opening the City Trust.

It is believed all three banks will be opened not later than Jan. 1 1932, and that the First National will open in a short time.

The new First-Central Trust Co. of Akron, Ohio, formed by the union of the First-City Trust & Savings Bank and the Central Depositors Bank & Trust Co., is now functioning. The new organization has a capital structure of \$15,500,000 and resources of \$75,000,000. Its directorate consists of 29 members chosen from the former directorates of the consolidated banks. The Chief officers of the consolidated bank are listed as follows: Harry Williams, Chairman of the Board and President; George D. Bates and George H. Dunn, Vice-Chairmen of the Board; G. R. Edgar, H. Merryweather, George W. Merz, Ira E. Myers, W. J. Ruof and W. A. M. Vaughan, Vice-Presidents; T. S. Eichelberger, Vice-President and Secretary; P. M. Held, Treasurer; L. S. Dudley, Jay L. Collins and M. L. Freeman, Associate Trust Officers,

and W. H. Simmons, Auditor. We quote in part below from the Akron "Beacon Journal" of Nov. 3:

First-City main office in the Second National Building, Central Depositors main office in the new skyscraper at Main and Mill and the seven other First-City and five other Central Depositors offices in Akron, Barberton and Cuyahoga Falls are operating as usual to-day.

All will continue in existence for some time but gradually one office will replace two in the instances where First-City and Central Depositors branches are too close together to warrant maintenance of both. Barberton and Cuyahoga Falls offices will, of course, be maintained permanently.

Squarely behind the new bank of \$15,500,000 capital, surplus, undivided profits and reserves is the Credit Corporation of Akron, nationally praised rediscounting organization brought into being as the first localized application of the similar idea for a \$500,000,000 national setup. That plan was conceived after a Washington conference on economic rehabilitation attended by legislative leaders of both major political parties.

The credit corporation has subscribed for \$2,000,000 of the bank's new capital stock and has \$13,000,000 to be used in rediscounting bank mortgages and still further increasing the remarkable liquidity of the merged institution by swelling cash assets.

Close relation of credit corporation and bank is shown by the fact that 13 of the directors are executive officers of firms included in the list of 44 business and manufacturing organizations sponsoring the rediscounting setup.

The new bank is capitalized at \$7,500,000 an increase of \$3,750,000 over the First-City capitalization. Of the increase, \$1,250,000 is to be distributed among Central Depositors shareholders in exchange for their holdings in that bank.

The remainder is accounted for by the \$2,000,000 credit corporation subscription and the \$500,000 subscribed by directors of both merging banks acting, not as directors, but as individuals. Credit corporation and directors' subscriptions are subject to prior rights of stockholders to take the issue by subscriptions in proportion to their present holding.

Reference was made to the consolidation of these important Akron banks in our issues of Oct. 24 and Nov. 7, pages 2713 and 3041, respectively.

The Citizens' Bank of Anderson, Ind., failed to open for business on Oct. 31, a notice stating that the directors had decided to close the institution because of continued withdrawals, according to Associated Press advices from Anderson on that date, which added:

The bank was turned over to the State Banking Department for liquidation. Its assets totaled \$4,187,302 and deposits \$2,963,505.

That the respective directors of the First National Bank of Cannelton, Ind., and the Cannelton National Bank have agreed to merge the institutions was reported in a dispatch from that place to the Indianapolis "News" on Oct. 30, which furthermore stated that the proposed union was subject to the approval of the stockholders of both banks and the Comptroller of the Currency.

Advices from Westfield, Ind., on Oct. 30, to the Indianapolis "News" stated that Harry E. Talbert, Receiver for the State Bank of Westfield, which closed its doors Jan. 13, was paying depositors a second dividend of 15%. The first dividend of 25% was paid in July. Depositors have now received 40c. on the dollar, the dispatch said.

Doors of the Union State Bank of Rossville, Clinton County, Ind., failed to open Nov. 4, and the affairs of the institution were placed in the hands of the Indiana State Banking Department by action of its directors, according to an announcement by Luther F. Symons, State Banking Commissioner, as reported in the Indianapolis "News" of that date.

Word that the Newton County State Bank, Kentland, Ind., had been closed by its Board of Directors was received Nov. 5 at the office of the State Bank Commissioner for Indiana, according to the Indianapolis "News" of that date. T. H. Dixon is President of the bank and A. A. Bishop is Cashier. According to the last published statement of the bank, issued Sept. 29, resources amount to \$241,575.53; deposits are listed at \$161,133.66, and capital stock amounts to \$50,000, the paper mentioned said.

The Citizens' National Bank of Peru, Ind., capitalized at \$100,000, went into voluntary liquidation as of Oct. 31. The institution was absorbed by the Wabash Valley Trust Co. of Peru, as noted in our Oct. 10 issue, page 2380.

The following with reference to the affairs of two Logansport, Ind., banks which closed recently, was contained in a dispatch from that city on Nov. 6 to the Indianapolis "News":

With the return of a local committee from Washington where members conferred with the Treasury Department, plans have been announced for the organization of a new bank to take over the First National Bank, which was closed here one week ago by order of the Board of Directors. Frank McBale, Attorney, John Brookmeyer, President and Earl Ray, director, made the trip.

In the meantime steps toward the opening of the Logansport Loan & Trust Co., which closed Sept. 23, after the President, George Hilton,

took his own life, are progressing. Both institutions plan to open about Dec. 1.

Effective Oct. 22 1931, the First National Bank of Belvidere, Ill., capitalized at \$75,000, went into voluntary liquidation. The institution was taken over by the Second National Bank of that place.

It is learned from the Indianapolis "News" of Nov. 11 that action was taken by the directors of the Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis on Nov. 10, which will result in the addition of \$1,200,000 to the capital resources of the institution and of \$360,000 to the capital resources of the Fletcher American Co., the bank's investment affiliate. Elmer W. Stout, President of the Fletcher-American National Bank, who announced the proposed increase, said:

I am happy to announce that the recommendation which I made to our directors to provide additional cash resources for our institutions has been acted upon favorably by a unanimous vote. A representative of the Comptroller has approved our action and the owners of more than two-thirds of our stock have given assent, which assures formal approval at the stockholders' meeting to be held for that purpose. New money in the form of capital amounting to \$1,200,000 for the bank and \$360,000 for the company has been provided. This entire sum has been subscribed by large stockholders who recognize the value of this investment, though, of course, the privilege has been reserved to every stockholder to exercise his right to subscribe for his respective proportionate amount.

With this additional investment the bank will have capital, surplus, undivided profits and reserves in excess of \$5,600,000, of which amount \$3,600,000 will be capital and an amount in excess of \$2,000,000 will represent surplus, undivided profits and reserves, after the charge-off of all losses. Such losses include every item on our books that has been so classified according to present-day standards of valuation, though the charged-off items will still remain the property of the bank and from them there will be substantial recoveries.

These charge-offs result largely from the depression and shrinkage in value of securities, and the practice of making such reduction is being followed by leading financial institutions throughout the country. We want our customers and friends to know our exact condition at all times so that we may continue to enjoy their confidence to the same extent that we have in the past. The rapid growth of our bank in deposits and profits abundantly proves that we have this confidence.

It is self-evident that the Fletcher-American National Bank has among its directors and stockholders men who have the financial strength and vision to take whatever steps are warranted to meet present-day conditions. The deposits of this institution have approximately doubled during the last 10 years, and during the same time there has been a corresponding increase of capital investment.

Announcement was made on Nov. 3 by Walter J. Cox, President of the Chicago Bank of Commerce, of the election of nine former directors of the Union Bank of Chicago—merged with the institution Sept. 28—as directors of the enlarged bank at a meeting of the stockholders on that day, according to the Chicago "Post" of Nov. 3. They are: Walter J. Buettner, Treasurer of the Bendix Aviation Corporation; William Cameron, President of the Cameron Can Machinery Co.; C. Wallace Johnson of G. A. Johnson & Son; Lloyd Maxwell, President of Williams & Cunningham; Werner A. Wieboldt, President of Wieboldt Stores; Clarke Washburne, Vice-President of the Chicago Bank of Commerce; Daniel V. Harkin, Henry R. Kent and Charles E. Schlytern. Mr. Cox, President of the consolidated bank, was also elected a director.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors on the same day, the following Union Bank of Chicago officers were appointed Vice-Presidents of the enlarged bank: John Gulliksen, Clarke Washburne, LeRoy H. Tolzien and Edward N. Heinz, John G. Nichols, former Assistant Cashier and Savings Manager of the Union bank, was named to the same office at the Chicago Bank of Commerce. The principal officers of the bank remain unchanged it was stated, namely Henry S. Hensehe, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Walter J. Cox, President and Edward A. Schroeder, Vice-President and Cashier.

The Chicago "Post" of Oct. 30 stated that checks amounting to \$115,000 had been mailed the previous day to depositors of the closed North Town State Bank at Devon and Western Avenues, Chicago, representing a payment of 20%. The paper mentioned added:

Charles W. Bainbridge, Receiver, said it appeared likely this bank would pay its depositors 100% eventually.

It is learned from the Chicago "Post" of Nov. 6 that an initial dividend of 30% to depositors of the First National Bank of Oak Park, Ill., which closed its doors on March 30 1931 was announced on that day. At the time of its closing the institution had total resources of about \$495,000 and deposit liabilities of approximately \$395,000. The paper mentioned went on to say:

Although collections have been relatively slow, due to general business conditions, another 10% dividend is expected in the not distant future.

An application to organize the People's National Bank of Joliet, Ill., with capital of \$250,000, was received by the Comptroller of the Currency on Nov. 3.

Announcement was made on Nov. 10 of the consolidation of three Rock Island, Ill., banks, the Central Trust & Savings Bank, the Rock Island Savings Bank, and the Manufacturers' Trust & Savings Bank. The new organization, which will be known as the Rock Island Bank & Trust Co., will have deposits of over \$12,000,000. A Rock Island dispatch, appearing in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 12, reporting the merger, added:

The Central Trust & Savings Bank was closed for examination Sept. 30. All of the latter bank's depositors will be paid in full.

William L. Saunders has been appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Cadillac State Bank of Cadillac, Mich., a position newly created owing to the new business obtained by the bank since the closing of the People Savings Bank of Cadillac, according to the Michigan "Investor" of Nov. 7, which added:

Mr. Saunders is President of the Cummer-Diggins Lumber Co., and is interested in many other enterprises in Cadillac. He is a large stockholder of the Cadillac State Bank and has been a director for many years.

That James D. Armstrong would retire, effective Nov. 1, as a Vice-President of the First Trust Co. of St. Paul, Minn., with which he has been connected since its organization in 1915, was indicated in the "Commercial West" of Oct. 24. In commenting on Mr. Armstrong's retirement, George H. Prince, Chairman of the First National Bank and of the First Trust Co., was quoted in the paper mentioned as saying:

"During Mr. Armstrong's span of service he has made contributions of great value to the organization and development of the trust company. As the First Vice-President of the company, he brought to the institution a wealth of legal experience and contacts which have been of inestimable value during the entire 16 years that Mr. Armstrong has been our associate. We deeply regret his leaving but completely understand his well-earned preference for more time to devote to his personal affairs."

The Capital City Bank of Madison, Wis., with deposits of approximately \$1,350,000, closed on Nov. 12, according to Associated Press advices from that place, which added:

Officers of the institution said the State Banking Commissioner would take over the Bank's affairs and that a resumption of operations within five months was planned.

L. A. Andrew, State Superintendent of Banking for Iowa, announced on Oct. 27 that a dividend of 5% was to be paid to the depositors of the defunct Iowa Loan & Trust Co. of Des Moines, which was closed Dec. 20 1926. The dividend calls for \$210,989.45. The Des Moines "Register" of Oct. 28, from which the above information is obtained, furthermore said in part:

It is expected that the checks will be printed and signed, ready for delivery at the receivership office of the trust company in the Register and Tribune Building, by Nov. 23.

T. J. Nolan, Examiner in charge of the Iowa Loan & Trust Co., said Tuesday that this dividend would bring the total paid to depositors to 75% of their deposits of record when the bank was closed Dec. 20 1926.

The first dividend, 40%, was paid March 10 1927; the second, 10%, was paid Dec. 15 1927; the third, 10%, was paid Aug. 27 1928, and the fourth, 10%, was paid Dec. 16 1929.

Examiner Nolan announced that a total of \$3,158,876.54 had been authorized to be paid depositors in the four previous dividend payments and that the 5% dividend to be paid now will bring the total amount of authorized dividends to \$3,369,865.99.

Still further dividends will be paid from the Iowa Loan & Trust Co. assets, according to Mr. Nolan, who said that everything possible is being done in the interest of depositors.

Effective Oct. 26 1931, the Ottumwa National Bank, Ottumwa, Iowa, capitalized at \$100,000, went into voluntary liquidation. It was succeeded by the Union Bank & Trust Co. of Ottumwa.

As of Oct. 29 last, the First National Bank of Ottumwa, Iowa, with capital of \$200,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. It was succeeded by the First Bank & Trust Co. of Ottumwa.

The Kimball National Bank at Kimball, Neb., went into voluntary liquidation on June 13 last. The institution, which was capitalized at \$50,000, was absorbed by the American National Bank of Kimball.

The First National Bank of Kulm, N. D., capitalized at \$40,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Oct. 17. It was absorbed by the First State Bank of the same place.

Dale E. Wagner, former Cashier of the failed Citizens' State Bank of Morrill, Kan., was sentenced on Oct. 27 to serve from 12 to 20 years in the State Penitentiary following his plea of "guilty" to embezzling approximately \$34,000 of the bank's funds, as reported in Associated Press advices from Hiawatha, Kan., which added:

Wagner pleaded guilty to embezzling \$9,456.90 from C. M. Evans, Hiawatha stockholder.

Associated Press advices from Independence, Kan., on Oct. 29, stated that G. H. Bechtel, acting receiver for the Liberty State Bank of Liberty, Kan., had announced on that day that a final dividend of 10%, making a total of 100%, would be paid to depositors of the institution on Nov. 28. The institution was closed in May 1930 (as noted in our issue of June 7 1930, page 3996) because of steady withdrawals of deposits.

Charles W. Johnson, General Receiver for Kansas State banks, announced on Oct. 29 that dividends were to be paid to depositors of three defunct institutions as follows:

Exchange State Bank, Nortonville, a third dividend payment of 10% on Nov. 12. Previously paid, 45%. The institution failed Nov. 7 1930.

Elmo State Bank, a third payment of 20% on Nov. 13. The bank, which failed Sept. 9 1930, previously has paid depositors 45% in dividends.

State Bank of Paxico, a second dividend of 15% on Nov. 19, making a total of 35% paid so far. The bank closed Feb. 2 1931.

The First National Bank of Eureka Springs, Ark., with capital of \$50,000, went into voluntary liquidation on June 16 1931. It has been succeeded by the First State Bank of Eureka Springs.

The Citizens' National Bank of Sedalia, Mo., was closed on Nov. 2 by order of its directors. This action was taken after William H. Powell, President of the institution, shot himself the previous day. A Sedalia dispatch, on Nov. 2, to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat," reporting the closing of the bank, furthermore said:

National Bank Commissioners arrived to-day and started to examine the books of the Citizens' National Bank.

An operation was performed on Powell late to-night by Dr. Walter Dandy, a member of Johns Hopkins staff of Baltimore, Md. Dr. Dandy said Powell has a good chance to recover, providing complications do not set in.

Dr. Dandy is a former Sedalian and a former newsboy for the Sedalia "Democrat," of which paper Powell is Vice-President.

According to Associated Press advices from Jefferson City, Mo., the Citizens' National Bank of Sedalia had deposits of approximately \$2,250,000.

Jefferson City, Mo., advices by the Associated Press on Nov. 2 and Nov. 3 reported that eight small Missouri banks, all State institutions, had closed on those dates. The institutions which failed to open Monday, Nov. 2, heavy withdrawals being the reason given, are the Owensville Bank at Owensville, with resources of \$372,849; the Bank of Hardin, at Hardin, with resources of \$307,123; the Prairie Home Bank, of Prairie Home, with resources of \$82,623, and the Bank of Malta Bend, at Malta Bend, with resources of \$139,719. The institutions closed Nov. 3 are as follows: The Bank of Barnett, at Barnett, with resources of \$150,000; the Bank of Oak Grove, at Oak Grove, with \$163,520 resources; the Waverly Bank of Waverly, with resources of \$135,000, and the Bank of Longwood, at Longwood.

The Bank of Piedmont, at Piedmont, Mo., recently purchased the Bank of Des Arc at Des Arc, Mo. All deposits and good will of the latter have been assumed by the Bank of Piedmont, which has been under the same management for 25 years. It now has resources of approximately \$350,000. At the close of business Sept. 18 last (previous to the acquisition of the Des Arc bank) the institution showed deposits of \$280,441. A. M. Luna is President.

The First National Bank of Marceline, Mo., was closed by its directors on Nov. 12, according to Associated Press advices from Marceline, which quoted W. G. Lancaster, President of the institution as saying there had been a slow "run" on the Bank during the past three weeks. Mr. Lancaster placed the assets at about \$275,000.

That a new organization under the title of the Continental-American Bank & Trust Co., with a capital structure of

\$700,000, had been formed in Shreveport, La., by the merging of the Continental Trust & Savings Bank and the Commercial-American Bank & Trust Co., was reported in advices from that city, printed in the "Daily Construction Bulletin" of Nov. 10. The dispatch continuing said:

Resources of the merged institutions aggregate \$6,500,000, and the surplus \$175,000. R. T. Moore will be Chairman of the Board and V. H. Murrell, President.

The People's National Bank of McMinnville, Tenn., capitalized at \$55,000, went into voluntary liquidation on Oct. 17. It has been taken over by the City Bank & Trust Co. of McMinnville.

A press dispatch from Hattiesburg, Miss., on Nov. 4, appearing in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of the next day, contained the following with reference to the affairs of the defunct Commercial National Bank of Hattiesburg, Mississippi:

Approximately \$150,000 soon will be paid the 2,000 depositors of the Commercial National Bank, which closed its doors June 2 (1931), and has been in liquidation, it was announced by Louis Selig, receiver for the bank, under authority of the Federal Comptroller of the Treasury.

Payment of the dividend in the near future instead of following the custom of deferring payment until the receiver has accumulated large sums is in accord with instructions from the Federal Treasury Department to all receivers, urging them to expedite dividends of suspended banks to restore frozen funds to circulation. This first dividend is to be followed by subsequent payments. The bank at the time of suspension had approximately \$800,000 on deposit.

The Citizens' Bank & Trust Co. of Bunkie, La., with branches at Moreauville, Plaquemine and Marksville, failed to open for business on Nov. 3. A press dispatch from Bunkie, printed in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of Nov. 4, reporting the closing, said:

Many of its largest customers have withheld cotton from the market because of the prevailing low price, thus reducing collections to the minimum, according to officials of the bank.

The following notice was placed upon the door this morning: "Having been called upon by the Board of Directors of the Citizens' Bank & Trust Co. of Bunkie, Marksville, Moreauville and Plaquemine, and following the direction of the law, I, J. S. Brock, State Bank Commissioner, have taken charge of this bank. A plan is on foot to reorganize the bank by freezing its deposits."

A resolution by the Board of Directors also is posted on the bank, announcing that a plan for the reorganization of the bank is under way and that sufficient capital has already been subscribed to practically warrant assurance of continuation of business and full protection of depositors.

It is understood that the Board of Directors asked for only a temporary suspension of the bank until the reorganization plan could be put into effect.

Acquisition of the Lawtell State Bank of Lawtell, La., by the Planters' Trust & Savings Bank of Opelousas, La., was reported in the following dispatch from Opelousas on Nov. 7, printed in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of Nov. 8:

The Planters' Trust & Savings Bank of this city has purchased the assets and assumed all liabilities of the Lawtell State Bank of Lawtell, it was announced yesterday, Nov. 6, by L. J. Larcade, President of the Planters' Trust & Savings Bank. Mr. Larcade stated that the depositors of the Lawtell Bank, which is situated only a few miles from Opelousas, will be paid in full without any restrictions, but the Lawtell bank will not continue to operate. All business will be transacted at the Planters' Bank here, Mr. Larcade explained.

In explaining the purchase, Mr. Larcade stated that the stockholders of the Lawtell Bank, because of its nearness to this city since the opening of the new paved highway, did not think it would be profitable.

Thomas W. Banks, E. E. Duque and James A. Gibson, Jr., were elected directors of the Citizens' National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, at the regular November meeting of the Board on Nov. 6, according to an announcement by Herbert D. Ivey, President of the institution. The Los Angeles "Times" of Nov. 7 in reporting the matter furthermore said in part:

Mr. Banks is President of Banks Huntley & Co., investment bankers and members of the Los Angeles Stock and Curb exchanges.

Mr. Duque is Vice-President of the California Portland Cement Co. and has been General Manager since 1924. The company is the oldest cement enterprise in the State, operating at Colton the largest individual plant West of Chicago.

The third new director is a member of the law partnership of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, and is a director in several large California corporations.

The First Inland National Bank of Pendleton, Oregon, was formed recently by the consolidation of the First National Bank and the Inland Empire Bank. The new organization, in its statement of condition as at the close of business Oct. 20, showed capital of \$400,000, surplus and undivided profits of \$102,372, deposits of \$4,827,163, and total resources of \$5,878,552. The personnel of the new bank is as follows: John D. Ankeny, President; F. S. LeGrow, Executive Vice-President; J. H. Raley, Edwin Winter and G. A. Hartman, Vice-Presidents; J. R. Bowler, Cashier, and H. W. Dickson, Berkeley A. Davis and J. R. Light, Assistant Cashiers.

## THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market during the forepart of the week made further advances, but during the latter part, price movements developed considerable irregularity. Some realizing has been in evidence from time to time, but this was usually quickly absorbed and made little impression on the movements of the market. Railroad issues were stronger during the first part of the week, but experienced a bad break on Thursday and Friday when many of the active members of the group moved swiftly downward. The report of the United States Steel Corp. issued on Tuesday showed 25,000 tons decrease unfilled orders. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued after the close of business on Thursday shows a further decrease of \$18,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district. This is the 10th consecutive week in which these loans have declined, bringing the outstanding total down to \$831,000,000, the lowest level since Nov. 9 1921, when the amount was \$821,887,000. Call money renewed at 2½% on Monday, continued unchanged at that rate throughout the week.

The stock market continued to forge ahead during the abbreviated session on Saturday, the pace being so rapid that the tickers ran from four to five minutes behind the transactions on the floor. Some realizing was in evidence from time to time, but this was quickly absorbed with only minor recessions. Industrial stocks were stronger, with United States Steel and Bethlehem leading the upward swing, followed by American Can and Amer. Tel. & Tel. Railroad shares and public utilities were also moderately strong and some good gains were recorded in these groups. Motor issues were represented on the up side by General Motors which touched a new high on the recovery, followed by du Pont which likewise reached a new peak for the current movement. Food stocks also displayed marked improvement and so did the oil issues and some of the coppers. The outstanding advances of the day included among others such active speculative favorites as Allied Chemical & Dye 3 points to 95½, American Tobacco 4 points to 95, American Water Works & Electric 5¼ points to 35, Atchison 5 points to 118, Ingersoll Rand 4¼ points to 59½, Western Union 2½ points to 78½ and United States Steel 2½ points to 72½. Other gains included such popular stocks as American Can 2½ points to 86, Brooklyn Union Gas 3½ points to 98½, Continental Baking pref. 2¼ points to 57¾, du Pont 3¼ points to 67½, Federal Mining & Smelting 4 points to 44, New York Central 1½ points to 52¾, Homestake Mining 3½ points to 120¾, and General Railway Signal 2 points to 34½.

Stocks again climbed upward on Monday, with many standard issues recording advances ranging from 2 to 4 or more points. At the day's top prices numerous prominent shares were up from 20 or more points higher than the year's lows. There was, at times, considerable hesitation apparent, but this passed off as the day progressed. The turnover was close to 3,000,000 shares, with the rails leading the upward swing. The principal changes on the side of the advance were Union Pacific, 2¾ points to 112; National Lead, 5 points to 101; Inland Steel, 5 points to 35; American Smelting, 2¾ points to 35¾; Atlas Powder, 6 points to 34¾; Central RR. of N. J., 9 points to 104; International Business Machine, 3½ points to 133¼, and Reading, 3½ points to 58½. As the market closed stocks were somewhat easier and while trading continued active there was considerable realizing apparent. The market turned reactionary on Tuesday, and while trading was only moderately active stocks drifted gradually downward. The railroad shares displayed some resistance, but the advances were not particularly noteworthy. Industrials and specialties were the weak points during the greater part of the day but showed some improvement during the closing hour. Among the prominent stocks closing on the side of the decline were such issues as Air Reduction, American Can, American Power & Light, American Tobacco, Auburn Auto, Worthington Pump, Westinghouse, Ingersoll Rand, Coca Cola, Cerro de Pasco Copper, Eastman Kodak, General Electric, General Motors and United States Steel Corp.

Trading continued quiet and considerable irregularity was in evidence during the greater part of the session on Wednesday. Railroad shares were somewhat improved but most of the pivotal issues showed more or less weakness. The weak spots were mostly in the industrial group and included among others such stocks as United States Steel, Westinghouse, American Tobacco "B", General Electric, General Motors and Western Union Telegraph. Other losses in-

cluded Allied Chemical & Dye, 1½ points to 53¼; Radio Corp., 1¼ points to 12½; Peoples Gas, 3 points to 150; International Business Machine, 2¾ points to 127¼, and Johns-Manville, 1½ points to 33½. As the market closed, trading was quiet, and most of the market leaders were at or near their lowest for the day. On Thursday trading on the stock exchange was extremely slow, and with the exception of some of the more volatile of the market leaders, price changes continued to move within a narrow range. Railroad shares were moderately strong during the early part of the day, but there was a sharp break in the final hour when New York Central fell off about 4 points. Other recessions in this group included Atchison, 1½ points; Norfolk & Western, 3¼ points; Baltimore & Ohio, 1½ points; Rock Island, 2 points; New Haven, 2½ points, and Delaware & Hudson, 1½ points. Some of the specialties were stronger, Homestake Mining Co. for instance, shot upward 6 points to 127, and International Business Machine moved up 2¾ points to 130. As the market came to a close, the tone continued easy with changes mixed and with a tendency to move to lower levels.

The downward reaction of the stock market continued as the session opened on Friday, the movement becoming more pronounced as the day advanced. The heavy selling of New York Central extended gradually to other members of the group and finally to various sections of the list, and prices fell off all along the line. Some interest was displayed in copper stocks and a number of specialties showed moderate improvement, but most pivotal issues moved within a narrow range. Industrial stocks were in moderate demand, but the final changes were small. The principal changes on the side of the decline were Allied Chemical & Dye, 5½ points to 88¾; Auburn Auto, 8¼ points to 127¼; J. I. Case 5¼ points to 45; Columbian Carbon, 3¼ points to 47¼; Union Pacific, 5 points to 105, and United States Steel, 1½ points to 68¾. As the market closed the tone was heavy and the leaders were down to their lowest for the day.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Nov. 13 1931	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad and Miscell. Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Saturday	2,040,670	\$5,200,000	\$2,437,000	\$774,500	\$8,411,500
Monday	3,047,293	8,399,000	4,212,000	2,575,500	15,186,500
Tuesday	1,750,052	6,394,000	4,826,000	2,209,000	13,429,000
Wednesday	1,491,401	4,151,000	3,455,000	396,000	8,002,000
Thursday	1,441,972	4,931,000	3,310,000	1,634,000	9,875,000
Friday	1,794,382	6,250,000	3,937,000	2,631,000	12,818,000
Total	11,565,770	\$35,325,000	\$22,177,000	\$10,220,000	\$67,722,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Nov. 13.		Jan. 1 to Nov. 13.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Stocks—No. of shares.	11,565,770	19,343,460	507,605,225	657,814,104
Bonds.				
Government bonds...	\$10,220,000	\$2,318,950	\$216,348,400	\$97,126,400
State & foreign bonds...	22,177,000	17,713,000	784,240,600	615,630,900
Railroad & misc. bonds	35,325,000	36,513,000	1,602,907,400	1,697,857,400
Total bonds	\$67,722,000	\$56,544,950	\$2,603,496,400	\$2,410,614,700

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Nov. 13 1931.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	25,780	\$7,000	27,355	\$28,000	442	\$7,000
Monday	*34,406	1,000	*36,982	31,000	1,262	3,000
Tuesday	*26,614	4,000	26,430	21,500	479	500
Wednesday	HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY		HOLIDAY	
Thursday	*25,903	2,100	*21,232	13,000	336	4,000
Friday	7,389	1,000	4,710		134	
Total	120,092	\$15,100	116,709	\$93,500	3,653	\$14,500
Prev. wk. revised.	122,797	\$48,000	122,928	\$135,500	3,303	\$16,100

\* In addition, sales of rights were: Monday, 110; Tuesday, 150; Thursday, 50.  
a In addition, sales of warrants were: Monday, 10; Thursday, 10.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Trading on the Curb Exchange at the opening this week was active and strong but thereafter profit taking wiped out the advances, though for the most part changes were small. The market closed quiet and irregular. Among utilities, Electric Bond & Share, com. after early advance from 21½ to 22½ dropped to 19½, the close to-day being at 19¾. Amer. & Foreign Power warrants sold up at first from 9 to 9¾ but reacted finally to 8. Amer. Gas & Elec., com. after improvement from 49 to 52¼, sank to 48½. Commonwealth Edison after a gain of 2 points to 152, fell to 148. Duke Power moved up from 86 to 90 and sold finally at 88. Eastern States Power, class B gained a point to 6 but reacted to 4¾,

the close to-day being at 4½. Long Island Ltg., com. lost 2 points to 22½ and ended the week at 22¾. Natl. Public Service, com. B dropped from 40 to 32 with the final sale for the week at 32½. Nor. States Power, com. on few transactions was up from 91¼ to 96 and New York Steam, com. from 61 to 64. Oils show few changes of importance. Humble Oil & Refg. lost almost 8 points to 54. Indiana Pipe Line improved from 8¼ to 10 and sold finally at 9. Standard Oil (Indiana) sold down from 23⅞ to 21⅞, the latter ex-dividend. Standard Oil (Ohio) sold up from 41 to 45½ and 43 finally. Gulf Oil after early advance from 54⅝ to 57⅝ dropped to 48, the close to-day being at 48½. Among industrials and miscellaneous issues, Aluminum Co. of Amer., com. lost over 12 points to 80¼. Deere & Co. sold down from 22⅞ to 16⅞, closing to-day at 16½. Ford of England and Ford of Canada, class A, each lost over a point, the former to 7½ and the latter to 15. Insull Utility Invest., com. was off from 14½ to 12½. Mead, Johnson & Co. declined from 60 to 58¼ and recovered finally to 61¾. Natl. Bond & Share sold up from 25½ to 28. Parker Rust Proof Co., com. was down from 52 to 45¼. A. O. Smith Corp., com. rose from 65 to 75¼.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3235.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Nov. 13 1931.	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value).			
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	Total.
Saturday	287,599	\$2,576,000	\$148,000	\$57,000	\$2,781,000
Monday	403,880	3,444,000	237,000	191,000	3,872,000
Tuesday	254,270	3,502,000	287,000	159,000	3,948,000
Wednesday	217,458	1,581,000	114,000	120,000	1,815,000
Thursday	240,315	2,242,000	87,000	95,000	2,424,000
Friday	210,590	2,510,000	232,000	113,000	2,855,000
Total	1,614,112	\$15,855,000	\$1,105,000	\$735,000	\$17,695,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended Nov. 13.		Jan. 1 to Nov. 13.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Stocks—No. of shares.	1,614,112	5,113,100	97,424,804	230,680,693
Bonds.				
Domestic	\$15,855,000	\$21,837,000	\$798,313,000	\$740,885,000
Foreign Government	1,105,000	709,000	27,858,000	30,388,000
Foreign Corporate	735,000	848,000	35,504,000	34,324,000
Total	\$17,695,000	\$23,394,000	\$861,675,000	\$805,597,000

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, Nov. 14), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 38.3% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$5,657,128,262, against \$9,163,699,574 for the same week in 1930. At this center there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 40.0%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended Nov. 14 1931.	1931.	1930.	Per Cent.
New York	\$2,958,306,911	\$4,930,000,000	—40.0
Chicago	222,557,913	405,799,673	—45.2
Philadelphia	226,000,000	350,000,000	—35.4
Boston	210,000,000	293,000,000	—28.3
Kansas City	61,191,072	94,772,737	—35.4
St. Louis	60,700,000	91,700,000	—33.8
San Francisco	80,915,000	121,617,000	—33.4
Los Angeles	No longer will report clearings.		
Pittsburgh	78,277,040	136,528,615	—35.4
Detroit	62,367,602	107,962,060	—33.0
Cleveland	66,338,065	96,354,233	—31.2
Baltimore	47,555,754	81,336,195	—41.5
New Orleans	34,589,920	36,079,818	—4.1
Twelve cities, five days	\$4,108,799,277	\$6,745,150,331	—39.1
Other cities, five days	605,474,275	854,849,155	—29.2
Total all cities, five days	\$4,714,273,552	\$7,599,999,486	—37.9
All cities, one day	942,854,710	1,563,700,088	—39.8
Total all cities for week	\$5,657,128,262	\$9,163,699,574	—38.3

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has 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 Nov. 7. For that week there is a decrease of 29.4%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$6,047,124,350, against \$8,569,956,280 in the same week of 1930. Outside of this city there is a decrease of 29.7%, the bank clearings at this



THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Oct. 28 1931:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £135,674,369 on the 21st instant as compared with £135,358,624 on the previous Wednesday.

The S.S. "Rawalpindi" arrived on the 23rd instant with about £1,700,000 bar gold shipped from India. Of this amount £650,000 was destined for New York and £300,000 for Holland. About £700,000 was dealt with in London, but arrangements for the disposal of nearly all this had been made in advance, so that only a small amount was available after arrival. On the 26th instant about \$60,000 was offered in the open market and was bought for the Continent at 105s 3d per fine ounce.

Quotations during the week:—

Table with columns: Date (Oct. 22-28), Per Fine Ounce, Equivalent Value of £ Sterling. Data points range from 104s 6d to 105s 5.2d.

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for the month of September last amounted to 42,846 ounces, as compared with 43,292 ounces for August 1931 and 46,151 ounces for September 1930.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid day on the 19th instant to mid day on the 26th instant:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports, Country, Value (£). Includes entries for British South Africa, U.S.A., Straits Settlements, Canada, Netherlands, and Other countries.

SILVER.

The week under review opened with a fall of 3-16d. In both quotations, prices on the 22nd instant being quoted at 16.11-16d. for cash and 16.13-16d. for two months' delivery, a continuation of China selling meeting with little resistance. At this level, however, sellers became hesitant and on the following day there was a sharp recovery, the respective quotations rising 5-8d. and 9-16d. to 17.5-16d. and 17.3-8d.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid day on the 19th instant to mid day on the 26th instant:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports, Country, Value (£). Includes entries for Norway, Mexico, Australia, Other Countries, Germany, U.S.A., and Other Countries.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with columns: Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion, Gold coin and bullion, Securities, Bills of Exchange. Includes sub-sections for India and other countries.

The stocks in Shanghai on the 24th instant consisted of about 64,300,000 ounces in sycee, 171,000,000 dollars and 300 silver bars, as compared with about 65,000,000 ounces in sycee, 170,000,000 dollars and 760 silver bars on the 17th instant.

Quotations during the week:

Table with columns: IN LONDON, IN NEW YORK, Bar silver per oz. standard, Cash, 2 Mos., Date (Oct. 22-28), Rate of Exchange on New York. Includes highest and lowest exchange rates.

PRICES ON BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Berlin Stock Exchange is closed.

New York quotations for German and other foreign unlisted dollar bonds as of Nov. 13:

Table with columns: Bond Name, Bid, Asked. Lists various German and foreign bonds such as Bavaria 6 1/2%, 1929-1945, and others.

PRICES ON PARIS BOURSE.

Quotations of representative stocks on the Paris Bourse as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns: Stock Name, Nov. 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 1931. Lists various stocks like Bank of France, Bank Nationale de Credit, and others.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table with columns: Security Name, Nov. 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13. Lists securities like Silver, p. oz. d. 20d., Gold, p. fine oz., Consols, etc.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Table with columns: Date (Nov. 7-13), Price per oz. (cts.). Shows silver prices ranging from 34 3/4 to 35 3/4.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—"Money: The Means to an End" is a booklet discussing the modern approach to investing, recently published by Loomis, Sayles & Co., Inc., investment counsel, of Boston and New York. The investment theory advocated takes into consideration first the general economic cycle, then proceeds to examine the various industries, then the best conditioned companies in those industries, and last the securities.

—A new stock Exchange firm, operating under the style of Weingarten Eisemann & Co., will take over and operate the 551 5th Ave. and the 1372 Broadway offices formerly operated by Samuel Underleider & Co. M. D. Weingarten and Alexander Eisemann have heretofore been general partners of the firm of Samuel Underleider & Co., and the new partnership will include Samuel W. Stern, heretofore general partner of Josephthal & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, while the floor member will be Donald L. Samuels. The new firm will have its main office at 50 Broad St. and will begin operations as of Dec. 1.

—Newspaper advertising in California showed the smallest decline from 1930 among various important trade indexes reported in the "Business Outlook" published monthly by the Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co. of San Francisco. For the first 9 months of 1931, newspaper advertising in California declined 9% from 1930 lineage figures. This contrasts with declines of 43% in building, 25% in new passenger automobile sales, 20% in commercial car sales and 20% in bank debits. New life insurance sales in the first 8 months of this year were 21% below 1930.

—Hornblower & Weeks have opened a new branch office at 1429 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, under the management of Richard E. Norton. Associated with Mr. Norton are Elwood W. Miller as assistant manager and Theodore C. Sheaffer as manager of the investment department, all formerly with the C. H. Geist Securities Corp. C. Rodman Stull will manage the stock department and George L. Morris, formerly of New York, will be in charge of the clerical department.

Government Receipts and Expenditures.

Through the courtesy of the Secretary of the Treasury we are enabled to place before our readers to-day the details of Government receipts and disbursements for Oct. 1931 and 1930 and the four months of the fiscal years 1931-1932 and 1930-1931.







Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Table listing shares and bonds for Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York, including 500 59th St. & 5th Av. Corp., 200 Dwyers Billiards, Bowling, Inc., etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing shares and bonds for R. L. Day & Co., Boston, including 64 Atlantic Nat. Bank, 5 Nat. Shawmut Bank, 338 First Nat. Bank, etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing shares and bonds for Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston, including 11 Federal Nat. Bank, 10 U. S. Trust Co., 22-20 Federal Nat. Bank, etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, on Tuesday, Nov. 10:

Table listing shares and bonds for Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, including 22 Philadelphia Nat. Bank, 25 Ninth Bk. & Tr. Co., 25 Corn Exchange National Bank, etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing shares and bonds for A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo, including 42 Central Bank of Medina, 500 Creighton Fairb. Mines, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table of dividends announced this week, including Railroad (Steam), Public Utilities, and various other companies like Alabama Great Southern, Bangor Hydro Elec., etc.

Main table of dividends, including Public Utilities (Concluded), Banks, Trust Companies, and Miscellaneous, listing company names, per cent, when payable, and books closed dates.

Main table listing various companies, their financial status, and dividend information. Columns include Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive, and Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table listing dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. Columns include Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive, and Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive.













Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street Friday Night, Nov. 13 1931.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 3204.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Nov. 13, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Includes sections for Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and various stock listings.

\* No par value.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3.75 1/4 @ 3.78 1/4 for checks and 3.75 1/4 @ 3.78 1/4 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 3.74 1/2; sixty days, 3.70 1/2; ninety days, 3.78 1/2; and documents for payment, 3.70 @ 3.70 1/4. Cotton for payment, 3.75 1/2, and grain, 3.75 1/2 @ 3.92 1/2 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.14 @ 40.30 @ 3.92 1/2 for short. Exchange for Paris on London, 96.06; week's range, 97.18 francs high and 96.06 francs low. The week's range for exchange rates follows: Sterling, Actual—High for the week 3.83 1/4, Low for the week 3.75 1/4. Paris Bankers' Francs—High for the week 3.93 1/4, Low for the week 3.93 3-26. Germany Bankers' Marks—High for the week 23.75, Low for the week 23.40. Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders—High for the week 40.40, Low for the week 40.14.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid., Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid., Asked. Shows data for Dec. 15 1931, Sept. 15 1932, and Mar. 15 1932.

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 (Nov. 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13) and various bond types (First Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.) with their respective prices and sales.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Small table showing registered bond transactions: 1st 3 1/2% to 100, 2 1/4 4 1/2% to 101 1/2, 4 Treas 4 1/2% to 106 to 106.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 3205.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3235.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Over 25,000 applications for life insurance amounting to more than \$72,350,000 were received in October by the New York Life Insurance Co., an increase of over 1,500 applications and \$1,000,000 in volume compared with the same period last year. President Thomas A. Buckner announced this week. The applications received were from United States and Canada and were for amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000, the average amount applied for during this period being over \$2,850. Gordon Lefebvre, for years one of the best-known production men in the automobile industry, heads a newly organized firm of consulting engineers with offices in Detroit. Harrison J. Stringham, formerly Vice-President of William L. Davis & Co., investment bankers, is associated with Mr. Lefebvre. The organization will act as consultants on all phases of manufacturing, costs, machine design, construction and finance. Bowes Brothers & Co., Los Angeles and San Francisco bond house, have opened a branch office in San Diego. The new quarters are located in the San Diego Trust and Savings Building and are under the direction of Wilcox P. Larrabee, formerly San Diego manager for S. W. Straus & Co. Associated with Mr. Larrabee will be W. F. La Monte, who was also formerly affiliated with S. W. Straus & Co. in San Diego. The current position of the United States Treasury, the gross outstanding government debt, prospective revenues and expenditures, and their possible effect on future Federal taxes are analyzed in a special study of government finances published by Eastman, Dillon & Co., member of the New York Stock Exchange. Martin G. Grunwald, formerly with J. & W. Seligman & Co., is now associated with White, Warren & Co., 149 Broadway, as Vice-President, and S. S. Scilletti, formerly with Barr Bros. & Co., is with the same firm in charge of tax exempt securities. Dyer, Hudson & Co. have issued a compilation showing the percentage change in market prices of preferred stocks, long and short-term bonds from current levels required to result in yield changes. A. F. Stark, formerly with the National City Co. and Chase Harris Forbes in St. Louis, is now associated with Edward D. Jones & Co., Boatmen's Bank building, St. Louis, Mo. Jenks, Gwynne & Co. have prepared a comparison of commodity prices showing the range over five-year periods from 1909 to Nov. 1 1931. Cherry, Van Leer & Co., Chicago, announce that P. A. Reinertsen has become associated with them as Vice-President in charge of sales. Laurence W. Souville (formerly with Kountze Bros.), is now associated with the sales organization of Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc. A review of the New York City bank stock market is contained in a special circular published by Hoyt, Rose & Troster, 74 Trinity Place, N. Y. James B. Porteous, formerly with George H. Burr & Co. and West & Co. is now in the sales organization of Edgar Kenny & Co., Inc. William L. Fitzgerald, formerly with Bonbright & Co., is now connected with Vilas & Hickey, 49 Wall Street, New York. Ralph B. Leonard & Co. have removed their offices to 25 Broad St.

# Report of Stock Sales—New York Stock Exchange

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT						Sates 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 Nov. 7.	Monday Nov. 9.	Tuesday Nov. 10.	Wednesday Nov. 11.	Thursday Nov. 12.	Friday Nov. 13.		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	
114 118	115 120	117 120	117 121	116 119	110 116	35,400	Ach Topoka & Santa Fe.....100	37 1/2 Oct 6	203 1/2 Feb 24	168 Dec	242 1/2 Mar	
*92 1/2 94	92 1/2 92 1/2	92 1/2 93	93 93	92 1/2 93	92 1/2 92 1/2	1,100	Preferred.....100	37 1/2 Sept 24	108 1/4 Apr 13	100 Dec	108 1/4 Sept	
57 57	56 59 1/2	58 61 1/4	59 62	61 61	60 61	2,900	Atlantic Coast Line RR.....100	52 Oct 30	120 Jan 23	120 Dec	175 1/2 Mar	
35 36 1/2	35 39 1/2	36 1/2 38 1/2	36 1/2 38 1/2	35 3/4 38 1/2	35 3/4 38 1/2	82,350	Baltimore & Ohio.....100	23 Oct 6	87 1/2 Feb 24	55 1/2 Dec	122 1/2 Mar	
*50 1/2 52	51 51 1/2	51 1/2 51 1/2	51 1/2 51 1/2	50 50 1/2	50 50 1/2	1,500	Preferred.....100	48 1/2 Oct 6	80 1/2 Feb 27	70 1/4 Dec	84 1/2 July	
31 31 1/4	32 34 1/2	34 35	*32 1/2 35	*32 1/2 35	*32 1/2 35	2,000	Bangor & Aroostook.....50	26 Oct 6	66 1/2 Feb 26	50 1/2 Dec	84 1/2 July	
*87 88	88 88	*87 88 1/2	*88 88 1/2	*87 88	*87 88	120	Preferred.....100	86 Nov 6	113 1/2 Mar 9	106 1/2 Dec	116 1/2 June	
*20 24	*20 24	*20 24	*18 24	*18 24	*18 24	800	Boston & Maine.....100	17 1/2 Oct 1	66 Feb 20	44 Dec	112 Feb	
10 1/2 10 3/4	*10 10 3/4	*10 12 1/4	*10 12 1/4	10 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 10 1/2	800	Brooklyn & Queens Tr. No par	6 1/2 Oct 16	13 1/2 June 20	6 1/2 Dec	15 1/2 May	
*55 1/2 61 1/4	*55 1/2 59 1/4	*55 1/2 61 1/4	*55 1/2 61 1/4	*55 1/2 61 1/4	*55 1/2 61 1/4	11,400	Preferred.....No par	50 Oct 5	64 1/2 June 27	58 1/2 May	66 1/2 May	
42 1/2 43 1/4	42 1/2 43 1/4	41 1/2 42 1/2	40 1/2 41 1/4	40 1/2 41 1/4	39 1/2 40 1/2	4,000	Canadian Pacific.....25	21 Oct 5	9 1/2 Feb 11	5 1/2 Dec	78 1/2 Mar	
*76 78 1/2	76 77	*72 76	75 75	*73 76	73 73	3,000	Caro Cineh & Ohio stpd.....100	70 Nov 11	102 Apr 30	92 Dec	105 Oct	
3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	3 1/2 3 1/2	6,300	Chesapeake & Ohio stpd.....25	23 Oct 5	46 1/2 Feb 10	32 1/2 Dec	51 1/2 Sept	
16 1/2 16 1/2	16 3/4 17 1/2	17 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 17 1/2	16 3/4 17 1/2	16 3/4 17 1/2	27,400	Chicago Great Western.....100	3 1/2 Oct 5	7 1/2 Feb 10	4 1/2 Dec	17 1/2 Mar	
*81 85	*81 85	*81 85	*81 85	*77 85	*77 85	132,400	Preferred.....100	12 Oct 5	27 1/2 July 7	12 Dec	52 1/2 May	
31 1/2 32 1/2	32 1/2 34 1/2	32 1/2 33 1/2	33 1/2 34 1/2	32 1/2 34 1/2	31 1/2 33 1/2	1,900	Chicago Milw St Paul & Pac.....100	2 Oct 5	8 1/2 Jan 23	7 1/4 Dec	26 1/2 Feb	
4 1/2 5	4 1/2 5 1/2	4 1/2 5 1/2	4 1/2 5 1/2	4 1/2 5 1/2	4 1/2 5 1/2	12,500	Preferred.....100	3 1/2 Oct 5	15 1/2 Feb 10	4 1/2 Dec	46 1/2 Feb	
*15 15 1/2	15 1/2 17 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 17 1/2	15 16 1/2	11,800	Chicago & North Western.....100	13 1/2 Oct 8	45 1/2 Feb 24	28 1/2 Dec	80 1/2 Feb	
*38 40 1/2	*38 42	38 1/2 38 1/2	*38 42	*38 40	*38 40	200	Preferred.....100	35 Nov 2	116 Mar 18	101 Dec	140 1/2 June	
24 1/2 25 3/4	24 26 1/2	25 26 1/2	25 26 1/2	24 25	20 1/2 23 1/2	7,700	Chicago Rock Isl & Pacific.....100	20 Sept 10	65 1/2 Jan 27	45 1/2 Dec	125 1/2 Feb	
44 45	46 1/2 46 1/2	43 43	43 1/2 44	43 1/2 44	41 41 1/2	1,200	7% preferred.....100	40 Nov 4	101 Mar 24	107 Dec	110 1/2 Mar	
35 1/2 37	36 1/2 38	*36 1/2 39	*37 1/2 38	36 1/2 38	34 35	1,700	6% preferred.....100	30 Oct 30	90 Jan 28	81 Dec	104 1/2 May	
*16 24	*16 24	*16 20	*20 24	*16 20	*16 20	200	Colorado & Southern.....100	20 Nov 11	48 Jan 9	40 1/2 Dec	95 Feb	
*24 24 1/2	25 25 1/2	24 24	*23 25	25 25 1/2	*23 25 1/2	1,100	Consol RR of Cuba pref.....100	20 Sept 22	42 1/2 Feb 24	30 Dec	62 Apr	
100 1/2 102 1/2	101 104 1/2	100 104 1/2	100 103 1/2	99 1/2 101 1/2	96 98 1/2	12,000	Delaware & Hudson.....100	63 Oct 5	157 1/2 Feb 25	130 1/2 Dec	181 Feb	
36 1/2 38 3/4	37 39 1/2	37 37 1/2	37 37 1/2	37 1/2 38 3/4	36 38	6,400	Delaware Lack & Western.....50	29 1/2 Sept 21	102 Jan 8	69 1/2 Dec	83 Feb	
*10 13	13 13	13 13	*10 14 1/2	13 13 1/4	13 13	500	Denv & Rlo Gr West pref.....100	9 Oct 7	45 1/2 Feb 10	25 1/2 Dec	80 Mar	
13 13	13 1/4 14 1/2	13 1/2 14 1/2	14 14 1/2	13 1/2 14 1/2	12 1/2 13	9,800	First preferred.....100	13 1/2 Oct 5	45 1/2 Feb 27	27 Dec	67 1/2 Feb	
18 1/2 18 1/2	18 1/2 20	*18 1/2 21	19 1/2 20	*19 20 1/2	19 1/2 20	700	Second preferred.....100	12 Oct 9	40 1/2 Jan 5	26 Dec	62 1/2 Feb	
12 1/2 13	*11 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 1/2 13 1/2	13 13 1/2	13 13	10,600	Great Northern preferred.....100	20 Oct 6	59 1/2 Feb 24	51 Dec	102 Mar	
27 1/2 28 1/4	27 1/2 28 3/4	27 1/2 28 3/4	28 29 1/2	27 1/2 28 1/2	25 1/2 27	100	Gulf Mobile & Northern.....100	8 1/2 Oct 5	27 1/2 Feb 17	10 1/2 Nov	46 1/2 Feb	
*10 15	*10 15	*10 15	*10 14	*9 1/2 14	*9 1/2 14	100	Preferred.....100	14 1/2 Oct 5	75 Jan 9	55 1/2 Nov	98 1/2 Mar	
15 15	*16 22	*15 1/2 22	*16 22	*15 1/2 22	*15 1/2 22	2,700	Hudson & Manhattan.....100	27 Sept 19	44 1/2 Feb 17	34 1/2 Dec	53 1/2 Mar	
33 1/2 34	34 1/2 35	35 35	33 1/2 34 1/2	*34 35	33 1/2 34 1/2	20,900	Illinois Central.....100	18 1/2 Oct 28	89 Feb 24	65 1/2 Dec	136 1/2 Apr	
21 1/2 22	21 1/2 23	21 1/2 22 1/2	22 1/2 23 1/2	21 1/2 22 1/2	19 1/2 21 1/2	1,000	RR Sec stock certificates.....100	15 Oct 29	61 Jan 23	58 Dec	77 May	
12 1/2 12 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/4	11 11 1/2	*10 11 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	3,200	Interboro Rapid Tran v t e.....100	7 1/2 Oct 6	34 Mar 28	5 Dec	85 1/2 Mar	
15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	14 1/2 14 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	*12 14	3,200	Kansas City Southern.....100	8 1/2 Sept 21	45 Feb 26	34 Dec	70 Apr	
*35 39 1/4	*30 39	*35 39 1/2	*35 39 1/2	*36 39 1/2	36 36	100	Preferred.....100	33 Oct 8	64 Feb 9	53 Dec	85 1/2 Mar	
19 19 1/2	20 1/4 21 1/2	19 1/2 21 1/2	20 1/4 21 1/2	20 20	19 1/2 20	7,000	Lehigh Valley.....100	17 1/2 Oct 5	61 Jan 9	40 Nov	84 1/2 Mar	
33 33 1/2	33 1/2 37 1/2	35 36 1/2	36 38	35 1/2 37 1/2	32 1/2 36 1/2	1,300	Louisville & Nashville.....100	30 1/2 Oct 28	111 Feb 9	84 Dec	138 1/2 Apr	
17 1/2 17 1/2	17 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	*14 1/2 15 1/2	1,300	Manhat Elev modified guar.....100	9 1/2 Oct 6	39 Feb 28	24 June	42 1/2 Sept	
*8 1/2 8	*8 1/2 8	*8 1/2 8	*8 1/2 8	*8 1/2 8	*8 1/2 8	100	Market St Ry prior pref.....100	7 1/2 Oct 20	22 Feb 18	13 Dec	25 1/2 Feb	
*14 15	*14 15	*14 15	*14 15	*14 15	*14 15	100	Minneapolis & St Louis.....100	4 Apr 18	4 Jan 12	4 Oct	2 1/2 Apr	
*2 1/2 4	*2 1/2 4	*2 1/2 4	*2 1/2 4	*2 1/2 4	*2 1/2 4	100	Minn St Paul & S S Marie.....100	2 Oct 28	11 1/2 Feb 10	8 1/2 Dec	35 Feb	
8 1/2 9 1/4	8 1/2 9 1/4	9 9 1/4	9 1/2 9 1/4	9 9 1/4	8 1/2 8 1/4	11,600	Mo-Kan-Texas RR.....No par	5 1/2 Oct 5	26 1/2 Jan 20	14 1/2 Dec	66 1/2 Apr	
24 24 1/2	25 28 1/2	26 1/2 28 1/2	*26 27 1/2	*25 27 1/2	24 1/2 25 1/2	4,200	Preferred.....100	18 Oct 6	85 Jan 16	60 Dec	103 1/2 Mar	
14 1/2 16	14 1/2 16 1/2	15 16 1/2	15 16 1/2	14 1/2 15 1/2	13 1/2 14 1/2	23,400	Missouri Pacific.....100	10 Oct 6	42 1/2 Feb 16	20 Dec	98 1/2 Mar	
36 1/2 37	36 1/2 39 1/4	36 1/2 37 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	*35 1/2 37 1/2	30 30	6,000	Preferred.....100	24 Oct 6	107 Feb 11	70 Dec	145 1/2 Mar	
*1 1/2 2	*1 1/2 2	*1 1/2 2	*1 1/2 2	*1 1/2 2	*1 1/2 2	455,700	Nat Rys of Mexico 2d pref.....100	5 1/2 Oct 1	1 1/2 Jan 5	1 1/2 Dec	1 1/2 July	
51 53 1/4	51 1/4 55 1/2	52 1/4 54 1/2	52 1/4 55 1/2	49 54 1/2	45 49	2,100	New York Central.....100	45 Nov 13	132 1/2 Feb 24	105 1/2 Dec	192 1/2 Feb	
14 14	14 15	14 1/2 15	14 1/2 15	14 1/2 15	14 13	2,100	N Y Chic & St Louis Co.....100	9 1/2 Oct 29	38 Feb 11	78 Dec	144 Feb	
16 1/2 17 1/2	16 1/2 18	18 1/2 19	17 1/2 18 1/2	*16 1/2 19	18 18	2,100	Preferred.....100	15 1/2 Oct 7	94 Mar 9	75 Dec	110 1/4 May	
127 135	134 1/2 134 1/2	*127 1/2 135	135 135	*122 130	*122 130	70	N Y & Harlem.....50	120 Oct 5	227 Feb 24	152 Dec	32 Feb	
40 1/2 42 1/4	41 1/2 45 1/2	42 1/2 44 1/2	42 1/2 44 1/2	40 1/2 43 1/2	36 1/2 39 1/4	25,900	N Y N H & Hartford.....100	30 1/2 Oct 5	94 1/2 Feb 24	67 1/2 Dec	128 1/2 Mar	
84 85	85 86 1/4	*85 87 1/2	85 1/2 86	86 1/2 86 1/2	84 86	1,800	Preferred.....100	80 Oct 6	119 1/2 Feb 24	106 1/2 Dec	135 1/2 Mar	
9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 10	9 1/2 9 1/2	9 1/2 10	9 1/2 9 1/2	8 1/2 9	4,700	N Y Ontario & Western.....100	5 1/2 Oct 6	13 1/2 June 26	3 1/2 Dec	17 1/4 Mar	
*3 3	*3 4	*3 4	*3 4	*3 3 1/2	*3 3 1/2	800	N Y Railways pref.....No par	4 1/2 Oct 2	2 Feb 27	1 Oct	4 1/4 Jan	
*15 11 1/4	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	15 15 1/2	1,700	Norfolk Southern.....100	2 1/2 Nov 13	8 1/4 Jan 9	4 1/2 Dec	33 1/2 Feb	
23 1/2 24	23 1/2 26	24 25 1/2	24 1/2 25 1/2	24 1/2 25 1/2	22 1/2 24 1/2	29,800	Norfolk & Western.....100	11 1/2 Oct 5	21 1/2 Feb 26	18 1/2 Dec	26 1/2 Feb	
*1 1/2 2 1/4	*1 1/2 2 1/4	*1 1/2 2 1/4	*1 1/2 2 1/4	*1 1/2 2 1/4	*1 1/2 2 1/4	80	Preferred.....100	7 1/2 Oct 28	93 Mar 31	83 Feb	92 1/2 Oct	
31 1/2 32 1/2	31 1/2 34 1/2	32 1/2 34 1/2	32 1/2 34 1/2	32 33 1/2	30 1/2 32	54,400	Northern Pacific.....100	19 1/2 Oct 5	60 1/2 Jan 27	42 1/2 Dec	97 Feb	
*5 7	*5 6 1/2	*5 6 1/2	*5 6 1/2	*5 6 1/2	*5 6 1/2	200	Pacific Coast.....100	14 June 1	7 Mar 23	3 1/2 Dec	19 1/2 Apr	
*16 18 1/2	17 18 1/2	*15 17	*15 17	*15 17	16 17	300	Pennsylvania.....50	29 1/2 Oct 28	64 Feb 10	63 Dec	86 1/2 Mar	
21 21	22 25 1/2	25 1/2 25 1/2	*24 25	*24 25	*24 25	120	Peoria & Eastern.....100	3 May 1	9 1/2 Jan 5	9 1/2 Jan	21 Jan	
*16 1/4	18 18	*17 1/4	*17 1/4	*17 1/4	17 1/2	170	Pere Marquette.....100	13 1/2 Oct 6	85 Feb 10	70 1/2 Dec	164 1/2 Apr	
*18 24	*18 24	*18 24	*19 25	*19 24	*19 24	300	Prior preferred.....100	18 1/4 Oct 16	80 Jan 8	91 1/2 Oct	99 Apr	
*55 1/2 58 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	56 1/2 56 1/2	*55 58	*55 58	53 1/2 53 1/2	300	Pittsburgh & West Virginia 100	16 Sept 30	86 Jan 9	48 1/2 Dec	121 1/2 Feb	
*34 1/2 36	*35 36	*34 1/2 36	*32 40	*32 40	*34 1/2 36	700	Reading.....50	45 Sept 14	97 1/2 Feb 11	78 Dec	141 1/2 Feb	
*32 36	*34 38	*32 46	*32 46	34 34	33 1/2 33 1/2	1,000	First preferred.....50	33 1/2 Nov 13	46 Jan 5	44 1/2 Mar	53 Feb	
9 1/2 10 1/2	10 1/2 11 1/4	10 11 1/4	10 11 1/4	10 1/2 10 1/2	8 1/2 10 1/2	20,300	Second preferred.....100	30 Oct 5	47 Jan 16	46 Dec	57 Feb	
13 1/2 13 1/2	14 15 1/4	14 1/2 15	15 15 1/4	15 15 1/4	12 1/2 14	6,100	St Louis-San Francisco.....100	7 Oct 5	62 1/2 Jan 27	39 1/2 Dec	118 1/2 Mar	
*9 14 1/2	13 13 1/2	*12 13 1/2	*11 13 1/2	*10 13 1/2	*10 13 1/2	400	St Louis Southwestern.....100	7 May 27	33 1/2 Jan 9	17 1/2 Dec	101 Apr	
*17 28	*17 28	*17 28	*17 28	*17 28	*17 28	5,700	Preferred.....100	15 Oct 5	60 Feb 24	35 Dec	94 1/2 July	
50 1/2 52	51 1/2 55	52 1/2 54	52 1/2 54	50 1/2 53 1/2	47 1/2 50	33,500	Seaboard Air Line.....No par	3 May 21	1 1/2 Jan 12	1 1/2 Dec	12 1/2 Feb	
16 1/2 17 1/2	17 18 1/2	17 18 1/2	17 18 1/2	17 18 1/2	16 1/2 17	20,950	Preferred.....100	1 1/2 Oct 2	2 1/2 Jan 12	1 1/2 Dec	28 Feb	
23 1/2 24 1/2	25 27 1/4	27 1/2 29 1/4	28 1/2 29	28 28 1/2	*25 1/2 28	2,300	Southern Pacific Co.....100	45 Oct 6	109 1/2 Feb 11	88 Dec	127 Feb	
*36 100	32 32	*32										

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for date (Saturday Nov. 7 to Friday Nov. 13), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, and PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1 and Range for Previous Year 1930. Includes various stock names like Allied Chemical & Dye, American Brake Shoe & Fdy, etc.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SECOND PAGE PRECEDING.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Table with columns for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.'. Rows list various stocks like Briggs & Stratton, Brooklyn Union Gas, etc., with their respective prices and historical ranges.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

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.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Nov. 7 to Friday Nov. 13), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges. Includes entries like 'Dues & Miscell. (Con.) Par', 'Dom. Mines Ltd.', 'Dominion Stores', etc.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FOURTH PAGE PRECEDING.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. b Ex-dividends.

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.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Nov. 7 to Friday Nov. 13), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges. Includes sub-section 'FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FIFTH PAGE PRECEDING.' and lists of various stocks like Hamilton Watch, Hercules Motors, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day \* Ex-dividend y Ex rights

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NET PER CENT

Table with columns for date (Saturday Nov. 7 to Friday Nov. 13), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1., and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930. Includes various stock listings like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Mathleson Alkali Works, etc.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SIXTH PAGE PRECEDING.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Eq-dividend and ex-rights. z Ex-dividend. g Ex-rights.

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. Lowest. Highest.

Main table containing stock prices, dates (Saturday Nov. 7 to Friday Nov. 13), sales volume, and price ranges for various companies like Pittsburgh Coal, Standard Oil, etc.

137 FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SEVENTH PAGE PRECEDING.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.



Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1920. Rows include various stock names like Texas Pac Land Trust, Thatchers Mfg, etc.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF WEEKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE EIGHTH PAGE PRECEDING.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

On 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, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other financial metrics. It is divided into sections for U.S. Government, State and City Securities, and Foreign Govt. & Municipals.

• Cash sale. • On the basis of \$5 to \$ sterling. • Option sale.

Table of bond listings under 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 13.' with columns for Bid, Ask, Low, High, No, Range, and Interest.

Table of bond listings under 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 13.' with columns for Bid, Ask, Low, High, No, Range, and Interest.

c Cash sale. s Option sale.

Table with columns: Bonds, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, Bonds Sold, and Range Since. Includes sections for N. Y. Stock Exchange, Illinois Central, and various bond issues like Mex Internat 1st 4s asstd, Mich Cent—Mich Air L 4s, etc.

● Cash sale. ● Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Range, and other financial metrics. Includes sections for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'INDUSTRIALS'.

Chgo sale. \* Due May. † Due August. ‡ Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since, and various other details. Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

c Cash sale. s Option sale.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other financial metrics.

c Cash sales. s Option sales.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroad, Miscellaneous, Mining, and Bonds.

\* No par value. s Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, 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 various industrial and utility stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes various industrial and utility stocks.



Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like Transformer Corp of Amer, United Gas Corp, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like Brewing Corp pref., Canadian Bronze Co., etc.

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Large table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like Abitibi Pow & Paper com, Bell Telephone, etc.

Large table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like American Stores, Bell Tel Co of Pa pref., etc.

Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corp, Baltimore Trust Co., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1 (Low, High). Includes entries like Arundel Corp, Baltimore Trust Co., etc.

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Ches&Pot Tel of Balt pf 100	116 3/4	116 3/4	116 3/4	11	113	May	118 1/2	Feb
Commercial Credit pref. 25	23	22	23	44	16	Oct	25	July
Consol Gas E L & Pow. * 74	73	77	77	153	61	Oct	110 1/4	Aug
6% pref series D. * 100	110	110	110	40	109 1/4	Oct	113 3/4	Aug
5% preferred. * 100	101	101	101	24	98	Oct	108	Aug
Consolidation Coal pref. * 100	6	6	6	20	6	July	8	Apr
Eastern Rolling Mill. * 100	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	90	8	Oct	12	Feb
Fidelity & Deposit. * 50	100	100	100	72	100	Sept	165	Mar
John E Hurst 1st pref. * 100	80	80	80	10	80	Sept	80	Sept
Md Casualty New when iss	11	11	11	15	9 1/2	Sept	36	Feb
New Amsterdam Gas Ins. * 22	21 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	242	19	Aug	36 1/2	Feb
Penna Water & Power. * 50	55	55 1/4	55 1/4	103	47	Oct	70	Feb
Union Trust Co. * 50	40	40	40	5	40	Sept	62	Jan
U S Fidelity & Guar new 10	11	11	11	20	10 1/2	Sept	37	Feb

\* No par value.

**Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.**—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Arkansas Nat Gas Corp. * 10	3	3	3	70	2 1/2	Oct	6 1/2	Jan	
Preferred. * 10	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	4,300	4	Oct	7	Jan	
Armstrong Cork Co. * 14	14	14 1/2	14 1/2	380	13	Oct	29 1/2	Feb	
Blaw-Knox Co. * 12	11	12	12	495	8 1/2	Sept	3 1/2	Jan	
Carnegie Metals. * 10	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	230	1	May	3 1/2	July	
Clark (D L) Candy. * 10	10	10	10	100	7 1/2	Oct	13 3/4	July	
Follansbee Bros pref. * 100	57	57	57	50	10	Jan	13 1/2	July	
Hachmeister Lind Corp. * 10	12	12 1/4	12 1/4	665	1	June	5	Sept	
Independent Brewing. * 50	2 1/2	3 1/4	3 1/4	511	2	May	5	June	
Preferred. * 50	100	101 1/2	101 1/2	56	100	Sept	122 1/2	Apr	
Jones & Laugh Steel pt. 100	80	80	80	90	80	Oct	102 1/2	Mar	
Koppers Gas & Coke pf 100	10	9 1/4	11	9,032	7	Oct	29	Feb	
Lone Star Gas. * 10	19 1/2	18 1/4	19 1/4	275	17	Oct	37	Apr	
Mesta Machine. * 5	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	185	10 1/2	Oct	3 1/2	Jan	
Nat'l Fireproofing pref. 50	5	5	5	20	2 1/2	June	16	Jan	
Pittsburgh Brewing. * 50	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	42	7 1/2	June	12	Jan	
Preferred. * 50	31	31	31	25	3	Oct	13 1/2	Apr	
Pittsb Bessemer & L Erie 50	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	359	3	Oct	42 1/2	Feb	
Pittsburgh Forging. * 25	21	22	22	235	3	Sept	15 1/2	Feb	
Pittsburgh Plate Glass. 25	9	9 1/2	9 1/2	601	6	Oct	19 1/2	Feb	
Pittsb Screw & Bolt Corp. * 5	10	9	10	1	1	Sept	12 1/2	Feb	
Plymouth Oil Co. * 10	2 1/2	3	3	1,100	40	Mar	40	Mar	
Shamrock Oil & Gas. * 25	40	40	40	385	15	Oct	38	Feb	
Union Storage Co. * 25	2	2	2	100	1	Aug	2 1/2	Mar	
United Engine & Fdy. * 25 1/2	19 1/2	20	20	119	16	Oct	35	Mar	
United States Glass. * 25	19 1/2	20	20	119	16	Oct	35	Mar	
Westinghouse Air Brake. * 50	19 1/2	20	20	119	16	Oct	35	Mar	
Unlisted—									
Western Pub Serv v t c. * 4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	933	3 1/2	Sept	14 1/2	Feb	

\* No par value.

**Cleveland Stock Exchange.**—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Aetna Rubber com. * 2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	25	2	June	5	Feb	
Apex Electrical Mfg. * 2	7	7 1/2	7 1/2	260	6 1/2	Oct	12 1/2	Mar	
City Ice & Fuel. * 32	30	32	32	180	27	Sept	37 1/2	Feb	
Preferred. * 100	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2	30	68	Oct	89 1/2	Apr	
Clark Fred G com. * 10	108 3/4	109	109	34	106 1/2	Oct	114 1/2	Aug	
Cleve Elec III 6% pref. 100	39	39	39	50	30	Oct	51 1/2	Mar	
Doe Chemical com. * 25	25	25	25	20	20	Oct	30	Jan	
Fed Knitting Mills com. * 25	7	7	7	40	7	June	16	Mar	
Foot-Butt com. * 25	55	52	55	310	50	Oct	140	Mar	
Gen Tire & Rubber com. 25	68	68	68	120	68	Nov	87 1/2	Jan	
6% pref series A. * 100	3	3	3	10	3	Nov	5 1/2	Mar	
Geometric Stamping. * 100	66 1/2	70	70	140	60	May	80	Jan	
Glidden prior pref. * 100	7 1/2	7 3/4	7 3/4	100	7 1/2	Nov	16 1/2	Jan	
Goodrich B F. * 7 1/2	20	22	22	20	22	Oct	45	Jan	
Goodyear T & Rubb com. * 10	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	50	10	Oct	23 1/2	Feb	
Halle Bros Co. * 10	30 1/2	33	33	370	26	Oct	60	Jan	
Interlake Steamship com. * 10	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	50	1 1/2	Nov	16	Feb	
Jordan Motor pref. * 100	19	19	19	20	13	Oct	26	Jan	
Kayne com. * 10	18 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	25	12 1/2	Nov	27 1/2	Mar	
Kelley Isl Line & Tr com. * 100	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	35	150	195	35	150	
Metrop Paving Brk com. * 25	150	195	195	35	150	195	35	150	
Midland Bank Indorsed 100	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	45	1 1/2	Oct	10 1/2	Mar	
Mohawk Rubber com. * 10	122	122 1/2	123 1/2	700	115	Oct	138	Jan	
National Acme com. * 100	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,459	7	Nov	22 1/2	Jan	
National Carbon pref. 100	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	1,050	2	Oct	8	Mar	
National Refining com. * 25	1	1	1	50	1	Nov	3	Feb	
National Tile com. * 100	22	22	22	10	21	Sept	24 1/2	July	
Nestle-LeMaur com. * 100	18	18	18	329	16	Oct	71	Feb	
Nineteen Hund Corp cl A. * 100	95	95	95	10	95	Nov	107 1/2	Mar	
Ohio Brass B. * 100	500	500	500	500	1/2	Nov	5 1/2	Nov	
Paragon cl B 3rd pymt. * 18	18	18	18	275	18	Oct	25 1/2	Feb	
Patterson Sargent. * 10	3	3	3	200	3 1/2	Sept	4	Jan	
Peerless Motor com. * 35	35	35	37 1/2	827	30 1/2	Oct	76 1/2	Feb	
Richman Brothers com. * 5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	460	4 1/2	Sept	10 1/2	Mar	
Selberling Rubber com. * 25	46 1/2	46	47	1,290	46	Oct	68 1/2	May	
Sherwin-Williams com. * 100	103	104	104	50	101	Sept	109	Jan	
AA pref. * 100	10	10	10	25	7	Oct	17 1/2	Feb	
Thompson Products Inc. * 25	36 1/2	36 1/2	39	735	34	Oct	75	Jan	
Union Trust. * 25	5	5	5	50	2	Sept	8 1/2	Mar	
Van Dorn Iron Works com. * 75	5	5	125	4	125	Oct	10	Mar	
Vichok Tool. * 100	45	45	45	100	45	Nov	70	Mar	
Wellman Engineer pref 100	45	45	45	100	45	Nov	70	Mar	
West Res Inv Corp. * 6% prior pref. * 100	45	45	45	100	45	Nov	70	Mar	

\* No par value.

**Cincinnati Stock Exchange.**—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Aluminum Industries Inc * 13	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	120	11	June	19 1/2	Feb	
Am Laundry Mach com. 20	20	23	23	476	18 1/2	Oct	45	Jan	
Am Rolling Mill com. * 25	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	6	10	Oct	27	Feb	
Carey (Phillip) pref. * 100	101	100	101	23	100	Nov	120	May	
Cincinnati Car pref. * 20	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	53	1/2	Oct	2	Jan	

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Cin Gas & Elec pref. * 100	91	90 1/4	91	455	86 1/2	Oct	104 1/2	Mar
Cincinnati Street Ry. * 50	26	26	26 1/2	914	26	Nov	40	Jan
Cin & Sub Tel. * 50	78 1/2	76 1/2	78 1/2	179	63	Oct	99 1/2	Mar
Cin Union Stock Yards. * 18	18	18	18	77	18	Sept	29	Jan
City Ice & Fuel. * 30	32	32	32	30	28 1/2	Oct	37	Jan
Crosley Radio A. * 10	4 1/2	5	5	10	4	Sept	8 1/2	Feb
Dow Drug com. * 250	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	250	4	Oct	15 1/2	Jan
Preferred. * 100	5	6	6 1/4	250	4	Oct	15 1/2	Jan
Formica Insulation. * 18	16	16	16 1/2	219	15	Oct	29 1/2	Mar
Hobart Manufacturing. * 29 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	115	15	Nov	41	Jan
Int Print Ink. * 100	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	50	6 1/4	Nov	14 1/2	Mar
Preferred. * 100	41 1/4	41 1/4	41 1/4	10	41 1/4	Nov	70	Mar
Julian & Kokong. * 6	6	6	6	220	6	Oct	10	Jan
Kroger com. * 21	21	23 1/2	23 1/2	500	18 1/2	Jan	35	May
Lazarus pref. * 100	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	10	97 1/2	Nov	102 1/2	Feb
Little Miami guar. * 50	82	82	82	21	82	Nov	102	Feb
Procter & Gamble com new * 48	48	48	49 1/4	793	39	Oct	71	Jan
Pure Oil 6% pref. * 100	58	59	59	99	58	Nov	5	AUG
Randall B. * 13	28	29	29	13	26 1/2	Oct	46	Jan
Rapid Electrotype. * 28	28	29	29	50	8 1/2	Oct	16	Jan
Richardson com. * 37	75	75	75	37	75	Nov	80	Mar
Sabins Robbins pref. * 100	24	24	25	350	22	Oct	50	Jan
U S Playing Card. * 10	24	24	25	350	22	Oct	50	Jan

**St. Louis Stock Exchange.**—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.
Bank & Trust Stocks—									
First National Bank. * 20	53	53	53	60	52	Oct	70	Mar	
Franklin-Amor Trust. * 100	130	130	130	50	130	Oct	200	Jan	
Merc-Comm Bk & Tr. * 100	150	150	150	91					

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, 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 Asso Gas & El A, Barnsdall Oil A, etc.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.—Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, Nov. 7 to Nov. 13, both inclusive, compiled from 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, Andes Petroleum, etc.

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 (Nov. 7) and ending the present Friday (Nov. 13). 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.

Large table with columns: Week Ended Nov. 13, Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Indus. & Miscellaneous, Stocks (Continued), and various other categories.

Stocks (Continued)	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.		Low.	High.	
Employers Reinsurance...	20 1/4	20 1/4	21 1/4	100	16	Oct 25	Jan	6 1/2	5 1/4	6 3/8	3,800	4 1/2	Oct 14	Mar
Fageol Motors com...10	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	200	1 1/2	Sept 14	Jan	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	5,000	1	Sept 7 1/2	Feb
Fairchild Aviation com...*	4 3/4	4 3/4	5	200	1 1/2	Jan 5	Mar	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	300	6	Nov 30 1/2	Mar
Fedders Mfg class A...	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	100	1 1/2	Sept 8	Apr	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	3,500	1 1/2	Oct 1 1/2	Jan
Federal Bake Shops...	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	200	5 3/4	Oct 13	Mar	112	112	112 1/2	10	112	Nov 120 1/2	Sept
Flat Am dep rets...	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 5/8	100	4	Sept 12	Mar	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	2,100	1 1/2	Oct 4	Jan
Flintkote Co com A...	15	15	16 3/8	5,900	5 1/2	Sept 19 1/2	Jan	2	3-16	3-16	100	1 3/4	Sept 1 1/2	Feb
Ford Motor Co Ltd...	25	22	25	7 5	19 1/2	Oct 6 3/4	Feb	2	1	1 1/2	600	1 1/2	Nov 14 1/2	Mar
Am dep rets ord reg...£	7 1/2	7 1/2	8 5/8	5,900	5 1/2	Sept 19 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	1,000	1	Oct 4 1/2	June
Ford Motor of Can cl A...	15	15	16 3/8	5,900	5 1/2	Sept 19 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	1,000	1	Oct 4 1/2	June
Class B...	25	22	25	7 5	19 1/2	Oct 6 3/4	Feb	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	1,000	1	Oct 4 1/2	June
Ford Motor of France...														
Am dep rets...	5	5	5 3/4	700	4 3/4	Oct 10 1/2	Mar	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	700	1 1/2	Nov 7 1/2	Feb
Foremost Dairy Prod com...	1	1	1	100	1/4	July 3 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	2,700	1 1/2	Oct 13 1/2	Apr
Foremost Fabrics Corp...	7-16	1	1	200	1/4	June 6 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	300	1 1/2	Oct 5	Feb
Foundation Co...														
Foreign shares class A...	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 3/4	500	1 1/2	Oct 5	Feb	10	10	10 1/2	100	10	Oct 34	Oct
Fox Theatres com...	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	3,900	1 1/2	Nov 6 1/2	Jan	35 7	35 7	35 7	16,700	22	Nov 21 1/2	Mar
Franklin (H I) Mfg com...	2 3/8	2 3/8	2 5/8	100	1 3/4	Oct 7 1/2	Feb	2	2	2 1/4	700	1 1/2	Nov 7 1/2	Feb
Garlock Packing com...	10	10	10 40	9	9	Oct 15 1/2	Mar	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	300	1 1/2	Oct 13 1/2	Apr
General Aviation Corp...	2 3/8	2 3/8	3 1/2	1,300	2 1/2	Sept 37	Mar	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	1,000	1	Oct 4 1/2	June
General Capital Corp...	24	24	24	100	24	Oct 37	Mar	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	1,100	1 1/2	Oct 1 1/2	Feb
Gen Elec Co (Gt Britain)	8 3/4	8 3/4	8 3/4	1,300	4	Sept 11 1/2	Feb	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	1,100	1 1/2	Oct 4 1/2	June
Am dep rets ord reg...£1	8 3/4	8 3/4	8 3/4	1,300	4	Sept 11 1/2	Feb	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	1,100	1 1/2	Oct 4 1/2	June
General Empire Corp...	13 1/2	14	13 1/2	1,300	12 1/2	Oct 18	Mar	7 3/4	7 3/4	8 3/4	2,900	6 3/4	Sept 13 1/2	Aug
General Fireproofing...	10	10	10	100	10	Oct 25	Jan	26 3/4	26 3/4	27	200	24	Sept 37 1/2	Mar
Gen Theatre Equip pref...	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	5,500	1 1/2	Oct 31 1/2	Feb	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	8,400	3	Oct 7 1/2	Mar
Glen Alden Coal...	29 3/4	30 3/4	30 3/4	600	24	Sept 60	Jan	5 3/4	5 3/4	5 3/4	200	4 1/2	Sept 10 1/2	Mar
Globe Underwriters Exch...	5 1/2	5 1/2	6	900	5 1/2	Nov 9	Apr	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	4,600	1	Sept 4 1/2	Feb
Golden State Co Ltd...	8 3/4	8 3/4	9	400	8	Oct 17	June	45	43	45 7/8	200	37 1/2	Oct 70	Mar
Goldman-Sachs Trading...	3	2 3/4	3 1/4	50,700	2 3/4	Nov 11 1/2	Mar	2	2	2 1/4	700	20 1/2	Oct 70 1/2	Mar
Gold Seal Electrical Co...	1/8	1/8	1/8	1,000	1/8	Nov 1 1/2	Feb	10	10	10 1/2	200	10	Oct 23	Feb
Gorham Inc...	10	10 1/2	10 1/2	200	10	Oct 23 1/2	Jan	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 3/4	200	6 1/2	Oct 23	Feb
\$3 pref with warrants...	16	16	16	200	14	Oct 23	Feb	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 3/4	700	2 1/2	Sept 10 1/2	Mar
Gorham Mfg com v t c...	1/2	3/8	1/2	1,900	3-16	Sept 1/2	Jan	190	187	195	320	130	Oct 343 1/2	Feb
Gotham Krtbae Mach...	4	4	4 1/4	200	3	July 5 1/2	June	65	65	75 1/4	610	58	Oct 192	Mar
Grand Rapids Varnish...	19 3/4	20	20	300	14 1/2	Oct 29 1/2	Mar							
Graymur Corp com...	180	175	189	240	160	Jan 260	Apr	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 3/4	600	1 1/2	Jan 3 1/2	Feb
Non vot com stock...	121 1/2	121 1/2	122 3/4	260	116 1/2	Oct 122 1/2	Nov	26 3/4	26 3/4	26 3/4	100	18	Jan 39	Aug
7% first preferred...	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	800	1 1/2	Oct 6 1/2	Mar	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	100	3 1/2	May 1	Jan
Groce Store Prod com v t c...	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	100	9	Oct 2	Mar	6	6	6 1/2	500	4	Oct 25 1/2	Mar
Guardian Investors com...	10	10	10	700	7	Oct 23 1/2	Feb	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 3/4	25	15	Oct 23 1/2	Nov
Happiness Candy Stores...	9	9	9 1/2	700	7	Oct 23 1/2	Feb	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	1,100	1 1/2	Sept 11 1/2	Mar
Hazeltine Corp...	1	1	1	700	1	Sept 3 1/2	Feb	12	12	12 1/2	4,320	z11	Oct 26	Feb
Helena Rubinstein Inc...	5	5	5	100	5	Oct 10 1/2	Jan	12	12	12 1/2	4,320	z11	Oct 26	Feb
Horne (A C) 1st pref...	31	32	32	700	28 1/2	Oct 43 1/2	Mar	12	12	12 1/2	4,320	z11	Oct 26	Feb
Horn & Hardart Co...	10 1/2	11	11	200	7	Oct 30	Feb	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 3/4	1,900	9	Sept 28	Mar
Hydro-Elec Secur com...	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	1,000	2 3/4	Oct 6 1/2	Apr	14	13	14 1/2	1,000	1 1/2	Sept 8	Mar
Hygrade Food Prod com...	29 3/4	29 3/4	30 3/4	1,400	29	Nov 30 1/2	Nov	23	23	24	800	20 1/2	Oct 30 1/2	Jan
Hygrade Sylvania Corp...	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4	100	7 3/4	Oct 10	Mar	25	31 1/2	32 1/2	500	28	Sept 40 1/2	Apr
Imperial Tob of Can...	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	100	2 3/4	Oct 11	Jan	4	4	4 1/2	100	4	Jan 8	Mar
Industrial Finance v t c...	12 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	2,800	7 3/4	Oct 49 1/2	Feb	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	1,800	2 1/2	Oct 18 1/2	Mar
Insubl Utility Investments...	47	48 1/2	49 1/2	300	27	Oct 35	Mar	1	1	1 1/2	300	2	Jan 3 1/2	Oct
\$3 pref with warrants...	40	39 3/4	40	500	35 1/2	Sept 63 1/2	Mar	1	1	1 1/2	300	2	Jan 3 1/2	Oct
Insurance Co of No Am...	10	10	10	2,200	9 1/2	Oct 9 1/2	Mar	15	15	15 1/2	100	15	Nov 37	Jan
Insurance Securities...	35	35	35	100	28	Sept 50	June	19	19	19	100	14 1/2	Oct 39 1/2	Apr
Internat Cigar Mach'y...	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	2 3/4	Sept 3 1/2	Feb	4	4	4 1/2	100	1 1/2	June 1 1/2	Jan
Internat Hold & Inv Ltd...	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4	100	2	Sept 13 1/2	Feb	4	4	4	900	3 1/2	Jan 8 1/2	May
Internat Safety Razor B...	1	1	1 1/4	400	1/4	Oct 4 1/2	Apr	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 3/4	2,100	1 1/2	Sept 13 1/2	Mar
Interstate Equities com...	6 1/2	6	6 1/2	400	4 1/2	Oct 11	May	1 3/4	1 3/4	1 3/4	1,300	1	Oct 6 1/2	Mar
Irving Air Chute com...	1/8	1/8	1/8	100	1/8	Oct 8 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	400	5 1/2	May 8 1/2	Feb
Jones & Naumberg com...	5	5	5	100	4	June 8 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	10,100	4 1/2	Nov 29 1/2	Mar
\$3 cum conv preferred...	13 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	100	12	Oct 14	Apr	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	1,500	2 3/4	Oct 16	Feb
Klein (D Emv) Co com...	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/2	200	3 3/4	Oct 11	Jan	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 3/4	300	4 1/2	Oct 12	Feb
Kleinert (I B) Rubber...	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 3/4	1,100	1 1/2	Jan 10 1/2	Sept	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	100	21 1/2	Jan 29 1/2	Feb
Kolster Brands Am sbs £1	10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4	200	4 1/2	Mar 7	Sept	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	100	3 1/2	Sept 7	Mar
Kress (S H) & Co spec pf £1	28 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4	600	26	Oct 37	Jan	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	200	15	Sept 28 1/2	Mar
Kruskal & Kruskal Inc...	2	2	2	100	1 1/2	Sept 3 1/2	Jan	3	3	3 1/4	28,900	2	Oct 10 1/2	Mar
Lackawanna Secur...	17 1/2	17	17 1/2	500	15 1/2	Nov 25 1/2	Jan	3	3	3 1/4	400	1	May 2 1/2	Feb
Lakey Fdy & Mach com...	16 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	900	12 1/2	Oct 27 1/2	Feb	1	1	1 1/4	200	1/2	Oct 2	Jan
Lefcourt Realty Corp pref	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 3/4	700	6 1/2	Sept 14 1/2	Mar	47	47	47	100	41	Sept 56 1/2	Mar
Lehigh Coal & Nav...	16 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	900	12 1/2	Oct 27 1/2	Feb	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	200	3 1/2	Sept 2 1/2	Feb
Libby McNeill & Libby...	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 3/4	700	6 1/2	Sept 14 1/2	Mar	60	60	60	100	58	Oct 6 1/2	Jan
Louisiana Land & Explor...	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	5,500	5 1/2	Sept 2	Jan	9	9	9 1/2	100	8 1/2	Oct 19 1/2	Mar
Ludlow Mfg Associates...	68	68	68	20	65	Oct 120	Feb	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	900	2 1/2	Jan 7 1/2	Mar
Mangel Stores Corp...	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1 1/2	Nov 4	Jan	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	2,200	2 1/4	Sept 8 1/2	Feb
8 1/2% pref with warrant...	10	10	10	50	10	Nov 30	Jan	11	11	11 1/2	25	10	Oct 25 1/2	Apr
Manning-Bowman class A...	2	2	2	100	2	May 3 1/2	Jan	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 3/4	600	2 1/2	Oct 10	May
Mapes Consol Mfg...	36 3/4	37	37	300	32 3/4</									

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Bonds (Continued)	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. \$	Range Since Jan. 1.		Date	Price	Date	Price
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.				
Cent Ariz Lt & Pr 6s. 1960	93 3/4	93 3/4	95 3/4	16,000	90 1/4	101 1/4	Oct 10	101 1/4	July	101 1/4
Cent Ill Pub Ser 6s G. 1963	91 3/4	89 1/4	91 3/4	23,000	88 3/4	102 1/4	May 23	102 1/4	May	102 1/4
4 1/2% series B. 1981	81 3/4	79 3/4	81 3/4	18,000	77 1/2	93 1/4	Oct 9	93 1/4	July	93 1/4
1st & ref 4 1/4% F 1967	83 3/4	83	85	19,000	76 1/4	94 1/4	Oct 9	94 1/4	June	94 1/4
Cent Maine Pub 4 1/2% B '57	92 1/4	92 1/4	94	8,000	88 1/4	104 1/4	June 9	104 1/4	June	104 1/4
Central Power 6s Ser D 1957	79 1/4	78	79 1/4	8,000	77 1/2	94	Nov 9	94	May	94
Cent Pow & L 1st 5s. 1956	81 1/4	78	82	79,000	68	96 1/4	Oct 9	96 1/4	Mar	96 1/4
Cent Pub Serv 5 1/2% 1949	41 3/4	39 3/4	44 3/4	189,000	232	81	Mar 23	81	Mar	81
With warrants	41 3/4	39 3/4	44 3/4	189,000	232	81	Mar 23	81	Mar	81
Cent States Elec 5s. 1948	48	44 1/4	49 3/4	190,000	28	77	Mar 23	77	Mar	77
Deb 5 1/2% Sept 15 1954	51	47	52	241,000	30	77	Oct 7	77	Mar	77
Cent States P & L 5 1/2% '53	60	60	65	49,000	35	87 1/4	Mar 23	87 1/4	Mar	87 1/4
Chle Dist Elec Gen 4 1/2% '63	77 3/4	74 3/4	78 3/4	107,000	72 3/4	94 1/4	Nov 9	94 1/4	May	94 1/4
Debuture 5 1/2% Oct 1 '35	90	90	90 1/4	8,000	89 3/4	102 3/4	May 23	102 3/4	May	102 3/4
Chle Electric Tool 5 1/2% 1949	70	70	70	10,000	69 3/4	96	June 9	96	Jan	96
Chle Ry 6s cts dep. 1927	54	51 3/4	54 3/4	7,000	40	73	Jan 23	73	Jan	73
Cigar Stores Realty Hold	49 1/4	49 1/4	50	12,000	44	77 1/4	Apr 7	77 1/4	Apr	77 1/4
Deb 5 1/2% series A. 1949	49 1/4	49 1/4	50	12,000	44	77 1/4	Apr 7	77 1/4	Apr	77 1/4
Cities Service 5s. 1960	55 1/4	53 1/4	56	31,000	40 3/4	87	Jan 23	87	Jan	87
Conv deb 5s. 1956	55 1/4	53 1/4	57 1/4	122,500	39 3/4	83 1/4	Mar 23	83 1/4	Mar	83 1/4
Cities Serv Gas 5 1/2% 1942	56 1/4	54 1/4	57 1/4	65,000	46 1/4	83	Jan 23	83	Jan	83
Cities Serv Gas Pipe L 6s '43	60 3/4	60 3/4	62	14,000	59 1/4	89	Oct 9	89	Jan	89
Cities Serv P & L 5 1/2% 1962	67	63 1/4	68	111,000	59 3/4	84	Jan 23	84	Jan	84
Cleave Elec Ill 1st 6s. 1939	103	103	104	29,000	103	107	Sept 10	107	Sept	107
Cleveland Bldg 6s. 1941	41	41	41	2,000	36 1/2	85 1/2	Jan 23	85 1/2	Jan	85 1/2
Cleve Term Bldg 6s. 1951	15	15	15	1,000	15	19	May 19	19	May	19
Col Riv Long Bldg 6 1/2% '53	32	32	32	3,000	31 1/4	43	Jan 23	43	Jan	43
Commander Larabee 6s '41	32	32	32	3,000	31 1/4	43	Jan 23	43	Jan	43
Commers and Privat	45	45	56	106,000	38	87 1/4	Mar 23	87 1/4	Mar	87 1/4
Bank 5 1/2% 1937	45	45	56	106,000	38	87 1/4	Mar 23	87 1/4	Mar	87 1/4
Com'wealth-Edison	98	96 1/4	98	23,000	94	105 1/4	June 23	105 1/4	June	105 1/4
1st 4 1/2% series C. 1956	97 3/4	96 3/4	97 3/4	11,000	92	103 3/4	May 23	103 3/4	May	103 3/4
1st m 4 1/2% ser D. 1957	94	94	96	104,000	91 1/4	103 1/4	May 23	103 1/4	May	103 1/4
1st M 4 1/2% ser E. 1960	86	86	86	183,000	82	94 1/4	Aug 23	94 1/4	Aug	94 1/4
1st M 4 1/2% ser F. 1981	61	60	66 3/4	51,000	57	92	July 23	92	July	92
Community Pr & Lts 1957	114 1/4	114 1/4	114 1/4	2,000	114 1/4	119 1/4	Sept 23	119 1/4	Sept	119 1/4
Conn Light & Pow 7s 1951	92 1/2	92	92 1/2	18,000	88 1/4	109	Sept 23	109	Sept	109
1st ref 4 1/2% ser A. 1981	106 3/4	106	106 3/4	8,000	105	106	Oct 23	106	Oct	106
1st & ref 5 1/2% Ser E 1952	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	13,000	102 1/2	106	Sept 23	106	Sept	106
1st & ref 4 1/2% ser G. 1969	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 3/4	6,000	98	105 1/2	Sept 23	105 1/2	Sept	105 1/2
1st & ref 4 1/2% ser H. 1970	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 3/4	6,000	98	105 1/2	Sept 23	105 1/2	Sept	105 1/2
Consol Gas Util Co	44 1/4	32	44 1/4	51,000	30	83	Mar 23	83	Mar	83
1st & coll 6s ser A. 1943	23	19	23	37,000	18 3/4	85	Mar 23	85	Mar	85
Deb 6 1/2% with war. 1943	96 3/4	96 3/4	97 3/4	28,000	91	105 1/4	May 23	105 1/4	May	105 1/4
Consumers Power 4 1/2% '58	71 3/4	71 3/4	73 1/2	199,000	65	83 1/4	Mar 23	83 1/4	Mar	83 1/4
Cont'l G & El 6s. 1963	89 3/4	89 3/4	90 3/4	7,000	83 1/2	95	Jan 23	95	Jan	95
Continental Oil 5 1/2% 1937	47	47	47	1,000	38	93	Apr 23	93	Apr	93
With warrants	47	47	47	1,000	38	93	Apr 23	93	Apr	93
Crane Co 10 1/2% d 5s. 1940	94 1/4	93	96	28,000	91	103	Sept 23	103	Sept	103
Cruible Steel deb 5s. 1940	87 1/4	79 1/4	79 1/4	6,000	75	101	Mar 23	101	Mar	101
Cumber'd Co P & L 4 1/2% '56	87 1/4	85	89	6,000	85	100 1/4	Aug 23	100 1/4	Aug	100 1/4
Cuban Telephone 7 1/2% 1941	85	85	89	7,000	75	107	Sept 23	107	Sept	107
Cudahy Pack deb 5 1/2% 1937	99 3/4	98 3/4	99 3/4	7,000	98 3/4	103 1/4	Feb 23	103 1/4	Feb	103 1/4
Sinking fund 5s. 1946	98 3/4	98 3/4	99 3/4	7,000	98 3/4	103 1/4	Feb 23	103 1/4	Feb	103 1/4
Dallas Pow & Lt 5s C 1952	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	1,000	99	105	Apr 23	105	Apr	105
Dayton Power & Lt 6s 1941	70	70	70	2,000	60	70	Oct 23	70	Oct	70
Del Elec Pow deb 5 1/2% '50	107 3/4	107 3/4	107 3/4	11,000	107 3/4	107 3/4	May 23	107 3/4	May	107 3/4
Del City Gas 6s ser A. 1947	102	102	102 3/4	20,000	97	107 1/4	May 23	107 1/4	May	107 1/4
1st M 6s ser B. 1950	97	97	98	8,000	95 1/4	104 3/4	Apr 23	104 3/4	Apr	104 3/4
Deb Int Bldg 6 1/2% 1952	10 3/4	9 1/4	10 3/4	25,000	8 1/4	30	Jan 23	30	Jan	30
Deb 7s. Aug 1 1952	2	2	2 1/4	2,000	1	5	Aug 23	5	Aug	5
Dixie Gulf Gas 6 1/2% 1937	70	70	70	2,000	60	70	Oct 23	70	Oct	70
With warrants	70	70	70	2,000	60	70	Oct 23	70	Oct	70
Duquesne Gas 6s. 1945	7 3/8	7 3/8	8	5,000	7	7 1/2	Oct 23	7 1/2	Oct	7 1/2
East Utilities Investing	39	35 1/4	40	66,000	28 3/4	71	Jan 23	71	Jan	71
5s with war	101 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	80,000	99 1/4	104 1/4	May 23	104 1/4	May	104 1/4
Edison El (Boston) 6s 1933	100	99 3/4	100 3/4	24,000	98 3/4	102 1/4	June 23	102 1/4	June	102 1/4
4% notes. Nov 1 1932	69 3/4	69 3/4	73	151,000	58 1/4	90	Mar 23	90	Mar	90
Elec Power & Lt 5s. 2036	79	79	81	7,000	68	103	Jan 23	103	Jan	103
El Paso Nat Gas 6 1/2% 1943	75 3/4	73 1/4	75 3/4	7,000	71 3/4	97 1/4	Mar 23	97 1/4	Mar	97 1/4
Empire Dist Elec 5s. 1952	51	45 1/4	51	62,000	32	80 3/4	Jan 23	80 3/4	Jan	80 3/4
Empire Oil & Ref 5 1/2% '42	53	53	55	4,000	48	83	Mar 23	83	Mar	83
Ercote Morelli El Mfg	49	49	52 1/4	3,000	44	84	Mar 23	84	Mar	84
6 1/2% with warrants. 1953	47	47	48 3/4	11,000	40	90	Apr 23	90	Apr	90
Without warrants	47	47	48 3/4	11,000	40	90	Apr 23	90	Apr	90
Eur Mfg & Inv 7s C. 1967	48 1/4	45 3/4	48 1/4	39,000	42	90	Feb 23	90	Feb	90
Federal Water Serv 5 1/2% '54	44 3/4	42	46	21,000	39 1/4	82 1/4	May 23	82 1/4	May	82 1/4
Bank 6s. 1931	66	64 1/4	67	30,000	61	87	July 23	87	July	87
Firestone Cot Mills 6s. 1948	78	73	78 1/4	9,000	67	91	Oct 23	91	Oct	91
Firestone T & R 5s. 1942	49	49	50	5,000	49	82 1/4	Jan 23	82 1/4	Jan	82 1/4
1st 7s. Jan 1 1957	16	16	2,000	13	23	Nov 23	23	Nov	23	
Fisk Rubber 5 1/2% 1931	15	15	1,000	13	23	Nov 23	23	Nov	23	
Certificates of deposit.	63	63	63	10,000	63	63	Nov 23	63	Nov	63
Florida Power 5 1/2% A. 1979	78	76	80 1/4	78	76	80 1/4	Apr 23	80 1/4	Apr	80 1/4
Florida Power & Lt 5s. 1954	78	76	80 1/4	78	76	80 1/4	Apr 23	80 1/4	Apr	80 1/4
Garlock Pack deb 6s. 1939	88 3/4	88 3/4	92	17,000	87	98 1/4	Apr 23	98 1/4	Apr	98 1/4
Gary El & Gas 5s ser A 1934	78	76 3/4	82	167,000	60	94 1/4	Jan 23	94 1/4	Jan	94 1/4
Gastineau Power 1st 5s 1956	69 3/4	67 3/4	70	80,000	50	95	Mar 23	95	Mar	95
Deb gold 6s June 15 1941	69 3/4	69 3/4	70 3/4	9,000	50	92 1/4	Jan 23	92 1/4	Jan	92 1/4
Deb 6s ser B. A. & O 1941	42	42	43 1/4	9,000	38	65	Apr 23	65	Apr	65
Gen Bronze Corp 6s. 1940	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	19,000	97 1/4	101 1/4	May 23	101 1/4	May	101 1/4
Gen Motors Accept Corp	99 3/4	99 3/4	100 3/4	3,000	97	102 1/4	June 23	102 1/4	June	102 1/4
5% serial notes. 1932	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	3,000	96 3/4	102 3/4	May 23	102 3/4	May	102 3/4
5% serial notes. 1933	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	3,000	96 3/4	102 3/4	May 23	102 3/4	May	102 3/4
5% serial notes. 1934	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	3,000	96 3/4	102 3/4	May 23	102 3/4	May	102 3/4
5% serial notes. 1935	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	3,000	96 3/4	102 3/4	May 23	102 3/4	May	

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Pao Gas & El 1st 4 1/2% 1957	95 5/8	95	95 5/8	31,000	90 1/2	102 3/4	July	Van Camp Pack 6% 1948	53	57	5,000	42	Sept	60	Feb	
1st 6% series B 1941	104 1/8	103 1/2	104 1/8	18,000	104 3/8	104 3/4	Oct	Van Swearingen Corp 6% 1938	50 3/4	50 3/4	348,000	23 1/2	Oct	86	Jan	
1st & ref 5 1/2% C 1952	104	103 3/4	104 3/8	44,000	101 3/4	108 1/4	May	Van Swearingen Power 6% 1955	100	100 1/4	2,000	96	Oct	105 1/2	Aug	
1st & ref 4 1/2% F 1960	95 1/4	95 1/4	96 1/4	103,000	89	102 1/4	July	Va Public Serv 5 1/2% A 1946	86	85 1/4	10,000	78 1/2	Oct	98 1/4	Aug	
Pao Invest deb 5% 1943	60	60	60	1,000	56	Oct 75 1/2	Jan	1st ref 5% ser B 1950	78 3/4	78 1/4	81,000	70	Oct	91 3/4	Aug	
Pao Pow & Light 5% 1955	60	60	62 1/2	44,000	85	Oct 100	Mar	20-year deb 6% 1946	74 1/4	71	11,000	71	Nov	z9 1/2	Mar	
Pacific Western Oil 6 1/2% '43								Waldorf-Astoria Corp—								
With warrants	60 1/4	57	61	35,000	81 1/2	Nov 84 1/2	Jan	1st 7% with warr 1954	36 3/4	36	38 1/2	72,000	36	Nov	74	Feb
Penn Cent L & P 4 1/2% '1977	87	81 1/2	89	10,000	81 1/2	Nov 98	June	Ward Baking Co 6% 1937	95	95	7,000	91 1/2	Oct	104 1/2	June	
5% 1930	100	100	100	1,000	100	Jan 102 1/2	May	West Penn Traction 5% 80	100 1/2	100 1/4	6,000	97 1/2	Oct	105 1/2	May	
Penn-Ohio Edison 5 1/2% '59	85	83 1/2	85	9,000	78	Oct 104	May	West Penn Elec 5% 2030	74	72	75	27,000	60 1/2	Oct	93	Mar
Deb 6% series A 1950	90	90	91	10,000	86	Oct 104 1/2	Apr	West Penn Pow 4% H 1961	96	94 1/2	86	8,000	90	Oct	99 1/2	Sept
Penn-Ohio P & L 5 1/2% A '54	102	101	102	32,000	98	Oct 105 1/4	Aug	West Texas Util 5% A 1967	70 3/4	70 3/4	73 1/2	55,000	54	Oct	91 1/2	Mar
Penn Dock & Warehouse 6% '48								Western Newspaper Union								
With warrants	35	41	4,000	35	Nov 83	Jan	83	Jan	1944							
Pa Elec 1st & ref 4% F 1971	83	83	83	11,000	83	Nov 95 1/2	May	Westvaco Chlorine Prod—								
Penn Teleph 5% ser C 1960	99	97	99	4,000	94 1/2	Sept 104	Aug	10-year deb 5 1/2% 1937	100 1/2	100 1/4	1,000	99	Oct	104 1/2	Feb	
Penn Wat & Pr 4 1/2% B 1968	96	96	96	1,000	88	Oct 102	Sept	1st 5% series F 1956	95 1/4	95 1/2	2,000	94	Oct	104 1/2	Aug	
Peoples G L & Coke 4% '81	86 1/2	86 1/2	87	142,000	81 1/2	Nov 96 1/2	Aug	Wis Pub Ser 5 1/2% A 1958	93 3/4	93 3/4	1,000	93	Oct	104	Aug	
Peoples L & Pow 5% 1979	12	11 1/2	17 1/2	80,000	10	Sept 74 1/2	Mar									
Phila Elec Pow 5 1/2% '1972	101 1/4	104	105	55,000	101 1/4	Oct 107 1/4	Jun									
Phila & Suburban Co G & E																
1st & ref 4 1/2% 1957	99	99	5,000	95	Oct 105	June										
Piedmont Hydro-Elec Co—																
1st & ref 6% series A 1960	58	66	9,000	50	Oct 88	Mar	Foreign Government									
Piedmont & Nor Ry 5% 1954	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	2,000	70	Oct 93	Mar	And Municipalities—								
Pittsburgh Coal 6% 1949	74	74	75	7,000	74	Nov 99 1/2	Mar	Agrio Mtge Bk (Colombia								
Pittsburgh Steel 6% 1943	86	86	86	1,000	75	Oct 102	Jan	20-yr 8 1/2% 1946	38 1/2	38	38 1/2	7,000	20 1/2	Oct	88 1/2	Jan
Potomac Edison 5% 1956	96	96	96 1/2	28,000	91 1/4	Oct 104 1/4	Aug	Haden (Consol) 7% 1951	36	36	37 1/2	8,000	27	Oct	90	Mar
1st M 4% 1961	91	91	92	24,000	90	Oct 98 1/2	Aug	Ruenos Aires (Prov) 7 1/2% 47	55 1/2	50	57	110,000	25	Sept	97 1/2	Mar
Potrero Sugar 7% 1947	13	13	1,000	11	Nov 60	Feb	Ext 7% 1952	54 1/2	49 1/2	56	64,000	23 1/2	Sept	90 1/2	Mar	
Power Corp (Can) 4 1/2% 1959	61	61	65	12,000	52	Oct 86 1/2	Apr	Cauca Valley 7% June 1 '48	30	29	38	12,000	17	Oct	75	Apr
Power Corp (N Y) 5 1/2% '47	78	78	80	7,000	73 1/2	Nov 97 1/4	Jun	Cent Bk of German State &								
Procter & Gamble 4 1/2% '47	101 1/4	101	103 1/2	34,000	100	Oct 106 1/2	Apr	Prov Banks 6% B 1951	39	38 1/2	45 1/2	74,000	21	Sept	80 1/2	Mar
Prussian Elec deb 6% 1954	31 3/4	31 3/4	36	17,000	24	Oct 67 1/2	Apr	1st 6% series A 1952								
Pub Serv (N H) 4 1/2% B 1957																
Pub Serv N J 6% cts pref	108	108	109	11,000	105	Oct 126	May	Danish Cons Munic 5 1/2% 55	89 1/2	90	58,000	75	Oct	102 1/2	May	
Pub Ser of N III 4 1/2% 1980																
1st & ref 4 1/2% ser D 1976	92 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	20,000	90	Oct 99 1/4	Sept	Danzig Port & Waterways								
1st & ref 5% ser C 1968	100	100	100 1/2	6,000	98	Oct 100 1/2	July	25-yr external 6 1/2% 1952	44	45	8,000	23	Sept	80	Mar	
1st & ref 4 1/2% ser F 1981	91	91	92 1/2	110,000	88 1/4	Oct 99 1/2	Nov	German Cons Munic 7% 47	38 3/4	38 3/4	36,000	29 1/4	Oct	90	Mar	
Pub Serv of Okla 5% 1957	88	88	91 1/4	16,000	88	Oct 101 1/4	May	Hanover (City) 7% 1939	40	40	42	9,000	32	Oct	95 1/2	Mar
Puget Sound P & L 5 1/2% '49	91	90 1/4	92 1/2	41,000	87 1/4	Oct 104 1/4	Apr	Hanover (Prov) 6 1/2% 1949	34 1/2	34 1/2	40	45,000	26	Oct	84 1/2	Mar
1st & ref 5% ser C 1950	86 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	15,000	82	Oct 101	May	Indus Mtge Bk (Finland)—								
1st & ref 4 1/2% ser D 1950	77 3/4	77 3/4	79 1/2	73,000	73 1/2	Oct 69 3/4	Aug	1st mtge coll s f 7% 1944	60 1/2	60 1/2	66	3,000	35	Oct	z95	Feb
Queens Borough G & E								Lima (City) Peru 6 1/2% '58	11 1/2	14	14,000	11 1/2	Nov	49 1/2	Jan	
5 1/2% series A 1952	96	96	1,000	95	Sept 105	May	Medellin 7% ser E 1951	35	32 1/2	37	55,000	22 1/2	Oct	79	Mar	
With warrants	86 1/2	86	88 1/4	63,000	75	Apr 88 1/4	June	Mendoza (Prov) Argentine								
Remington Arms 5 1/2% 1933	88 1/4	86	88 1/4	35,000	78	Apr 96	Feb	External s f 7 1/2% 1951	42 3/4	42 3/4	45	12,000	18	Sept	78	Mar
Repub Gas Corp (form-								Mortgage Bank of Bogota								
erly Saxet Corp) 5% 1945	44	41 1/4	46	42,000	40	Oct 106	Apr	7% issue of 1927 1947	35	35	1,000	20	Sept	80	Mar	
Rochester Cent Pow 6% 1963	46 1/2	45 1/4	48	14,000	37	Oct 28 1/2	Mar	7% issue of Oct '47 1947	32	35	2,000	22	Sept	75	Mar	
Ruhr Gas 6 1/2% 1953	41	41	42 1/2	108,000	36	Oct 85 1/2	Mar	Mtge Bank of Chile 6% 1931	29	29 1/2	6,000	12	Sept	z99 1/2	Apr	
Ruhr Housing 6 1/2% 1958								Mtge Bk of Demmk 5% '72	72	75	7,000	60	Oct	101 1/2	Mar	
Ryerson (Jos T) & Sons Inc								Netherlands (Klngd) 6% '72	101 1/2	101 1/2	6,000	z98	Sept	105 1/2	Jan	
15-year deb 5% 1943	87 3/4	87 3/4	87 3/4	7,000	84 1/4	June 96 1/4	Mar	Parana (State) Brazil 7% '58	18	13 1/2	21	30,000	9 1/4	Oct	54 1/2	Mar
Safe Harbor Wat Pr 4 1/2% 7% 8	96 1/4	95 1/2	96 1/4	87,000	90 1/2	Oct 101 1/2	Aug	Rio de Janeiro 6 1/2% 1959	20 1/2	27 1/2	12,000	12 1/2	Sept	68	Mar	
8 1/2% G & C 6% 1947								Russian Government—								
San Antonio Pub Ser 5% 68								6 1/2% 1919	2 1/2	2 1/2	115,000	1 1/2	July	3	Jan	
Saxton Pub Wks 5% 1932								6 1/2% cts 1919	2 1/2	2	136,000	1 1/2	June	3	Mar	
Schutte Real Estate 6% 1935								5 1/2% 1921	2 1/2	2 1/2	60,000	1 1/2	Oct	3	Mar	
With warrants	50	50	50	2,000	48	Oct 80 1/2	May	5 1/2% cts 1921	2 1/2	2 1/2	21,000	1 1/2	June	3	Feb	
Without warrants	50	50	50	13,000	45 3/4	Oct 80	Apr	Santa Fe (Argen) 7% 1945	20	18 1/2	24	14,000	8	Sept	86	Mar
Scripps (E W) 5 1/2% 1943								Santiago (Chile) 7% 1949	18	25 1/2	6,000	8	Sept	86	Mar	
Serve Int 5% 1948								7% 1961								
Shawinigan W & P 4 1/2% 67	85 1/2	85	86 1/2	20,000	75	Oct 69 5/8	May									
1st & coll 4 1/2% ser B 1968																
1st & ref 5% ser C 1970	90 3/4	90	91 1/2	57,000	83 1/2	Sept 105 1/2	May									
1st & ref 4 1/2% series D 1970	83 3/4	83 3/4	84 1/2	38,000	75 1/4	Sept 97 1/2	May									
Snyder Packing 6% 1932																
Southeast P & L 6% 2025																
Without warrants	87 1/2	87 1/2	91 3/4	171,000	81	Oct 106	Apr									
Sou Calif Edison 5% 1951	101 3/4	101 3/4	101 3/4	47,000	99 1/2	Oct 106	Apr									
Refunding 5% 1952	101 1/2	101 1/2	102	20,000	99 1/2	Nov 106 1/8	Sept									
1st & ref 5% June 1 1954	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	19,000	99 1/2	Nov 106 1/2	June									
Sou Calif Gas Co 4 1/2% 1961	88	87 1/2	88 1/2	31,000	87	Nov 101 3/4	Aug									

Quotations for Unlisted Securities

Public Utility Bonds.

Table of Public Utility Bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of various utility bonds such as Am Com'th P 5 1/2% '53 M&N, Cen G&E 5 1/2% 1933 M&N, etc.

Public Utility Stocks.

Table of Public Utility Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of utility companies like Alabama Power \$7 pref., Arizona Power \$7 pref., etc.

Investment Trusts (Concluded).

Table of Investment Trusts (Concluded) with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of trusts like Public Service Trust Shares, Representative Trust Shares, etc.

Industrial Stocks.

Table of Industrial Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of various industrial companies such as Adams Mills \$7 pref., Aeolian Co \$7 pref., etc.

Investment Trusts.

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of trusts like A B C Trust Shares ser D, Series B, etc.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table of Telephone and Telegraph Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of companies like Am Dist Tel of N J \$4., Bell Tel, etc.

Chain Store Stocks.

Table of Chain Store Stocks with columns for Bid, Ask, and descriptions of companies like Bohack (H C) Inc, Butler (James) common, etc.

\* No par value. d Last reported market. t New stock. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.



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Sugar Stocks.

Table with 4 columns: Security Name, Bid, Ask, and Price. Includes Fajardo Sugar, Haytian Corp Amer, Savannah Sugar com, 7% preferred.

New York Bank Stocks.

Table with 6 columns: Security Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes America, Bank of Yorktown, Chase, Chatham-Ph Nat Bk & Tr 20, City (National), Columbus Bank, Comm'l Nat Bank & Tr 100, Fifth Avenue, First National of N Y, Flatbush National, Grace National Bank, Harbor State Bank, Harriman Nat Bk & Tr, Industrial Bank, Kingsboro Nat Bank.

Trust Companies.

Table with 6 columns: Security Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes American Express, Banca Comm Italiana Tr 100, Bank of Selly Trust, Bank of New York & Tr, Bankers, Bronx County, Brooklyn, Central Hanover, Clinton Trust, Cont Bk & Trust New 10, Corn Exch Bk & Trust, County, Empire, Fulton, Guaranty, Hibernia Trust, Irving Trust, Kings County, Lawyers Title & Guar, Manufacturers, Mercantile Bank & Tr w, New York, Title Guaranty & Trust, Trust Co of N A, Underwriters Trust, United States.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table with 6 columns: Security Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Central Republic, Chic Bk of Commerce, Continental Ill Bk & Tr, First National, Harris Trust & Savings, Northern Trust Co, Peoples Tr & Sav Bank, Strauss Nat Bank & Tr.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table with 6 columns: Security Name, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Adams Express 4s, 1947 & D, American Meter 6s, 1946, Amer Tobacco 4s, 1951 F&A, Am Type Fdrns 6s, 1937 M&N, Debenture 6s, 1939 M&N, Am Wire Fabrics 1st 4 1/2 M&S, Bear Mountain-Hudson, River Bridge 7s, 1953 A&O, Bltmore Comm 7s 3/4 M&S, Chicago Stock Yds 5s, 1981, Consol Coal 4 1/2s, 1934 M&N, Consol Mach Tool 7s, 1942, Consol Tobacco 4s, 1951, Continental Sugar 7s, 1938, Eqt Office Bldg 6s, 1952, Flak Tire Fabric 6 1/2s, 1935, Haytian Corp 8s, 1933, Hoboken Ferry 5s, 1946 M&N, Internat Salt 5s, 1951 A&O, Journal of Comm 6 1/2s, 1937, Kans City Pub Serv 6s, 1951, Loew's New Brd Prop-6s, 1945, Mallory Steamship 6s, 32 1/2, Merchants Refrig 6s, 1937, Middle States Oil 7% notes, N O Gr No RR 5s, 55 F&A, N Y & Hob Ferry 5s, 46 J&D, N Y Shipbldg 5s, 1946 M&N, Piedmont & No Rys, 54 J&D, Pierce, Butler & P 6 1/2s '42, Realty Assoc Sec 6s, 37 J&J, Securities Co of N Y 4s, 61 Broadway 5 1/2s, 50 A&O, So Indiana Ry 4s, 1951 F&A, Stand Text Pr 6 1/2s, 42 M&S, Struthers Wells, Titus, Tol Term RR 4 1/2s, 57 M&N, U S Steel 6s, 1951, Ward Baking 6s, 37 J&D, Witherbee Sherman 6s, 1944, Woodward Iron 6s, 1952 J&J.

Insurance Companies.

Table with 10 columns: Security Name, Par, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Aetna Casualty & Surety, Aetna Fire, Aetna Life, Agricultural, American Alliance, American Constitution, American Equitable, American Home, American of Newark, American Re-Insurance, American Reserve, American Surety, Automobile, Baltimore Amer Insurance, Bankers & Shippers, Boston, Bronx Fire, Brooklyn Fire Insurance, Carolina, Chicago Fire & Marine, City of New York, Colonial States Fire, Columbia National Life, Connecticut General Life, Consolidated Indemnity, Constitution, Continental Casualty, Cosmopolitan Insurance, Eagle, Excess Insurance, Federal Insurance, Fidelity & Deposit of Md, Firemen's, Firemen's Fund, Franklin Fire, General Alliance, Germanic Insurance, Glens Falls Fire, Globe Insurance, Globe & Rutgers Fire, Great American, Great Amer Indemnity, Halifax Insurance, Hamilton Fire, Hanover, Harmonia, Hartford Fire, Hartf St'm Boiler Ins&Ins, Home, Home Fire & Marine, Home Fire Security, Homestead, Hudson Insurance, Importers & Exp of N Y, Independence, Independence Indemnity, Industrial of Akron, Kansas City Life, Knickerbocker common, Lincoln Fire, Loyds Casualty, Voting trust certins, Majestic Fire, Maryland Casualty, Mass Bonding & Ins, Merchants Fire Assur com, Merch & Mrs Fire Newark, Missouri State Life, Morris Plan Ins, National Casualty, National Fire, National Liberty, National Union Fire, New Amsterdam Casualty, New Brunswick, New England Fire, New Hampshire Fire, New Jersey, New York Fire com, North River, Northern, Northwestern National, Occidental, Pacific Fire, Peoples National Fire, Phoenix, Preferred Accident, Providence-Washington, Public Fire, Public Indemnity (formerly Hudson Casualty), Reliance Ins of Phila, Republic (Texas), Republic Ins Co of Amer, Rhode Island, Rochester American, St Paul Fire & Marine, Seaboard Fire & Marine, Security New Haven, Springfield Fire & Marine, Standard Accident, Stuyvesant, Sun Life Assurance, Transportation Indemn'y, Transportation Insurance, Travelers Fire, U S Casualty, U S Fidelity & Guar Co, U S Fire, U S Merch & Shippers, Victory, Virginia Fire & Marine, Westchester Fire.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table with 6 columns: Security Name, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Bond & Mortgage Guar, Empire Title & Guar, Franklin Surety, Guaranty Title & Mortgage, Home Title Insurance, International Germanic Ltd, Lawyers Mortgage, Lawyers Wes Mtge & TI, National Title Guaranty, State Title Mtge.

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with 6 columns: Security Name, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Alexander Indus 8% pref, American Airports Corp, Aviation Sec of New Eng, Central Airport, Casna Aircraft com, Curtiss Reid Aircraft com, Federal Aviation, General Aviation 1st pref, Kinner Airplane & Mot new, Lockheed Aircraft, Maddux Air Lines, Sky Specialties, Southern Air Transport, Swallow Airplane, Warner Aircraft Engine, Whiteley Manufacturing.

Quotations for Other Over-the-Counter Securities

Short Term Securities.

Table with 6 columns: Security Name, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Allis-Chal Mfg 5s, May 1937, Alum Co of Amer 5s May '52, Amer Metal 5 1/2s, 1934 A&O, Amer Rad deb 4 1/2s, May '47, Am Roll Mill deb 5s, Jan '48, 4 1/2% notes 1933, M&N, Amer Thread 5 1/2s '38, M&N, Amer Wat Wks 5s, 1934 A&O, Bell Tel of Can 5s A Mar '55, Baldwin Loco 5 1/2s, '33 M&S, Cud Pkg deb 5 1/2s, Oct 1937, Edison Elec Ill Boston, 4% notes Nov 1 '32 M&N, 5% notes Jan 15 '33, J&J, Gulf Oil Corp of Pa, Debenture 5s, Dec 1937, Debenture 5s, Feb 1947, General Motors Accept-5% ser notes, Mar 1932, 5% ser notes, Mar 1933, 5% ser notes, Mar 1934, 5% ser notes, Mar 1935, 5% ser notes, Mar 1936, Koppers Gas & Coke, Debenture 5s, June 1947, Mag Pet 4 1/2s Feb 15 '30-'35, Marland Oil, Serial 5% notes June 15 '32, Mass Gas Cos 5 1/2s Jan 1946, Proc & Gamb 4 1/2s July 1947, Swift & Co, 5% notes 1940, M&S, 5% notes 1935, F&A, United Drug 5s 1932, A&O, Debenture 5s 1933, A&O, Hunt'on W 1st 6s, '54 M&S, 1st m 5s, 1954 ser B, M&S, Joplin W W 5s, '57 ser A, M&S, Kokomo W W 5s, 1958 J&D, Monm Con W 1st 5s, '56 J&D, Monm Val W 5 1/2s, '50 J&J, Richm'd W W 1st 5s, '57 M&N, St Joseph Wat 5s, 1941 A&O, South Pitts Water Co, 1st 5s, 1955, F&A, 1st & ref 5s, '60 ser A J&J, 1st & ref 5s, '60 ser B J&J, Terre H'te W W 6s, '49 A&J, 1st m 5s, 1956 ser B, J&D, Texchana W 1st 5s, '53 F&A, Wichita Wat 1st 6s, '49 M&S, 1st m 5s, '56 ser B, F&A, 1st m 5s, 1960 ser C, M&N.

Water Bonds.

Table with 6 columns: Security Name, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Alton Water 5s, 1956, A&O, Ark Wat 1st 5s A 1956 A&O, Ashabula W 5s 1958 A&O, Atlantic Co Wat 5s '58 A&M, Birm W W 1st 5 1/2s A '54 A&O, 1st m 5s, 1954 ser B, J&D, 1st 5s 1957 ser C, F&A, Butler Water 5s, 1957, A&O, City W (Chat) 5s B '54 J&D, 1st 5s, 1957 ser C, M&N, Commonwealth Water, 1st 5s, 1956 B, F&A, 1st m 5s, 1957 ser C, F&A, Davenport W 5s 1961 J&J, St L & Int W 5s, '42 J&J, 1st m 6s, 1942 ser B, J&J, 1st 5s, 1960 ser D, F&A.

Railroad Equipments.

Table with 6 columns: Security Name, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Baltimore & Ohio 6s, Equipment 4 1/2s & 5s, Buff Roch & Pitts equip 6s, Canadian Pacific 4 1/2s & 6s, Central RR of N J 6s, Chesapeake & Ohio 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Equipment 6s, Chicago & North West 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Chic R I & Pac 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6s, Colorado & Southern 6s, Delaware & Hudson 6s, Erie 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6s, Erie 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6s, Great Northern 6s, Equipment 6s, Hoeking Valley 5s, Equipment 6s, Illinois Central 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6s, Equipment 7s & 6 1/2s, Kanawha & Michigan 6s, Kansas City Southern 5 1/2s, Louisville & Nashville 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Michigan Central 5s, Equipment 6s, Minn St P & SS M 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6 1/2s & 7s, Missouri Pacific 6 1/2s, Equipment 6s, Mobile & Ohio 5s, New York Central 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6s, Norfolk & Western 4 1/2s, Northern Pacific 7s, Pacific Fruit Express 7s, Pennsylvania RR equip 5s, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie 6 1/2s, Reading Co 4 1/2s & 5s, St Louis & San Fran 5s, Seaboard Air Line 5 1/2s & 6s, Southern Pacific Co 4 1/2s, Equipment 7s, Southern Ry 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6s, Toledo & Ohio Central 6s, Union Pacific 7s.

Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds.

Table with 6 columns: Security Name, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Includes Amer Bank Stk Tr Shares, American & Continental, Amer Invest Trust Shares, Bankers Nat Invest com A, Beneficial Indus Loan pref, Central National Corp, Class B, Colonial Investors Shares, Continental Metrop Corp A, Continental Secur Corp, Preferred, Indust & Pow Sec, Inter Germanic Trust, Invest Fund of N J, North American Trust Shs, Old Colony Inv Tr 4 1/2% bds, Shawmut Association com, Shawmut Bank Inv Trust, Class B, 4 1/2s, 1942, 64, Standard Corporations, Standard Oil Trust Shares A, Class B.

\*No par value. a And dividend. d Last reported market. s Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

# Current Earnings—Monthly, Quarterly and Half Yearly.

Below will be found all returns of earnings, income and profits for current periods, whether monthly, quarterly or half-yearly, that have appeared the present week. It covers all classes of corporate entities, whether railroads, public utilities, industrial concerns or any other class and character of enterprise or undertaking. It is all inclusive in that respect, and hence constitutes an invaluable record.

The accompanying index, however, covers merely the companies whose returns have come to hand since the Nov. 13 issue of our "Monthly Earnings Record" went to press, and is presented with the view simply of making it easy for subscribers to the "Monthly Earnings Record" to find the new statements.

Name of Company—	Issue of Chronicle When Published—	Page.	Name of Company—	Issue of Chronicle When Published—	Page.
Alton RR	Nov. 14.	3242	Gr. Consol. El. Pr. Co. of Japan, Ltd.	Nov. 14.	3244
American States Public Service Co.	Nov. 14.	3242	Jantzen Knitting Mills	Nov. 14.	3264
Art Metal Construction Co.	Nov. 14.	3242	Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.	Nov. 14.	3264
Associated Gas & Electric Co.	Nov. 14.	3252	Long Bell Lumber Co.	Nov. 14.	3244
Bangor-Hydro Electric Co.	Nov. 14.	3243	Ludlum Steel Co.	Nov. 14.	3244
Berkshire Fine Spinning Assoc., Inc.	Nov. 14.	3260	MacAndrews & Forbes Co.	Nov. 14.	3245
Boston Worcester & N. Y. St. Ry. Co.	Nov. 14.	3243	Mackay Cos. (Postal Tel. Cable Co.)	Nov. 14.	3244
Burco, Inc.	Nov. 14.	3260	Martin Parry Corp.	Nov. 14.	3249
Canadian Car & Foundry Co.	Nov. 14.	3248	Nestle-Le Mur Co.	Nov. 14.	3265
Central Arizona Light & Power Co.	Nov. 14.	3243	Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.	Nov. 14.	3245
Central Illinois Electric & Gas Co.	Nov. 14.	3243	Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co.	Nov. 14.	3266
Electric Ferries, Inc.	Nov. 14.	3244	Pacific Coast Co.	Nov. 14.	3246
Gannett Co., Inc.	Nov. 14.	3244	Pacific Telep. & Telep. Co.	Nov. 14.	3246
General Steel Castings Corp.	Nov. 14.	3244	Peoples Gas, Light & Coke Co.	Nov. 14.	3245

**Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.**—We give below the latest weekly returns of earnings for all roads making such reports:

Name—	Period Cover d.	Current Year \$	Previous Year \$	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—) \$
Canadian National	1st week of Nov	3,710,130	4,205,693	-495,563
Canadian Pacific	1st week of Nov	3,468,000	3,565,000	-97,000
Georgia & Florida	4th week of Oct	27,025	48,999	-21,974
Minneapolis & St. Louis	1st week of Nov	171,527	243,961	-72,434
Mobile & Ohio	1st week of Nov	180,341	234,361	-54,020
Southern	1st week of Nov	2,329,325	3,107,799	-778,474
St. Louis Southwestern	1st week of Nov	320,300	393,478	-73,178
Western Maryland	1st week of Nov	272,098	345,492	-73,393

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 ry.

Month.	Gross Earnings.			Length of Road.	
	1930.	1929.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—)	1930.	1929.
January	\$ 450,526,039	\$ 486,628,286	-36,102,247	242,350	242,175
February	427,231,361	475,265,483	-48,034,122	242,348	242,113
March	452,024,463	516,620,359	-69,595,796	242,325	241,964
April	450,537,217	513,733,181	-63,195,964	242,375	242,181
May	462,444,003	537,575,314	-75,131,312	242,156	241,758
June	444,171,625	531,690,472	-87,518,847	242,320	241,349
July	456,369,950	557,552,607	-101,182,657	235,049	242,979
August	465,700,789	586,397,704	-120,696,915	241,546	242,744
September	466,826,791	566,461,331	-99,634,540	242,341	242,322
October	482,712,524	608,281,555	-125,569,031	242,578	241,655
November	398,211,453	498,882,517	-100,671,064	242,616	242,625
December	377,473,702	468,494,537	-91,220,835	242,677	242,494
1931.		1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.
January	\$ 385,416,905	\$ 450,731,213	-65,314,308	242,657	242,332
February	336,137,679	427,465,369	-91,327,690	242,660	242,726
March	375,588,334	453,291,636	-78,703,302	242,566	242,421
April	369,106,310	450,567,319	-81,461,009	242,632	242,574
May	388,485,871	462,577,503	-74,091,632	242,716	242,542
June	369,212,042	444,274,591	-75,062,549	242,968	242,494
July	377,938,882	458,088,890	-80,150,008	242,819	234,105
August	364,010,958	465,762,820	-101,751,861	243,024	242,632
September	349,821,533	466,895,312	-117,073,774	242,815	242,593

Month	Net Earnings.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (—)	
	1930.	1929.	Amount.	Per Cent.
January	\$ 94,759,394	\$ 117,764,570	-23,005,176	-19.55
February	97,448,899	125,577,366	-28,128,467	-22.40
March	101,494,027	139,756,091	-38,262,064	-27.46
April	107,123,770	141,930,643	-34,815,873	-24.54
May	111,987,753	147,099,034	-35,111,277	-24.22
June	110,244,607	150,199,500	-39,954,902	-26.58
July	125,495,422	169,249,159	-43,753,737	-25.85
August	139,134,203	191,197,599	-52,063,396	-27.21
September	147,231,000	183,486,079	-36,255,079	-19.75
October	157,115,953	204,416,346	-47,300,393	-23.13
November	99,528,934	127,125,694	-27,596,760	-22.35
December	80,419,419	105,987,347	-25,567,928	-24.08
1931.		1930.		
January	\$ 71,952,904	\$ 94,836,075	-22,883,171	-24.13
February	64,618,641	97,522,762	-32,904,121	-33.76
March	84,448,242	101,541,509	-16,993,267	-16.66
April	79,144,653	101,930,623	-22,785,970	-22.39
May	81,038,584	111,359,322	-30,320,738	-27.23
June	89,667,807	110,264,813	-20,597,006	-18.70
July	96,965,387	125,430,843	-28,465,456	-22.73
August	95,118,329	139,161,475	-44,043,146	-31.64
September	92,217,886	147,379,100	-55,161,214	-37.41

**Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.**

Alton—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$ 1,593,896	\$ 2,172,177	\$ 2,543,672	\$ 2,736,529
Net from railway			574,135	646,030
Net after rents	195,411	90,559	317,815	383,324
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	16,274,140	20,868,324	24,440,232	23,876,215
Net from railway			5,322,760	5,104,102
Net after rents	789,528	522,017	3,028,425	2,228,486

**INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS COS.**

**American States Public Service Co.**  
(And Subsidiary Companies)

—Month of September— 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—  
1931. 1930. 1931. 1930.

Gross revenues	\$163,830	\$169,930	\$1,800,622	\$1,749,896
Operating expenses	72,717	78,279	835,198	818,059
Earns. avail. for int. chgs., res. & surp.	\$91,113	\$91,651	\$965,423	\$931,837

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 4 '31, p. 2579

**American Ice Co.**  
(And Subsidiaries)

**Earnings for Quarter Ended Sept. 30 1931.**

Sales	\$7,163,878
Other income	66,404
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$7,230,282</b>
Costs, expenses, etc.	4,184,551
Depreciation	915,750
Interest	85,118
Federal taxes	278,908
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>\$1,765,955</b>

Earnings per share on 566,800 shares com. stk. (no par) \$2.74  
For the nine months ended Sept. 30 1931 net profit totaled \$2,559,273 after charges and taxes, equal to \$3.37 a share on 566,800 common shares, comparing with \$2,982,276 or \$3.84 a share on 600,000 common shares in first nine months of 1930.

Surplus Account—Surplus Dec. 31 1930, \$7,767,871; net profit for nine months ended Sept. 30 1931, \$2,559,273; total, \$10,327,144; preferred dividends, \$645,306; common dividends, \$1,147,436; surplus Sept. 30 1931, \$8,534,402.

\* This compares with \$1,893,310 or \$2.78 a share on 600,000 common shares in Sept. quarter of 1930.

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 21 '31, p. 2199

**American Ship & Commerce Corp.**  
(Parent Company Only.)

Period Ended Sept. 30 1931—	3 Months.	9 Months.
Income from dividends	\$135,258	\$373,320
Income from interest, &c.	\$37,320	168,022
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$37,320</b>	<b>\$303,280</b>
General expenses	11,021	54,230
Interest, &c.	79,606	253,786
Surplus adjustments (net)	Cr 12	Dr 1,153
<b>Net income</b>	<b>loss \$53,295</b>	<b>\$9,111</b>
Earns. per sh. on 591,271 shs. com. stk. (no par)	Nil	\$0.01

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 6 '31, p. 4246

**American Steel Foundries.**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1931—3 Mos.—	1930.	1931—9 Mos.—	1930.
Net earns. after exps.	loss \$138,321	\$779,140	\$369,283	\$3,682,821
Depreciation	266,006	276,344	784,365	944,201
Balance	loss \$404,327	\$502,796	loss \$415,077	\$2,738,620
Other income	72,423	157,364	268,623	365,441
<b>Total income</b>	<b>loss \$331,904</b>	<b>\$660,160</b>	<b>loss \$146,454</b>	<b>\$3,104,061</b>
Reserve for taxes	x Cr 38,500	76,000		368,000
Charges, &c.	2,382	3,329	9,253	15,692
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>loss \$295,786</b>	<b>\$580,831</b>	<b>loss \$155,707</b>	<b>\$2,720,369</b>
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)	993,020	993,020	993,020	993,020
Earnings per share	Nil	\$0.47	Nil	\$2.40

\* For the first six months of 1931 company showed a reserve for Federal taxes for that period of \$38,500 which is no longer a proper charge against the earnings owing to the loss as shown for the nine months.

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1803 and Feb. 7 '31, p. 1034.

**Art Metal Construction Co.**  
(And Subsidiaries)

Period End. Sept. 30—	1931—3 Mos.—	1930.	1931—9 Mos.—	1930.
Sales	\$1,159,046	\$1,759,374	\$4,126,202	\$5,814,072
Net loss after chgs., &c.	130,376	prof. 45,734	268,329	prof. 325,724
Earns. per sh. on 320,570 shs. cap. stk. (par \$10)	Nil	\$0.14	Nil	\$0.01

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 28 '31, p. 2391, and Mar. 21 '31, p. 2200.

**Associated Oil Co.**  
(And Subsidiaries)

Period End. Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.	1931—9 Mos.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$10,471,918	\$13,665,385	\$30,128,011	\$38,213,175
Expenses	7,754,127	10,050,716	22,975,457	26,670,528
Operating income	\$2,717,791	\$3,614,669	\$7,152,554	\$11,542,649
Other income	3,226	108,284	658,956	342,555
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$2,721,017</b>	<b>\$3,722,953</b>	<b>\$7,811,510</b>	<b>\$11,885,204</b>
Interest, discount, etc.	178,486	217,273	561,538	678,264
Deprec. and depletion	1,316,344	1,314,553	3,783,857	3,864,542
Cancel. leases, aband. wells, etc.	478,441	821,546	1,607,061	2,661,185
Federal taxes		37,575		84,652
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$747,746</b>	<b>\$1,331,706</b>	<b>\$1,859,054</b>	<b>\$4,596,561</b>
Dividends		1,145,206	1,946,850	3,435,618
Surplus	\$747,746	\$186,500	def. \$87,796	\$1,160,943
Earns. per sh. on 2,290,412 sha. cap. stk. (par \$25)	\$0.32	\$0.58	\$0.81	\$2.01

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1791

Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. expenses & taxes, Gross income, Interest, &c., Net income, Preferred stock dividend, Depreciation, Balance, Common stock dividend, and another Balance.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 28 '31, p. 1615

Barnsdall Corp.

Table with columns for 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Months, 1930. Rows include Period End. Sept. 30, Profit after interest & Federal taxes, Deprec., depletion, &c., Net loss, and Profit.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7, '31, p. 1788

Bing & Bing, Inc.

Table with columns for 1931-3 Mos., 1929, 1931-9 Mos., 1930. Rows include Gross income, Exps., depr. & amort., Int. & Federal tax, Net profit, and Note.

Note.—The report states that \$325,748 loss representing equity in unproductive property disposed of reported in the June quarter as a charge against earnings has been eliminated from income account and will be reported instead as a charge against surplus.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 16 '31, p. 3717

Boston Worcester & New York Street Ry. Co.

Table with columns for 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Mos., 1930. Rows include Period End. Sept. 30, Operating income, Interest, and Net income.

Briggs Manufacturing Co.

Table with columns for 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Months, 1930. Rows include Net profit after deprec., Federal taxes, &c., Earnings per sh., and Net income.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2, '31, p. 3344

California Oregon Power Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, and Net earnings including other income.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3334

California Water Service Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Operation expenses, Maintenance, General taxes, Net earnings from operations, and Other income.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross corporate income, Interest on funded debt, Reserved for retirements, replacements & Federal income tax & miscellaneous deductions, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Interest on 6% notes.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Disregarding Dates of Acquisition (Earning Power), Operating revenues, Operation expenses and general taxes, Net earnings from operations, and Other income.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross corporate income, Net earnings from operations, and Other income.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 11 '31, p. 2768

Carman & Co., Inc.

Table with columns for 3 Months Ended, 9 Months Ended. Rows include Net profts. after all chgs., Earnings per sh., and Net income.

Central Arizona Light & Power Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. exp., incl. taxes, Net revs. from oper., Other income, Gross corporate inc., Interest on bonds, Other int. & deductions, Balance, Dividends on preferred stock, Retirement (depreciation) reserve appropriation, and Balance.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 13 '31, p. 4407

Central Illinois Electric & Gas Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross revenues, Operating expenses, Net earnings, and Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle July 11 '31, p. 283

Central & South West Utilities Co.

Table with columns for 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-12 Mos., 1930. Rows include Gross earnings of subs., Net inc. of subs. for retire. & stks. owned by Central & South West Utilities Co., Other earnings of Central & South West Util. Co., Total income, Int. & oth. deduct. of Central & South West Utilities Co., Net for retire. & stocks of Central & South West Utility Co., and Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 11 '31, p. 2759

Chapman Valve Manufacturing Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating loss before inventory write-down, Net loss, and Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle July 4 '31, p. 126

Chester Water Service Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Operation, Maintenance, General taxes, Net earnings from operation, Other income, Gross corporate income, Interest on funded debt, Miscellaneous interest charges, Reserved for retirements, replacements & Federal income tax & miscellaneous deductions, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, and Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 11 '31, p. 2759

Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, and Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 11 '31, p. 2759

Chester Water Service Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Operation, Maintenance, General taxes, Net earnings from operation, Other income, Gross corporate income, Interest on funded debt, Miscellaneous interest charges, Reserved for retirements, replacements & Federal income tax & miscellaneous deductions, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, and Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 11 '31, p. 2759

Claude Neon Electrical Products Corp., Ltd., of Del.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930. Rows include Nine Months Ended Sept. 30, Net profit after charges & Federal taxes, Earnings per sh., and Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1807

Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net oper. revenues, Non-oper. revenues, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Amortiz. of bond disc., Other interest charges, Depreciation reserve, Balance, Preferred dividends, Bal. for com. divs. & sur., and Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 21 '31, p. 1409

Coca Cola Co.

Table with columns for 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Mos., 1930. Rows include Gross receipts, Mfg. & gen. expenses, Interest, discount, &c., Federal tax, Net income, and Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 21 '31, p. 1419

East St. Louis & Suburban Co.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net oper. revenues, Non-oper. revenues, Gross income, Int. on funded debt, Amort. of bond disc., Other int. charges (net), Depreciation reserve, Balance, and Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 14, '31, p. 1213 and 1220.

Equitable Office Building Corp.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Total revenues, Operating profit, Depreciation, Balance, Other income, Total income, Int. & real est. tax, &c., Federal tax, Profit, Res. for add'l deprec., Net profit, Shs.com.stk.out.(no par), Earnings per share, and Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 6 '31, p. 4249

Electric Ferries, Inc.			
10 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Gross income	\$632,081	\$553,739	\$566,056
Operating expense	382,025	371,182	328,999
Bond interest	55,541	63,176	71,828
Balance to surplus account	\$194,515	\$119,382	\$165,228

Florida Power & Light Co.			
(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)			
—Month of September—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Operating revenues	\$792,457	\$773,334	\$11,779,161
Oper. exps. incl. taxes	425,742	424,682	5,967,232
Net rev. from oper.	\$366,715	\$348,652	\$5,811,929
Other income	70,161	83,128	1,122,353
Gross corporate inc.	\$436,876	\$431,780	\$6,726,024
Int. on mtg. bonds	216,667	216,667	2,600,000
Int. on debts (all owned by Amer. Pr. & Lt. Co)	110,000	110,000	1,320,000
Other int. & deductions	12,420	10,189	146,350
Balance	\$97,789	\$94,924	\$2,659,674
Dividends on pref. stock	1,173,947	1,141,386	1,480,283
Balance	\$1,485,727	\$1,480,283	140,000
Dividends on 2nd pref. stock	140,000	140,000	140,000
Balance	\$1,345,727	\$1,340,283	700,000
Retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation	500,000	500,000	500,000
Balance	\$845,727	\$640,283	\$845,727

Gannett Co., Inc.			
(And Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries)			
9 Months End. Sept. 30—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Comb. net profit after deprec., but before int., amortiz. & income tax	\$1,088,216	\$1,124,302	\$1,124,302
Net profits after all charges	608,759	607,805	607,805
x And including equity of Gannett Co., Inc., in undistributed net profit of controlled companies.			

General Steel Castings Corp.			
9 Months Ended Sept. 30—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Loss from operation	\$388,453	\$2,183,494	\$2,183,494
Depreciation	890,222	573,121	573,121
Loss	\$1,278,675	\$2,756,615	\$2,756,615
Other income	342,026	475,403	475,403
Loss	\$936,649	\$2,081,212	\$2,081,212
Bond interest and amortization	859,556	861,103	861,103
Amortization of patents and organization expens.	206,920	222,208	222,208
Federal taxes		143,000	143,000
Net loss	\$2,003,125	\$1,999,909	\$1,999,909
Preferred dividends	300,000	450,000	450,000
Deficit	\$2,303,125	\$1,549,909	\$1,549,909
For the quarter ended Sept. 30 1931 the net loss was \$796,824 after charges comparing with a net loss of \$243,655 in the third quarter of the previous year.			

Granite City Steel Co.			
9 Months Ended Sept. 30—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Sales	\$5,809,942	\$8,163,864	\$11,772,473
Costs, expenses and depreciation	5,429,598	7,457,177	10,263,787
Balance	\$380,344	\$706,687	\$1,508,686
Other income	30,129	99,535	80,146
Total income	\$410,473	\$806,222	\$1,588,832
Special charges, including Fed. tax	71,129	117,063	226,809
Net profit	\$339,344	\$689,159	\$1,362,023
Preferred dividends			23,400
Common dividends	471,182	877,041	511,607
Deficit	\$131,838	\$187,882	sur\$827,016
Earnings per share on 292,347 shares common stock (no par)	\$1.16	\$2.36	\$4.54
The net profit for the September 1931 quarter was \$96,067, after charges and taxes, equal to 33 cents a share, comparing with \$129,818, or 44 cents a share, in the third quarter of 1930.			

Great Consolidated Electric Power Co., Ltd., of Japan*			
(Conversion rate—49c. per yen.)			
6 Months End. May 31—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Operating revenue	\$8,526,541	\$8,476,957	\$8,476,957
Net inc. before deprec., int. & amortiz. of disc.	4,927,678	4,728,347	4,728,347

Hercules Motors Corp.			
—Month of September—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net profit after charges, deprec. & Fed. taxes	\$39,811	\$177	\$273,183
Earns. per sh. on 311,600 shs. cap. stk. (no par)	\$0.13	\$0.01	\$0.87

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.			
—Month of September—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Telephone oper. revenues	\$7,173,321	\$7,495,755	\$67,241,685
Telephone oper. exps.	4,973,139	5,334,879	46,282,188
Net tel. oper. revs.	\$2,200,182	\$2,160,876	\$20,959,497
Uncollectible oper. revs.	41,365	38,517	429,457
Taxes assignable to oper.	753,902	745,894	8,069,614
Operating income	\$1,404,915	\$1,376,465	\$12,460,426

Illinois Water Service Co.			
Year Ended Sept. 30—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Operating revenues	\$675,670	\$663,704	\$663,704
Operation	238,504	263,527	263,527
Maintenance	42,088	40,058	40,058
General taxes	42,680	48,871	48,871
Net earnings from operation	\$352,399	\$311,248	\$311,248
Other income	1,089	1,496	1,496
Gross corporate income	\$353,488	\$312,744	\$312,744
Interest on funded debt	156,785	141,154	141,154
Miscellaneous interest charges	6,484	—	—
Reserved for retirements, replacements & Federal income tax & miscellaneous deductions	31,254	29,378	29,378
Net income	\$158,965	\$142,211	\$142,211
Dividends on preferred stock	\$53,400	\$53,400	\$53,400

Intercontinents Power Co.			
—12 Mos. End. July 31—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Subsidiary Companies—			
Gross revenues	\$3,433,657	\$3,507,452	\$3,507,452
Oper. expenses, taxes, maintenance & deprec	2,136,937	2,087,856	2,087,856
Miscell. int. paid, minority interest & other deduct.	60,540	41,829	41,829
Exchange loss	223,699	71,622	71,622
Balance applicable to Intercontinents Power Co.	\$1,012,481	\$1,306,145	\$1,306,145
Intercontinents Power Co.—			
Expenses parent company—net	110,901	86,812	86,812
Balance	\$901,580	\$1,219,333	\$1,219,333
Annual interest requirement \$10,500,000 6% deb.	630,000	630,000	630,000
Miscellaneous interest paid	105,223	105,223	105,223
Balance applicable to amortization, divs., &c.	\$166,357		

Note.—Subsidiaries earnings irrespective of date of acquisition stated at par of exchange, with provision for actual exchange loss suffered on interest and dividends received and reduction of undistributed earnings to average rates in effect for periods.

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International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd.			
(And Subsidiaries)			
Period End. Sept. 30—			
	1931—3 Mos.	1930.	1929.
Earnings	\$2,030,991	\$3,639,238	\$8,517,957
Other income	27,038	107,469	106,741
Total income	\$2,058,030	\$3,746,707	\$8,624,699
Adm. & gen. expenses	313,556	331,622	1,002,565
Federal taxes	60,162	179,256	393,346
Interest paid & accrued	115,246	121,100	353,683
Deprec., depletion, &c.	923,096	1,100,765	2,869,247
Net profit	\$645,970	\$2,013,961	\$4,005,857
Preferred dividends	483,485	483,483	1,450,452
Common dividends	1,457,893	3,626,309	5,831,521
Deficit	\$1,295,409	\$2,095,831	\$3,276,117
Shares com. stock outstanding, no par	14,584,025	14,584,025	14,584,025
Earnings per share	\$0.01	\$0.10	\$0.175

International Railway Co.			
9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Operating revenue	\$6,281,449	\$7,489,381	\$8,333,956
Operation and taxes	5,294,907	6,376,202	6,845,033
Operating income	\$986,542	\$1,113,179	\$1,488,922
Non-operating income	25,915	77,398	70,009
Gross income	\$1,012,457	\$1,190,577	\$1,558,931
Fixed charges	926,510	946,560	971,424
Net income	\$85,948	\$244,017	\$587,507

Kansas Gas & Electric Co.			
(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)			
—Month of September—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Operating revenues	\$480,593	\$490,994	\$5,738,038
Oper. exps., incl. taxes	235,946	254,336	2,868,870
Net rev. from oper.	\$224,647	\$236,658	\$2,869,168
Other income	1,815	7,049	82,806
Gross corp. income	\$226,462	\$243,707	\$2,951,974
Interest on bonds	75,000	75,000	900,000
Other int. & deductions	8,977	7,475	100,707
Balance	\$142,485	\$161,232	\$1,951,267
Dividends on preferred stock			509,624
Balance	\$142,485	\$161,232	\$1,441,643
Retirement (deprec'n) reserve appropriation			600,000
Balance	\$142,485	\$161,232	\$841,643

Long-Bell Lumber Corp.			
(And Subsidiaries)			
Period End. Sept. 30—			
	1931—3 Mos.	1930.	1929.
Net loss after deprec., depletion, interest and other deductions	\$1,369,111	\$688,689	\$3,296,003

Louisville Gas & Electric Co.			
12 Months Ended Sept. 30—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Gross earnings	\$10,871,578	\$10,510,318	\$10,510,318
Net earnings	5,957,725	5,359,851	5,359,851
Other income	290,903	404,568	404,568
Net earnings, including other income	\$6,248,628	\$5,764,419	\$5,764,419

Ludlum Steel Co.			
(And Subsidiaries)			
Period End. Sept. 30—			
	1931—3 Mos.	1930.	1929.
Net loss after chgs. & tax	\$61,835	\$187,673	\$33,347

Mackay Cos. (Postal Telegraph Cable Co.).			
(Postal Telegraph-Cable Co.)			
—Month of September—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Teleg. & cable oper. revs.	\$2,148,147	\$2,273,885	\$19,707,183
Repairs	156,731	153,342	1,334,303
All other maintenance	244,449	204,681	2,208,774
Conducting operations	1,910,079	1,709,600	16,805,522
Gen. & misc. expenses	72,891	90,795	744,657
Total telegraph & cable operating expenses	2,384,151	2,158,419	21,093,257
Net tel. & cable op. rev.	\$236,004	\$115,467	\$1,386,074
Uncollect. oper. revs.	7,500	6,000	60,000
Taxes assignable to oper.	50,000	38,000	405,685
Operating income	\$293,504	\$72,467	\$1,855,009
Non-operating income	13,411	22,316	91,187
Gross income	\$280,093	\$94,783	\$1,761,823
Deduct. from gross inc.	212,668	171,153	1,656,963
Net income	\$49,425	\$23,630	\$104,860
Income balance transferred to profit & loss	\$49,425	\$23,630	\$104,860

MacAndrews & Forbes Co.

Table with 4 columns: Period End. Sept. 30, 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Mos., 1930. Rows include Net profit after exps. & Federal taxes, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Surplus, Shares com. stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

Market Street Railway Co.

Table with 4 columns: 12 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings, including other income.

Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co.

Table with 4 columns: 12 Mos. End. Sept. 30, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net oper. revenues, Non-oper. revenues, Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Amort. of bond discount, Other int. charges (net), Depreciation reserve, Balance, Preferred dividends, Bal. for com. divs. & sur.

Minnesota Power & Light Co.

(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Table with 4 columns: Month of September, 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Oper. exp., incl. taxes, Net rev. from oper., Other income, Gross corp. income, Interest on bonds, Other int. & deductions, Balance, Dividends on preferred stock, Retirement (depreciation) reserve appropriation, Balance, Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 13 '31, p. 4410

Mississippi River Power Co.

(And Subsidiaries.)

Table with 4 columns: 12 Mos. End. Sept. 30, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Taxes, Net oper. revenues, Non-oper. revenues, Gross income, Int. on funded debt, Amort. of bond discount, Other int. charges (net), Approp. for deprec. res., Balance, Preferred dividends, Balance for com. div. and surplus, Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 21 '31, p. 2192

Missouri Gas & Electric Service Co.

Table with 4 columns: Period End. Sept. 30, 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-12 Mos., 1930. Rows include Gross oper. revenues, Available for int. &c., Int. on long-term debt, Other deductions, Net for retire. & divs., Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 25 '31, p. 3146

Motor Wheel Corp.

Table with 4 columns: Period End. Sept. 30, 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Mos., 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Exp., Fed. taxes, &c., Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Interest, &c., Net profit, Dividends, Deficit, Shs. com. stk. outst'g., Earnings per share, Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1820

Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.

(And Subsidiaries.)

Table with 4 columns: Period End. Sept. 30, 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Mos., 1930. Rows include Operating loss, Other income, Loss, Depreciation, Profit before deplet. & Federal taxes, From copper production and after expenses and ordinary taxes, Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 11 '31, p. 2786

Mountain States Power Co.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings, including other income, Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3335

New Jersey Zinc Co.

Table with 4 columns: Period End. Sept. 30, 1931-3 Months, 1930, 1931-9 Months, 1930. Rows include Income, Divs. from sub. cos., Total income, Dividends, Balance, surplus, Shares capital stock outstanding (par \$25), Earnings per share, After deductions for expenses, taxes, depreciation, depletion, maintenance, repairs and contingencies.

North American Light & Power Co.

(And Subsidiaries)

Table with 4 columns: 12 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross earnings from operations, Operating expenses and maintenance, Taxes, Net earnings from operations, Other income, Total income, Power facility rentals, Int. & amortization of subsidiaries, Divs. on pref. stocks of subsidiaries, Allowances for minority interests, Appropriations for deprec. reserves, Int. & amortiz. of No. Am. L. & P. Co., Balance for dividends & surplus, Divs. on pref. stk. of N.A.L. & P. Co., Balance for com. stk. divs. & surp., Average number of com. shs. outst'g., Earnings per share, Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 11 '31, p. 2763

Northern States Power Co.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings, including other income, Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 25 '31, p. 3137

Ohio Water Service Co.

Table with 3 columns: Year Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Operation, Maintenance, General taxes, Net earnings from operation, Other income, Gross corporate income, Interest on funded debt, Reserved for retirements, replacements & Federal income tax & miscellaneous deductions, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 4 '31, p. 2584

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.

Table with 3 columns: 12 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income, Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3336

Oregon-Washington Water Service Co.

Table with 3 columns: Year Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Operation, Maintenance, General taxes, Net earnings from operation, Other income, Gross corporate income, Interest on funded debt, Reserved for retirements, replacements & Federal income tax & miscellaneous deductions, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Note.—The decrease in revenues, expenses and charges is due to the sale of Hoquiam plant, during May 1930, Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 4 '31, p. 2584

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.

(And Subsidiaries.)

Table with 3 columns: Earnings for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Cost of production, distribution and general expenses, Rent of leased plant facilities, Provision for bad and doubtful accounts, Taxes, Retirement appropriation, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Interest on funded debt, Amortized bond discount and expense, Other interest and miscellaneous, Net income, Surplus at beginning of period, Adjustments applicable to prior periods, Total surplus, Dividends declared, Surplus at end of period, Earnings per share on capital stock, Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 7 '31, p. 1023

Pacific Coast Co.

Table with columns for Period End. Sept. 30, 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Mos., 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 11 '31, p. 2787

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Table with columns for Month of September, 1931, 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30, 1930. Rows include Telephone oper. revenue, Net tele. oper. revs., Oper. income.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 28 '31, p. 1618

Pet Milk Co.

Table with columns for Period End. Sept. 30, 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Mos., 1930. Rows include Net profits after all chgs., incl. taxes, Earnings per share.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 21 '31, p. 2212

Philadelphia Co.

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 18 '31, p. 2952

Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co.

Table with columns for Earnings for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931. Row includes Net profit after charges, but before Federal taxes.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 30 '31, p. 4076

Pittsburgh Screw & Bolt Corp.

Table with columns for 9 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Gross profit on sales, Operating profit, Total income, Net profit.

The net loss for the quarter ended Sept. 30, 1931 was \$127,502 after above charges, comparing with a net profit of \$187,211 in the third quarter of 1930.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 4 '31, p. 2602, and Mar. 28 '31, p. 2406.

Pittsburgh Suburban Water Service Co.

Table with columns for Year Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Operation, Maintenance, General taxes, Net earnings from operation.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 11 '31, p. 2765

Poor & Co.

Table with columns for Period End. Sept. 30, 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Mos., 1930. Rows include Net prof. after chgs., Federal taxes, Equivalent, after div. requirements on the 160,000 shares of class "A" stock.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 14 '31, p. 2009

Portland General Electric Co.

Table with columns for 3 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Gross revenues, Operating expenses, maintenance, general taxes, Net earnings.

Radio Corp. of America.

Table with columns for Period End. Sept. 30, 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Mos., 1930. Rows include Gross income from oper., Total income, Cost of sales, Net income, Divs. on A pref. stock, Surplus at Sept. 30.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 14 '31, p. 1930

Public Service Co. of Oklahoma.

Table with columns for Period Ended Sept. 30, 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-12 Mos., 1930. Rows include Gross operating revenues, Available for interest, Int. on long term debt, Other deductions.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 11 '31, p. 2766

Reliance International Corp.

Table with columns for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Interest and cash dividend received, Expenses, Total earnings, Net income before taxes, Preferred dividends.

Surplus before taxes loss \$1,231,907 \$263,946

Surplus Account.—Capital surplus, Jan. 1 1931: \$4,220,134; credit arising from reduction of stated value of class A common stock from \$4 to \$1 per share: \$1,155,000; credit arising from repurchase of preferred stock at a discount: \$747,903; total capital surplus: \$6,123,037; less loss for nine months ended Sept. 30 (as above): \$1,231,907; State of Delaware franchise tax: \$11,273; capital surplus Sept. 30 1931: \$4,879,858.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 21 '31, p. 1437

Reliance Management Corp.

Table with columns for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Interest and cash dividends received, Management fee, Total, Expenses, Interest on debentures.

Operating profit \$82,006 \$110,060

Profit on sale of securities loss \$1,260,614 \$196,039

Net income before taxes loss \$1,178,608 \$306,099

Surplus Account.—Capital surplus Jan. 1 1931, \$565,694; credit arising from repurchase of 5% debentures at a discount, \$18,958; miscellaneous adjustments for 1930, (a) \$734; net loss for 9 months, 1931, \$1,178,608; deficit Sept. 30 1931, \$424,691.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 21 '31, p. 1437

Reo Motor Car Co.

Table with columns for Period End. Sept. 30, 1931-3 Mos., 1930, 1931-9 Mos., 1930. Rows include Sales, Costs and expenses, Operating loss, Other income (net), Net loss, Depreciation.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 4 '31, p. 2602

Revere Copper & Brass, Inc.

Table with columns for 9 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating profit, Miscellaneous charges (net), Interest, Depreciation.

Net loss \$639,496 \$668,379

Profit before inventory adjustment. During 1930 \$2,000,000 was charged for inventory adjustments against reserve previously created, and in addition a charge of \$600,000 was made to surplus to further reduce all metal inventories to a basis of cost or market, whichever was lower at Sept. 30 1930.

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 28 '31, p. 2407

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.

Table with columns for Month of September, 1931, 12 Mos. End. Sept. 30, 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income.

Net earnings, incl. oth. inc. \$295,647 \$285,503

Balance after interest \$3,778,267 \$3,618,896

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 25 '31, p. 3148

Solvay American Investment Corp.

Table with columns for 6 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Dividends received, Profit on realization of investment, Interest received, Total income, Interest on gold notes, Discount on notes payable, General expenses, Taxes paid and refunded.

Profit before Federal taxes \$1,347,717 \$1,803,462

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3359

South Bay Consolidated Water Co., Inc.

Table with columns for 12 Months Ended Sept. 30, 1931, 1930. Rows include Operating revenues, Operation expenses, Maintenance, General taxes.

Net earnings from operation \$296,757 \$212,920

Other income \$6,745 \$5,746

Gross corporate income \$303,502 \$218,666

Interest on funded debt \$58,723 \$58,946

Miscellaneous interest charges \$5,259 \$17,301

Reserved for retirements, replacements & Federal income tax & miscellaneous deductions \$47,287 \$30,140

Net income \$92,230 \$12,277

Dividends on preferred stock \$62,835 \$61,608

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co., Inc.

Table with columns for Month of September, 1931, 9 Mos. End. Sept. 30, 1930. Rows include Telephone oper. revs., Telephone oper. exps., Net teleph. oper. revs., Uncollect. oper. revs., Taxes assign. to oper., Operating income.

Operating income \$1,230,733 \$1,294,219

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1800

**Southeastern Express Co.**

	—Month of August—		—8 Mos. End. Aug. 30—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Revenues—				
Express	\$396,571	\$486,120	\$3,838,153	\$4,499,294
Miscellaneous	147	7	197	13
Charges for transp'n	396,719	486,128	3,838,350	4,499,308
Express privileges—Dr.	118,874	186,220	1,473,118	1,920,722
Revenue from transp'n.	277,845	299,907	2,365,231	2,578,586
Oper. other than transp.	7,068	8,339	66,630	75,311
Total oper. revenues	\$284,913	\$308,247	\$2,431,862	\$2,653,897
Expenses—				
Maintenance	13,966	13,821	111,511	112,951
Traffic	7,111	7,269	61,520	67,279
Transportation	233,127	251,015	1,995,511	2,200,198
General	20,312	22,662	169,281	181,338
Operating expenses	\$274,518	\$294,769	\$2,337,825	\$2,561,767
Net operating revenue	10,394	13,477	94,036	92,129
Uncoll. rev. from transp.	200	681	939	1,192
Express taxes	5,000	8,000	58,000	66,000
Operating income	5,193	4,795	35,096	24,937

**Southern Colorado Power Co.**

	—12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	
	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$2,153,840	\$2,299,503
Net earnings	1,018,630	1,075,611
Other income	4,629	23,653
Net earnings, including other income	\$1,023,259	\$1,099,264

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**Southern Ice Co.**

	—12 Months Ended Sept. 30—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross sales and earnings	\$1,132,709	\$1,236,907	\$1,356,308	
x Net sales—Ice	564,717	660,812	776,652	
x Net sales—Coal	83,494	71,631	71,181	
x Net sales—Ice and coal	\$648,211	\$732,443	\$847,833	
Delivery, selling and gen. expenses	429,671	461,990	452,439	
Taxes	35,635	54,761	66,109	
Operating income	\$182,905	\$215,692	\$329,285	
Non-operating income—Net	7,109	7,696	8,369	
Gross income	\$190,014	\$223,388	\$337,655	
Interest charges	66,484	66,907	66,752	
Balance	\$123,530	\$156,481	\$270,903	
Prior earned surplus	438,885	438,042	336,018	
Total surplus	\$562,415	\$594,523	\$606,920	
y Retirement reserve	106,000	105,000	95,000	
Balance	\$456,415	\$489,523	\$511,920	
Net direct credits	906	19,463	1,581	
Balance	\$457,322	\$508,986	\$513,502	
Preferred dividends	34,517	70,102	75,460	
Earned surplus	\$422,805	\$438,884	\$438,042	
x Gross sales less cost of products sold. y Amount set aside by the directors during the 12 months' period.				

☞ Last complete annual report in *Financial Chronicle* Feb. 7 '31, p. 1054

**Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.**

	—Period End. Sept. 30—			
	1931—3 Mos.—	1930.—	1931—12 Mos.—	1930.—
Gross oper. revenues	\$1,802,910	\$1,504,553	\$5,697,320	\$5,557,566
Available for int., &c.	987,491	728,962	3,207,958	2,477,216
Int. on long-term debt	225,808	225,807	903,230	903,230
Other deductions	33,596	55,280	143,318	108,865
Net for retirement and dividends	\$728,087	\$447,871	\$2,161,410	\$1,465,120

☞ Last complete annual report in *Financial Chronicle* April 11 '31, p. 2767

**Southwestern Light & Power Co.**

	—Period End. Sept. 30—			
	1931—3 Mos.—	1930.—	1931—12 Mos.—	1930.—
Gross operating revenues	\$611,286	\$771,722	\$2,800,230	\$3,398,375
Avail. for int., &c.	232,670	335,294	1,077,917	1,585,591
Int. on long-term debt	105,000	103,750	418,264	413,056
Other deductions	13,803	15,922	59,155	102,955
Net for retire. & divs.	\$113,867	\$215,622	\$600,498	\$1,069,580

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**Spang Chalfant & Co., Inc.**

(And Subsidiaries.)  
Earnings for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1931.

Gross profit	\$1,386,648
Depreciation	764,226
Balance	\$622,422
Miscellaneous income	213,164
Gross income	\$835,586
Expenses	567,977
Interest	316,935
Net loss	\$49,326

☞ Last complete annual report in *Financial Chronicle* Apr. 4 '31, p. 2603 and Mar. 21 '31, p. 2214.

**Standard Gas & Electric Co.**

(And Subsidiaries.)

	—12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	
	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$148,662,594	\$155,104,001
Operating expenses, maint. & all taxes	75,602,634	80,648,967
Net earnings	\$73,059,960	\$74,455,034
Other income	1,338,811	2,005,634
Net earnings including other income	\$74,398,771	\$76,460,668

☞ Last complete annual report in *Financial Chronicle* May 2 '31, p. 3364

**Standard Oil Co. of Kansas.**

	—Period Ended Sept. 30—	
	3 Mos. '31.	9 Mos. '31.
Net profit after depreciation and taxes	\$197,203	loss \$733,254
Earns. per sh. on 320,000 shs. of cap. stock, \$25 par value	\$0.61	Nil

☞ Last complete annual report in *Financial Chronicle* Feb. 7 '31, p. 1055

**Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co.**

	—Period End. Sept. 30—			
	1931—3 Mos.—	1930.—	1931—9 Mos.—	1930.—
Gross earnings	\$1,442,805	\$2,724,652	\$4,309,042	\$7,033,744
Expenses	1,431,474	2,432,249	4,280,773	5,906,959
Operating profit	\$11,331	\$292,403	\$28,269	\$1,126,785
Other income	20,223	23,217	48,213	75,551
Total income	\$31,554	\$315,620	\$76,482	\$1,202,336
Deduct. (incl. lease rents)	113,187	172,472	349,141	411,635
Deprec., deplet'n, &c.	315,227	172,472	814,438	-----
Profit before depreciation and depletion loss	\$396,860	\$143,148	loss \$108,709	\$790,701

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(John R.) **Thompson Co.**

	—Period End. Sept. 30—			
	1931—3 Mos.—	1930.—	1931—9 Mos.—	1930.—
Sales	\$3,664,945	\$3,622,374	\$10,615,386	\$11,224,362
Net profit after deprec., int. & Federal taxes	220,332	220,696	623,829	803,733
Earns. per sh. on 300,000 com. stock (par \$25)	\$0.73	\$0.73	\$2.08	\$2.67

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**Tide Water Associated Oil Co.**

(And Subsidiaries.)

	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
x Total volume of business done	71,571,309	106,933,225	132,102,693	114,486,126
y Total expense incident to operation	58,649,511	85,528,357	112,915,027	92,522,352
Operating income	12,921,798	21,404,867	19,187,665	21,963,774
Other income	1,299,129	2,190,944	3,091,523	2,212,252
Total income	14,220,928	23,595,812	22,279,189	24,176,026
Interest, disc. and prem. on funded debt	647,129	781,767	898,737	1,034,747
Cancelled leases, develop. exps. on both productive and unproductive acreage, aband. wells and retire. of physical property	3,028,660	4,338,887	-----	-----
Depreciation and depletion charged off	9,629,903	9,148,162	9,466,691	8,970,731
Estimated Federal income tax	-----	515,555	829,748	1,325,793
Net profits for the nine months	915,236	8,811,442	11,084,012	12,844,754
Min. interests' prop. of current earnings—(Includes divs. on sub. co.'s pref. stock.)	739,525	924,919	1,218,776	2,393,388
T. W. A. Oil Co. stockholders' proportion of net profit	175,711	7,886,523	9,865,235	10,451,366
Earned surplus at beginning of year	20,517,486	16,888,080	11,615,444	3,164,310
Total surplus	20,693,197	24,774,602	21,480,679	13,615,676
Adjusts. applic. to surplus of prior years	Cr 1,018,489	147,875	865,844	2,462,876
Balance	21,711,686	24,626,727	20,614,835	11,152,800
Dividends on pref. stock	3,296,976	3,297,802	3,292,829	3,274,631
Dividend on com. stock	1,738,739	-----	-----	-----
Total Net Consolidated Earned Surplus—				
Appropriated	2,673,893	2,560,415	2,273,782	-----
Unappropriated	14,004,078	18,768,510	15,048,225	7,878,169
Earnings per common sh.	Nil	\$0.78	\$1.17	\$1.48

x By the Tide Water Associated Oil Co. and its subs. as represented by their combined gross sales and earnings excl. of inter-company sales and transactions.  
y Incl. repairs, maint., pensions, admin., insur., retire. of physical prop., cancel. of leases, develop. exp. on both productive and unproductive acreage, abandoned wells and all other charges except deprec. and depletion and Federal income tax.  
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**Tide Water Oil Co.**

(And Subsidiaries.)

	—9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
x Total volume of bus'ss	\$42,800,033	\$71,271,053	\$90,216,624	\$64,738,137
y Tot. exps. incident to operations	37,891,875	61,976,568	81,521,338	53,515,462
Operating income	\$4,908,158	\$9,294,485	\$8,695,285	\$11,222,675
Other income	630,336	1,794,821	2,379,636	1,812,689
Total income	\$5,538,494	\$11,089,306	\$11,074,920	\$13,035,363
Cancelled leases, develop. exps. on both productive & unproductive acreage aband. wells & retire. of physical property	1,510,373	1,674,926	-----	-----
Depr. & depl. charged off	5,507,073	5,026,117	5,249,048	5,011,487
Est. Fed. income tax	-----	400,000	481,250	906,415
Net profit nine mos. loss	\$1,478,952	\$3,988,263	\$5,344,622	\$7,117,462
Outside stkhldrs' prop. of profits	-----	-----	155	160
Tide Water Oil Co. stkhldrs.' prop'n of profits	loss \$1,478,952	\$3,988,263	\$5,344,467	\$7,117,302
Earned surplus at beginning of year	28,218,466	29,403,499	26,691,723	22,040,017
Total surplus	\$26,739,508	\$33,391,762	\$32,036,191	\$29,157,318
Adjusts. applic. to surplus of prior years	947,615	10,825	355,569	2,843,207
Balance	\$27,687,123	\$33,380,937	\$31,680,622	\$26,314,111
Preferred dividends	747,923	747,922	756,711	776,445
Common dividends	767,137	1,315,093	1,313,159	1,301,093
Earned surp. end of per.	\$26,172,063	\$31,317,922	\$29,610,751	\$24,236,573
Paid-in surplus	1,555,912	1,555,887	1,555,859	1,321,786
Total Net Consol. Surp.				
Appropriated	500,000	500,000	500,000	-----
Unappropriated	27,227,975	32,373,809	30,666,611	25,558,359
Earns. per com. share	Nil	\$1.48	\$2.09	\$2.92

x Done by the Tide Water Oil Co. and its subs. as represented by their combined gross sales and earnings excl. of inter-co. sales and transactions.  
y Incl. repairs, maint., pensions, administrative, insurance and other charges.  
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**Union Electric Light & Power Co. of Illinois.**

	—12 Mos. End. Sept. 30—			
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues	\$3,882,538	\$3,873,036	\$3,709,109	\$3,575,321
Operating expenses	36,090	36,978	32,392	21,656

Net operating revs.	\$3,846,448	\$3,836,058	\$3,676,717	\$3,553,665
Non-operating revenues	10,518	253	520	1,638

Gross income	\$3,856,965	\$3,836,311	\$3,677,237	\$3,555,303
Interest on funded debt	716,938	766,159	791,117	815,244
Amort. of bond discount	50,430	45,234	46,366	52,294
Other interest charges	238,191	328,948	261,614	240,281
Depreciation reserve	1,006,584	1,094,120	961,621	926,933

Balance	\$1,844,822	\$1,691,850	\$1,616,519	\$1,520,548
Preferred dividends	480,000	480,000	480,000	479,996

Balance for common dividends & surplus	\$1,364,822	\$1,211,849	\$1,136,519	\$1,040,552
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**Ungerleider Financial Corp.**  
*Earnings for Quarter Ended Sept. 30 1931.*

Total income.....	\$34,000
Expenses.....	20,463
Net income.....	\$13,537
Loss on sale of securities.....	265,661

**United Chemicals, Inc.**  
 (And Subsidiaries)

9 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.
Consolidated net profit.....	\$259,823	\$382,410
Preferred dividends.....	258,412	259,077
Balance.....	\$1,411	\$123,323

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**Union Electric Light & Power Co. of St. Louis.**

12 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues.....	\$31,651,817	\$32,403,480	\$30,538,069	\$24,172,118
Operating expenses.....	8,647,159	8,607,082	8,389,647	8,960,809
Maintenance.....	2,050,005	2,404,301	2,055,683	1,050,047
Taxes.....	3,591,474	3,422,040	3,535,568	2,909,165
Net oper. revenues.....	\$17,363,178	\$17,970,057	\$16,557,171	\$11,252,097
Non-operating revenues.....	258,904	265,943	327,464	905,187
Gross income.....	\$17,622,082	\$18,236,000	\$16,884,635	\$12,157,284
Interest on funded debt.....	4,410,392	4,300,117	3,844,078	2,707,013
Amort. of bond discount and expense.....	206,680	198,254	202,952	134,091
Other interest charges.....	489,286	329,887	236,929	100,117
Int. during construction.....	Cr1,731,299	Cr603,788	Cr87,384	Cr30,216
Prof. divs. of subsidiaries.....	1,021,104	1,032,412	554,048	18,397
Minority interests.....	6,171	10,175	17,183	1,879,296
Approp. for deprec. reser.....	3,419,033	3,398,611	3,285,874	
Balance.....	\$9,801,380	\$9,581,639	\$8,352,591	\$6,794,539
Preferred dividends.....	870,000	870,000	870,000	870,000
Balance for com. divs. and surplus.....	\$8,931,380	\$8,711,639	\$7,482,591	\$5,924,539

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**United Business Publishers, Inc.**  
 (And Subsidiaries)

9 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net income available for dividends.....	\$100,053	\$465,944	\$678,424
Earnings per share on 150,000 shares common stock (no par).....	Nil	\$1.26	\$2.75

Last complete annual report in *Financial Chronicle* May 23 '31, p. 3905

**United Light & Power Co.**  
 (And Subsidiaries)

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Gross earns. of sub. & controlled cos. (after eliminating inter-company transfers).....	\$89,913,396	\$95,961,811	\$93,508,460
Operating expenses.....	36,684,810	39,467,641	39,640,121
Maintenance, chargeable to operation.....	4,981,863	5,855,079	6,380,184
Taxes, general and income.....	7,979,414	7,910,952	8,191,376
Depreciation.....	8,743,065	8,237,408	7,239,706
Net earns. of sub. & controlled cos.....	\$31,524,244	\$34,490,730	\$32,057,073
Non-operating earnings.....	109,758	1,186,928	729,202
Less—Holding company expenses.....	31,634,002	35,677,659	32,786,275
Net earnings, all sources.....	\$31,507,707	\$35,503,735	\$32,641,455
Interest on bonds, notes, &c., of sub. and controlled cos. due public.....	10,938,343	11,119,864	11,827,610
Amortization of bond and stock disc. of sub. and controlled companies.....	815,645	883,032	899,022
Divs. on pref. stocks of sub. and controlled companies due public.....	4,367,050	4,159,483	3,912,868
Proportion of net earnings attributable to common stock owned by public.....	3,830,343	5,022,102	4,891,014
Gross inc. avail. to U. L. & P. Co.....	\$11,556,325	\$14,319,253	\$11,110,942
Interest on funded debt.....	2,906,839	2,911,118	2,909,385
Other interest.....	8,770	12,216	4,818
Amortization of holding company bond discount and expense.....	335,958	170,249	116,054
Net income.....	\$8,304,757	\$11,225,671	\$8,080,686
Class A preferred dividends.....	—	814,607	238,030
Class B preferred dividends.....	3,600,000	3,506,913	915,504
\$6 cum. conv. 1st pref. dividends.....	\$4,704,757	\$7,718,758	\$6,112,544
Earnings per ave. share outstanding.....	\$1.35	\$2.30	\$1.90

Last complete annual report in *Financial Chronicle* May 9 '31, p. 3514

**Waco Aircraft Co.**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1931—3 Mos.—1930.	1931—9 Mos.—1930.
Net loss after charges.....	\$17,400 prof.	\$18,694
Net sales for 9 months ended Sept. 30 1931 totaled \$466,795, as against \$952,873 the same period the preceding year.	\$54,023	\$36,918

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**Western Auto Supply Co.**

9 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.
Indicated net income after prov. for Federal taxes.....	\$418,000	\$513,000
Earns. per sh. on combined class A & B stks. outst.....	\$2.13	\$2.62

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**Western Continental Utilities, Inc.**  
*Earnings for 12 Months Ended July 31 1931.*

Gross revenues.....	\$2,681,934
Maintenance, operating expenses and taxes.....	1,208,179
Net income before int., deprec., and income taxes.....	\$1,473,756
Interest on funded debt.....	775,651
Net earnings before Federal taxes.....	288,357

**Western New York Water Co.**

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.
Operating revenues.....	\$773,178	\$821,482
Operating expenses.....	218,333	273,049
Maintenance.....	17,092	44,363
General taxes.....	86,512	80,413
Net earnings from operation.....	\$451,240	\$423,655
Other income.....	1,682	3,362
Gross corporate income.....	\$452,922	\$427,017
Interest on mortgage debt.....	199,676	174,649
Interest on 6% debentures.....	58,620	59,045
Miscellaneous interest charges.....	2,815	26,555
Reserved for retire., replace, & Federal income tax and miscellaneous deductions.....	76,671	50,297
Net income.....	\$115,139	\$116,470
Dividends on preferred stock.....	51,530	51,128

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**West Texas Utilities Co.**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1931—3 Mos.—1930.	1931—12 Mos.—1930.
Gross operating revs.....	\$1,555,055	\$1,881,295
Available for Int., &c.....	741,973	895,787
Int. on long-term debt.....	306,250	260,050
Other deductions.....	55,025	103,373
Net for retirem't & divs.....	380,697	532,364

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**White Sewing Machine Corp.**  
 (And Subsidiaries)

Period End. Sept. 30—	1931—3 Mos.—1930.	1931—9 Mos.—1930.
Net loss after interest, depreciation, &c.....	\$214,264	\$73,400
In November 1930 company published a statement showing a net loss of \$274,664 for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1930. At end of year certain adjustments were made, including an adjustment with respect to cost of reorganization which was being charged off by months, so that final figures for nine months ended Sept. 30 1930 showed a loss of \$252,164, as shown above.	\$73.4	\$440,132

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**Wisconsin Electric Power Co.**

12 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Oper. revenues.....	\$3,101,526	\$2,653,694	\$2,287,732	\$2,029,034
Oper. expenses.....	42,709	37,238	21,689	23,430
Taxes.....	270,000	241,725	174,174	124,624
Net oper. revenues.....	\$2,788,816	\$2,374,732	\$2,091,868	\$1,880,979
Int. on funded debt.....	421,850	421,850	424,287	424,775
Amortiz. of bond disc.....	79,452	80,653	81,853	83,054
Other int. charges (net).....	150,589	89,819	Cr2,882	160
Depreciation reserve.....	726,924	618,381	543,659	489,482
Balance.....	\$1,410,001	\$1,164,030	\$1,044,950	\$883,508
Preferred dividends.....	283,754	271,616	278,144	262,386
Balance for com. divs. and surplus.....	\$1,126,247	\$892,414	\$766,806	\$621,121

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**Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co.**

12 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues.....	\$6,018,521	\$6,230,221	\$6,177,112	\$6,104,710
Operating expenses.....	2,918,651	3,150,500	3,219,030	3,736,223
Taxes.....	813,551	825,630	718,062	534,311
Net oper. revenues.....	\$2,286,318	\$2,254,030	\$2,240,020	\$1,834,171
Non-oper. revenues.....	101,143	109,579	126,066	153,406
Gross income.....	\$2,387,462	\$2,363,609	\$2,366,086	\$1,987,577
Int. on funded debt.....	520,000	517,082	419,470	277,285
Amortiz. of bond disc.....	17,683	17,642	15,799	12,733
Other int. charges.....	Cr23,142	Cr89,336	Cr156,086	Cr16,733
Depreciation reserve.....	612,280	599,062	560,677	485,106
Balance.....	\$1,260,640	\$1,319,159	\$1,526,228	\$1,229,187
Preferred dividends.....	292,876	293,217	301,830	303,622
Balance for common dividends & surplus.....	\$967,764	\$1,025,942	\$1,224,398	\$925,564

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**Wisconsin Michigan Power Co.**

12 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues.....	\$3,345,627	\$3,571,668	\$3,528,131	\$3,289,192
Operating expenses.....	1,096,109	1,253,670	1,312,029	1,301,999
Maintenance.....	144,642	152,578	180,649	192,374
Taxes.....	469,880	495,514	442,873	378,941
Net oper. revenues.....	\$1,634,996	\$1,669,909	\$1,592,578	\$1,416,578
Non-operating revenues.....	12,304	23,945	25,838	10,226
Gross income.....	\$1,647,299	\$1,693,855	\$1,618,416	\$1,426,804
Interest on funded debt.....	440,033	444,300	448,167	450,872
Amortization of bond disc. & expense.....	20,396	22,645	22,646	22,579
Other interest charges.....	125,553	171,640	131,629	6,284
Int. during construction.....	Cr15,604	Cr66,525	Cr50,741	Cr14,893
Approp. for deprec. reser.....	410,792	407,713	368,901	361,958
Balance.....	\$666,129	\$714,080	\$697,815	\$600,002
Preferred dividends.....	189,643	144,629	100,161	77,793
Balance for com. div. and surplus.....	\$476,486	\$569,452	\$597,654	\$522,209

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**Wisconsin Public Service Corp.**

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings.....	\$5,592,118	\$5,625,446
Net earnings.....	2,383,680	2,367,269
Other income.....	18,681	18,722
Net earnings, including other income.....	\$2,402,361	\$2,385,991

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**Wisconsin Valley Electric Co.**

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings.....	\$2,397,950	\$2,213,080
Net earnings.....	970,082	976,124
Other income.....	20,819	25,077
Net earnings, including other income.....	\$990,901	\$1,001,201

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd.**  
*(22d Annual Report—Year Ended Sept. 30 1931.)*  
 INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED SEPT. 30.  
 (Including Canadian Steel Foundries, Ltd., and Other Associated Cos.)

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Combined profit.....	\$896,786	\$3,104,867	\$3,922,113	\$1,215,996
Interest earned (net).....	164,647	143,011	—	29,620
Total income.....	\$1,061,433	\$3,247,878	\$3,922,113	\$1,245,616
Depreciation.....	250,000	402,000	402,000	402,000
Bond interest.....	—	2,759	264,211	305,288
Prov. for inc. tax, &c.....	50,000	250,000	250,000	—
Net profit.....	\$761,433	\$2,593,119	\$3,005,902	\$538,328
Preferred dividends.....	—	525,000	525,000	525,000
Common dividends.....	640,150	640,150	247,100	—
Balance, surplus.....	def\$403,717	\$1,427,969	\$2,233,802	\$13,328
Previous surplus.....	6,458,765	5,030,796	2,296,993	2,283,665
Trans. of spec. res. fund.....	—	—	500,000	—
P. & L. surp. Sept. 30.....	\$6,055,048	\$6,458,765	\$5,030,796	\$2,296,993
Shs. common stock outstanding (no par).....	365,800	365,800	365,800	x49,750
Earnings per share.....	\$6.64	\$5.65	\$6.80	\$9.29
x Par \$100. y After transferring \$250,000 from inventory reserve not now required.	—	—	—	—



CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30. (Including Canadian Steel Foundries, Ltd., and Other Associated Cos.)

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1931, 1930, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Rows include Real estate, plant, equipment, Govt. bonds, etc.

Total. 32,650,178 33,247,714 Total. 32,650,178 33,247,714

Martin-Parry Corp.

(13th Annual Report—Year Ended Aug. 31 1931.)

Frederick M. Small, President, reports in part: The past fiscal year has been one of major readjustment for the company. On Oct. 21 1930, at a special meeting of the stockholders, a contract entered into by us with the General Motors Corp. for the sale of our Indianapolis plant...

EARNINGS YEARS ENDED AUG. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Net sales, Cost of goods sold, Net operating loss, etc.

CAPITAL SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Capital surplus as at Aug. 31 1930, Surplus created by reduction in issued value of capital stock...

DEFICIT ACCOUNT.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Deficit as at Aug. 31 1930, Loss and expense arising from sale of fixed assets and inventories...

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET AUG. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1931, 1930, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Rows include Land, buildings, equipment, Cash, etc.

Total. 913,332 3,007,052 Total. 913,332 3,007,052

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc. (& Subs.)

(Annual Report—Year Ended Aug. 29 1931.)

H. M. Warner, President, in his remarks to stockholders, says:

For the year ended Aug. 29 1931, company reports a net loss of \$2,146,075 from operations in the production, distribution and exhibition of motion pictures. The operations of the radio, record and music divisions showed a loss of \$2,399,162, in addition to which a special write-down of \$3,373,369 was made in respect of inventories and accounts receivable of the radio and record division.

We are of the opinion that, owing to the special write-downs made during the past fiscal year and owing to changes in operating policies, the losses from the radio, record and music divisions will be minimized for the future.

For the year ended Aug. 29 1931 net earnings available for all interest, including interest requirements on the optional 6% convertible debentures, series due 1939, after deducting all charges including the losses of the radio, record and music divisions, but before depreciation and amortization of all fixed properties, was \$8,684,173, approximately 1.3 times the consolidated interest charges for the period.

Directors at a meeting held on Oct. 23 1931 fixed the stated capital of the preferred stock at \$55 per share and recommended that the stated capital of the common stock be set at the nominal figure of \$5 per share. This will not change the status of either the preferred or common stockholders as the difference between the present capital and the new stated capital is being transferred to the surplus account.

Neither company nor its subsidiaries have any bank loans. As of Oct. 31 1931 cash balances totaled over \$5,000,000, representing an increase of more than \$1,200,000 as compared with Aug. 29 1931.

Prior to Aug. 1 1931, \$1,300,000 of the optional 6% convertible debentures were retired in accordance with the terms of the purchase fund agreement. An additional \$1,300,000 of these debentures were retired on Sept. 17 1931 in anticipation of the purchase fund requirement due Aug. 1 1932.

On Oct. 31 1931 there were 40,636 common stockholders, compared with 26,990 stockholders on Nov. 7 1930, and 11,157 stockholders on Dec. 2 1929.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT.

Table with 4 columns: Years Ended—, Aug. 29 '31, Aug. 30 '30, Aug. 31 '29. Rows include Net income, Amortization and depreciation, Net earnings, etc.

a Before providing for amortization and depreciation, interest, miscellaneous charges and Federal income taxes (incl. in 1930, \$604,839 profit on the sale of capital assets and \$134,336 profit on capital stock purchased for temporary investment). b Of released film inventory at Aug. 30 1930.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Aug. 29 '31, Aug. 30 '30, Liabilities, Aug. 29 '31, Aug. 30 '30. Rows include Cash, Notes, Trade customers, etc.

Total. 213,857,452 230,185,444 Total. 213,857,452 230,185,444

General Corporate and Investment News.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class I railroads on Oct. 22 had 532,301 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced. This was a decrease of 3,301 cars compared with Oct. 14, at which time there were 535,602 surplus freight cars.

also showed 22,094 surplus stock cars, a decrease of 985 below the number reported on Oct. 14, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 10,203, a decrease of 154 for the same period.

More Freight Cars in Need of Repairs.—Class I railroads on Oct. 15 had 194,286 freight cars in need of repairs or 8.9% of the number on line, according to the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 159 cars above the number in need of repair on Oct. 1 at which time there were 194,127 or 8.9%.

compared with the number on Oct. 1, while freight cars in need of light repairs totaled 54,554 or 2.5%, a decrease of 1,065 compared with Oct. 1.

**Locomotives in Need of Repairs Increase.**—Class I railroads of this country on Oct. 15 had 6,599 locomotives in need of classified repairs or 12.2% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was an increase of 289 locomotives above the number in need of such repairs on Oct. 1 at which time there were 6,310, or 11.7%. Class I railroads on Oct. 15 had 9,629 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with 9,871 on Oct. 1.

**Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 7.**—(a) Railroad wages; New York Central asks unionized labor to accept 10% wage reduction; \$80,000,000 saved in railroad wages for nation if union scale is reduced 10%, p. 3036. (b) L. F. Lorie on rail wage situation; points to large increase in hourly wage since 1913 and drop in gross, p. 3037.

**Alabama Great Southern RR.—Omits Extra Dividend.**—The directors on Nov. 12 declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 4% on the pref. stock, par \$50, payable Feb. 13 to holders of record Jan. 8 1932 and the usual semi-annual dividend of 4% on the common stock, par \$50, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Nov. 30 1931. Extra dividends of 3% each on both issues, ordinarily declared at this time, were omitted.

An extra of 3% in addition to the regular semi-annual dividends of 4% have been declared on both classes of stock since 1928 to and including May 1931. A special dividend of 12% was also paid on Dec. 30 1930. In May and November 1927 regular semi-annual dividends of 3½% together with extras of 3% each, were declared. This company is controlled by the Southern Ry. through ownership of 126,611 shares, or 56.5% of the stock.—V. 132, p. 3709.

**Alton RR.—New Director, &c.**—At the next meeting of the board it is proposed to elect John W. Hubbard of Pittsburgh to the directorate. Mr. Hubbard is Chairman of the Hubbard Co. and also Chairman of the New York Air Brake Co.

The I.-S. C. Commission has declined to authorize Samuel Insull of Chicago to act as a director of the Alton RR. while continuing to hold a similar post and act as Chairman on the board of the Chicago & Illinois Midland RR.

The Commission authorized Silas H. Strawn, of Chicago, to hold the position of director on the Alton RR. while continuing to occupy a similar office on other lines.

Henry R. Winthrop has been authorized by the Commission to serve as a director of the Ann Arbor RR., a subsidiary.

**Salary Reduction Ordered.**—Effective Nov. 16 salaries of all officers and employees of Alton RR. and the Baltimore & Ohio Chicago Terminal RR. Co. who have been receiving \$300 or more a month will be reduced 10%. The cut is similar to that effected earlier by the Baltimore & Ohio RR.—V. 133, p. 2925.

**Chicago Great Western RR.—Earnings Improve.**—According to President Patrick H. Joyce, October net income of this company will make a better showing than the September net of \$74,811 but will be under a year ago. He added: "Car loadings are relatively more favorable. For the past three weeks the decline in loadings has held about even and has been considerably less than for the preceding three weeks and for September."

"Grain shipments are above last year and live stock movements are heavy. I expect coal to move over our lines in considerable volume soon because dealers in our territory inform us that they have substantial orders on hand for delivery in the very near future."

"The general tone of business reflects the improved conditions throughout our territory."—V. 133, p. 3091.

**Chicago Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.—Bonds.**—The I.-S. C. Commission Oct. 30 authorized the company to issue \$1,442,000 1st & gen. mtge. 6% gold bonds, series B, in exchange for and upon the cancellation of a like principal amount of 1st & gen. mtge. 5% gold bonds, series A; series B bonds to be pledged and pledged as collateral security for short-term notes.—V. 133, p. 2926.

**Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Rail Stock Sale to Second Road Under Inquiry—I.-S. C. Commission Gives No Reason for Instituting Investigation of Purchases by Rock Island and Frisco.**—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Nov. 11, began an investigation into purchases by the Rock Island of 25,000 shares of St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. common stock and the purchase by the Frisco of a like amount of stock of the Gulf, Mobile & Northern Ry.

No reason was given for the Commission's action, its announcement being in the form of a brief order instituting the investigation.

The Frisco was allocated to the Rock Island System in the Commission's plan for the consolidation of the Nation's railways into 21 independent systems, but the Gulf, Mobile & Northern was allocated to the Atlantic Coast Line System in the plan.

The order of the Commission follows: "It is ordered, That a proceeding of inquiry and investigation be, and it is hereby, instituted into and concerning the following transactions:

"1. The acquisition, during the period October to December, inclusive, 1930, by The Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. of 25,000 shares of com. capital stock of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.

"2. The acquisition by St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co. as ratified by the board of directors of said company under date of Dec. 10 1930, of 25,000 shares of com. stock of Gulf Mobile & Northern RR.

"It is further ordered, That said, The Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. and said St. Louis San Francisco Ry. be, and they are hereby made respondents in said proceeding;

"And it is further ordered, That said proceeding be, and it is hereby assigned for hearing at such time and place as may be hereafter fixed."—V. 133, p. 2600.

**Detroit Toledo & Ironton RR.—Reorganization Authorized—Constituent Lines to Be Disintegrated—Plan Also Includes Issuance of \$18,033,600 Common Stock and \$10,701,000 Bonds.**—

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to integrate its constituent lines, the Detroit & Ironton and the Toledo-Detroit RR. and in this connection to conditionally issue \$18,033,600 of \$100 par common stock and \$10,701,000 of 1st & ref. mtge. series "A" gold bonds.

The condition attached requires that the company shall not issue the common stock which the Commission has authorized until it has amended its certificate of incorporation by reclassifying its pref. stock as com. and increasing the authorized capital stock from 125,000 to 250,000 shares of common stock.

The decision of the Commission overrules the recommendation of one of its finance examiners who urged denial of authority because the applicant is controlled by the Penroad Corp., an affiliate of the Pennsylvania RR.

The Commission's action in requiring the reclassification of the stock does not impair the Penroad control of the line. The issuance of the 180,336 shares of common stock by the D. T. & I. and delivery of 180,332 shares of it to the Penroad insures its control. The Commission definitely pointed out, however, that under its official consolidation plan of 1929 the D. T. & I. properties were divided between the Baltimore & Ohio and the proposed Wabash-Seaboard systems. It was further stated that nothing in the present report is to be construed as modifying that allocation or as a finding that the Penroad control is lawful.

The proposal will unify the Detroit & Ironton and the Toledo-Detroit railroads.

The report states the proposed unification was devised principally for the purpose of readjusting the financial structure of these roads so as to provide for financing the capital requirements of the properties. The present set-up places a limitation upon the issuance of bonds for capital purposes.

The new common stock to the extent of \$4,472,200 will be delivered in exchange for a like amount of Detroit & Ironton shares, \$7,571,000 for an

equal amount of adjustment mortgage bonds of the D., T. & I. in order to pay off this obligation and \$5,990,000 used to retire a like aggregate par value of D. T. & I. preferred stock now outstanding.

The D. T. & I. owns all the outstanding capital stock of the Toledo-Detroit, consisting of 3,000 shares, except five qualifying shares held by directors. The Penroad owns 59,896 shares of preferred and 64,994 shares of common stock of the D. T. & I. out of the 59,900 shares of preferred and 65,000 shares of common stock outstanding. It also owns the applicant's outstanding adjustment mortgage bonds in the amount of \$7,571,400 which have been called for redemption, together with all of the 44,722 shares of outstanding Detroit & Ironton capital stock. Penroad further holds all interim certificates representing first mortgage gold bonds of the Detroit & Ironton.—V. 133, p. 3091.

**Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville RR.—Deposits.**—J. Ledlie Hees, president of the company, and F. J. Lisman, Chairman of the bondholders' protective committee, announce that over 75% of holders of the 4½% bonds due 1932 have assented to the proposed plan of adjustment of interest. Bondholders will now be asked to deposit their bonds with the New York Trust Co. in accordance with the assent. As soon as 75% of the bonds have actually been deposited the company will pay interest to all assenting bondholders at the reduced rate. Compare also V. 133, p. 2262.

**Ft. Smith & Western Ry.—Petition Denied.**—The I.-S. C. Commission has denied the company's petition asking it to require the Missouri Pacific to include it in the unified system after payment of a reasonable price for its properties.

Over a year ago the Missouri Pacific applied to the Commission for permission to unify certain of its subsidiary properties into a more compact system by leasing the smaller roads over which it now has stock control. It was contended that the leases would result in more economical operation of the system as a unit.

The Commission approved the proposal, but postponed the issuance of a final order in the case until the applicant railroad had made provision for the acquisition of short lines connecting with the system lines, and had submitted a supplemental plan to show its intentions in this matter.

The Fort Smith & Western attempted to force the Missouri Pacific to purchase its line of railroad under the condition attached to approval of the unification plan, but the major road refused to take action at this time. The short line thereupon petitioned the Commission to compel the purchase, and, upon refusal to do so, to deny the carriers unification application. No reason was given by the Commission for denial of the Fort Smith & Western's petition.—V. 133, p. 1612.

**Georgia Florida & Alabama RR.—Receivership.**—On petition of Fred L. Fuller, bondholder, the road was on Nov. 10 put into the hands of receivers by Federal Judge Beaver sitting at Macon, Ga. The line extends from Richland, Ga., to Carrabelle, Fla.

Judge Beaver appointed Phillip Weltner, Atlanta, and Leon S. Freeman of New York as receivers.

Charles Akerman, attorney for the line, said the receivership was temporary and would permit the road to adjust its affairs with the Seaboard Air Line.—V. 133, p. 951.

**Great Northern Ry.—Klamath Falls Extension Completed.**—See Western Pacific RR. below.—V. 133, p. 2600.

**Illinois Central RR.—New Vice-President.**—Charles C. Cameron has been elected Vice-President in charge of traffic, effective Dec. 1. He will succeed David W. Longstreet, who will be 70 years old this month and will therefore retire under the rules of the railroad.—V. 133, p. 2926.

**Interoceanic Ry. of Mexico, Ltd.—To Extend Moratorium to Dec. 31 1933.**—

James Heath, Assistant Secretary, in a letter dated Oct. 30 to the security holders of the company and its leased lines states:

In view of the expiry on Dec. 31 1931, of the period of the moratorium covered by the scheme of arrangement sanctioned in 1927, it has become necessary to consider what steps should be taken to meet the situation which will then arise.

It was hoped that within the prescribed period defined by that scheme, it would have been possible to arrive at some settlement in respect of the occupation and retention for 11½ years by the Mexican Government of the railways of the Interoceanic Company and its two leased lines, namely, those of Mexican Eastern Railway and Mexican Southern Railway, but owing to various adverse circumstances, no tangible result can so far be reported. It is, therefore, not yet possible to proceed with the preparation of the comprehensive scheme contemplated by the scheme of 1927, for dealing with the obligations of the three companies towards their respective creditors within the scheme, and of the companies towards each other.

Under the scheme of 1927 the pooled net earnings (if any) of the Inter-oceanic Railway and its leased lines during the prescribed period were to be allocated between the three companies and applied in the manner and proportions set out in that scheme, but as the operation of the railways has so far resulted in a considerable debit balance on net revenue account, there has been nothing available for allocation.

The gross earnings were affected by the disturbed political conditions in Mexico during the early part of the period, followed by the world-wide economic depression which has been severely felt in that country. The operating expenses for the first four years of the period were very heavy, due largely to the onerous regulations in force governing labor and to the burden of considerable extraordinary upkeep and maintenance costs, rendered necessary by the deteriorated condition in which the lines and rolling stock were returned to private management in 1926.

During the current year, which is the last year of the prescribed period, there is some encouragement to be gained from evidence of economies in working. A drastic reorganization of the railways by the management, the National Railways of Mexico, has recently been put in hand, and a considerable reduction in the number of employees has been effected. Workshops are being concentrated and still further economies are contemplated. The lines and rolling stock, however, still remain in a deteriorated condition, and the circumstances of the companies are such that restoration cannot be undertaken until the necessary funds are placed at their disposal.

The directors and the committee representing the holders of the various classes of debentures and debenture stocks of the three companies are strongly of the opinion that in the circumstances it is in the best interests of all concerned that the moratorium arrangement should be continued and the prescribed period extended.

The new scheme of arrangement providing for such continuation has accordingly been formulated, under which the provisions of the scheme of 1927 and the moratorium therein mentioned are to remain in force until Dec. 31 1933, or until such earlier date or later date or dates as may from time to time be determined by the debenture stockholders' committee.

During the extension of the moratorium and the prescribed period, any net earnings as from Jan. 1 1927, as defined by the scheme of 1927, will, in so far as they suffice, be allocated between the three companies and applied in the manner prescribed by the scheme of 1927. Such allocations are primarily based upon the annual debenture interest obligations of the three companies, but should the amounts which may be allocated out of such net earnings during the whole of the prescribed period be insufficient to pay the full debenture interest for that period, the deficiency is to be waived.

The scheme is submitted with the approval of the debenture stockholders' committee and that of the trustees (where any) for the holders of the debentures and debenture stocks of all three companies, and its acceptance is strongly urged by the boards of directors of the three companies and by the committee.

Meetings are to be held Nov. 16, for the purpose of considering the new scheme of arrangement.—V. 132, p. 4754.

**Keokuk & Hamilton Bondholders Co.—Exchange of Securities.**—

Under date of Nov. 9 we were informed that the noteholders of the Keokuk & Hamilton Bondholders Co. (\$384,800 outstanding) received 1st mtge. bonds of the Keokuk & Hamilton Bridge Co., par for par, with the same interest (viz., 6%); and the stockholders (\$1,000,000 outstanding) received 2d mtge. bonds of the Keokuk & Hamilton Bridge Co., par for par, paying interest at 5%, but approximately \$2,000,000 of accrued and unpaid interest was waived entirely.

The Keokuk & Hamilton Bondholders Co. has been dissolved.—V. 133, p. 3091.

**Keokuk & Hamilton Bridge Co.—Bonds Exchanged for Securities of Keokuk & Hamilton Bondholders Co.—**See latter company above.

The officers of this company are: Royal D. Edsell, Pres.; Samuel S. Hall Jr., Vice-Pres., and Theodore Gilman Jr., Sec.-Treas. Office, 535 Fifth Ave., New York City.—V. 128, p. 1878.

**Lehigh Valley RR.—Orders Engines.—**

The company has placed orders for 20 high-speed freight locomotives, divided equally between the American Locomotive Co. and the Baldwin Locomotive Works. The new engines will be used in hauling maximum tonnage high-speed through freight trains between the Niagara frontier and New York. This order will cost approximately \$2,400,000, it is stated.—V. 133, p. 3091.

**New York Central RR.—President to Retire on Jan. 1.—**

Patrick E. Crowley has resigned as President of the New York Central Lines, effective Jan. 1 next. He will remain with the system in an advisory capacity and as a director. The office of President of the New York Central has been offered to Frederick E. Williamson, at present President of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR. Mr. Williamson has announced his intention to accept this offer.

In a statement issued after the board of directors had announced the resignation, Mr. Crowley said:

On Jan. 1 I shall have completed 53 years of railroad service, 42 of which have been with the New York Central. I am in my 68th year, and I have asked the executive committee to release me of the duties and burdens of the Presidency as of Jan. 1 1932.

The executive committee has asked me to continue in the service of the company in an advisory capacity, a suggestion I have accepted with the greatest satisfaction.

The executive committee has addressed itself to the problem of my successor, and advises me that it has tendered the Presidency to Frederick E. Williamson, now President of the Burlington, but 27 years in the service of this company. Subject to release from his present position and formal action of this board at its December meeting, Mr. Williamson has expressed his desire to accept.

Charles Donnelly, President of the Northern Pacific Ry., issued the following statement:

The directors of the Burlington have known for some time that Patrick E. Crowley intended to retire and that the office of President of the New York Central RR. had been offered to and accepted by Mr. Williamson.

At the next meeting of the Burlington board, to be held in New York early in December, Ralph Budd, now President of the Great Northern Ry., will be named to the office of President of the Burlington to succeed Mr. Williamson.—V. 133, p. 3091.

**Pennsylvania RR.—Acquires Freight Auxiliary—Commerce Company, Operating Over the Wabash, Passes to the National—Six Forwarders to Merge.—**

Acquisition by Pennsylvania RR. interests of the Commerce Freight Co., a forwarding company operating over the Wabash Ry., was announced Nov. 10. This puts under Pennsylvania influence the country's most widespread carloading and forwarding company.

The transaction was completed by the National Freight Co., all capital stock in which is held by the Penroad Corp., investment affiliate of the Pennsylvania RR. National Freight is to be merged with the Commerce Freight Co., the Standard Carloading Corp. and Texas Package Car Co. G. W. Sheldon & Co. and the Judson Freight Forwarding Co. already controlled by National Freight, are included in the merger.

The merged company is to be known as the National Carloading Corp. R. F. Locke will be President, succeeding E. C. Strohn, who was president of National Freight. E. D. Dillhoefer will be assistant to the president, J. V. Bugliari, Vice-President of operations, and O. B. Higgins, Vice-President of traffic.

R. E. Smith will be Vice-President of the Eastern district for the merged company; L. C. Kerner, Vice-President of the central district; T. R. Hudd, Vice-President in the West; W. E. Brochon, Vice-President on the Pacific, and J. P. Collins, Vice-President of the foreign department.—V. 133, p. 3091.

**Pigeon River Ry.—Abandonment.—**

The I.-S. C. Commission Oct. 30 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon, as to inter-State and foreign commerce, its entire line of railroad extending from West Canton to Sunburst, a distance of 11.87 miles, all in Haywood County, N. C.—V. 124, p. 2584.

**Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac RR.—Suit.—**

The company has brought suit in the District of Columbia Supreme Court to enjoin the United States Comptroller-General against applying railway mail pay of the road towards payment of excess net railway operating income found by the I.-S. C. Commission to have accrued in 1921, 1922 and 1923. The company refused to pay the \$696,705 within 121 days from April 7 last, and the Comptroller-General in August notified the road that no further payments would be made to the road on account of services rendered by it for the Government until sufficient funds due had been applied in satisfaction of the amount of excess earnings ascertained in recapture proceedings by the Commission.

The carrier asserts that the Comptroller-General has refused to issue vouchers for payment of \$71,453 of railway mail pay.—V. 133, p. 1286.

**St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Commission to Investigate Stock Deal.—**See Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. above.—V. 133, p. 2432, 2102.

**Southern Pacific Co.—Company Argues in Favor of Cotton Belt Acquisition.—**

Oral argument on the application of the company for authority to acquire stock control of the St. Louis Southwestern Ry. was begun Nov. 13, before the I.-S. C. Commission with Southern Pacific maintaining that the move would avoid possible receivership for the Cotton Belt and give the Southern, a needed entrance into St. Louis. In the Commission's railroad plan, the Cotton Belt was assigned to Illinois Central.

Denial of the plan previously was recommended to the Commission by its Examiner. In yesterday's hearing the Missouri Pacific appeared in opposition and urged outright denial of the plan, while the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific urged that if the move is authorized the Commission should require continuance of existing joint routes and rates of Cotton Belt and Rock Island.

Ben C. Day, attorney appearing for Southern Pacific, told the Commission that the Southern owns or has in a purchaseable position 86% of the pref. and com. stock of Cotton Belt. Some of this stock was purchased in the open market as a result of a decision made by Southern Pacific early in 1929. In 1930 holdings of 87,200 shares of Cotton Belt pref. were acquired from New York investors. The price of com. averaged \$67.92 and the pref. cost \$100 a share. Arrangements then were made with Kohn, Loeb & Co. to acquire 23% additional stock, which stock now has been taken over by Varick Securities Co. organized for the purpose.

In support of his assertion that the St. Louis Southwestern was about to fall into the hands of receivers, Mr. Day said: "The railroad has \$9,000,000 of bank loans now overdue and in addition to this must meet further obligations amounting to \$20,000,000 between now and next June. It cannot sell its bonds and there is no possible way for it to work out of its present financial difficulties."—V. 133, p. 2761.

**Venice Englewood & Southern Ry.—Time to Construct Line Expires.—**

The time within which the company was to construct and complete a line of railroad from a point of connection with the Seaboard's line at Venice, Fla., to Englewood, Fla., has expired and has not been extended. The company was later to construct a line from Englewood to a point or points of connection with the leased lines of the Charlotte Harbor & Northern Ry.—V. 122, p. 3080, 2490.

**Western Pacific RR.—Klamath Falls Extension Completed.—**

Driving of a golden spike Nov. 10 at Bieber, Calif., marked the completion of the California connection of the Western Pacific and Great Northern Rys., accomplished by the extension of the Western Pacific from its main line at Keddle, Calif., a distance of 112 miles, and the extension of the Great Northern from Klamath Falls, Ore., a distance of 91 miles.

The spike-driving celebration was attended by a large aggregation of persons, including prominent railroad executives from several States, who had traveled from distant points to witness an event which marks the completion of a new and competitive all rail route between California and its sister states of the Rockies.

The two new links open up new and additional territory in California, and inasmuch as the Western Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande Western, with the Missouri Pacific, from the short direct line from the West Coast, also opens up a vast new territory to the St. Louis and Kansas City gateways.

Immediately after the ceremony a solid train of 100 cars loaded with Shevlin pine lumber from the forests of northern California and southern Oregon rolled over the rails of the new line, being the first movement of freight over the new route from the north.

The train comprised 50 cars loaded by the McCloud Lumber Co. at McCloud and hauled over the line of the McCloud River RR. Lookout, a junction point on the new rail extension, and the same number of cars from the mills of the Shevlin-Hixon Co. at Bend, Ore.

At Keddle the train divided into two sections, a portion being diverted for distribution throughout California, and the majority of the shipment proceeding east over the Western Pacific to Salt Lake City, and thence by the Denver & Rio Grande Western and its eastern Colorado connections to nearby State in the Union north of the Rio River.

Construction of this line opens up a new outlet for California lumber, it was stated by D. M. Swobe, President of the McCloud River RR.—V. 133, p. 3091.

**Wheeling & Lake Erie Ry.—7% Dividend.—**The directors on Nov. 12 declared a dividend at the rate of 7% per annum upon the prior lien stock, for the period from Aug. 1 1925 to Aug. 1 1926 (being quarterly dividends numbered 36 to 39, both incl.), to be due and payable on Nov. 19 to holders of record Nov. 17. A similar payment for the year ended Aug. 1 1925 was made on June 2 last, making 14% paid this year, as compared with a total of 19¼% in 1930.—V. 132, p. 3711.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES.

**Jersey Telephone System Guarantees Jobs of 14,000 Employees Despite Change to Dial.—**The New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. will guarantee employment to its 14,000 regular employees during the current unemployment crisis, it was announced Nov. 8 in making public a letter sent by G. W. McRae, Vice-President and General Manager, to all its offices in the State. N. Y. "Times," Nov. 8, p. 1, sec. II.

**All America Cables, Inc.—Extends Service.—**

The All America Cables system of communications was extended on Nov. 7 to Medellin, Colombia, it was announced by President John L. Merrill. Medellin is the sixth city in Colombia to be served directly by the company, the others being Cartagena, Baranquilla, Bogota, Cali and Buenaventura.

A new office has been opened in Medellin, which is the capital of Antioquia, the second largest city in the republic and one of the leading coffee markets of the world. The new service is carried by radio from Bogota, which is in direct contact with New York by both radio and cable circuits.—V. 133, p. 3091.

**American States Public Service Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for month and 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

*Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1931.*

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed capital.....	\$17,347,083	Preferred capital stock.....	\$1,682,990
Cash.....	211,039	Common capital stock.....	3,492,942
Notes and accts receivable.....	330,861	Common stock scrip.....	5,448
Materials and supplies.....	79,756	First lien bonds.....	6,714,800
Prepayments.....	10,379	Convertible debentures.....	3,379,000
Miscellaneous investments.....	46,710	Other funded debt.....	80,000
Unamortized discount and expense on funded debt.....	413,218	Notes payable, constr'n loans	210,000
Sundry deferred items.....	86,154	Other notes & accts payable,	
		including accruals.....	473,103
		Reserves, incl. constr'n advs.	1,988,784
		Surplus.....	493,134
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$18,525,201</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$18,525,201</b>

—V. 133, p. 3092.

**American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Overseas Telephone Reaches Sumatra.—**

Another island of the Dutch East Indies came within reach of American telephone users Thursday, Nov. 12, with the extension of this company's overseas telephone service to the island of Sumatra.

As in the case of Java, to which service was opened last April, the circuit will be in operation during the business day. The charge for a call between New York and any point in Sumatra will be \$49.50 for the first three minutes and \$16.50 for each additional minute.

Three radio circuits, linked by wires, are required to establish the telephone connection between the United States and Sumatra. Calls to the island travel over the regular transatlantic radio telephone circuits to London, thence by wire to Amsterdam or Berlin and from there by radio to Bandoeng in Java. Another short wave radio telephone circuit links Bandoeng with Medan in Sumatra.

The service will connect all telephones of the island with the United States, Canada, Cuba and Mexico.—V. 133, p. 3092.

**Associated Gas & Electric Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—**

An official statement has the following:

The following statement includes earnings and expenses of all properties owned on Sept. 30 1931 for the full periods, irrespective of the dates of acquisition. Appropriate adjustment has been made for the net earnings of properties acquired during the year but with accrued prior to acquisition. Investments have been increased by bonds of Eastern Utilities Investing Corp., preferred stocks of General Gas & Electric Corp., which were formerly held by the public, and also by securities acquired from these two corporations. Transactions in connection with exchanges of securities and adjustments of outstanding obligations during the calendar year have resulted in a net improvement of over \$1,000,000 in the net income of the Associated Gas & Electric Co., which has offset to that extent decreases in other items. The greater portion of this improvement is permanent, whereas the decreases in earnings are due to business conditions. Attention is also called to the fact that reductions in current liabilities are being continually made out of savings from current earnings and sales of securities to customers. Construction is at a minimum as facilities are ample for present business. The relatively moderate amount of maturities due in the latter half of 1932 arises principally from the voluntary call for redemption of high coupon bonds and the substitution therefor of lower rate short-term notes, for which low coupon 1st mtge. bonds legal for savings banks are held available.

Electric revenue and total net operating revenue continue to increase, the former because of increased domestic use, and the latter because of reduced operating expenses. The provision for depreciation has been sharply increased (29.6%) partly to offset moderately decreased disbursements for maintenance, but principally because of the desire to substantially increase the balance in the reserve account which now aggregates approximately \$43,000,000. Certain items under other income continue to decrease but the rate of decrease is much slower and study indicates that before the end of the year such decrease probably will have ceased.

Comparative Consolidated Statement of Earnings—12 Months Ended Sept. 30.

Operating Revenues— Electric—Residential Power Commercial Municipal Electric corporations Railroads Total sales—Electric Miscellaneous revenue Total electric revenue Gas—Residential Commercial Industrial Total sales—Gas Miscellaneous revenue Total gas revenue Water, transportation, heat & miscell. revenues Total operating revenues Operating expenses Taxes Net operating revenue Renewals and replacements—depreciation Operating income Other income: Earnings of non-utility subsidiaries Income from affiliated holdings Other int., divs. & miscell. non-operating net income Total other income Other expenses and taxes Net other income Gross income Fixed charges and other deductions: Operating companies—Interest on funded & unfunded debt Operating companies—Preferred stock dividends Group companies—Int. on funded debt & pref. stock divs. Income applicable to common stocks of sub. companies held by the public and earnings prior to acquisition Sub-total Interest during construction—credit Total underlying deductions Balance Fixed interest requirements of Associated Gas & Elec. Co.—Funded debt Unfunded debt Total Balance Interest on junior obligations convertible into stock at option of company Balance Dividends on preferred stocks (parent company) Balance Dividends on preference stocks (parent company) Balance Average number shares class A stock outstanding Earnings per share for class A stock after depreciation

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets— Plant, prop'y franchises & cost of acquiring capital Investments Cash Accts. receivable Notes & accts. rec., miscell. Mat'ls & suppl's Prepaid expenses Miscell. items in suspense Items in transit Liabilities— Pref. & preference stocks, class A, B and common stocks, capital & surplus (A. G. & E. Co.) Sub. companies: Pref. stocks— Stated at liq. values Com. stks. & surp. applie. thereto Oblig. conv. into stock at co's option Funded debt— A. G. & E. Co. Group cos. Oper. cos. Notes payable Accts. payable Acct. int., divs., & misc. accts. Accrued taxes Consumers' serv. & lne depos. Renewals and replace. res. Other reserves Total

x Includes \$9,548,600 since paid, without new financing, \$26,885,500 maturing between June 15 and Dec. 31 1932 to take care of which 1st mtg. bonds, legal for investment by either New York, Massachusetts or Connecticut savings banks, are reserved in the treasury, and \$161,500 due prior to June 15 1932, which will be paid from current funds. No other funded debt matures in 1932.

October Output.—

For the month of October 1931, the Associated System reports electric output of 289,278,276 units (kwh.), an increase of 2.6% over October 1930. Excluding sales to other utilities, output was 3.7% less than for October last year. For the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1931, units sold totaled 3,201,996,662 units or 5.8% above the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1930. Excluding sales to other utilities, output was 2% below the previous year's figures.

Gas sendout for October was 1,454,535,600 cubic feet, or 7% below the same month of 1930, while the figures for the year ended Oct. 31, showed a decrease of only 1% under last year to 18,085,818,100 cubic feet.

For the week ended Nov. 7 the Associated System reports electric output totaling 63,678,110 units (kwh.), an increase of 2.6% over the same week of last year. Excluding sales to other utilities, electric output was 5.1% below that of the same week last year. Gas output for the week was 349,569,800 cubic feet, or 7.8% below the corresponding week of 1930.—V. 133, p. 2927.

Boston Worcester & New York Street Ry. Co.—Earnings. For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 3522.

Brazos River Gas Co.—Pays Bonds.—

All holders of 1st mtg. 7% bonds, due Oct. 1 1931, have been notified to present them at the office of A. M. Lampert & Co., Inc., 44 Pine St., N. Y. City, for payment at 100 and int. Interest ceased to accrue after Nov. 13.—V. 126, p. 2307.

California Oregon Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2927.

California Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet. Assets— Plant, prop., equip &c. Misc. inv. & special deposits Cash Notes & accts. rec. Notes rec. affil. cos. (sec.) Materials & suppl's Deferred charges & prepaid accounts Total Liabilities— Funded debt Consumers' depts. Pur. money obliga. Misc. def. liab. & unadjusted cred. Due affil. cos. Notes & accts. pay Acctd. int., taxes, divs., &c. Contributions for extension Reserves 6% cum. pref. stk. Com. stock & surp'y Prem. on cap. stk. Total

x Including unamortized debt discount and expense and commission on capital stock. y Represented by 29,142 shares (par \$100).—V. 133, p. 2602.

Calumet Rys.—Sale Approved.—

The P. S. Commission of Indiana has authorized the sale of the Calumet Railways, Inc., the Shore Line Motor Coach Co. and the Mid-West Motor Coach Co., all properties of the Midland United Co., Chicago, to the Chicago & Calumet District Transit Co., controlled by Walter J. Cummings, Chicago. All three transportation units operate in the Calumet region of Indiana, chiefly in Hammond, East Chicago and Whiting and between these cities and Chicago.

The Cummings organization will ultimately pay \$1,050,000 for the properties. Under an agreement approved by the Commission the purchasers will pay \$5,250 every three months for 50 years, beginning Oct. 1 1931. The sale involves 27 street cars of the Calumet Railways, Inc., and 110 buses of the Shore Line and the Mid-West companies. Maintenance equipment is also included. The new company is to lease the garage of the Shore Line Motor Coach Co. in Hammond for a period of five years and will establish headquarters there.

Mr. Cummings is to spend \$150,000 in a general reorganization of the three carriers. The street car line will be the backbone of the system, with the buses in general acting as feeders. More money will be spent on trolley buses and other improvements as fast as conditions warrant. All this will be done without applying for new operating franchises in any of the affected cities. The new company will operate under the present franchises and the permits of necessity and convenience.

The Midland United Co. had originally applied to the Indiana Commission for permission to discontinue the operation of the Calumet Railways, Inc., after attempts to obtain a "service-at-cost" franchise in Hammond, East Chicago and Whiting had been unsuccessful. Its request to discontinue was granted by the Commission, but later the plea was withdrawn when Mr. Cummings arranged to purchase the properties.—V. 133, p. 1613.

Canada Northern Power Corp., Ltd.—Customer Ownership Campaign Concluded.—

This corporation has just concluded its fourth customer ownership campaign with an offering of 5,000 shares of its 7% cum. pref. stock. The campaign was completely successful, over 2,000 customers of the company subscribing for an amount in excess of the 5,000 shares offered.

In this campaign, as in former ones, orders were restricted to ten shares from any one customer, and as a result of the sale the company's list of customer-shareholders has been substantially increased. The sale was conducted through the employees of the utility company, under the direction of the Customer Ownership Co. of Canada.

During the past month, the Canada Northern Power Corp. has obtained three important power contracts—one for Granada Gold Mines, one for Kirkland Lake Township Gold Mines, and the other with Mining Corp. of Canada to serve the new and important gold field at Matchewan. The company's progress during the past 12 months has been most marked with an increase in the number of customers served of over 8%. The company is now engaged on a programme of extension of its lines and sub-station equipment in order to meet the growing needs of its customers.—V. 133, p. 2761.

Cape Breton Electric Co., Ltd.—Disposition of Properties. See Island Electric Co. below.—V. 132, p. 4407.

Central Illinois Electric & Gas Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for three months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

"Earnings for the period, while influenced by the low rate of industrial activity, were adequate to cover interest on funded debt approximately twice, and all interest requirements 1.89 times, and leave a substantial balance after retirements." Albert E. Peirce, President, said in comment on the report.—V. 133, p. 3092.

Central Public Service Corp.—Correction.—

On page 2927 of the Oct. 31 issue, we show a consolidated balance sheet of the Central Public Service Corp. and subsidiaries as of Sept. 30 1931. The date is incorrect and should be June 30 1931. The statement of earnings for the 12 months ended June 30 1931 was given in V. 133, p. 2917.—V. 133, p. 3092.

Central & South West Utilities Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3092.

Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. of Va.—Expands.—

The company now serves 155,212 telephones in Virginia, an increase of 6,292 over the number in operation on Jan. 1, according to Charles H. Weber, General Manager.

In order to provide facilities for the growth of telephone service throughout the State, the company now has under way the construction of new plant and equipment costing \$1,046,700 and requiring about 200,000 man hours of labor. This expenditure will be distributed as follows: Northern Virginia district, \$248,760; central district, \$305,500; Roanoke district, \$236,500, and the Tidewater district, \$256,000.—V. 132, p. 2190.

Chester Water Service Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Balance Sheet. Assets— Plant, prop. equip., &c. Misc. inv. & special deposits Cash Notes & accts. rec. Due to affil. cos. Materials & suppl's Def'd charges & prepaid accounts Total Liabilities— 1st mtg. 4 1/8% Consumers' depts. Due affil. cos. Accounts payable Acctd. int., taxes, divs., &c. Def'd liab. & unadjusted credits Reserves \$5.50 pref. stock Com. stock & surp'l Total

x Including unamortized debt discount and expenses and commission on capital stock. y Represented by 12,000 shares (no par). z Represented by 12,000 shares (no par).—V. 133, p. 2432.

Chicago District Electric Generating Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering \$2,250,000

1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series B, at 93½ and interest, to yield about 6.5%.

Dated Nov. 1 1931; due Nov. 1 1961. Red., all or part, on 30 days' notice at following prices and int.: 105 to Nov. 1 1936; 104 on and after Nov. 1 1936 to Nov. 1 1941; 103 on and after Nov. 1 1941 to Nov. 1 1946; 102 on and after Nov. 1 1946 to Nov. 1 1951; 101 on and after Nov. 1 1951 to Nov. 1 1956; 100 on Nov. 1 1956, and thereafter to maturity.

Issuance.—Authorized by the P. S. Commission of Indiana.

Data from Letter of President Samuel Insull, Jr., Nov. 5.

Business.—Corporation (name changed from State Line Generating Co.) organized in Indiana, furnishes power at wholesale under long term contracts with Commonwealth Edison Co., Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana Public Service Co., and Public Service Co. of Ind.

The company has constructed and is operating a large and advanced type of generating station on the site which it owns located on the shore of Lake Michigan immediately east of the Illinois-Indiana State line and adjoining the corporate limits of the city of Chicago.

The first unit of the power station has been in successful operation for more than two years. Construction of the second unit of 132,000 kilowatt capacity and the third unit of 125,000 kilowatts has been in progress for more than a year.

The operation of the company assures a supply of energy at very low cost. It owns no transmission system beyond the limits of its own property and no sub-stations except those required for its own use.

Capitalization Preferred stock (no par) 200,000 shs. 33,388 shs. Common stock (no par) 1,500,000 shs. 717,600 shs.

First mortgage gold bonds Series A, 4½%, due Sept. 1 1970. \$15,000,000 Series B, 6% (this issue). 2,250,000 5-year 5½% gold debts., due Oct. 1 1935. \$8,000,000 8,000.0

Security of Bonds.—These bonds, in the opinion of counsel, will be secured by a 1st mtge. on all of the fixed properties, rights and franchises of the company now owned.

Insuance of Additional Bonds.—Mortgage provides that, subject to the limitations thereof, additional bonds of this series (or of other series bearing such dates, maturity dates, rates of interest, and having such other characteristics as the board of directors at the time of issuance may determine) may be issued against the deposit, par for par, of cash or obligations of the U. S. Government or to refund bonds of another series theretofore issued under the mortgage.

Improvement & Sinking Fund.—In an indenture supplemental to the mortgage it will be provided that, beginning with the calendar year 1933 and continuing thereafter so long as any bonds of series B are outstanding, the company will expend for each calendar year an amount not less than 2% of the principal amount of such bonds authenticated prior to the beginning of such year (except bonds authenticated for exchange for other bonds of such series or to replace lost, destroyed or mutilated bonds).

Earnings.—Corporation has contracts running to the year 1979 for the furnishing of electrical energy by it to Commonwealth Edison Co., Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana Public Service Co., and Public Service Co. of Indiana.

The company started operation July 1 1929 with a turbine unit of 208,000 kilowatt capacity. For the years ended Sept. 30 1931 and Sept. 30 1930 earnings are reported by the company as follows:

Table with columns for 1930 and 1931. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. expenses, Net earnings before depreciation, Annual int. on debt, and outstanding debt.

Management.—The operations of the company are controlled by a board of directors representing the four contracting companies.—V. 133, p. 3092.

Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.—Earnings.— For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 20 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30. Table with columns for 1931 and 1930 for Assets (Prop. & plant, Capital expend., Sundry invest., Cash, Notes & bills rec, Accts. receivable, Mat's & supp., Sund. curr. assets, Prep. assets, Open accounts, Bond & note disc, Special funds) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Funded debt, Accts payable, Sundry current liabilities, Taxes accrued, Interest accrued, Divs. accrued, Reserves, Surplus).

Commonwealth Edison Co.—Rights, &c.— The company has applied to the Illinois Commerce Commission for authority to issue additional capital stock to the extent of 10% of the outstanding stock.

If authorized, the additional stock will be offered to stockholders of record Dec. 15, next, at par (\$100 a share). Stockholders will have the usual privilege of making payment in full, or in quarterly or 10 monthly payments.

Commonwealth & Southern Corp.—Electric and Gas Output.—

Electric output of the Commonwealth & Southern system in October was 475,028,000 kwh. as compared with 519,749,000 kwh. in October 1930.

Gas output of the Commonwealth & Southern system in October was 765,320,000 cubic feet as compared with 803,041,000 cubic feet in October 1930.

Commonwealth Telephone Co. (Wis.)—Bonds Offered.—

Bonbright & Co., Inc., are offering at 90 and int., to yield 5.90%, \$439,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, series A, dated March 1 1928; due March 1 1948.

Insuance.—Authorized by the P. S. Commission of Wisconsin.

Data from Letter of J. F. O'Connell, President of the Company.

Property and Territory.—Company, incorp. in 1920 in Wisconsin, operates 97 telephone exchanges serving without competition 274 communities and surrounding territory in the northern, central, eastern and southern parts of the State of Wisconsin.

The territory served covers an area of more than 15,000 square miles and includes a population in excess of 258,000.

Security.—Secured by a first mortgage on fixed properties, rights and franchises of the company which constitute over 70% of the value of all properties now owned by the company.

Earnings for Year Ended Aug. 31 1931 (Including Earnings of Properties Recently Acquired).

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Net earnings before depreciation, Annual interest requirements on total funded debt.

Balance available for reserves, Federal taxes and dividends. \$393,718 Net earnings as above set forth for the year ended Aug. 31 1931 were more than 3.9 times the annual interest requirements before depreciation.

Capitalization Preferred stock 6% cum. (\$100 par) \$2,000,000 1,500,000 Common stock (\$100 par) 2,000,000 1,639,000

Management.—Company is controlled, through ownership of its entire issue of common stock, by the Associated Telephone Utilities Co.—V. 126, p. 2962.

Consolidated Water Co. of Utica.—Dividend Decreased.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 37½c. per share on the class A common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 14.

**Eastern Michigan Rys.—Receivers Appointed.**

Federal Judge Charles C. Simons Nov. 7 appointed the Detroit Trust Co. and A. L. Drum receivers in equity for this company and the Eastern Michigan Motorbuses. Judge Simons' action was taken on petitions filed by the Detroit Edison Co. and the U. S. Rubber Co.

The petitions stated that assets of the transportation companies total \$2,750,000 and that they will be able to pay the debts, but asked the receivership to protect the rights of creditors.—V. 127, p. 3540.

**East St. Louis & Suburban Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

*Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.*

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Property & plant, 18,887,729	19,059,047	5% cum. pref. stk., 2,400,000	2,400,000
Sundry investm'ts, 5,000	5,000	Common stock, 60,000	60,000
Due from affil. cos., 87,102	117,806	East St. Louis & Sub. Co. coll. tr.,	
Cash, 289,790	245,617	5% gold bonds, 7,997,000	7,997,000
Cash with trustees for payment of bond interest, 132,583	114,783	Fund. debt of subs., 1,201,000	1,201,000
Notes & bills rec., 42,403	47,080	Due to affil. cos., 4,487,872	4,417,298
Acc'ts receivable, 204,584	276,739	Accounts payable, 168,325	181,442
Material & suppl's, 198,957	230,234	Sundry cur. liab., 158,967	177,938
Sundry cur. assets, 8,483	1,280	Taxes accrued, 322,496	291,916
Prepaid accounts, 25,458	21,634	Interest accrued, 19,800	19,840
Discount and expense on secur., 44,109	49,199	Res'v for deprec., 2,359,368	2,283,920
		Other reserves, 196,202	185,323
		Surplus, 615,200	952,744
<b>Total, 19,986,200</b>	<b>20,168,420</b>	<b>Total, 19,986,200</b>	<b>20,168,420</b>

—V. 133, p. 1124.

**Electric Bond & Share Co.—To Reimburse Employees the Amount Paid Under Stock Subscription Plan with Interest at 6% per Annum.**

A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for Dec. 7 1931, to consider the cancellation of the plan adopted by the board of directors on July 1 1929, under authority granted by the stockholders, for the sale of common stock for future delivery to officers and other employees, and to consider the retirement of approximately 590,000 shares of the presently outstanding common stock of the company.

The vote of the stockholders in 1929 authorizing the adoption of this plan provided that the plan should be administered under the authority of a committee of the board of directors of the company consisting of all of those members of the board who were not participants under or eligible to participate under the plan.

This special meeting of the stockholders has now been called upon the recommendation of all the members of this committee. The committee consists of E. K. Hall, George H. Howard, Edwin G. Merrill, Lewis E. Pierson, William C. Potter and Frederick Strauss. In a letter to the stockholders, which accompanies the formal notice of the meeting, this committee states that it has considered the effect of the plan and is of the opinion that it no longer operates for the benefit of the company or its wholly owned subsidiary.

The stock covered by the plan is now held by a wholly owned subsidiary of the company and has been contracted for sale for future delivery in accordance with the plan under a standard form of purchase agreement. The agreement provides that none of the stock will be deliverable until the expiration of a term of 7 1/2 years of continuous employment subsequent to such sale, except in the case of death or as may be determined upon by said committee in other special circumstances. The cessation of employment, except in the case of death, terminates all rights and obligations under the agreement and in such case there is an obligation to reimburse the employee for the money paid by him under the plan, with interest thereon at the rate of 6% per annum.

The recommendation of the committee to the stockholders is that the plan be cancelled, that all shares of stock of the company held by said subsidiary be surrendered and cancelled, and that the employees be reimbursed with interest for the amount paid by them in cash, which is the basis provided in the plan in the case of a cessation of employment, as above stated. The aggregate amount so advanced by them, including interest, to be so reimbursed, is a little less than \$3,000,000. This action, if taken, will result in the reduction of the outstanding shares of common stock by approximately 590,000 shares.—V. 133, p. 2602.

**Electric Power & Light Corp.—Listing of Additional Common Stock—Rights to Subscribe to Additional Stock.**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 1,440,410 additional shares of common stock (no par) upon official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total applied for 3,989,901 shares.

The corporation has offered pro rata to holders of record Nov. 10 (1) of the common stock of the corporation, including as holders thereof those who can become entitled to common stock by exercising their rights under preferred stock allotment certificates of the corporation then outstanding, and (2) of the option warrants of the corporation, the privilege of subscribing for not exceeding 1,440,410 shares (no par) common stock at \$15 per share, payable in cash or in New York funds at the office of the corporation, 2 Rector St., New York, on or before Dec. 4. Such privilege of common stock is to be at the rate of 13-23rds of one new share of common stock (a) for each one share of common stock (including whole shares of common stock covered by any outstanding preferred stock allotment certificate if no default exists thereunder on Nov. 10 1931), and (b) for each option warrant, outstanding at the close of business on Nov. 10 1931.

The purpose of this financing is to provide funds to pay the balance of \$24,000,000 on corporation's subscription to \$30,000,000 of \$7 second preferred stock units of United Gas Corp. made June 3 1930, at the time of organization of United Gas Corp. The sum of \$6,000,000 has heretofore been paid on this subscription, against which payment the corporation received delivery of 60,000 shares of \$7 second preferred stock of United Gas Corp. Upon payment of the balance of \$24,000,000 the corporation will receive 240,000 additional shares of \$7 second preferred stock, 600,000 shares of common stock and option warrants (of the kind now outstanding) to purchase 900,000 shares of common stock of United Gas Corp. The corporation has the voting control of United Gas Corp. and also owns a majority of the option warrants of that company.

Electric Bond & Share Corp., as a holder of common stock and option warrants of the corporation, has agreed to exercise its right to subscribe to its ratable proportion, namely, 567,845 shares, at the subscription price of \$15 per share, and has further agreed to underwrite the remaining approximately 872,500 shares at said subscription price, for a fee of 50 cents a share on all such remaining shares.

This agreement on the part of Electric Bond & Share Co. affords assurance that this offering of additional common stock will be fully subscribed, and accordingly the corporation will be required to issue in due course to those who shall have subscribed therefor, 1,440,410 shares of its common stock.—V. 133, p. 2927, 2266.

**General Public Utilities Co., St. Louis, Mo.—To Exchange Notes Due Dec. 1 for Notes Due Dec. 1 1933.**

In a letter dated Oct. 26, to the holders of the \$4,000,000 two-year 6% convertible gold notes due Dec. 1 1931, Frank T. Hulswith, Chairman, says:

Although the earnings of the company are more than sufficient to cover a-l interest charges of the company (including interest on the two-year 6% notes), interest on bonds of subsidiary companies and dividends on the company's \$7 dividend preferred stock outstanding with the public as well as maintenance and depreciation, the company has not sufficient cash on hand to meet the maturity of the notes on Dec. 1 1931. Regardless of the condition of the company and its proven earning power, it is impossible because of prevailing conditions in the securities markets to raise the funds necessary to meet this maturity.

Since the company is not in a position to pay the notes maturing Dec. 1 1931, it offers to exchange the present notes for a like principal amount of a new issue of two-year convertible 6 1/2% gold notes, due Dec. 1 1933. This offer of exchange has been submitted to and approved by the bankers who purchased and sold the old notes. The company has requested the bankers to assist it in the consummation of this exchange and has agreed to compensate them for their services in this connection.

In making this offer of exchange, the company has endeavored to be as liberal as the present financial condition of the company permits. It is noted that (a) The interest rate is increased from 6% to 6 1/2%. (b) The

convertibility feature has been substantially improved in the new two-year note by giving the new two-year noteholder the privilege to exchange each \$1,000 of new two-year notes for \$1,200 of first mortgage and collateral trust 6 1/2% gold bonds, series C, due April 1 1955, and \$50 in cash, plus or minus a cash adjustment for accrued interest on the notes and bonds to be exchanged.

This convertibility commences immediately and is continuously effective until 10 days before due date, or before redemption date in case of redemption. This improved convertibility from a 5 1/2% first mortgage and collateral trust gold bond, due in 25 years, to a 6 1/2% first mortgage and collateral trust gold bond of the same company maturing in 24 years is, obviously, an advantage.

(c) Whereas the first mortgage & collateral trust gold bonds pledged as security for the present notes are equal in principal amount to approximately 110% of such notes, in the case of the new two-year notes the percentage will be increased to a total of 125%.

The company reserves the right to cancel this offer in the event that the notes deposited by Nov. 30 1931 (or such subsequent date, not later than Dec. 31 1931, as the company in its discretion may fix) are not sufficient in amount to make it advisable, in the opinion of the company, to carry out the proposed exchange. In that event, the new notes will not be issued.

The properties composing the company's system, namely, the operating properties of Southwestern Public Service Co., Gulf Public Service Co. and the other subsidiaries, are in excellent physical condition. Most of the 102 communities served are growing and are supported not only by fertile agricultural territories but also by diversified industrial activities. Substantial economies in operation were made effective recently which should serve to improve the net earnings shown in the enclosed circular.

**Description of \$4,000,000 Two-Year Convertible Secured 6 1/2% Gold Notes.**

Dated Dec. 1 1931; due Dec. 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000 c\*. Red. as a whole or in part, at any time on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. Interest payable J. & D. at the principal office of the trustee. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum. Company will agree to refund on proper application: Conn. 4 mill tax, Penn. 4 mill tax, Maryland 4 1/2 mill tax, District of Columbia 5 mill tax, Calif. personal property tax not exceeding 4 mills and the Mass. income tax on interest not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum.

Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, trustee.

Company—Incorp. in Florida. Operates directly or through its subsidiaries a group of electric, gas, water and ice properties in 102 rapidly growing cities and towns in the States of Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Nebraska, South Dakota and Florida. The system serves 53,757 electric and (or) gas and (or) water customers in 91 communities with a total population in excess of 196,000. The capacity of the electric plants is 67,198 kva. and the ice plants have a daily capacity of 968 tons.

Capitalization as of Aug. 31 1931.

[Assuming issuance of \$4,000,000 notes in exchange for like amount of notes maturing Dec. 1 1931.]

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. & collateral trust gold bonds 6 1/2% series A, 1956-----		\$9,125,000
6 1/2% series C, due April 1 1955-----		5,000,000
Two-year convertible secured 6 1/2% gold notes, due Dec. 1 1933 (this issue)-----		4,000,000
\$7 cumulative preferred stock (no par)-----	200,000 shs.	33,748 shs.
Common stock-----	750,000 shs.	506,500 shs.

The subsidiary companies have outstanding in the hands of the public \$5,900,000 of bonds.

x Limited by restrictive provisions of the indentures but not to any specific amount. y These bonds will be pledged with the trustees as security for the two-year convertible secured 6 1/2% gold notes.

Security.—Secured by the deposit with the trustee of company's first mortgage & collateral trust 6 1/2% gold bonds, series C, due 1955, equal in principal amount to 125% of notes issued.

**Consolidated Earnings (Company and Subsidiaries) 12 Months Ended Aug. 31 1931.**

Gross revenues, all sources-----	\$4,701,631
Operating expenses, maintenance & local taxes-----	2,633,982
Net earnings before depreciation, Federal income taxes, &c.—	\$2,067,649
Annual interest requirements on subsidiaries' funded debt outstanding with the public-----	358,085

Balance, 1,709,564

Annual interest requirements on total funded debt including this issue of notes of General Public Utilities Co. but excluding the bonds of series C to be pledged under the note agreement. 853,125

Note.—During the 12 months period, the company and its subsidiaries set aside \$340,865 reserve for depreciation.

Management.—Company is controlled and supervised by American Commonwealth Power Corp.

The consolidated balance sheet as of Sept. 30 was given in V. 133, p. 3093.

**Great Consolidated Electric Power Co., Ltd., of Japan.—Earnings.**

For income statement for 6 months ended May 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2762.

**Illinois Water Service Co.—Earnings.**

For income statement for year ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

*Comparative Balance Sheet.*

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
Plant, prop. equip., &c.—	\$5,983,894	\$5,880,584	Funded debt—
Special deposits—	875	2,000	\$3,150,000
Cash—	36,807	38,734	Consumers' depts.—
Accts. receivable—	131,923	130,622	19,031
Materials & suppl's—	43,945	50,922	Misc. def. liab. & unadjusted cred.—
Def't charges & prepaid accounts—	124,272	138,125	27,403
			Due affil. cos.—
			325,807
			Notes & accts. pay—
			33,161
			Accrued items—
			117,463
			Reserves—
			561,582
			6% cum. pref. stk.—
			890,000
			Com. stock & surpl'y—
			1,126,392
<b>Total, \$6,321,720</b>	<b>\$6,249,993</b>	<b>Total, \$6,321,720</b>	<b>\$6,249,993</b>

x Including unamortized debt discount and expense and commission on capital stock. y Represented by 53,200 shares (no par).—V. 133, p. 2433.

**Indianapolis & Southeastern Ry.—Seeks to Discontinue Lines.**

This company, operating lines from Indianapolis to Connersville and Greensburg, Ind., has petitioned the Indiana P. S. Commission for permission to abandon interurban service on the two lines. In the meantime, a Chicago creditor sought the appointment of a receiver to protect an unpaid claim. In filing its petition for abandonment the company stated that its lines earned only \$2,300 in 1930 and lost more than \$14,000 in the first seven months of 1931. ("Electric Ry. Journal.")—V. 126, p. 3754.

**Intercontinentals Power Co.—Earnings.**

For income statement for 12 months ended July 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2266.

**International Railway Co.—Earnings.**

For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1124.

**Interstate Transit Co., Inc.—Sale.**

A Cincinnati dispatch states: The sale of the property of the company operator of a network of motor bus lines, will be held Nov. 30. Application for the sale of the property was made in U. S. District Court at Cincinnati, Nov. 9 by the Mack International Motor Truck Co., N. Y. City, complainant in the receivership proceedings against the company, and the City Transit Co., Norwood, O., intervenor.

The two companies hold mortgage liens against the Interstate company for approximately \$1,250,000. The Mack company's mortgage covers all of the busses operated by Interstate Transit and is for approximately \$917,000. The City Transit holds all of the capital stock of Colonial

Stages South and Colonial Stages East, subsidiaries of Interstate Transit, amounting to 5,000 shares each, as security for loans of \$315,000 made by City Transit to Interstate Transit Co., Inc.

Island Electric Co.—Secures Assets of Cape Breton Electric Co.—

The "Financial Post," Toronto, Nov. 7, had the following: Declining revenues, default of interest payments and trouble with the city of Sydney over the renewal of the franchise, culminated in the public auction April 29 last of the Cape Breton Electric Co. properties.

The old company owned and operated the light and power and tramways systems in Sydney, North Sydney and adjacent points. Some time ago there arose an agitation in Sydney against the high domestic lighting rates charged by the company.

Various groups became interested in the situation. At one time it was thought that Royal Securities Corp. would secure the franchise from the city, but negotiations fell through. Finally action was taken by the bondholders and the property put up for sale.

The weak link in the Cape Breton set-up is the tramway system, which has been an unprofitable venture in recent years. Net revenue has fallen off approximately 50% compared with the 1919 returns.

The Board of Public Utilities Commissioners investigated the situation and finally issued an order to the Island Electric Co. granting the discontinuance on and after Oct. 1 last of the tramway service on the streets of Sydney and Glace Bay, as well as the interconnecting interurban lines.

[The assets of Sydney & Glace Bay Electric Ry. Co., a subsidiary of Cape Breton Electric Co., were to be sold at public auction under foreclosure order on June 5 1931 at Sydney, N. S. The Sydney & Glace Bay Electric Ry. had outstanding \$113,000 5% 1st mtge. bonds, on which interest was defaulted in July 1930.

Kentucky-Tennessee Light & Power Co.—Paris (Tenn.) Fails to Recapture Light Plant.—

Refusal by the U. S. Supreme Court to review the case of the city of Paris, Tenn., against the company brings to a conclusion the long battle of the city to recapture its water and light plant, which it was alleged was taken by fraud and for an inadequate consideration.

The U. S. District Court at Memphis ordered the contract canceled and the property returned to the city, but the 8th Circuit Court reversed that decision, and the city then appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Lake Shore Electric Ry.—Subsidiary Seeks Authority to Abandon Line &c.—

The Lake Shore Coach Co., a subsidiary has asked the Ohio P.-S. Commission for permission to abandon its Amherst-South Amherst line, temporarily suspend service on its Lorain-Sandusky route and extend its Cleveland line to Sandusky.

Louisville Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Mackay Companies.—Stock Stricken from List.—

Market Street Ry. Co.—Earnings.—

Massachusetts Gas Cos.—To Pay Bonds.—

Middle West Utilities Co.—System Gains 104,902 New Customers.—

Milwaukee Electric Ry. & Light Co.—Earnings.—

Mississippi River Power Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Mid-West States Utilities Co.—Omits Dividend.—

Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30. Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Property & plant, Capital expend., Sundry invest., Reserve, Cash, Notes & bills rec., Accts. receivable, Mat'l & suppl., Inter-co. acc'ts., Prepaid accts., Open acc'ts., Bond & note discount, Reacquired sec's) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Pref. stk. install., Prem. on pf. stk., Common stock, Funded debt, Accts. payable, Sund. curr. liab'l, Inter-co. accts., Taxes accrued, Interest accrued, Div. accrued, Sund. acc't. liab'l, Open acc'ts., Reserve, Surplus).

Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30. Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Property & plant, Capital expend., Sundry invest., Cash, Notes & bills rec., Accts. receivable, Material & supply, Inter-co. acc'ts., Prepaid accounts, Bond & note discount, Res. special funds) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Funded debt, Accounts payable, Sund. curr. liab'l, Inter-co. acc'ts., Taxes accrued, Interest accrued, Sund. acc't. liab'l, Reserves, Surplus).

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable Nov. 1 on the class A common stock, no par value. On Aug. 1 last a quarterly 2 1/2% stock distribution was made on this issue.

viously the company paid an optional dividend of 43 3/4 c. in cash or 2 1/2% in stock.

The dividend mentioned in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 26 1931, p. 2104, is incorrect, and refers to another company.

Missouri Gas & Electric Service Co.—Earnings.—

Mountain States Power Co.—Earnings.—

National Electric Power Co.—Warrants Changed.—

New England Power Association.—Earnings Now Include North Boston Lighting Properties.—

New England Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Acquis.—

New Haven Water Co.—Rights.—

New York Power & Light Corp.—New Line.—

New York State Electric & Gas Corp.—Electric Rates Cut.—

New York Water Service Corp.—Noteholders Asked to Exchange 4 1/2% Notes Due Dec. 1 for 6% Notes Due 1932.—

The company is requesting holders of one-year 4 1/2% gold notes due Dec. 1 to exchange them for 6% notes to mature Nov. 30 1932.

On Dec. 1 1931, this corporation will have maturing \$2,000,000 one year 4 1/2% gold notes. Due to extraordinary conditions prevailing in the securities markets we are unable to undertake any new financing to meet this maturity, or to reimburse our treasury for expenditures which have been made during the past five months for necessary additions and improvements.

While from the standpoint of operation the corporation is in excellent condition and its earnings are greater than they were a year ago, it is necessary to ask the noteholders to accept in exchange for their 4 1/2% gold notes a like principal amount of 6% gold notes to be dated Dec. 1 1931 and to be due Nov. 30 1932.

The corporation has endeavored to make the new notes as attractive as possible. In addition to retaining all the safeguards surrounding the maturing notes and increasing the interest rate from 4 1/2% to 6%, the corporation will covenant in the note agreement that, so long as the new notes shall remain outstanding, it will not:

(a) declare or pay any dividends on its common stock; (b) create or permit the existence of any mortgage or other lien upon, or any pledge of, common stock of South Bay Consolidated Water Co., Inc., Western New York Water Co. and (or) Cortlandt-Harmon Water Service Corp., presently owned by the corporation, or sell such stocks unless the proceeds are applied to the retirement, or sale, of the new notes; (c) issue, assume or otherwise obligate itself for the payment of bonds, notes or other indebtedness, other than additional first mortgage gold bonds issuable under the indenture of mortgage of the corporation dated as of Nov. 1 1926 and loans made in the ordinary course of business for current needs maturing in not more than one year after their respective dates.

Despite the severe business depression, earnings of the corporation have continued to increase, the balance available for interest on funded debt and on the new notes being \$1,809,105 for the year ended Sept. 30 1931 as compared with \$1,597,718 for the preceding 12 months' period. Annual

Interest charges on total funded debt, including the new 6% gold notes, will be \$914,682.

In case the corporation finds it necessary or desirable to cancel and withdraw this offer, it reserves the right to do so at any time to and including Dec. 31 1931.

Noteholders are requested to forward notes for exchange to Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., 70 Broadway, N. Y. City. All charges in connection with this offer will be paid by the corporation. The corporation has requested the assistance of investment dealers in the consummation of this exchange and has agreed to compensate them for their services in this connection.

The Dec. 1 1931 coupons attached to present notes are not to be deposited but should be detached and presented in the usual manner for payment.

**Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Sept. 30 1931.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
Plant, property, equip., &c. \$27,579,295	1st mtge. 5s 1951.....	\$13,940,000	
Invest. in subs. not consold. 2,609,863	Roeh. & Lake Ont. Wtr. Co.		
Misc. inv. & special deposits. 4,324	1st 5s.....	1,765,000	
Cash..... 533,972	Misc. bond issues, assumed.....	157,200	
Notes receivable..... 5,889	½% gold notes.....	2,000,000	
Accts. rec., less reserve..... 674,073	Consumers' deposits, &c.....	232,732	
Due from affil. cos..... 7,261	Purchase money obligations.....	149,270	
Interest & dividends rec..... 8,443	Notes payable.....	228,360	
Materials and supplies..... 136,379	Accounts payable.....	64,799	
Prepaid accounts..... 21,647	Acer. int., taxes, divs., &c.....	574,483	
Deferred charges..... 4799,269	Purchase money obligations		
	due within one year.....	103,272	
	Deferred income.....	345,051	
	Res. for retire. & replace.....	1,901,933	
	Miscellaneous operating res.....	3,999	
	Contributions for extensions.....	201,019	
	6% preferred stock.....	4,653,200	
	Common stock & surplus.....	66,060,098	
Total.....	\$32,350,416	Total.....	\$32,350,416

a Including unamortized debt discount and expense and commission on capital stock. b Represented by 26,015 shares, par value \$100.—V. 133, p. 2433, 2105.

**North American Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Clement Studebaker Jr., President, says:

In the nine months of 1931 the output of electricity decreased 1% as compared with the first nine months of 1930. The electric industry for the United States as a whole reported a decrease of approximately 4% during this period. The output of electricity of company for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 was 1.2% less than for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1930. Gas output, due to the continued increase in the business of the natural gas properties, was 56% greater in the first three quarters of 1931 than in the corresponding period of 1930. For the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 the output of gas was 24,891,000,000 cubic feet, as against 15,804,000,000, an increase of 57%.

The leasing by a wholly owned subsidiary of company of the eastern two-thirds of the former Stanolind oil line through northern Kansas and southern and western Nebraska and its contemplated conversion to a natural gas line, already has been reported to the stockholders. The work of condensing the line for the transportation of gas has been largely completed during the past quarter. The construction of distribution systems and their connection with the line, is going forward rapidly and it is anticipated that a market for a large amount of gas will be provided by this new project during the coming months.

Northern Natural Gas Co. (jointly controlled by North American Light & Power Co., the United Light & Power Co., and Lone Star Gas Corp.) has continued to press its construction program toward completion and has made excellent progress in the development of markets. The line to Des Moines, Iowa has been completed and the initial delivery of gas was made during October. Northern Natural Gas Co. has completed 640 miles of main lines and 740 miles of branch lines and has 420 miles under construction, an aggregate of 1,800 miles.

The St. Louis terminal project continues to progress very satisfactorily. The several phases of the project are being advanced in accordance with the general program. Arrangements have been made for leasing to the General Electric Co. a substantial amount of space in the universal freight and warehouse building now under construction. Illinois Terminal R.R. System has continued to show earnings which compare most favorably with those of the other carriers of the country. While gross earnings have been reduced, net revenues from operations are running ahead of those for 1930.—V. 133, p. 2433.

**Northern States Power Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2603.

**Northwestern Public Service Co., Omaha, Neb.—**

**Additional Bonds and Stock Authorized.—**  
The company recently obtained authority from the Nebraska Railway Commission to issue \$300,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds and 1,792 shares of pref. stock. No plans have been made for selling the bonds. The pref. stock will be sold to the company's customers through its employee organization at \$100 per share.—V. 133, p. 3094.

**Ohio Cities Telephone Co., New Philadelphia, O.—**

**Proposed Acquisitions, &c.—**  
Consolidation of this company, serving 47 cities and villages reaching entirely across Ohio from east to west, the Ohio Associated Telephone Co., serving 43 cities and villages in western and central Ohio, and Freeport Telephone Co., serving four villages in Tuscarawas, Harrison and Guernsey counties, is proposed in joint applications filed on Nov. 5 by the companies with the Ohio P. U. Commission.

The Ohio Cities company asked authority to acquire the other companies and the Ohio Associated and Freeport companies asked authority to sell their properties. The consolidation, under the proposal, would be accomplished by an exchange of securities. For this latter purpose the Ohio Cities Telephone Co. asked authority to issue and sell \$291,900 of 5% 1st mtge. gold bonds, series A; 2,661 shares of com. pref. stock of \$100 par value, and 3,829 shares of common stock to be sold at \$5 a share. Hearing on the applications will be held before the Commission on Nov. 17.

Among the cities and villages served by the Ohio Cities company are Amanda, Belle Valley, Beverly, Caldwell, Celina, Dover, New Philadelphia, Fort Recovery, Lowell, Mendon, Mineral City, Ohio City, Pleasant City, Senecaville, Waterford and Zoarville. Among those served by Ohio Associated are Marion, Montpelier, Sylvania, Waldo, Harpster, Larue and Richmond. The Freeport Telephone Co. serves Freeport, Londonderry, Smyrna and Westchester. ("Ohio State Journal").—V. 125, p. 2810.

**Ohio Water Service Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for year ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
Plant, property, equipment, &c. \$7,256,166	\$6,993,071	1st mtge. 5% gold bonds.....	\$3,820,000
Misc. special dep. 1,008	1,110	Consumers' dep.....	40,104
Cash..... 65,278	50,440	Misc. def. liab. & unadj. credits.....	31,297
Accts. receivable..... 151,032	129,292	Due affil. cos.....	1,237,848
Materials & suppl..... 33,734	40,305	Notes & accts. pay.....	60,532
Misc. cur. assets.....	50	Accrued items.....	131,167
Deferred charges & prepaid accounts \$440,557	407,882	Reserves.....	421,415
		Preferred stock.....	1,400,500
		Common stock & surplus.....	850,016
Total.....	\$7,952,774	Total.....	\$7,952,774

x Including unamortized debt discount and expense and commission on capital stock. y Represented by 58,746 shares (no par).—V. 133, p. 2433.

**Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3094.

**Oregon-Washington Water Service Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for year ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
x Plant, property, equipment, &c. \$4,855,148	\$4,799,333	Funded debt.....	\$2,683,500
Investments.....	121,463	Consumers' depts.....	16,955
Misc. special depts.....	4,719	Misc. def. liab. & unadj. credits.....	18,175
Cash.....	70,455	Due affil. cos.....	65,000
Accts. receivable.....	46,037	Accts. payable.....	8,076
Due from affil. cos.....	17,188	Accrued items.....	142,585
Materials & suppl.....	38,789	Reserves.....	719,601
Def. charges & prepaid accounts.....	76,317	Capital stock & surplus.....	1,471,747
Total.....	\$5,108,684	Total.....	\$5,108,684

x Plant and property at appraised values. y Represented by 6,416 shares of \$6 cum. pref. stock (no par) and 42,500 shares of common stock (no par).—V. 133, p. 2433.

**Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Plea Denied.—**

The California R.R. Commission has denied the application of the Modesto Irrigation District asking that the above company be compelled to withdraw electric power service from that territory and cease competition with the District in power service.

In the same decision the Commission denied application by the District and other cities and irrigation districts asking that the company be ordered to reduce electric rates in their respective localities to the lower rate schedules now in force in the Modesto district.

Discussing applications of the various cities and irrigation districts for lower electric rates, the Commission's order quoted decisions of the Supreme Court, the I.—S. C. Commission, and its own previous decision, all holding that a reduction in rates to meet competition at particular points does not constitute unjust and unfair competition against other areas that the same utility serves.—V. 133, p. 2929.

**Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.—Listing of Additional**

**Capital Stock—Earnings, &c.—**  
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 79,000 additional shares of capital stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 772,003 shares. On Sept. 4 directors adopted a resolution to offer 10,000 shares of the capital stock for sale to the employees through the agency of the Employee's Savings Fund. Stock is offered to employees on the installment plan, payments to be made at the rate of 3% or 5% of the wages of the employee.

The price to be paid by employees for stock is determined from time to time but never at less than par. The sale of stock to employees was authorized by the stockholders at the annual meeting held Feb. 24 1931. On Sept. 4 directors adopted a resolution to offer 69,000 additional shares of the capital stock at par to the stockholders of record Dec. 15 1931, giving each stockholder the privilege until the close of business on Jan. 15 1932, but no longer, to subscribe for such additional shares at \$100 per share to the extent of 10% of his then recorded holdings; subscriptions to be paid for at the election of the stockholders either (a) in one payment of \$100 per share, payable on or before Jan. 15 1932, or (b) in four installments of \$25 per share each, payable on or before Jan. 15, April 15, July 15 and Oct. 17 1932, respectively, or (c) in 10 installments of \$10 per share each, payable on or before Jan. 15, Feb. 15, March 15, April 15, May 16, June 15, July 15, Aug. 15, Sept. 15, and Oct. 17 1932. Any such capital stock not taken up by stockholders may be sold to the public at a price not less than par. No arrangement has been made for the sale of unsubscribed shares.

**Earnings.—**

For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

**Consolidated Comparative Balance Sheet.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
Land, bulidings, plant & equip. 166,967,310	162,209,821	Capital stock.....	68,877,500
Cash and securities in hands of trustees.....	2,614,259	Bonds.....	71,465,000
Service annuity fund (contra).....	274,562	Gold notes.....	23,000,000
Ins. fund (contra).....	2,107,741	Def. payments on purch. contra. Notes payable.....	2,610,084
Investments.....	38,281,117	Accounts pay.....	601,916
Cash.....	9,224,898	Divs. decl. & not due.....	1,338,860
Notes receivable.....	1,783,413	Mat. bond int. unpaid (contra).....	768,932
Accounts receiv.....	4,648,988	Accrued taxes.....	5,699,898
Sundry adv. and deposits.....	335,522	Accrued interest.....	890,101
Matured bond int. depos. (contra).....	768,932	Deferred credits.....	222,824
Inven. at cost.....	2,448,391	Retirem. reserve.....	20,371,031
Subs. to cap. stk.....	52,485	Service annuity fund reserve (invested).....	274,562
Prepaid insur., taxes, &c.....	169,136	Insur. fund res. (invested).....	2,107,741
Commuted lease rentals, being amortized.....	2,867,690	Casualty reserve.....	145,759
Disc. & expense on funded debt.....	2,626,669	Contingent res.....	3,389,465
Miscell. deferred debits.....	1,994,689	Reserve for uncollectible bills.....	625,405
Total.....	237,165,751	Sundry reserves.....	3,379,925
	211,070,586	Minority share-holders int. in capital & surp. of subs. cos.....	20,661
		Surplus.....	29,028,352
		Total.....	237,165,751

—V. 133, p. 2763.

**Philadelphia Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2603

**Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Tenders.—**

The Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities trustee, Philadelphia, Pa., will until noon Nov. 21 receive bids for the sale to it of real estate 1st mtge. 6% bonds of C. Benton Cooper, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$111,332 now in the sinking fund, at prices not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 133, p. 3094.

**Pittsburgh Suburban Water Service Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for year ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
Plant, property, equipment, &c. \$3,404,217	\$3,334,555	Funded debt.....	\$1,871,000
Misc. special dep.....	583	Consumers' depts.....	47,482
Cash.....	17,535	Miscell. defer. liab. & unadj. credits.....	56,926
Accts. receivable.....	60,078	Due affil. cos.....	158,669
Materials & suppl.....	22,619	Accounts payable.....	6,624
Deferred charges & prepaid accounts.....	138,427	Accrued items.....	45,189
		Res. for retirem'ts & replacements.....	369,073
		Contrib. for extns.....	59,754
		\$5.50 cum. pd. stk.....	500,000
		Com. stock & surp.....	2576,222
Total.....	\$3,643,457	Total.....	\$3,643,457

x Including unamortized debt discount and expense and commission on capital stock. y Represented by 5,000 shares (no par). z Represented by 5,000 shares (no par).—V. 133, p. 2434.



Portland General Electric Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for three months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

The showing for this period may be considered satisfactory in view of current conditions, Franklin T. Griffith, President, said, "particularly inasmuch as interest was earned approximately twice over. A substantial balance for surplus and common stock is available after retirements."

Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois.—Rights, &c.—

The company has applied to the Illinois Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$9,773,700 additional common stock without par value to the extent of 12 1/2% of the outstanding stock of all classes.

Real Estate-Land Title & Trust Co., Philadelphia, as trustee for the outstanding \$199,120 bonds, dated June 1 1896, which are in default, will sell the entire property at public auction Nov. 28.

Safe Harbor Water Power Corp.—Dam Ready for New Lake on Susquehanna.—

The corporation has begun to fill the reservoir behind the dam which has been built for the new hydro-electric development at Safe Harbor, Pa. The dam and power house extend nearly a mile from the Lancaster to the York County shores of the Susquehanna River.

The Safe Harbor dam is built in two spillway sections and three non-overflow sections. Thirty-two gates—each 35 feet high and 48 feet wide and weighing 82 1/2 tons—close the spillway openings.

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.—Refunding The company has been authorized by the California RR. Commission to sell \$1,500,000 of 4 1/2% one-year notes, dated Dec. 1 1931.

South Bay Consolidated Water Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1931. Assets—Plant, property, equip., &c. \$6,258,677. Liabilities—Funded debt \$3,157,500. Total \$6,761,781.

Southern Colorado Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2929.

Southwestern Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1290.

Southwestern Gas & Electric Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Hill, Joiner & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and Halscy, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering at 91 and int. \$2,300,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series C.

Business.—Company, incorporated in 1912 in Delaware, owns and operates public utility properties supplying one or more classes of service to 143 communities, including the cities of Shreveport, Louisiana; Marshall, Texas; Texarkana, Tex.—Ark.; Fayetteville, Ark.; Biloxi, Gulfport and Pass Christian, Miss. Electric light and power is supplied to Shreveport, Texarkana, Marshall, Fayetteville and 133 adjacent communities.

The street railway property at Texarkana includes 13 miles of track, the necessary car barns, shops and transportation equipment. The ice plants of the company have combined capacity of 489 tons per day.

Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing). 7% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100) \$8,899,100. 8% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100) 701,600.

Security.—A direct obligation of the company and secured by a 1st mtge. on all of the permanent property, rights and franchises now owned by the company and on all such property hereafter acquired on account of which bonds are issuable under the mortgage.

Issuance of Additional Bonds.—Mortgage provides that, subject to the limitations thereof, additional bonds of this series (or of other series bearing such rates of interest, maturing at such times and having such other provisions as the board of directors at the time of issuance may determine) may be issued against the deposit, par for par, of cash or United States obligations or to refund bonds of other series issued under the mortgage.

Maintenance and Renewal Fund.—Mortgage also provides that during each calendar year, the company shall expend an amount of not less than 10% of the gross earnings derived from operation of its mortgaged properties for (a) maintenance and (or) renewal or replacement of its properties; (b) the making of extensions or the acquisition of properties on account of which the company would otherwise be entitled to issue additional bonds; or (c) the redemption or the purchase and cancellation of any bonds issued under and secured by the mortgage.

Earnings and Expenses of Company As Now Constituted. 12 Months Ended Sept. 30—1930. 1931. Gross earnings, including other income \$5,719,232 \$5,823,722.

Net earnings before depreciation \$2,422,016 \$2,870,415. Annual interest requirement of entire funded debt \$1,041,230.

The above net earnings before depreciation for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 are 2.75 times the annual interest requirement of the entire funded debt, including this issue. These earnings do not include for the period ended Sept. 30 1931 an extraordinary profit of \$315,000 derived from the sale of property.

Growth of Business.—The substantial growth of the business of the company, as now constituted, is shown by the fact that gross earnings of the properties have increased from \$1,270,502 for the calendar year 1916 to \$5,823,722 for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931, an increase of over 358%.

Calendar Year. 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928. 1927. 1926. Gross Earnings. Kvo. Hours. Electric Customers.

Management.—Corporation is a part of the Middle West Utilities System.—V. 133, p. 2268.

Standard Gas & Electric Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Toledo Edison Co.—Changes Par Value.—The company has been authorized by the Ohio P. U. Commission to issue 1,337,500 shares of no par common stock to be exchanged 10 for 1 for its present outstanding 133,750 shares of \$100 par common stock.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. of Ill.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30. 1931. 1930. Assets—Property and plant \$35,943,047. Liabilities—Preferred stock 8,000,000.

Union Electric Lt. & Power Co. of St. Louis.—Earnings

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet, Sept. 30. 1931. 1930. Assets—Prop. & plant \$220,098,792. Liabilities—Preferred stock 13,000,000.

Union Waterworks Co., Richmond, Ky.—Sale of Collateral.—The Central Republic Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, as trustee for \$1,450,000 1st lien 15-year 5 1/2% gold bonds, series A, dated March 15 1927 (certain

defaults having been made under the terms of the indenture), will sell at public auction on May 20 at the Judicial Sales Room, 57 West Monroe St., Chicago, the following stock, bonds and notes which have been pledged as security for the bonds:

Name of Company—	a Stocks, No. of Shares.	b Bonds, Principal Amount.	c Notes, Principal Amount.
Barbourville Water, Light & Ice Co.-----	591	\$185,000.00	\$5,000.00
Citizens Electric & Service Co.-----	241	80,000.00	6,000.00
Glasgow Public Service Co.-----	391	130,000.00	2,000.00
Harlan Public Service Co.-----	241	80,000.00	8,000.00
Horse Cave Water Works Co.-----	141	60,000.00	11,000.00
London Utilities Co.-----	91	30,000.00	3,000.00
Morgantown Public Service Co.-----	41	30,000.00	5,000.00
Pineville Water Supply Co.-----	341	110,000.00	-----
Richmond Water & Light Co.-----	1985	300,000.00	21,000.00
St. Albans Public Service Co.-----	885	300,000.00	6,000.00

a All of the above described shares of capital stock are of the par value of \$100 each. The corporations above named are all Kentucky corporations except St. Albans Public Service Co., which is a West Virginia corporation.

b Each of the above described bonds is a first mortgage coupon bond (of the company issuing it), dated March 15 1927, due March 15 1942, bearing interest at the rate of 5½% per annum, and is issued under and secured by separate deed of trust dated March 15 1927, between such company and Aksel K. Bodholdt of Chicago, as trustee. All of the interest coupons appertaining to each of such bonds, being coupons evidencing semi-annual interest payable March 15 and Sept. 15 of each year until the maturity of such bond, are attached to each of such bonds, but the trustee has been advised that the interest on the bond of each such company above described has been paid for the period to and including March 15 1930.

c Each of the above described promissory notes is dated Dec. 2 1929, is payable on demand to the order of Union Waterworks Co., and by it endorsed in blank, and bears interest at the rate of 6% per annum. The trustee has been advised that the interest on the note of each such company above described has been paid for the period to and including Sept. 10 1930.—V. 125, p. 3063, 248.

**United Light & Power Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2436.

**United Gas Public Service Co.—History, &c.—**

In connection with the listing on the Boston Stock Exchange of 200,000 shares (no par value) \$6 pref. stock, a listing circular affords the following:

\* **Company.**—Company was organized July 10 1930 in Delaware. It is a subsidiary of United Gas Corp. and its operations are supervised (under the direction and control of its board of directors) by Electric Bond & Share Co. Company owns and operates directly properties comprising an extensive natural gas system covering portions of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida, including natural gas wells and producing acreage, pipelines and distribution systems.

\*\* **United Production Corp.**, a 100% subsidiary, owns and operates certain natural gas production properties in Texas, and also oil producing properties in the Refugio and Pettus fields in south Texas.

\*\* **United Gas Public Service Co.** controls (through ownership directly or through subsidiaries of all or substantially all, and in no case less than 98%, of the outstanding common stocks) the following companies owning natural gas production, pipeline and distribution properties in Texas, a pipeline from Baton Rouge to New Orleans and the pipeline from south Texas to Monterey, Mexico, which properties are interconnected for the most part with the properties owned directly by United Gas Public Service Co.:

Houston Gulf Gas Co.                                  South Texas Production Co.  
Houston Gas & Fuel Co.                                      Texas Border Gas Co.  
Southern Gas Co.    Compania Mexicana de Gas, S.A.  
Southern Gas Utilities, Inc.                                  Northern Texas Utilities Co.  
South Texas Gas Co.    Southern Gas & Fuel Co.

\* The company was originally incorporated as United Pipe Line Corp., having 1,000 shares without par value; the name was changed to United Gas Public Service Co. on Jan. 20 1931, and the capitalization increased to 3,000,000 shares without par value divided into 2,500,000 shares of common stock, 200,000 shares of \$6 pref. stock and 300,000 shares of \$6 2d pref. stock.

Its present capitalization (after giving effect to the acquisition of the properties of Dixie Gulf Gas Co.) is as follows:

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
20-year 6% debentures, due Jan. 1 1951-----		\$83,340,000
Moran Gas Corp. 1st lien gold bonds, series A, 6½% due annually to Oct. 1 1939-----	a	104,000
Palmer Corp. of La. 1st mtge. 6% sinking fund gold bonds, due June 1 1938-----	a	2,927,500
Dixie Gulf Gas Co. 1st mtge. gold bonds, 6½% sng. fund series A, due Sept. 1 1937-----	a	2,956,500
Capital stock (no par value)—\$6 preferred-----	b	500,000 shs.
\$6 second preferred-----		300,000 shs.
Common-----		2,500,000 shs.

a Mortgage closed. b Of the authorized amount 200,000 shares have been designated as \$6 pref. stock and 300,000 shares as \$6 2d pref. stock. Any of the \$6 2d pref. stock may be converted, share for share, under certain conditions at the option of holders into \$6 pref. stock when earnings for 12 consecutive calendar months within the immediately preceding 15 calendar months are not less than 2½ times annual dividends on all pref. stock outstanding and upon the particular shares of \$6 2d pref. stock to be converted.

Certain of the subsidiaries operating in Texas also have bonds and (or) debentures outstanding, with varying maturities, the bonds being secured by liens against their properties or securities, respectively. The bonds and debentures of these companies outstanding in the hands of the public on July 31 1931 aggregated \$17,979,300, not including certain of the bonds and debentures owned by United Gas Public Service Co.

The company and its subsidiaries serve directly through their own distribution systems approximately 93,000 customers, of which about 83,000 are residential customers. Other pipeline and distribution systems to which the company and its subsidiaries supply at wholesale all of the natural gas requirements are estimated to serve in excess of 170,000 customers. Many additional residential customers are served through those pipelines to which the company and its subsidiaries sell only a portion of the gas requirements.

Company and subsidiaries are large owners, producers and purchasers of natural gas in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi fields. More than 1,300,000 acres are owned in fee, held under gas leases or covered by gas purchase contracts, of which more than 237,000 acres are in recognized proven areas. Gas is supplied from 1,150 wells, of which 754 are owned by the company and subsidiaries. Pipeline systems owned at June 30 1931 comprise 4,420 miles of field lines and 1,867 miles of distribution lines (not including 204 miles under construction).

While the pipelines owned traverse in the aggregate a very extensive territory, in no case is a major market located more than 250 miles from a source of supply.

The gas reserves owned or controlled are strategically located with respect to the territory served. The areas in which these reserves are located include three of the largest known gas producing areas, namely, the northern Louisiana area in which the Monroe and Richland fields are located, the Panhandle area of Texas (Amarillo field) and the south Texas area. These fields have large reserves already developed and the area embraced within and adjacent to the triangle formed by these three producing areas includes other known gas producing acreage and affords a potentiality for the development of extensive additional reserves. The company's system serving portions of Mississippi, Alabama and Florida is now supplied from the recently developed Jackson, Mississippi, field, and this system is interconnected through other lines with the Louisiana fields.

The company and subsidiaries have long-term contracts to supply approximately 40% of the requirements of the St. Louis line, in excess of 40% of the requirements of the Birmingham-Atlanta line, approximately 34% of the requirements of the line to Memphis, approximately all of the present requirements of the line to New Orleans, and also supply large

amounts of gas to subsidiaries of Arkansas Natural Gas Corp. and to Interstate Natural Gas Co., Inc., and other pipeline companies. Approximately 22% in volume of all the gas sold by the system directly, and indirectly to others for redistribution, is used as fuel in steam electric generating stations, including among others power plants at Sterlington, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Memphis, Jackson, New Orleans, Dallas, Handley, Fort Worth, Wichita Falls, Beaumont, Houston, San Antonio, Austin, San Benito, Brownsville, Laredo and Monterrey (Mexico).

**Dividend Record.**—Initial dividends of \$1.50 per share were paid on \$6 pref. and \$6 2d pref. on April 1 1931 and regular quarterly dividends have been paid since that date. Dividends on common stock, \$64 per share paid May 29 1931 and \$32 per share paid Sept. 1 1931.

**Balance Sheet July 31 1931 [United Gas Public Service Co.]**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant and investments-----	\$333,373,488	Capital stock (no par value) a	\$242,791,814
Cash-----	546,610	20-yr. 6% debts., due 1951	83,340,000
Notes and loans receivable, affiliated companies-----	2,900,525	Moran Gas Corp. 6½s-----	104,000
Notes and loans receivable, others-----	1,447,244	Palmer Corp. of La. 6s-----	2,927,500
Accounts receivable, affiliated companies-----	530,402	Contractual liabilities-----	851,684
Accounts receivable, others-----	2,506,211	Notes & loans pay., affil. cos.-----	1,000
Materials and supplies-----	809,528	Notes & loans pay., others-----	20,000
Miscellaneous current assets-----	413,364	Accounts pay., others-----	162,096
Trust funds and special dep.-----	96,334	Accounts pay., others-----	468,322
Unamortized debt discount and expense-----	667,000	Accrued accounts-----	1,141,261
Sundry debits-----	53,348	Miscell. current liabilities-----	339,835
		Sundry credits-----	41,056
		Matured int. funded debt-----	22,920
		Deprec. & depletion reserve-----	7,064,061
		Other reserves-----	543,792
		Surplus-----	3,524,713
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>\$343,344,054</b>	<b>Total-----</b>	<b>\$343,344,054</b>

a Represented by \$6 pref. stock, 200,000 shs.; \$6 2d pref. stock, 300,000 shs.; common stock, 2,500,000 shs.

Note.—Company is contingently liable in the amount of \$1,700,000 (without interest) in connection with contracts for acquisition of certain properties, such liability to attach upon showing of net earnings and volume of gas sales as provided in contracts.

**Consolidated Income Statement 12 Months Ended July 31 1931.**  
[Company and Subsidiaries Inter-Company Items Eliminated.]

(Operating revenues, operating expenses and net revenues from operation of predecessor companies (incl. Dixie Gulf Gas Co., the property and assets of which were acquired by the company on Sept. 8 1931) and of the company and subsidiaries for the 12 months ended July 31 1931; 7 months' actual other income and deduction, after giving effect to the funding of practically all floating debt of the company held by United Gas Corp. (as of July 31 1931) by the issuance as of that date of \$13,340,000 20-year 6% debentures of United Gas Public Service Co., and 5 months' other income and deductions as they would have been if during the 5-month period the ownership of securities and capitalization had been identical with the ownership of securities and capitalization at the close of business July 31 1931.)

Operating revenues-----	\$26,422,779
Operating expenses, including taxes-----	11,157,005
<b>Net revenues from operation-----</b>	<b>\$15,265,774</b>
Other income-----	1,184,234
<b>Gross corporate income-----</b>	<b>\$16,450,008</b>
Interest to public on floating debt of the company and on long-term and floating debt of subsidiaries and other deductions-----	1,318,356
Preferred dividends of subsidiaries to public-----	22,631
<b>Balance-----</b>	<b>\$15,109,021</b>
Retirement (depreciation) and depletion reserve appropriations-----	2,264,600
Portion applicable to minority interests-----	4,759
<b>Balance-----</b>	<b>\$12,839,662</b>
Annual interest requirements on bonds assumed-----	374,583
Annual interest requirements on \$83,340,000 20-year 6% debentures of United Gas Public Service Co., including \$13,340,000 to be issued (as of July 31 1931), as stated above-----	5,000,400
<b>Balance applicable to \$6 pref. stock of United Gas P. S. Co.—</b>	<b>\$7,464,679</b>
Annual dividend requirements on \$6 pref. stock, including stock now being offered for sale, all of which is now outstanding-----	1,200,000
<b>Balance-----</b>	<b>\$6,264,679</b>

**Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31 1931.**  
[Company and Subsidiaries Inter-Company Accounts Eliminated.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant and investments-----	\$361,331,750	a Capital stock-----	\$242,241,396
Adjut. arising from elimination of inter-co.-held sec.-----	11,433,219	b Long-term debt-----	107,307,300
Cash-----	1,320,797	Contractual liabilities-----	1,077,193
Notes & loans receivable-----	2,900,525	Notes & loans payable-----	1,000
Others-----	1,476,522	Affiliated companies-----	22,400
Accounts receivable-----	438,386	Accounts payable-----	104
Affiliated companies-----	3,892,811	Affiliated companies-----	829,821
Others-----	1,162,898	Others-----	2,104,333
Materials and supplies-----	1,162,898	Miscell. current liabilities-----	741,181
Miscellaneous current assets-----	129,063	Sundry credits-----	150,858
Trust funds & special depositions-----	896,783	Matured int. funded debt-----	37,395
Unamortized debt discount and expense-----	243,997	Deprec. & depletion reserve-----	16,604,885
Sundry debits-----		Other reserves-----	1,605,448
		Surplus-----	10,165,025
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>\$384,008,309</b>	<b>Total-----</b>	<b>\$384,008,309</b>

a Represented by: United Gas Public Service Co. \$6 pref. stock, 200,000 shs.; \$6 2d pref. stock, 300,000 shs.; common stock, 2,500,000 shs. Subsidiary companies' pref. stocks, 3,333 shs.; common stocks, 10,626 shs.; option warrants to purchase common stock equivalent to 49,699 shs. b United Gas Public Service Co. \$104,000 20-year 6% debenture, due 1951, \$83,340,000 Moran Gas Corp. 6½s. \$104,000; Palmer Corp. of La. 6s, \$2,927,500; subsidiary companies, \$20,935,800.

Note.—United Gas Public Service Co. is contingently liable in the amount of \$1,700,000 (without interest) in connection with contracts for acquisition of certain properties, such liability to attach upon showing of net earnings and volume of gas sales as provided in contracts.

Officers.—N. C. McGowen, Pres.; H. L. Dickerson, John V. Strange, R. H. Hargrove, E. W. Hill and L. H. Parkhurst, V-Pres.; Geo. D. Fiser, Sec.; H. L. Martin, R. E. Hull and E. P. Summerson, Asst. Secs.; R. E. Hull, Treas.; Alexander Simpson, A. C. Ray, Geo. D. Fiser and J. B. Huff Jr., Asst. Treas.

Directors.—N. C. McGowen, Shreveport, La.; R. H. Hargrove, J. V. Strange, J. A. Elkins and C. R. Wharton, Houston, Tex. Principal executive office, Rusk Bldg., Houston, Tex.—V. 133, p. 2763, 2268.

**Western New York Water Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement of 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

Assets—	Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Liabilities—	Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
Plant, property, equipment, &c.—	\$8,265,864	\$8,071,333	Funded debt-----	\$4,868,000	\$4,877,000
Inv. in other cos.-----	6,000	-----	Consumers' & ex-tens. deposits-----	324,747	310,789
Miscellaneous special deposits-----	2,775	1,115	Miscell. def. liabil. & unadj. credits-----	-----	15,544
Cash-----	45,072	37,798	Accounts payable-----	225,250	9,882
Accts. receivable-----	87,158	75,337	Accrued int., tax., dividends, &c.-----	158,496	59,819
Due from affil. cos.-----	205,000	22,372	Due to affil. cos.-----	229	-----
Materials & suppl.-----	34,297	36,343	Reserves-----	853,480	818,519
Def. charges and prepaid accts.-----	x211,190	200,489	Contrib. for exten.-----	158,675	156,489
			Preferred stock-----	y206,133	206,133
			Com. stk. & surp.-----	z2,056,343	1,996,602
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>\$8,851,355</b>	<b>\$8,450,786</b>	<b>Total-----</b>	<b>\$8,851,355</b>	<b>\$8,450,786</b>

x Incl. unamortized debt discount and expense. y Represented by 10,306 shares (no par). z Represented by 50,000 shares (no par).—V. 133, p. 2436.

**West End Traction Co.—May Abandon Lines.—**

The company, operator of a 15-mile traction line from Youngstown city limits to Warren and Leavittsburg, O., Nov. 5, petitioned the Ohio State Utilities Commission for authority to abandon the line. The company claimed its operating expenses exceeded the revenue by \$210,267 during the past seven years. It reported an operating loss of \$26,409 for the first 6 months of 1931, and estimated the loss for the last six months of this year at \$18,221. The loss was fixed at approximately \$44,000 for the year.—V. 133, p. 204.

**Western Continental Utilities, Inc.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended July 31 1931, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2763.

**Wisconsin Electric Power Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

**Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30.**

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Property and plant.....	24,628,348	20,870,831	Preferred stock....	5,110,600
Capital expenditures.....	1,414,960	1,614,688	Prem. on pf. stock.....	11,698
Cash.....	96,993	20,837	Pref. stock install.....	27,110
Open accounts.....	1,584,412	1,345,761	Common stock.....	8,000,000
Bond and note discount.....	1,360,643	1,439,193	Funded debt.....	8,437,000
Reacquired secur.....	356,900	250,700	Sundry curr. liab.....	7,952
Reserve sinking & special funds.....	90,300	96,863	Inter-co. accounts.....	1,676,265
			Taxes accrued.....	269,112
			Interest accrued.....	70,308
			Dividend accrued.....	9
			Sundry accr. liab.....	6,000
			Open accounts.....	22
			Reserves.....	4,359,494
			Surplus.....	1,172,986
Total.....	29,532,556	25,638,872	Total.....	29,532,556

—V. 133, p. 1127.

**Wisconsin Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

**Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30.**

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Property & plant.....	25,348,973	23,712,890	Preferred stock.....	4,058,500
Capital expends.....	515,545	1,070,909	Pref. stock install.....	44,504
Sundry investm'ts.....	302,175	301,490	Prem. on pref. stk.....	80,142
Cash.....	875,423	950,903	Common stock.....	6,000,000
Notes & bills rec.....	93,424	116,558	Funded debt.....	10,400,000
Accts. receivable.....	880,163	951,721	Notes & bills pay.....	400,000
Mat'l & supplies.....	688,433	682,350	Accounts payable.....	145,514
Inter-co. accounts.....	49,645	14,581	Sundry curr. liab.....	251,637
Prepaid accounts.....	1,469	7,079	Inter-co. accounts.....	347,764
Open accounts.....	1,035,917	830,755	Taxes accrued.....	727,817
Bond & note disc.....	365,753	383,136	Dividends accrued.....	171,250
Reserve, sinking & special funds.....	344,149	298,367	Dividends accrued.....	24,906
Reacquired secur.....	1,100	265,900	Sundry accr. liab.....	26,706
			Open accounts.....	321,390
			Reserves.....	4,942,614
			Surplus.....	2,559,425
Total.....	30,502,169	29,586,640	Total.....	30,502,169

—V. 133, p. 2269.

**Wisconsin Michigan Power Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

**Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30.**

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Property & plant.....	21,617,968	20,984,664	Preferred stock.....	3,846,600
Capital expend.....	282,849	819,966	Prem. on pref. stk.....	55,543
Sundry investm'ts.....	39,201	39,501	Par val. instal. subs.....	45,382
Cash.....	183,002	178,596	Common stock.....	5,225,000
Accts. receivable.....	309,791	402,916	Funded debt.....	10,000,000
Mater. & supplies.....	131,970	128,800	Inter-co. accounts.....	12,752
Inter-co. accts.....	19,823	50,570	Notes & bills pay.....	10,050
Prepaid accounts.....	15,809	8,637	Accounts payable.....	129,935
Res. & spec. funds.....	31,000	884,535	Sundry cur. liab.....	231,321
Open accounts.....	970,148	884,535	Taxes accrued.....	502,019
Reacquired secur.....	128,651	12,801	Interest accrued.....	129,196
Discount & expense on secur.....	357,999	215,457	Dividends accrued.....	18,443
			Sundry accr. liab.....	101
			Open accounts.....	73,716
			Reserves.....	2,599,686
			Surplus.....	1,208,649
Total.....	24,088,212	23,726,444	Total.....	24,088,212

—V. 133, p. 1127.

**Western Power Light & Telephone Co.—Enjoys Satisfactory Year.—**

President, Nathan L. Jones, in a letter to the stockholders, which was sent with Nov. 1 dividend checks on class A stock, says in substance: "The regular quarterly dividend check on the class A common stock of this company is enclosed herewith.

"The company has enjoyed a satisfactory year thus far, with the peak months for both the consumption of electricity and gas still ahead.

"Our securities have found a very steady market throughout the year 1931, and we have had every reason to be gratified with the confidence thus shown in us by the investing public.

"Following a successful campaign by the telephone division, the electric and gas divisions of the company are now engaged in a series of extensive new business campaigns, all of which are showing remarkable progress.

"Several necessary rebuilding projects have been completed in recent months bringing our operating properties up to a high standard of efficiency.

"While strengthening the company's position, carrying on this program of improvements and launching these sales campaigns, we have kept an unbroken record of continuous dividend payments. We are justly proud of this record, made during a period when business in general was at a low ebb."—V. 133, p. 2604.

**West Texas Utilities Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Sept. 30, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1290.

**Wisconsin Public Service Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2604.

**Wisconsin Valley Electric Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2604.

**INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.**

**Price of Refined Sugar Reduced.**—National, Pennsylvania, Imperial, California and Hawaiian, Revere, Savannah, Arbuckle, Godchaux and Henderson Sugar Refineries all reduced the price of refined sugar five points to 4.50 cents a lb. American, Western and McCahan Sugar & Molasses Refineries have reduced the price of 4.50 basis in non-guaranteed territory, and in guaranteed territory are quoting a basis of 4.55 cents, with an allowance of 5 cents per hundred pounds. "Wall Street Journal," Nov. 7, p. 8.

**American Smelting Advances Lead Prices.**—American Smelting & Refining advanced price of lead 10 points to 4.05 cents a pound New York. "Wall Street Journal," Nov. 10, p. 2.

**Will Vote on Wage Cut.**—The New Bedford Cotton Mfg. Association gave notice of a 10% wage reduction which is to go into effect within 30 days. The Textile Council of New Bedford referred the whole matter to its executive board with powers to undertake any readjustment that may

eventuate and to arrange for balloting on the matter. N. Y. "Evening Post," Nov. 11, p. 26.

**Many Return to Lawrence Mills.**—Nearly 10,000 out of 20,000 striking textile operatives of Lawrence, Mass., were back at work. Other thousands were ready to return as soon as there was work for them. Boston "News Bureau," Nov. 11, p. 1.

**20 More Manchester Cotton Mills Re-open.**—Improvement in the volume of business on the Manchester cotton market is continuing. To meet orders recently placed, 20 mills have re-started operations in the past two weeks, while many mills that had been working on part time now are operating at capacity. "Wall Street Journal," Nov. 7, p. 6.

**Oil Men Discuss Trust Law Change.**—Proration of the nation's oil output, to stabilize prices and conserve resources, modification of the Sherman anti-trust law and elimination of gasoline "boot-legging" are the main problems under discussion by the American Petroleum Institute at its annual meeting. N. Y. "Times," Nov. 11, p. 38.

**Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 7.** (a) The new capital flotations during the month of October and for the 10 months since the first of January, p. 2983; (b) Additional fixed trusts approved by New York Stock Exchange, p. 3025; (c) Market value of listed shares on New York Stock Exchange Nov. 1 \$34,246,649,051, compared with \$32,327,037,441 Oct. 1—classification of listed stocks, p. 3025; (d) North Carolina chain store tax held to be valid by Supreme Court, p. 3035; (e) Alabama tax on chain stores valid, according to Alabama Attorney-General, p. 3036; (f) Mississippi chain store tax—Supreme Court sends case back to lower tribunal without passing on merits of case, p. 3036.

**Alaska Packers Association.—Leases Two Canneries.—**

This Association has leased from Columbia River Packers Association, Inc., two canneries in Alaskan territory, one of which is to be operated and the other to be closed. The leases, for a duration of three years, become operative at the outset of the 1932 season.

The Columbia cannery at Chignik will be operated by Alaska Packers, which will close its own cannery at that location. The Columbia cannery at Nushagak will be closed by the tenant, as Alaska Packers' cannery at that point will be operated. The agreement leaves only one cannery to be operated by Columbia River Packers in Alaska, the plant at Lake Bay.—V. 133, p. 2930.

**American-Canadian Utilities Corp.—Extra Dividend.—**

The directors recently declared an extra dividend of 3 3/4 cents per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 60 cents per share on the partic. pref. stock, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 20.—V. 133, p. 644.

**American Ice Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 3 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

**Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.**

	Sept. 30 '31. Dec. 31 '30.		Sept. 30 '31. Dec. 31 '30.	
<b>Assets—</b>	\$	\$	<b>Liabilities—</b>	\$
xPlant, equip., &c.....	35,894,342	35,601,215	Preferred stock.....	15,000,000
Cash.....	1,038,639	509,223	Common stock.....	15,000,000
Notes & accts rec.....	2,112,794	1,448,588	Bonds and mtgs.....	6,428,135
Discount on debts.....	149,177	153,438	Dividends payable.....	494,924
Inventories.....	687,494	882,269	Notes payable.....	250,000
Inv. in co.'s sec's.....	1,569,109	1,425,467	Accounts payable.....	943,777
Other investments.....	1,069,643	1,124,691	Accrued interest.....	111,761
Insurance fund.....	251,528	170,593	Fed. taxes, &c.....	298,878
Good-will, &c.....	6,622,301	6,465,107	Ins. reserve, &c.....	398,518
Prepaid rents, taxes, &c.....	191,307	136,090	Res. for depr. and Fed. tax for 1931.....	2,132,939
			Surplus.....	8,534,402
Total.....	49,586,334	47,916,686	Total.....	49,586,334

x After depreciation. y Includes 8,947 shares of preferred and 33,200 shares of common. z Represented by 600,000 no par shares, including stock in treasury.—V. 133, p. 2270.

**American Paper Goods Co.—Common Dividend.—**

The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, par \$25, payable Nov. 2 to holders of record Oct. 22. A similar distribution was made on this stock on Aug. 1 last.

Prior to Aug. 1 quarterly dividends on the common stock (par \$100) had been paid at the rate of \$2 per share. On May 15 the par value of the stock was changed from \$100 per share to \$25 per share.

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 7% pref. stock is payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 5. Dividends on this issue were declared in January 1931 for the entire year.

It is announced that the company is now earning somewhat in excess of preferred and common dividends. It is anticipated that it will continue to declare a dividend of 50c. per share quarterly as long as the earnings continue to justify.—V. 133, p. 1291.

**American Ship & Commerce Corp.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 9 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1930.

**American Solvents & Chemical Corp.—Protective Committee Formed for Three Bond Issues—Stockholders' Committee Formed.—**

A protective committee has been formed to act in the interests of holders of American Solvents & Chemical Corp. (Md.) 8 1/2% 10-year sinking fund gold debentures, General Industrial Alcohol Corp. conv. 6 1/2% sinking fund 6% conv. debentures, and Rossville Commercial Alcohol Corp. 20-year sinking fund 6% conv. debentures. The committee is asking for the deposit of all debentures under a deposit agreement which names City Bank Farmers Trust Co. as depositary. American Solvents & Chemical Corp. (of Del.), which has assumed the three issues of debentures, has defaulted in payment of interest coupons maturing Sept. 15 last on American Solvents of Maryland debentures and on the Nov. 1 interest payment on General Industrial Alcohol debentures, and it is expected that default will be made in the interest payment due Jan. 1 1932 on Rossville Commercial Alcohol debts.

Joseph P. Ripley, Vice-President of the National City Co., is Chairman of the committee. Acting with Mr. Ripley on the committee are Milton Cross, Frederico Lage, Arthur W. Loasby, John Nickerson, Davenport Pogner and Leslie L. Vivian. The Secretary is Nelson Stuart, 22 William St., New York. Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Gardiner & Reed are counsel.

The members of the committee are representative of the banking aspects under which the various issues of debentures were offered to the public. Likelihood of the promulgation of a plan for reorganizing the affairs of the corporation is indicated in a letter to debenture holders which mentions that a 30-day period will be allowed for withdrawal of deposits "after the first publication of notice of the adoption by the committee of any plan of reorganization or readjustment." Approximately \$6,650,000 principal amount in the aggregate of the three issues of debentures is outstanding.

Describing the situation confronting the corporation, the committee's letter to debenture holders says:

Current operations including the completing of existing forward commitments are resulting in operating losses and are depleting the corporation's working capital. The situation is the result of a combination of circumstances, including an unusual competitive condition, a substantial over-production in the industry, a mild winter which reduced the amount of alcohol used as an anti-freeze solution in automobile radiators and the use of synthetic alcohol and substitutes for alcohol in the anti-freeze field, as well as other fields for use. In view of the financial condition of the corporation and the defaults in interest which have taken place and the other default which is anticipated, it is essential that holders of the three issues of debentures unite for their protection.

**Stockholders' Committee Formed.—**

A stockholders' protective committee to represent the interests of holders of \$3 cum. conv. preference stock and common stock in a reorganization under a deposit agreement dated Nov. 9 1931 has been formed and is calling for deposits of all stock with Bankers Trust Co., depositary, before Dec. 15. C. O. Cornell is Chairman of the committee which comprises B. W. Jones, H. I. Pepper and F. A. Rogers. The deposit agreement provides that depositors will be allowed to withdraw their deposited stock at any time within 30 days after the first publication of notice of the adoption by the committee of any plan of reorganization or readjustment. White & Case are counsel for the committee and H. F. Linder, 50 Broad St., is Secretary.—V. 133, p. 2438.

American Steel Foundries.—Omits Common Dividend—Earnings.—The directors on Nov. 10 omitted the declaration of a quarterly dividend on the outstanding 993,020 shares of common stock, no par value. On Sept. 30 last a quarterly payment of 25c. per share was made on this issue. A similar distribution was made on July 15 1931, while from 1925 to and incl. April 15 1931 regular quarterly dividends of 75c. per share were paid.

The directors declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15.

President G. E. Scott said:

The company is in a strong cash position and current assets are now more than 10 times current liabilities, but in view of present business conditions and outlook for the immediate future, the directors deemed it wise not to declare a dividend on the common stock at this time.

[For income statement for three and nine months ended Sept. 30 1931, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.]—V. 133, p. 3095.

American Stores Co.—Sales Decrease.—

Table showing sales for 4 weeks ended and 10 months ended. Sales for Oct. 31 '31: \$9,964,146; Nov. 1 '30: \$10,862,704; Oct. 31 '31: \$113,231,731; Nov. 1 '30: \$118,350,388.

American Trustee Shares Corp.—Diversified Trustee Shares Referree Appointed.—

Robert F. Wagner (U. S. Senator) has been appointed referee by Justice Joseph M. Callahan of the New York Supreme Court to hear and determine the amounts due to the certificate holders of Diversified Trustee Shares, almost entirely the original series and series B, as a result of a suit brought by Gene McCann, a certificate holder, on behalf of himself and other holders, against American Trustee Shares Corp., the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., trustee, and Throckmorton & Co. for an accounting.—V. 133, p. 2604.

American Utilities & General Corp.—Div. Deferred.—

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend due Dec. 1 on the \$3 cum. pref. stock, no par value. On Sept. 1 last, a quarterly disbursement of 37 1/2 cents per share was made on this issue as against 75 cents previously.—V. 133, p. 3095.

Anglo American Corp. of South Africa, Ltd.—Earnings, &c.—

Table showing results of operations for the month of October 1931. Tons Mined, Total Revenue, Costs, and Profit are listed for Brakpan Mines, Springs Mines, and West Springs, Ltd.

Anticosti Corp.—Plan Ratified.—

See Canada Power & Paper Co., Ltd., below.—V. 132, p. 1291.

Art Metal Construction Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1930.

Associated Oil Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1770.

Associated Rayon Corp.—Definitive Debentures Ready.—

The Marine Midland Trust Co. of New York is prepared to deliver definitive 20-year 5% guaranteed convertible debentures in exchange for temporary debentures.—V. 132, p. 3888.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—October Bookings Smaller.—

The Philadelphia "Financial Journal" of Nov. 12 says: Business booked by the Baldwin Locomotive Works and affiliated companies for the month of October, as shown by the consolidated report, amounted to \$1,018,000, as compared with \$2,104,000 in September 1931 and with \$1,447,000 in October 1930.

Shipments in October, according to the consolidated report, amounted to \$1,655,000 as compared with \$1,456,000 in September 1931 and with \$4,568,000 in October 1930.

Unfilled orders on Oct. 31 on the consolidated basis amounted to \$8,638,000, as compared with \$8,831,000 on Jan. 1 1931 and with \$12,532,000 on Oct. 31 1930. These figures show how the company has adjusted the rate of operations to the flow of business, there having been only slight variations during the year between the monthly bookings and monthly shipments so that the backlog of unfilled orders has remained almost constant.

Bankers-Commercial Security Corp.—Transfer Agent.—

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for the 6% preferred stock.—V. 129, p. 2389.

Bankers National Investing Corp.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared the following quarterly dividends: 15 cents per share in cash on the pref. stock, 60 cents dividend convertible series; 50 cents per share in cash on the common stock, class A and class B; 12 1/2 cents per share in cash on the common stock, all payable Nov. 25 to holders of record Nov. 14 1931.

Barnsdall Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 803.

(N.) Bawlf Grain Co., Ltd.—To Issue Bonds.—

The stockholders will vote Nov. 23 on approving on issue of \$500,000 1st mtge. bonds to be used as additional collateral security against advances by the banks.

In the letter to the shareholders, the position of the company is outlined in part as follows: "A notice has been sent of the annual general meeting of the company to be held on Nov. 17. Some further discussion has since taken place regarding the company's seasonal advances from its bankers, and the directors are advised that it will be necessary to furnish additional collateral security to such advances."

Belgo Canadian Paper Co., Ltd.—Plan Ratified.—

See Canada Power & Paper Corp., Ltd., below.—V. 132, p. 4769.

Benenson City Terminal Corp.—Properties Sold at Auction for \$23,775,779.—

The realty holdings of the corporation, including the 34-story office building at 165 Broadway, were finally sold at a foreclosure auction Nov. 12 for a total of \$23,775,779. The successful bidder was Charles F. Noyes,

who said he was acting for a client. At the conclusion of the sale Mr. Noyes refused to comment on a report that he was acting for the Manufacturers Trust Co., trustee plaintiff in the foreclosure action. The sale was conducted by Joseph P. Day, auctioneer, in the Vesey Street Exchange, at 18 Vesey Street.

Present on the auctioneer's stand was Owen W. Bohan, referee in the foreclosure, which was begun last June by the Manufacturers Trust Co., trustee of an issue of \$2,451,000 6 1/2% gold notes given by the Benenson company on April 1 1930. The notes, constituting a lien on various Benenson properties, were to be payable in their entirety if prior mortgages were not met. The trustee sought foreclosure against all the properties given as security when a \$170,000 lien due last May was not paid. Prior liens on the properties at the time of the auction amounted to \$21,960,779.—V. 133, p. 2765.

Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, Inc. (& Subs.).

Table showing Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates earnings for years ended Sept. 30, 1931 and 1930. Net loss for 1931 is \$1,486,616 and for 1930 is \$435,743.

Consolidated Balance Sheet at Sept. 30 1931. Assets total \$19,075,202 and Liabilities total \$19,075,202.

Market value \$97,990. Represented by 292,173 shares of no par value. Contingent Liabilities—(1) Stock purchase warrants—55,000 shares of common stock outstanding. (2) Machinery and electrification contracts—\$350,744. (3) Callable balance of subscription to General Cotton Corporation stock—\$132,000—although improbable that call will be exercised. (4) Cotton commitments future delivery, 688 bales—\$36,504.—V. 133, p. 1619.

Bing & Bing, Inc.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 645.

Briggs Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1129.

Bulova Watch Co., Inc.—Omits Common Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend due at this time on the common stock. On Sept. 1 last, a quarterly payment of 20 cents per share was made on this issue, as compared with quarterly dividends of 37 1/2 cents each on March 1 and June 1 1931, and 75 cents per share each quarter from Dec. 1 1929 to and incl. Dec. 1 1930.

The directors declared the usual quarterly of 87 1/2 cents per share on the pref. stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 17.—V. 133, p. 1129.

Burco, Inc.—Earnings.—

Table showing Burco, Inc. earnings for years ended Sept. 30, 1931 and 1930. Total income for 1931 is \$171,528 and for 1930 is \$295,665.

Table showing Burco, Inc. earnings for years ended Sept. 30, 1931 and 1930. Net loss on securities sold for 1931 is \$9,083 and for 1930 is \$8,083.

Net income \$124,048 in 1931 and \$230,223 in 1930. Dividends paid \$149,553 in 1931 and \$195,113 in 1930.

Note.—The net income shown above for 1931 is before providing for the depreciation of \$1,197,085 in value of securities based on market value at Sept. 30 1931. This compares with a depreciation of \$333,829 on Sept. 30 1930.

Capital Surplus year ending Sept. 30 1931.—Balance, Sept. 30 1930, \$339,067; surplus arising from reduction in stated value of common stock from \$5 to \$1 per share, \$337,620; discount on pref. and common stock purchased and retired or held in treasury, \$197,812; total, \$1,414,499. Deduct: Net loss on securities sold, \$99,062; loss on realization of note receivable, 104,839; provision to reduce note receivable to market value of collateral, \$127,200; balance, Sept. 30 1931, \$1,083,397.

Balance Sheet September 30. Assets total \$3,325,009 in 1931 and \$4,368,353 in 1930. Liabilities total \$3,325,009 in 1931 and \$4,368,353 in 1930.

Market value Sept. 30 1931, \$1,811,126. b Represented by 94,405 no par shares.

Notes.—(1) Stock purchase warrants outstanding at Sept. 30 1931 entitle holders thereof to purchase up to and including Jan. 2 1940 175,000 shares of common stock at \$15 per share; (2) 103,837 1/2 shares of common stock are reserved for conversion of prepared stock up to and including Jan. 2 1935; (3) 5,000 shares of common stock are reserved against an option expiring Aug. 10 1932.—V. 133, p. 2932.

Burns & Co., Ltd., Calgary, Alta.—Additional Capital.

Shareholders have been informed that to meet the need for additional working capital, Senator Patrick Burns has put approximately \$800,000 into the business.

For \$200,000 of this sum, the company issued to Senator Burns 20,000 ordinary treasury shares of this company and the balance represents a purchase of 6% redeemable mortgage bonds of a subsidiary company, Palm Dairies, Ltd.

In a letter to shareholders, it is stated that through heavy reductions in expenses the financial position of the company has been improved, but that the company, Oct. 1, passed its fourth preference share dividend.

"No changes are contemplated in the personnel of the management and Senator Burns continues as Chairman of the Board," says the letter.—V. 132, p. 3344.

California Packing Corp.—Dividend Omitted.—

The directors on Nov. 13 decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Dec. 15 on the outstanding 977,416 shares of no par value common stock. Quarterly distributions of 50c. per share were made on June 15 and Sept. 15 last, as compared with \$1 per share each quarter from Sept. 15 1926 to and incl. March 16 1931.—V. 132, p. 3889, 2773.

**Campbell's Distillery (Canada), Ltd.—Acquisition.**

This company has just been incorporated in Canada with an authorized capital of \$500,000 in shares of \$1 each, full subscribed, to take over the Federal Distillery Ltd., Montreal. Existing shareholders of the latter company will receive one share in the new company for each two shares held. Extensive structural alterations at the distillery have been carried out by the new organization, which anticipates commencing operations immediately.

The president and managing director of the new concern will be Samuel Rosenbloom, J. P., of Glasgow, Scotland, who is also managing director of the well-known Scotch Whisky House "S. Campbell and Son, Ltd.," Campbell House, Glasgow, Scotland.

The estimated output will be 10,000 gallons weekly.—V. 133, p. 1770.

**Canada Bud Breweries, Ltd.—Merger Postponed.**

A special meeting of shareholders held on Oct. 28 to consider the purchase by this company of City Club Breweries, Ltd., was adjourned until Nov. 25. The motion of adjournment contained the provision that all proxies secured for the meeting of Oct. 28 be revoked and that the directors be authorized to negotiate for rescinding the agreement between Canada Bud Breweries, Ltd. and Duncan McLaren.

At the meeting it was stated by Mr. McLaren that he had purchased the City Club Breweries, Ltd., for \$137,438, of which \$109,000 was paid by assuming two mortgages; \$12,199 by assuming certain liens against machinery, &c., and the balance in cash. He incurred further liabilities amounting to \$20,225, it was further reported.

Under the agreement Canada Bud was to pay \$325,000 for the brewery of which \$97,377 was to be paid by the company by assuming two mortgages, and the balance in cash. Out of the cash received, however, McLaren must pay off liens and debts to the extent of \$16,980.—V. 127, p. 2688.

**Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc.—To Establish Plant in West**

The corporation proposes to establish a factory on the Pacific Coast, representing a total investment of approximately \$600,000. W. R. Bliss, formerly sales manager, will be placed in charge. The new factory will have a daily capacity of 300,000 bottles of non-alcoholic beverages. (The company's future plans calls for a plant in Los Angeles.)—V. 133, p. 2606, 2439, 484.

**Canada Power & Paper Corp.—Plan Ratified by All Subs.**

The bondholders of the Belgo-Canadian Paper Co. on Nov. 6, recorded their approval of the reorganization plan. Meetings also were held of bondholders of the Anticosti Corp. and of the preferred and common shareholders of that corporation, and at all these gatherings formal approval was given to the plan.

These meetings complete the series of assemblies of security holders of Canada Power & Paper Corp. and constituent companies. In all 21 meetings have been held during the past three weeks on various dates, in accordance with the legal requirements. The way is now clear for the exchange of securities into those of the new company—the Consolidated Paper Corp., Ltd.—V. 133, p. 2933.

**Canadian Investors Corp., Ltd.—Smaller Dividend.**

The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Nov. 2 to holders of record Oct. 16. Previously, the company made regular quarterly payments of 25 cents per share on this issue.—V. 132, p. 3718.

**Capital Securities Co., Inc.—Omits Preferred Dividend.**

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 5½% cents per share due Nov. 1 on the pref. stock, par \$30. The last regular quarterly payment on this issue was made on Aug. 2 1931.—V. 129, p. 2861.

**Carman & Co., Inc.—Earnings.**

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 1931, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 959.

**Century Air Lines, Inc.—October Business.**

This corporation, a division of the Cord Corp., carried 6,110 revenue passengers on its Middle West division during the month of October. L. B. Manning, Executive Vice-President of the Cord Corp., announced. This brings the total number of revenue passengers carried since March 23 1931 to 46,323, Mr. Manning said. Century Air Lines have maintained a monthly average of more than 6,000 passengers since it began operation.—V. 133, p. 2767.

**Chain & General Equities Corp.—New Control.**

See Yosemite Holding Corp. below.—V. 133, p. 3096.

**Chapman Valve Manufacturing Co.—Earnings.**

For income statement for 9 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page. As of Oct. 1 the company had current assets of \$2,234,697 and current liabilities of \$404,348, the latter including \$300,000 of notes payable.—V. 133, p. 2440.

**Checker Cab Mfg. Corp.—Receives Large Order.**

The Chicago Yellow Cab Co. has purchased from the above company 1,000 Yellow cabs at an aggregate price of \$2,000,000 to replace old cars now in service.—V. 133, p. 2933.

**Chemical Paper Mfg. Co., Holyoke, Mass.—Defers Div.**

The directors recently voted to defer the usual quarterly dividend of 1½% due Nov. 1 on the 6% cum. 2d pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on Aug. 1 1931.

This company is a subsidiary of Crocker-McElwain Co.

**Chicago Investors Corp.—Defers Preferred Dividend.**

The directors have voted to defer the usual quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share due Dec. 1 on the \$3 cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value. The last regular quarterly payment on this issue was made on Sept. 1 1931.

The corporation has substantial cash assets and no bank or other loans. As of Nov. 9 asset value of the preference stock amounted to approximately \$39 a share. The corporation has continued to purchase its preference stock in the market and no change in this policy is contemplated, according to President Ralph A. Bard.—V. 133, p. 804.

**Childs Co.—Sales Decrease.**

1931—October—1930.	Decrease.	1931—10Mos.—1930.	Decrease.
\$2,208,172	\$2,258,966	\$50,794	\$20,159,955
		\$22,198,831	\$2,038,876

—V. 133, p. 2933, 2440.

**City Stores Co.—Stockholders Committee Divided on**

Results of Creditors' Conference.—The committee appointed by stockholders to confer with creditors on the type of security to be offered for extension of loans totaling \$10,800,000 due Dec. 1 1931, made two reports at special stockholders' meeting. A majority report, by five committeemen, favored the retention of all units of the company, and the extension of loans by issuance of new stock in the company. This report was approved, over the minority report of three committee members, which favored the selling of the Lit Brothers unit to meet debts to Bankers Securities Corp.

Further conferences will be held between Bankers Securities Corp. and Halsey Stuart & Co., the two largest creditors, in an attempt to reach an agreement in accord with the majority report of the committee.—V. 133, p. 3097.

**Claude Neon Electrical Products Corp., Ltd.—Earns.**

For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1293.

**Cleveland (Ohio) Hardware Co.—Changes in Personnel.**

Thomas P. Robbins, Vice-President and Treasurer, has been elected President to succeed Charles E. Adams, who has been elected Chairman of the board. Edgar E. Adams was not re-elected as Vice-President and General Manager.

Fred H. Chapin, President of the National Acme Co.; Lee Elliott, formerly associated with the Bourne-Fuller Co., and E. S. Hanson, Vice-President of the Central United National Bank, have been elected directors to succeed Edgar E. Adams, William D. Lewis and George H. Hall, resigned.—V. 105, p. 1620.

**Coca Cola Co.—Earnings.**

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3097.

**Columbia River Packers Association, Inc.—Lease.**

See Alaska Packers Association above.—V. 131, p. 2070.

**Commander-Larabee Corp.—Time for Deposits Extended to Nov. 30—Contract with Archer-Daniels Modified.**

The reorganization committee states that holders of a substantial majority of both bonds and notes of corporation have already assented to the plan of reorganization as have also the holders of a substantial majority of both the preferred and common stocks.

However, it is obvious that the advantages of the plan cannot be fully realized without the assent of the holders of substantially all of the securities of the corporation. In order to afford to owners of securities who have not yet assented to the plan a further opportunity to join with the majority who have already assented thereto, the reorganization committee and the protective committee have extended the time for assent to and including Nov. 30 1931. All security holders who have not already assented to the plan are strongly urged to do so within the period above specified.

The management has been successful in materially enhancing the advantages to be derived from the consummation of the plan by obtaining a most favorable modification of the contract with Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. for the financing of the grain purchase requirements of the new company for a period of three years. As this contract is conditioned upon the consummation of the plan, it is particularly important that the assents of the remaining security holders be obtained without delay.

Under the modification of the contract, (1) the monthly payments to be made by the new company to Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. on all wheat ground by the new company have been reduced from 2c per bushel to 1½c per bushel during the first year of operation under the contract, 1¼c per bushel during the second year and 1c per bushel during the third year, and (2) the payment to be made by the new company on all wheat held by Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., at the expiration of the contract, for account of, and not paid for by, the new company, has been reduced from 2c per bushel to 1c per bushel.—V. 133, p. 1293.

**Commercial Investment Trust Corp.—Forms Large**

New Factoring Unit.

This corporation has acquired the business of Morton H. Meinhard & Co., Inc., large textile factors with offices at 51 Madison Ave., N. Y. City, and also has contracted with Greff & Co., 79 Madison Ave., N. Y. City, to acquire the accounts factored by that organization. It is the plan to combine these business under the name of Meinhard, Greff & Co., Inc., to be conducted as an independent operating unit of the C.I.T. organization.

Edward F. Addiss, who was associated for the past 20 years with Mr. Meinhard and who has been President of the firm since Mr. Meinhard's death earlier this year, has been elected head of the new company. Enno Greff and Ernest Greff will join the merged, organization in executive capacities. All of the other executives of Morton H. Meinhard & Co., Inc., will continue in their present capacities.

The Commercial Investment Trust Corp., is already actively interested in textile factoring through its ownership of Commercial Factors Corp., the largest factoring concern in the country. The new company, however, will be maintained as a separate organization, thus giving C.I.T. two complete factoring units which will compete for business and in all matters pursue their individual policies.

Both the Meinhard and Greff firms have been long established and are widely known in the textile fields, Morton H. Meinhard founded in 1898 the firm which he headed until his recent death. His estate negotiated the sale to C.I.T. Greff & Co. was established in 1857 and its present officers are direct descendants of the founders. The volume of business done by the merging companies has been in excess of \$40,000,000 annually.

The factoring industry is related in many ways to the other operations of Commercial Investment Trust Corp., all of which have as their object the extension of a financing service to facilitate the distribution of products on credit. Such service is currently furnished by C.I.T. to many leading industrial concerns for the distribution of over 80 different types of standard products.

Meinhard, Greff & Co., Inc. will from the start factor for more than 125 mills. The company's officers will be: Edward F. Addiss, President; H. Clifford Steffens and Enno Greff, Vice-Presidents; Ernest C. F. Greff and Philip Osborne, Assistant Vice-Presidents; Harry J. Delaney, Secretary; Fred Meissner, Treasurer. Henry Uttleson, Edwin C. Vogel and P. W. Haberman (all officers of Commercial Investment Trust Corp.), and Robert G. Blumenthal (President of Commercial Factors Corp.), together with the officers, will become members of the board of directors of the new company.

The entire transaction was for cash and will not involve the issuance of any new securities. C.I.T. reported for June 30 capital and surplus of \$97,769,714 and assets of \$152,897,947.—V. 133, p. 2768.

**Consolidated Paper Corp., Ltd.—Listed.**

The common shares have been admitted to trading in the unlisted section of the Montreal Curb Market.—V. 133, p. 2109.

**Consolidated Retail Stores, Inc.—Sales Decrease.**

1931—October—1930.	Decrease.	1931—10 Mos.—1930.	Decrease.
\$1,718,622	\$2,064,688	\$346,066	\$15,757,959
		\$18,147,431	\$2,389,472

—V. 133, p. 2606, 1771.

**Corporation Securities Co. of Chicago.—Stock Div.**

The directors have declared a quarterly 1½% stock dividend on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 20 to and including Nov. 21. This rate has been paid since and including June 20 1930.—V. 133, p. 3097.

**Crum & Forster Insurance Shares Corp.—Extra Div.**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the class A and class B common stock, all payable Nov. 30 to holders of record Nov. 20. An extra dividend of 25c. per share was also paid on these issues on May 29 last.—V. 132, p. 3533.

**Cumberland Pipe Line Co. (Inc.).—To Dissolve.**

At the annual meeting to be held on Dec. 3 the stockholders will be asked to vote on approving the following propositions:

(a) That the stockholders consent, as recommended by the board of directors, that the corporation, in the manner provided by law, close up its business and wind up its affairs and terminate its existence, and that the board of directors take all steps and do all acts necessary to carry into effect the proceedings so consented to. Stockholders owning a majority of the shares of the capital stock of the company have already consented in writing to said proceedings.

(b) That such annuities as the board of directors deem wise or necessary to have purchased for the purpose of carrying out the plan for annuities of the company adopted January 1928, and heretofore ratified by the stockholders, may be purchased from the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States or from some other responsible life insurance company incorporated in the United States, to which the capital amounts necessary to be funded for the purpose of securing the payment of such annuities shall in case of such purchase be paid over upon the execution of the agreements proper in the premises.

(c) Any other motion germane to either of the foregoing propositions which shall be necessary or desirable to carry the same into effect.

Whole share stockholders of record at the close of business on Nov. 21 1931 will be entitled to vote upon the foregoing propositions (fractional shares cannot be voted).—V. 133, p. 3098.

**Dail Steel Products Co.—Dividend Omitted.**

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Oct. 1 on the no par value common stock. Previously the company made regular quarterly distributions of 10 cents per share on this issue.

**Davison Chemical Co.—New Officer.**

Henry E. Triebe of the Baltimore Mail Steamship Co. has been elected Executive Vice-President.—V. 133, p. 3098.

**Devoe & Reynolds, Inc.—Reduces Capitalization.**

The stockholders have approved a proposal to reduce the capital stock by the retirement of 558 shares of 1st pref. stock, 415 shares of 2nd pref. stock and 50,000 shares of class A common stock.—V. 133, p. 2769.

**Diversified Investment Trusts, Inc., Akron, Ohio.—**  
*Dividend Decreased.*

The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of 10 cents per share on the class A stock, no par value, payable Nov. 2 to holders of record Oct. 31. Previously, the company made regular quarterly disbursements of 20 cents per share on this issue.

**Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Sales Increase.**

	1931.	1930.	Increase.
Four weeks ended Oct. 24.....	\$1,866,800	\$1,775,201	\$91,599
9 months 24 days ended Oct. 24.....	20,966,708	19,702,777	1,263,931
—V. 133, p. 2442, 1771.			

**Douglas Aircraft Co., Inc.—Sales, &c.**

Sales reported so far this year indicate that for the fiscal year ended Nov. 30, next, the company's total volume will show an increase over sales of \$4,088,594 reported for the previous year.

Sales for the 11 months ended Oct. 31 showed an increase of 6.7% over the like period last year, and 70.8% over the like 1929 period.

Sales for October aggregated \$416,475, bringing the total for the 11 months to \$3,794,576. The 11 months' total this year compares with \$3,554,073 in 1930, and \$2,221,472 in 1929.

Month—	1931.	1930.	1929.
December.....	\$473,903	\$152,890	\$97,364
January.....	397,049	106,885	93,211
February.....	390,654	383,665	174,082
March.....	284,170	427,863	90,292
April.....	386,767	417,631	214,297
May.....	252,558	467,067	230,079
June.....	227,000	414,969	313,466
July.....	632,000	401,000	259,000
August.....	94,000	139,416	173,850
September.....	240,000	204,891	259,580
October.....	416,475	437,796	316,251
Totals.....	\$3,794,576	\$3,554,073	\$2,221,472

Unfilled orders as of Oct. 1 were approximately \$2,000,000 compared with \$2,845,000 as of Sept. 1 last. At the beginning of September the company has sufficient unfilled business to continue normal operations at the Santa Monica plant to June 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 2607.

**Dunlop Tire & Rubber Goods Co., Ltd. (Canada).—**  
*New President.*

Arthur B. Purvis has been elected President, to succeed Hon. E. B. Ryckman, who resigned from this office upon his appointment as Minister of National Revenue. Mr. Purvis also is President and managing director of Canadian Industries, Ltd., which has a large interest in the Dunlop company.

**(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—New Product.**

The company has developed a chemical compound, known as Lignasan, for use in the treatment of air-dried lumber to control sap stain or "blue stain" and to prevent mold. Estimated annual losses to the lumber industry resulting from stain and mold total \$10,000,000. Tests by more than 100 mills demonstrate that Lignasan preserves the bright, natural color of lumber in storage. The treatment is applied in cold solution by dipping or spraying and has been found to be effective on pine, sap gum, black gum, yellow poplar, magnolia and certain other hardwoods. The cost of the treatment is approximately 12 cents per thousand feet of lumber, board measure.—V. 133, p. 3098.

**Durham Duplex Razor Co.—Dividends Resumed.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the \$4 cum. prior pref. stock, no par value, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20.

Quarterly distributions of \$1 per share were made on this issue on March 1 and June 1 last; none since.—V. 133, p. 1771.

**Eastman Kodak Co.—Extra Dividend.**

The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share and the extra dividend of 75c. per share have been declared on the common stock, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 5. Like amounts have been paid quarterly since 1923.—V. 133, p. 2272, 1295.

**Eitington-Schild Co., Inc.—Obituary**

Vice-President Solomon Schild died suddenly in France on Nov. 4.—V. 133, p. 1132

**Eldorado Towers, N. Y. City.—Sold at Auction.**

Eldorado Towers, a 35-story apartment hotel located on Central Park West between 90th and 91st Streets, N. Y. City, has been sold under foreclosure by Joseph P. Day at the Exchange Salesroom. The property brought \$2,850,000 above liens and encumbrances amounting to \$3,303,585. Central Park Plaza Corp. was the purchaser.

**Electric Ferries, Inc.—Earnings.**

For income statement for 10 months ended Oct. 31, see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 2973.

**Equitable Office Building Corp.—Earnings.**

For income statement for six months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2442.

**Exchange Buffet Corp.—Sales Decrease.**

Sales for Month and Six Months Ended Oct. 31.	1931—October—1930.	Decrease.	1931—6 Mos.—1930.	Decrease.		
1931—October—1930.	\$423,972	\$531,742	\$107,770	\$2,477,917	\$3,003,874	\$525,957
—V. 133, p. 2607.						

**Faber, Coe & Gregg, Inc.—Dividend Decreased.**

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20. Previously the company made regular semi-annual disbursements of \$1 per share on this issue.—V. 116, p. 302.

**Federal Aviation Corp.—To Dissolve.**

The directors, at a meeting held on Nov. 6 1931, adopted a resolution recommending to the stockholders the dissolution of the corporation and the distribution to stockholders of the assets of the corporation available for distribution to stockholders after such dissolution. A special meeting of the stockholders to consider and act upon such proposed dissolution and distribution has been called to be held on Dec. 5 1931.

It is estimated by the management that, upon such dissolution, there will be available for distribution to the holders of the 122,000 shares of the corporation now outstanding, 97,600 shares of capital stock of National Aviation Corp. and warrants to purchase 48,800 shares of capital stock of National Aviation Corp. On this basis, stockholders of Federal Aviation Corp. would receive four shares of capital stock of National Aviation Corp. and warrants to purchase two shares of capital stock of National Aviation Corp. (at \$22 per share, on or before April 30 1933), in exchange for each five shares of capital stock of Federal Aviation Corp. held by them.

As required by the warrant indenture, dated April 1 1929, holders of stock purchase warrants are hereby notified that they may participate in such distribution of assets, by exercising their warrants prior to the date of dissolution and purchasing the capital stock of the corporation purchasable thereunder, at the price of \$22.50 per share, in accordance with the terms of the warrant indenture. Attention of warrant holders is, however, called to the fact that said purchase price of stock under the warrants is considerably in excess of the recent market quotations of the stock of Federal Aviation Corp.—V. 133, p. 807.

**Federal Distillery, Ltd., Montreal.—Sale.**

See Campbell's Distillery (Canada), Ltd., above.—V. 133, p. 1772.

**Federated Publications, Inc.—Omits Dividend.**

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Oct. 1 on the no par value common stock. Quarterly distributions of 15 cents per share were made on this issue on April 30 and July 31, as compared with 30 cents per share previously.—V. 132, p. 2973.

**Fidelity & Guaranty Fire Corp.—Acquisition.**

See People's Fire Insurance Co. (Md.) below.—V. 130, p. 4249.

**Financial Investing Co. of New York, Ltd.—Protective Committee.**

The following committee has been formed to protect the interests of the 5% convertible gold bonds, due Oct. 1 1932 and 5% gold bonds due Oct. 1 1940:

Huntington P. Faxon, Chairman, (Faxon, Gade & Co., Inc.); Gordon B. Hanlon (Ellis & Lane, Inc.), Boston, Mass.; Milton E. Cornelius, (M. E. Cornelius & Co., Inc.), New York; John L. Thompson, 107 High St., North Attleboro, Mass. and George D. Baker, 39 Broadway, New York, with Ulysses D. Cutting, Sec., 76 William St., New York, and Patterson, Eagle, Greenough & Day, Counsel, 72 Wall St., New York.

The Chemical Bank & Trust Co., 165 Broadway, New York, depository. The committee in a letter dated Oct. 7 says:

The bonds have been in default for over 30 days. The agreements under which the bonds are issued provide if in the case of the conv. gold bonds, such default has continued for 30 days and, if in the case of the gold bonds, such default has continued for 60 days, the trustee must, on written request of a required percentage of the holders of such bonds, declare the principal and interest due and payable immediately.

The purposes, amongst others, for which the committee has been formed are briefly these:

- (1) To divorce the interests of the bondholders from those of any other persons having a conflicting interest;
  - (2) To accelerate the due date of the bonds by having the trustee declare the same due and payable immediately, thereby enabling the bondholders to receive in cash the proceeds of the collateral deposited to secure the bonds as quickly as, in the best judgment of the committee, the collateral should and can be liquidated.
  - (3) To enable the committee to advise with the trustee as to when and in what manner, that is, in whole or in part, the collateral should be liquidated.
- The committee will take no action until bonds sufficient in its judgment to enable it to act effectively shall have been deposited with the depository. Bondholders are therefore urged to deposit their bonds immediately with the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., depository.—V. 133, p. 2935.

**Fire Association of Philadelphia.—To Amend By-Laws.**

A special meeting of the stockholders will be held Dec. 7 to take action on amending and altering the by-laws as proposed by the board of directors. For the sake of clarity and simplicity the by-laws have been redrafted, although the most significant change relates to the time for the annual meeting which is intended to change from the second Friday in January to the third Wednesday in March. It is planned to put back the time for the annual meeting so that a report of operations for the preceding year will be available, it being impractical to present such a report in the early days of January. If the plan is adopted the next annual meeting will be held March 16 1932. The new by-laws contain nothing not heretofore contained in the charter or by-laws of the company.—V. 133, p. 128.

**First Chold Corp.—\$1 Special Dividend.**

The directors have declared a special dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock, payable Nov. 18 to holders of record Nov. 11. A special distribution of 50 cents per share was made on Feb. 18 last, as compared with \$1.10 per share on Nov. 18 1930.—V. 133, p. 2769.

**First National Stores, Inc.—Sales Decrease.**

	1931.	1930.	Decrease.
Sales.....	\$8,281,596	\$8,335,541	\$53,945

The baking plant of the company located at East Hartford, Conn., is being enlarged by the addition of oven equipment sufficient to double its present output. Complete cake baking equipment is also being installed and by the middle of December, it is expected these additions will be completed and in operation. Plans to enlarge the output of the large baking plant at Somerville are being prepared that will increase its baking and shipping capacity 50%. Both of these plants have reached the point where their capacity is insufficient to supply present demands. The Produce Dept. at Somerville headquarters is to be doubled in size and bids for this construction will soon be considered.—V. 133, p. 2442, 1772.

**(George M.) Forman Realty Trust.—Earnings.**

Earnings of the Trust from Jan. 6 to Aug. 31, available for bondholders, total \$223,665. This is 2.01% of the Trust's outstanding bonds aggregating about \$13,000,000 held by investors in every State. William G. Lodwick, President, announces that payment of 2% interest would be made, one-half next month to bondholders of record on Dec. 20, and the other half on July 1 1932, to those of June 20 1932. The Trust was formed to safeguard investments in 29 buildings in Chicago, New York and Cleveland by bringing the properties under joint management and preventing costly foreclosures. All the structures had defaulted bond interest and principal.—V. 133, p. 2273.

**Franklin Plan Corp.—Officers Sentenced.**

Louis B. Pirelli, Joseph Cappa and Blagie Viale, officers, have been sentenced to six years, four years and three years, respectively, in Atlanta penitentiary, on conviction of mail fraud in connection with sale of securities of the corporation.—V. 133, p. 2443.

**Gannett Co., Inc.—Earnings.**

For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2607, 2443.

**General Alliance Corp.—Dividend Reduced.**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share on the outstanding 320,000 shares of capital stock, payable Nov. 16 to holders of record Oct. 31. Previously the company made regular quarterly payments of 40 cents per share.—V. 133, p. 2769.

**General Motors Corp.—Sales for October Lower.**

October sales of General Motors cars to consumers in the United States totaled 49,042 as against 57,757 for the corresponding month a year ago. October sales of General Motors cars to dealers in the United States totaled 21,305 as against 22,924 for the corresponding month a year ago. October sales of General Motors cars to dealers in the United States and Canada, together with shipments overseas, totaled 25,975 as against 28,253 for the corresponding month a year ago. Comparative tables follow:

*Sales to Consumers in United States.*

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
January.....	61,566	74,167	73,989	80,582
February.....	68,976	88,742	110,148	107,014
March.....	101,339	123,781	166,942	155,973
April.....	135,865	142,004	173,201	170,544
May.....	122,717	131,817	169,034	186,892
June.....	103,303	97,318	154,437	174,085
July.....	85,054	80,147	147,079	142,515
August.....	69,876	86,426	151,722	151,105
September.....	51,740	75,805	124,723	118,113
October.....	49,042	57,757	114,408	109,789
November.....	-----	41,757	68,893	70,414
December.....	-----	57,989	44,216	25,435
Total.....	-----	1,057,710	1,498,792	1,492,461

*Sales to Dealers in United States.*

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
January.....	76,681	94,458	95,441	96,845
February.....	80,373	110,904	141,222	141,642
March.....	98,943	118,081	176,510	168,107
April.....	132,629	132,365	176,634	161,720
May.....	136,778	136,169	175,873	170,388
June.....	100,270	87,595	163,704	154,912
July.....	78,723	70,716	157,111	135,412
August.....	62,667	76,140	147,351	149,781
September.....	47,895	69,901	127,220	136,870
October.....	21,305	22,924	98,559	91,478
November.....	-----	48,155	39,745	27,672
December.....	-----	68,282	36,482	27,779
Total.....	-----	1,035,660	1,535,852	1,462,556

**Total Sales to Dealers in U. S. and Canada Plus Overseas Shipments.**

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
January	89,349	106,509	127,580	125,181
February	96,003	126,196	175,148	169,232
March	119,195	135,930	220,391	197,821
April	154,252	150,661	227,718	197,597
May	153,730	147,483	200,777	207,325
June	111,668	97,440	200,754	186,160
July	87,449	79,976	189,428	169,473
August	70,078	85,610	168,185	186,653
September	58,122	78,792	146,483	167,460
October	25,975	28,253	122,104	120,876
November	—	57,257	60,977	47,587
December	—	80,008	40,222	35,441
Total	—	1,174,115	1,899,267	1,810,806

Unit sales of Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Buick, LaSalle and Cadillac passenger and commercial cars are included in the above figures. — V. 133, p. 3099.

**General Public Service Corp.—Acquires \$500,000 of Debentures.**

The corporation, it is stated, has completed the purchase of approximately \$500,000 of its outstanding debenture 5s of 1933 and its convertible debenture 5½s of 1936.

The exact amount purchased has not been made public.

The offer to debenture holders, dated Oct. 10, stated that the corporation would purchase the debenture 5s of 1933 at 80% of face value and accrued interest, and the convertible debenture 5½s at 90% and accrued interest. The corporation reserved the right to reject debentures after the sum of \$500,000 had been applied to their purchase, purchases being made according to the order in which they were received.

This action raises the net assets behind the debentures to considerably more than the 125% stipulated in the indenture under which the debenture was offered. — V. 133, p. 2443.

**General Steel Castings Corp.—Earnings.**

For income statement for 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page. — V. 133, p. 1621.

**General Tire & Rubber Co.—Acquisition.**

President W. O. Neil announces that this company has acquired the Yale Tire & Rubber Co. of New Haven, Conn.

Mr. O. Neil adds: "Yale tires and products will be manufactured in the future under the direction of General Tire production department. A complete line of Yale tires and tubes will be manufactured by the Yale company under the direct supervision of General Tire engineers. It has been necessary to increase our facilities to make this possible.

The Yale company already is in production on its products and they will be available immediately to General Tire dealers both here and abroad. The Yale line will be more competitive and will enable General Tire dealers to offer their customers a diversified selection in both tires and tubes. — V. 133, p. 1297.

**Gillette Safety Razor Co.—New Product.**

The company is offering a new "Gillette Blue Blade" in an experimental campaign in Boston and vicinity. This is one of a number of experimental sales campaigns in various parts of the country. The Blue Blade is put out in a blue package, instead of the conventional green; and the blade is finished in such a fashion that the steel has a blue surface; the new blade is priced at 50 cents more than the regular Gillette blade for each box of 100 blades, and is subjected to a slightly different finishing process from the conventional model. — V. 133, p. 2770.

**Globe Insurance Co. of America.—Merger Approved.**

The stockholders of this company and of the Republic Fire Insurance Co. of America, Pittsburgh, on Nov. 9 approved a proposition to merge the two companies, subject to the further approval of the Commissioner of Insurance of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The consolidated company will be known as "Globe & Republic Insurance Co. of America." Pending completion of legal details in connection with the merger, agents of both companies will continue to report business as heretofore. This merger unites two old Pennsylvania companies, the Globe organized in 1862 and the Republic organized in 1871. See details in V. 133, p. 2770.

**Globe & Republic Insurance Co. of America.—Organized.**

See Globe Insurance Co. of America above.

**(Adolf) Gobel, Inc.—Subsid. Declares Initial Dividend.**

The directors of Merkel, Inc., a subsidiary, have declared an initial dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, all of which has been paid to the parent company as sole owner of the 72,000 shares of Merkel common stock outstanding. — V. 133, p. 2936.

**Grand Union Co.—Sales Increase.**

4 Weeks Ended Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.	Increase.
Sales	\$2,873,902	\$2,812,319	\$61,583

— V. 133, p. 3099, 2444.

**Granite City Steel Co.—Earnings.**

For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page. — V. 133, p. 965.

**Gulf Oil Corp.—Tenders.**

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa., will until noon, Nov. 30, receive bids for the sale to it of 15-year 5% debenture gold bonds, dated Dec. 1 1922, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$2,000,000 at prices not to exceed par and interest. — V. 133, p. 2936.

**Hawaiian Canneries, Ltd.—Omits Dividend.**

The directors have voted to omit the monthly dividend ordinarily payable about Nov. 30 on the common stock. The last regular monthly distribution of 20 cents per share was made on Oct. 31.

**Hawaiian Pineapple Co., Ltd.—Dividend Omission.**

In connection with the recent action of the directors in omitting quarterly dividend usually payable about Nov. 30, President James D. Dole in a letter to the stockholders Oct. 31 stated in part:

On Oct. 9 the directors voted to omit the dividend of 50c. a share, payable Nov. 30.

While we regretted very much to take this action—the first dividend omission in 24 years—the requirements of the business at the present time demand conservation of resources.

In past years the company expanded in order to obtain low costs and to meet the needs of a fast-growing market. Improved methods in agricultural practice further increased pineapple production.

Every effort is now being made to convert inventories resulting from the large 1931 pack into cash, and place the company in position during coming years to take advantage of its recent increasingly low costs.

Unfortunately, the current year has been one of low prices and market stagnation, largely resulting from general depressed conditions. In such times a conservative financial policy serves the best interests of our stockholders. — V. 133, p. 2608.

**Hercules Motors Corp.—Earnings.**

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page. — V. 133, p. 1622.

**Hillsgrove Silk Co., Inc. Providence, R. I.—Receiver.**

The company went into the hands of a permanent receiver Nov. 4 after a hearing before Judge A. A. Capotosto in Kent County (R. I.) Superior Court. Raphael Vicario of Providence was named receiver replacing Arthur H. Feiner, who had been appointed temporary receiver Oct. 24.

**(Charles E.) Hires Co., Philadelphia.—50c. Dividend.**

The directors have declared dividends of 50c. per share each on the class B and management stocks, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 14. This makes a total of \$2 per share paid on these issues during the current year, the same amount as in 1930 and 1929. (See also V. 133, p. 2444.)

**Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd.—Extra Div.**

An extra dividend of 5c. per share has been declared in addition to the regular monthly dividend of 5c. per share, both payable Dec. 2 to holders

of record Nov. 18. An extra distribution of like amount was made on Dec. 31 1930. — V. 133, p. 3099.

**Hudson Motor Car Co.—New Distributor.**

The O'Donnell-Malcolmson Motor Co., a newly formed company, has been appointed distributors of Hudson and Essex cars for Minneapolis and surrounding territory. — V. 133, p. 2771.

**Independence Shares Corp.—New Representative.**

This corporation, sponsor of Independence Trust Shares, announces that Arthur E. Higgins is now associated with them as wholesale representative for the States of Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. — V. 133, p. 2444.

**Indian Refining Co., Inc.—Decreases Stock.**

The stockholders on Nov. 10 approved a proposal to reduce the authorized common stock (par \$10) from 2,000,000 shares to 1,275,000 shares. The company is a subsidiary of the Texas Corp. — V. 133, p. 2936.

**Interlake Steamship Co. (Ohio).—Plans to Reincorporate in Delaware.**

In connection with the proposal to reincorporate this company in Delaware, President H. G. Dalton Nov. 2 said:

By virtue of the new tax law recently adopted in Ohio, the shareholders of the company residing in Ohio will be required to pay personal property taxes upon their shares, which have heretofore been exempt. In addition, because of the change in the rules for appraisal of vessels, the corporation will be subject to a much larger personal property tax upon its vessels. The taxes thus resulting to the corporation and its shareholders together are estimated at approximately three times the taxes heretofore paid by the corporation.

Under these circumstances, certain of the shareholders have concluded that it would be for the best interest of the shareholders that the property and assets of this company be acquired and the business conducted by a Delaware corporation which would not be subject to such personal property taxes on its vessel property.

Accordingly, these shareholders have caused the organization of a corporation of the same name under the laws of Delaware and such Delaware corporation has made an offer to this company to acquire the entire property, assets and business of this company, subject to its obligations and liabilities (which the Delaware corporation will assume), and in consideration thereof to issue its common shares without par value to the shareholders of this company on the basis of one share of the Delaware corporation for each share of this corporation.

The Delaware corporation will have the same number of authorized no par common shares as the present company so that the proportionate interest of each present shareholder in the property and assets will not be changed by the transfer of the property. The transaction will be a reorganization under the Federal Revenue Act, so that it will not involve income taxes to either the company or its shareholders.

[The stockholders will meet Nov. 25 to vote on the above proposal.] — V. 133, p. 3099.

**International Carriers, Ltd.—To Reduce Capital.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 7 on approving a proposal to reduce capital represented by outstanding shares from \$10 to \$5 per share. — V. 133, p. 3099.

**International Combustion Engineering Corp.—Subsidiary Sells Plant.**

An order approving the sale to Public Service Electric & Gas Co. by New Jersey Coal & Tar Co., a subsidiary of the residue of the property, buildings, equipment and materials, with certain minor exceptions, of the plant of the subsidiary for the low temperature distillation of coal, located near New Brunswick, N. J., for the aggregate purchase price of \$75,165, has been entered by the Court upon the petition of the receiver. — V. 133, p. 811, 490.

**International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Earnings.**

For income statement for three and nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

*Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30.*

		1931.		1930.	
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—	Property	147,808,136	144,585,956	27,627,825	27,627,825
	Investments	6,988,609	6,204,714	x60,766,771	60,766,771
	Inventories	21,250,327	19,080,768		
	Accounts & bills receivable	4,779,707	7,015,529	7,385,401	7,509,040
	Deferred installments on subscriptions for common stock	—	258,980		
	Govt. securities	745,675	745,675		
	Cash and money loaned	3,149,748	15,098,661	900,000	1,200,000
	Total	184,222,201	192,990,284	2,929,791	3,480,612
				2,132,139	3,911,891
				483,455	483,483
				Insur., conting.	
				& oth. reserves	4,982,538
				Capital surplus	60,132,646
			Earned surplus	16,881,605	
Total	184,222,201	192,990,284	22,902,071		

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x Represented by 14,584,025 no par shares. — V. 133, p. 1134, 966, 653.

**International Paper Co.—Tenders.**

The Bankers Trust Co., trustee, will until noon, Nov. 25, receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. 5% mtge. bonds, series A and B, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$100,214, at prices not exceeding 102½ and int. — V. 133, p. 1774, 1622.

**Interstate Bond Co.—Bonds Offered.**

Mercantile Trust Co., Union Trust Co. of Md., and Equitable Trust Co. of Baltimore recently offered at 100 and int. \$300,000 1st lien 6% collateral gold bonds, series BB.

Dated Sept. 1 1931; due \$20,000 annually Sept. 1 1932 to Sept. 1 1946, incl. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable M. & S. at Mercantile Trust Co. of Baltimore or Chase National Bank, New York. Principal payable at Mercantile Trust Co. of Baltimore. Red. on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 100 and int. plus ½ of 1% premium for each year to maturity, but not more than 103 and int. Company agrees to refund annually any State, city and county securities or personal property taxes, or in lieu thereof, State income taxes not exceeding an amount equal to five mills on each dollar of the principal amount of bonds held, if request is made within six months after any such tax becomes due and payable, accompanied by proper proof of payment.

The security of these bonds consists of 100% cash, certificates of deposit, U. S. Government, or State and municipal obligations; and (or) 120% State, county and municipal tax liens on improved real estate. Such tax liens are prior in lien to first mortgages, deeds of trust and judgments. The property securing these tax liens is valued at from 10 to 50 times the amount of the tax liens, the average being about 25 times. — V. 132, p. 666.

**Interstate Department Stores, Inc.—October Sales.**

1931—Oct.—	1930.	Increase.	1931—10 Mos.—	1930.	Increase.
\$1,870,114	\$2,070,188	\$200,074	\$17,013,223	\$16,726,002	\$287,221

In commenting on these figures, President Leo G. Federman stated "Although prices on our merchandise are lower, our drop in October was less than 10% in gross sales and our net profit for the month was highly satisfactory due to lower payrolls and advertising expenditures. Gross profit was better maintained due to an extraordinary advantageous 'buyers market' for the last few months. November business to date is most satisfactory as our stores report good 'farmer buying' for the first time in over a year. We look forward to a very profitable November and December." — V. 133, p. 2444.

**Interstate Equities Corp.—New Control.**

See Yosemite Holding Corp. below. — V. 133, p. 1461.

**Investors Syndicate—Assets Pass \$45,000,000.**

Assets of Investors Syndicate, for the past 37 years engaged in the sale of thrift certificates, increased \$7,882,504 during the past 12 months, and are now in excess of \$45,000,000, according to the Oct. 31 balance

sheet. Since January 1931 assets have increased at an average of \$637.865 per month.

Capital surplus and reserves totaled \$5,940,086 as of Oct. 31, showing an increase of \$93,441 for October and a gain of \$1,045,415, or 21%, during the past 12 months.

First mortgage monthly payoff loans on improved residential property in 26 cities of United States and Canada total \$33,582,970 as of Oct. 31. Cash on hand equals \$919,069; bonds and securities total \$4,000,459.—V. 133, p. 2608.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Coal Output (Tons).—

Table with columns for Month (1931, 1930) and production figures for Island Creek Coal Co.

—V. 133, p. 2771,2444.

Iron Fireman Mfg. Co.—Quarterly Dividend Reduced.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share on the common stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 21.

In each of the first three quarters of this year, a regular distribution of 40 cents per share was made, making total dividends of \$1.35 per share paid in 1931 as compared with a total of \$1.50 per share in 1930.—V. 132, p. 2209.

Jantzen Knitting Mills Co. (Ore.).—Earnings.—

Income Account Years Ended Aug. 31. Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and 1929 for Jantzen Knitting Mills Co.

Balance carried to sur. def. \$140,543. Surplus at first of year 1,255,505. Excess prov. for taxes, &c. 23,319. Prems. on sale of stock.

Table showing consolidated balance sheet for Aug. 31, 1931 and 1930 for Jantzen Knitting Mills Co.

Table showing consolidated balance sheet for Aug. 31, 1931 and 1930 for Kaybee Stores, Inc.

Kaybee Stores, Inc.—October Sales.—

1931—October—1930. Decrease. | 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Increase. \$216,750 \$244,067 | \$27,317 \$1,541,310 | \$1,422,785 \$118,525 —V. 133, p. 2444, 1935.

Kidder Peabody Acceptance Corp.—Holders of Class A Stock Seek to Prevent Corporation's Redemption of Class B Shares.—

President Roger Amory, in a letter to stockholders, says: "An injunction has been asked by various holders of 1st pref. class A stock to prevent the corporation and its directors from redeeming any shares of class B pref. stock until such time as this can be done without impairment of capital as against holders of class A preferred. The first preferred class B is entitled under certain conditions to redemption at par and accrued dividends.

"The company was prepared to redeem B stock due for payment on Nov. 1, but a large group of A stockholders felt in view of the fact that due to shrinkage in value of the securities held by the corporation capital was impaired, as shown in the last balance sheet, dated July 15 1931, to the extent that class B were only \$76.86 per share, the 'put' privilege of the B stock should be suspended. There are no adequate legal precedents on the question and it is probable that the matter will have to be determined by the courts. In the meantime, redemption of B stock by the company has been held up."—V. 133, p. 3100.

Kildun Mining Corp.—Balance Sheet Aug. 31 1931.—

Balance Sheet for Kildun Mining Corp. as of August 31, 1931.

—V. 133, p. 967.

Koppers Gas & Coke Co.—Tenders.—

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., trustee, will until noon, Nov. 20, receive bids for the sale to it of sinking fund 5 1/2% debenture gold bonds, dated July 1 1929, to an amount sufficient to exhauxe \$1,000,227, at prices not exceeding 103 1/2 and int.—V. 132, p. 3160.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Suit Dismissed.—

The suit of company, seeking an interlocutory injunction to restrain the State of Kentucky from collecting taxes under retail merchants gross sales Act enacted in 1930, has been dismissed in a joint decision signed by three Federal Judges at Louisville. See further details in a preceding page of this issue.—V. 133, p. 2772.

(B.) Kuppenheimer & Co., Inc.—No Action on Div.—

The directors have taken no action on the semi-annual dividend due to be declared at this time on the common stock, par \$5. From Jan. 2 1925 to and incl. July 1 1931, the company made regular semi-annual payments of \$1 per share on this issue.—V. 133, p. 653.

Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Years End. June 30— 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Bullion production, Exchange on bullion sales, Interest, Total income, Operating expenses, Administrative expenses, etc.

Profit for period \$4,505,600. Div. & bonuses 3,600,000. Balance surplus \$905,600. Earnings per share on 1,332,203 shs. of cap. stock (par \$1) outst. \$3.37. x Includes development, mining, maintenance, general expenses, and provisions for taxes, after deducting sundry revenue.

Balance Sheet June 30. Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for 1931 and 1930.

Total \$5,254,619. x After deducting \$2,190,367 reserve for deprec.—V. 133, p. 2444. Lane Bryant, Inc.—Sales Decrease.— 1931—October—1930. Decrease. | 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Decrease. \$1,235,140 \$1,689,658 | \$451,518 \$13,027,857 | \$14,395,307 \$1,367,450 —V. 133, p. 2444, 1775.

Lanston Monotype Machine Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the outstanding \$6,000,000 capital stock, par \$100, payable Nov. 30 to holders of record Nov. 20. Previously the company paid regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 per share on this issue. The company also made extra distributions of 25 cents per share each quarter from Feb. 25 1930 to and including May 29 1931.—V. 133, p. 1134.

Liberty Cut Glass Works, Egg Harbor City, N. J.—

Earl R. Simmerman of Camden was Nov. 9 named receiver of the company. Application for the receivership was made to Federal Judge John Boyd Avis by John E. Marsden of Merion, Pa., President of the concern, who said that despite the fact the company had assets of \$460,000 and liabilities of \$218,800 its credit was exhausted and it had no funds with which to continue business.

(The) Lindner Co.—Dividend Deferred.—

The directors recently decided to defer the usual quarterly dividend of 65 cents per share due Oct. 31 on the \$2.60 cum. class A stock, no par value. This rate had been paid regularly from Oct. 31 1929 to and incl. July 31 1931.—V. 129, p. 293.

Locomotive Firebox Co., Chicago, Ill.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors recently decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Oct. 1 on the no par value capital stock. The last regular quarterly payment of 25 cents per share was made on July 1 1931.

Loft, Inc.—Listing of Acquisition of Mirror Properties.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 50,000 additional shares (no par) common stock on official notice of issuance and payment in full in exchange for certain assets of The Mirror, making the total amount applied for 1,073,200 shares.

The directors on Aug. 27 authorizing the issuance of 50,000 shares of stock to The Mirror in payment for certain Mirror trade marks and candy inventories, store inventories, machinery and equipment, such as soda-fountains in 17 stores and supplies for a factory fully operating at 341 Hudson St., New York, which were inventoried and approved by the executive committee as worth \$516,248.—V. 133, p. 2609, 2444.

Long-Bell Lumber Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2773.

(P.) Lorillard Co.—Meeting Again Adjourned.—

The adjourned annual meeting scheduled for Nov. 12 has been further postponed until Nov. 19. The meeting has been adjourned regularly pending decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals of New Jersey on the company's appeal from the temporary injunction restraining it from taking a vote on the proposed change in the bonus by-law and revision in price at which stock was offered to officers and employees.—V. 133, p. 3101.

Ludlum Steel Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1299.

MacAndrews & Forbes Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1135.

McKesson & Robbins, Inc.—Increases Plant Facilities.—

The corporation has increased its plant facilities in Bridgeport, Conn., through the recent acquisition of another building, containing 100,000 square feet of floor space. The taking on of additional space was necessitated by a general increase in business over the past few months.—V. 133, p. 1936.

McLellan Stores Co.—Sales Decrease.—

1931—October—1930. Decrease. | 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Decrease. \$1,941,434 \$2,262,277 | \$320,843 \$16,430,719 | \$18,029,850 \$1,599,131 —V. 133, p. 2444, 1775.

Marmon Motor Car Co.—New Vice-President.—

The appointment of A. J. Rogers as Vice-President in charge of sales is announced by President G. M. Williams. Mr. Rogers also has been elected a director of the company and takes over his new duties at once. He succeeds George C. Tenney, who has resigned the post of general sales director after an association of more than two years with the company. In his new position Mr. Rogers will continue to have charge of Marmon advertising and promotional activities.—V. 133, p. 3101.

Massachusetts Investors Trust.—Increases Holdings.—

This trust recently reported the purchase of 2,840 shares of common stock of 15 corporations. Some of the purchases were merely to even up holdings which were thrown into odd numbers by the addition of the United Securities Trust Associates' portfolio to the Massachusetts Investors' Trust holdings.

Purchases follow: 200 shares Lambert Co.; 500 shares United Drug; 70 shares Travelers Insurance; 246 shares New York Central; 400 shares Union Pacific; 300 shares Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe; 500 shares Parke Davis; 162 shares Pennsylvania R.R.; 59 shares Allied Chemical; 90 shares du Pont; 93 shares Electric Bond & Share; 50 shares International Telephone; 16 shares North American; 84 shares Standard Oil of California; and 70 shares United Gas Improvement Co.—V. 133, p. 2938.



Melville Shoe Corp.—Sales Decrease.— 1931—October—1930. Decrease. 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Decrease. \$2,177,050 \$2,230,962 \$53,912 \$22,044,007 \$23,327,712 \$1,283,705 —V. 133, p. 2938, 2445.

(The) Mirror (Candies), N. Y. City.—Loft, Inc., Purchases Trade Marks, &c.— See Loft, Inc., above.—V. 131, p. 3380.

Missouri State Life Insurance Co.—Voting Trust Agreement Proposed.—

The stockholders on Nov. 9 were invited to deposit their stock under a voting trust agreement with the St. Louis Union Trust Co., depository. Voting trustees under the agreement, which would continue until Nov. 11, 1933, are E. D. Nims, Chairman of the Board; Frank O. Watts, Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank in St. Louis; James R. Leavelle, President of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago; Frank K. Houston, 1st Vice-President of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York, and Paul M. Davis, President of the American National Bank of Nashville, Tenn.

The step is designed, according to Mr. Nims, to prevent the company falling into the hands of speculators.

Of the 500,000 shares of stock outstanding 147,900 shares, or about 29%, is held by the Inter-Southern Life Insurance Co. of Louisville, which entitles them to four of the 13 places on the Board. Voting trustees hope to place eight or nine directors at the annual meeting in January.

For some months, Mr. Nims stated in his letter to shareholders, "It has been quite evident to those in close touch with the officers of the company that there was need of the holders of a majority of its stock adopting some plan which would assure concerted action and representation for them and at the same time stabilize the direction and management of the company. There are important matters of management and policy that must be determined soon, and a future course should be definitely adopted with the best interests of the Missouri company and all its stockholders as the sole objective."

Deposits are requested on or before Dec. 10. The Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chemical Bank & Trust Co. and American National Bank are depositories.

Stockholders' Committee Formed to Fight Plan.—

Another group of stockholders headed by Theobald Fells of Cincinnati, a member of the board of directors, announced the organization of a stockholders' committee, the purpose of which will be to attempt to secure controlling interest in the company.

The Inter-Southern Life Insurance Co. of Louisville, owns the largest block of Missouri State Life stock, 147,000 shares, or about 29%.

In a statement issued on Nov. 9 the stockholders' committee, headed by Mr. Fells, who was described as the largest individual stockholder in the company, charged that the formation of the voting trust is an effort to perpetuate for a period of at least seven years the management of the company by the Nims group and Hillsman Taylor, President. The statement said that Mr. Fells owns 25,000 shares in the company.

"The Nims-Taylor management," the statement continued, "has not had and does not now have any substantial financial interest in the company. The Nims-Taylor effort to perpetuate their management will be vigorously opposed."

At the present time no one group has control of the company. The proxies of stockholders obtained by both rival groups will be voted at the annual meeting here Jan. 19.

The Missouri State Life has 13 directors, four of whom are named by the Inter-Southern by virtue of its large stockholdings. A vacancy on the board caused by the death of the late J. Sheppard Smith, former President of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. will be filled at a meeting to be held Nov. 20.

The company has about \$1,250,000,000 insurance in force and its assets and liabilities balance in excess of \$155,000,000. In addition to its \$5,000,000 capital, it has a \$3,000,000 surplus.—V. 133, p. 2445.

Montgomery Ward Bldg., Wichita, Kan.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$225,000 6% 1st mtge. fee and leasehold bonds is being offered by the Wheeler Kelly Hagny Trust Co., Wichita, Kan., at prices to yield 5 1/2% to 6%, according to maturity. A banker's circular shows:

Dated April 1 1931. Interest payable A. & O. at office of the Wheeler Kelly Hagny Trust Co., trustee, Wichita, Kan. Callable in whole or in part upon 60 days' notice at par and int. and a premium of 1%. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. These bonds are exempt from all State, local and intangible tax to residents of Kansas.

Borrower.—Bonds are a direct obligation of the Brosius Building Co., of which Clarence L. Brosius and Frank C. Brosius are President and Vice-President, respectively.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a closed first mortgage on the fee title to 50x120 feet at the southeast corner of the intersection of Douglas Ave. and Topeka Ave., the 99-year leasehold interest in the adjoining 50x120 feet, together with a new five-story building having a frontage of 100 feet on Douglas Ave. and 120 feet on Topeka Ave. located thereon. The 30-year lease to the building, signed by Montgomery Ward & Co., has been assigned as additional security.

Building.—The building, recently completed, is five stories and basement, thereby affording over 70,000 square feet of floor space. The building is equipped throughout with washed air and forced ventilation and is provided with two passenger elevators and one freight elevator. In construction and design it represents one of Montgomery Ward & Co.'s first-class stores from which they will be able to serve Wichita and the entire Southwest.

Lease.—The 30-year lease upon this building, signed by Montgomery Ward & Co., provides for the following annual rental payments: \$50,600 per year for the first four years; \$56,000 per year for the next six years; \$60,000 for the next ten years, and \$65,000 per year for the last ten years. This lease has been assigned and all rents will be payable to the trustee as further security for the loan. Out of the monthly rentals the trustee is to set aside each month an amount sufficient to meet 1-12 of the annual requirements for interest, principal, ground rental, taxes, and insurance.

Guaranty.—Bonds are secured by the unconditional guaranty of Clarence L. Brosius and Frank C. Brosius as individuals.

Moody's Investors Service, N. Y. City.—Div. Deferred.— The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share due Nov. 15 on the \$3 cum. partic. pref. stock, no par value. The last regular quarterly payment at this rate was made on Aug. 15 1931.—V. 131, p. 3380.

Morison Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—Sales Decrease.— 1931—October—1930. Decrease. 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Decrease. \$151,786 \$219,423 \$67,637 \$1,476,947 \$1,553,883 \$76,936 —V. 133, p. 2609, 2445.

Murray Corp. of America.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.—

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Rows include Fixed assets, Pats. & good-will, Invest. in affil. co's, Slnk. fund deposits, Misc. sec. & accts., Prep. exp. & misc., Dies & patterns being amortized, Cash, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Dies and patterns.

Total. 28,758,482 30,560,228 x Represented by 761,491 no par shares. y After depreciation of \$3,814,602.—V. 133, p. 3101.

Motor Wheel Corp.—Dividend Decreased.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 12 1/2c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Nov. 20. The company on March 10 last made a quarterly distribution of

37 1/2c. a share on this issue, while on June 10 and Sept. 10 quarterly dividends of 25c. a share were paid.

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page. Current assets as of Sept. 30 1931, including cash and marketable securities of \$2,685,404, were \$4,689,955, and current liabilities were \$409,507.—V. 133, p. 1136.

M. & P. Stores, Ltd., Windsor, Ont., Can.—Dividend.— The company has not deferred the quarterly dividend of 1 1/4c. due Oct. 1 on the 7% cum. red. conv. 1st pref. stock, par \$100, as previously reported.—V. 133, p. 3101.

National Carloading Corp.—Merger.— See Pennsylvania RR. under "Railroads" above.

National Cash Register Co.—Deal Approved by Court— Allowed to Buy Assets of Remington Company for \$2,500,000.—

Permission to complete a contract to purchase the assets of the Remington Cash Register Co. of Ilion, N. Y., for \$2,500,000 was granted to the company in Federal Court at Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 7.

Saying the directors of the Remington Cash Register Co. had agreed to end ten years of financial losses by suspending business by sale or liquidation, Judge Benson W. Hough ruled that competition in the cash register field would not be lessened by acquisition of Remington's assets by the National Cash Register Co.

The proposals for the purchase of Remington assets were submitted to the court under an anti-trust decree entered in 1916 against National Cash Register. In rendering its decision, the court retained jurisdiction in any similar proposals in the future.—V. 133, p. 3102.

National Supply Co. of Del. (& Subs.).—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.—

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Rows include Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Merchandise, Marketable securities, Investments, Fixed assets, Deferred charges, Good-will.

Total. 77,656,357 90,005,579 Total. 77,656,357 90,005,579 a After reserve for depreciation of \$11,205,200. b Represented by 7,502 shares common stock of Spang Chalfant & Co., Inc.—V. 133, p. 3102.

National Tea Co.—Sales Decrease.— 1931—October—1930. Decrease. 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Decrease. \$6,748,405 \$7,303,806 \$555,401 \$64,431,180 \$70,745,855 \$6,314,675 —V. 133, p. 2939, 2445.

Naval Stores Investment Co.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors recently decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Nov. 1 on the common stock. The last regular quarterly payment of 30 cents per share was made on Aug. 1 1931.—V. 130, p. 4255.

Nestle-LeMur Co.—Reduces Stated Value.—

The stockholders Oct. 26 approved a proposed reduction in the stated capital to \$157,500 represented by 157,500 class A shares, which will permit of the writing off good will and organization expenses. This will eliminate the deficit of \$328,125 and will enable the company to show a paid in surplus of \$436,233 over the stated capital. Class B stock will continue on the books at \$6,250.

Table with 2 columns: Earnings Years Ended Aug. 31, 1931, 1930. Rows include Net profit for the year, Profit & loss deficit.

Condensed Balance Sheet Aug. 31 1931.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Rows include Cash, Notes & accts. receivable, Inventories, Employees stock subscriptions, Sundry accts. receivable, Inventory of slow moving mdse, Plant & equipment, Deferred charges, Good-will.

Total. \$1,734,240 Total. \$1,734,240 x \$2 cumulative class A, 157,500 shares no par value \$2,059,250; class B, 40,000 shares, no par value \$6,250; less stock purchased and held in treasury at cost (5,758 shares class A and 1,950 shares class B), \$15,252; total capital stock \$2,050,248.—V. 131, p. 2908.

Nevada Consolidated Copper Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

For the three months ended Sept. 30 1931 company produced at its properties in Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico 32,389,553 lbs. of copper, a monthly average of 10,796,518 lbs., compared with 33,009,236 lbs., or an average of 11,003,079 lbs., in the second quarter.

The company milled and smelted during the quarter 1,556,667 tons of its own ores. Of this total, 1,545,194 tons were concentrating ore averaging 1.262% copper, and 5,473 tons were direct smelting ores. The company also treated at its Nevada plants 134,267 tons of custom ore. The average daily tonnage of company ores milled at all its concentrators was 16,796 compared with 17,115 tons for the preceding quarter.

The average recovery in form of concentrates for all company material milled during the third quarter was 85.92% of the copper in the feed, a yield of 21.68 lbs. of copper per ton treated. This compares with 88.07% and 21.97 lbs. a ton in the second quarter of 1931.

The net cost of producing copper after crediting precious metals and miscellaneous earnings and income from subsidiaries was 7.96 cents a lb., compared with 8.26 cents for the second quarter. These costs include all operating and general charges of every kind except depreciation and reserve for Federal taxes.

D. C. Jackling, President, states that as the price received for copper sold during the third quarter was about 1/2 cent below cost of production as shown, the operating loss on this basis was only \$160,000. He states that it is the company's policy to carry inventory as near current market as possible and that, therefore, the report shows a loss of \$1,323,564 for the quarter, including the loss due to reducing price of all unsold copper in inventory to 7 cents a lb. from 10 1/2 cents, at which it was carried Jan. 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 1775.

New Jersey Zinc Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for three and nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1136.

New York Shipbuilding Corp.—Tenders.—

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will until Nov. 18 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st mtge. 30-year 5% s. f. gold bonds, due Nov. 1 1946 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$208,439 at prices not exceeding 102 1/2 and int.—V. 133, p. 3102.

Nitrate Co. of Chile (Cosach).—Ending of Cosach Urged.—

An Associated Press dispatch from Santiago, Chile, Nov. 7 states: Dissolution of the \$300,000,000 government-producer controlled Cosach nitrate combination unless changes are made to take the industry out of the hands of foreigners is recommended in the findings of a government commission, it is announced.—V. 133, p. 134.

North German Lloyd (Steamship Co.).—Obituary.—

Carl Stimming, general director, died on Nov. 7 in Germany. He entered the service of the company in 1917 and became general manager in 1921,

succeeding Philip Heineken, who became President of the board of directors.—V. 132, p. 3900.

**North River Insurance Co.—Proposed Merger.**—See Transportation Insurance Co. of New York below.—V. 133, p. 3102.

**Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co.—To Recapitalize.**—The New York Stock Exchange has received notice from this company of a proposed change in the authorized capital stock (a) from 20,000 shares pref. stock, par \$100, to 10,546 shares par \$50, each share to be exchanged for one share new pref. stock and five shares of new common stock, and (b) from 150,000 shares of common stock, par \$10, to 202,730 shares of no par value, each share to be exchanged for one new share.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross profit on sales	\$338,158	\$105,705	\$317,107	\$663,488
Expenses	168,638	184,107	433,125	512,566
Operating profit	\$169,520	loss\$78,402	loss\$116,018	\$150,922
Other income	8,326	10,281	11,471	21,850
Total income	\$177,946	loss\$68,121	loss\$104,547	\$172,772
Depreciation	52,106	50,915	49,974	47,890
Discounts	15,324	3,123	29,282	48,919
Interest	758	758	9,063	13,015
Bad debt reserve	11,763	66,848	219,956	—
Other deductions	245	4,695	2,503	16,065
Net	\$98,508	loss\$194,460	loss\$415,325	\$46,883

Surplus Account.—Deficit Sept. 30 1930, \$341,598; add: Additional Federal taxes for prior years, \$45,331; interest thereon, \$18,418; legal fees thereon, \$12,890; local taxes prior years, \$410; total deficit, \$418,647; deduct: Net profit for year ended Sept. 30 1931 (as above), \$98,508; excess of par over cost of pref. stock purchased, \$20,512; unclaimed wages transferred, \$2,518; deficit on Sept. 30 1931 of \$297,109.—V. 132, p. 3355.

**Ocean County (N. J.) Title Co.—Receivership.**—Harry E. Newman of Lakewood, N. J., was appointed Nov. 11 by Vice-Chancellor Backes as receiver for the company. The action was requested by the New Jersey Title & Mortgage Co. of Newark. An examiner of the State Banking Department testified the quick liabilities of the Ocean County company had exceeded the assets.

**Pacific Coast Co.—Earnings.**—For income statement for three and nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1625.

**Pacific Finance Corp. of California (Del.)—Plans to Reduce Stated Capital.**—

The stockholders will shortly receive a letter requesting their consent to the retirement of 233,042 shares of common stock which has been purchased from time to time, and now is held in the company's treasury. The retirement of this amount of common stock of \$10 par value will effect a reduction of \$2,330,420 in stated capital, and will leave the company with common stock outstanding in the amount of \$6,590,980, as against \$8,921,400 outstanding heretofore.

The directors, subject to the approval of the stockholders to a reduction of capital, have authorized the retirement of said stock. This reduction, which requires the consent of a majority of the remaining stock, including the preferred, gives the stock so retired the status of authorized but unissued stock.—V. 133, p. 1937.

**Panhandle Producing & Refining Co. (& Subs.)—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.**—

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.		
Fixed assets	\$3,852,637	\$4,834,696	Pref. stock	\$1,785,900	\$1,885,900
Cash	16,385	120,173	Common stock	y827,310	1,902,653
Investments	109,465	104,465	Accts. payable	373,710	508,577
Accts. & notes rec.	354,238	508,774	Acct. & notes pay.	259,559	309,648
Oil	146,126	237,386	Accr. liabilities	59,877	34,094
Mat'l & supplies	328,647	384,139	Acrr. pref. divs.	—	1,093,822
Work in progress	3,646	8,898	Other reserves	48,848	44,330
Deferred charges	50,516	33,744	Purchase oblig.	170,304	263,290
			Approp. surplus	z1,357,284	189,499
			Deferred credits	8,872	462
Total	\$4,891,665	\$6,232,275	Total	\$4,891,665	\$6,232,275

x After depreciation, depletion and amortization of \$7,546,749. y 198,070 no par shares represented by excess of assets over liabilities. z Surplus appropriated for redemption premium on outstanding preferred stock and for accrued preferred dividends.—V. 133, p. 3103.

**Paramount Public Corp.—Declares 2½% Stock Dividend—New Directors Elected.**—

At a meeting of the board of directors held on Nov. 9, a dividend of 2½% payable in stock of the corporation, equalling 1-40th of a share for each share held, was declared payable Dec. 31 1931 to holders of record Dec. 4. A similar payment was made on Sept. 30 last, while on June 27 1931 a quarterly cash dividend of 62½¢, a share was paid as against \$1 a share each quarter from March 29 1930 to and incl. March 28 1931.

John Hertz was elected a director to fill a vacancy and William Wrigley Jr. and Albert D. Lasker were elected directors in place of Albert A. Kaufman and Daniel Frohman, resigned.

William H. English was elected to the newly created office of Chairman of the board and Mr. Hertz was elected a member of the finance committee in place of Mr. English.—V. 133, p. 3103, 2446.

**(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—Sales Decrease.**—  
1931—October—1930. Decrease. | 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Decrease.  
\$17,968,473 | \$19,881,041 | \$1,912,568 | \$13,593,615 | \$15,029,169 | \$1,435,554  
—V. 133, p. 2446, 1776.

**Pennsylvania Industries, Inc.—Dividend Deferred.**—The directors recently decided to defer the usual quarterly dividend of 1½% due Nov. 2 on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on Aug. 1 1931.—V. 132, p. 4076.

**Peoples Drug Stores, Inc.—Sales Increase.**—  
1931—October—1930. Increase. | 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Increase.  
\$1,469,235 | \$1,392,803 | \$76,432 | \$14,287,781 | \$13,667,643 | \$620,138  
—V. 133, p. 3103, 2940.

**Peoples Fire Insurance Co. (Md.)—To Liquidate.**—

The company has reinsured its direct insurance in the Fidelity & Guaranty Fire Corp. preparatory to liquidation of the company. The Fidelity & Guaranty will take the agency plant of the Peoples and will continue to operate it, policies to be written in the name of the Peoples Underwriters Department of the Fidelity & Guaranty Fire Co. Peoples was organized in 1907 and operated with \$100,000 capital until 1929, when the capital was doubled and the surplus increased.—V. 133, p. 2277.

**Pet Milk Co.—Earnings.**—For income statement for three and nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1137.

**Pettibone Mulliken Co.—Bankruptcy Petition Dismissed.**—The petition in bankruptcy filed against the company has been dismissed by the United States District Court at Chicago, which announced the company was solvent. The petition was filed on Oct. 29 and the company promptly filed its answer denying that it was insolvent or had committed any acts of bankruptcy. On Nov. 3 the court entered an order directing the regular officers of the company to continue the business.—V. 133, p. 3103, 2774.

**Pitney-Bowes Postage Meter Co.—Earnings.**—For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Since Jan. 1 1931, company has reduced its loans and funded indebtedness by \$194,000.

There was a decrease of 26% in gross sales of company's products during the first nine months of 1931 as compared with a year ago, and an increase of 11% in the number of meters on rental during that period.—V. 132, p. 4604.

**Pittsburgh Screw & Bolt Corp.—Earnings.**—For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2114.

**Pond Creek Pocahontas Co.—Production.**—  
Month of— Oct. 1931. Sept. 1931. Oct. 1930.  
Coal output (tons) 128,642 111,732 123,298  
—V. 133, p. 2447, 1776.

**Poor & Co.—Earnings.**—For income statement for three and nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1626.

**Purchase (N. Y.) Country Club, Inc.—Receivership.**—Federal Judge Frank J. Coleman has appointed Irving Trust Co. and J. A. Greenwald, (Sec.) as equity receivers on the petition of Samuel Halpern of Irvington, N. J., a creditor with a claim of \$5,000. Liabilities amount to \$800,000 and assets to \$1,400,000, it is stated. A statement by the club indicates a lack of liquid assets to meet current obligations.

**Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.—Plan Nears Completion.**—Several plans are under the consideration of executives of the corporation for the capital reorganization of the company to pay off banks debts and provide working capital, it was said yesterday at the offices of the company. It is expected that official announcement of a plan will be made in the next few days. No plan has as yet been announced.—V. 133, p. 3104.

**Railway & Utilities Investing Corp.—Defers Divs.**—Due to decreased income receivable during the three months ended Dec. 1 1931, reflecting dividend reductions and omissions, the directors, at a meeting held on Nov. 9, voted to defer action on the dividend which ordinarily would be payable Dec. 1 1931 on the cumulative convertible preferred stock \$3.50 series and \$3 series. At its February meeting, the board will give consideration to a dividend distribution on March 1 1932 in the light of the income then available therefor, says Secretary William J. Grange.  
The company on July 9 and Sept. 1 last made quarterly distributions of 43½¢ and 37½¢, a share respectively, on the \$3.50 series and on the \$3 series. These dividends were at one-half the regular cumulative rates.—V. 133, p. 1138.

**(Daniel) Reeves, Inc.—Sales Decrease.**—  
1931—October—1930. Decrease. | 1931—10 Months—1930. Decrease.  
\$2,986,279 | \$3,283,979 | \$297,700 | \$26,317,835 | \$28,614,645 | \$2,296,810  
—V. 133, p. 2447, 1776.

**Reliance International Corp.—Earnings.**—For income statement for 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.		
Cash	\$ 17,398	\$ 66,709	Accts. payable	\$ 6,208	\$ 160,800
Due from foreign bankers	165	2,239	\$3 pref. stock	9,344,150	13,750,000
Accts. receivable	9,000	9,000	Class A com. stk.	385,000	1,540,000
Acrr. int. receiv.	104,531	69,039	(385,000 shs.)	—	—
Investments	a14,823,122	19,728,989	Class B com. stk.	330,000	330,000
			(660,000 shares)	—	—
			Paid-in surplus	4,879,858	263,946
			Earned surplus	—	—
Total	14,945,216	19,875,976	Total	14,945,216	19,875,976

a Market value, \$6,936,285.—V. 133, p. 1776.

**Reliance Management Corp.—Earnings.**—For income statement for 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Morton H. Fry, President, says: On Sept. 30 1931 the net assets of the corporation, taking investments at market value (except the investment in Reliance International Corp. class B common stock which is given no valuation), amounted to \$2,126,984. These net assets were equivalent to \$1.155 per \$1,000 debenture and after deducting outstanding debentures at par, were equivalent to \$1.30 per outstanding share of capital stock.

On Oct. 20 1931 the net assets of the corporation, as defined above, were equivalent to \$1.254 per \$1,000 debenture and, after deducting outstanding debentures at par, were equivalent to \$1.86 per outstanding share of capital stock.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.		
Cash	\$ 27,702	\$ 111,145	Accounts payable	\$ 160,661	\$ 8,664
Due from foreign bankers	708	708	Unclaimed divs. & bond interest	525	—
Accts. receivable	2,500	2,500	Acrr. int. on debts.	15,341	41,608
Acrr. int. receiv.	y31,950	5,637	5% debentures	1,841,000	4,995,000
Investment	x5,537,385	10,539,932	Cap. stock (220-210 shs)	4,004,200	5,064,351
			Earned surplus	df.424,691	550,300
Total	5,597,037	10,659,922	Total	5,597,037	10,659,922

x Market value \$2,243,860. The 330,000 shares of Reliance International Corp. class B common stock is included at no value in computing market values. y Includes dividends receivable.—V. 132, p. 3358.

**Remington Rand, Inc.—International Visible Systems Alleges Violation of Sherman Act—Asks Damages.**—

Suit has been filed in the United States District Court at Cincinnati by International Visible Systems Corp. against the company, alleging violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust acts and seeking damages of \$1,500,000 and triple damages together with court costs and attorneys fees. The petition alleges that the defendant with court costs and attorneys fees. The petition charges the company from raising additional needed capital through listing its holding company shares, International Visible Systems Corp., of Delaware, on the New York Produce Exchange, by falsely alleging infringement of Remington Rand patents in a suit filed in the same court. It further charges the defendant thereby intimidated customers and prevented the company from operating, thus making valueless patents worth \$900,000 belonging to plaintiff.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.		
xProp. pl. & eqpt.	12,731,439	13,471,754	7% pref. stock	15,805,100	15,877,506
xRental machines	1,706,419	1,677,859	8% pref. stock	1,855,400	2,001,895
Good-w. pats., &c.	17,818,886	17,818,886	Com. stock	y17,241,702	17,752,209
Cash	7,028,928	8,099,122	Minority interest	1,826	9,332
Accts. & notes rec.	8,623,108	11,825,302	Funded debt	20,239,600	21,245,000
Inventories	12,691,676	14,144,706	Accts. payable	572,390	713,234
Empl. stock accts.	114,781	831,871	Acrr. int. & taxes	660,270	745,105
Deferred charges	1,315,863	1,460,529	Acrr. payrolls, &c.	572,635	1,148,376
Other assets	1,094,708	908,951	Divs. payable	313,698	853,809
			Fed. tax reserve	—	450,119
			Sundry reserves	2,259,609	2,618,756
			Earned surplus	1,643,573	4,938,031
			Initial surplus	1,855,605	1,855,605
Total	63,025,808	70,238,980	Total	63,025,808	70,238,980

x After depreciation. y Represented by 1,299,179 no par shares.—V. 133, p. 3104.

**Reo Motor Car Co.—Earnings.**—For income statement for three and nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

The company issued the following statement: "While operations for the third quarter of the year show a loss it should be stated that substantial refunds were made to cover price reductions on field stocks in the hands of our dealer organization. Inventories during the quarter have been reduced in the amount of \$1,060,733. The company shows a strong current position, the ratio of current assets to current liabilities being 11 to 1."

"In the past few months the Reo dealer organization has been increased by 555 new dealers. They have been attracted to the Reo franchise by the new one and one-half ton speed wagon introduced last summer. It has been a vital factor in Reo's truck sales which have shown an increase of 32% during the last three months. Other important factors are the recently introduced four tonner and the general improvement of other models, both passenger cars and trucks."

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Sept. 30 '31, Dec. 31 '30, Sept. 30 '31, Dec. 31 '30. Rows include Assets (Cash on hand, In banks, Drafts outstanding, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Accrued payroll, Federal taxes, etc.).

Republic Fire Insurance Co. of America.—Merger Ratified.—See Globe Insurance Co. of America above.—V. 133, p. 2775.

Revere Copper & Brass, Inc.—Earnings.—For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Prop., plant & eq., Good-will, Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Cum. pref. stk., Cl. A & com. stk., 1st mtge. bonds, etc.).

Total 41,392,658 42,768,593. After depreciation, y Represented by 250,876 no par shares of class A stock and 509,591 no par shares of common stock.—V. 133, p. 975.

Royalties Management Corp.—No Dividend Declared.—The directors have voted to omit the declaration of a dividend at this time on the common stock. An initial distribution of 6c. per share was made on Aug. 1 last.—V. 133, p. 495.

Ruhr Chemical Corp.—Earnings.—Earnings for Year Ended June 30 1931. (In Reichsmarks)

Table with 2 columns: 1931, 1930. Rows include Net sales less turnover tax, General production costs and inventory variation, Provision for depreciation, Administrative and general expenses, Net profit on sales, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Financial and other charges, Experimental expenses and cost of patents written off, Tax based on profits, Profit for year.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Sales Decrease.—1931—October—1930. Decrease. | 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Decrease. \$23,751,473 \$25,241,504 \$1,490,031 | \$238,369,343 \$254,130,385 \$15,761,042

Sally Frocks, Inc.—October Sales.—1931—Oct.—1930. Increase. | 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Decrease. \$435,777 \$424,582 \$11,195 | \$3,734,316 \$3,863,370 \$129,054

Schiff Co.—Sales Increase.—1931—October—1930. Increase. | 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Increase. \$962,358 \$935,408 \$26,950 | \$8,263,354 \$7,936,244 \$327,140

Sears-Roebuck & Co.—Sales Decrease.—Sales for 4 Weeks and 44 Weeks Ended Nov. 5. 1931—4 Wks.—1930. Decrease. | 1931—44 Wks.—1930. Decrease. \$27,145,925 \$34,588,125 \$7,442,200 | \$287,213,533 \$319,063,550 \$31,850,017

Second Investors Corp., Providence, R. I.—To Reduce Stated Value—Defers Dividend on Conv. Pref. Stock.—This corporation, an investment trust sponsored by Bodell & Co., has reduced the stated value of its issued capital stock to \$813,000 from \$2,244,000, for the purpose of establishing a surplus against which depreciation can be charged and that dividends which have been earned may be paid on the pref. stock.

Sherwin-Williams Co. (& Subs.).—Bal. Sheet Aug. 31.—Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, 1931, 1930. Rows include Assets (Plant & equipm't., Pats., trade-mk's., Cash, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, etc.).

Shipley-Massingham Mutual, Inc., Pittsburgh.—Organized.—This corporation has been organized and has started actively functioning as a merger of the Shipley-Massingham Drug Co. and the Mutual Drug

Co., both of Pittsburgh. The new corporation, which has an authorized capital of \$500,000, is headed by Sherman Massingham as President, with D. W. Crossan, Vice-President; O. C. Cowles, Treasurer, and T. W. Dunn, Secretary. The officers and Frederick T. Roosa of the Mutual Drug Co. of Cleveland compose the board of directors. The merger of the two companies was effected by a consolidation of the merchandise stocks of the two companies together with accounts receivable and payable. ("Oil, Paint and Drug Reporter.")

Simmons-Boardman Publishing Co.—New Officers of Subsidiary Concerns.—The directors of the subsidiary companies controlled by the above corporation have elected the following executive officers: Simmons-Boardman Publishing Co., Samuel O. Dunn, Chairman of the board, and Henry Lee, President; American Builder Publishing Corp., Henry Lee, Chairman of the board, and Samuel O. Dunn, President.

Simmons Co.—Sales Decrease.—1931—October—1930. Decrease. | 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Decrease. \$2,028,396 \$2,932,831 \$904,435 | \$21,117,117 \$28,536,692 \$7,419,575

Simms Petroleum Co.—Production, &c.—Edward T. Moore, President, says in part: In the third quarter of 1931 price conditions in the Mid-Continent area improved as a result of more effective control of crude production in the States of Texas and Oklahoma. Company's net earnings for the third quarter totaled \$209,630 before income charges and loss on inventory crude oil sold or used, compared with \$129,780 in the second quarter.

Sioux City Stock Yards Co.—Extra Dividends—Reduction of Par Value.—The directors recently declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share on the pref. and common stocks, both payable Oct. 31 to holders of record Oct. 19 and the regular quarterly dividends of 50c. per share on both issues (not \$2 as previously reported) to be payable Nov. 15.

Socony-Vacuum Corp.—New Subsidiary Organized.—The corporation has formed the Standard-Vacuum Transport Co. to take over the tanker fleets of the old Standard Oil Co. of New York and the old Vacuum Oil Co. The consolidation of the fleets is part of a program of the Socony-Vacuum Corp., to unite the operating properties of the two companies so far as is possible.

Standard Steel Car Co. of Pittsburgh.—New President. C. A. Liddle, President of the Pullman Car & Mfg. Corp. of Chicago, has been elected President of the Standard Steel Car Co., succeeding P. H. Joyce, who becomes Chairman of the board.—V. 130, p. 1298.

South American Air Lines, Inc.—Dissolves—Final Liquidating Dividend.—It is announced that this corporation has been dissolved. A final liquidating dividend was paid on Oct. 30 to holders of record Oct. 15 in the amount of 1-20th of one share of Pan American Airways, Inc. stock for each share of South American stock held.

Solvay American Investment Corp.—Earnings.—For income statement for 6 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 132, p. 3359.

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**Southern Ice Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

*Balance Sheet Sept. 30.*

<i>Assets—</i>		1931.	1930.	<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Plant.....	\$2,425,191	\$2,391,162	Preferred stock....	\$987,600	\$987,600
Cash.....	47,875	45,970	Bonds.....	725,100	736,300
Notes receivable..	152,328	121,866	Notes payable....	90,000	100,000
Accts. receivable..	11,943	9,447	Accounts payable..	86,319	61,811
Materials & supplis	2,281	2,164	Accts. not yet due..	29,781	46,608
Ice inventory.....	42,972	62,199	Retirement reserve	212,309	120,889
Fuel inventory....	24,382	14,179	Approp. res. for re-		
Prepayments.....	995	995	tirements.....	13,107	14,996
Misc. current assets	30,705	30,705	Unadjusted credits	286	-----
Miscell. invest'mts	141	76	Common stock....	x172,486	172,486
Sinking funds....	978	659	Earned surplus....	422,805	438,885
Unadjusted debits					
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,739,792</b>	<b>\$2,679,574</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,739,792</b>	<b>\$2,679,574</b>

x Represented by 37,497 shares of no par value.—V. 133, p. 138.

**Spang Chalfant & Co., Inc.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 9 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

*Consolidated Balance Sheet.*

<i>Assets—</i>		Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Land, buildings, equip., &c.....	\$20,123,811	20,323,502	6% pref. stock....	13,195,200	13,328,800
Investments.....	1,041,504	909,004	Common stock....	b3,750,000	3,750,000
Mtres. receivable..	145,423	152,463	20-year 5% gold bonds.....	8,441,000	8,459,000
Cash on deposit...	419,928	c411,407	Bond int. and pref. dividend.....	e197,928	411,407
Inventory.....	8,810,731	9,181,219	Accts payable and		
Notes receivable..	231,323	357,735	Accrued liabilities	1,020,238	833,281
Accts. receivable..	1,676,124	1,363,656	Reserve for re-		
Marketable secur.	2,459,128	2,474,978	building.....	10,652	133,357
Cash.....	2,796,008	3,207,264	Surplus.....	10,780,098	11,488,931
Deferred charges..	43,134	23,547			
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$7,525,115</b>	<b>\$8,404,775</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$7,525,115</b>	<b>\$8,404,775</b>

a After reserves for depreciation of \$3,207,045. b Represented by 750,000 shares of no par value but of the declared value of \$5 per share. c For payment of bond interest and dividend on pref. stock, payable Jan. 1 1931. d For payment for preferred stock dividend. e Dividend on preferred stock only.—V. 133, p. 3106.

**Standard Oil Co. of Kansas.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

*Balance Sheet.*

<i>Assets—</i>		Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Real est. & plant..	x\$3,505,236	\$3,737,682	Capital stock....	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Cash.....	377,518	396,394	Accts payable....	171,180	342,582
U. S. Gov. secur..	2,298,728	2,297,325	Reserve for taxes..	53,522	36,346
Other investments	452,500	225,000	Surplus.....	301,212	1,114,467
Accts. receivable..	256,314	518,719			
Inventory.....	1,325,618	1,993,274			
Notes receivable..	10,000	25,000			
Time loans.....	300,000	300,000			
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8,525,914</b>	<b>\$9,493,396</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$8,525,914</b>	<b>\$9,493,396</b>

x After depreciation of \$3,517,500.—V. 133, p. 3106.

**Sterling Securities Corp.—Defers 1st Pref. Dividend.—**

The directors have decided to defer action on the regular quarterly dividend due Dec. 1 on the \$3 cum. conv. pref. stock, par \$50. The last quarterly distribution of 75 cents per share was made on Sept. 1. Three months ago the quarterly dividend due Sept. 1 on the \$120 cum. preference stock, no par value, was deferred.—V. 133, p. 976.

**(H. O.) Stone & Co., Chicago.—Properties Conveyed to Committee.—**

Six properties which were originally financed by H. O. Stone & Co. with bond issues aggregating \$695,000, have been conveyed to William M. Richards, Secretary of the bondholders protective committee, as a preliminary step in their reorganization. Five of the properties were transferred by the Chicago Title & Trust Co. as receiver for the H. O. Stone Investment Trust and the sixth was relinquished by Horace Hersing.

The five properties conveyed by the Chicago Title & Trust Co. include: The Ponchartrain, containing 24 apartments at 4835 to 4843 North Lincoln Street, original issue \$110,000; the St. Francis, also a 24 apartment structure at 4853 to 4859 North Lincoln, original issue \$110,000; the Sylvan, 42 apartments at 5532 Kenwood Avenue, original issue \$125,000; the University Manor, 30 apartments at the southwest corner of University Avenue and Fifty-fourth Street, original issue \$145,000; and the James Court, consisting of 36 apartments at Bosworth and Schreiber Avenues, subject to a bond issue of \$150,000.

The sixth property is the Parkdale, occupied by colored tenants at 6109 to 6919 Indiana Avenue. This building contains 15 apartments and was financed by the Stone organization through a bond issue loan of \$55,000.—V. 131, p. 643.

**Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1140.

**(John R.) Thompson Co.—Sales.—**

<i>Sales for Three and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30.</i>		1931—3 Mos.—1930.	Increase. 1931—9 Mos.—1930.	Decrease.	
1931—3 Mos.	\$3,664,945	\$3,622,374	\$42,571	\$10,615,386	\$11,224,362
1930—9 Mos.					\$608,976

Chairman Chas. A. McCulloch says in substance: "On the basis of present profit showing, this company will earn for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31 a net of at least \$900,000 after charges. This would equal \$3 a share on 300,000 shares, against \$1,126,585 or \$3.75 a share in 1930. The total of 400,000 new customers were added since the end of July, when the new policy of reduced prices, publicized as pre-war prices was put into effect.

"We are rapidly improving both physical appearance of our restaurants and quality of service. All losses on real estate and closed rooms and costs of remodeling are charged against current operations. New restaurants are charged off over a period of 10 years. Earnings of the restaurant company this year would equal net of a year ago after charging off not more than losses on real estate.

*Earnings.*—For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1939.

**Tide Water Associated Oil Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—**

For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2776.

**Tide Water Oil Co.—New Office Created.—Earnings.—**

Edward L. Shea, formerly Vice President in charge of sales of Tide Water Oil Co., a subsidiary of Tide Water Associated Oil Co., has been made Executive Vice President in charge of operations. For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2942.

**Transamerica Corp.—Proxies Sought by Stockholders' Committee.—Charles W. Fay, Chairman of the Associated Transamerica Stockholders, in a letter to the stockholders asking for proxies, on Nov. 7 stated in part:**

Stockholders of Transamerica Corp. who believe in their fundamental right to know exactly what is happening to their vast properties, and whose primary purpose is to conserve and protect those properties, consider it imperative to organize, and then, collectively acting, endeavor to do what is essential for the best interests of all. Small and large holders of Transamerica stock, constituting in the aggregate a very substantial amount, with this end in view, have united and formed an organization under the name of Associated Transamerica Stockholders.

We oppose the sale or other disposition of the major assets, or the authorized and unissued stock of Transamerica Corp., without the previous consent or approval of the stockholders. This recently was done with the Bank of America N. A. (New York), and thus control of a vast property belonging to all stockholders was disposed of without their consent. The strong financial condition of that institution is shown in its statement of Sept. 29 1931, which indicates in excess of 100% deposit liquidity and over 37% capital-to-deposits ratio.

We do not favor the re-election of Elisha Walker as a director or as an executive.

We are opposed to the distribution of any assets through rights, as has been proposed by Transamerica officers. Thousands of stockholders lack the money to exercise such rights, and stockholders should not be asked to buy again assets they already own. We insist that any distribution of assets should be free to stockholders on a pro-rata basis. We insist upon a dividend policy which will be fair and equitable. If Transamerica is not divested of its most productive assets, dividends which were regularly paid throughout 25 years by the former administration, should be resumed.

There are many who believe that the present unfortunate position of Transamerica stock is due to manipulation, and that the value of the stock has designedly been depressed out of all relation to its real value. It is our intention to make diligent inquiry into all market transactions in Transamerica stock, salaries paid and agreed to be paid, and other expenses, purchases and sales, &c., of Transamerica and subsidiaries. We will endeavor to ascertain all facts available in regard to these matters prior to the annual meeting.

Although three-fourths of Transamerica stock is owned in California alone, under the Walker plan the West has been given only two directors, both of whom are salaried officers of the corporation. The control of the affairs of the corporation, which from the beginning had been in the hands of Californians, has now passed to Wall Street interests. This we would correct by giving a more adequate representation on the directorate to Western stockholders.

A. P. Giannini has agreed to take the leadership in the activities we have inaugurated, provided stockholders give sufficient support to this Association to enable it to accomplish its constructive purposes.

The stockholders who have already signed Association cards must also sign and return the enclosed proxy. The proxies are for the next annual meeting, and are intended to be irrevocable until the final adjournment of that meeting.—V. 133, p. 2278.

**Transportation Insurance Co. of New York.—To Merge with North River Insurance Co.—President R. O. Haubold, Nov. 2, in a letter to the stockholders, says in part:**

The directors have approved a proposal to merge or consolidate this company and the North River Insurance Co. under the name of *The North River Insurance Co.* The proposed agreement of merger or consolidation provides that the capital stock of the consolidated company shall be \$4,000,000 divided into 800,000 shares of the par value of \$5 each. 644,800 shares of the capital stock of the consolidated company shall be issuable to stockholders of The North River Insurance Co., being at the rate of 1.612 shares for each of the 400,000 shares of the capital stock, par \$10 per share, of that company now outstanding. 155,200 shares of the capital stock of the consolidated company shall be issuable to stockholders of Transportation Insurance Co. of New York, being at the rate of 0.776 of a share for each of the 200,000 shares of the capital stock, par \$10 per share, of your company now outstanding. The consolidated company will not issue fractional shares of its stock, but in lieu of fractional shares it will issue scrip certificates. Scrip certificates aggregating one or more full shares of stock will be exchangeable for stock certificates representing such full share or shares.

The proposed basis of exchange has been predicated upon the net asset value of each of the companies as it appears in their last statements filed with the Insurance Department of the State of New York, being the statements of June 30 1931. Each company has been allowed full credit for non-admitted assets appearing in such statement, and a fair allowance, satisfactory to both companies, for the value of their unearned premium reserves, the fire and miscellaneous reserve of The North River Insurance Co. being credited at 50% thereof, and the fire and miscellaneous reserve of your company being credited at 40% thereof, and the unearned premium reserve on the marine department business of each company being credited with 25% thereof. The North River Insurance Co. has been charged with the dividend declared and payable to its stockholders on Dec. 10 1931, which dividend had not been set up as a liability on its statement as of June 30 1931. Your company has been charged with the estimated cost of the retirement by reinsurance of a portion of its marine business and the cancellation of its marine contract.

As required by law, the proposed agreement of merger or consolidation has already been assented to by a majority of the entire number of the board of directors of your company prescribed by its charter, and by a majority of the entire number of the board of directors of The North River Insurance Co. prescribed by its charter. The proposed merger or consolidation is subject to the approval by vote of two-thirds of the stockholders of each corporation and to the approval of the Superintendent of Insurance. A meeting of the stockholders of your company for the purpose of obtaining their approval of the proposed agreement of merger or consolidation has been called to be held Dec. 3 1931.—V. 133, p. 3107.

**Trimont Dredging Co.—Defers Dividend.—**

The directors recently voted to defer the regular quarterly dividend 50c. per share due Nov. 1 on the \$2 cum. partic. class A stock, no par value. The last quarterly payment at this rate was made on Aug. 1 1931.—V. 130, p. 638.

**Underwood Elliott Fisher Co.—Div. Again Reduced.—**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. per share on the outstanding 696,835 shares of common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 12. This compares with quarterly distributions of \$1.25 per share made on this issue from Dec. 31 1929 to and incl. June 30 1931 and \$1 per share paid on Sept. 1 last.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 7% cumulative preferred stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 12.—V. 133, p. 2942.

**Ungerleider Financial Corp.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for quarter ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

The balance sheet as of Sept. 30 shows total assets of \$10,208,165, of which securities at cost amounted to \$2,728,454 (market value \$1,401,319). Municipal bonds which cost \$434,585 had a market value of \$412,750. Cash amounted to \$5,129,443 and Government securities \$621,562.

The principal changes during the September quarter were (in shares): *Purchases:* 200 Electric Power & Light, 200 Continental Can, 300 Federal Screw, 550 Liggett & Myers B, 1,500 American Investors B, 300 National Power & Light, 800 Public Service of N. J., 100 National Dairy Products, and 19,900 Securities Allied Corp. non-voting. *Sales:* 3,900 Loew's Inc., 100 Pacific Gas & Electric, 1,600 United Corp., 1,200 United Gas Improvement, 100 American & Foreign Power 2d pref., 1,000 Brooklyn Union Gas, and 600 Consolidated Gas of New York.—V. 133, p. 1939.

**Union Oil Co. of California.—New Subsidiary.—**

This company has formed a subsidiary, Union Service Stations, Inc., to take over its Pacific Coast service stations. The new company has a capital of 50,000 shares of \$100 par common stock, of which 17,007 shares are to be issued, all to be owned by the parent company. The parent company formerly leased its service stations to individuals.—V. 133, p. 2613.

**United Business Publishers, Inc.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 977.

**United Chemicals, Inc.—Earnings.—**

For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page. Current assets as of Sept. 30 1931 amounted to \$3,096,927 and current liabilities \$171,670 comparing with \$3,742,117 and \$229,429 respectively at end of September last year.—V. 133, p. 3107.

**United Fruit Co.—Smaller Dividend.**—The directors on Nov. 10 declared a dividend of 75c. per share on the outstanding 2,925,000 shares of no par value common stock, payable Jan. 4 to holders of record Dec. 5. This compares

with quarterly distributions of \$1 per share made previously. In addition, an extra dividend of 5% was paid in stock on April 1 1929, while on April 1 1927 and 1928 extras of \$1.50 each in cash were paid.—V. 133, p. 2449.

**United States Lines Co. (Nev.)—To Acquire United States Lines, Inc.**—See latter company below.—V. 133, p. 3107.

**United States Lines, Inc.—Accepts Offer to Sell Lines—New Company Will Issue 600,000 Shares of the Junior Preferred for Assets of Present Company.**

The United States Lines, Inc., directors have accepted the offer of the United States Lines Co. (Nevada) for all the assets of United States Lines, Inc. The Nevada company is to issue to the present company for all its assets 600,000 shares (no par) non-voting junior preferred stock, entitled to receive dividends at the annual rate of 3 1/2 cents a share, if earned, and which will be cumulative to the extent earned in any one year. This junior preferred stock is convertible into common stock, share for share, up to Oct. 1 1933, and is callable upon 30 days' notice, in whole or in part, at \$7.50 a share. After payment in any one year of dividends on the preference stock and on the junior preferred stock, the latter will in such year participate share for share with the common stock in any further dividends.

United States Lines Co. will issue 350,000 shares of the preferred stock for \$3,500,000, which is to be paid into its treasury. There will be issued 1,200,000 shares of common stock; 600,000 additional shares of common stock are to be held subject to the conversion of the junior preferred stock, and a balance of 600,000 common shares, together with 250,000 preferred shares, will be held for future corporate purposes.

The total authorized capital stock of the United States Lines Co. will consist of 600,000 shares of preference stock, entitled to cumulative preference dividends of 70 cents a share annually; 600,000 shares of junior preferred stock, and 2,400,000 shares of common stock.

A letter to stockholders outlining the plan says:

The conditions prevailing in the world of trade made it necessary to take this step to avoid disaster. Under the circumstances the action of your board seemed to be the best solution possible. United States Lines Co. has signed a conditional contract with the United States Shipping Board by means of which the capital charges against operations have been very much reduced, which should enable the United States Lines Co. in the judgment of your board of directors to meet the present trying conditions with a fair prospect of earning dividends on the junior preferred stock.—V. 133, p. 3107.

**United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.**—See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2942, 2777.

**U. S. Tool Co. of East Orange.—Receiver Sought.**—Alexander D. Jack of Roselle, N. J., filed suit in the Court of Chancery at Trenton, Nov. 5, for appointment of a receiver for the company, whose officers, it is alleged, paid themselves bonuses aggregating \$500,000 during the last two years. In addition to a receiver, Jack also asks for an accounting. Jack sets forth that the corporation was organized 13 years ago and during the five-year period from 1925 made more than \$1,000,000. He holds 220 shares of the issued 20,460 of common capital and is in the employ of the corporation as an expert die designer. Notwithstanding enormous profits, Jack charges that since the beginning of 1913 company officials were forced to borrow money to continue operations.

The officers of the corporation, who are asked for an accounting of business during the last two years, are: President, Cecil Cobb; Vice-President, Albert E. Borten; Treasurer, Frederick Koch, and Secretary, Walter P. Powers.

**Upper Canada Investment Trust Co., Ltd.—Acquisition, &c.**

The Upper Canada Investment Trust Ltd. has been reorganized in Canada as at Nov. 1 1931 as the Upper Canada Investment Trust Co., Ltd. with an authorized capitalization of 200,000 shares of no par value common stock of which approximately 80,000 shares will be outstanding. Under the plan of reorganization, five shares of common stock of the new company will be issued in exchange for each share of 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$25, of the old company, three new common shares in exchange for each share of class A stock of no par value, and one new common share in exchange for each share of class B stock of no par value.

The final dividend of 4 1/2 cents per share was paid on the pref. stock of the old company on Oct. 31 to holders of record the same date. This covered the eight months ended Oct. 31 1931. It is stated that future dividends on the new common stock will be paid semi-annually.

**Vapor Car Heating Co., Inc.—Omits Dividends.**—The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Nov. 10 on the common stock, no par value. The company on Aug. 10 paid a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share on this issue, as against \$2.50 a share previously.—V. 133, p. 978.

**Vortex Cup Co.—Earnings.**

Period—	Year End. Sept. 30 31.	Year End. Sept. 30 30.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30 29.
Gross profit from operations	\$1,379,428	\$1,576,592	\$1,201,971
Selling, adminis. & general expenses	687,030	793,754	513,216
Net profit from operations	\$692,397	\$782,838	\$688,755
Other income	14,679	23,818	19,619
Total profits and income	\$707,076	\$806,656	\$708,374
Interest paid & miscellaneous expense	3,916	6,917	7,253
Prov. for Fed. & Can. income tax	83,500	86,100	84,500
Unrealized loss in conversion of accounts of Canadian subsidiaries	13,856		
Net income	\$605,805	\$713,639	\$616,621
Class A dividends	187,500	187,500	Not reported
Common dividends	201,891	205,400	
Balance	\$216,414	\$320,739	
Common shares outstanding	101,508	105,000	105,000
Earnings per share	\$4.12	\$5.01	\$4.53
x After providing for amortization of patents in the amount of \$28,378.			

Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Cash & call loans	\$531,841	Accounts payable	\$45,064
Accts. & notes rec. (less reserve)	233,643	Accrued int., taxes, royalties, &c.	49,288
Inventories, &c.	206,444	Prov. for Fed. and Canadian taxes	85,029
Plant and equipment	803,513	Current install. on contract	
Invest. in common stock Vortex Cup Co.	70,707	Res. for alteration & moving exps.	
Prepaid expenses	31,598	Liability on purchase contract	
Patents and goodwill	1,614,697	Class A stock	1,500,000
		Common stock	525,000
		Surplus to date of organization	688,659
		Earned surplus	549,403
Total	\$3,492,443	Total	\$3,492,443

x Represented by 75,000 \$2.50 cum. class A shares. y Represented by 105,000 common shares, including 3,492 shares held in treasury.—V. 132, p. 1635.

**Walgreen Co.—Sales Increase.**—1931—October—1930. Increase. 1931—10 Mos.—1930. Increase. \$4,320,710 \$4,154,108 \$266,602 \$45,472,981 \$42,839,951 \$2,633,030 On Oct. 31 1931 the company had 466 stores in operation compared with 443 on Oct. 31 1930.—V. 133, p. 2449.

**Waco Aircraft Co.—Earnings.**—For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 818.

**Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—To Reduce Stated Value.**—The New York Stock Exchange has been notified by this corporation of the proposed reduction in capital represented by common stock to \$5 per share.—V. 133, p. 3108.

**Warren Tool & Forge Co.—Receivership Protested.**—The Midland Bank, Cleveland, has filed a protest against the appointment of a receiver for the company, declaring there is not sufficient reason for the company to desire liquidation at this time. A receiver for the company was appointed Nov. 11, in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court, on the petition of George F. Konold, Jr. President, and other stockholders. The Midland Bank is representative for \$391,500 of the company's first mortgage bonds.—V. 123, p. 2277.

**Western Auto Supply Co. of Kansas City.—Dividend Rate Reduced.**—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the class A and class B common stocks, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 20. Previously, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 75 cents per share on both issues.

**Earnings.**—For income statement for 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2615.

Western Grain Co., Ltd. (& Subs.).—Earnings.			
Year Ended July 31—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net earnings after operating expenses	\$340,241	\$77,455	\$811,707
Bond interest	177,830	180,000	105,000
Depreciation			175,497
Net profit	\$162,411	def\$192,545	x\$531,210
Preferred dividend	97,500	130,000	65,000
Surplus for year	\$64,911	def\$232,545	\$466,210
Previous surplus	z199,538	466,210	
Income tax	dr1,077	dr 44,716	
Balance forward	\$263,372	\$188,949	\$466,210

x Subject to income tax. y Consolidated statement. z Includes surplus of subsidiary companies.

Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31 1931. [Including Mutual Grain Co., Ltd.]			
Assets—	Liabilities—		
Cash	\$9,807	Bank loans (secured)	\$679,000
Cash in hands of paying agents	11,558	Cash tickets, orders, &c.	48,418
Notes & accounts receivable	21,599	Accts. payable, accrued liab. & customers' margin accts.	357,173
Adv., freight, accrued storage & other charges on grain in store	259,424	Bonds	2,938,000
Inventories of grain & coal	1,212,695	Bond redemption reserve	12,400
Prepaid expenses	3,666	Preferred stock	1,900,000
Bonds purch. in anticipation of sinking fund payment due Dec. 31 1931—at cost	22,810	Common stock	775,229
Bal. of sink. fund in the hands of trustees for bondholders	400	Profit & loss account	263,372
Sundry loans, mtges. & agreements of sale	16,288		
Memberships & Investments	243,585		
Fixed assets	5,171,858		
Total	\$6,973,593	Total	\$6,973,593

x Less depreciation of \$168,870.—V. 133, p. 141.

**White Rock Mineral Springs Co.—Regular Dividends.**—The directors have declared the following dividends, all payable Jan. 2 1932 to holders of record Dec. 21 1931. On 1st preferred stock, the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% (\$1.75 per share); on 2d preferred stock, \$5 per share on \$59 shares (equivalent to \$1 per share on 4,295 shares of com. stock for which the 2d pref. may be exchanged, and payable on the equivalent number of common if so exchange before the record date). Like amounts were paid on July 1 and Oct. 1 last. On April 1 1931 the company made an extra distribution of 50 cents per share on the common and one of \$2.50 per share on the 2d preferred stock.—V. 133, p. 2615.

**White Sewing Machine Corp.—Earnings.**—For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 978.

**Willys Corp.—Distribution to Preferred Stockholders.**

Judge John P. Nields in the U. S. District Court on Nov. 9 signed an order allowing the receivers for this corporation, which went into receivership about ten years ago, to pay the first preferred stockholders an additional \$200,000. This is equivalent to \$1.50 a share on the 1st pref. stock. Assets amounting to \$2,261,000 have been disbursed to stockholders since the corporation was placed in receivership, it is stated.—V. 118, p. 1292.

**Winchester Repeating Arms Co.—Sale of Properties.**

The properties of the company will be sold at New Haven Dec. 15 under the terms of a foreclosure decree signed Nov. 10 by Judge Carroll C. Hincks in U. S. District Court. The upset price for all the assets of the company was fixed at \$4,000,000. It is expected that the properties will be bid in by the reorganization committee, consisting of Medley G. B. Whelpley and Earle Baillie, who have formulated a plan contemplating the sale of the assets of the company to Western Cartridge Co. The reorganization committee announced that more than 85% of the 1st mtge. bonds and more than 81% of the debentures have been deposited with the two protective committees, both of which have recommended approval of the sale by the security holders. See also V. 133, p. 2943.

**To Vote on Dissolution—Tax Refund.**

The company has called a special meeting of its stockholders for Dec. 2 to act on a proposal to terminate the corporation's existence. The company has received from the Bureau of Internal Revenue a refund in taxes of \$199,698 on account of an over-assessment of taxes on 1918 income.—V. 133, p. 2943.

**Winn & Lovett Grocery Co.—October Sales.**

1931—October—1930.	Increase. 1	1931—10 Mos.—1930.	Increase.
\$425,459	\$395,645	\$29,814	\$4,225,735
		\$4,549,433	\$323,698

—V. 133, p. 2449, 1778.

**(Rudolph) Wurlitzer Co., Cincinnati.—Smaller Div.**

The directors recently declared a monthly dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 25 to holders of record Oct. 24. Previously, the company paid regular monthly dividends of 50c. per share on this issue.—V. 131, p. 3223.

**Yosemite Holding Corp.—New Control.**

Following acquisition of control of the Inter-State Equities Corp. and of the Chain & General Equities Corp., Wallace Groves, private operator has purchased a controlling interest in the Yosemite Holding Corp., carrying with it a heavy stock interest in Joint Investors, Inc. Control of Chain & General Equities, understood to amount to 80%, was acquired in connection with the recent recapitalization of that company, involving an increase of the common stock to 1,500,000 shares from 400,000 shares and rights to stockholders to purchase three new shares at \$2 a share for each share held. Mr. Groves guaranteed to take all unsubscribed stock to the extent of \$1,000,000. It is understood this trust was the vehicle for the purchase of nearly a 50% interest in Inter-State Equities Corp., Mr. Groves subsequently purchasing a similar proportion of Yosemite Holding Corp. common stock.—V. 131, p. 2395.

# 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, Nov. 13 1931.

**COFFEE.**—Spot coffee was quiet but firm; Santos 4s, 8¼ to 8½c.; Rio 7s, 6½c. Fair to good Cucuta, 12 to 12½c.; prime to choice, 14 to 15c.; washed, 13½ to 15c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 12¾ to 13¼c.; washed, 14½ to 15c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 13¼ to 13¾c.; Medellin, 16 to 16½c.; Manizales, 13¼ to 13¾c.; Mexican washed, 15 to 17¼c.; Ankola, 24 to 34c.; Colombian, Oceana, 11½ to 12c.; Mandheling, 23 to 32c.; Genuine Java, 23 to 24c.; Robusta, washed, 7¾ to 8c.; Mocha, 14½ to 15c.; Harrar, 13½ to 14c.; Abyssinian, 9¼ to 9½c.; Salvador natural, 12c.; washed, 13¼ to 15c.; Nicaragua natural, 9½ to 10c.; washed, 13 to 13½c.; Guatemala, prime, 17½ to 17¾c.; good, 15 to 15½c.; Bourbon, 13 to 13¼c.; San Domingo, washed, 14 to 14½c. Santos cabled with reference to the quality of stocks there: "Santos coffee stocks practically all hard and harsh coffee. Desirable coffee in strong demand and commanding big premium." On the 9th Contelburo cabled to the Exchange: "National Coffee Council destroyed week ending Saturday, Nov. 7: 84,000 bags Santos coffee, 25,000 bags Rio coffee, and 10,000 bags Victoria." On the 9th cost and freight offers were fairly plentiful but at very irregular prices. Some were slightly higher and others a shade lower. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 8.15 to 8.95c.; 3s at 7.85 to 8.60c.; 3-4s at 7.80 to 8.35c.; 3-5s at 7.60 to 8¼c.; 4-5s at 7.65 to 7¾c.; 5-6s at 7.45 to 7.70c.; 6s at 7.35 to 7.80c.; 6-7s at 7.45c.; part Bourbon 2s (washed) at 11c.; 3-5s, well described at 7.85c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.15c.; 4s at 7.65c.; to 7.85c.; 4-5s at 7¾c. and Victoria 7-8s at 5.95c. For January shipment, Victoria 7-8s were offered at 5.80c.

On the 10th inst. cost and freights were irregular. [For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 8.20 to 8.95c.; 3s at 7.95 to 8.10c.; 3-4s at 7.80 to 8.35c.; 3-5s at 7.70 to 8¼c.; 4-5s at 7.85 to 8.05c.; 5s at 7.70c.; 5-6s at 7.45c.; 6s at 7.40 to 7.80c.; Peaberry 2-3s at 8.55c.; 4s at 7.65c.; No offerings of Rio. Victoria 7-8s sold for Dec. shipment at 5.85c. and were offered at the same price yesterday without buyers. Here spot coffee was quiet, but firm. Santos 4s, 8¼c. Rio 7s, 6½c. asked, and very little offered. On 6,000 bags of Victoria 7-8s, 6c. bid, and 6¼c. asked. On the 10th inst., Rio cabled the Exchange here: "Council yesterday telegraphed President Republic and leading coffee States informing that executive committee majority had decided urgently necessary call fresh convention view reorganize council giving it greater autonomy and larger radius of action generally. Federal Government up to Nov. 7 paid for 5,903,000 bags coffee valued at 362,000 contos." On the 11th inst. cost and freight offers continued very irregular, due to difference in the views of shippers and partly to variation in quality, the outside prices in most instances being for highly described coffees. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were held at 8.20 to 8.90c.; 3s at 7.95 to 8.20c.; 3-4s at 7.80 to 8.35c.; 3-5s at 7.70 to 8.20c.; 4-5s at 7.60 to 7.85c.; 5s at 7.70c.; 5-6s at 7.45 to 7½c.; 6s at 7.40 to 7¾c.; 6-7s at 7.35c.; 7-8s at 7.15c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 7.90c.; Peaberry 3s at 7.90c.; 4s at 7.65 to 7.85c.; 4-5s at 7.60 to 7.90c.; for prompt shipment, via Paranaqua 7-8s were offered at 6¾c. There were no reported offerings of prompt shipment Rios or Victorias. For Dec. shipment, Victoria 7-8s were here at 5.70c., while Rio or Victoria 7-8s for the same shipment were quoted at 5.80c. For Jan.-Feb. shipment Rio and (or) Victoria 7-8s were offered at 5¾c.

On the 12th cost and freight offers were quite plentiful. Trade slow prices steady. Prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were held at 8.20 to 9.05c.; 3s at 7.90 to 8.60c.; 3-4s at 7.80 to 8.80c.; 3-5s at 7.70 to 8.05c.; 4-5s at 7.60 to 7.95c.; 5s at 7.40 to 7.65c.; 5-6s at 7.45 to 7.70c.; 6s at 7.35 to 7½c.; 6-7s at 7.40 to 7.65c.; 7-8s at 7.30c.; part Bourbon 2s (washed) at 10¾c.; 3-5s at 7.90 to 8.05c.; Peaberry 3s at 7.85 to 8.15c.; 4s at 7.65 to 7.85c.; 4-5s at 7.60 to 7.90c. Victoria 7s were offered at 5¾c. and Rio 7s in the same position at 5.95c. For Dec. shipment, Victoria 7s were held at 5.90c. and 7-8s for December-January at 5.80c. Santos Bourbon 4s for January-March shipment equal were quoted at 8¼c. On the 7th inst. Rio futures here closed 12 to 15 points higher with sales of 5,000 bags. Santos ended 10 to 14 higher with sales of 18,000 bags. The advance was explained by the fact that cost and freights were higher. Spot coffee was firm here and Brazil again bought in this market. On the 9th inst. futures closed 2 points lower to 5 higher with sales of 19,750 bags of Rio and 25,750 Santos. There is larger trading based on the reports that the burning of coffee in Brazil will be greatly

increased. The proposal of burning coffee on a large scale is said to be meeting with wider and wider acceptance. Victoria regulating warehouse stocks as of Oct. 31 amounted to 264,000 bags, according to a cable to the exchange. Another said that freight rates on passenger and cargo boats to New York are now 30c. per bag. On the 10th inst. Rio futures here closed 14 to 17 points lower with sales of 11,500 bags and Santos 9 to 15 off with sales of 15,250 bags. Brazilian buying was lacking. That meant everything. Europe and trade firms bought but not enough to prevent a decline on realizing.

Futures here on the 11th inst. were 6 to 8 points net lower with sales of 7,000 bags and Santos 6 to 12 lower on sales of 14,500 bags. December liquidation and hedge selling and lower commodity markets in general told against coffee prices. Since Brazil's plan to destroy surplus stocks of coffee would, it is said, interfere with the coffee realization loan of 1930, there is no likelihood according to New York bankers that this latest proposal will go through. On the 12th inst. Rio futures closed 2 to 4 points higher and Santos 1 to 4 higher; sales, 4,500 bags of Rio and 9,000 Santos. The cold water thrown by bankers on the project to destroy all surplus stocks in Brazil has a more or less depressing effect. To-day early cost and freight offers from Brazil were generally unchanged, but some were slightly lower. The supply was somewhat smaller than yesterday. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 8.20 to 8¾c.; 3s at 7.85 to 8.20c.; 3-4s at 7.80 to 8.35c.; 3-5s at 7.60 to 8.10c.; 4-5s at 7.80c.; 5s at 7.65c.; 5-6s at 7.40 to 7.70c.; 6s at 7.35 to 7.40c.; 6-7s at 7.30 to 7.40c.; 7s at 7¼c. Part Bourbon 3-5s at 7.90 to 8.10c.; Peaberry 3s at 7.80c.; 4s at 7.65c.; 4-5s at 7.90c. To-day Rio futures here closed 18 to 19 points lower with sales of 14,000 bags and Santos futures 18 to 20 lower with sales of 19,000 bags. Final prices are 20 to 25 points lower for the week.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	6½ @	May	5.36 @ nom
December	5.03 @ 5.04	July	5.46 @ nom
March	5.25 @	September	5.54 @

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	8¼ @	May	7.74 @
December	7.34 @	July	7.85 @ nom
March	7.60 @	September	7.96 @ nom

**COCOA** to-day closed 7 to 9 points lower with sales of 131 lots; December ended at 4.62c.; January, 4.70c.; March, 4.85c.; May, 5 to 5.01c., and July, 5.22c. Final prices are 32 to 33 points lower for the week. "The visible stock in the world at the end of September was stated at 74,000 tons compared with 90,000 tons at the end of September 1930. Under normal conditions a strong bullish movement would put the cocoa markets into feverish agitation with such a statistical position as prevails in the cocoa industry to-day. All consuming countries show a decrease in visible stocks with the possible exception of the Netherlands." To-day prices opened steady at an advance of 1 to 3 points. There were 13 lots, sold on the call, including 3 March at 4.94, 7 May at 5.10-12; 3 September at 5.48. Liverpool at 1.30 p.m. was 6d. higher on sales of January at 27s. 3d. and May at 27s. 9d. Liverpool spot opened unchanged; London spot was 3d. lower. New York licensed warehouse stocks on Nov. 12 totalled 240,035 bags, against 240,648 on Nov. 11 and 380,914 last year.

**SUGAR.**—Spot raws were quiet most of the week at 1.38 to 3.38c. for Cuba. Now there is said to be more activity. On the 7th inst. futures advanced 4 to 5 points with sales of 12,150 tons. Wall Street bought rather freely. Also by the way, Wall Street was buying cotton, rubber and other commodities. Spot Cuban was quiet at 1.38 to 3.38c. In Cuba the crop this year was 3,120,796 tons, which yielded 12.38% of cane ground, President Machado pointed out in a message to Congress recently. This is the greatest yield obtained by Cuba. One hundred and forty mills shared in the grinding. On the 9th inst. futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower. Earlier prices were 1 to 3 points off. The sales were 21,700 tons. Wall Street and Cuba sold. Spot Cuban raw sugar was quiet at 1.38 to 3.38c. On the 10th inst. futures ended unchanged to 1 point off with sales of 15,000. Wall Street bought but liquidation checked a rise. Later months sold early in some cases at an advance of 1 to 2 points but the closing was 1 point lower except on December and July. Receipts for the week at United States Atlantic ports were 38,204 tons against 21,138 in the previous week and 78,530 in the same week last year; meltings 45,005 against 54,293 in previous week and 56,184 last year; importers' stocks 75,184 against 77,231 in previous week and 142,600 last year; refiners' stocks 56,952 against 61,706 in previous week and 104,113 last year; total stocks 132,136 against 138,937 in previous week and 246,713 last year.

Manila cabled Nov. 8: "Rice and sugar crops have been destroyed by a typhoon which swept the island of Luzon

last night. Luzon, which is the chief island of the Philippines, has a population of about 4,500,000 including Manila, in its 40,814 square miles. The northern provinces suffered most. The rice and sugar crops were ready for harvest." On the 9th London was firm at the opening at advances of 1 to 1 1/4d. Liverpool opened 1/2d. up. A "seat" sold here at \$5,000, an unchanged price. On the 9th early London cables attributed the steadiness of the terminal market to Continental buying. The raw sugar market was quiet with sellers at 6s. 6 3/4d., equivalent to 97c. f.o.b. Cuba at the Exchange rate of \$3.77. The trade was holding off. Havana cabled the following on the Cuban crop movement for the week ended Nov. 7: Arrival, 22,123; exports, 17,921, and stock 814,462 tons. The exports were distributed as follows: To New York 3,767 tons; Boston, 4,234; Baltimore, 4,026; Galveston, 2,322; Interior U. S., 129; United Kingdom, 3,414, and Panama 29 tons. On the 9th the government estimate of the beet root crop was as follows: Total production, 1931, 7,620,000 tons; 1930, 9,200,000 tons; 5-year average, 1925-1929, 7,360,000 tons. Yield per acre, 1931, 10.9; 1930, 11.9; 10-year average, 1920-1929, 10.4. Total acreage, 1931, 701,000 tons; 1930, 776,000 tons; 5-year average, 1925-1929, 675,000 tons.

On the 10th inst. early London cables reported sales of 5,000 tons Mozambiques and 1,500 tons Natal for Nov.-Dec. shipment on the basis of 6s. 6d. c.i.f. United Kingdom. Some cables said there were probably further sellers at this price while others believe that more could be sold at it. The trade demand was reported slow. Refined here was 4.50 with only a fair business. On the 10th inst. London cables discredited reports of large sales of British refined to India. There was some business done, however, in which the Continent participated at 8s. c.i.f., or about 1.37c. at yesterday's rate of exchange. London raw sugar, quiet, steady and unchanged. It was stated that the International Sugar Council announced that the sugar producers of Peru have become a party to the International Sugar Agreement. The export quotas for Peru have been fixed at 360,000 long tons for the current year, and 373,750 long tons for each of the four succeeding years of the agreement. Peru, which consumes about 50,000 tons annually, produced during 1930, 422,000 tons, and exported 329,477 tons. On the 11th inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points off with sales of only 3,700 tons. Dec. it was said was sold by the so-called pool. Cuban interest were the best buyers. Europe bought a little March. Towards the close there was a slight increase in investment buying. Refined sugar imports for the first 9 months into the United States were 256,028 long tons against 184,399 for the same period in 1930, which represents an increase of 71,128 according to official statistics from the customs office. For the first 9 months of 1929 imports amounted to 203,931 tons. These figures do not include refined imports from Porto Rico, the Philippines and Hawaii.

On the 11th the Sugar Institute, Inc. gave the total melt and total deliveries of 14 U. S. refiners up to and including the week ended Oct. 31 1931, and same period for 1930 as follows: Melt—1931, Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 3,600,000 long tons; 1930, Jan. 1 to Nov. 1, 4,055,000 long tons. Deliveries—1931, Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 3,450,000 long tons; 1930, Jan. 1 to Nov. 1, 3,850,000 long tons. On the 11th London opened steady at unchanged to 1/2d. up. Liverpool opened quiet and unchanged. On the 11th, according to Associated Press advices, the United States sugar production was forecast by the Department of Agriculture yesterday at 1,189,000 short tons, compared with 1,392,000 last year. Sugar from beets is forecast at 1,029,000 tons and from Louisiana cane, 160,000 tons. On the 12th London opened at 1/2d. off to 1/2d. up. Liverpool opened quiet and 1/2d. off. On the 12th inst. futures declined 1 point with sales of 7,250 bags. Large Cuban interests bought early. Commission houses bought and sold. Dullness of spot raws was a more or less depressing factor. Quotations were still, 1.38 to 3.38c. A "seat" was sold at \$6,000, an advance of \$500. On the 12th early private cables indicated no change in the raw sugar situation there. There were sellers of parcels at 6s. 6d. c.i.f. and buyers at 6s. 5 1/4d. The total recent sales to India are now estimated at 27,000 tons of British refined and Continental Whites. There is further inquiry from India and also South America. One cable said refiners see little prospect of business in quantity before January. An estimate of the Porto Rican crop said to have been issued by the Porto Rican Dept. of Agriculture is given as 1,000,000 short tons for the new crop. Some said this was too high. The British Board of Trade returns for October follow: Imports, 1931, 110,000 tons against 150,000 tons last year; consumption, 1931, 158,000 tons against 149,000 tons last year; stock, 1931, 109,000 tons against 209,000 tons last year.

To-day London opened quiet at 1/4d. off to 1/4d. up. Later 1/4 to 3/4 above the opening quotations except on August and October were unchanged. Liverpool opened steady and unchanged. To-day early London cables reflected a very quiet and uninteresting market over there. There were sellers of parcels at 6s. 6d. c.i.f. and possible buyers at 6s. 5 1/4d. To-day futures were 2 points higher early. Cuban interests were said to have bought 5,000 tons of December. Buying of September by local interests also was noticeable for a time. Later came liquidation and a setback. Prices closed 2 points lower for the day with sales of 13,600 tons.

Final prices are unchanged to 2 points higher for the week. To-day 3,000 tons of Cuban now loading sold at 1.40c. c.&f. There was a rumor that some 20,000 tons had been sold at that price though particulars were not given out.

Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial	1.40@	May	1.30@
December	1.29@1.30	July	1.35@
January	1.26@nom	September	1.39@
March	1.27@		

LARD on the spot was steady at 7.30 to 7.40c. for prime Western early in the week; Refined Continent, 7 1/2c.; South America, 7 3/4c.; Brazil, 8 1/2c. Futures on the 7th inst. advanced 8 to 12 points with hogs steady and grain higher. Cash markets were firm; Western 7.30 to 7.40c. On the 9th inst. futures advanced 17 to 25 points with considerable covering and some buying. Futures on the 10th inst. declined 2 to 27 points on liquidation and in sympathy with the decline in grain, corn falling 2 to 2 3/4c. On the 11th inst. the Western markets were closed for Armistice Day. Western cash, 7.45 to 7.55c. Futures on the 12th inst. closed unchanged to 10 points off. Hogs dropped 10c. Receipts of hogs at Chicago were 20,000 and at all Western points 106,400 against 93,300 a year ago. Exports from New York were 1,464,000 lbs. largely to Hamburg. Western cash 7.40 to 7.50c.; refined Continent, 7 3/4c.; South America, 8c.; Brazil, 8 3/4c. To-day futures ended 8 to 10 points lower in sympathy with the decline in grain. Final prices are unchanged to 9 points lower for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	6.72	6.97	6.70	---	6.60	6.52
January	6.62	6.85	6.60	---	6.60	6.52
May	6.80	7.00	6.80	---	6.80	6.70

  

Season's High and When Made—	1931	Season's Low and When Made—	1931
December	8.15	July	5.65
January	6.87	Nov. 9	5.82
		Sept. 28	1931
		Oct. 1	1931

PORK dull; mess, \$21.50; family, \$24.25; fat back, \$19 to \$19.25. Ribs, Chicago steady with cash, 6.87c. Beef steady, Mess nominal; packet nominal; family, \$14.50 to \$17; extra India mess nominal; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2.25; No. 2, \$4.75; six pounds, South America, \$16; pickled beef tongues, \$60 to \$75. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 14 to 16 lbs., 12 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 9 1/2 to 10c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 8 1/2c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 9c. Butter, lower grades to higher than extra, 26 1/2 to 31 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 13 1/2 to 18c.; daisies, 14 to 16 1/2c.; Young America, 12 to 17c. Eggs, medium to best 20 to 39c.

OILS.—Linseed was quoted at a range of 7.3 to 7.8c. carlots prompt and forward shipment. The Argentine seed market of late has been firmer. So have Northwestern markets. Demand was disappointing. Coconut, Manila Coast tanks, 3 1/4@3 3/4 spot N. Y. tanks, 3 3/4@3 3/4. Corn, crude tanks, f.o.b. Western mills, 4 1/8@4 1/4. China wood N. Y. drums carlots, spot, 8 3/4@7 3/4; tanks, 7 1/2@7 3/4; Pacific Coast tanks, 7 1/2@7 1/4. Soya Bean, carlot delivery N. Y., 5@5 1/4; carlots delivered N. Y. L.C.L., 5 1/2@6 tanks, 4; edible, olive, 1.65@2.15. Lard, prime, 12c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 8 1/4c. Cod, Newfoundland, 32 to 34c. Turpentine, 41 1/2 to 46 1/2c. Rosin, \$4.10 to \$7.90.

COTTONSEED OIL sales to-day including switches, 18 contracts. Crude S. E., 3 3/4 to 3 1/2c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	4.50@	January	4.85@4.90
November	4.50@	March	4.97@
December	4.80@4.98	May	5.02@

PETROLEUM.—United States Motor gasoline and special brand Sinclair "White" were raised 1/2c. by the Sinclair Refining Co. at all of its deepwater terminals along the Atlantic seaboard. Other large companies are expected to meet this increase. The Texas Co. advanced the tank car price of United States Motor and Texaco gasoline 1/2c. to 6c. for the former and 7c. for the latter, local refinery. All of the leading refiners in this territory are now quoting 6c. for United States Motor in tank cars at refineries. Gasoline showed a firm tone. The demand along the Atlantic seaboard was good despite the usual seasonal decline in consumption. The market in the Middle West however is very firm. Fuel oils were in better demand and firmer. Delivery of heating oils against contracts was quite large recently. Buying was stimulated by cooler weather. Grade C bunker fuel oil was quoted by leading suppliers at 60c. at refineries while Diesel oil was quiet at \$1.30, same basis. Kerosene was firm with consumption gradually increasing; 41-43 water white 5 1/2c. Export prices at the Gulf were also firm.

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 7th inst. advanced 30 to 48 points making a recent rise on old "A" of 60 points. Wall Street bought rubber at the same time that it bought sugar, cotton and grain. No. 1 standard contract closed on the 7th with Nov., 4.92c.; Dec., 4.95 to 4.99c.; Mar., 5.15c.; May, 5.30 to 5.35c.; July, 5.48c.; Sept., 5.59c.; sales 1,100 tons; new "A" Nov., 4.90c.; Dec., 4.93c.; old "A" Nov., 4.80c.; Dec., 4.80c.; outside prices: Spot, Nov. and Dec., 4 3/4 to 4 15-16c.; Jan.-Mar., 5 to 5 3-16c.; April-June, 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.; spot first latex thick, 5 1/2 to 5 1/4c.; thin pale latex, 5 1/4 to 5 3/4c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 4 3/4c.; rolled brown crepe, 4 5-16c.; No. 2 amber, 4 11-16c.; No. 3, 4 5/8c.; No. 4, 4 9-16c.; Paras, upriver fine spot, 6 to 6 1/4c. On Nov. 7 London opened steady, unchanged to 1-16d. decline and

closed very steady at 1-16d. advance, Nov. 2 15-16d.; Dec., 3d.; Jan., 3 1-16d.; Jan.-Mar., 3 1/2d.; April-June, 3 5-16d.; July-Sept., 3 7-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 3/4d. Singapore closed 1-16 to 1/2d. up; Nov., 2 9-16d.; Jan.-Mar., 2 11-16d.; April-June, 2 13-16d. Singapore was closed on Monday and Wednesday 9th and 11th inst. On the 9th inst. prices advanced 11 to 23 points with a wider swing to the trading. It approximated 3,000 tons. Rumors that China had declared war against Japan, a three cent jump in silver and increased demand for the actual rubber put new snap into rubber futures. Russia was supposed to be buying. No. 1 standard contract closed on the 9th inst. with Dec., 5.18c.; Mar., 5.35c.; May, 5.52 to 5.53c.; July, 5.64 to 5.65c.; Aug., 5.67c.; Sept., 5.70 to 5.72c.; Oct., 5.80c.; sales 2,820 tons; new "A" Nov., 5.11c.; Dec., 5.16c.; old "A" Nov., 5c.; Dec., 5 to 5.10c.; sales 5 tons. Outside prices: Spot and Nov., 4 1/2 to 5c.; Dec., 4 1/2 to 5 1-16c.; Jan.-Mar., 5 1/2 to 5 3/4c.; April-June, 5 3/8 to 5 1/2c.; spot first latex thick, 5 3-16 to 5 5-16c.; thin pale latex, 5 3/8 to 5 1/2c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 4 3/4c.; rolled brown crepe, 4 7-16c.

On the 9th inst. London opened steady and unchanged to 1-16d. higher, and at 2:37 p. m. was quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. decline, November, 2 15-16d.; December, 3d.; January, 3 1/2d.; January-March, 3 1/2d.; April-June, 3 1/4d.; July-September, 3 7-16d.; October-December, 3 3/4d. London's stock on Nov. 7 decreased 375 tons to 76,323 tons, against 77,480 tons a year ago. Liverpool's decreased 532 tons to 56,284 tons. London closed unchanged to 1/2d. higher; November, 3d.; December, 3 1-16d.; January, 3 1/2d.; January-March, 3 3-16d.; April-June, 3 5-16d.; July-September, 3 9-16d.; October-December, 3 3/4d. October automobile production in the United States and Canada totaled 86,328 cars and trucks, a decrease of 40% from 143,212 units in September and of 46% from the 158,942 units in October 1930, according to an estimate by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce. Production for first 10 months of 1931 totaled 2,283,018 vehicles, a decline of 29% from the total of 3,206,694 in like period of last year. On the 10th inst. prices dropped 47 to 54 points on reported opposition to restriction by the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies, lower cables and an increase of 5,000 tons in Malayan dealer stocks. Importing interests were said to have sold heavily here. No. 1 standard contract closed with December 4.65 to 4.68c.; March, 4.82 to 4.85c.; May, 5.01 to 5.05c.; July, 5.10c.; August, 5.16c.; September, 5.23c.; October, 5.33c.; sales, 2,310 tons; New "A" November, 4.60c.; December, 4.63c.; sales, 20 tons; Old "A" November, 4.50c.; December, 4.60c.; sales, 10 tons. Outside prices: spot, November and December, 4 5/8 to 4 3/4c.; January-March, 4 1/2 to 5c.; April-June, 5 1/8c.; spot, first latex, thick, 5c.; thin, pale latex, 5 1/8c.; clean, thin, brown No. 2, 4 1/2c.; rolled brown crepe, 4 3-16c.; No. 2 amber, 4 9-16c.; No. 3, 4 1/2c.; No. 4, 4 7-16c.

On Nov. 10 London closed steady, 1-16 to 3-16d. lower; Nov., 2 3/4d.; Dec., 2 15-16d.; Jan., 3d.; Jan.-Mar., 3 1-16d.; April-June, 3 1/4d.; July-Sept., 3 3/4d., and Oct.-Dec., 3 3/4d. Amsterdam cabled the Rubber Exchange of New York as follows: "The Governor of the Dutch East Indies, has come out with a statement that rubber restriction plans must be considered almost impossible from the point of view of their practicability and that restriction would probably be very costly, according to a report appearing in the Dutch newspaper, 'Handelsblad.' The Governor, it further said, has expressed the view that even a 50% restriction would not raise prevailing prices sufficiently to enable concerns with higher working costs to make a profit." On the 10th London opened unchanged to 1/2d. off; at 2:36 p. m. quiet and 1-16d. lower to 1/2d. decline; Nov., 2 15-16d.; Dec. offered at 3 1/4d.; Jan., 3 1/2d.; Jan.-Mar., 3 1/4d.; April-June, 3 3/4d.; July-Sept., 3 7-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 1/2d. Singapore closed dull over 1-16d. off; Nov., 2 1/2d.; Jan.-Mar., 2 3/4d.; April-June, 2 3/4d. London cabled the local Rubber Exchange: "The market was barely steady due to report of the newspaper 'Handelsblad's' report, also on bearish dealers stocks in the Far East." Total, Oct. 31, 40,507 tons, a decrease of 39,497 tons. Singapore dealers' stocks, 33,147 tons included in the total of 40,507. On the 11th inst. prices ended unchanged to 4 points higher after being as much as 17 points up early. The trading was smaller. The previous pace had seemingly been too swift. London was firmer. Singapore was closed for Armistice Day. It was still insisted that restriction plans have not been finally dropped. No. 1 standard contract closed as follows: Dec., 4.65c.; March, 4.85c.; May, 5.05c.; July, 5.14c.; Sept., 5.23 to 5.25c.; Oct. 5.33 to 5.38c.; sales 620 tons. New "A" contract Nov., 4.60c.; Dec., 4.63c. Old "A" Nov., 4.50c.; Dec., 4.60c.; sales 2 1/2 tons. Outside prices: Plantation R. S. sheets, spot, Nov. and Dec., 4 5/8 to 4 3/4c.; Jan.-Mar., 4 1/2 to 5c.; April-June, 5 1/8c.; spot first latex thick, 5c.

On the 11th inst. London opened quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. decline and at 2:36 p. m.; Nov., 2 3/4d.; Dec., 2 15-16d.; Jan. 3, 1-16d.; Jan.-March, 3, 1-16d.; April-June, 3 3-16d.; July-Sept., 3 3/4d., and Oct.-Dec., 3 1/2d. Shipments of pneumatic casings in Sept. amounted to 3,931,860 against 4,959,984 in the previous month and 4,405,176 in Sept. 1930, according to Rubber Manufacturers Association. Production in Sept. totaled 3,171,969 pneumatic casings against 3,905,933 in preceding month and 3,365,444 in Sept. 1930. Pneumatic casings on hand on Sept. 30 were 8,158,453 against 8,896,296 in the previous month and

9,811,764 in Sept. last year. On the 11th inst. London closed quiet, at 1-16d. lower to 1-16d. higher; Nov., 2 3/4d.; Dec., 2 15-16d.; Jan.-March, 3 1-16d.; April-June, 3 3-16d.; July-Sept., 3 7-16d. and Oct.-Dec., 3 1/2d. On the 11th inst. London cabled: "In an Amsterdam interview with a leading member of the Dutch Rubber Committee, the 'Financial Times' is informed that there is no foundation of the assumption that the new Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies have repudiated the idea of restriction of output of the staple. "It is added that a decision will be taken by the Governor-General after a consultation at the Hague which has not yet taken place. Pending the outcome of the negotiations between the British and Dutch Governments, some arrangement is expected to be made."

On the 12th inst. prices closed 1 point lower to 6 higher after being at one time 9 to 10 points higher. London was firmer but realizing of profits carried prices downward somewhat. No. 1 standard closed with Dec., 4.68 to 4.72c.; March, 4.90c.; July, 5.15c.; Sept., 5.24 to 5.27c.; sales 720 tons; New "A" Nov., 4.63c.; Dec., 4.66c.; Jan., 4.75c.; no sales; Old "A" Nov., 4.50c.; Dec., 4.60c.; no sales. Outside prices: Spot, Nov. and Dec., 4 5/8 to 4 3/4c.; Jan.-March, 4 1/2 to 5c.; April-June, 5 1/8c.; spot first latex thick, 5c.; thin pale latex, 5 1/8c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 4 1/2c.; rolled brown crepe, 4 3-16c.; No. 2 amber, 4 9-16c.; No. 3 amber, 4 1/2c.; No. 4 amber, 4 7-16c.; Paras, up-river fine spot, 6 to 6 1/4c.; Aere fine spot, 6 to 6 1/2c. On the 12th London opened steady, unchanged to 1-16d. advance and at 2:35 p. m. was quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. advance; Nov., 2 3/4d.; Dec., 2 15-16d.; Jan., 3d.; Jan.-March, 3 1-16d.; April-June, 3 1/4d.; July-Sept., 3 3/4d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 1/2d. Singapore closed quiet, 1-16d. decline; Nov., 2 7-16d.; Jan.-March, 2 9-16d.; April-June, 2 11-16d. London cabled: "The market irregular on conflicting reports from Amsterdam concerning possible action for restriction of output and on the increase in Straits stocks. Prices closed up for the week due to general rise in commodities." On the 12th London closed quiet and 1-16d. off to 1-16d. up; Nov., 2 3/4d.; Dec., 2 15-16d.; Jan., 3 1-16d.; Jan.-March, 3 1-16d.; April-June, 3 1/4d.; July-Sept., 3 3/4d. and Oct.-Dec., 3 9-16d.

The Rubber Association of America gave the consumption in Oct. as 22,277 tons, against 23,638 in Sept. and 27,516 in Oct. last year; arrivals 41,395 tons, against 40,503 in Sept. and 43,729 in Oct. last year; stocks on hand 273,456 tons, against 254,324 in Sept. and 187,701 in Oct. last year; stocks afloat 68,427, against 62,420 in Sept. and 51,123 in Oct. last year. To-day London opened quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. lower; at 2:35 p. m. quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. off; Nov., 2 3/4d.; Dec., 2 15-16d.; Jan., 3 1-16d.; Jan.-Mar., 3d.; April-June, 3 3-16d.; July-Sept., 3 3/4d. and Oct.-Dec., 3 1/2d. Singapore closed dull, and unchanged to 1-16d. up; Nov., 2 1/2d.; Jan.-Mar., 2 9-16d.; April-June, 2 11-16d. Unofficial estimate of rubber stocks in Great Britain for the week ending Nov. 14 show: London, 900 tons decrease; Liverpool, 350; total, 1,250. The consumption of crude rubber by manufacturers in United States for Oct. decreased 5 8-10% as compared with Sept. Usual seasonal decline is 3%. Oct. consumption estimated at 22,277 long tons, against 23,638 in Sept. and 27,516 in Oct. 1930, according to the Rubber Manufacturers Association. Total domestic stocks of crude rubber on hand Oct. 31 estimated at 273,456 long tons, an increase of 7 1/2% over Sept. and 47 4-10% over Oct. 1930. To-day London closed dull and unchanged to 1/2d. lower; Nov., 2 3/4d.; Dec. 2 15-16d.; Jan.-3d.; Jan.-Mar., 3d.; April-June, 3 1/4d.; July-Sept., 3 5-16d. To-day prices declined 8 to 14 points on No. 1 standard contract with sales of 102 lots, 8 to 14 points on new "A"; no sales and was unchanged on old "A". The decline was due to disappointment over the increase in stocks in Oct. of 10,000 tons in warehouse and about 6,000 tons afloat, though the consumption was a little larger than was expected. Final prices show a decline for the week of 13 to 16 points.

HIDES on the 7th inst. advanced 4 to 20 points with sales of 5,600,000 lbs. Prices of hides had been keeping pace with the rise in other commodities. Closing prices for hides on the 7th were as follows: November, 7.75c.; December, 8.15 to 8.25c.; January, 8.25c.; March, 8.55c.; May, 9.15c.; June, 9.45 to 9.50c.; July, 9.65c.; Sept., 10.20 to 10.40c. On the 9th inst. prices advanced 55 to 85 points on sales of 6,400,000 lbs. There was increased long buying and a good deal of covering. War talk from the Far East counted for much. Offerings too fell off. The technical position was found to be strong. Spot hides were firmer with rather more activity. Sales included 2,000 heavy native cows, November at 7 1/2c.; 1,000 heavy native steers, November at 8c.; 1,400 butt branded steers, October, at 8c., and 3,600 Colo ado steers, October, at 7 1/2c. Futures closed as follows: December, 8.70 to 8.80c.; March, 9.40c.; May, 9.85c.; June, 10.05c. On the 10th inst. prices fell 30 to 50 points on futures though Colorado steers advanced 3/4c. The sales at the Exchange were 5,240,000 lbs. Spot hides were firm; 5,000 November Colorado steers sold at 8 1/4c., and 3,000 November branded cows at 7 1/2c. City packer had a rather better inquiry but actual sales were lacking. December closed at the Exchange at 8.40c.; March at 8.90 to 9c.; June at 9.65c.; Sept. at 10.45 to 10.55c. On the 11th inst. prices declined 25 to 40 points with sales of 2,360,000 lbs. Spot hides were quiet. The drop in futures was attributed by some to a rather overbought condition of the market and a decline in other commodities. The closing



was as follows: December, 8 to 8.20c.; March, 8.65c.; June, 9.35 to 9.36c.; Sept., 10.15c.; Outside prices: Common Santa Marta, Orinocos, 8c.; Central America, 6c.; Maracaibo, La Guayra, Ecuador and Savanillas, 7c.; Native steers and butt brands, 8c.; Colorados, 7½c.; Chicago light native cows, October, 7¼c.; New York City calfskins, 5-7s, 85 to 95c.; 7-9s, 1.00 to 1.10c.; 9-12s, 1.40 to 1.50c. On the 12th inst. prices declined 40 to 60 points on liquidation with outside markets off and sales of 4,960,000 lbs. A lot of 5,000 October-November heavy native steers sold at 8¼c. Closing prices at the Exchange were: December, 7.50 to 7.65c.; March, 8.05c.; June, 8.90c.; September, 9.75 to 9.85c.; October, 9.95c. Today prices closed unchanged to 20 points lower with December 7.50 to 7.60c.; March, 7.93c.; June, 8.80c.; Sept., 9.55c. Final prices are 43 to 50 points lower than a week ago.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were rather quiet at one time. Later business was active at firmer rates.

CHARTERS—Prompt New York-West Indies, round, 85c.; prompt, Gulf, same \$1.05; delivery Sydney, redelivery United Kingdom-Continent, 3s. 4d.; prompt, New York, redelivery Bristol, \$1.45; prompt Gulf, redelivery United Kingdom-Continent, \$1.50; North Hatteras redelivery United Kingdom, 85c. Cotton—Gulf, to Japan, prompt, \$24,000. Tankers—January, Constanza, Thameshaven and (or) Preston, basis 6s. 9d. Lumber—Five Gulf ports, Nov.-Dec. to Buenos Aires, \$11.25; Pitchpine, North Hatteras, Dec. Antwerp, Rotterdam, Ghent, 12s. 6d. one, 13s. two ports. Sugar—Nov., Cuba, United Kingdom-Continent, 16s. 9d.; part cargo Nov., Cuba to United Kingdom-Continent, 16s. 3d.

COAL.—With warmer weather trade slackened later. It was 70 degrees here on the 10th inst. or within 6 degrees of summer heat and 73 degrees on Friday the 13th. It was also warm at the West. From tide water to the Rockies such weather has affected trade. The regular price list for smokeless lump and egg is \$2.25 to \$3.25, but the trading is mostly at the inside price. Stove size was sold at \$1.75 spot. Eastern trade was at times a little better but that was not saying very much. Cincinnati-Chicago truck employment is down to 40%; Eastern up to 60%. Production increased. Bituminous output last week rose to a daily average of 1,540,000 tons. Later trade was reported better at the West and some tide water points.

TOBACCO.—A good inquiry was reported for shade grown Connecticut wrappers. There was a brisk business in the smaller sizes, but sales were slow of sizes above 14 inches. Other types of packed tobacco have been dull. In the trade as a whole the recent big advance in wheat is considered more or less encouraging as suggesting that the commodities are beginning to get out of the rut and may pull tobacco with them. Tobacco certainly could stand it. Many commodities have already shown greater strength. Sumatra tobacco importers are naturally pleased with the recent Treasury decision. Wendell, N. C., Monday: Sales here for the past week amounted to 487,601 pounds, averaging \$9.35 for the week. Washington, D. C. wired "U. S. Tobacco Journal": For the first nine months of this year exports of leaf tobacco totalled 360,204,356 pounds, according to figures released to-day by the Department of Commerce. This is a decrease in volume of approximately 6% as compared with the same period of last year. Compared with the first nine months of 1929, however, the volume was 3.6% greater. At Oxford, N. C.: Sales last week were 1,407,156 pounds at an average of \$9.84. Total sales to date 6,280,994 pounds, at an average of \$9.83. Prices remained about the same all through the week, some specially high grade cutters and bright wrappers ranging in price from 48 to 65 cents. Seasonable rains came down last Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Increased sales are expected this week.

Richmond, Va.: Greenville was active; sales for the season, 36,318,932 lbs. Sales on Oct. 30 of over 1,500,000 lbs. carried the totals to about 38,000,000. During the week eight houses sold 4,832,636 lbs. at an average of \$12.21, which is much better than the average of any previous like period of the season. Prices on good tobaccos are as strong as they have been for several seasons, and some sales were made lately at above 80 cents. Scores of growers made sales at 70 cents and better. Bidding on the better grades is more spirited than they have been before this season. At Danville sales dropped to 250,000 lbs. The day before 282,895 lbs. of leaf sold at an average of \$8.05. Prices about unchanged. At South Boston medium grade orange leaf average about 10% higher than on Wednesday. Fair and low grade orange leaf averaged slightly lower in price than on Wednesday. Good grade orange lugs averaged about the same in price, while medium and low grade orange leaf averaged slightly lower. At South Boston offerings were small, chiefly medium to low grade leaf and lugs with the heavy side predominating. Fine to good wrappers and cutters were in good demand but were offered insufficient quantity to establish average prices. At Petersburg offerings were small, chiefly of medium to low grade leaf and lugs. Good and better grades continued in demand. The farmers are complaining of especially low prices on the better grades of leaf, which are selling below production costs.

SILVER.—On the 9th inst. prices of silver futures under the spur of the Sino-Japanese war news advanced 235 to 300 points with sales of 7,500,000 ounces; 300 points marks the maximum change in prices whether upward or downward in a single day. The rumblings of war caused excited trading. An unfounded rumor that China had formally declared war on Japan started the activity and the great advance. Coincident with the New York rise London

advanced 1-16 to 21-16d. as compared with a low on Feb. 9 of 12d. London ascribed the rise to the advance in New York. The sales here were up to a new record. Trading in silver is very easy now that it is a recognized thing on the National Metal Exchange. The closing on the 9th was as follows: Dec., 38c.; Jan., 38.50c.; Mar., 38.75c.; April, 39.70c.; May, 39.75c.; June, 39.90c.; July, 40.10c.; Aug., 40.25c.; Sept., 40.45c.; Oct., 40.60c. The close on the 13th was: Dec., 35.25@35.50; Mar., 35.80; May, 36.40; July, 36.40; Aug., 36.40c.; Sept. and Oct., 36.40c. Several brokerage firms doubled their margin requirements for silver contracts. At one time margin of \$500 for each silver contract of 25,000 ounces was considered sufficient. Now \$1,000 is required owing to the recent violent fluctuations.

COPPER.—Demand was rather small both for domestic and foreign account. Export sales on the 12th inst. were only 300 tons, the smallest in several days. Prices were still 7c. for domestic delivery and 7½c. for export. London on the 12th inst. advanced 6s. 3d. on spot standard to £37 3s. 9d.; futures up 8s. 9d. to £37 16s. 3d.; sales 100 tons spot and 550 futures; the bid price of electrolytic advanced 10s. to £41 10s., and the asked price was the same at £43; at the second session in London standard copper dropped 7s. 6d. on sales of 450 tons of futures. There was no trading in copper futures here; the market ended 10 points higher with Nov., 6.10c. and 5 points higher for each succeeding month, all nominal, except May, which ranged 6.40 to 6.70c. To-day there were no sales of futures; prices declined 10 points; Dec. ending at 6.05c.; Jan., 6.10c.; Feb., 6.15c. and March 6.20c.

TIN was quiet with prices slightly higher of late. All eyes are on the silver market and hence tin is rather neglected. On the 12th inst. prices advanced ½c. to 23¼ to 23¼c. for prompt Straits. Futures on the Exchange here on the 12th inst. closed 20 points higher with Nov. 23.05c. with 15 points higher per month through May. In London all descriptions advanced 15s. on the 12th inst. to £132 15s. for spot and £134 15s. for futures; sales 50 tons spot and 550 futures; spot Straits ended at £136; Eastern c.i.f. London closed at £138; sales 100 tons; at the second London session standard dropped 2s. 6d. on sales of 10 tons spot and 210 of futures. To-day there were no sales and prices were unchanged at 23.20c. for Dec., 23.35c. for Jan. and 23.50c. for Feb.

LEAD was in good demand early in the week but recently fell off somewhat. The demand was confined mostly to earload lots for prompt shipment. Prices were unchanged a 3.90c. East St. Louis and 4.05c. New York. In London on the 12th inst. spot declined 5s. to £14 12s. 6d.; futures off 3s. 9d. to £14 12s. 6d.; sales 50 tons spot and 550 futures; at the second session prices rose 3s. 9d. on sales of 300 tons of futures.

ZINC was rather quiet with the price generally quoted at 3.25c. Some producers, however, would not sell below 3.27½c. while on the other hand there was a little prompt metal reported bought at 3.22½c. In London on the 12th inst. spot dropped 1s. 3d. to £13 15s.; futures off 2s. 6d. to £14 2s. 6d.; sales 825 tons futures; at the second London session prices advanced 2s. 6d. on sales of 100 tons of futures.

STEEL.—There was talk to the effect that inquiries from railroads and builders were more numerous. A better business may result from the recent rise in wheat, corn and oil. The production of steel increased last week 1%. The steel trade is encouraged to some extent by the rise in other commodities which however has not yet caused any very important increase in actual trade. On the 11th inst. the Lehigh Valley ordered 20 freight locomotives the largest order of this sort in a long time. It seemed to mean greater confidence in at last one quarter and caught the attention of Wall Street. Unfilled orders on the books of the United States Steel Corp. as of Oct. 31, were 3,119,432 tons, a decrease of 25,401 tons from Sept. 30.

PIG IRON sold a trifle more readily. It was only a trifle but the turn in the tide of business is expected to come gradually when it does come. Buffalo was quoted at \$15 though occasionally it would seem this is shaded somewhat. Eastern Pennsylvania recently sold it is intimated at \$14.75. The nominal price then was \$15. Now some concerns are apparently trying for \$15.50. In the West the inquiry is said to be better from manufacturers of auto castings. Later reports said that sales of small lots of iron were increasing. The tone was rather more hopeful. Melters supplies are small.

WOOL.—Boston wired a government report on Nov. 9 as follows: "Interest has improved on several lines of wool that were very dull for several weeks during September and October. Inquiries for Texas wools, particularly 12 months and eight months wools, have recently been more numerous and fair quantities have been sold. Strictly combing 64s and finer Ohio fleeces are subject of more inquiry and a few sales of small quantities are being closed. Receipts of domestic wool at Boston for week ended Nov. 7 amounted to 438,500 lbs. as compared with 432,900 lbs. a week ago." A government report on the 12th inst. said: "Manufacturers are purchasing fairly large quantities of domestic wools, and these purchases cover practically all grades. While no advance has been reported, a firmer tendency is apparent within the ranges of recent quotations. Good original bag

territory wools of 64s and finer quality, consisting of bulk French combing staple are bringing about 55c. scoured basis. Strictly combing 48-50s territory wools are fairly active at 40 to 42c. scoured basis and fleeces wools of similar qualities are firm at 21c. in the grease. Philadelphia wired Nov. 12: "Celebration of National Wool Week in this district has been seriously affected by the warm weather so far as concrete results among the department and retail stores are concerned. What the intangible results will be cannot be accurately foretold yet." At Sydney on Nov. 9 the third series of wool auctions opened with keen competition for attractive selections. The Continent and Yorkshire were the chief supporters. Japan was more active. Compared with the close of the previous series all fleece staple was 5% higher.

On the 9th the market for wool tops at Bradford was unchanged to 1/2 higher than on Nov. 5. Bradford cabled the Wool Associates as follows: "New business in Botany yarns and dress fabrics is increasing while better prices are quoted. Single crossbreds and yarns, however, are dull owing to the lack of German demand." On the 10th inst. prices were stronger owing to the ending of the strike at Lawrence, Mass. Boston quotations: Unwashed Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, 24 to 25 1/2c.; fine clothing, 21 to 22c.; 1/2 blood combing, 23 to 24c.; 1/2 blood clothing, 21c.; 3/8 combing, 23 to 24c.; 1/4 combing, 21 1/2 to 22c. Territory clean basis, fine staple, 57 to 60c.; fine medium French combing, 53 to 55c.; fine medium clothing, 50 to 52c.; 1/2 blood staple, 53 to 55c.; 3/8 blood staple, 47 to 49c.; 1/4 blood staple, 42c. Texan clean basis, fine 12 months, 55 to 57c.; fine eight months, 45 to 47c.; fall, 38 to 40c.; pulled scoured basis, A super, 48 to 52c.; B, 42 to 45c.; C, 40 to 42c. Mohair original Texas adult, 22 to 25 1/2c.; Texas fall kid, 53 to 56c.; Texas spring kid, 43 to 46c. Australian, clean bond, 64-70s, combing super, 40 to 42c. New Zealand, clean bond, 56-58s, 29 to 30c.; 50-56s, 24 to 25c. At Melbourne on the 10th inst. offerings 6,000 bales and sales 5,700. Demand good. Prices the highest this season. Comeback greasy and crossbreds were hardening.

WOOL TOPS closed quiet and 100 points lower to 50 points higher ending with Nov., 68.50c.; Dec. to June, 69c.; July, 68.70c.; August, Sept. and Oct., 68.50. Roubaix unchanged with sales of 180,400 lbs. Antwerp 1/4d. off with sales of 145,000 lbs. Boston spot unchanged at 76c.

SILK to-day ended unchanged to 3 points lower with sales of 890 bales; Nov. closed at \$2.25 to \$2.26; Dec., \$2.25; Feb., \$2.25 to \$2.27; March, \$2.25 to \$2.27; April, May and June, \$2.26 to \$2.27. Final prices are 1 to 2 points lower than a week ago.

COTTON

Friday Night, Nov. 13 1931.

The movement of the crop, as indicated by our telegrams from the South to-night, is given below For the week ending this evening the total receipts have reached 417,118 bales, against 403,664 bales last week and 453,232 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1931 4,227,297 bales, against 5,193,261 bales for the same period of 1930, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1931 of 970,964 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	14,206	13,797	41,737	12,251	11,140	14,356	107,487
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	9,819	9,819
Houston	13,893	31,877	15,977	14,331	13,719	76,430	166,227
Corpus Christi	1,475	2,509	1,591	1,000	1,405	2,276	10,256
Beaumont	400	---	---	---	---	---	400
New Orleans	11,580	11,066	19,387	9,057	3,386	18,750	73,226
Mobile	1,420	1,239	1,920	5,448	3,120	8,816	21,961
Pensacola	---	---	---	590	---	2,911	3,501
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	456	---	456
Savannah	800	1,359	1,052	1,297	1,165	812	6,485
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	435	---	435
Charleston	1,315	254	642	185	261	99	2,756
Lake Charles	---	---	---	---	---	5,786	5,786
Wilmington	549	584	404	641	379	399	2,956
Norfolk	782	568	767	659	620	1,012	4,408
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	959	959
Totals this week	46,420	63,253	83,477	45,457	36,086	142,425	417,118

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1931 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Nov. 13.	1931.		1930.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1931.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1930.	1931.	1930.
Galveston	107,487	922,981	79,023	812,199	882,522	651,773
Texas City	9,819	58,923	8,697	74,402	43,975	55,839
Houston	166,227	1,812,839	137,646	1,963,753	1,638,747	1,484,708
Corpus Christi	10,256	373,300	5,574	539,482	128,991	151,348
Beaumont	400	6,422	600	10,484	---	---
New Orleans	73,226	391,929	56,320	628,750	715,704	660,811
Gulfport	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mobile	21,961	156,494	32,051	259,263	239,029	139,240
Pensacola	3,501	35,736	300	43,012	16,957	1,228
Jacksonville	456	19,195	65	369	360,980	287,022
Savannah	6,485	194,298	18,385	452,120	---	---
Brunswick	435	10,357	1,190	48,374	---	---
Charleston	2,756	70,323	16,130	202,380	187,926	160,939
Lake Charles	5,786	91,298	5,436	30,224	59,926	---
Wilmington	2,956	28,505	2,722	31,601	22,744	18,985
Norfolk	4,408	42,122	6,910	92,308	68,248	89,348
Newport News	---	---	---	---	---	---
New York	---	---	50	351	227,736	228,963
Boston	---	197	---	117	9,527	5,489
Baltimore	959	12,378	1,180	9,080	1,032	978
Philadelphia	---	---	---	---	5,293	5,176
Totals	417,118	4,227,297	372,279	5,193,261	4,609,337	3,941,847

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Galveston	107,487	79,023	89,929	115,754	93,365	126,105
Houston	166,227	137,646	108,773	93,946	107,648	163,394
New Orleans	73,226	56,320	87,858	66,705	74,261	103,095
Mobile	21,961	32,051	15,404	11,276	17,292	24,864
Savannah	6,485	18,385	10,480	15,048	15,918	30,241
Brunswick	435	1,190	---	---	---	---
Charleston	2,756	16,130	13,078	6,090	5,339	19,791
Wilmington	2,956	2,722	4,019	8,338	5,210	4,494
Norfolk	4,408	6,910	10,621	14,775	11,526	24,251
Newport News	---	---	---	---	---	---
All others	31,177	21,902	10,195	19,535	10,584	19,476
Total this wk.	417,118	372,279	350,357	351,467	341,143	517,711
Since Aug. 1	4,227,297	5,193,261	4,946,825	4,916,449	4,747,973	6,088,711

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 216,532 bales, of which 40,069 were to Great Britain, 3,844 to France, 56,912 to Germany, 11,086 to Italy, nil to Russia, 91,352 to Japan and China, and 13,269 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 196,393 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 2,164,763 bales, against 2,624,881 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Nov. 13 1931. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	---	1,360	13,277	4,345	---	21,189	6,443	46,614
Houston	9,686	---	26,926	1,550	---	23,186	4,770	66,118
Corpus Christi	7,405	1,399	3,521	---	---	---	1,361	13,686
Beaumont	---	---	400	---	---	---	---	400
New Orleans	2,973	100	---	5,191	---	11,089	395	19,748
Mobile	4,753	---	7,767	---	---	27,138	---	39,658
Jacksonville	300	---	---	---	---	---	---	300
Pensacola	2,221	---	1,280	---	---	---	---	3,501
Savannah	11,453	---	---	---	---	---	---	11,453
Brunswick	435	---	---	---	---	---	---	435
Wilmington	---	---	175	---	---	---	---	175
Norfolk	843	---	1,235	---	---	---	---	2,078
New York	---	---	400	---	---	---	---	400
Los Angeles	---	50	700	---	---	8,750	100	9,600
Lake Charles	---	935	1,231	---	---	---	200	2,366
Total	40,069	3,844	56,912	11,086	---	91,352	13,269	216,532
Total 1930	42,788	52,858	33,810	15,119	---	32,989	18,329	196,393
Total 1929	48,318	29,506	58,102	31,398	---	50,279	13,508	231,111

From Aug. 1 1931 to Nov. 13 1931. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	46,809	12,356	74,333	30,370	---	199,077	65,134	428,079
Houston	64,678	50,906	224,432	76,225	---	294,801	130,628	842,070
Texas City	1,033	---	4,661	473	---	---	---	6,167
Corpus Christi	47,014	9,258	14,426	23,164	---	105,052	24,174	223,088
Beaumont	1,639	310	2,319	---	---	---	818	5,086
New Orleans	18,453	10,207	24,111	32,880	---	81,978	19,174	186,803
Mobile	20,131	393	16,351	96	---	72,208	450	109,629
Jacksonville	1,944	---	1,625	---	---	---	---	3,569
Pensacola	7,039	---	32,160	174	---	5,304	100	44,777
Savannah	40,966	111	34,907	450	---	88,146	3,670	168,250
Brunswick	3,764	---	13,852	---	---	---	300	17,916
Charleston	14,333	---	15,512	---	---	4,262	2,546	36,653
Wilmington	---	---	3,592	3,200	---	---	758	7,550
Norfolk	11,669	22	3,301	---	---	5,508	---	20,590
New York	1	50	929	---	---	---	786	1,766
Boston	47	---	---	---	---	---	236	283
Baltimore	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	8
Los Angeles	270	50	1,300	---	---	34,680	1,325	37,625
San Francisco	---	---	---	---	---	5,700	251	5,951
Lake Charles	676	2,585	9,347	1,235	---	---	5,150	18,993
Total	280,474	86,248	477,168	168,667	---	896,716	255,500	2,164,763
Total 1930	467,924	446,509	809,873	176,939	29,279	450,048	244,309	2,624,881
Total 1929	513,885	351,666	803,678	260,752	78,015	429,754	261,832	2,699,582

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to give returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of September the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 7,021 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 11,845 bales. For the two months ended Sept. 30 1931 there were 17,237 bales exported, as against 21,677 bales for the two months of 1930.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Nov. 13 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coastwise.	
Galveston	6,200	4,000	5,900	30,000	1,000	835,422
New Orleans	2,964	2,514	5,119	15,783	5,020	684,304
Savannah	---	---	1,000	---	---	359,980
Charleston	---	---	---	---	---	187,926
Mobile	14,700	200	---	23,487	799	199,843
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	68,248
Other ports*	7,000	2,000	9,000	66,000	1,000	2,069,928
Total 1931	30,864	8,714	21,019	135,270	7,819	203,686
Total 1930	39,963	22,416	37,369	90,786	4,028	194,562
Total 1929	42,135	16,172	35,734	95,364	6,479	196,884

\* Estimated.  
Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on only a moderate scale, and, like other commodities, cotton has sought a lower level. Hedge selling has been more or less evident, and stocks, grain and silver at times have declined. There has been considerable outside liquidation. Co-operatives sold persistently. The crop estimate by the Government on the 9th inst., some 600,000 bales larger than that of October, of course counted. The total was 16,903,000 bales. With a carryover of nearly 9,000,000 bales the season's supply is some 25,000,000 bales. In other words, there is plenty of cotton. The answer of the advocates of higher prices to this is that the low price discounts all

that. The tendency of consumption is to increase. Silver is rising. A larger market is opening up in the Far East for Manchester's goods. India is buying, and also China and Africa, as well as the Continent.

On the 7th inst. prices advanced half a dozen points early and then reacted and ended slightly lower, though wheat and stocks were higher. There was some liquidation on the eve of the Government report on the 9th inst., when an increased crop estimate was expected. Procter & Gamble estimated it at 16,700,000 bales. There was enough selling by hedgers and co-operatives to tip the scales downward. But it was not very much, though the co-operatives were said to have sold 10,000 bales. The trade, the West, Wall Street, and scattered shorts bought. A "seat" on the Exchange here sold at \$19,000, an advance of \$4,000 to the highest price this year. The lowest was early in the year, at \$13,850. There was a moderate amount of mill calling here and some transferring by spot firms of hedges from December to later months. Liverpool was rather higher than due, though there was hedge selling and sterling was higher. On the other hand, there was calling by the mills, and the recent rise in silver was stimulating Manchester's business with the Far East. Little or no attention was paid to the Sino-Japanese war. Sterling Exchange was up to \$3.79 3/4. Bar silver in London on the 7th inst. declined 5/16d. It was regarded as a natural reaction after the recent whirlwind advance. Worth Street was dull and not over-steady, but the report of the Textile Merchants' Association, expected on the 9th inst., it was believed, would be bullish, though profit margins are said to have improved but little, if at all; cloth prices have been too low as compared with those for raw cotton.

On the 9th inst. prices opened about 10 points off, but later advanced 20 to 25 points in the teeth of a Government crop estimate of 16,903,000 bales, or 619,000 bales larger than a month ago, when it was 16,284,000 bales. The last crop was 13,932,000 bales; that of 1929, 14,828,000; that of 1928, 14,478,000; that of 1927, 12,955,000, and that of 1926, the largest on record, of 17,977,000 bales. The point, of course, was that the crop report of the 9th inst. had been discounted. The mill demand was active at the current low price. Many are sick of the continual ringing, the changes in the size of the crop, and so forth. Speculation tended to increase. Stocks advanced 1 to 5 points; wheat had a whirlwind rally of 3c. or more. There was a rumor that China had declared war on Japan. Silver futures advanced 300 points, the largest price movement permitted in one day, and there was an unfounded rumor that trading in silver futures had been suspended for the afternoon. The yield per acre was stated officially as 197.8 against 147.7 last year and 154.4 the 10-year average. It had no effect. It was treated like the crop and big supplies as vieux jeu. So was the ginning total up to Nov. 1 of 12,129,546 against 10,863,896 in the same time last year and 10,891,940 in 1929. All this impressed many as significant. It was the old story of the "hand of iron in the glove of velvet," and not very much velvet either. The tendency is for consumption to increase. But the Cotton Merchants' Textile Association stated that the sales of standard cloths in October (four weeks) were 146.9% of production against 105.7% in September (five weeks); shipments in October, 95.2 against 102.2 in September; stocks increased 4.5 against a decrease of 2.4 in September, and unfilled orders increased in October 51.7 against 4.4 in September. The Hunter Co. stated that their best business last week was in colored goods, of which the sales were 60% in excess of production, and in fine and fancy goods, where they were 25% larger than production. Sales of print cloths, sheetings and other gray goods were less than production, and the total for the week fell below recent weeks. Manchester reported a larger demand and a brighter tone. Worth Street was quiet on gray goods, and prices were, in some cases, weaker. The trade, the shorts, the Continent, local operators, and scattered outside interests bought. Realizing hedges and co-operative selling were promptly snapped up. Japanese buying of March, May and July was reported. A "seat" sold at \$20,000, a rise of \$1,000 to the highest price paid this year.

On the 10th inst. prices dropped some 15 to 20 points, some of which was later regained. Stocks were irregular and wheat was 3c. lower. Moreover, the technical position of cotton was weaker. A reaction was due. Hedge selling was larger. Liquidation of December was something of a feature. It offset reported large buying of July by co-operatives' representatives. Co-operative associations, by the way, are said to have delivered thus far this season 776,000 bales to the State organization against or slightly less than up to this time last year, large as the crop is this year. The selling was by the South, New Orleans, co-operative brokers, local operators and scattered interests. The rally was due to covering and persistent trade buying on a scale down; also by Wall Street, the West, Liverpool, and apparently Japanese interests. Straddlers, moreover, were supposed to have bought 10,000 bales against sales in Liverpool. Spot houses moved hedges ahead from December to later months. The weather was very favorable. On the other hand, it was pointed out by the New York Cotton Exchange Service that Japan consumed 415,000 bales

of American cotton in August and September compared with 351,000 last year, and was using about 50% American cotton this year as against only 35% last year.

On the 11th inst. prices fell 10 points at the most under liquidation, a sharp drop in silver futures, a decline of 1 to 3 points in stocks, selling of July by co-operatives, and other selling by the South, Liverpool and spot firms. Cotton goods here were 1/16c. lower on some print cloths, with a fair spot business and more inquiry for January and later deliveries. There was no rallying power in cotton. The weather was good. The Far Eastern news, whether deceptive or not, seemed less warlike. The outlook in the Far East of late has been considered bullish. War there is a bull point. But the decline was reined up by the fact that there was no great pressure of hedge selling, and that trade demand was steady; also there was buying attributed to Japanese interests, the Continent, and Wall Street. In Liverpool the Continent was buying, and calling there by the mills was also a factor. With Western grain markets and New Orleans and some other centers closed for Armistice Day trading in cotton fell off noticeably, and there were no features of special interest.

On the 12th inst. prices advanced early some 7 to 10 points, with hedge selling small, silver higher in London, and the trade a persistent buyer. The West also bought to some extent, as well, apparently, as Japanese interests, the Continent and the West. The domestic consumption of American cotton in October was estimated by the Exchange Service here at 460,000 bales against 464,000 in September and 443,000 in October last year. The daily rate in October was 19,000 bales against 19,500 in September and 17,900 in October last year. Liverpool was steadied partly by lower sterling, a rise in Alexandria of 48 to 66 points and covering. The spot demand in Liverpool was good. Manchester reported the demand for cloths sustained. Here later on there was a reaction with stocks and wheat lower and renewed selling of May attributed to the co-operatives and other selling by Wall Street, local and Liverpool interests. Worth Street was dull and some styles of print cloths were said to have sold at a decline of 1/16c. An early rumor that France and Germany had agreed as to the time of payment of short term credits &c. was denied. British exports of yarns in October were stated at 13,000,000 pounds against 9,000,000 in September and 12,000,000 in October last year and 19,959,000 in 1913; total thus far this year 107,000,000 pounds against 113,000,000 for the same time last year and 174,720,800 in October 1913. British exports of cloths in October were 143,000,000 yards against 128,000,000 in September, 150,000,000 in October last year and 630,937,100 in October 1913; total thus far this year 1,439,000,000 yards against 2,146,000,000 in the same time last year and 5,981,216,000 in 1913. A "seat" in the New York Cotton Exchange sold at \$19,500 a rise of \$800. One had been sold at auction at \$18,700 on the 11th inst.

TO-DAY prices were 5 to 10 points net lower though early in the day there was a small net rise. Hedge selling increased somewhat. Stocks, wheat and silver futures were lower. Most commodities were down. Liquidation in December cotton was noticeable. Worth Street was dull and some constructions of print cloths were 1/16 lower making a new low for the season. But Liverpool, the Continent, Wall Street and the trade bought. Prices later gave way but not very much. Very many predict a good re-action but it rather looked as though too many wanted a re-action. Certainly there were said to be good buying orders under the market. But there was no real snap to the speculation. Co-operatives seemed still to be selling futures here and to be buying less spot cotton in the Memphis district even at a lower basis on specialties in the Upper Mississippi Valley. The high basis and big premiums in other parts of the belt caused a halt in buying by spinners. The weather was good. Russia was said to have owned up that it was insolvent. Larger spinners takings were not a factor. One estimate was 412,000 bales against 391,000 a year ago. Final prices show a decline for the week of 14 to 22 points. Spot cotton closed at 6.55c. for middling, a decline for the week of 20 points.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Nov. 7 to Nov. 13—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	6.70	6.85	6.70	6.85	6.60	6.55

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market. Closed.	Futures Market. Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr'l.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady	2,300	----	2,300
Monday	Steady, 15 pts. adv.	Steady	700	----	700
Tuesday	Quiet, 15 pts. dec.	Very steady	300	----	300
Wednesday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady	1,500	----	1,500
Thursday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady	700	----	700
Friday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady	800	----	800
Total week	-----	-----	6,300	-----	6,300
Since Aug. 1	-----	-----	42,374	35,300	77,674

**FUTURES.**—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Nov. 7.	Monday, Nov. 9.	Tuesday, Nov. 10.	Wednesday, Nov. 11.	Thursday, Nov. 12.	Friday, Nov. 13.
Nov.—						
Range						
Closing	6.54	6.69	6.57	6.49	6.46	6.39
Dec.—						
Range	6.62-6.73	6.53-6.66	6.58-6.77	6.55-6.63	6.52-6.62	6.45-6.58
Closing	6.62	6.75-6.76	6.3-6.65	6.55-6.56	6.52-6.54	6.45-6.46
Jan.—						
Range	6.70-6.80	6.60-6.91	6.66-6.89	6.63-6.70	6.63-6.72	6.55-6.68
Closing	6.70-6.71	6.85	6.71-6.72	6.63	6.64	6.55
Feb.—						
Range	6.90-6.90		6.96-6.96		6.71	6.63
Closing	6.80	6.92	6.79			
March—						
Range	6.84-6.96	6.72-7.10	6.82-7.01	6.79-6.86	6.78-6.88	6.71-6.85
Closing	6.84-6.86	6.99-7.00	6.88	6.79-6.80	6.79	6.71-6.72
April—						
Range						
Closing	6.93	7.08	6.97	6.88	6.87	6.80
May—						
Range	7.02-7.13	6.91-7.23	7.01-7.21	6.97-7.05	6.95-7.07	6.90-7.01
Closing	7.03-7.04	7.16-7.17	7.07	6.97-6.98	6.96-6.97	6.90-6.91
June—						
Range						
Closing	7.10	7.24	7.14	7.06	7.05	6.99
July—						
Range	7.17-7.29	7.06-7.43	7.19-7.40	7.14-7.23	7.13-7.23	7.08-7.19
Closing	7.17-7.20	7.33	7.22-7.23	7.14-7.15	7.14	7.09-7.10
Aug.—						
Range						
Closing	7.25	7.41	7.30	7.22	7.22	7.17
Sept.—						
Range	7.48-7.48					
Closing	7.35	7.49	7.38	7.30	7.30	7.25
Oct.—						
Range	7.41-7.50	7.33-7.67	7.46-7.60	7.40-7.47	7.39-7.47	7.33-7.43
Closing	7.41	7.55-7.57	7.47	7.40	7.39	7.34

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Nov. 13 1931 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Nov. 1931—		
Dec. 1931—	6.45 Nov. 13	6.30 Sept. 21 1931
Jan. 1932—	6.60 Nov. 9	5.47 Oct. 8 1931
Feb. 1932—	6.90 Nov. 7	5.55 Oct. 10 1931
Mar. 1932—	6.71 Nov. 13	6.52 Oct. 15 1931
Apr. 1932—		6.80 Nov. 10 1931
May 1932—	6.90 Nov. 13	5.78 Oct. 8 1931
June 1932—	7.28 Nov. 9	5.96 Nov. 4 1931
July 1932—	7.06 Nov. 9	6.78 Oct. 14 1931
Aug. 1932—		6.15 Oct. 5 1931
Sept. 1932—	7.48 Nov. 7	6.90 Oct. 7 1931
Oct. 1932—	7.33 Nov. 9	7.24 Oct. 17 1931
		7.32 Nov. 4 1931

**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.

Nov. 13—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Stock at Liverpool.....	560,000	651,000	647,000	561,000
Stock at London.....				
Stock at Manchester.....	109,000	127,000	68,000	66,000
Total Great Britain.....	669,000	778,000		
Stock at Hamburg.....			715,000	627,000
Stock at Bremen.....	201,000	421,000	394,000	414,000
Stock at Havre.....	201,000	261,000	158,000	165,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	10,000	10,000	12,000	9,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	59,000	97,000	75,000	75,000
Stock at Genoa.....	36,000	46,000	34,000	26,000
Stock at Ghent.....				
Stock at Antwerp.....				
Total Continental stocks.....	507,000	835,000	673,000	689,000
Total European stocks.....	1,176,000	1,613,000	1,388,000	1,316,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	46,000	159,000	115,000	91,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	551,000	558,000	714,000	789,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....	189,000	109,000	140,000	117,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	701,000	629,000	390,000	396,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	420,000	395,000	609,000	623,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	4,609,337	3,941,847	2,499,364	2,158,992
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	2,052,038	1,684,197	1,409,376	1,099,921
U. S. exports to-day.....	38,576			786
Total visible supply.....	9,782,951	9,089,044	7,264,740	6,591,699
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:				
American—				
Liverpool stock.....	220,000	265,000	256,000	309,000
Manchester stock.....	31,000	59,000	47,000	38,000
Continental stock.....	437,000	629,000	590,000	629,000
American afloat for Europe.....	551,000	558,000	714,000	789,000
U. S. port stocks.....	4,609,337	3,941,847	2,499,364	2,158,992
U. S. interior stocks.....	2,052,038	1,684,197	1,409,376	1,099,921
U. S. exports to-day.....	38,576			786
Total American.....	7,938,951	7,137,044	5,515,740	5,024,699
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	340,000	386,000	391,000	252,000
London stock.....				
Manchester stock.....	78,000	68,000	21,000	28,000
Continental stock.....	70,000	206,000	83,000	60,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....	46,000	159,000	115,000	91,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	189,000	109,000	140,000	117,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	701,000	629,000	390,000	396,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	420,000	395,000	609,000	623,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,844,000	1,952,000	1,749,000	1,567,000
Total American.....	7,938,951	7,137,044	5,515,740	5,024,699
Total visible supply.....	9,782,951	9,089,044	7,264,740	6,591,699
Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	5.06d.	5.98d.	5.56d.	10.55d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	6.55c.	11.15c.	17.50c.	19.65c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool.....	8.80d.	10.75d.	15.90d.	19.25d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....			13.75d.	14.00d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....	4.88d.	4.70d.	7.60d.	8.95d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	5.21d.	5.70d.	8.90d.	10.15d.

Continental imports for past week have been 101,000 bales. The above figures for 1931 show an increase over last week of 377,673 bales, a gain of 693,907 over 1930, an increase of 2,518,211 bales over 1929, and a gain of 3,191,252 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:

Towns.	Movement to Nov. 13 1931.						Movement to Nov. 14 1930.					
	Receipts.		Ships-ments.	Stocks.	Receipts.		Ships-ments.	Stocks.				
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.						
Ala., Birm'ham	3,601	38,014	4,583	40,754	10,257	50,570	5,785	25,176				
Eufaula	399	9,454	356	9,701	517	24,977	61	16,897				
Montgomery	1,748	32,282	881	70,519	3,602	44,834	218	53,649				
Selma	4,328	62,097	637	85,818	4,945	74,017	1,297	78,025				
Ark., Blytheville	9,224	64,067	4,281	53,505	4,011	64,323	3,417	39,862				
Forest City	4,220	18,039	1,038	16,125	984	9,697	378	10,478				
Helena	6,730	33,111	654	34,741	3,700	30,035	1,328	31,025				
Hope	4,286	47,385	1,106	32,580	1,956	24,459	1,156	9,784				
Jonesboro	1,666	9,899	296	5,014	1,830	19,227	2,237	4,743				
Little Rock	13,869	83,156	7,881	56,413	8,202	60,995	3,126	41,219				
Newport	4,887	26,871	3,396	18,103	2,181	18,061	1,518	8,360				
Pine Bluff	11,459	72,846	4,182	48,366	5,852	52,221	5,114	33,394				
Walnut Ridge	4,384	23,475	4,064	13,489	3,233	15,336	2,096	9,081				
Ga., Albany	85	4,784	49	4,400	326	7,049	120	4,608				
Athens	3,000	18,548	1,000	32,639	822	30,611	300	29,240				
Atlanta	2,345	20,612	2,968	137,258	15,223	99,849	1,681	124,294				
Augusta	8,544	125,201	2,493	134,340	11,683	206,998	7,336	140,617				
Columbus	2,500	17,867	1,000	13,967	1,940	25,908	2,900	5,602				
Macon	1,069	15,672	603	31,480	1,623	71,846	1,886	39,936				
Rome	840	4,026	400	5,228	1,980	10,716	450	9,732				
La., Shreveport	9,033	70,100	3,124	102,781	6,274	81,867	3,996	81,838				
Miss., Clarksdale	15,324	106,822	3,431	92,944	6,366	85,887	3,035	73,411				
Columbus	1,972	11,852	265	13,238	1,641	17,769	713	16,074				
Greenwood	13,967	119,849	4,182	112,660	7,289	109,136	6,644	101,589				
Meridian	1,897	16,777	1,157	25,538	2,253	37,922	2,239	19,401				
Natchez	846	6,170	405	7,943	815	8,237	170	9,224				
Vietsburg	2,734	25,724	1,205	21,086	1,969	25,465	1,271	19,889				
Yazoo City	3,043	31,690	1,603	27,776	2,342	24,668	1,421	23,070				
Mo., St. Louis	6,856	45,386	6,881	81,229	10,536	70,541	9,523	3,486				
N. C., Greensboro	681	9,458	534	30,822	3,265	9,107	172	14,569				
Oklahoma—												
15 towns*	36,449	365,937	25,998	147,988	49,195	340,805	40,194	70,138				
S. C., Greenville	5,168	36,002	1,014	34,220	6,322	67,813	2,435	62,392				
Tenn., Memphis	112,476	723,431	64,173	454,418	75,248	618,319	53,166	374,429				
Texas, Abilene	3,283	33,313	3,065	3,671	1,505	17,642	1,638	412				
Austin	957	19,207	271	3,996	431	21,776	171	2,237				
Brenham	826	15,783	402	8,880	387	17,485	218	7,472				
Dallas	6,126	92,744	4,678	48,614	6,167	123,709	3,058	43,513				
Paris	4,938	51,893	3,504	22,057	2,185	55,921	3,332	6,840				
Robstown	618	29,636	624	5,862	255	50,454	437	13,423				
San Antonio	399	12,310	1,043	1,048	407	18,515	545	1,571				
Texarkana	4,545	24,578	2,570	16,127	2,629	22,528	2,628	9,212				
Waco	2,070	64,184	2,680	25,510	2,240	52,204	2,686	14,415				
Total, 56 towns	323,892	2,640,252	176,772	2,053,038	274,398	2,829,207	182,154	1,684,197				

\* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 146,930 bales and are to-night 367,841 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at all towns have been 49,494 bales more than the same

Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—

Week Ended Nov. 13.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, Nov. 7.	Monday, Nov. 9.	Tuesday, Nov. 10.	Wed. day, Nov. 11.	Thursd'y, Nov. 12.	Friday, Nov. 13.
Galveston	6.55	6.70	6.60	---	6.50	6.40
New Orleans	6.66	6.78	6.66	---	6.52	6.43
Mobile	6.15	6.30	6.20	---	6.10	6.00
Savannah	6.37	6.51	6.40	6.31	6.29	6.25
Norfolk	6.63	6.75	6.63	6.56	6.56	6.44
Baltimore	6.75	6.70	6.80	---	6.60	6.60
Augusta	6.44	6.56	6.44	6.38	6.31	6.25
Memphis	5.85	6.00	5.90	5.80	5.85	5.80
Houston	6.45	6.60	6.50	---	6.40	6.30
Little Rock	5.82	5.96	5.86	5.75	5.75	5.70
Dallas	6.10	6.20	6.10	---	6.00	5.95
Fort Worth	---	6.20	6.10	---	6.00	5.95

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Nov. 7.	Monday, Nov. 9.	Tuesday, Nov. 10.	Wednesday, Nov. 11.	Thursday, Nov. 12.	Friday, Nov. 13.
November						
December	6.63-6.64	6.78	6.65-6.66		6.52-6.53	6.43
January	6.71-6.72	6.86	6.74		6.64	6.53
February						
March	6.85-6.86	7.01	6.90-6.91		6.80	6.70-6.71
April						
May	7.03-7.04	7.18-7.19	7.08		6.98-6.99	6.88-6.89
June				HOLI-DAY.		
July	7.20-7.21	7.34-7.36	7.26		7.16-7.18	7.08
August						
September						
October	7.40	7.58	7.48 Bid.		7.39 Bid.	7.30
November						
Tone						
Spot	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.		Steady.	Steady.
Options	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.		Steady.	Barely sty.

COTTON GINNING REPORT.—The Bureau of the Census on Nov. 9 issued the following report showing the number of bales of cotton ginned in each of the cotton-growing States the present season up to Nov. 1, in comparison with corresponding figures for the two preceding seasons. It appears that up to Nov. 1 1931 12,129,546 bales of cotton were ginned, against 10,863,896 bales for the corresponding period a year ago and comparing with 10,891,946 bales two years ago. We give below the report in full:

NUMBER OF BALES OF COTTON GINNED FROM THE GROWTH OF 1931 PRIOR TO NOV. 1 1931, AND COMPARATIVE STATISTICS TO THE CORRESPONDING DATE IN 1930 AND 1929.

State.	Running Bales. (Counting round as half bales and excluding linters.)		
	1931.	1930.	1929.
Alabama	1,179,617	1,178,045	1,089,884
Arizona	35,962	61,437	60,423
Arkansas	1,036,162	632,804	1,062,418
California	94,415	90,716	100,912
Florida	41,445	48,998	28,883
Georgia	1,179,363	1,373,467	1,030,987
Louisiana	667,462	607,439	745,205
Mississippi	1,141,807	1,126,100	1,541,239
Missouri	135,213	117,342	102,331
New Mexico	39,622	40,178	37,028
North Carolina	597,406	589,468	390,543
Oklahoma	745,719	589,592	705,697
South Carolina	829,898	814,105	533,806
Tennessee	337,304	256,395	297,443
Texas	4,035,347	3,294,432	3,144,600
Virginia	28,300	30,101	17,130
All other States	4,504	4,277	3,411
United States	*12,129,546	*10,863,896	*10,891,940

\* Includes 7,307 bales of the crop of 1931 ginned prior to Aug. 1 which was counted in the supply for the season of 1930-31, compared with 78,188 and 86,974 bales of the crops of 1930 and 1929.

The statistics in this report include 401,083 round bales for 1931; 333,479 for 1930 and 369,047 for 1929. Included in the above are 5,401,1 bales of American-Egyptian for 1931; 10,461 for 1930; and 10,763 for 1929.

The statistics for 1931 in this report are subject to revision when checked against the individual returns of the ginners being transmitted by mail. The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season prior to Oct. 18, are 9,499,687 bales.

Consumption, Stocks, Imports, and Exports—United States.  
Cotton consumed during the month of September 1931, amounted to 463,704 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on Sept. 30, was 775,523 bales, and in public storage and at compresses 6,296,546 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 25,236,916. The total imports for the month of September 1931, were 5,426 bales and the exports of domestic cotton, excluding linters, were 558,192 bales.

World Statistics.  
The estimated world's production of commercial cotton, exclusive of linters, grown in 1930, as compiled from various sources, is 25,762,000 bales, counting American in running bales and foreign in bales of 478 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ending July 31 1931, was approximately 22,811,000 bales. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 162,000,000.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT REPORT ON COTTON ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND YIELD PER ACRE.—The Agricultural Department at Washington on Monday (Nov. 9) issued its report on cotton acreage, production and yield per acre as of Nov. 1. It places the probable yield at 16,903,000 500-lb. bales, or 619,000 bales more than the Department's estimate of 16,284,000 bales a month ago. The actual production in 1930 was 13,932,000 bales. The yield per acre is placed at 197.8 lbs. as against a yield of 147.7 lbs. harvested last year and comparable with a ten-year average of 154.4 lbs. None of the figures take any account of linters. The report in full follows:

The 1931 United States cotton crop is forecast at 16,903,000 bales by the United States Department of Agriculture, based upon indications as of Nov. 1. This is an increase of 619,000 bales, or 3.8% above the Oct. 1 forecast. The indicated crop is the second largest cotton crop ever produced in the United States. It is 2,971,000 bales greater than the crop of 1930 and 1,635,000 bales or 10.7% above the 1925-1929 average of 15,268,000 bales. The 1926 crop, which alone exceeded the present crop, was 17,977,000 bales.

The month of October proved exceptionally favorable for the harvesting of cotton. With the exception of scattered localities, weather conditions during the month have been practically ideal for picking. The temperatures have been above average and rainfall has been light. In its October report a month ago the Department made allowance for greater than average potential loss of open cotton because at that time there was an unusual

amount of open and unpicked cotton in the fields. Because of the favorable weather conditions, however, field loss during October was actually less than average. The present forecast is larger than the forecast of a month ago in every State except Arizona.

Reports on the portion of the crop ginned to date indicate that the average weight of bales this season is heavier than in any previous year of record. This is an important factor in interpreting current ginnings, which are published in running bales.

COTTON REPORT AS OF NOV. 1 1931.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following report from data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians, co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Agricultural Colleges. The final outcome of cotton will depend upon whether the various influences affecting the crop during the remainder of the season are more or less favorable than usual.

State.	1931 Acreage.		Yield per Acre.			Production (Ginnings) 500-lb. Gross Wt. Bales.			
	Total Acreage After July 1 (Pre-l.)	For Harvest (Pre-l.) In Thous- ands of Acres.	10-Yr. Average		In-di- cated 1931.	1929 Crop.		1930 Crop.	1931 Crop In-di- cated Nov. 1
			1929- 1929.	1930.		Thou. Bales.	Thou. Bales.		
	Per Cent	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Thou. Bales.	Thou. Bales.	Th.bales		
Virginia	0.8	67	246	225	300	48	42	42	
North Carolina	1.5	1,338	247	225	235	747	775	800	
South Carolina	1.0	1,930	169	220	245	830	1,001	990	
Georgia	1.5	3,385	136	107	196	1,343	1,593	1,390	
Florida	2.0	120	113	200	167	29	50	42	
Missouri	1.0	336	254	195	377	220	161	265	
Tennessee	1.0	1,114	184	147	253	515	377	590	
Alabama	0.7	3,886	151	187	198	1,342	1,473	1,400	
Mississippi	1.2	3,985	182	165	211	1,915	1,464	1,760	
Louisiana	0.8	1,913	160	162	221	809	715	885	
Texas	1.7	15,852	132	114	159	3,940	4,038	5,250	
Oklahoma	2.0	3,334	146	102	175	1,143	854	1,220	
Arkansas	1.5	3,621	169	107	246	1,435	874	1,860	
New Mexico	1.5	119	6293	375	390	90	99	97	
Arizona	1.0	c176	296	346	324	153	155	c119	
California	2.5	200	306	468	443	260	264	185	
Other	0.7	13	b192	173	288	9	7	8	
U. S. total	1.5	40,889	154.4	147.7	197.8	14,818	13,932	16,903	
Lower Calif. d.	0.0	69	---	217	222	75	45	32	

a Allowance made for inter-State movement of seed cotton for ginning. b Less than a 10-year average. c Including Pima Egyptian long staple cotton, 32,000 acres and 14,000 bales for 1931. d Not included in California figures nor in United States total.

FOREIGN COTTON CROP PROSPECTS.—A report of the latest available information received up to Nov. 9 as to cotton production in foreign countries has been compiled by the Foreign Service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics as follows:

On the basis of available information it now appears that production in the major foreign producing countries in 1931-32 will total around 600,000 bales less than in 1930-31.

India.—Acreage planted to Oct. 1 1931 was 4.2% below acreage to that date last year. While crop conditions generally seem about the same as last year, ginning reports from Punjab indicate lower yields for that province. During the past five years plantings to Oct. 1 have averaged 83.9% of the total acreage and have ranged between 80.2 and 88.9%.

Russia.—A recent report of the International Institute of Agriculture states that Russian cotton production in 1930-31 amounted to 1,600,000 bales in contrast with the former figure of 2,050,000 bales reported by Russian agencies and carried by the Institute. As yet, however, we have not succeeded in checking this revision sufficiently to warrant our accepting it as more reliable than our previously published figure of 1,850,000 bales. From information received from our Berlin office and past experience it appears that the 1931 Russian crop may be placed provisionally at 2,200,000 bales, or around 20% over the figure we carry for last year, despite the report received from the Institute that the crop is 80% larger than the one for 1930 and an estimate received in our Berlin office that Russian authorities expect procurings to be 70% over last year.

China.—Cotton production in the important commercial areas of China is estimated to have been reduced by about 20% or 450,000 bales in 1931-32 compared with 1930-31, according to Agricultural Commissioner Dawson at Shanghai. A part of this reduction may be attributed to smaller acreage, but flood damage was the outstanding cause.

Egypt.—In Egypt the 1931-32 acreage was reduced 19.2% and the preliminary estimate of the Egyptian Government places production at 20% below last year. The production estimate of about 1,329,000 bales of 478 pounds compares with 1,661,000 bales last season and 1,768,000 bales in 1929-30. The estimate for this season is the lowest since 1927-28.

Brazil.—The members of the Brazilian cotton trade have made a rough estimate of the 1931-32 cotton crop in Brazil and placed the production at 600,000 bales or an increase of about 22% over the small crop of 1930-31, which was reduced by the drought. Should the crop in Brazil turn out to be this large it will be slightly larger than the 1929-30 crop.

China.—A preliminary estimate of the 1931-32 crop in Chosen indicates a product on of 136,000 bales, which compares with 154,000 bales in 1930-31. This is a decrease of 11.7%, whereas the acreage was estimated to have been only 0.4% below last season. Weather conditions are said to have reduced the yields.

Acreage and production from countries reporting to date are as follows:  
COTTON—ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION IN COUNTRIES REPORTING FOR 1931-32, WITH COMPARISONS.

Item and Country.	1928-29.	1929-30.	1930-31.	1931-32.	Percentage 1931-32's of 1930-31
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	
United States	45,341,000	45,793,000	45,091,000	40,889,000	90.7
India a	21,710,000	20,812,000	20,506,000	19,654,000	95.8
Russia (Asiatic)	2,261,000	2,550,000	3,870,000	5,824,000	150.5
Egypt	1,805,000	1,911,000	2,162,000	1,747,000	80.8
Chosen (Korea)	503,000	456,000	473,000	461,000	99.6
Mexico	502,000	492,000	390,000	325,000	83.3
Alaouite (Syria & Lebanon)	9,000	17,000	22,000	15,000	68.2
Algeria	12,000	14,000	14,000	4,000	28.6
Total above countries	72,143,000	72,045,000	72,528,000	68,919,000	
	Bales of 478 Lbs.	Bales of 478 Lbs.	Bales of 478 Lbs.	Bales of 478 Lbs.	Per Cent.
Production—					
United States	14,478,000	14,828,000	13,932,000	16,903,000	121.2
China b	1,844,000	2,116,000	2,250,000	1,800,000	80.0
Russia	1,250,000	1,310,000	c1,850,000	c2,200,000	118.9
Egypt	1,672,000	1,768,000	1,661,000	1,329,000	80.0
Brazil	525,000	562,000	493,000	d600,000	121.7
Mexico	278,000	246,000	169,000	178,000	105.3
Chosen (Korea)	150,000	139,000	154,000	136,000	88.3
Tanganyika	28,000	23,000	19,000	12,000	63.2
Total above countries	20,225,000	20,992,000	20,528,000	23,158,000	
Estimated world total, in- cluding China	26,100,000	26,300,000	25,500,000		

Compiled by the division of Statistical and Historical Research from data received through the Foreign Agricultural Service, including information received up to Nov. 9. Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture except as noted. a Second estimate, which includes only area planted up to Oct. 1. b Estimates of the Chinese Mill Owners' Association. c A recent report states that the 1930 crop amounted to only 1,600,000 bales. On the basis of available information it seems advisable to accept 2,200,000 bales as a preliminary estimate of the 1931

Russian crop, although reports state that an increase of 70% in procurings is planned and that the crop is expected to be 80% larger than in 1930.

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTON CONSUMED AND ON HAND, &c., IN OCTOBER.—This report, issued on Nov. 12 by the Census Bureau, will be found in an earlier part of our paper in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity."

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that there has been very little rain throughout the week in all sections of the Cotton Belt.

Memphis, Tenn.—The weather has been favorable for picking. This work is nearing completion.

Table with columns for location, Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer. Locations include Galveston, Abilene, Brownsville, Corpus Christ, Dallas, Del Rio, Houston, Palestine, San Antonio, New Orleans, Shreveport, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Charlotte, and Memphis.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table with columns for location, height above zero of gauge, and dates Nov. 13 1931 and Nov. 14 1930.

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 for Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1931, 1930, 1929), Stocks at Interior Towns (1931, 1930, 1929), and Receipts from Plantations (1931, 1930, 1929). Rows are listed by month from July to October.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1931 are 5,428,041 bales, in 1930 were 6,321,635 bales, and in 1929 were 6,136,990 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Table with columns for Cotton Takings Week and Season (1931, 1930) and Visible supply Nov. 6, 13, etc.

\* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,430,000 bales in 1931 and 1,200,000 bales in 1930—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 3,515,706 bales in 1931 and 3,654,209 bales in 1930, of which 1,973,706 bales and 2,187,309 bales American.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1 as cabled for three years have been as follows:

Table with columns for Nov. 12 Receipts at Bombay, 1931 (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1930 (Week, Since Aug. 1), and 1929 (Week, Since Aug. 1). Includes sub-table for Exports from Bombay.

According to the foregoing Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 15,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 60,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 403,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Table with columns for Alexandria, Egypt, Nov. 11, 1931, 1930, and 1929. Sub-table for Receipts (Cantars).

Table with columns for destination (To Liverpool, Manchester, etc.), This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1, This Week, Since Aug. 1.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Nov. 11 were 420,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 24,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is steady and in cloths is firm. Demand for both India and China is improving.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and sub-columns for 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/2 Lb. Shirtings to Finest, Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds, etc.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

Table listing shipping news with columns for destination, date, ship name, and bale count.

	Bales.
WILMINGTON—To Hamburg—Nov. 7—Wildwood, 175	175
PENSACOLA—To Manchester—Nov. 10—West Nohno, 590	590
Nov. 12—Norwegian, 724	1,314
To Liverpool—Nov. 12—Norwegian, 907	907
To Bremen—Nov. 12—Ariypa, 1,130	1,130
To Hamburg—Nov. 12—Ariypa, 150	150
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Nov. 10—Shickshinny, 5,948	5,948
To Manchester—Nov. 10—Schickshinny, 5,505	5,505
BRUNSWICK—To Liverpool—Nov. 10—Schoharie, 360	360
To Manchester—Nov. 10—Schoharie, 75	75
JACKSONVILLE—To Manchester—Nov. 9—Schoharie, 300	300
NEW YORK—To Bremen—Nov. 11—Dresden, 400	400
LOS ANGELES—To Dunkirk—Nov. 7—Winnipeg, 50	50
To Antwerp—Nov. 7—Winnipeg, 100	100
To Bremen—Nov. 7—Tacoma, 700	700
To China—Nov. 6—Muncaster Castle, 500; Granville, 200	700
Nov. 7—Javanese Prince, 400—Nov. 9—President Harrison, 500	1,600
To Japan—Nov. 7—La Plata Maru, 600; Golden Tide, 1,450; Javanese Prince, 900—Nov. 9—President Harrison, 1,100; Silverpalm, 1,300—Nov. 10—Shinyo Maru, 1,800	7,150
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Bremen—Nov. 9—Ethan Allen, 3,521	3,521
To Ghent—Nov. 10—Waban, 944	944
To Rotterdam—Nov. 10—Waban, 382	382
To Antwerp—Nov. 10—Waban, 35	35
To Liverpool—Nov. 10—Colorado Springs, 6,829	6,829
To Manchester—Nov. 10—Colorado Springs, 576	576
To Dunkirk—Nov. 10—Waban, 30	30
To Havre—Nov. 10—Waban, 1,369	1,369
LAKE CHARLES—To Havre—Nov. 10—Florida, 900	900
To Dunkirk—Nov. 10—Florida, 35	35
To Ghent—Nov. 10—Florida, 100	100
To Bremen—Nov. 7—Kelkheim, 450—Nov. 8—Syros, 781	1,231
To Rotterdam—Nov. 7—Kelkheim, 100	100
Total	216,532

**LIVERPOOL.**—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Oct. 23.	Oct. 30.	Nov. 6.	Nov. 13.
Sales of the week				
Of which American				
Sales for export				
Forwarded	51,000	54,000	57,000	6,000
Total stocks	585,000	572,000	570,000	560,000
Of which American	216,000	212,000	210,000	220,000
Total imports	32,000	37,000	58,000	43,000
Of which American	12,000	19,000	27,000	40,000
Amount afloat	166,000	213,000	245,000	305,000
Of which American	97,000	138,000	158,000	158,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	A fair business doing.	Good demand.	Quieter.	A fair business doing.	Good demand.	A fair business doing.
Mid. Up'ds	5.00d.	4.98d.	5.01d.	4.98d.	5.02d.	5.06d.
Sales	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Futures. Market opened	Steady, unchanged to 2 pts. adv.	Steady, 1 to 3 pts. decline.	Steady, 1 pt. decline.	Steady, 3 to 5 pts. decline.	Steady, 1 pt. adv. to 1 pt. dec.	Sty unch'd to 3 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet but st'dy, 3 to 4 pts. adv.	Steady, 1 to 7 pts. advance.	Quiet but st'dy, 1 to 5 pts. dec.	Quiet but st'dy, 1 to 3 pt decline.	Quiet but st'dy, 2 to 4 pts. adv.	Quiet 1 pt. adv. to 1 pt. decline.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Nov. 7 to Nov. 13.	Sat.		Mon.		Tue.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12.15	12.30	12.15	12.30	12.15	12.30	12.15	12.30	12.15	12.30	12.15	12.30
New Contract	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
November	4.71	4.70	4.77	4.73	4.73	4.73	4.70	4.73	4.74	4.76	4.78	4.77
December	4.70	4.70	4.77	4.73	4.73	4.72	4.69	4.73	4.74	4.77	4.79	4.76
January (1932)	4.72	4.72	4.78	4.74	4.73	4.70	4.73	4.74	4.76	4.78	4.78	4.76
February	4.74	4.74	4.79	4.76	4.75	4.71	4.74	4.75	4.77	4.79	4.77	4.77
March	4.77	4.77	4.81	4.78	4.77	4.73	4.75	4.76	4.78	4.80	4.79	4.79
April	4.80	4.80	4.83	4.80	4.80	4.76	4.78	4.78	4.80	4.82	4.81	4.81
May	4.83	4.83	4.86	4.83	4.83	4.79	4.81	4.81	4.83	4.85	4.84	4.84
June	4.86	4.86	4.88	4.86	4.86	4.82	4.83	4.83	4.85	4.87	4.88	4.88
July	4.89	4.89	4.91	4.89	4.89	4.85	4.86	4.86	4.88	4.89	4.88	4.88
August	4.91	4.91	4.93	4.91	4.91	4.87	4.88	4.88	4.90	4.91	4.90	4.90
September	4.93	4.94	4.95	4.94	4.94	4.90	4.91	4.91	4.93	4.94	4.93	4.93
October	4.96	4.96	4.98	4.96	4.97	4.93	4.94	4.94	4.96	4.96	4.95	4.95
November	4.99	4.98	5.00	4.98	4.99	4.95	4.96	4.96	4.98	4.98	4.97	4.97

**BREADSTUFFS**

Friday Night, Nov. 13 1931.

Flour was firmer at one time led by rye flour with rye grain showing a big recent advance; for instance 4c. on the 7th inst. It is rumored here that large sales were made recently of Southwestern flour, estimated at anywhere from 250,000 to 500,000 bbls. of Southwestern hard wheat flour for delivery from January to June 1932. The report lacked definite confirmation but it is said that the Southwestern mills have undoubtedly made large sales. Later in the week new rumors sprang up of large sales said to have been 100,000 to 150,000 bbls. "Where there is so much smoke there must be some fire" runs the old saying. On the 10th inst. prices fell 10 to 20c. Rye flour was affected by a decline in rye grain of 2½ to 4½c. Exports from New York were 14,000 bbls. and 2,000 from Baltimore. Seaboard receipts were 95,000 bbls. Interior receipts were 83,000 and shipments 151,000 bbls. Later in the week there were further declines.

Wheat.—Prices have had a natural reaction after the recent whirlwind advance. Profit taking was on a big scale. Export demand has been disappointing. Of course stocks are large. The stock market has shown more or less depression. The technical position of wheat had been weakened by recent enormous buying on the swift and dazzling rise. There are still plenty of bulls. Some of them are talking "dollar wheat" sooner or later. On the 7th inst. prices advanced early 1c. but realizing with a weaker technical position caused a decline later ending however, only ½ to ¼c. net lower. Fear of war in the Far East was a

bullish factor. Also the continued drouth in the Southwest caused a apprehension. Drouth also prevails in Northwest Canada. Purchases of all grains in the local exchange last week were 541,476,000 bushels, or about 33% more than in the previous week and an increase of 219,000,000 bushels, or about 70% compared with a year ago. Prices were up 50% from the recent low.

On the 9th inst. prices rallied at one time some 3c. on rumors of a formal declaration of war against Japan by China and of frost damage in Argentine. But later the rise disappeared, owing to realizing and a weaker technical position. The rise marked an advance from the recent low levels of 23½ to 24½c. The closing was unchanged to ¾c. lower. Liverpool fell 1¼ to 1¾d. with cash trade dull and more or less hedge selling against buying of Australian wheat. Big professionals were supposed to have taken profits as the rise had put prices above the export level, but outsiders continued to buy. And market acted well. There was increasing complaint of dry weather in the Southwest. The Canadian spring wheat crop is estimated at only 240,000,000 bushels against 376,000,000 harvested last year. The yield of spring grains in Russia is estimated at 240,000,000 under that of last year. Outsiders paid little attention to all this except war talk. They think wheat is going up anyhow but the general opinion was that a good reaction was due.

On the 10th inst. prices declined 2½ to 3c. in an over-bought market. It ignored bullish news. The drop was the greatest since the rise started on Oct. 5. May was 5c. under the high of the 9th inst. Good rallies were frequent on the 10th inst. Good declines seemed to be considered excellent buying opportunities. Argentina reported temperatures down to 23 to 30 degrees on the 8th and 9th. This caused a temporary rally of 1½c. It disappeared in pre-holiday selling as Chicago, Minneapolis and Winnipeg were to be closed the next day for Armistice Day. Winnipeg fell 2½ to 2¾c. Liverpool advanced 1¼d. December there was 2½c. above Chicago, when Liverpool closed. Buenos Aires in independent fashion closed unchanged. Many said that buying should only be done on setbacks. Bradstreet's world visible supply total increased 10,794,000 bushels.

On the 11th inst., Armistice Day, the Chicago Board of Trade and also other Western grain exchanges and Winnipeg were closed. On the 12th inst. prices declined some 2½c. to 3c., falling 7c. below the highest level of the 9th inst. Tired bulls got out. The selling was very heavy. Russian exports increased. The total for the week was 2,480,000 bushels, or double those of the previous week. Russia seemed, moreover, to be trying to charter vessels for December shipment. Liverpool closed 4¼ to 4½c. lower. The Searle Grain Co. of Winnipeg, on the basis of the census data, estimated the wheat crop of three Canadian provinces at 285,000,000 bushels, or 45,000,000 above the recent Northwestern Grain Dealers' figures, and compared with 375,000,000 harvested in 1930. The Canadian Government estimate was 298,000,000 bushels, or 26,000,000 in excess of the forecast made in September and 99,900,000 less than last year's crop. The area given in the report was 1,400,000 acres above that of 1930. Further frost damage in Argentina fell flat.

To-day prices ended 1½ to 2½c. lower, after irregular fluctuations. The selling pressure lessened, but on the other hand so did the buying power. Scattered but beneficial rains were reported in Canada where they were most needed. Export demand was small. The sales were only about 400,000 bushels, largely Manitoba. Liverpool closed 1 to 1½d. lower on Australian hedge selling. The market acted rather tired at home and abroad. Japan was said to be trying to buy some hard winter. Australia sold four cargoes to Shanghai. Argentine weather news was favorable, except that the southern part needs rain. There was said to be no signs of Russia offering wheat for shipment despite the reports of Russian December charterings. Final prices show a decline for the week of 7¼ to 8c. At the end prices were 9 to 9½c. lower than recent high levels.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT AT NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	68	67½	64¾	---	62¾	60¾
March	71	71	68¾	---	66¾	64¾

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	84½	83¾	81	---	78¾	76¾

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	66¾	66½	63¾	---	61½	59½
March	70½	70½	67	---	64¾	62
May	71½	71¾	68½	---	66	64½
July	72½	71¾	68¾	---	66¾	64½

Season's High and When Made			Season's Low and When Made		
December	69	June 3 1931	December	44¾	Oct. 5 1931
March	71¾	Nov. 9 1931	March	47¾	Oct. 5 1931
May	73	Nov. 9 1931	May	48¾	Oct. 5 1931
July	73½	Nov. 7 1931	July	49	Oct. 5 1931

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.**

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
November	70½	69¾	67¾	---	65¾	62¾
December	70½	70¾	69¾	---	65½	63
May	74	74½	71½	---	69¾	67½
July	74¾	74¾	72¾	---	70¾	68

Indian Corn.—In general prices have followed those of wheat, although the decline in corn this week has not been so great as that in wheat. Some indeed take the ground that corn is in a more bullish position than wheat. The cash situation seemed to be pretty steady. Country offerings show no anxiety on the part of the farmer to sell. On

the 7th inst., prices closed unchanged to 1/2c. higher. Large professionals were said to have bought on the decline early of 5/8 to 3/4c. There was a rise from the low of 1 1/4 to 2c. Prices were up 15 1/4 to 16 1/2c. Realizing caused the reaction from the high of the 7th inst. On the 9th inst., prices closed 1/2c. lower to 1/4c. higher after a swing upward at one time of 5/8 to 1/2c. and downward of 1 1/8 to 1 3/8c. at another. In general, it followed wheat. Professionals were persistent sellers, but commission houses bought steadily. The country districts still held back corn, but shipping demand was poor. The purchases to arrive were only 40,000 bushels. A reaction was due after an advance recently of 15 1/4 to 16 1/2c.

The Government estimated the crop on Nov. 9th at 2,674,369,000 bush., against 2,093,552,000 bush. produced last year and 2,760,753,000 the five-year (1925-29) average production. The latest estimate is 28,383,000 bush., or about 1% below the Oct. 1 forecast. Yield per acre, 25.3 bush.; quality, 85%; old corn on farms Nov. 1 1931, 4.4% of 1930 crop, or 92,837,000 bush. On the 10th inst. prices dropped 3 3/8 to 4 1/8c. from the high of the previous day closing at a net loss of 2 to 2 1/2c. A reaction was due. The market acted overbought. Liquidation was heavy. Professionals sold. Outside buying disappeared. Corn has plenty of friends, but for the present they prefer to buy only on declines. On the 11th inst., Armistice Day, the Chicago Board of Trade was closed. On the 12th inst. prices closed 1 1/2 to 2c. lower, a decline of 5 1/8 to 5 3/8c. from the top prices of the 9th inst. Liquidation was heavy. It uncovered stop orders. The weather was generally good. Shipping sales were 122,000 bush. Country offerings were small but so for the most part, was the demand. The quality of the 1931 crop is called the highest since 1922. Thus far this season very few cars of sample grade have been received at Chicago or other markets.

To-day prices closed 1 1/8 to 1 5/8c. net lower. This meant a decline of 6 1/4 to 7c. from the recent high. The weather was rather better. Country offerings were small. Outside markets were bidding much higher than Chicago. Cash demand there was moderate. Liquidation was general. Corn, as is very apt to be the case, followed the fluctuations of wheat. Final prices show a decline for the week of 5 to 5 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: No. 2 yellow, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 64 1/2 to 62 3/4.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: December, March, May, July, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 47 1/2 to 54 1/2.

Season's High and When Made / Season's Low and When Made. Table with 4 columns: Date, Price, Date, Price. Values range from 56 1/2 to 55.

Oats.—Again prices for this cereal showed relatively more steadiness than those of other grain. The Canadian crop is comparatively small. The trouble with oats is that there is a lack of speculative snap. On the 7th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/4c. lower on realizing offsetting buying by commission interests and by industries. On the 9th inst. prices advanced 1 to 1 1/8c. net. They showed individual strength. Local traders sold but commission houses had good buying orders and prices closed at or near the top of the day. On the 10th inst. prices declined 2 to 2 1/2c. from the high of the previous day, closing at a net drop for the day of 1 to 1 1/8c., owing to covering and other buying. New high prices for May and July were made at the opening; May touched 31 1/8c. and July 31 1/4c. The setback that occurred later was due to sympathy with other grain. In any case, a decline was due. On the 11th inst., Armistice Day, the Chicago Board of Trade was closed. On the 12th inst. prices fell 1/4 to 1/2c. net, a rally of 5/8 to 1/2c. from the lowest prices of the day. Cereal industries bought December. To-day prices ended 5/8 to 3/4c. lower, paying no attention to a rather bullish Canadian crop estimate. Final prices show a decline for the week of only 1 1/2c., however.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with 6 columns: No. 2 wh, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 38 3/4 to 40 3/4.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: December, March, May, July, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 27 to 29 3/4.

Season's High and When Made / Season's Low and When Made. Table with 4 columns: Date, Price, Date, Price. Values range from 34 3/4 to 31 1/4.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

Table with 6 columns: December, March, May, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 35 to 37 1/4.

Rye.—Talk has been loud and persistent of a German demand for American and Canadian rye, especially the Canadian. Today there was said to be a brisk German demand. But as usual rye has been under the shadow of wheat, although it made a much better showing in the end than wheat. There is hope of a foreign outlet, and that is the principal bull point. On the 7th inst. prices ended 2 3/4 to 3 1/2c. higher with houses with export connections persistent buyers. Large sales of Canadian rye were reported at the seaboard for export to Germany. In addition Germany was reported to have taken as high as 1,000,000

bushels of cash rye, mostly Russian at Continental ports. The Soviet price has advanced about 10c. a bushel in the past week.

On the 9th inst. prices advanced 3 1/2 to 4c., making 22 1/2c. recently. One drawback on the 9th inst. was that Canadian prices did not fully respond to the Chicago rise. No export business was reported. The belief is that it is sure to come. Far Eastern war talk helped rye. On the 10th inst. prices fell 5 1/2 to 6 1/4c. from the highest prices of the 9th, closing at a net decline of 3 3/8 to 4 1/2c., following the trend of grain prices generally. On the 11th inst., Armistice Day, all the grain exchanges of the West were closed. On the 12th inst. prices fell 8 to 8 1/4c. from the high point of the 9th inst. On the 12th it ended 1 1/2 to 2c. lower under liquidation and the usual sympathy with a decline in other grain. On the 12th the Canadian crop was officially estimated at only 5,888,000 bushels, against 22,018,500 last year. Today prices closed 1/4 to 1c. lower after a sharp rally due to reports of a good demand for Canadian rye for export. At Chicago prices at one time were 1 1/2 to 2 1/4c. higher, but a quick reaction came later due to the depression in wheat. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with 6 columns: December, March, May, July, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 54 to 60 3/4.

Season's High and When Made / Season's Low and When Made. Table with 4 columns: Date, Price, Date, Price. Values range from 58 3/4 to 63 1/2.

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Table with 2 columns: Wheat, Corn, Rye, Barley. Values range from 76 1/2 to 55 3/4.

FLOUR.]

Table with 2 columns: Spring pat., Clear, Soft winter straights, Hard winter patents, Hard winter clears, Fancy Minn. patents, City mills. Values range from \$5.00 to \$6.00.

For other tables usually given here, see page 3209.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S REPORT ON CEREALS, &c.—The full report of the Department of Agriculture, showing the condition of the cereal crops on Nov. 1, as issued on the 10th inst., will be found in an earlier part of this issue in the department entitled "Indications of Business Activity."

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED NOV. 11.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Nov. 11, follows:

Except in the more eastern States where the week, as a whole, was moderately cool for the season, abnormally warm and dry weather continued to characterize conditions over most sections of the country. Chart I shows that the weekly mean temperatures ranged from normal to 3 or 4 degrees below normal in the east Gulf States and Atlantic districts, but that the central valleys and most of the western half of the country again experienced an unusually warm week. Between the Mississippi River and Pacific States the temperatures averaged mostly from 6 degrees to as much as 13 degrees above normal. Freezing weather occurred locally in the east Gulf area, but, at the same time, the lowest temperature reported as far north as Milwaukee and Chicago was 34 degrees. There was a hard freeze in central Appalachian Mountain sections, Elkins, W. Va., reporting a minimum temperature of 18 degrees.

Chart II shows that the week was practically rainless east of the Rocky Mountains, except for light to moderate falls in restricted areas of the North. With the exception of extreme southern Florida, no first-order stations from Tennessee, Arkansas and Oklahoma southward reported measurable rain. However, some good falls occurred in the north Pacific area, especially in western Washington. The first general killing frost of the season, unusually late, occurred on Nov. 6-7 over the interior valleys and Middle Atlantic States and extended locally well south into the east Gulf area. The frosts were of no particular consequence as staple crops had matured, the only noteworthy feature being the lateness of occurrence. In the more southern sections visited by frost, the date was near normal for the first in fall, but was remarkably late in many central valley districts. At the same time, abnormal warmth had again overspread the Northwest, with record-high temperatures for the season at some places on the 8-8th.

The weather has continued ideal for harvesting and housing of late crops and all other outside work on farms, except that persistent dryness in the South further delayed plowing and fall seeding. In general, weather and soil conditions, as affecting agriculture, remain substantially the same as a week ago, with the outlook mostly favorable in the northern half of the country and the lack of moisture decidedly detrimental in the South. The southern drought, centering in Georgia and South Carolina, was intensified during the week by an entire absence of rainfall. In the drier sections of the Southeast streams are drying up, trees and shrubbery dying and forest fires numerous. In other parts of the country east of the Rocky Mountains important areas most needing moisture include some middle Atlantic sections and the west-central Great Plains centering in the western half of Kansas where it is much too dry for winter wheat. Generous rains were beneficial in the Pacific Northwest, including the main wheat belt of Washington.

SMALL GRAINS.—Winter wheat is still in good to very good condition throughout the central valleys, but rain is needed locally in the Ohio Valley. In the western part of the wheat belt it is still much too dry, especially in the western half of Kansas where condition of wheat is poor to very poor, with little growth and much not up. Moisture is also needed in Oklahoma, while in Texas progress and condition of grains are poor, except where rains fell last month.

Abnormally dry weather continues in the Southeast, the drouthy area extending from Kentucky southward and from Arkansas eastward. Winter grain in this area is not germinating well and much has not yet been seeded, although some planting was done in hope of later germinating moisture. General, copious rains were very helpful in the Pacific Northwest, especially in Washington where they provided ample moisture, and growing grains in the eastern part of the wheat belt are excellent, although germination to date in the western part is poor and uneven.

CORN AND COTTON.—The week was very favorable for husking, shredding, picking and cribbing corn, and good progress was reported from all States. The grain is unusually dry, with some shedding in handling.



There was no measurable rain reported from any part of the cotton belt, which made ideal conditions for picking and ginning. Harvest rather generally is abnormally advanced.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Temperatures slightly below normal; no rain. Late truck in southern counties fair. Weather generally unfavorable for late seedings, hulling corn, and curing tobacco. Grazing short. Ground water very low and rain urgently needed.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: No rainfall and extremely dry conditions, resulting in serious damage in scattered areas by forest fires, with situation difficult to control. Dry weather very unfavorable for winter grains and fall truck and hindering marketing of tobacco. Housing corn and cotton unusually well advanced.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Drouth continues, with practically maximum sunshine, and temperatures below seasonal average; rather frequent frosts, but no material damage as staple crops matured. Plowing backward, but some small-grain sowing in hope of germinating rains. Pastures badly parched. Cotton picking confined to gleaning and ginning proceed soaking rains needed; wells, springs, and streams very low.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Drouth increasing in severity; streams drying up and trees and shrubbery dying. Forest fires numerous and filling air with smoke. In a large number of counties water must be hauled for stock. Land too hard to plow and planting winter cereals very backward, with early-planted not germinating well. Late sweet potatoes, truck, cane, and pecans continue to be damaged by the drouth.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Severe drouth continued throughout section, except beneficial showers on east coast from Brevard County to Palm Beach; unfavorable rains from Brevard southward where lowlands on immediate coast too wet, although setting cabbage, tomatoes, peppers, and other truck advanced where soil favorable. Citrus groves suffering; fruit smaller than usual and dropping badly in some districts. Oats failed to germinate. Small streams and lakes dry. Destructive forest fires widespread.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Temperatures alternately much above and somewhat below normal; continued dry. Cotton harvesting and ginning practically finished in south and central; harvesting nearing completion in north. Corn harvesting well advanced; crop turning out well. Digging sweet potatoes good progress. Condition of truck, ranges, and pastures mostly fair in coast region; elsewhere mostly poor and needing rain badly. Condition of sugar cane and other miscellaneous crops poor to good. In some localities water scarce for domestic purposes and forest fires bad.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Dry throughout. Very favorable for all harvesting operations, with good to excellent progress generally and approaching completion in south. Killing frost in east, central, and northeast Saturday, without appreciable damage. Rain needed for fall plowing and seeding, gardens, and pastures.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Dry week, with temperatures somewhat above normal; sunshine abundant. Perfect weather for harvesting remainder of cotton, corn, and hay and digging sweet potatoes. Cane grinding and sirup making progressing rapidly under ideal conditions; good quality. Rain needed for pastures, truck, and additional fall seeding.

**Texas.**—Houston: Warm, with negligible rain. Progress and condition of pastures, fall truck, wheat, and oats mostly poor, except good in portions of west and north where benefited by rains of last month. Progress and condition of citrus and irrigated truck good. Ideal for picking cotton and this work about completed, except in west and northwest. Livestock fair to good.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Warm and mostly clear; no rain. Cotton picking and ginning progressed rapidly and better than normally advanced in practically all sections. Satisfactory progress in harvesting corn and grain sorghums. Progress and condition of winter grains good to excellent, but beginning to need rain, especially in northwest; some wheat yet to be planted. Native and grain pastures fair to good.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Very favorable for picking and ginning cotton, due to warm, dry weather and abundant sunshine; nearly all bolls open, due to frost of previous week, and picking nearly completed in most portions. Weather favorable for gathering all feed and truck crops and for threshing rice. Seeding progressing nicely, but soil too dry for growth in most of east and south.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Wheat, oats, and rye about sown, but entire absence of rain not favorable for germination of late-sown. Variable temperatures; heavy frosts, but no damage of consequence. Late cotton still opening.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Temperatures moderate; no rain. Killing frost on 5th, but no damage. Wheat and rye slow growth and needing rain, especially in south. Corn gathering continues at rapid rate; more than half done in some districts. Too dry to handle tobacco. Pastures poor to fair; need rain. Water supplies for livestock low in south.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

*New York, Friday Night, Nov. 13 1931.*

Retail activity in textiles has registered a consistent, and, it is believed, significant, expansion during the past week, holding at the best levels of the season to date. While public demand for apparel has been slower than in other lines, the movement of textiles as a whole, out of retail channels, is estimated to be some 10% ahead of the corresponding period last year, though deflated values greatly minimize the extent of this gain when it is translated into dollars. Sentiment in the trade, while far from expressing extravagant confidence, appears to have derived much encouragement from recent trends in security and commodity markets, and the outlook, though concededly beset with plenty of difficulties, is regarded as improved. However, at least as far as the primary end of the trade is concerned, the improved feeling cited has little to do with current business, which has continued restricted in the great majority of instances. The changing outside situation, more especially in agricultural districts, incident to the spectacular rise in grains, is the main source of their encouragement, a lessening of tension in the credit situation in various instances being traceable partly to this factor, as well as to the general financial reinforcement resulting from the establishment of the National Credit Corp. Cool weather, in all probability, will be with us in normal degree in coming weeks, and the resultant heavier movement of textiles at retail is likely soon to be substantially accelerated by the inauguration of holiday buying. Prospects for raw markets are also regarded more hopefully, though a rather sharp reaction in grains in the past few days is emphasizing the bearish possibility that a recurrence of downtrends remains within the range of possibility. The price situation continues to be a live and stirring thorn in the side of the industry. This is attributed in many cases to the reprehensible practice of some mills of producing intensively in order to be able to cut down overhead and undersell competitors. Other sellers continue to hang on determinedly to the policy of selling for a business-like margin of profit even though they are thus only able to attract a meagre volume of business. Meanwhile production in most divisions is not excessive, and there are

many manufacturers who are in a good position to carry on during the next few weeks, notably in the print cloths and sheetings divisions of cotton goods, which are said to have sufficient orders on their books to prevent accumulations of stocks during the remainder of the year. Reports from wool goods markets tell of scattered calls for dress goods, women's coatings and overcoatings, with business otherwise dull, and little prospect of improvement before completion of year-end inventories. Broadsilks are subject to between-seasons quietude, the response of buyers to spring fabrics having been good as far as inquiry and expressed opinions are concerned, but subnormal in point of actual ordering. Buyers continue to ask concessions notwithstanding an upward trend in raw silk.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.**—The bearish crop report, digested phlegmatically by the speculative markets, appeared to have occasioned more disquietude in the goods trade, where further price shading has been in evidence. However, a factor which tended to counterbalance the unexpectedly high crop estimate was a constructive statistical report from the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants, which showed, for October, sales amounting to some 47% in excess of production, and an increase of 117,500,000 yards, or 51.7%, in unfilled orders, a total which many times outweighed an increase of around 11,000,000 in stocks-on-hand. These figures were interpreted by the Association, which stressed the fact that orders-on-hand have registered the greatest improvement, in actual yardage, in any single month since the statistics in point have been available, as indicating that "buyers generally are coming to the conclusion that the record low price on cotton and correspondingly low prices on cloth warrant forward commitments and that hand-to-mouth buying is being abandoned in favor of more liberal purchasing policies. It also carries," adds the report, "a reasonable assurance that employees of the cotton textile industry will, in the main, be kept fairly busy during the coming winter." This attitude is borne out to some extent by active sales of print cloths and convertibles, particularly early in the week, at the lowest levels of the year, on contract orders extending ahead as far as the end of the first quarter of 1932. In the past two or three days further slight but discouraging concessions have been registered on more contract orders for fairly substantial quantities. In view of the growing belief that some underlying improvement is becoming evident in the general economic situation, and the fact that commodity and security markets have until very recently been undergoing such sharp rallies as to encourage the belief that they are foreshadowing future business recovery, it is not altogether easy to understand why sellers proved so ready to accept such good future business at such low prices. The latter, it is pointed out, scarcely can contain a material profit for any mills, and are certain to bring losses to those who are not producing intensively. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's constructions are quoted at 29/16c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 2 11/16c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 3 15/16c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 5 1/2c.

**WOOLEN GOODS.**—A general suspension of volume buying continues to engender localized psychological depression in woolens and worsteds markets. Scattered, intermittent buying of spot lots of coatings, dress-goods and overcoatings comprise the most active business, and the outlook, according to the anticipations of most observers in the trade, is for no noteworthy improvement during what remains of the year. It seems probable, however, in view of the fact that there has been but little of sufficiently cold weather to stimulate much buying of overcoatings, that they at least will have to be bought in further substantial quantities when the weather definitely turns. Manufacturers are fairly confident of getting goods when they want them, and are thus the more indisposed to gamble on the weather. Sales of spring goods, notably men's wear suitings, continue disappointing. Only a few mills who have been so fortunate as to make an outstanding impression on the trade with certain fabrics, from both the point of view of styling and price, are doing any business to speak of, and theirs is only fair. Substantial buying of spring goods is now not expected to develop till the year-end inventory-takings are over and done with. Resumption of operations by Lawrence mills, following protracted strikes, have greatly lessened fears of shortages which were freely predicted a short time ago. Meanwhile there is evidence that nation-wide observance of National Wool Week is having a good effect. Wool goods at retail are moving fairly well in most directions, and the generally favorable reception being accorded to new lightweight woolens is a source of real encouragement to the trade. Thus the spring season, once it gets under way, may prove surprisingly good, in the opinion of more than one competent commentator.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS.**—Preparations for the holiday trade are a new factor in the linens situation, with handkerchiefs and household lines being bought. The rise in silver, increased orders at Calcutta from South American sources, and reduction in the total visible supply in this country were factors contributing to a firmer tone in bur-laps. Light weights are quoted at 3.80c., and heavies at 5.05c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN OCTOBER.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of October, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the month's sales was given on page 3120 of the "Chronicle" of Nov. 7. Since then several belated October returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$16,064,410. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in October was 170 and the number of separate issues 215.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
2628	Abilene, Texas	5 1/2	1-30 yrs.	120,000	100	5.25
2462	Adams Co., Ind.	4	1932-1942	1,900	101.45	3.70
2957	Adams Co., Ind. (2 iss.)	4	1933-1943	4,850	101	3.80
2792	Allen Co., Ind.	4	1933-1943	13,000	100	4.00
2957	Alliance, Neb. (3 issues)	4 1/2	1-10 yrs.	489,749	100	4.25
2462	Alliance, Neb.	4.60	1932-1951	179,500	100	4.60
2792	Antelope S. D. No. 9, Tex.	5	1-20 yrs.	5,000	100	5.00
2792	Antwerp, Ohio	4 3/4	1933-1942	21,725	100.11	4.73
3122	Appleton, Wis.	6	1932-1936	28,000	100	6.00
3285	Attica, N. Y.	4 1/2	1932-1936	3,000	100	4.50
2462	Auburn Twp., Ohio	5 1/2	1932-1941	1,677	100	5.50
2792	Babylon & Oyster Bay S. D. No. 6, N. Y.	4 1/2	1932-1951	225,000	100.12	4.48
2628	Barberton, Ohio	5	1932-1940	2,068	100	5.00
2957	Barrelet City, N. J.	6	1932-1969	40,000	100	6.00
3123	Bay Village, Ohio	6	1933-1947	83,898	100	6.00
2957	Bethlehem, Pa.	3 3/4	1932-1951	250,000	100.06	3.74
2462	Beverly, Mass.	3 1/2	1932-1936	50,000	100.01	3.49
2792	Bexley, Ohio	5 1/4	1933-1941	32,950	100.18	5.21
2628	Birmingham, Mich. (5 iss.)	4	1932-1939	111,700	100	5.00
2628	Bowman, No. Dak.	6	1932-1941	9,159	100	5.00
3123	Brainerd, Minn. (2 iss.)	5	1933-1935	9,175	100	5.00
2792	Breckenridge, Minn.	6	1933-1939	7,000	100	6.00
2628	Brown Co., Ind.	4	1933-1943	5,500	100.09	3.98
2792	Brownsville, Tex.	5	1-40 yrs.	150,000	100	5.00
2957	Butler Co., Ohio	5	1933-1942	1,700	100	5.00
2958	Calwell Co. R. D. No. 9, Texas	5		15,000		
2958	Cambridge, Mass.	4 1/2	1932-1941	100,000	100.03	4.24
2958	Camp Crook Ind. S. D., So. Dak.	6		15,000	100	6.00
2958	Cameron Co. Water Co. & Imp't. Dist. No. 16, Tex.	6	1932-1971	180,000		
2628	Canton, Ohio (3 issues)	5	1933-1942	65,482	100.51	4.90
2792	Canyon, Texas	5	1-18 yrs.	18,000	102.25	4.70
2628	Chelan, Wash.	5	1932-1941	3,000	100	5.00
2792	Chester Twp., Ohio	5 1/2	1933-1942	4,872	100	5.50
3123	Chicago Co., Minn.	5	1932-1941	9,750	100	6.00
2958	Clarke Co., Miss.	6		50,000	100	6.00
2958	Cleveland Heights, Ohio	5		4,000		
2792	Columbus, Ohio (2 iss.)	4 3/4	1934-1943	141,929	100.55	4.65
2958	Cook Co. H. S. D. No. 204, Ill.	6		75,000		
2958	Cortlandt Cent. S. D. No. 3, N. Y.	5	1932-1938	21,000	100.06	4.98
2958	Crowley, La.	6	1-9 yrs.	17,829	100	6.00
3123	Dallas, Tex.	5 1/4	1937-1951	120,000	100.20	5.21
3123	Dallas, Tex. (4 issues)	4 1/2	1932-1951	1,350,000	98.51	4.33
2465	Dayton, Iowa	4 1/2	1932-1951	12,500	100	4.25
2629	Delta, Ohio	5	1933-1941	8,900	100	5.00
3123	Denver, Colo.	4	1941-1946	1,110,000	100	5.00
2463	Dubuque, Iowa	5	1936-1940	20,000	100	5.00
2463	Dubuque, Iowa	5	1935-1940	3,000	101.83	4.64
2629	East Aurora, N. Y. (3 iss.)	4.40	1932-1941	73,000	100.005	4.39
2793	Elk Creek Twp., Pa.	5	1947	7,000	103.13	4.72
2793	Elkhart Co., Ind.	4		8,000	100.63	5.00
3124	El Paso S. D. No. 9, Colo.	5	1932-1939	12,500	100	5.00
2958	Fairhope, Ala.	6	1932-1941	20,000	100	5.00
3124	Farwell Ind. S. D., Tex.	5	1942-1951	25,000	100	5.00
2793	Fayette Co., Tex.	5		15,000		
2793	Fayette Co. R. D. No. 8, Texas	5		61,600		
2464	Floyd Co., Texas	6		255,000		
3287	Forest Park, Ill.	4 1/2	1932-1971			
3287	Forthum, S. D. No. 7, N. Dak.	6	18 mos.	3,000	100	6.00
2958	Fox Lake, Wis.	6		18,000		
2958	Franklin Co., Ohio	6	1933-1944	15,615	100	6.00
2464	Garland, Utah	6	1941	225,000	100	6.00
2629	Gillette, Wyo.	6	1941	18,152	100	6.00
3124	Gladstone, Mich.	6	1932-1936	4,500	100	6.00
3124	Gloucester Twp. S. D., N. J.	4 1/4		40,000	100	4.75
2629	Grant Co., Minn.	4 1/4	1936-1945	30,000	100.72	4.16
2793	Grant Co. S. D. No. 151, Wash.	4 1/4	20 yrs.	18,000	100	4.75
2793	Greenville, N. C.	5 1/2	1932-1941	20,000	100.05	5.49
2464	Guthrie S. D. No. 61, Okla.	6	1934-1942	4,500	100	6.00
2630	Hamilton Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1933-1943	3,200	100	4.50
2959	Hastings, Minn.	4 1/2	1933-1951	9,500	100	4.50
2630	Highland Park-East Park Dist., Ill.	4 1/2	1945	20,000		
2793	Hot Sulphur Springs, Colo.	5	10-15 yrs.	45,000		
2297	Howard Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1932-1942	1,600	100	4.50
3124	Hutchinson Co. S. D. No. 76, So. Dak.	5	1934-1940	4,000		
2959	Idaho (State of)	5		250,000		
2959	Ireton, Iowa	5	1934-1946	10,000	100.22	4.97
2794	Jefferson Water Conservancy Dist., Ore.	6	1934-1945	61,000	100	6.00
2630	Kent Co., Del.	4 1/2	1932-1942	11,000	101.75	4.16
2794	Kenyon, Minn.	4 1/4		40,000	100	4.50
2630	King Co. Un. S. D., Wash.	4 1/2		70,000	100	4.14
2794	Kosciusko Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1932-1942	11,600	101.70	4.14
2959	Lafayette W. D., Calif.	5	1937-1956	100,000	100.25	4.97
2794	Lake Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1932-1942	12,000	100	4.50
2954	Lake Co., Ohio (2 iss.)	6	1932-1942	67,150	100.17	5.97
2465	Lake Park, Va.	6		12,000		
2959	Lake S. D. No. 22, So. Dak.	4 1/4	1950	2,500	100	4.75
2630	Lansing, Mich.	4 1/4	1932-1941	100,000	100.77	4.09
2794	Laramie, Wyo.	4 1/2	10-30 yrs.	23,500	100.02	4.49
2794	Lima, Ohio	6	Oct. 1933	6,000	100	6.00
2465	Logan, Ohio	5	1932-1936	2,000		
2630	Lower Chanceryford Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1936-1941	13,000	104.24	4.00
2959	Lucas Co., Ohio (3 iss.)	5	1933-1942	218,750	100.65	4.88
2959	Madison Met. Sewage District, Wis.	4 1/4	1932-1941	120,000		
2794	Madison Twp. S. D., Pa.	4	1941-1956	20,000	101.50	3.88
2959	Madison Co., Ohio	5 1/2	1933-1946	64,000	100.39	5.44
2465	Makoti S. D., No. Dak.	5		50,000		
3125	Manly Bluff, Wis.	4 1/2	10 yrs.	18,000	100	4.50
2630	Marilla Com. S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4.90	1932-1961	30,000	100.01	4.89
2465	Marion, Ind.	4	1932-1941	30,000	100.96	3.80
2465	Marion, Ind.	4	1932-1941	20,000	100.86	3.81
2960	Marion Co., Ind.	4	1933-1937	5,500	100	4.00
2794	Marlin, Tex. (2 issues)	4		35,000	100	4.00
2794	Martinsburg, W. Va.	4		100,000		
2466	Meriden, Conn. (2 iss.)	4	1932-1941	155,000	100.56	3.85
2466	Mineral Wells, Tex.	5 1/2		752,000		
2795	Mobile Co., Ala.	5	1933-1960	160,000	95	5.49

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2630	Montgomery Co., Tex.	5 1/2		34,251		
2960	Montgomery Co., Ind.	4	1933-1942	3,000	100	4.50
3128	Mount Vernon, Ohio	4 1/2	1932-1941	86,637	100	4.50
3289	National Park, N. J.	6	1960-1964	25,000	100	6.00
3289	Negaunee, Mich.	6	1930-1942	60,460	100	5.00
2795	Newark, Ohio (4 issues)	6	1932-1940	130,946		
2795	North Salem, N. Y.	5	1932-1945	28,000	100.07	4.99
2960	No. Summit S. D., Utah	6		28,000		
2961	Nutley, N. J.	6	1932-1963	255,000	100	6.00
2961	Nutley, N. J.	6	1932-1939	378,000	100	6.00
2466	Orange Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1932-1942	2,800	101.82	4.12
2466	Osage Co. S. D. No. 14, Okla.	6	1937-1951	15,000		
2961	Otsego (City-Twp.) S. D. No. 2, Mich.	4 1/2	1934-1946	100,000		
3126	Ottumwa, Iowa	5		25,000		
2796	Owen Co., Ind.	5	1933-1943	4,900	101.20	3.75
2796	Owasso, Mich.	5	1932-1941	90,000	100.28	4.95
2796	Potoka Twp. Ind.	4 1/2	1932-1946	5,000	101.60	4.27
2466	Payson, Utah	5		15,000		
2961	Philadelphia, Pa.	4 3/4	1951-1981	3,454,600	100	4.75
2631	Phillipsburg, N. J. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1933-1971	140,000	100	4.50
2796	Pike Co., Ark.	5	1932-1951	50,000	100	5.00
2961	Pittsburgh, Pa. (2 iss.)	3 3/4	1-20 yrs.	570,000		
2631	Pittsfield, Mass. (2 iss.)	4 1/4	1932-1947	74,500	100	4.25
2796	Porter Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 1/4	1934-1951	75,000	100.10	4.21
2631	Portland, Ore.	6	5 yrs.	49,706	104.31	5.01
3126	Portland, Ore.	4	1934-1938	79,000	100	4.00
2961	Pottawatomie Co., Okla.	5		735,622		
2796	Pratt Drain Dist., Mich.	5	1933-1937	15,000		
2796	Rhineland, Wis.	5		45,819	100	5.00
2796	Ridgeway, Pa.	4 1/2	1935-1960	12,000	100	4.50
2961	Rochester, Mich.	6	1933-1937	25,000	100	6.00
2962	Royal Oak S. D., Mich.	4 1/4	1932-1941	75,000	100	4.25
2962	Royal Oak S. D., Mich.	4 1/4	1932-1936	15,000	100	4.75
2962	Royal Oak S. D., Mich.	4 1/2	1932-1936	7,000	100	4.50
2962	Royal Oak S. D., Mich.	5	1932-1934	3,000	100	5.00
2962	Saguaw, Mich.	4 1/4	1932-1934	240,000	100.04	4.24
2796	Santa Monica, Calif.	5	1932-1941	34,465		
2796	Scott Co., Ind.	4 1/2	1932-1941	15,000	100.10	4.48
2632	Shawangunk, N. Y.	4 1/2	1932-1941	75,000	104	3.69
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2299	Oneida, N. C.	4½	1932-1941	10,000	101.15	4.22
2466	Osolo School Twp., Ind.	5	1935-1943	9,000	100.80	4.88
2466	Payson, Utah			19,000		
2300	Posey Co., Ind. (2 iss.)	4½	1932-1942	10,000	103.85	3.75
2631	Provo, Utah	4½	1933-1935	21,000	100	4.25
2467	Reading, Ohio	4½	1933-1942	25,000	100.14	4.47
2467	Saucier Consol. S. D., Miss. (July)			20,000		
2467	Seminole, Okla. (May)		1934-1943	25,000		
2301	Vernal, Utah	4½		50,000	100	4.75
2301	Weston, Conn. (2 iss.)	4½	1933-1957	140,000	100.32	4.46

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for September. These additional September issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$116,566,351.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN OCTOBER.

2693	Chicoutimi School Commission, Que.	5½	1-15 yrs.	19,000		
3127	Howick School Municipality, Que.	5	1932-1939	8,000	100	5.00
Total of Canadian debentures sold in October						\$27,000

NEWS ITEMS

**Arkansas.—Legal Opinion Given on Liability of State for Debts of Road Districts.**—The following is the text of a legal opinion given by a prominent firm of municipal bond attorneys, holding that the outstanding road district debt of the State of Arkansas has never been assumed by the State; the obligation for the payment of these outstanding bonds remains the duty of the district which issued them, the State having merely volunteered to make appropriations to the district to aid it in the payment of the debt:

Halsey, Stuart & Co. of this city have requested us to write you advising whether, in our opinion, the outstanding road district debt of the State of Arkansas should be charged to the State as State debt. This indebtedness has never been assumed by the State. Under the road legislation the Highway Commission is required to allot to each road district in the State, having outstanding bonds, an amount equal to the principal and interest of the bonds maturing during the year, plus a paying charge of one-eighth of 1% of the bonds to be paid, and one-fourth of 1% of interest to be paid. This statute, however, is not a part of the contract made with the holders of the road district bonds. Such bonds were issued prior to the enactment of the statute, and accordingly the bondholders have no contract rights with respect to the allotment. So far as they are concerned, the allotment or appropriation made by the State is a mere gratuity, which the State, if it saw fit, could discontinue at any time.

The incorporation of this provision in the road laws for the protection of the holders of the outstanding road district obligations, is simply a voluntary act on the part of the State to preserve its credit and that of its subdivisions. It was a very creditable performance which we feel has never been sufficiently appreciated by the investing public, but it did not and was not intended to constitute the outstanding debt of the road districts the obligation of the State itself. The duty to make the allotment to the road districts from the revenue of the Highway Fund is subordinate, so far as concerns revenues from automobile licenses and fees and gasoline, or motor vehicle fuel taxes, at least, to the obligation to provide for the payment of the State's highway bonds. Under the highway legislation, the State Treasurer is required to provide for the maturities of principal and interest of the State highway bonds out of the first revenues collected from these taxes, so that if, by reason of this prior charge, the amount available for the allotment to the road districts should be insufficient, the road districts would simply receive their pro rata share of the surplus.

The legislation, moreover, does not constitute a contract between the State and the road districts. No contract arises between a State and one of its subdivisions merely because of the enactment of legislation providing for appropriations to the subdivision in order to assist it to pay its debts. Under the circumstances, it is our opinion that the outstanding road district indebtedness is not properly chargeable to the State as State debt. So far as the obligation upon the outstanding bonds is concerned, it remains the obligation of the district which issued them. This obligation is not changed in the slightest by the fact that since the issuance of the bonds the State voluntarily undertook to make appropriations to the district to aid it in the payment of the debt. We are therefore of the opinion that there is no reason for treating the outstanding road district indebtedness in any sense as a debt of the State of Arkansas.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) THOMSON, WOOD & HOFFMAN.

**Asheville and Buncombe County, N. C.—Statement Issued by Bondholders' Protective Committee.**—On Nov. 9 a statement was issued to the holders of bonds of the above city and county, and of the several districts of the county, by the recently formed Protective Committee—V. 133, p. 2293—setting forth the purposes of the Committee and urging the bondholders to deposit their securities in order to obtain a quick and amicable understanding with the defaulting municipalities. The text of the statement reads as follows:

To the Holders of Bonds of the City of Asheville and of Buncombe County, N. C., and of the Several School, Sanitary, Water, Sewer, Road and Bridge Districts of Buncombe County, N. C.:

A Bondholders Protective Committee consisting of Henry W. George, Second Vice-President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; W. Kelvin Gray, of Seansonood & Mayer, Cincinnati, Ohio; John S. Harris, President of Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., Toledo, Ohio; Henry Hart, Vice-President of the First Detroit Co., Inc., Detroit, Mich.; Fred P. Hayward, Treasurer of the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., and Meade H. Willis, Vice-President of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, N. C., has been organized under a Deposit Agreement for the protection of the rights of the holders of bonds of the City of Asheville, County of Buncombe and the several school, sanitary, water, sewer, road and bridge districts in Buncombe County, all in the State of North Carolina. By virtue of the Deposit Agreement, this Committee is in a position to act authoritatively in behalf of all bondholders who deposit their bonds with it and accordingly is better able to protect the rights of bondholders than was the former informal Committee. It is not handicapped by the lack of authority to speak for the bondholders it represents as was the informal Committee which it has succeeded, and all bondholders are now afforded an opportunity to be represented by a committee vested with the powers necessary to safeguard their interests, by depositing their bonds under the terms of the Deposit Agreement, a copy of which will be forwarded to all interested parties upon request being made of the Secretary of the Committee.

Under the terms of this agreement the holders of bonds of the City of Asheville of Buncombe County, and of the several school, sanitary, water, sewer, road and bridge districts of Buncombe County may deposit their bonds. In view of the fact that the taxes by the district of Buncombe County are collected by the County authorities and the same conditions which have caused the defaults on the part of the City of Asheville and of Buncombe County are also the defaults in the payment of the obligations issued by the several districts, it seemed obvious to the committee that only by treating the debt problem throughout the entire county as a single economic problem could this situation be adjusted to the best interests of the bondholders. The committee, however, under the terms of the Deposit Agreement, is required to keep separate accounts of moneys received from each of the political organizations, the bonds of which are eligible for deposit with it; that is to say, funds collected from any particular district will be applied solely to the deposited bonds of that district, and likewise the moneys received from the City of Asheville or from Buncombe County will be applied solely to the bonds of the city or of the county, as the case

may be. The agreement, therefore, while providing for co-operation on the part of all bondholders of the County and of the various districts of the County, with bondholders of the City of Asheville, does not involve the pooling of the revenues collected by the committee from the various political organizations.

The agreement does not provide for the deposit of tax anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes issued either by the City of Asheville, by Buncombe County or by the County Board of Education, inasmuch as a separate Noteholders Committee has been organized for the purpose of protecting the rights of the holders of these obligations. These two committees are co-operating and the Bondholders Protective Committee recommends the deposit of tax anticipation notes or bond anticipation notes of the City of Asheville of Buncombe County, or of the Buncombe County Board of Education with the Noteholders Committee.

The economic situation in Buncombe County and in the City of Asheville is serious and calls for careful and skillful handling. The problems involved in the various districts are so related to those in the county and city, that they cannot be treated separately. Property in many cases is subject not only to the county tax, but also to taxes levied on behalf of other political subdivisions, and the collectibility of any of these taxes depends upon the aggregate tax burden as compared with the taxable value. The marked decline in real estate values, as well as the general depression of business conditions in the City of Asheville, have produced a condition which will require an intelligent organized effort, on the part of the creditors of all political organizations in the county, for their protection. The noteholders, quick to appreciate the situation, are already well organized, only a comparatively small minority of the notes being as yet undeposited with the Noteholders Committee. It is equally imperative that the bondholders be organized under the leadership of a committee competent to protect their interests. The committee has the support of some of the foremost insurance companies and banking institutions in the county, which have deposited, with the committee, large amounts of bonds owned or controlled by them. A substantial proportion of the bonds, eligible for deposit, have already been deposited with the committee, but as the committee has power to act only with reference to bonds actually deposited with it under the terms of the Deposit Agreement, it urges that all bonds as yet undeposited be deposited with the Depository of the Committee as soon as practicable.

BONDHOLDERS PROTECTIVE COMMITTEE FOR ASHEVILLE AND BUNCOMBE COUNTY, N. C.

Henry W. George, Chairman,  
W. Kelvin Gray,  
John S. Harris,  
Henry Hart,  
Fred P. Hayward,  
Meade H. Willis,  
Members.

**Florida.—Supplement to Analysis of Bond Situation Issued.**—A supplement to the booklet issued in January by John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago in which an analysis of the bond situation from its inception up to that time was made—V. 132, p. 884—has recently been issued by that firm. This supplement revises some of the figures contained in the table of county statistics in the original booklet to take into account the provisions passed by the last Florida Legislature. The following table of statistics relates only to the revenues and benefits received by the counties from the State, and does not take into account the resources of the various counties nor the important factor of their ability to pay taxes:

County.	*Road and Bridge Bonds and Gas Tax.				**Total Indebtedness and Total Benefits.			
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	\$	%
Alachua	3,669,500	198,025	150,452	76	4,820,850	239,989	433,279	161
Baker	164,000	8,050	33,690	481	271,385	29,441	105,902	736
Bay	3,103,000	174,260	103,324	59	3,568,500	78,111	220,786	109
Bradford	930,000	55,050	45,562	83	1,059,000	45,424	136,351	215
Brevard	1,594,000	87,405	93,306	107	2,710,000	136,692	282,453	182
Broward	3,420,977	191,487	119,789	63	6,796,767	172,909	332,783	85
Calhoun	89,600	5,232	36,180	672	294,875	39,179	115,336	658
Charlotte	2,185,021	128,911	64,992	50	2,642,000	37,097	135,010	86
Citrus	1,512,000	84,000	54,627	65	1,606,550	37,257	140,097	156
Clay	918,000	52,625	56,122	107	1,015,500	38,059	135,436	231
Collier	1,332,500	89,403	126,401	141	1,489,980	24,963	194,899	197
Columbia	947,000	52,240	74,952	143	1,205,253	106,429	225,115	332
Dade	7,253,000	362,777	361,251	97	20,858,960	1,249,644	1,602,551	135
De Soto	1,549,500	85,305	55,251	65	1,791,600	62,011	153,167	153
Dixie	236,666	12,113	46,330	385	559,166	26,009	117,812	605
Duval	5,068,000	250,000	382,077	153	11,348,000	1,079,296	1,741,022	277
Escambia	1,633,333	96,840	165,251	171	2,799,133	304,872	614,404	368
Flagler	535,500	31,290	35,399	91	774,500	26,572	67,777	192
Franklin	200,000	10,150	40,019	394	365,920	27,592	104,501	521
Gadsden	271,500	13,125	79,698	607	580,000	143,788	283,810	894
Galveston	45,000	2,580	25,940	1,005	203,173	19,944	83,588	692
Gulf	17,152	41,877	48,970	117	974,222	18,269	93,725	162
Gulf.	43,375	2,532	31,349	1,238	222,544	16,997	79,153	595
Hamilton	380,000	19,000	42,572	224	565,184	45,667	134,369	446
Hardee	2,495,191	139,599	66,412	4	3,290,500	72,768	176,181	94
Henry	498,012	29,212	65,459	224	796,915	27,949	122,892	260
Hernando	1,920,000	105,925	46,461	34	2,098,200	37,165	124,939	107
Highlands	1,087,316	63,580	80,378	126	2,253,000	77,312	197,816	148
Hillsboro	12,257,000	624,302	346,744	56	18,336,105	1,077,821	1,604,781	162
Holmes	361,000	19,440	45,805	230	675,706	55,299	156,244	407
Indian Riv.	2,122,122	118,381	51,905	44	2,598,370	57,817	141,813	97
Jackson	275,000	13,750	93,909	683	831,529	159,701	348,619	739
Jefferson	842,000	40,547	59,896	148	976,000	72,311	187,918	338
Lafayette	202,000	6,875	38,119	554	202,000	19,384	94,607	1,304
Lake	7,353,000	413,560	199,263	48	9,027,501	184,425	386,506	75
Lee	1,924,900	104,839	96,349	91	2,819,031	131,522	275,297	105
Leon	1,595,000	78,750	95,395	121	2,059,600	148,533	287,645	272
Levy	1,932,100	107,711	113,825	106	2,672,655	64,905	231,978	181
Liberty			44,501		53,600	18,106	93,221	3,088
Madison	775,000	38,250	70,799	185	1,065,800	76,052	212,345	381
Manatee	3,713,000	201,737	123,795	61	5,228,694	162,673	350,517	119
Marion	4,920,000	257,750	188,503	73	7,699,035	215,371	488,913	160
Martin	2,469,068	142,170	62,571	44	2,727,249	46,676	142,522	90
Monroe	3,850,000	215,310	127,782	59	4,255,588	86,987	243,722	101
Nassau	755,000	43,200	53,782	124	1,001,500	57,112	162,647	280
Okaloosa	886,000	50,461	73,350	145	1,321,000	54,631	185,235	241
Okeechobee	1,434,313	78,731	60,939	77	1,951,413	28,336	117,239	106
Orange	8,310,000	423,235	184,640	44	11,716,589	414,234	651,800	103
Oseola	2,405,500	142,770	118,997	83	2,681,500	70,971	244,262	153
Palm Beach	6,132,500	330,055	200,062	76	9,151,904	445,543	691,062	135
Pasco	3,190,502	174,160	102,909	59	3,695,750	51,027	84,625	88
Pinellas	10,253,000	579,260	216,746	37	16,395,750	558,769	936,528	131
Polk	8,359,000	463,350	269,275	58	12,469,893	122,471	253,416	103
Putnam	3,526,350	188,141	89,416	48	4,269,175	129,033	276,361	142
St. Johns	2,869,000	99,697	58,653	59	1,690,262	79,569	195,276	100
St. Lucie	405,000	24,300	76,244	315	1,022,216	73,989	209,775	342
Santa Rosa	5,040,080	281,756	92,204	32	6,738,601	101,932	246,315	64
Seminole	2,417,000	130,855	72,177	52	3,219,000	133,450	254,024	173
Sumter	2,009,000	118,080	81,789	69	2,404,000	68,908	195,253	137
Suwannee	728,000	40,040	70,109	175	1,102,890	96,270	228,720	365
Taylor	650,000	30,000	83,398	277	916,000	57,834	202,706	441
Union	738,000	44,010	38,186	87	771,000	29,575	105,439	231
Volusia	5,721,000	324,170	213,054	66	8,942,500	843,656	675,619	130
Wakulla	203,000	12,180	37,743	310	218,500	35,777	109,191	833
Walton	1,284,000	68,750	91,387	133	1,476,000	68,726	219,624	269
Washington	101,000	4,000	46,051	1,141	547,626	57,912	151,471	491

Explanation.—\* Showing the latest figures from official sources on road indebtedness, interest requirements and estimates of new gas tax payments. Note increase in, and better distribution of, gas tax; which in about half of counties will alone be

more than sufficient to meet total annual interest requirements on road and bridge bonds.

\*\* Marked increase in benefits is shown by comparative figures under the old and new laws. While some of the revenues received from the State are not directly applicable to the payment of bonds and interest, nevertheless the benefit the counties receive therefrom has a direct bearing on their financial condition.

a Road and bridge bonded indebtedness, including road districts. b Interest requirements for year 1932. c Counties' annual share of State Gas Tax under 1931 law (estimated). d Per cent Gas tax covers interest requirements. e Total county debt all purposes, including school districts. f Total revenues under old laws. g Total revenues and benefits under 1931 laws. h Per cent total benefits to interest on total debt (approximate).

The following letter, explaining the purpose of the booklet from which the above statistics are taken, is given in full because of the observations contained therein regarding general conditions now obtaining among the municipalities in Florida:

Dear Sir:—In accordance with your request we are enclosing herewith Supplement No. 1 to our booklet, "An Analysis of the Florida Bond Situation"; which supplement revises some of the figures contained in the table of county statistics in the original booklet to take into account the provisions passed by the last Florida Legislature.

The increased benefits which the counties will receive from the State under these new laws are particularly encouraging, especially in their relation to county and school district bonds. Not a few counties and school districts were embarrassed in meeting their mid-year interest payments this year, but this was due to the postponement by the Legislature of the tax payment date, in common with similar action by a number of other States, and therefore does not indicate any permanent disability.

While many of the cities in Florida which are in default have been drifting in an unsatisfactory manner because there was no bond house or bondholder with sufficient interest to justify the effort required to organize a bondholders' committee; the holders of these city bonds will be pleased to learn that a general bondholders' committee is in process of organization under the sponsorship of the municipal bondholders, which will be able to handle twenty or thirty of these troublesome situations, and thus give the bondholders thereof an opportunity for well directed and unified action to protect their interests. We will give more information about this in a supplement covering the cities, which is now being prepared.

The general situation in Florida is perhaps no better than for our country as a whole, except that it is the observation of some that Florida is more thoroughly liquidated than any other region and thus in a position to stage the most rapid come-back when the turn in economic affairs occurs. Other sections of the country have been getting in recent months a taste of the bank failures and economic setbacks which Florida has suffered for the past four years; and many people now wonder that Florida, all things considered, has done as well as she has.

Yours truly, JOHN NUVEEN & CO.

Connecticut.—State of Virginia Bonds Ruled Legal Investments.—In an opinion given recently by Warren S. Burrows, Attorney-General of Connecticut, it was held that the principal issues of Virginia bonds now outstanding are eligible for investment by savings banks in the State. A dispatch from Richmond to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 10 reports as follows:

"Placing of State of Virginia bonds on the list legal for savings banks in Connecticut has greatly widened the market for such bonds in that State, John M. Purcell, Virginia State Treasurer, said.

"Warren S. Burrows, Connecticut Attorney-General, ruled: 'I find that the two principal issues of Virginia bonds now outstanding are the so-called Riddleberger bonds, issued in 1882, and the Century bonds, issued in 1892. In my opinion, the bonds comprising each of these issues are legal for Connecticut savings banks.'"

Massachusetts.—Changes in List of Legal Investments.—In a bulletin issued on Nov. 10 the State Bank Commissioner announced the following changes in the July 1 list of investments considered legal for savings bank and trust funds.

Added to List.

Table listing public funds and utility bonds. Includes entries for Coos County, New Hampshire; Rutland Railway, Light & Power Co.; Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.; Empire Gas & Electric Co.; Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corp.; Metropolitan Edison Co.; New York State Gas & Electric Corp.; Philadelphia Electric Co.; Philadelphia Suburban Counties Gas & El. Co.

Mississippi.—Special Legislative Session Ends.—After both Houses had passed bills to finance agricultural credit corporations on Oct. 31 the special session of the Legislature, which had been convened expressly to deal with tax relief legislation—V. 133, p. 2461—came to a close. It is stated that with the adjournment of this fifth session of the Bilbo administration there will be no other special session before the Conner administration takes office in January. The Jackson "News" recently listed the following measures as being among the most important passed or disapproved at this session:

- Roberts-Sillers bill to reduce 1932 cotton acreage to 50% of the 1931 cotton acreage; signed by the Governor.
Agricultural credit corporation bill, with \$1,000,000 bond issue.
Highway bill, raising gasoline tax to 5 1/2 cents, effective to-day, and authorizing \$5,000,000 in road bonds to meet Federal Aid; signed by Governor.
Bill authorizing \$6,000,000 bond issue to cover treasury deficit; signed by Governor.
Bill to correct defects in bill passed a year ago, authorizing sale of \$5,000,000 in bonds to take up outstanding bank guaranty certificates; signed by Governor.
Quarterly-tax-payment bill, splitting 1932 tax payments into February, May and August payments; signed by Governor.
Bill to permit counties to use any part of gasoline tax or road and bridge tax to pay road bonds; signed by Governor.
Genin bill to make "bootlegging" of gasoline a misdemeanor.
Bill providing owners of automobiles applying for licenses after Jan. 1 shall be liable only for remainder of the year.
Bill providing for bond issues to pay outstanding obligations of municipal separate school districts.
Bill allowing counties to refund certain municipal, seawall and road protection bonds.
Act providing Attorney-General or District Attorney may appeal from assessments set aside by State Tax Commission.
Senate bill providing for refunding certain county and district bonds.
Bill for assignment of State, county and municipal tax liens.
Clayton bill providing money raised by special levy in school district may be used to employ additional teachers.
Repeal of road overseers law.
Bill providing municipalities shall issue notes for amount of taxes on delinquent tax sales which municipalities have to buy in.

Footnote bill for refinancing special improvement bonds.
County option of Statewide tick law.
Bill authorizing county tax collectors to accept school warrants for taxes due by persons to whom warrants are issued.

Bills Failing.

- Among the important bills not passed were:
Utilities commission bill.
Salary reduction bill.
Fee reduction bill.
Bill for additional \$5,000,000 in road bonds.
Governor's proposed board for State-owned electric and natural gas lines.
Bill for South Mississippi penal farm.
Proposed State-owned cement plant.
Appropriation of \$75,000 for charity wards in private hospitals of State.
Abolition of office of State Tax Collector.
Reorganization of governing boards of State colleges.
Repeal of absentee voters' law.
Proposal to let otherwise qualified voters have franchise if only poll taxes are paid.

Statement Issued Regarding Payment of Municipal Bond Coupons Formerly Paid by Kountze Bros. in New York.—We have been in communication with the Irving Trust Co. of New York, receivers for the late firm of Kountze Bros. of New York, regarding the plan of payment they had in view with respect to the maturing bond coupons of the numerous municipalities throughout the country that had been using the above firm as their paying agent. We give herewith the full text of their response on Nov. 12 to our inquiry:

The Commercial and Financial Chronicle.

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:—The receiver was appointed by order of the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on Oct. 13 1931. Shortly after its appointment the receiver mailed a circular letter to each municipality having an account with Kountze Bros., stating that the receiver regretted that it would be unable to make payment of municipal bond coupons and bonds payable at the office of Kountze Bros.

The Irving Trust Co., corporate trust division, was approached by the Rocky Mountain Group of the Investment Bankers Association with a request that they act as central paying agent, at least temporarily, for issues normally paid through Kountze Bros. The Irving Trust Co. has consented to do this, upon receipt of necessary funds and necessary details, including description of the issue, from the municipalities.

Certain of the municipalities have taken advantage of this offer, while others have designated other banks and places where the coupons and bonds should be presented for payment. We attach hereto a list of the municipalities who have advised us of such arrangements, and as to the balance we have not been informed what arrangements, if any, have been made.

With respect to the moneys that have already been deposited with Kountze Bros., the receiver is advised by its counsel that the status of each depositor will depend upon the facts in each particular case. The receiver is further advised by its counsel that from present indications most, if not all, of such depositors have the status of general creditors.

Very truly yours,

IRVING TRUST CO., Receiver, By A. H. McCAUSLAND.

Table listing municipalities and their corresponding banks or trustees. Includes entries for Arton, City of Wyo.; Bingham, County of, Blackfoot, Idaho.; Butte County, Moors, Idaho.; City of Canton, O.; Carbon County, Wyo.; Carlsbad, City of, New Mex.; Carlsbad, New Mex.; Cherokee, town of, Colo.; Clayton, town of, New Mex.; Crook, Colo.; Eckley, town of, Colo.; Englewood, city of, Colo.; Firth, town of, Shelley, Idaho, Rural; H. S. Dist. No. 9; Hot Springs Ind. S. D. No. 10, S. Dak.; Kane County, Kanab, Utah; Lincoln, city of, Neb.; Lincoln County, Carrizozo, New Mex.; Logan County, Sterling, Colo.; Los Angeles, city of, Calif.; Mend, Colo.; Melrose, village of, New Mex.; Metropolitan Utilities Dist. of Omaha; Montrose, city of, Colo.; Newport, city of, Ore.; Payette Co., Ida.; Raton, city of, New Mex.; Pine Bluffs, town of, Wyo.; Rocky Ford, city of, Colo.; Ronan, town of, Mont.; Springfield, town of, Colo.; Shoshoni, town of, Wyo.; Thermopolis, town of, Wyo.; Washoe County, Reno, Nev.; Burley, Ida.; LaPorte, city of, Tex.

Nevada Irrigation District (P. O. Grass Valley), Calif.—Report on Bond Deposits Issued.—A total of 550 of the holders of bonds of the above district, representing a par value of \$5,100,000, or 63% of the total outstanding, already have deposited their bonds or have pledged to deposit, according to George S. Heary, Secretary of the Bondholders'

Protective Committee. The bond interest was defaulted on July 1 and a reorganization is being contemplated.—V. 133, p. 2299. The time for the deposit of bonds with the Committee expires on Dec. 1.

**North Bergen, N. J.—State Finance Board Authorizes Renewal of \$8,000,000 Notes.**—The renewal of \$8,000,000 in short-term notes of this township for a 12-month period was authorized on Nov. 10 by the State Finance Commission, following the approval of the plan by some of the note holders at a meeting on Nov. 6. A special dispatch from Trenton to the New York "Times" of Nov. 11 had the following to say:

"Holders of part of the securities having agreed to the plan at a meeting held in New York last Friday, the State Finance Commission authorized today renewal of short-term notes to the amount of \$8,000,000 by North Bergen Township, Hudson County. About one-half of the issue is held by the closed Steneck Trust Co. of Hoboken and Commissioner Frank H. Smith of the State Banking Department, who is in charge of the institution, will be asked to give his approval also. He is to confer with the Finance Commission in New York on Friday.

"The Finance Commission was created by the 1931 Legislature to assist the township in straightening out its fiscal affairs after the municipality's bonded debt had exceeded \$24,000,000, or about \$1,500,000 above the legal limit.

"The township long-term obligations and an issue of \$1,996,000 in sewer bonds not in default were refinanced by the State body, but efforts to convert the short-term notes into a long-term issue were abandoned because of market conditions.

"The renewal agreement is for 12 months, with 30-day call provision. Interest rates will continue at 6%, and all charges due or in default on Dec. 31 will be paid from tax revenues.

"Tax receipts have been satisfactory, according to a report made to the Commission by Major Reich, and have been used to pay interest charges on long-term obligations and the sewer bonds, due in 1935. An effort to re-value property in the township for the purposes of taxation has been held up by a suit brought by a taxpayer to test the legality of employment of experts for the work at a cost of \$30,000.

**Tennessee.—Special Session on Finances Called for Nov. 16.**—On Nov. 13 Governor Horton issued a call for the State Legislature to meet in special session on Nov. 16 to pass measures for the relief of the financial condition now existing which has seriously embarrassed the State. An Associated Press dispatch from Nashville to the New York "Evening Post" of Nov. 13 had the following to say:

Governor Henry Horton to-day summoned the Tennessee Legislature to meet in extraordinary session on Monday to relieve the State's financial stress that has resulted in the closing of numerous schools, suspension of payment on many State obligations and payless payday for hundreds of State employees.

**Toledo, O.—Voters Reject Charter Amendments.**—At the general election held on Nov. 3 the voters rejected two plans for amending the charter so as to provide for a city charter, according to the Toledo "Blade" of Nov. 4. One plan provided for a council consisting of 21 members, one elected from each of the wards in the city. This proposal was defeated by a count of 22,675 "for" and 39,465 "against." The other plan, providing for a council composed of nine members, five elected from districts, and four elected at large, was defeated by a vote of 23,438 "for" and 39,272 "against."

**United States.—Total of Public Indebtedness Put at \$30,300,000,000.**—According to figures compiled by the National Industrial Conference Board the amount of the combined indebtedness of the Federal, State and local governments in the United States is put at \$30,300,000,000, of which \$16,800,000,000 is the gross debt of the Federal Government and \$13,500,000,000 is the bonded debt of the State and local governments. The New York "Times" of Nov. 12 carried the following report on the subject:

The combined indebtedness of the Federal, State and local governments in the United States amounts to \$30,300,000,000, according to a study made by the National Industrial Conference Board. The total includes \$16,800,000,000 gross debt of the Federal Government and \$13,500,000,000 bonded debt of the State and local governments. The total assumes a serious aspect, the Board says in presenting the figures, as the larger part of the indebtedness was incurred at a relatively high price level.

The Federal Government total on June 30 last, the Board says, compared with \$16,200,000,000 a year before and \$26,600,000,000 on Aug. 31 1919, when it reached the highest point in history. In slightly less than eleven years a reduction of \$10,400,000,000 was accomplished the Board says, and, despite the increase in the last fiscal year, the gross debt of the United States is \$9,800,000,000 less than in 1919.

In view of the rapid rate at which the Federal debt was reduced from 1920 to 1930, the Board sees no cause for alarm in the increase in the fiscal year 1931. It says, however, that in the decade ended with 1930 the reductions in the Federal debt tended to offset tremendous increases in State and local indebtedness. It finds that at the close of the fiscal year 1929, the latest date for which statistics are available, the State and local bonded debt of \$13,500,000,000 was about \$800,000,000 above that of the preceding year. If that rate of increase has been maintained, which seems likely, the Board says, the present total of State and local net bonded debt would be \$15,100,000,000, instead of \$13,500,000,000.

The board reports that of the \$800,000,000 increases in the last year for which official records are available, the State portion was only \$75,000,000. In recent years local governments have accounted for about 88% of the combined State and local debts.

**Utica, N. Y.—Voters Approve City Manager Government.**—At the election on Nov. 3 the plan of government by limited council with a city manager was approved by the voters by a count of 12,500 "for" and 10,915 "against"—according to the Utica "Press" of Nov. 4.

**BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.**

**AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$200,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds offered on Nov. 9—V. 133, p. 2792—were awarded as 5 1/8% to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, at a price of 100.305, a basis of about 5.47%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1931 and mature \$8,000 on Nov. 1 from 1933 to 1957 incl.

**ADDITIONAL BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids addressed to E. C. Galleher, Director of Finance, will be received until 12 m. (eastern standard time) on Nov. 30, for the purchase of \$135,000 6% coupon or registered poor relief bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$27,000 on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and September) are payable at the Chase National Bank, New York City. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. No formal bidding blank is required and bonds will be furnished by the city. A certified check for 2% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the Director of Finance, must accompany each proposal. Bids to be made

subject to the approval of the issue by the attorney for the purchaser and based upon the payment of such opinion by the purchaser. Bids must be for "all or none."

The following is an official list of the bids received at the sale of the \$200,000 bond issue:

Bidder	Int. Rate.	Premium.
*The Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.	5 1/8%	\$610.00
Fifth-Third Securities Co., Breed & Harrison, Inc., and	5 1/8%	
Davies-Bertram Co., jointly	5 1/8%	600.00
Magnus & Co.	5 1/8%	510.00
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc.	5 1/8%	809.50
BancOhio Securities Co.	5 1/8%	695.00
N. S. Hill & Co.	6%	3,040.00
M. B. Bowman & Co.	6%	222.00

\*Successful bidder.

**ALICE, Jim Wells County, Texas.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p.m. on Nov. 16, by P. S. Anderson, City Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of 5 1/2% semi-ann. bonds, aggregating \$36,000, divided as follows:

\$26,000 refunding bonds. Due as follows: \$3,000 in 1965 and 1966; \$2,000, 1967; \$3,000, 1968, and \$5,000, 1969 to 1971.  
10,000 water works bonds. Due as follows: \$1,000 in 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1955 and 1957.

Dated Oct. 1 1931. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, will be furnished. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany the bid.

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh), Pa.—PROPOSED BOND AWARD POSTPONED.**—N. W. Sparr, Bond Clerk, informs us that the proposed award of \$4,200,000 4 1/2% (series 1) bridge and tunnel bonds scheduled to have been made on Nov. 17—V. 133, p. 3122—has been postponed indefinitely. The bonds were to be dated Dec. 1 1931 and mature serially in from 1 to 30 years.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 13 referred to the purpose for which the funds are being sought and the reason for the deferment of sale, as follows:

"The purpose of the issue was the purchase of the Wabash bridge and tunnel from the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry., with the plan of adapting them for use as a traffic artery between downtown Pittsburgh and South Hills.

"Sale of the bonds was deferred on account of the objections of taxpayers before the Grand Jury. It was declared that the cost of the project would be far greater than the proposed \$4,200,000 issue of bonds. The project was declared to be an engineering mistake and County Commissioners were charged with ignoring the law that such projects must be submitted to the Planning Board twenty days before adoption."

**ALTAMONT, Labette County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.**—It is reported that the voters recently approved the issuance of \$20,000 in natural gas plant bonds.

**ANKA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Hugo), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Nov. 27 by Mrs. E. J. Houle, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$6,000 issue of 5 1/2% refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due on Dec. 1 1935. Interest payable J. & D. A certified check for 5%, payable to the District Treasurer, is required.

**ARKANSAS, State of (P. O. Little Rock).—BONDS AUTHORIZED.**—A special dispatch from Little Rock to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 9 reports as follows on contemplated bond offerings: "The State Debt Board and the State Military Note Board of Arkansas have authorized calling for bids on bonds aggregating \$2,764,500, and the Confederate Note Board has approved the sale of \$1,750,000 bonds on or before Feb. 15 1932. Of the former amount, \$1,000,000 is for the Arkansas Medical School, \$1,000,000 for various college buildings, \$314,500 for public school revolving loan fund, \$400,000 for armories, and \$50,000 for Arkansas State College construction.

Justin Matthews of the State Highway Commission objected to flotation of such issues, and said that a highway bond issue would be marketed next year. School heads insisted, however, and State officials concurred."

**ARKANSAS, State of (P. O. Little Rock).—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 10:30 a. m. on Dec. 16, by Roy V. Leonard State Treasurer, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon bonds and notes aggregating \$2,864,500:

1,000,000 5% State University bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1932 to 1936; \$40,000, 1937 and 1938; \$50,000, 1939; \$60,000, 1940 to 1944; \$70,000, 1945 to 1948 and \$80,000, 1949 to 1951, all incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in lawful money at the office of the State Treasurer. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be accepted. Bids will be considered for all or any part of the issue upon the basis of average maturity. A certified check for \$10,000, payable to the State Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

1,000,000 5% State Agricultural and Mechanical College bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1932 to 1934; \$35,000, 1935 and 1936; \$40,000, 1937 to 1939; \$45,000, 1940 and 1941; \$50,000, 1942 and 1943; \$55,000, 1944; \$60,000, 1945 to 1947; \$65,000, 1948; \$70,000, 1949; \$75,000, 1950 and \$85,000 in 1951. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in lawful money at the State Treasurer's office. No bid for less than the entire issue will be accepted. A \$10,000 certified check, payable as above, is required.

414,500 5% State school bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$500. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1939 to 1943; \$20,500 in 1944 and \$21,000, 1945 to 1958, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in lawful money at the Chase National Bank in New York. No bid for less than par and interest will be accepted. Bids will be considered for all or any part of the issue upon the basis of average maturity. A certified check for \$10,000, payable as above, must accompany the bid.

400,000 5% State military notes. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1934 to 1936; \$12,000, 1937 to 1940; \$15,000, 1941 to 1943; \$18,000, 1944 to 1946; \$20,000, 1947 to 1950; \$22,000, 1951 to 1953; \$25,000, 1954 and 1955 and \$27,000 in 1956. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in lawful money at the office of the State Treasurer, or at the Chase National Bank in New York City. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be accepted. Bids will be considered for all or any part of the issue on the basis of average maturity. A certified check for \$4,000, payable to the State Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

50,000 5% State Library notes. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1934; \$2,000, 1935 to 1939; \$3,000, 1940 to 1950 and \$4,000 in 1951. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable in lawful money at the office of the State Treasurer. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be accepted. No bid for less than the entire issue will be accepted. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the State Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

Dated Dec. 1 1931. The approving opinion of Rose, Hemingway, Cantrell & Loughborough of Little Rock, or of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, will be furnished by the purchaser.

**ATTICA, Wyoming County, N. Y.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—We now learn that the \$3,000 issue of fire department apparatus purchase bonds sold recently at a price of par to the Bank of Attica—V. 133, p. 3122—bears interest at 4 1/2% (not 3 3/4%) and will mature \$600 annually on Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1936 inclusive.

**AUSTIN, Travis County, Tex.—BOND NOTE.**—We are now informed in connection with the offering scheduled for Nov. 17 of the four issues of bonds aggregating \$475,000—V. 133, p. 3122—that the certified or cashier's check required of bidders is in the amount of \$10,000, not \$75,000, as previously reported.

**AVOYELLES PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Marksville), La.—PRICE PAID.**—The \$40,000 issue of Evergreen School District No. 13 bonds that was purchased by the Continental Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, as 68—V. 133, p. 1952—was awarded for a premium of \$100, equal to 100.25, a basis of about 5.98%. Due in 20 years.

**BALTIMORE, Md.—\$1,938,000 BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.**—A group composed of the First National Bank, Phelps, Fenn & Co., and Darby & Co., all of New York City, is offering for public subscription a block of \$1,938,000 4% general improvement purpose bonds, dated Oct. 1 1931 and due on Oct. 1 from 1949 to 1963 incl., at

a price of 99.50 and interest. These bonds are part of the total of \$4,500,000 publicly offered last week at prices to yield 4.15%—V. 133, p. 3122. According to the bankers, the obligations are legal investment for savings banks in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States, and are direct and general obligations of the City, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied on all the taxable property therein.

TAX COLLECTIONS SHOW INCREASE.—Thomas G. Young, City Tax Collector, has announced that collections of city taxes and other accounts in October have brought the total collections for the first 10 months of 1931 to \$46,289,469, exceeding collections in the corresponding period last year by \$1,018,779. State taxes have contributed \$3,633,109 to the total.

BONDS TO BE REDEEMED.—A total of \$800,000 in unexpected balances in the accounts of the Public Improvement Commission has been turned over to the city treasury, of which \$650,000 will be used in the sinking fund to retire bonds of the general improvement loan of 1920 and about \$150,000 will be used to liquidate the outstanding indebtedness of the Board of Commissioners incurred for street opening activities.

BANNOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 35 (P. O. Grace), Ida.—BOND DETAILS.—We are now informed that the \$10,000 issue of 6 1/2% school funding bonds that is being called for payment on Dec. 1—V. 133, p. 3122—is dated Dec. 1 1921 and not Dec. 1 1919.

BEAUMONT, Jefferson County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$100,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. funding, series 1931 bonds that was sold recently—V. 133, p. 3123—was registered by the State Comptroller on Nov. 7. Due from April 15 1932 to 1941 incl.

BEAVER COUNTY (P. O. Beaver), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The National City Co., of New York, was the successful bidder on Nov. 10 for an issue of \$250,000 coupon (registerable as to principal) road bonds, paying par plus a premium of \$1,149.75 for the issue as 4 1/2%, equal to a price of 100.459, a basis of about 4.45%. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$15,000 from 1935 to 1944 incl., and \$20,000 from 1945 to 1949 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) are payable at the office of the County Controller. Legality approved by Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin, of Pittsburgh. The bonds, in the opinion of the bankers, are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in Pennsylvania and New York, and are being reoffered for general investment at prices to yield about 4.25%.

Financial Statement (Officially Reported).

Assessed valuation taxable property.....\$116,921,418  
Total bonded debt, including this issue..... 5,143,000  
Population, 1930 U. S. Census, 149,062.

BEDFORD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—C. P. Finkler, City Clerk, reports that the issue of \$73,280.30 5 1/2% refunding special assessment bonds offered on Oct. 31—V. 133, p. 2628—was not sold, as no bids were received. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1931 and mature serially on Nov. 1 from 1933 to 1941 inclusive.

BELL COUNTY (P. O. Belton), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—Two issues of 5% road refunding bonds aggregating \$20,000, were registered by the State Comptroller on Nov. 4. Denom. \$1,000. Due on April 10 1954.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$7,109.20 6% drain construction bonds offered on Nov. 7—V. 133, p. 2957—was not sold, as no bids were received. The bonds are dated Oct. 15 1931. Due one bond of \$710.92 annually on Nov. 15 from 1932 to 1941, inclusive.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to William T. Small, County Treasurer, will be received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 5 for the purchase of \$3,178 6% drain construction bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Denom. \$317.80. Due \$317.80 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1941, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in June and December. Sale of the bonds is subject to the legal approval of transcript of proceedings.

BERLIN, Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—George R. Duncan, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 23 for the purchase of \$40,000 5, 5 1/2, 5 3/4 or 6% coupon or registered improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1933 and 1934, and \$3,000 from 1935 to 1946 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) are payable at the Berlin National Bank, Berlin, or at the Irving Trust Co., New York City. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$40,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

BEVERLY HILLS, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$398,000 issue of city hall bonds was jointly purchased on Nov. 10 by Weedon & Co., and the American Securities Co., both of San Francisco, as 4 1/2%, at par. Due from 1931 to 1969.

BEXLEY, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposed \$75,000 various municipal building construction bond issue submitted for consideration of the voters at the general election on Nov. 3 (V. 133, p. 1645) was heartily endorsed.

BLOOMINGTON, McLean County, Ill.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—O. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago are offering for general investment a block of \$550,000 4 1/4% water revenue bonds of the total of \$1,483,000 fully described in V. 133, p. 2957. The securities are priced to yield from 4.40 to 4.60% for maturities from 1932 to 1961 inclusive.

BOWLING GREEN, Wood County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposed \$280,000 sewage disposal plant improvement bond issue submitted for consideration of the voters at the general election on Nov. 3 (V. 133, p. 1953) failed of approval, the vote being 1,043 "for" and 1,325 "against."

BRainerd, Crow Wing County, Minn.—MATURITY.—The 5% coupon bonds and certificates aggregating \$9,175 that were awarded at par to the Firemen's Relief Association of Brainerd and the Sinking Fund Commissioners—V. 133, p. 3123—are due as follows:

\$8,165 permanent impt. revolving fund bonds. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1933 and 1934; \$1,000, 1935 and 1936, and \$2,165 in 1937.  
1,010 certificates of indebtedness. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$560 in 1933 and \$450 in 1934.  
Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the City Clerk.

BRIMFIELD RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Portage County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—Although the vote on the proposed \$25,000 school building construction bond issue at the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2628—was 151 "for" to 149 "against," the issue failed of approval as the necessary majority vote was not obtained.

BROWNSVILLE NAVIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Brownsville), Cameron County, Texas.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$1,500,000 or \$2,000,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual improvement bonds offered on Oct. 30 (V. 133, p. 2463) was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated Sept. 1 1930. Due from 1935 to 1970, inclusive.

BURKBURNETT, Wichita County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on Dec. 4 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$120,000 in electric light and power system revenue bonds.

BURLEIGH COUNTY (P. O. Bismarck), N. Dak.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$50,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness offered on Nov. 4 (V. 133, p. 2957) was not sold, according to the County Auditor.

BUTTE, Silver Bow County, Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Nov. 24 by P. J. O'Neill, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$912,520.91 issue of funding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & D. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Amortization bonds will be the first choice and serial bonds will be the second choice of the City Council. If amortization bonds are sold and issued, the entire issue may be put into one single bond, or divided into several bonds, as issue may determine upon at the time of sale. Both principal and interest to be payable in semi-annual instalments during a period of 10 years from the date of issue. If serial bonds are issued and sold, they will be in the denomination of \$1,000, except the last bond, which will be in the denomination of \$520.91, and will mature on Dec. 1 as follows: \$91,000, 1932 to 1940, and \$93,520.91 in 1941. A certified check for \$10,000, payable to the City Clerk, must accompany the bid.  
(The preliminary report of this offering appeared in V. 133, p. 2295.)

CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), Mich.—BOND ELECTION POSSIBLE.—The Board of County Supervisors has under consideration a proposal to submit the question of a proposed \$500,000 emergency relief bond issue to a vote of the electorate.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—We are now informed that the sale of the \$6,000,000 issue of Veterans' Welfare bonds previously scheduled for Dec. 10—V. 133, p. 2792—has been postponed until Dec. 17. The bonds will bear interest at 4 1/2%. Due from Feb. 1 1936 to 1953.

CAMPBELL, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$10,000 5 1/2% poor relief bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 133, p. 2463—was not sold, as no bids were received. The bonds are dated Oct. 15 1931 and mature \$2,000 annually on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl.

CAMP CROOK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Camp Crook), Harding County, S. Dak.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$15,000 issue of 6% registered school bonds that was purchased at par by the Little Missouri Bank of Camp Crook—V. 133, p. 2958—is dated July 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due from 1932 to 1946 incl. Interest payable June 1.

CENTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Monaca), Beaver County, Pa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the general election on Nov. 3 the voters turned down the proposal to issue \$40,000 school construction bonds by a vote of 218 to 143, according to H. C. Hartsbach, Supervisor.

CHAMBERSBURG, Franklin County, Pa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—E. W. Davis, Borough Secretary, reports that at the general election on Nov. 3 the proposal to issue \$250,000 dam construction bonds was defeated.

CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.—WARRANTS CALLED FOR REDEMPTION.—M. S. Szymczak, City Comptroller, announces that corporate tax warrants, dated April 1 1929, numbered from 1,066 to 1,122 in denoms. of \$5,000, issued on account of 1929 taxes, will be paid on presentation through any bank, to the City Treasurer or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Interest accrual will be stopped on Nov. 18.

Lewis E. Myers, President of the Board of Education, announces that the 6% tax anticipation warrants described hereafter will be paid on presentation through any bank, to the City Treasurer, Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Chicago, or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York.

Education fund, 1929, Nos. E-955 to E-967, for \$25,000 each. Dated April 1 1929. Due Sept. 15 1930.  
Building fund, 1929, Nos. B-3,740 to B-3,847, for \$1,000 each. Dated July 1 1929. Due Sept. 15 1930.  
Building fund, 1929, Nos. B-3,594 to B-3,614, for \$5,000 each. Dated July 1 1929. Due Aug. 15 1930.  
Playground fund, No. P-128, for \$5,000. Dated July 1 1929. Due Aug. 15 1930.

Interest accrual on the above warrants will be stopped on Nov. 18.

CLEARPORT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fairfield County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2463—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$20,000 in bonds for school building construction purposes.

CLEBURNE, Johnson County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$114,673 5 1/4% funding, series of 1931 bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on Nov. 2. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$673. Due serially.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles C. Frazine, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (eastern standard time) on Nov. 16 for the purchase of \$157,000 4 1/4% property portion (3d issue) improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$18,000 from 1932 to 1936 incl., and \$17,000 from 1937 to 1941 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and October) are payable at the office of the Director of Finance, or at the legal depository of the city in the city of Cleveland, at the option of the holder. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 4 1/4%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

COOK COUNTY (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—ASSESSED VALUATION FIGURES.—The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 7 reports that "the total assessed valuation of Cook County real estate and personally owned interests was fixed at \$4,228,996,246 by the board of review. This is a reduction of \$309,394,384 from the total arrived at by the board of assessors. It is \$121,967,905 more than the 1929 review board total. Real estate was assessed an aggregate of \$3,459,168,341, and personally at \$769,829,897. "The real estate total comprised \$2,750,237,890 for the city and \$708,930,451 for the country towns. The personal property total included \$701,181,774 for the city and \$68,646,123 for the country towns. "The reviewers cut the assessors' real estate total of \$3,459,168,341 by \$34,545,206, and the personally total of \$944,609,083 by \$174,779,186."

CORINTH, Alcorn County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—An \$11,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school refunding bonds is reported to have been purchased by the Commerce Securities Co. of Memphis. Dated Aug. 1 1931. Legality approved by Benj. H. Charles of St. Louis.

CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Crawford County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposed \$10,000 school building bond issue passed upon at the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2131—was defeated by a count of 869 to 799.

CRESTON, Union County, Iowa.—MATURITY.—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$117,000, that were purchased by Ames, Emerich & Co. of Chicago, as 4s, at a price of 101.23—V. 133, p. 2131—are due as follows:

\$72,000 sewer bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932 and 1933; \$3,000, 1934 to 1937; \$4,000, 1938; \$3,000, 1939; \$4,000, 1940 to 1945, and \$5,000, 1946 to 1950, all incl.  
45,000 sewer outlet and purifying plant bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows:

\$1,000, 1936 to 1941; \$2,000, 1942; \$4,000, 1943; \$5,000, 1944; \$4,000, 1945; \$5,000, 1946; \$6,000, 1947; \$5,000, 1948; \$6,000, 1949, and \$2,000 in 1950.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

CROWLEY, Acadia Parish, La.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$7,920.56 issue of 6% annual paying certificates offered for sale on Nov. 10—V. 133, p. 3123—was purchased by McGuire & Cavender of Texarkana. There were no other bids received.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—NOTES TO BE PAID.—Press reports from Cleveland state that the Board of County Commissioners has notified holders of \$295,000 sewer and water notes that matured Nov. 1, but which were not redeemed then as the necessary funds were not appropriated owing to a technical error, that the notes will be taken up by the county immediately.

DAYTON, Campbell County, Ky.—BONDS NOT VOTED.—At the general election held on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2296—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$40,000 in city building bonds.

DEDHAM, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—John T. Gaynor, Town Treasurer, reports that an issue of \$26,020 unemployment work relief notes was awarded on Nov. 12 as 4 1/2% to the Merchants National Bank, of Boston, at a price of 100.04, a basis of about 4.20%. Dated Nov. 20 1931. Due Nov. 20 1932. Interest to be payable semi-annually on May and Nov. 20. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid.
Merchants Nat. Bank, Boston (successful bidder)...	4 1/2%	100.04
Dedham National Bank.....	4 1/2%	100.01
F. B. Moseley & Co.....	4 1/2%	100.01
Grafton Co.....	4 1/2%	100.048
Faxon, Gade & Co.....	4 1/2%	100.00

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Camden), Camden County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of 6% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$475,000 offered on Nov. 9—V. 133, p. 2958—were not sold. The offering consisted of \$375,000 street and sewer assessment bonds, due from 1935 to 1940 incl., and \$100,000 tax title bonds, due from 1932 to 1941 incl.

DETROIT, Wayne County, Mich.—NOTE SALE.—A group composed of the Bankers Company of New York, the National City Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Chase Harris Forbes Corp. and the Continental Illinois Co., all of New York City, was awarded on Nov. 13 an issue of \$7,500,000 notes at 4 1/2% interest, paying \$7,472,067, or a price of 99.62 for each \$100 worth. The notes are dated Nov. 16 1931 and mature Feb. 16 1932. Only one bid was received at the sale. The notes are not expected to be offered for public investment.

**DIXIE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Quitman), Brooks County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.**—It is reported that at an election held recently, the voters approved the issuance of \$20,000 in school improvement bonds.

**DOTHAN, Houston County, Ala.—BOND SALE.**—A \$10,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds is reported to have been purchased by J. N. Cassidy & Co. of Milwaukee.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY (P. O. Omaha) Neb.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$150,000 issue of county hospital construction bonds offered on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2958—was not sold as the three bids received were rejected. The bids were as follows: Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago offered 100.93; the First Union Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, 100.29, and the Central Republic Co. of Chicago, offered 100.27 for the bonds.

**DOVER, Strafford County, N. H.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids addressed to T. Jewett Chesley, Mayor, will be received until 3 p. m. on Nov. 20 for the purchase of \$60,000 4½% coupon water works bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1937, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable at the National Shawmut Bank, of Boston. The bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the aforementioned bank, and the purchaser will be furnished with the opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston, approving the legality of the issue. The total indebtedness of the city, including the above issue, as of Oct. 9 1931 was \$518,660, and the valuation as of April 1 1931 was \$15,605,093.

**DuBOIS COUNTY (P. O. Jasper), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Jacob P. Frick, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 7 for the purchase of \$14,900 4½% Jackson and Patoka Twps. road improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Denom. \$372.50. Due \$1,490 July 15 1933; \$1,490, Jan. and July 15 in 1934 and 1935, 1936 and 1937, and \$1,490, Jan. 15 1938.

**DUMAS, Moore County, Texas.—BOND REPORT.**—We are informed by the City Secretary that the \$40,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. sewer bonds that was reported to be up for award (V. 133, p. 2793) will be disposed of at private sale. Due \$1,000 from April 1 1932 to 1941, and \$2,000 from 1942 to 1956, all inclusive.

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.**—The State Loan Board, at Lansing, recently approved the application of the city for permission to issue \$57,540.81 special assessment bonds.

**EAST PALESTINE, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—At the general election on Nov. 3 the voters decisively defeated the proposal to issue \$26,000 in bonds for sewage plant improvement purposes, the vote being 3 to 1 in opposition to the plan.

**EATON, Preble County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the general election held on Nov. 3 (V. 133, p. 2464) the voters overwhelmingly endorsed the proposal to issue \$233,000 in bonds to finance the construction of a municipally owned electric light plant. At present, service is obtained from the Eaton Power Co., an Insull property whose franchise will expire Jan. 1 1932.

**EL SEGUNDO, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the election held on Oct. 29 (V. 133, p. 2464) the voters approved the issuance of \$146,816 in 6% boulevard bonds by a count reported to have been 26 "for" to 10 "against."

**EMPORIA, Lyon County, Kan.—BOND SALE.**—The \$43,738.23 issue of 4% semi-annual paying bonds offered for sale on Nov. 9 (V. 133, p. 3124) is reported to have been purchased partly by the School Fund Commission and the balance by the city at par. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due from Nov. 1 1932 to 1941, inclusive.

**EVERETT, Snohomish County, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—A \$30,000 issue of water bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by the First National Bank of Everett.

**FAIRPORT, Belmont County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—George Ondus, Village Clerk, reports that no bids were received for the issue of \$1,120 6% street improvement bonds offered on Oct. 26 (V. 133, p. 2464). Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$120, 1932; \$100 from 1933 to 1936, incl.; \$200 in 1937, and \$100 from 1938 to 1941, incl.

**FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—Ned J. Vermilya, City Clerk, reports that the two issues of bonds totaling \$690,000, offered on Nov. 2 (V. 133, p. 2629), were not sold as no bids were received. Bidder was to name a rate of interest in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. The bonds are expected to be sold to the contractors in lieu of cash for the improvements contemplated. Included in the offering were: \$431,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Due Nov. 2 as follows: \$11,000 in 1932 and \$15,000 from 1933 to 1960, inclusive. 259,000 storm sewer bonds. Due Nov. 2 as follows: \$9,000 in 1932 and \$10,000 from 1933 to 1957, inclusive. Each issue is dated Nov. 2 1931.

**FOREST HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Walter T. Kreiling, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Dec. 7 for the purchase of \$45,000 4½, 4¼ or 4¾% school bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 on Nov. 1 1936 and \$20,000 on Nov. 1 1941. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin of Pittsburgh will be furnished the successful bidder.

**FOREST PARK, Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.**—C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago purchased during October an issue of \$255,000 4½% water revenue bonds, dated Nov. 1 1931 and due Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1934, incl.; \$3,000, 1935 to 1940, incl.; \$4,000, 1941 to 1946, incl.; \$5,000, 1947 to 1951, incl.; \$6,000, 1952 to 1954, incl.; \$7,000, 1955 to 1957, incl.; \$8,000, 1958 to 1960, incl.; \$9,000, 1961 to 1963, incl.; \$10,000, 1964 and 1965; \$11,000, 1966 and 1967; \$12,000 in 1968 and 1969, and \$13,000 in 1970 and 1971. Principal and semi-annual interest (May and Nov.) are payable at the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

**FORTHUM SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 7 (P. O. Columbus) Burke County, N. Dak.—CERTIFICATES SOLD.**—Of the \$3,500 issue of 6% semi-ann. certificates of indebtedness offered for sale without success on Oct. 13—V. 133, p. 2793—we are now informed that a block of \$3,000 has been purchased at par by the Bank of North Dakota, of Bismarck. Due in 18 months.

**FOX LAKE, Dodge County, Wis.—BOND DETAILS.**—The \$18,000 issue of auditorium bonds that was purchased by local investors—V. 133, p. 2958—is more fully described as follows: 4% coupon annual bonds in denoms. of \$500 each. Dated Oct. 2 1931. Due from April 20 1932 to 1949. Callable after five years at six months notice. Interest payable April 20. Price paid was par and interest.

**FRAMINGHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.**—R. L. Day & Co., of Boston, purchased on Nov. 10 an issue of \$20,000 water notes as 4¾s, at a price of 100.09, a basis of about 4.74%. The notes mature annually from 1932 to 1946 incl., and attracted one other bid, a price of par by the Atlantic Corp., of Boston.

**FREETOWN, Lapeer, Harford, Marathon, Virgel, Millet, Cincinnati and Lisle Central School District No. 1 (P. O. Marathon) Cortland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Helen A. Slate, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 18 for the purchase of \$275,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1933 to 1935 incl.; \$4,000, 1936 to 1939 incl.; \$5,000, 1940 to 1945 incl.; \$6,000, 1946 to 1948 incl.; \$7,000, 1949 to 1952 incl.; \$8,000, 1953 to 1956 incl.; \$9,000, 1957 to 1964 incl., and \$10,000 from 1965 to 1971 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (June and December) are payable at the Marine Midland Trust Co., New York City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the Cortland Trust Co., New York. Blank bidding forms may be obtained from the District Clerk or the aforementioned Trust Co. A certified check for \$6,000, payable to the order of the District, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

*Financial Statement.*  
Estimated actual value of real estate.....\$2,589,414  
Assessed valuation, 1930, real estate.....1,918,957  
Bonded debt, excl. of present issue, consisting of indebtedness of School District No. 8, of the town of Marathon.....93,000  
The Supervisor's Journal of Cortland County for the year 1930 shows

the bonded indebtedness of the various towns to be as follows: Town of Marathon, \$1,000; village of Marathon, \$38,200; town of Lapeer, none; town of Freetown, none; town of Cincinnati, none; town of Willet, \$24,000; town of Virgel, \$15,500; town of Harford, none. Estimated population of district, 2,800; estimated area of district, 110 square miles.

The Central School District is situated about 10 miles south of Cortland and about 20 miles north of Binghamton. It includes the village of Marathon. The village of Marathon owns a municipal lighting plant, purchasing its current from the Associated Gas & Electric Co. This plant is valued at \$65,000. This decreases the assessed valuation of the town, but produces a substantial yearly net profit after providing for its upkeep. This village also owns its own water system.

**FRIONA, Parmer County, Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—On Nov. 2 the State Comptroller registered a \$41,500 issue of 6% refunding, series of 1931, bonds. Denom. \$500. Due serially.

**GARFIELD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Joseph J. Novack, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids at public auction until 8 p. m. on Nov. 23 for the purchase of \$700,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered water bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$20,000 on Dec. 1 from 1933 to 1967 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and December) are payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$700,000. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, is required.

**GILMORE CITY, Pocahontas County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—A \$13,500 issue of 5% semi-ann. refunding bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by an undisclosed investor. Denom. \$500. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due as follows: \$500, 1933 to 1943, and \$1,000, 1944 to 1951, all incl.

**GLASSPORT, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids addressed to N. J. Chaverini, Borough Secretary, will be received until 7 p. m. (eastern standard time) on Dec. 14, for the purchase of \$85,000 4% coupon bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Bonds of series A amounting to \$45,000 will mature Dec. 1 1941, while \$40,000 of series B will mature Dec. 1 1951. Interest is payable semi-annually in June and December. Purchaser to pay for the printing of the bonds. A certified check for \$850, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Bonds will be sold free of State tax.

**GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.**—Wilmot A. Reed, City Treasurer, reports that an issue of \$50,000 4½% coupon sewerage bonds was awarded on Nov. 10 to the Gloucester National Bank at a price of 101.275, a basis of about 4.24%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1941 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) are payable at the First National Bank, of Boston. The bonds will be engraved under the supervision of and authenticated as to genuineness by the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. The following is a list of the bids received at the sale:

Bidder	Rate	Bid.
Cloister National Bank (successful bidder)	101.275	
C. P. Nelson & Co.	101.123	
Chase Harris Forbes Corp.	100.90	
E. H. Rollins & Sons.	100.833	
Grafton Co.	100.75	
Atlantic Corp.	100.666	
National City Co.	100.536	
Gloucester Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	100.61	
Cape Ann National Bank.	100.428	
Shawmut Corp.	100.42	
R. L. Day & Co.	100.39	
Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.	100.06	

*Financial Statement, Nov. 5 1931.*  
Assessed valuation for year 1930.....\$42,733,457  
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....2,174,625  
Water debt (included in total debt).....901,000  
Sinking funds.....None  
Population, 24,204.

**GREENWICH, Huron County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The issue of \$12,000 5% water works improvement bonds offered on Nov. 6—V. 133, p. 2793—was not sold, as no bids were received. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1931 and mature Sept. 1 as follows: \$500 from 1932 to 1947 incl., and \$1,000 from 1948 to 1951 incl.

**HAMTRAMCK, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids addressed to Michael J. Grajewski Jr., City Clerk, will be received until 10:30 a. m. on Nov. 16 for the purchase of \$513,308.50 6% bonds, divided as follows:

\$275,000.50 emergency relief bonds, to mature in from 1 to 3 years.  
\$243,308.50 refunding bonds, to mature in from 1 to 10 years.  
Interest is payable semi-annually. The full faith and credit of the city is said to be irrevocably pledged for the payment of principal and interest. All costs in connection with the printing of the bonds and the legal opinion are to be borne by the successful bidder. Bids will be received for the purchase of all or any portion of the bonds. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the bid, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**HARRIS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by H. L. Washburn, County Auditor, until 11 a. m. on Nov. 18, for the purchase of a \$2,000,000 issue of coupon road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 10 1931. Due on Aug. 10 as follows: \$65,000, 1932 to 1936, and \$67,000, 1937 to 1961, all incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer, or at the Chase National Bank in New York City. The bidder is to name the rate of int. at which he will take the bonds at par and accrued interest. The County will furnish to the purchaser the approving opinions of the Attorney-General of Texas, and of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York. These bonds were voted at an election held on March 22 1930 by a count of 12,031 "for" and 2,277 "against." They are issued pursuant to Article 3, Section 52, State Constitution, and Title 22, Chapter 3, Revised Statutes of 1925, as amended. A certified check for 1% of the bid, payable to the County Auditor, is required.  
(The official advertisement of this offering appears on page 3292 of this issue.)

*Financial Statement.*  
The following list of bonds constitutes all the outstanding issues of bonds, exclusive of this issue, affecting Harris County as of Nov. 1 1931:

Date of Issue	Amt. of Issue	Rate of Int.	Maturity	Out-standing	Cash.	Securities.
4-13-01	Road & bridge	600,000	3%	40-10	500,000	16,373
10-10-07	Road & bridge	500,000	4%	40-10	317,000	32,064
4-10-09	Road & bridge	500,000	4½%	40-10	416,000	11,625
7-20-17	Road & bridge	1,100,000	5%	40-10	115,000	15,912
6-10-27	Road & bd'ge ref.	701,000	4½%	Serial	594,000	12,981
4-10-24	Road & bridge	750,000	5%	Serial	543,000	401
4-10-08	Courthouse	500,000	4%	40-10	231,000	23,179
4-10-26	Jail	600,000	4¾%	Serial	500,000	511
4-10-13	Road & bridge	1,000,000	4¾%	40-30	956,000	9,601
4-10-26	Rd.&bd'ge Ser. A	11,000	5¾%	Serial	10,000	165
4-10-26	Rd.&bd'ge Ser. B	50,000	5%	Serial	---	---
4-10-26	Rd.&bd'ge Ser. C	1,450,000	4½%	Serial	1,249,000	1,045
10-10-27	Rd.&bd'ge Ser. D	2,000,000	4½%	Serial	1,737,000	1,446
12-10-28	Rd.&bd'ge Ser. E	2,489,000	4½%	Serial	2,310,000	131,669
4-10-30	Rd.&bd'ge Ser. F	1,500,000	4¾%	Serial	1,450,000	1,015
		13,751,000			10,928,000	257,887
						1,030,000

**HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Logan), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Dec. 1, by the County Auditor, for the purchase of an issue of \$18,200 coupon bridge bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Legality approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. Authority for issuance: Chapter 24, Laws of 1931. A certified check for 3% must accompany the bid.

**HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Corydon) Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids addressed to John K. Morris, County Treasurer, will be received until 10 a. m. on Nov. 17 for the purchase of \$8,400 4% Blue River Twp. road improvement bonds. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. A certified check for 3% of the amount of the issue must accompany each proposal.

HILLSIDE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hillside), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Howard J. Bloy, Township Clerk, will be received until 8 p.m. on Nov. 25 for the purchase of \$1,438,000

616,000 general improvement bonds. Due Dec. 15 as follows: \$15,000 from 1933 to 1937 incl.; \$20,000 from 1958 to 1968 incl., and \$21,000 in 1969.

Each issue is dated Dec. 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 15) are payable at the Hillside National Bank, Hillside. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue.

HOPKINS COUNTY (P. O. Madisonville), Ky.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the general election held on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 1793—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$125,000 in road and bridge bonds by a small majority.

ILLINOIS (State of)—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, is offering for public investment a block of \$100,000 4% coupon (registerable as to principal) gold waterway bonds at a price of 98.85 and accrued interest, to yield about 4.25%.

Financial Statement (as officially reported Jan. 15 1931 by State Treasurer). Assessed valuation, 1928 \$8,365,333.473 Total bonded debt, this issue included 200,077.500

IRONDEQUOIT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Rochester), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Nov. 9—V. 133, p. 2959—were awarded as 5.70s to A. C. Allyn & Co. of New York, at a price of 100.119, a basis of about 5.69%.

IRONTON, Lawrence County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$80,259.99 offered on Nov. 6—V. 133, p. 2794—were awarded to Magnus & Co., of Cincinnati, at a price of par: \$23,680.35 special assessment improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1931.

ISLIP COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Babylon, Box 586), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert W. Zimmerman, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 3 p.m. on Nov. 21, for the purchase of \$50,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered school bonds.

JEFFERSON CITY, Jefferson County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of 5 1/4% bonds aggregating \$30,000 are reported to have been jointly purchased at par by the Equitable Securities Corp. of Nashville and Bailey-Wood & Co. of Knoxville.

JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$4,359,000 for which no bids were received when offered on Nov. 6 to bear interest at 4 1/4% or at a higher rate in the discretion of the bidder—V. 133, p. 3125—were subsequently sold on Nov. 10 privately as 5s, at a price of par, to a group composed of the National City Co., the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., and the N. W. Harris Co., Inc., all of N. Y. City.

JOHNSTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Johnston), Polk County, Iowa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on Nov. 9 (V. 133, p. 3125), it is reported that an \$8,500 issue of 5% refunding school bonds was authorized. Due from Oct. 1 1934 to 1935.

KANSAS CITY, Jackson County, Mo.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by A. L. Darby, Director of Finance, until 2 p.m. on Nov. 13, for the purchase of the following issues of 4% semi-ann. bonds, aggregating \$1,800,000: \$500,000 water works, 5th issue bonds. These bonds are part of an issue of \$1,000,000, maturing on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1933 to 1935; \$10,000, 1936 to 1938; \$15,000, 1939 to 1942; \$20,000, 1943 to 1947; \$28,000, 1948 to 1952; \$30,000, 1953 to 1957; \$32,000, 1958; \$35,000, 1959 and 1960; \$38,000, 1961 to 1963; \$39,000, 1964 to 1970, and \$41,000 in 1971 all inclusive.

Amounts, Maturities and Prices (Accrued interest to be added).

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Due, Price, and another Price column. Rows list bond amounts from \$159,000 to \$157,000 with corresponding due dates and prices.

LAKE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lake Park) Lowndes County, Ga.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$12,000 issue of school building bonds that was purchased at par by the County Commissioners—V. 133, p. 2465—bears interest at 7% and is due in 24 years.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—One of the measures favorably indorsed by the voters at the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2298—was that dealing with the proposition to issue \$500,000 in bonds to finance the installation of a sewerage system.

LANSING, Allamakee County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% coupon semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$28,000, offered for sale on Nov. 5—V. 133, p. 3125—were purchased by McKenzie and Killen (contractors) of Superior, Wis., at par. The issues are divided as follows: \$18,000 impmt. fund bonds. Due on June 1 1951 and optional in 1937.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—One of the measures favorably indorsed by the voters at the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2298—was that dealing with the proposition to issue \$500,000 in bonds to finance the installation of a sewerage system.

300,000 park and boulevard improvement bonds. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1933 to 1935; \$8,000, 1936 to 1962, and \$9,000, 1963 to 1971, all inclusive.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer, or at the Chase National Bank in New York City. The approving opinion of Benj. H. Charles of St. Louis, will be furnished. Delivery of the bonds will be made on or about Nov. 15.

KANSAS CITY, Jackson County, Mo.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—Ordinances have been passed by the City Council, according to report, providing for the issuance of various bonds aggregating \$2,300,000 for civic improvements. It is stated that these bonds will shortly be offered for sale.

The following information is furnished in connection with the authorizations: Issued named in the ordinances just passed include: Water works extension, fifth issue, \$1,000,000; street signs and underpasses, \$50,000; hospital improvements, fifth issue, \$100,000; auditorium, \$150,000; Brush Creek improvement, \$150,000; sewers, third issue, \$250,000; traffic ways, \$300,000, and parks and boulevards, \$300,000.

KLAMATH FALLS, Klamath County, Ore.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the City Council has recently authorized the issuance of \$36,248.88 in sewer bonds.

KLING TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Kelayers), Schuylkill County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—John Hayducek, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, reports that at the general election on Nov. 3 the voters authorized the issuance of \$55,000 5% school bonds by a count of 588 to 39.

KNOXVILLE, Knox County, Tenn.—BOND AUTHORIZATION.—The City Council is stated to have passed on final reading the ordinance providing for the issuance of \$1,000,000 in revenue bonds that was recently reported (V. 133, p. 2959).

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William Shaffer, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p.m. on Nov. 20 for the purchase of \$11,600 4% Scott Twp. highway improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 15 1931. Denom. \$580. Due \$580 July 15 1932; \$580 Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1942, incl., and \$580 Jan. 15 1943. (The above bonds are being offered in addition to the issue of \$16,900 mentioned in V. 133, p. 3125.)

LAMAR, Prowers County.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of Paving District No. 3 bonds is reported to have been purchased by the contractor.

L'ANSE, Baraga County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Oct. 26—V. 133, p. 2794—the voters approved of the issuance of \$30,000 in bonds for public improvement purposes, the vote being 283 "for" and 58 "against." The bonds will bear interest at 5% and will be sold through the Baraga County National Bank. Denom. \$500.

LANSING, Allamakee County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% coupon semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$28,000, offered for sale on Nov. 5—V. 133, p. 3125—were purchased by McKenzie and Killen (contractors) of Superior, Wis., at par. The issues are divided as follows: \$18,000 impmt. fund bonds. Due on June 1 1951 and optional in 1937.

LAKE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lake Park) Lowndes County, Ga.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$12,000 issue of school building bonds that was purchased at par by the County Commissioners—V. 133, p. 2465—bears interest at 7% and is due in 24 years.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BONDS VOTED.—One of the measures favorably indorsed by the voters at the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2298—was that dealing with the proposition to issue \$500,000 in bonds to finance the installation of a sewerage system.

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte) Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—J. C. Loomis, County Treasurer, reports that the issue of \$12,500 4% Scott Twp. highway improvement bonds offered on Nov. 6—V. 133, p. 2959—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Nov. 2 1931. Due one bond of \$625 each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943.

LAS VEGAS, Clark County, Nev.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Via Burns, City Clerk, until 3 p.m. on Nov. 20, for the purchase of an issue of \$160,000 sewer mains and disposal plant bonds. The bonds were voted at an election held on May 5—V. 132, p. 3385. (It is stated that these bonds were recently offered for sale without success.)

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Charles D. Harnden, City Treasurer, will be received until 11 a. m. on Nov. 18 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$200,000 temporary loan. Dated Nov. 18 1931. Denoms. \$50,000, \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Payable March 15 1932 at the First National Bank of Boston, or at the office of the First of Boston Corp., N. Y. City.

LEXINGTON, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—James E. Fellows, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on Nov. 24 for the purchase of \$2,688 6% water works bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$336. Due \$336 on April and Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1935 incl. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and October. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

LODGE POLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lodge Pole) Cheyenne County, Neb.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on Nov. 19 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$65,000 in school building bonds.

LONGVIEW, Gregg County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—Three issues of 5% serial bonds aggregating \$120,000 were registered by the State Comptroller on Nov. 2. The issues are divided as follows: \$50,000 street improvement, \$30,000 water works improvement and \$40,000 sewerage improvement bonds. Denomination \$1,000.

LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—TEMPORARY FINANCING CONTEMPLATED.—The following report of proposed borrowing by the above district in anticipation of the sale of some of the \$220,000,000 Colorado River Aqueduct bonds recently approved—V. 133, p. 2465—is taken from the Los Angeles "Times" of Nov. 7:

Negotiations have been opened with the local Clearinghouse Association by the Metropolitan Water District to determine whether the district can borrow money with which to increase its program of preliminary work on the Colorado River aqueduct. It was announced yesterday.

Until the recently voted \$220,000,000 bonds have been validated by the courts and proceeds from bond sales begin to come in the district has only the proceeds from its 3-cent tax levy to finance its activities. The plan is, in effect, to expedite the flow of the tax money anticipated for the last quarter of the fiscal year by borrowing money from the banks now and paying it back when the tax money comes in. About \$260,000 will be borrowed if the plan is approved by the banks.

John R. Richards, one of the district directors, reported at the regular meeting yesterday that the Clearinghouse Association has been approached on the subject and has it under consideration. A definite reply is expected from the association probably by next Friday. It is expected it will be at least four months before the necessary validation of the bond issue can be obtained from the courts and the bonds sold.

LUDLOW, Kenton County, Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—The issuance of \$120,000 in 6% water works plant bonds was approved by the voters on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 1321—by a substantial majority. Due in 20 years.

MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mount Clemens), Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election has been called for Dec. 21 at which time a proposal to issue \$250,000 in bonds to finance the completion of the new 12-story court house building will be passed upon by the voters. Delinquent tax collections are said to have resulted in the issuance of bonds to complete the project.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$225,375 emergency poor relief bonds offered on Nov. 12—V. 133, p. 2959—were awarded as 6s to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.



of Cincinnati at par plus a premium of \$1,149.41, equal to a price of 100.509, a basis of about 5.86%. The bonds are dated Nov. 15 1931 and mature Sept. 15 as follows: \$44,375 in 1933; \$45,000 from 1934 to 1936 incl. and \$46,000 in 1937.

\$400,000 REFUNDING ISSUE EXPECTED.—The County Commissioners plan to offer for sale shortly an issue of \$400,000 refunding bonds to cover a shortage in the county's sinking fund caused by non-payment of special assessments, according to report.

MAPLE BLUFF (P. O. Madison) Dane County, Wis.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—We are now informed that in addition to the \$18,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon general water mains bonds that was jointly purchased at par by the State Bank of Wisconsin, and the Central Wisconsin Trust Co., both of Madison—V. 133, p. 3125—a \$31,000 issue of 5% coupon special water main bonds was also purchased at par by the same account. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1931. Due in from 1 to 10 years.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis) Ind.—NOTE OFFERING.—Harry Dunn, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Nov. 30 for the purchase of \$245,000 not to exceed 6% interest poor relief bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Denom. \$2,500. Due in equal amounts of \$122,500 on May and Nov. 15 1932. Principal and semi-annual interest (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. Conditional bids will not be considered and the opinion as to the validity of the notes is to be paid for by the purchaser.

MEADVILLE, Crawford County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$25,000 4% coupon city bonds offered on Nov. 10—V. 133, p. 2960—was not sold, as no bids were received. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932 and were to mature \$5,000 on Jan. 1 in 1936, 1940, 1944, 1948 and 1952.

MECKLENBURG COUNTY (P. O. Charlotte), N. C.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$150,000 issue of notes that was reported sold—V. 133, p. 3125—was awarded at 2 1/4% (not 2 3/4%) at par, to the Merchants & Farmers National Bank of Charlotte.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$270,000 issue of coupon or registered street impt. assessment bonds offered on Nov. 10—V. 133, p. 2794—was not sold, as the only bid received was rejected. The bid was an offer for par for 58, tendered by a group composed of the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., the Union & Planters Co. and the First Securities Corp., all of Memphis. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Due \$54,000 from Sept. 1 1932 to 1936 inclusive.

MIAMI, Fla.—REFUNDING OF BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The refunding of a large amount of bonds is reported in press dispatches from this city as follows: "The City Commission has acted favorably on resolutions authorizing the \$16,258,000 issue of refunding bonds and payment of expenses incident to authorization of issuance of the bonds, details of which will be executed for the Miami bondholders' refunding committee by the Municipal Securities Association."

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,110 4% coupon Perry Township road improvement bonds offered on Nov. 5—V. 133, p. 2795—were awarded to a local investor at a price of par plus a premium of \$8, equal to 100.26, a basis of about 3.95%. Dated Oct. 15 1931. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. An offer of par was submitted by another local bidder.

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Geo. M. Link, Secretary of the Board of Taxation and Estimate, until 10:30 a. m. on Nov. 25, for the purchase of two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,828,920, divided as follows: \$1,628,920 permanent impt. bonds. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$131,920 in 1932; \$132,000, 1933 to 1936; \$82,000, 1937 to 1940; \$81,000, 1941, and \$56,000 from 1942 to 1951, all incl.

200,000 public relief bonds. Due \$40,000 from Dec. 1 1932 to 1936 incl. All said bonds shall bear interest at a single rate per annum, or at two rates per annum, one rate for the earlier maturities and a lower rate for the later maturities, all bonds due in any one year to bear a common rate, any such rate to be a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and not to exceed 5% interest to be payable semi-annually, and with the exception of one bond for \$920.00, will be issued in denomination of \$1,000.

Said obligations are issued pursuant to the terms of Sections 9 and 10 of Chapter XV of the charter of the city of Minneapolis, are payable in "gold coin of the United States of America, of the present standard of weight and fineness," are without option of prior payment and are tax exempt in the State of Minnesota. The cost of preparing the bonds will be borne by the city of Minneapolis. Delivery will be made by City Comptroller Dan C. Brown at the office of the City Treasurer in the City Hall, Minneapolis, Minn., or elsewhere in the United States at the option of the purchaser.

Said obligations will be sold to the bidder (or bidders) offering bids complying with the terms of this sale and deemed most favorable, subject to the provision that the Board of Estimate and Taxation reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids only will be considered. Bids offering an amount less than par cannot be accepted. A certified check (or bank cashier's check) payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, for an amount equal to 2% of the amount of the obligations bid for. Proposals and subscriptions must state the total number of obligations bid for, and total amount offered therefor, including principal and accrued interest thereon from the date of said obligations to the date of delivery.

Both principal and interest of said obligations will be payable at the fiscal agency of the city of Minneapolis in the city and State of New York or at the office of the City Treasurer in the city of Minneapolis, at the option of the holder.

The bonds will be accompanied by the opinion of Messrs. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, attorneys and counselors at law, of New York city, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the city of Minneapolis. (This report corrects that appearing in V. 133, p. 3125.)

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by S. H. Hendrix, City Clerk, until noon on Nov. 17, for the purchase of a \$70,000 issue of coupon or registered public works refunding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & D. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1934 to 1944, and \$3,000, 1945 to 1960, all incl. Prin. and int. payable in gold or its equivalent in lawful money at the Irving Trust Co. in New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the city, is required.

(A \$50,000 issue of these bonds was offered for sale without success on Oct. 20—V. 133, p. 2795.)

MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile) Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. C. Doody, Clerk of the Board of Revenue and Road Commissioners, until 10:30 a. m. on Dec. 1, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$400,000, divided as follows: \$240,000 road and bridge bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 4 3/4%, payable J. & D. Denom. \$1,000. Dated June 1 1928. Due on June 1 as follows: \$22,000, 1933; \$4,000, 1939 and 1940; \$6,000, 1941; \$7,000, 1942; \$8,000, 1943 and 1944; \$10,000, 1945 and 1946; \$11,000, 1947 and 1948; \$12,000, 1949; \$14,000, 1950 to 1957, and \$15,000 in 1958. These bonds are issued under authority of an amendment to the State Constitution, expressly authorizing this issue, and of Local Act 246 of 1927; as amended, are part of a \$5,000,000 issue authorized at an election held on April 19 1928, and are payable from a special tax to be levied annually. A certified check for \$2,400, must accompany this bid.

160,000 road and bridge bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%, payable J. & D. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated June 1 1930. Due on June 1 as follows: \$3,500, 1933 to 1937; \$4,000, 1938; \$5,500, 1939 to 1943; \$6,000, 1944 to 1951, and \$7,000, 1952 to 1960. These bonds are issued under authority of an amendment to the Constitution expressly authorizing this issue, and of Local Act 246 of 1927; they were approved at an election held on Sept. 17 1929, and are payable from a special tax to be levied annually. A \$2,000 certified check is required.

Payable at any bank or trust company to be selected by the purchaser. Bidders are requested to submit bids at different rates of interest and the bonds will be sold to the bidder whose bid will result in the lowest net interest rate to the County, said bonds will be sold at not less than 95. Blank bonds are to be furnished by the purchaser. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, will be furnished.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—The \$700,000 series A tax anticipation notes offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Nov. 4 (V. 133, p. 2960) were awarded as 5.45s at par plus a premium

of \$10 to F. S. Moseley & Co. of N. Y. City. The notes are dated Oct. 29 1931 and will mature April 29 1932.

MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received on Nov. 2 for the purchase of the three issues of special assessment refunding bonds aggregating \$54,100, offered at not to exceed 6% int.—V. 133, p. 2960. The offering consisted of: \$21,200 series C bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Due Dec. 15 as follows: \$7,200 in 1932 and \$7,000 in 1933 and 1934. 18,300 series A bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$6,300 in 1932, and \$6,000 in 1933 and 1934. 14,600 series B bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$4,600 in 1932, and \$5,000 in 1933 and 1934.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Dayton) Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, is reported to have purchased privately on Nov. 2 as 6s, at par and accrued interest, \$442,450 bonds, divided as follows: \$260,000 poor relief bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due \$52,000 on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl. This is the issue for which all the bids received on Oct. 21 were rejected—V. 133, p. 2960.

182,450 refunding bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due as follows: \$10,450, April and \$9,000, Oct. 1 1933; \$9,000, April and Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1941 incl.; \$9,000, April 1, and \$10,000, Oct. 1 1942. This issue was scheduled to have been sold on Oct. 26—V. 133, p. 2466.

MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Walter K. Butler, County Treasurer, will be received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 1 for the purchase of \$1,950 4% highway construction bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$195. Due \$195 on May 15 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually on May and Nov. 15.

NORTH BABYLON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Babylon), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—Charles J. Goetz, Clerk of the Board of Education, reports that at an election held on Nov. 10 the voters approved of the issuance of \$135,000 school bonds by a vote of 56 to 21.

MOUNT VERNON, Knox County, Ohio.—PURCHASERS.—The \$83,636.65 4 1/4% street improvement bonds sold locally on Oct. 23 at a price of par and accrued interest (V. 133, p. 3126) were purchased by the Knox County Savings Bank and the Citizens Building Loan & Savings Associations. The bonds are dated April 1 1931 and mature semi-annually on April and Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1941, incl. Legal opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland.

MOWER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (P. O. Elkton), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 issue of registered refunding bonds offered for sale on Nov. 3 (V. 133, p. 2960) was purchased by the Farmers State Bank of Elkton as 4s at par. Dated Dec. 30 1931. Due \$3,000 on June 30 1938 and 1939.

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY (P. O. Nacogdoches), Texas.—BONDS REGISTERED.—Two issues of 6% serial bonds were registered by the State Comptroller on Nov. 3. The issues are as follows: \$20,000 road and bridge funding and \$16,000 jail funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000.

NATIONAL PARK, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 6% coupon or registered water works bonds offered on Oct. 26 (V. 133, p. 2631) were awarded at a price of par and accrued interest to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, the only bidder. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1930 and mature Aug. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1960 and \$6,000 from 1961 to 1964, inclusive.

NEGAUNEE, Marquette County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% sewer bonds offered on Oct. 26 (V. 133, p. 2795) were awarded at a price of par and accrued interest to John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago. The city will pay \$350 for the cost of the printing of the bonds. Due \$6,000 annually on March 20 from 1933 to 1942, inclusive.

NEWARK, Wayne County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Elbert Fisk, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. on Nov. 24 for the purchase of \$100,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered sewer bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1951, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1/10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec.) are payable at the Acadia Trust Co., Newark. A certified check for \$2,500, payable to the order of the village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished to the successful bidder without charge.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation for year 1931	\$6,805,624.73
Total bonded debt, including this issue	378,500.00
Floating debt, warrants, notes, orders, &c	4,000.00
Total debt	382,500.00
Water works bonds, included in above	188,000.00
Population for 1920, 6,964; for 1930, 7,652.	

NEWARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Newark), Licking County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to L. Tenney Rees, Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education, will be received until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Dec. 7 for the purchase of \$29,700 6% school bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. One bond for \$700, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,700 in 1933, and \$3,000 from 1934 to 1942, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct.) are payable at the Licking Bank & Trust Co., Newark. Bids for the bonds will bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$300, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. The favorable opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland, together with a full transcript of proceedings will be furnished to the successful bidder without charge. Bids otherwise conditioned will not be considered.

NEWTON, Harvey County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 24 a special election will be held, according to report, in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$300,000 in gas distribution plant bonds.

NORRISTOWN, Montgomery County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—F. Lester Smith, Borough Secretary, reports that the issue of \$300,000 coupon bonds offered at not to exceed 4 1/4% interest on Nov. 4—V. 133, p. 2631—was not sold, as no offers were received. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1931 and mature \$10,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1961, incl.

BONDS VOTED.—At the general election on Nov. 3 the voters approved of the issuance of \$450,000 grade crossing elimination bonds by a count of 4,320 to 1,182.

NORTH ARLINGTON (P. O. Arlington), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND NOT SOLD.—No bids were received for the two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$519,000 offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Nov. 5—V. 133, p. 2795. Included in the offering were \$422,000 street and sewer assessment bonds, due Aug. 1 from 1933 to 1939, incl., and \$97,000 general improvement bonds, due on Aug. 1 from 1932 to 1948, inclusive. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1931.

NORTH SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Coalville), Summit County, Utah.—BOND REPORT.—We are informed by P. T. Richards, District Clerk, that no bonds of the District have been sold this year but that the First National Bank of Coalville, purchased \$28,000 bonds of the District in the open market. This corrects the report of sale given in V. 133, p. 2960.

NORTON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Akron), Summit County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—Although the count of votes cast at the general election on Nov. 3 was 241 "for" and 208 "against," as regards the proposal to issue \$75,000 in bonds for school purposes, the measure failed of approval inasmuch as the majority vote necessary was not obtained.

NORWOOD, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposed \$100,000 park and playground bond issue submitted for consideration of the voters at the general election on Nov. 3 was defeated by a vote of 6,849 to 2,804, according to W. R. Socke, City Auditor. BOND SALE.—Mr. Socke also reports that an issue of \$5,500 6% street impt. bonds recently authorized by the city council will be purchased by the sinking fund commission, at par. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due \$2,750 on Oct. 1 in 1933 and 1934.

OAKLAND, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William H. Brinle Jr., Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8:15 p. m. on Dec. 4 for the purchase of \$120,000 4 1/2, 5, 5 1/4, 5 1/2 or 6% coupon or registered water bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 15 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1968, incl., and \$4,000 from 1969 to 1971, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (May and Nov. 15) are payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Pompton Lakes. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$120,000. A certified check for 2% of the face amount of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

OAK PARK, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Nelson G. Lyons, Village Clerk, will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Nov. 20 for the purchase of \$22,000 5% special assessment refunding bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1932 to 1936 incl. and \$2,000 in 1937. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable at the Detroit Trust Co., Detroit. The bonds will be approved as to legality by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit, and the village will pay the cost of the printing and delivery of said bonds and the legal opinion thereon.

OCEAN CITY, Cape May County, N. J.—BONDS PARTIALLY SOLD.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia are reported to have purchased privately on Nov. 4 as 6s, at a price of par, a block of \$135,000 bonds of the \$287,000 coupon or registered impt. issue offered on Sept. 30, at which time no bids were received—V. 133, p. 2299. The entire issue is dated Oct. 1 1931 and due Oct. 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1932 to 1948 incl.; \$15,000 from 1949 to 1955 incl., and \$12,000 in 1956.

OREGON, State of (P. O. Salem).—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. highway bonds offered for sale on Nov. 12—V. 133, p. 2795—was purchased by a syndicate composed of the Continental Illinois Co., Inc., and the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, both of Chicago, the First Securities Corp. of St. Paul, and the First National Bank of Portland, at a price of 99.07, a basis of about 4.29%. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due \$25,000 on April and Oct. 1 from 1937 to 1956 incl. Newspaper reports from the Coast gave the following additional information: The highest bid, 99.131, was submitted by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Bancamerica-Blair Corp. and Phelps, Fenn & Co., but this was rejected because of a conditional clause included in the tender regarding litigation. National City Co. bid 98.60. Central Republic Co. of Chicago and associates bid 98.133. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chase Harris Forbes Corp. and Northern Trust Co. bid 98.133.

Continental Illinois Co., Inc., and associates reoffered \$1,000,000 Oregon 4 1/2% bonds, due in 6 to 25 years, to yield 4.20%. The bonds are practically all sold, dealers report.

OTERO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 26 (P. O. Fowler), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—A \$40,000 issue of 4 1/2% school refunding bonds was voted at an election held recently, according to report.

OTTAWA, La Salle County, Ill.—LOCAL SALE OF BONDS LIKELY.—J. G. Schumacher, Commissioner of Finance, advises us that as a result of the receipt of several inquiries, the \$100,000 5% bonds authorized at an election held on Oct. 27—V. 133, p. 2961—may be sold to local investors. There are \$50,000 bridge construction bonds, due from 1934 to 1943, incl., and a similar amount of street improvement bonds, due from 1933 to 1942 inclusive.

OWENSBORO, Daviess County, Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—At the general election held on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 1958—the voters are reported to have approved the issuance of \$200,000 in natural gas distribution bonds.

OWINGSVILLE, Bath County, Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—At the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 1958—the voters approved the issuance of \$13,500 (not \$13,000) in 6% water system bonds by a count reported to have been 110 "for" to 55 "against." Dated when issued. Due in from 20 to 40 years.

PATOKA TOWNSHIP (P. O. Winslow), Pike County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward G. Richardson, trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Nov. 30 for the purchase of \$5,000 4% school building construction bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. One bond for \$380, others for \$330. Due July 15 as follows: \$330 from 1932 to 1945, inclusive, and \$380 in 1946.

(On Oct. 19 the District reported a sale of \$5,000 4 1/2% school bonds to Frank Herring, local investor, at par plus a premium of \$80.—V. 133, p. 2796.)

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph E. Hornsby, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Nov. 24 for the purchase of \$1,000,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered tax revenue bonds. Dated Dec. 3 1931. Denom. \$5,000. Due June 3 1932. Principal and interest are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of one one-hundredth of 1%. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. The legality of the bonds will be approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York, whose opinion will be furnished to the purchaser without charge.

PETOSKEY, Emmet County, Mich.—BONDS TO BE REDEMED.—The City Council recently ordered paid the principal and interest on \$7,000 general obligation bonds, and also applied to the State Loan Board for a ruling on an issue of \$9,350 water works bonds, authorized by the voters several years ago, but never sold.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—ADDITIONAL \$2,500,000 BONDS SOLD.—On Nov. 10 the Philadelphia National Bank purchased as 4 1/2s, at a price of par, a block of \$2,500,000 bonds of the issue of \$15,000,000, which is being offered by the City Treasurer "over-the-counter." On that date only about \$8,000,000 bonds of the original issue remained unsold.

Subscriptions accepted include a block of \$50,000 bonds purchased by R. W. Pressprich & Co., of New York City.

It was announced on Nov. 12 that an additional \$243,400 bonds had been sold, bringing the aggregate disposals up to \$7,239,300.

PLATTE, Charles Mix County, S. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of not to exceed 6% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$24,000, offered for sale on Nov. 2 (V. 133, p. 2796), were not sold. The issues are divided as follows: 14,000 water bonds. Due \$700 from Oct. 1 1932 to 1951, incl. 10,000 paving bonds. Due \$500 from Oct. 1 1932 to 1951, incl.

PORTER COUNTY (P. O. Valparaiso), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—W. E. Seymour, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Nov. 16 for the purchase of \$39,000 4 1/2% Westchester Twp. road improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 15 1931. Denom. \$1,950. Due \$1,950 July 15 1932; \$1,950 Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1942, incl., and \$1,950 Jan. 15 1943.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BONDS CALLED.—The following 6% bonds are called for payment on Dec. 1, on which date interest shall cease: Nos. 42584 to 42,683 of improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1927 and optional on Jan. 1 1930. Also Nos. 496 to 505 of improvement (lighting system) bonds. Dated June 1 1925 and optional on June 1 1931.

PUEBLO, Pueblo County, Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At the general election held on Nov. 3 (V. 133, p. 1796) the voters approved the issuance of the two issues of 4 1/2% semi-annual Public Park Improvement Districts refunding bonds, aggregating \$280,000, divided as follows: \$130,000 District No. 1 bonds. Due from Nov. 1 1932 to 1946, incl. 150,000 District No. 2 bonds. Due from Nov. 1 1932 to 1951, incl.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Gilbert Ogle, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 1 for the purchase of \$1,950 4% Anna L. Michael et al. highway improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$195. Due \$195 annually on May 15 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually on May and Nov. 15.

RACINE, Racine County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Nov. 17 by A. J. Eisehart, City Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 4 1/2% water works improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 15 1931. Due \$50,000 from Aug. 15 1934 to 1936, incl. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Sale is to be open but sealed bids will receive consideration. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the city, must accompany the bid.

(These are the bonds that were originally scheduled for sale on Oct. 28—V. 133, p. 2961.)

READING, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—Joseph A. Hoepfer, Village Clerk, reports that at the general election on Nov. 3 the voters turned down the proposal to issue \$75,000 in bonds to finance the construction of a new municipal building.

Said bonds are issued pursuant to an Act, entitled "An Act Authorizing the incurring of indebtedness by Cities, Towns and Municipal Corporations for Municipal Improvements, and Regulating the Acquisition, Construction or Completion Thereof," which became a law on Feb. 25 1901, and all Acts or parts of Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

The assessed valuation of all non-operative property in the City of Redlands upon which said bonds are a lien is \$19,003,533, and the outstanding indebtedness of said city, exclusive of this issue, is \$1,022,500. The City of Redlands contains approximately 16 1/2 square miles and has a population of approximately 15,000.

RED HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.—A proposed \$29,000 high school building construction bond issue submitted for consideration of the voters on Nov. 3 was decisively approved by a favorable vote of 220 to 20.

REDLANDS, San Bernardino County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 issue of sewage disposal plant bonds that was voted on Oct. 20—V. 133, p. 2961—was purchased on Nov. 10 by Weeden & Co. of San Francisco as 4 3/4s, paying a premium of \$1,153, equal to 101.28, a basis of about 4.60%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1930. Due as follows: \$3,000, 1932 to 1936, and \$5,000, 1937 to 1951, all inclusive.

REMSEN, Plymouth County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon electrical power plant bonds offered for sale on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2796—was purchased by the First Trust & Savings Bank of Remsen, at par. Denom. \$500. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due in 1950 and optional after 5 years. Interest payable M. & N.

RIVER ROUGE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$49,000 issue of welfare relief bonds offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Oct. 13, at which time no bids were received—V. 133, p. 2631—has since been sold as 5 1/2s, at par, principally to the United States Gypsum Co. and the Great Lakes Engineering Co. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1931 and mature Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1932; \$17,000 in 1933, and \$24,000 in 1934.

RUSSELL POINT, Logan County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2962—the issue of \$10,000 bonds proposed for municipal building construction was defeated by a vote of 143 to 99.

RYE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS DEFEATED.—Frank M. Lowenstine, Town Clerk, reports that at the general election on Nov. 3 the voters turned down the proposal to issue \$80,000 in bonds for bridge construction purposes. Of the votes cast, 1,230 approved of the issue, while 1,689 opposed it.

SALEM, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$300,000 temporary loan offered on Nov. 9—V. 133, p. 3126—was awarded to the Second National Bank, of Boston, at 4.05% discount basis. The loan is dated Nov. 9 1931 and is payable March 14 1932 at the First National Bank, of Boston. Bids submitted at the sale were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Disc. Basis. Includes Second National Bank (4.05%), N. Y. Trust Co. (4.48%), Day Trust Co. (4.69%), Merchants National Bank of Salem (4.75%), Grafton Co. (4.80%), F. S. Moseley & Co. (4.96%), Salem Trust Co. (5.09%), Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (5.25%).

SAN ANTONIO, Bexar County, Texas.—MATURITY.—The eight issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$2,450,000, that are scheduled for sale on Nov. 16—V. 133, p. 2962—are due as follows: \$400,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Due \$10,000 from July 1 1932 to 1971, incl. 100,000 street widening and extension bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1951, and \$3,000, 1952 to 1971, all incl.

500,000 street paving bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$12,000, 1932 to 1951, and \$13,000, 1952 to 1971, all inclusive. 400,000 storm sewer and river improvement bonds. Due \$10,000 from July 1 1932 to 1971. 150,000 bridge construction bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1932 to 1941, and \$4,000, 1942 to 1971, all inclusive. 300,000 police and fire department equipment bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1932 to 1951, and \$8,000, 1952 to 1971, all incl. 450,000 park improvement bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1932 to 1961, and \$12,000, 1962 to 1971, all inclusive. 150,000 city hospital construction bonds. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1932 to 1941, and \$4,000, 1942 to 1971, all incl.

SAN BENITO, Cameron County, Texas.—BONDS VOTED.—At the general election held on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2467—the voters approved the issuance of \$53,000 in refunding bonds by a majority reported to have been about five to one.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—BOND SALE CONTEMPLATED.—It is reported that the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors has recommended for sale on Nov. 23, two issues of 4 1/2% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$2,700,000, as follows: \$2,000,000 Hetch Hetchy water bonds. Due from 1938 to 1977. 700,000 hospital bonds. Due from 1938 to 1953.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—BONDS SOLD.—On Nov. 4 the Bank of California purchased at par on an over the counter sale the \$500,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual boulevard bonds that was offered for sale without success on Oct. 13, the public offering of which was later authorized—V. 133, p. 2962. Dated Nov. 1 1927. Due from 1936 to 1951, incl. We quote the San Francisco "Chronicle" of Nov. 5 as follows: "The Bank of California yesterday bought 500 \$1,000 4 1/2% boulevard bonds of the 1927 issue, offered over the counter by City Treasurer Matheon. The sale makes possible a completion of work on Alemany Boulevard, certain improvements on Bayshore Boulevard and Nineteenth Avenue and certain work on other projects. The bank represented an Eastern client. "The Boulevard bonds were offered for sale a month ago by the Board of Supervisors. No bids were received and the Treasurer was directed to sell them over the counter. The sale was made at par. Sale of the boulevard bonds revived hope that the remainder of the health bonds, amounting to \$1,775,000 and the Hetch Hetchy bonds amounting to \$2,000,000 can be made in the near future at a premium. "Sale of the 500 boulevard bonds leaves \$844,000 still unsold with the entire boulevard program practically completed."

SCARSDALE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Edward H. Jackson, Village Clerk, reports that no bids were received for the two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$192,000, offered at not to exceed 4 1/2% interest on Nov. 10—V. 133, p. 3126. The offering consisted of \$150,000 land purchase bonds, due on Nov. 1 from 1936 to 1971 incl., and \$42,000 storm water drainage bonds, due from 1932 to 1951 inclusive.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$428,650 issue of coupon parks and playgrounds bonds offered for sale on Nov. 6—V. 133, p. 2796—was purchased by the State Finance Committee, as 4 1/2s, at par Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due in from 2 to 30 years after date. There were no other bids received.

SENECA FALLS, Seneca County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to John C. Humphrey, Village Clerk, will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Nov. 17, for the purchase of \$20,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon street improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1941, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in June and Dec. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

SHARON TOWNSHIP RURAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIST. NO. 1 (P. O. Clinton), Clinton County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,500 issue of school building equipment and site bonds is reported to have been purchased by local investors.

SHAWNEE, Pottawatomie County, Okla.—BONDS VOTED.—The voters approved the issuance of \$208,000 in water supply bonds at the election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2632—by what was reported to be a large majority.

**SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the general election held on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2632—the voters authorized the issuance of \$85,000 electric light plant improvement bonds by a count of 1,442 to 329; also approved \$185,000 sewage disposal bonds by a count of 1,041 to 449.

**SHERIDAN COUNTY (P. O. Plentywood), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on Dec. 8 by Frank French, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$79,000 issue of funding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & J. Amortization bonds will be the first choice and serial bonds will be the second choice. If amortization bonds are sold and issued, the entire issue may be put into one single bond or divided into several bonds, as the Board may determine upon at the time of sale, both principal and interest to be payable in semi-annual instalments during a period of 10 years from the date of issue. If serial bonds are issued and sold, they will be in the amount of \$1,000 each; the sum of \$5,000 will become due and payable on the 1st day of Jan. in the years 1933 to 1936; \$8,000, 1937 to 1939; \$10,000, 1940 and 1941, and \$15,000 on Jan. 1 1942. The above bonds, whether amortization or serial, will be dated Jan. 1 1932 and will be redeemable in full five years from the date of issue, and on any interest due date thereafter. The bonds will be sold for not less than par and accrued interest, and all bidders must state the lowest rate of interest at which they will purchase the bonds at par. A \$500 certified check, payable to the Clerk, must accompany the bid.

**SIoux CITY, Woodbury County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on Nov. 20 by C. O. Carlson, City Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 flood protection bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due \$5,000 from Nov. 1 1932 to 1951, incl. The interest rate is to be named by the bidder. Open bids will also be received. Prin. and int. payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. of New York City. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will be furnished. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid. (The issuance of these bonds was recently authorized by the City Council—V. 133, p. 2962.)

**SOLDIER VALLEY DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Logan), Harrison County, Iowa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$4,700 issue of not to exceed 5% semi-annual drainage bonds offered on Nov. 3 (V. 133, p. 2962) was not sold as there were no bidders present.

**SPENCER COUNTY (P. O. Rockport), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids addressed to James H. Kirkland, County Treasurer, will be received until 10 a.m. on Dec. 5 for the purchase of \$7,098 4¼% road improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1931. Denom. \$354.90. Due \$354.90 July 15 1933; \$354.90 Jan. and July 15 from 1934 to 1942, incl., and \$354.90 Jan. 15 1943.

**SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.**—Faxon, Gade & Co. of Boston were awarded on Nov. 13 an issue of \$1,000,000 tax anticipation notes at 3.48% discount basis. The issue is dated Nov. 16 1931 and matures April 15 1932.

**SPRINGFIELD, Clark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$113,200 coupon or registered sewer bonds offered on Nov. 6 (V. 133, p. 2963) were awarded as 5¼s to the Davies-Bertram Co. of Cincinnati at par plus a premium of \$928.24, equal to a price of 100.82, a basis of about 5.16%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1931 and mature Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,200 in 1933; \$5,000 from 1934 to 1945, incl., and \$4,000 from 1946 to 1957, incl.

**STROUDSBURG, Monroe County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—William C. Hood, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reports that the issue of \$70,000 4% coupon municipal building bonds offered on Nov. 6—V. 133, p. 2632—was not sold, as no bids were received. The bonds were to be dated Nov. 1 1931 and mature Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1936 to 1941, incl.; \$10,000, 1946; \$15,000 in 1951 and 1956, and \$20,000 in 1961.

**SUMNER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tacoma), Pierce County, Wash.—INTEREST RATE.**—The \$75,000 issue of high school bonds that was purchased at par by the State of Washington (V. 133, p. 3127) bears interest at 4¼%. Due from 1933 to 1942 and optional after 1932.

**TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY (P. O. Charleston), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—It is reported that the Chancery Clerk is offering for sale an issue of \$125,000 refunding bonds.

**TARENUM, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the general election on Nov. 3 the voters approved of the issuance of \$75,000 in bonds, of which \$66,000 of the proceeds will be used in payment of indebtedness owed to the Tarentum Savings & Trust Co., closed recently, and the remaining \$9,000 for street paving purposes.

**TENNESSEE, State of (P. O. Nashville).—NOTE SALE POSTPONED.**—The \$5,000,000 issue of not to exceed 5% semi-ann. renewal notes scheduled to be awarded on Nov. 10—V. 133, p. 2963—was not sold at that time as the sale was indefinitely postponed because of the present state of the bond market. It is stated that a special session of the State Legislature may be called to raise the rate of interest.

The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 11 commented on the unsuccessful offering as follows:

"Following an unsuccessful attempt by the State of Tennessee to market \$5,000,000 of short term notes, officials of the State will confer with bankers this week in order to formulate a far-reaching financial program designed to meet coming maturities of outstanding obligations and improve the position of the State treasury. Bankers who are interested in Tennessee finances expressed the opinion that no great difficulty will be experienced in this project, as the economic outlook in the State is improving rapidly. Political quarrels are responsible for the financial troubles, it is asserted.

**TEXARKANA, Miller County, Ark.—BOND DETAILS.**—The \$10,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. airport bonds that was purchased by the State National Bank of Texarkana (V. 133, p. 3127) was awarded at par, less \$200 for attorney's fees. Due on Oct. 1 1934.

**TEXAS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Mo.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Rose S. Martin, County Clerk, until 11 a.m. on Dec. 5, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 4, 4½, 5, 5½ or 6% semi-ann. court house and jail bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1934 to 1944; \$2,000, 1945 to 1950 and \$2,000 on Dec. 1 1951. Payable at the First National Bank in Kansas City, Mo. The approving opinion of Benj. H. Charles, of St. Louis, will be furnished. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the County Treasurer, will be furnished. These bonds were voted at an election held on Oct. 10—V. 133, p. 2797.

**THERMOPOLIS, Hot Springs County, Wyo.—BOND CALL.**—It is reported by C. W. Gibson, Town Treasurer, that he will call for payment on Dec. 1, at which time interest shall cease, 6% judgment funding bonds for \$1,000 each. Dated Dec. 1 1921 and optional on Dec. 1 1931. Also coupons from 6% judgment funding bonds Nos. 1 to 52, dated Dec. 1 1921, and coupons from 6% water bonds Nos. 1 to 50, series of 1921. The above bonds and interest coupons are payable at the First National Bank in Thermopolis, owing to the failure of Kountze Bros. in N. Y. City.

**THOMSON, McDuffie County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Nov. 19, by J. W. Curtis, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. street impt. and sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 15 1931. Due \$1,000 from 1932 to 1946 incl. A certified check for 10% must accompany the bid.

**TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Earle L. Peters, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a.m. on Nov. 28 for the purchase of \$2,000,061.98 6% coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$424,038.70 special assessment street impt. bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1921. Due as follows: \$53,038.70 April 1 and \$53,000 Oct. 1 1933, and \$53,000 April and Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1936, inclusive.
- 371,097.30 special assessment sewer impt. bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due as follows: \$92,097.30 April 1 and \$93,000 Oct. 1 1933, and \$93,000 April and Oct. 1 1934.
- 273,500.00 refunding public improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$55,500 in 1933; \$54,000, 1934; \$55,000 in 1935; \$54,000 in 1936, and \$55,000 in 1937. Payable from taxes within the 15-mill limitation.
- 243,000.00 refunding public improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$49,000 in 1933; \$48,000, 1934; \$49,000, 1935; \$48,000 in 1936, and \$49,000 in 1937. Payable from a tax levied outside of the 15-mill limitation.

- 204,000.00 Bancroft Street grade separation bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1933 to 1938, incl., and \$7,000 from 1939 to 1962, incl.; optional in 10 years. Authorized at general election in Nov. 1925 and payable from a tax levied outside of the 15-mill limitation.
- 183,379.28 special assessment street impt. bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due as follows: \$19,379.28 April 1 and \$19,000 Oct. 1 1933; \$19,000 April and \$18,000 Oct. 1 1934, and \$18,000 April and Oct. 1 from 1935 to 1937, inclusive.
- 100,000.00 street repair bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due \$20,000 Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl. Payable from taxes within the 15-mill limitation.
- 100,000.00 park and boulevard impt. bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due \$10,000 Nov. 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Payable from taxes within the 15-mill limitation.
- 93,046.70 special assessment street impt. bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due as follows: \$16,046.70 April 1 and \$16,000 Oct. 1 1933; \$16,000 April 1 and \$15,000 Oct. 1 1934, and \$15,000 April and Oct. 1 1935.
- 8,000.00 judgment bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1933 and 1934 and \$2,000 from 1935 to 1937, incl. Payable from taxes within the 15-mill limitation.

Included in the above offering are the \$1,179,561.98 bonds unsuccessfully offered as 5s on Oct. 27 (V. 133, p. 2962), and the \$100,000 park and boulevard bonds originally scheduled to have been sold as 4¾s on Nov. 10 (V. 133, p. 2963). All of the bonds will be payable as to principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct., March and Sept. and May and Nov.) at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York City. No bid for less than par and accrued interest to date of delivery will be considered. Bonds to be delivered in Toledo. Bids may be made separately for each lot or for "all or none." Offers for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. Different rates may be bid for different issues, but split-rate bids will not be considered for any single issue. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Commissioner of the Treasury, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland may be procured by the successful bidder at his own expense.

**VANDERBURGH COUNTY (P. O. Evansville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids addressed to Charles O. Wesselman, County Treasurer, will be received until 10 a.m. on Nov. 23 for the purchase of \$13,200 4% Hillsdale road improvement bonds. Due one bond annually on May 15 from 1933 to 1952, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually on May and Nov. 15.

Bids will be received at the same time for the purchase of \$17,000 4% road improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 23 1931. Denom. \$425. Due \$850 on May 15 from 1933 to 1952 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually on May and Nov. 15.

**VAN WERT, Van Wert County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—The proposed \$500,000 sewage disposal plant bond issue submitted for consideration of the voters at the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 681—failed of approval. The measure lost by a margin of 471 votes.

**VERNAL, Uintah County, Utah.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the election held on Nov. 3 the voters approved the issuance of the \$50,000 4¾% water works construction bonds. Due in 20 years. (These bonds had been sold subject to this election.—V. 133, p. 2301.)

**VERSAILLES, Woodford County, Ky.—BONDS VOTED.**—The issuance of \$50,000 in water supply bonds was approved by the voters at the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2632.

**WALL, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Marguerite B. Marlin, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p.m. on Nov. 30 for the purchase of \$10,000 4¼% coupon borough bonds. Dated June 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due June 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1936 and \$1,000 from 1937 to 1944, inclusive. Interest is payable semi-annually in June and Dec. A certified check for \$200, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.**—Della B. King, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p.m. on Nov. 27 for the purchase of \$39,000 4½% emergency poor relief bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1931. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$7,000 in 1933, and \$8,000 from 1934 to 1937, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & S. 15) are payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 4½%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal.

(At a previous offering on Oct. 16 a bid of par plus a premium of \$50.70 for the bonds as 6s, submitted by the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, was rejected.—V. 133, p. 2797.)

Financial Statement.

Total assessed valuation for 1931 (estimated):	
Real estate.....	\$59,295,850.00
Personal property.....	19,465,650.00
Total.....	\$78,761,500.00
Indebtedness:	
General bonded debt.....	\$1,789,636.64
Special assessment debt.....	748,472.91
Water works bonds and extension including this issue (self sustaining).....	759,945.00
Cash balance and investments in sinking fund \$95,000. Population, 1930 census, 41,054.	

**WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—C. H. Smedley, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a.m. on Nov. 23 for the purchase of \$14,800 4% county highway improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 2 1931. Denom. \$740. Due \$740 on May and Nov. 15 from 1933 to 1942, inclusive.

**WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—The city has issued a call for sealed bids until Nov. 25 for the purchase of \$1,140,000 bonds, of which \$1,000,000 will be used to refund temporary loans outstanding, \$90,000 for park improvements, and \$50,000 for a pumping station. Rate of interest is to be named in bid.

**WATERLOO RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lawrence and Gallia Counties, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—At the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2632—the voters indicated their opposition to the proposal for a school bond issue of \$15,000, by decisively defeating the measure.

**WATERTOWN, Codrington County, S. Dak.—BONDS DEFEATED.**—At the general election on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2797—the proposal to issue \$90,000 in water works bonds failed to receive the required 60% majority.

**WAVELAND, Hancock County, Miss.—BOND ELECTION.**—It is reported that the voters will be called upon at an election to be held Dec. 8 to pass on the proposed issuance of \$25,000 in not to exceed 6% road and bridge bonds.

**WELLSVILLE, Allegheny County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—William Anderson, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p.m. on Nov. 23 for the purchase of \$25,000 4% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Due \$5,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1936 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in June and Dec. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to George B. Rooth, Jr., Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**WEST CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.—BOND ELECTION.**—A special election has been called for Nov. 25 on which date the voters will pass upon a proposal providing for the issuance of \$86,000 5% public benefit bonds, to mature serially on Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1951, incl.

**WEST LONG BEACH SEWER DISTRICT (P. O. Hempstead), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$207,000 coupon or registered sewer bonds offered on Nov. 10—V. 133, p. 2963—were awarded as 5.40s to George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., and Batchelder & Co., both of New York, jointly, at a price of 100.37, a basis of about 5.37%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1931 and mature Nov. 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1936 to 1969 incl., and \$3,000 in 1970.

The accepted tender was the only offer received at the sale.

**WEST VIEW, Alleghany County, Pa.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the general election on Nov. 3 the voters approved of the issuance of \$75,000 4½% sewer construction bonds, the vote being as follows: "yes," 1,335; "no," 730.

**WEST WILDWOOD (P. O. Wildwood), Cape May County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Herbert J. Tidd, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 28 for the purchase of \$40,000 6% coupon or registered street, sewer and bulkhead assessment bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Demom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$12,000 in 1932 and 1933, and \$16,000 in 1934. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D.) are payable at the Union Bank, Wildwood. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$40,000. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal.

**WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids addressed to W. R. Alkire, County Treasurer, will be received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 4 for the purchase of \$9,400 4½% Honey Creek Township road improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Demom. \$470. Due \$470 July 15 1933; \$470 Jan. and July 15 from 1934 to 1942, incl., and \$470 Jan. 15 1943.

**WHITE EYES TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fresno), Coshocton County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.**—The question as to whether bonds to the amount of \$17,000 for school construction purposes should be issued, submitted for consideration of the voters at the general election on Nov. 3, was answered in the affirmative, the measure having received a majority of 183 votes.

**WHITEHOUSE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lucas County, Ohio.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the general election held on Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2963—the voters approved of the issuance of \$85,000 in bonds for school building construction and related purposes.

**WILLIAMS BAY, Walworth County, Wis.—BOND SALE.**—A \$14,800 issue of 6% sewer improvement bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by J. N. Cassidy & Co. of Milwaukee.

**WINDSOR, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Lester E. Turney, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Nov. 24, for the purchase of \$100,000 3¼% funding bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due \$10,000 on June 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in June and December. The bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the Windsor Trust Co., Windsor, and the legality of the issue will be passed upon by Gross, Hyde & Williams, of Hartford, whose opinion will be furnished the successful bidder. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

**YAKIMA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 113 (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BOND SALE.**—The \$8,433.53 issue of 5¼% coupon warrant debt bonds offered for sale on Nov. 7—V. 133, p. 3127—was purchased by the State of Washington, at par. Demom. \$500. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Due on Nov. 15 1941 and optional on any interest paying date. Interest payable Nov. 1.

**YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS TO BE REOFFERED.**—It is reported that additional bids will probably be received until Nov. 24 for the purchase of the \$2,680,000 coupon or registered bonds, comprising three issues, twice advertised for award during October but not sold owing to the unsettled condition of the market. The first occasion was on Oct. 5 and the other on Oct. 20.—V. 133, p. 2797.

**YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BANK CLOSINGS TIE-UP MUNICIPAL FUNDS.**—It is reported that more than 1,200 city school teachers will be paid with scrip on Nov. 19, unless cash for salaries is available within the next few weeks, as a result of the closing on Oct. 15 of three State and National banks which contained the money now needed and funds for other municipal functions. The salaries due will amount to about \$260,000.

## CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

**AURORA, Ont.—BONDS VOTED.**—A \$95,000 sewer by-law was recently approved by the rate-payers.

**BOWMANVILLE, Ont.—BONDS VOTED.**—The rate-payers have approved of the issuance of \$71,000 hydro-electric power bonds.

**CANADA (Government of).—Internal Bond Flotation of About \$125,000,000 Contemplated.**—Prime Minister R. B. Bennett announced on Nov. 12 that the Government would soon offer bonds for subscription by Canadian citizens, the amount of which is predicted to be approximately \$125,000,000, with a coupon rate of 5%, according to an Ottawa dispatch to the New York "Times" of Nov. 13, reprinted herewith.

"Prime Minister R. B. Bennett announced to-night that the Dominion of Canada would soon offer bonds to the Canadian public, probably on Nov. 23.

"The loan will be called 'Dominion of Canada Service Loan,'" the Premier said. "It will be nation-wide."

The campaign for its flotation, he added, is being organized by a general management committee of which the Chairman is Sir Charles Gordon, President of the Bank of Montreal.

The Department of Finance, the Prime Minister said, placed large orders with the King's printer for prospectus and application forms, 1,500,000 of the former to be printed at once.

"The Treasury," Mr. Bennett continued, "is closely watching the movements of security prices, for, while this issue is to be a domestic one, the day-to-day values of bonds in Canada are influenced by the values placed on Dominion of Canada securities in New York.

"Dominion of Canada bonds in the latter market have been improving steadily in the last week, the 4% issue, which matures in 1960, for example, being quoted \$3 higher than ten days ago."

This was the first announcement of the impending loan from official sources, although it had been forecast for some time. It has been rumored that the loan would be for \$125,000,000, bearing interest at 5%, but indications to-night were that the exact amount had not yet been definitely decided upon, and \$150,000,000 may be nearer the mark. The rate of interest has not yet been fixed.

The "Monetary Times" of Toronto of Nov. 6 referred to the purposes for which the loan was intended as follows:

No official word is yet available as to the much-discussed loan, but expectation continues that a loan will be issued. Its amount or the terms on which it will be put on to the public are still guess work. It is generally reported, however, that it will be an internal loan and a figure of one hundred million dollars is being mentioned. The two large liabilities which make it necessary are the expenditures for farm and unemployment relief and the anticipated inability of the Canadian National to earn its bond interest this year. The Dominion share of farm and unemployment relief, is now estimated at thirty million dollars. It is uncertain yet whether the Canadian National will earn any part of its fixed charges. The total of these fixed charges in 1930 was \$50,921,421, towards which the railway earned \$23,958,305.

**CHATHAM, Ont.—BOND SALE.**—The Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto, recently purchased an issue of \$48,042 5% impt. bonds, maturing at various dates, at a price of 101.097, or an interest cost basis of about 4.61%.

**MONTREAL, Que.—TUNNEL PROPOSITION OF \$7,000,000 CONTEMPLATED.**—Application will be made at the next session of the Legislature for authority to increase the amount of the proposed tunnel construction project from \$5,500,000 to \$7,000,000, according to the Montreal "Gazette" of Nov. 10. Funds for the project would be obtained through the issuance of long-term bonds.

**WALKERVILLE, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.**—At an election to be held on Dec. 8 the rate-payers will pass upon a proposal providing for the issuance of \$142,000 in bonds for sewer construction purposes.

## NOTICE OF SALE

### SALE OF Harris County, Texas ROAD BONDS

NOVEMBER 18, 1931, 11 o'clock A. M.

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