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The Financial Situation.

It has been a hectic week in the financial world, with numerous highly disturbing events and developments. In the foreign exchanges the pound sterling the present week suffered complete collapse following the bad break last week. Cable transfers on London on Tuesday sold down to \$3.29½; as recently as Oct. 20 they sold at \$3.75. Since Tuesday there has been some recovery, and the range yesterday was from \$3.32 to \$3.34½. The former par of sterling was \$4.8665. There were rumors of further inflation, but apparently there was no basis for this, except that the £15,000,000 addition to the fiduciary issue of the Bank of England made last August and extended several times in the interval since then was again extended when it fell due, this time to Dec. 14. The general belief is that support to the pound has now been withdrawn, and, accordingly, the pound is being left to find its ordinary commercial level. As the present is the season of the year when the European exchanges are nearly all under selling pressure, owing to the necessity of arranging payments for cotton, grain and other products purchased in large amounts in the United States, the result naturally is to drive rates to low figures. For the time being, plainly enough, nothing is being done towards stabilizing the pound at the old level or at some other level. Evidently Great Britain and the new National Government which is now at the helm of affairs has some big problems ahead which are not going to be easy of solution.

In our own domestic affairs the developments have been even more disturbing. One of our big railroad systems, the Wabash Railway, situated in the very heart of the country, passed into the hands of receivers, marking the climax of the troubles with which the railroads have been contending for the last 18

months and furnishing new testimony to the seriousness of these troubles, and how urgent the need of relieving or removing them. Very naturally the bond market, and especially railroad bonds, which were weak before, have suffered a new break more disastrous than any yet encountered in the whole of the long lane of depression. Indeed, some of the further declines the present week, following the news referred to, have been startling by reason of their magnitude. And the further depreciation has not been confined to the poorer type of issues, though these, of course, have suffered most, but has extended through the whole range of bond issues, not excepting those which ordinarily would be considered gilt-edged. And in speaking of types of issues, it must not be forgotten that many bonds which are now classed as second grade were two years ago considered high grade issues, since they were then protected by a large margin of revenues in excess of interest requirements, this margin being evidenced in many cases by dividends on one or more classes of preferred stocks, and in not a few instances also by dividends on the common shares. But earnings have so shrunken in the interval since then that this margin has been wiped out, leading easily to the fear that what has happened in the Wabash case may happen also in the case of other railroad properties. And, unfortunately, there is more than a slender basis for apprehensions of that kind.

Worst of all, the acute stage for some time looked forward to with dread has now been reached, where the railroads are experiencing the utmost difficulty in financing their current needs. And in speaking of the financing needs of the railroads, these needs, it must be remembered, are various and multiple in character. There may be maturing issues to provide for or there may be extension and development work for which new financing is necessary, or there may be a number of other ways in which financing has to be done. To maintain a railroad as a going concern, so that it may be able to render adequate carrying service to the public, countless new supplies of capital in an almost endless stream are positively indispensable. But when confidence in the ability of the railroads to earn a return on these new capital supplies, either in the shape of interest on new bond issues or in the shape of dividends on new share issues, is waning, the gates are closed against all sources of new capital supplies.

A pointed illustration going to show the difficulty now being experienced by the railroads in undertaking new financing was another disturbing development of the week. The news regarding the Wabash receivership came overnight, on Tuesday, and worked havoc in the stock and bond market on Wednesday. The news was to the effect that the New York Central RR. had filed application

with the Inter-State Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$100,000,000 of refunding and improvement mortgage 5% bonds series C, to be dated Oct. 1 1921 and maturing Oct. 1 2013, but subject to call at 105 in 1951. There is nothing remarkable about an application for such a large new issue in the case of a railroad system of the size of the New York Central, and nothing that need occasion the slightest concern on that account. The West Side improvement alone in this city which the Central is carrying on, and which is freighted with such decided advantages to the city as well as to the system itself, will entail expenditures of \$150,000,000 or more, not to speak of the other projects in which the system is engaged.

There is nothing strange, therefore, in a petition asking approval for such a large amount of new capital. What does, however, command attention, and what is highly significant as illustrating prevailing unfortunate conditions, is that it is expressly stated in the application that there is no present intention of selling the bonds, but that the purpose is that they be authenticated and delivered, so that they may be pledged and repledged from time to time as collateral security for short-term notes to be issued. In other words, things have reached such a pass that it is not possible for a system of the strength and commanding position of the New York Central to dispose of new bond issues except on prohibitive terms. The new issue, we are told, would be pledged in a ratio not to exceed \$125 of bonds at current market prices for each \$100 face value of the notes thus to be secured. That is, the collateral to be pledged for bonds of apparently indubitable safety must be greatly in excess of the face value of the notes representing the money to be obtained. What a predicament this is for a splendid railroad, and one so superbly managed! Could there be any more conclusive evidence of the pass to which the railroads of the country have been reduced?

The company states in its application that it has expended for betterments and additions in the 10 years ended June 30 1931 \$205,505,230 which has not been capitalized and which is available for use as a basis for the bonds proposed to be issued. It is understood that the company has borrowed some \$50,000,000 or more from banks on short-term notes to date, and that the management has been awaiting a favorable opportunity to refund these obligations through a bond issue, but as prices of high grade railroad bonds have steadily shrunk in value, this is now considered out of the question, and certainly the Central's own experience in floating new bonds the present year goes to prove that a long-term bond issue at the present time could hardly be undertaken with any assurance of success. In March last the Central brought out \$75,000,000 of 4½% refunding and improvement bonds due in 2013. These bonds were sold at par, but in common with other railroad securities, have suffered such great depreciation in the interval since then that yesterday they were quoted on the Stock Exchange at only 61½.

Yet at such a time we find union railroad labor refusing to do its share in lowering operating costs, the only means open to the railroads for reducing expenses so as to leave a margin of profit on the carrying business. The leaders will not consent to a reduction in wages, which under present conditions would really involve no sacrifice at all upon their part, since, owing to the reduction in living costs, a smaller

amount of wages will buy as much as the higher wages did before the reduction in living costs. The leaders in the railroad labor world are closing their eyes completely to the magnitude of the shrinkage in railroad revenues which has occurred during the last two years, and what a serious matter it has become.

In this column last week we gave some figures to show the extent of the loss in net income which a number of leading railroad systems have sustained, and it will be timely to repeat some of these figures here, confining ourselves, however, entirely to those two big railroad systems, namely, the Pennsylvania RR. and the New York Central. The figures of the latter for the month of October and for 10 months ending with October, were not then available. The Pennsylvania RR. for the month of October had net operating income of only \$6,284,609 the present year against \$15,010,492 in the same month of 1929, while for the 10 months ending Oct. 31 this great railroad system earned only \$44,485,734 in 1931 against \$122,042,518 in the same 10 months of 1929. In other words, the Pennsylvania RR. for these 10 months had its net operating income reduced in the amount of over \$77,000,000, and actually earned in 1931 only a little over one-third of what it did in 1929. The showing in the case of the New York Central is closely similar. For October 1931 the New York Central had net operating income of no more than \$1,868,245 against \$10,242,519 in 1929 and for the 10 months ending with October has to its credit a net operating income of only \$26,515,974 in 1931 against \$92,109,030 in 1929—that is, the net income of the Central in the two years has fallen in amount of \$65,593,056 and for 1931 is only a little over one-quarter what it was in 1929. In a word, three-fourths (not one-fourth) of the Central's net income has disappeared owing to business depression. In tabular form the figures for the two systems for the three years is shown in the following:

	1931.	1930.	1929.
PENNSYLVANIA—			
<i>Month of October—</i>			
Gross revenue.....	\$ 38,206,879	\$ 50,949,539	\$ 66,125,434
Net operating income—	6,284,609	9,912,914	15,010,492
<i>10 Mos. End. Oct. 31—</i>			
Gross revenue.....	385,377,628	492,863,315	588,475,059
Net operating income—	44,485,734	83,024,705	122,042,518
N. Y. CENTRAL—			
<i>Month of October—</i>			
Gross revenue.....	31,106,696	40,250,975	53,599,324
Net operating income—	1,868,245	5,653,647	10,242,519
<i>10 Mos. End. Oct. 31—</i>			
Gross revenue.....	327,436,335	408,684,369	500,108,669
Net operating income—	26,515,974	52,293,39½	92,109,030

The experience of these two large systems is common to that for all the railroads of the country. The income of all has suffered contraction to an extent that would have been unbelievable two years ago. In these circumstances what course is open to the managers of the roads except to reduce expenses to the fullest extent possible, and in the general reduction so imperatively required, how can railroad labor hope to escape? How in all decency can it ask to be relieved from doing its part in restoring railroad income which alone can enable the railroads to better their net income position, thereby re-inviting the confidence of the investment world in their ability to earn full interest charges on their bonded obligations. There is no other way in which the thing can be done.

These union railroad leaders speak of wanting to reduce unemployment, and the object is a commendable one. But unless the railroads can once more

engage in financing their new capital needs that is a forlorn hope. The net income of the roads must be brought to the point where it will appear unquestionable that their earnings will suffice to provide the money to pay the interest on the new obligations put out. That is the sole and only remedy for the existing business depression. It will persist and unemployment will likewise continue just so long as labor continues so perverse as not to see what is best for its own interests. On the other hand, business will revive and unemployment will diminish, and finally cease, when confidence in the stability and the security of the railroad system is once more restored. When this revival in trade occurs the railroads will get a larger volume of freight to carry, and this latter, in turn, will require the hiring of a steadily larger force of men, abating the evil of unemployment. All these things act and react to the same end.

It is time to stop dallying and to take the bull vigorously by the horns. There has been altogether too much parleying and dickering. Ignore the union leaders. Let each railroad system announce that 30 days hence lower wage scales will be in effect, and let each railroad act in its individual capacity. Collective action should be eschewed. It leads nowhere and means interminable delay. Too much time has already been lost, and if the outcome in the Wabash case is to be averted in other cases, the railroad executives will have to get vigorously to work, and at once. The reduction, too, will have to be commensurate with the need. We do not think a 10% decrease will suffice for the purpose. It is quite likely that the workers themselves on the railroads will be more reasonable than their leaders. Certainly this would be the case in some instances.

We despair, however, of accomplishing much by personal appeals to the men, asking them to agree to a voluntary reduction in pay. This is what Fred W. Sargent, of the Chicago & North Western Railway has done, and it will be interesting to watch the outcome. Mr. Sargent has made personal appeals to the road's 40,000 men for an immediate voluntary wage reduction of 15%. In his appeal he says: "We are fully convinced that there must be a prompt reduction of at least 15% in all rates of compensation and for all classes of employees." Chicago advisers say that letters containing the reduction proposal were given to the heads of the 20 railroad unions with requests for "immediate consideration." It is also stated that officials of the roads emphasized the fact that the appeal to the Chairmen of the various unions was in no sense a 30-day notice or any other kind of a notice, but was a personal, friendly appeal from President Sargent to go along with him at least temporarily in view of the present situation.

For ourselves we think a more effective plan would be for each railroad system to act for itself—each company, too, fixing its own rate of reduction, leaving it to the men on each system to resist or object if they see fit in the way provided by the law, and then for the roads to fight the matter out to the bitter end. It is one thing to lay a wage proposition down as an accomplished fact and quite another thing to present it as a suggestion, unaccompanied by any affirmative action. That partakes too much of the nature of an empty gesture. The railroads in Canada have already obtained a reduction in their case, and that ought to help the movement in this country.

Such a general disposition exists to invoke the aid of the Government for all the country's economic ills and so many new forms of credit of one kind or another, running into billions upon billions of dollars, are being devised, that a warning uttered by Senator Couzens, of Michigan, not to carry the movement too far, comes like a fresh breeze on a heated day, and deserves to be placed on record here. Says Mr. Couzens: "We must watch out for a drunken orgy on Federal credit. Because we happen to be sick, we must not dope ourselves up with a lot of credit narcotics. The proposal of President Hoover for a system of home mortgage banks should receive careful consideration. But we must be cautious not to set up a duplication of the Federal Reserve System simply to meet an emergency which may disappear. We may find ourselves in a worse position after the emergency has passed than now."

In view of Senator Couzens's declaration against engaging in a "drunken orgy" in credit, it is gratifying to find that the Federal Reserve banks at least are no longer engaged in inflating Federal Reserve credit. This week's returns are like previous returns in showing a diminished volume of Reserve credit outstanding after a long antecedent period of expansion, though the total of such credit, even after recent reductions, still stands far in excess of what it was 12 months ago. The total of the bill and security holdings, which constitutes a measure of the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, has been reduced the past week in the further sum of \$37,282,000, and is now down to \$1,888,227,000 as against \$2,224,398,000 on Oct. 21. This week's further reduction is largely in the holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market, which have been further reduced in amount of \$56,391,000, leaving the amount Dec. 2 at \$423,407,000, which compares with no less than \$769,066,000 on Oct. 21. The change is largely accounted for by the fact that foreign central banks, presumably in the main the Bank of France, are steadily adding to their holdings of acceptances. This appears from the fact that the Reserve institutions for the present week report a further increase of \$16,403,000 in the item termed "contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents," bringing that item up to \$134,053,000, which compares with only \$40,571,000 on Oct. 14, showing an increase in these bill holdings of foreign central banks of \$93,482,000 in the interval. Of course also there is again a good demand for acceptances on domestic account, which for a time in October was entirely lacking.

The past week holdings of United States Government securities have been reduced in amount of over \$10,000,000. On the other hand, the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve banks, reflecting direct borrowing by the member banks, have increased during the week from \$686,401,000 to \$717,567,000. Gold holdings are also now again increasing from week to week, mainly owing to the large gold importations at San Francisco from Japan. During the past week these gold reserves increased from \$2,928,698,000 to \$2,941,570,000. At the same time the ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined has further increased from 65.0% to 65.6%.

One item that does not show contraction in the liability column is the volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation. This keeps steadily increasing, there having been only one recent week when no

increase occurred. During the past week the total of the Reserve notes in circulation further rose from \$2,445,726,000 to \$2,478,130,000, and at this latter figure comparison is with only \$1,450,898,000 a year ago on Dec. 3 1930. Two weeks ago the Federal Reserve Board, in discussing how strongly the system was fortified with gold, took occasion to point out how it was always possible for the Federal Reserve banks to enlarge their gold holdings by issuing Reserve notes in exchange for gold certificates, and the advantage consists in the fact that through this process the Reserve banks are able to obtain one hundred cents in gold for every one hundred cents in Reserve notes issued, and that they then need retain only 40% of such gold as the proper legal reserve to hold against the outstanding total of notes. Evidently this process has been resorted to in recent weeks. It follows that the improvement in the ratio of reserves does not possess the significance it otherwise would have.

Insolvencies again involve considerable losses in November, although the showing for that month was somewhat improved over October. According to the records of R. G. Dun & Co., there were 2,195 mercantile failures in the United States last month with total liabilities of \$60,659,612. Those figures compare with 2,362 similar defaults in October involving \$70,659,436 of indebtedness and 2,031 in November of last year for \$55,260,730. The decrease in number from October to November may be in part due to the fact that November is a shorter month. Ordinarily there are fewer failures in November than in the preceding month. This year the reduction was 7.1%, while a year ago it was 4.4%; in 1929, which was nearer the average, it was less than 2%.

Insolvencies among business concerns this year will exceed those of any preceding year. For the 11 months of 1931 there have been 25,527 with liabilities of \$663,096,052 against 23,830 last year for \$584,600,481, and for 1930 these figures were the largest on record. In the earlier months of 1931 defaults were very heavy, but from June to September, inclusive, there was some recession both in number of defaults and the amounts involved. The financial disturbances in this country and abroad resulted in somewhat larger totals in October, the liabilities for that month being much heavier than for any month since January. The better showing for November is particularly gratifying.

Defaults among both manufacturing and trading concerns in November were more numerous, and liabilities were larger than in November of last year. The third division, which includes agents and brokers, showed a reduction. There were 519 insolvencies last month among manufacturers involving \$26,112,447; 1,545 traders, for \$27,229,022, and 131 agents and brokers with \$7,318,143 of indebtedness. A year ago the manufacturing defaults numbered 448 and involved \$19,437,989; trading failures, 1,447 for \$21,217,042, and agents and brokers 136 for \$14,605,609. Conditions in November 1930 were somewhat strained because of the banking disturbances at that time, and brokerage failures were quite heavy—hence, the decrease this year. In the manufacturing division the increase this year was largely in the iron classification, in that for machinery and tools; in the clothing section; for printing and engraving, and in the baking class. Most of the large divisions of the trading section show an

increase in failures last month—grocers, general stores, shoes, furniture, hardware and jewelry. The larger failures last month, that is, those where the liabilities in each instance were \$100,000 or more, were quite numerous, and in excess of those reported a year ago. The number was 98 and the amount involved \$31,866,405, the latter being more than one-half the total for the month.

The stock market this week has at times displayed rallying tendencies after the sharp downward splurge of the weeks immediately preceding, but has had to contend with some severely depressing influences which have held the rally in check, and in a number of cases brought about declines in the case of many separate stocks. The chief of the unfavorable influences has been the further decline in exchange rates on London, bringing these rates down to the lowest figure not only during the present movement, but for the last 10 years. On Tuesday sterling sold down to \$3.29 as against par of \$4.8665. The other main adverse development was the sudden overnight news of the receivership for the Wabash Railroad. On Saturday last prices still moved lower in continuation of the persistent downward course of prices since nearly three weeks before, or since Nov. 9, but on Monday, after a further downward dip, in some cases to the lowest figures of the year, prices later in the day showed an upward rebound which extended all through the market and left net gains at the close of 1 to 5 points.

On Tuesday the market fluctuated somewhat erratically, the further decline in sterling exchange being a depressing feature, and some of the railroad shares also gave evidence of selling pressure, though the market as a whole manifested considerable steadiness. Overnight on Tuesday came the startling announcement that the Wabash Railroad had been placed in the hands of receivers. This completely demoralized the bond market, which suffered perhaps greater depreciation than on any occasion in recent years; not only the Wabash issues, but bond issues of many other companies suffered declines running as high as 10 or 15 points. The stock market itself did not fare so badly except in the case of the Wabash stocks, and a few other low-priced shares. The Rock Island omitted dividends on both issues of preferred. Interest in the case of the stocks seemed to center more upon another piece of news, namely, that the Board of Conciliation in the case of the Canadian Railways had by a majority report sustained a reduction of 10% in the wages of all classes of railroad workers. This, it was felt, would have a wide bearing upon the negotiations for lower wages of the railroads in this country, the result was that as the day advanced this had the effect of stiffening prices all around. On Thursday, as a result of the same circumstances, the market enjoyed a sharp upward rebound all around. On Friday, however, at the morning session, the market was more or less unsettled, and with persistent rumors to the effect that Germany was contemplating the abandonment of the gold standard, decided weakness in prices set in at the closing hour, and in many instances carried prices to new low levels for the year.

Dividend suspensions and reductions were again numerous. Among the omissions may be mentioned the Rock Island on both issues of its preferred shares (the dividend on the common stock having previously been passed); Midland Valley RR. on both preferred

and common stocks; Cuban Tobacco Co., Inc., on the 5% cum. pref. stock; Adams Express Co. on common; Lerner Stores Corp. on common; American Car & Foundry Co.; Radio Corp. of America on the \$5 cum. pref. series B. Dividend reductions of one kind or another were also announced in a number of other companies, among them the Federal Motor Truck Co.; General Printing Ink Corp.; Johns-Manville Corp.; Lehman Corp.; Mack Trucks, Inc.; Todd Shipyards Corp.; International Cement Corp.; Warren Foundry & Pipe Corp., and the Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. Call loans on the Stock Exchange remained unchanged all week at 2½%. On the Stock Exchange 289 stocks touched new low levels for the year.

Trading was moderately large. At the half-day session on Saturday the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 931,600 shares; on Monday they were 2,002,509 shares; on Tuesday, 2,032,234 shares; on Wednesday, 1,886,808 shares; on Thursday, 1,800,924 shares, and on Friday, 1,920,994 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 150,490 shares; on Monday, 280,790 shares; on Tuesday, 206,000 shares; on Wednesday, 252,918 shares; on Thursday, 270,174 shares, and on Friday, 327,813 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week prices are irregularly changed, the sharp advances on Thursday gave way to renewed liquidation on Friday, and as a result many of Thursday's gains were lost. General Electric closed yesterday at 26¼ against 26⅝ on Friday of last week; Warner Bros. Pictures at 3 against 4; United Corp. at 11 against 11⅛; North American at 35⅝ ex-div. against 34⅝; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 34⅞ against 35½; Standard Gas & Elec. at 33 against 33; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 66 against 66¼; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 19 against 19¾; Brooklyn Union Gas at 85⅝ against 85⅜; Elec. Power & Light at 15 against 14⅝; Public Service of N. J. at 59½ against 59½; International Harvester at 26½ against 27⅝; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 37¼ against 36⅞; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 36⅝ against 36½; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 9 against 9⅞; Woolworth at 45⅝ against 45⅜; Safeway Stores at 48 against 47¼; Western Union Telegraph at 44 against 51½; American Tel. & Tel. at 126½ against 125½; Int. Tel. & Tel. at 11 against 10⅝; American Can at 62⅞ against 69⅞; United States Industrial Alcohol at 28¾ against 27⅝; Commercial Solvents at 9⅞ against 9⅞; Shattuck & Co. at 10¼ against 11¼, and Corn Products at 44⅝ against 44⅜.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 73¼ against 74¼ on Friday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 54¼ against 55⅞; National Cash Register at 14 against 15¼; International Nickel at 8⅞ against 8¾; Timken Roller Bearing at 20⅞ against 20⅝; Mack Trucks at 16¼ against 18; Yellow Truck & Coach at 3⅞ against 4¼; Johns-Manville at 19 against 25⅞; Gillette Safety Razor at 13⅞ against 13½; National Dairy Products at 24⅝ against 26¼; Associated Dry Goods at 9 against 10⅞; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 25⅞ against 26; American & Foreign Power at 8⅞ against 10⅞; General American Tank Car at 38⅝ against 41; Air Reduction at 54⅞ against 55¼; United Gas Improvement at 21 against 22; National Biscuit at 41 against 40⅝; Coca Cola at 111⅝ against 112; Continental Can at 34⅝ against 35⅝; Eastman Kodak at 91¼ against 92½; Gold Dust Corp. at 18⅞ against 18⅞; Radio-

Keith-Orpheum class A at 1⅞ against 2¼; Standard Brands at 14⅞ against 14; Paramount Publix Corp. at 9 ex-div. against 12; Kreuger & Toll at 4⅞ against 6½; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 30½ against 34⅞; Drug, Inc., at 53 against 52¾; Columbian Carbon at 36½ against 36; Amer. Tobacco at 78 against 77½; Liggett & Myers class B at 50¼ against 49¾; Reynolds Tobacco class B at 36⅞ against 35⅞; Lorillard at 15 against 13¾, and Tobacco Products class A at 8⅞ against 7⅞.

The steel shares have moved up and down with the general market. United States Steel closed yesterday at 51⅞ against 55 on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 25⅞ against 24¼; Vanadium at 15⅞ against 15½; Crucible Steel at 27 against 27⅞, and Republic Iron & Steel at 6½ against 6⅞. In the auto group Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 110¼ against 101¼ on Friday of last week; General Motors at 23⅞ against 24⅝; Chrysler at 14 against 14⅞; Nash Motors at 16⅞ against 17⅞; Packard Motors at 4½ against 4⅞; Hudson Motor Car at 11⅞ against 11⅞, and Hupp Motors at 4½ against 5. In the rubber group Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 17½ against 20 on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 5¾ against 6; United States Rubber at 4¾ against 5⅞, and the preferred at 9½ against 10.

The railroad shares have again been the worst sufferers. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 22 against 22¾ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at 91 against 90¾; Atlantic Coast Line at 39½ against 44; Chicago Rock Island & Pacific at 9½ against 11; New York Central at 31⅞ against 31; Baltimore & Ohio at 23 against 25; New Haven at 25⅞ against 24½; Union Pacific at 79¾ against 82½; Southern Pacific at 33½ against 31½; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 6⅞ against 6; Missouri Pacific at 10¼ against 9; Southern Railway at 9¾ against 10⅞; Chesapeake & Ohio at 28½ against 27¾; Northern Pacific at 17¼ against 19½, and Great Northern at 21 against 23.

The oil shares have changed very little. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 31½ against 32⅞ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at 29⅞ against 30⅞; Atlantic Refining at 11¼ against 11; Freeport-Texas at 16⅞ against 17¾; Sinclair Oil at 6 against 6⅞; Texas Corp. at 16⅞ ex-div. against 17⅞; Phillips Petroleum at 5⅞ against 6, and Pure Oil at 5⅞ against 5¾.

The copper stocks have been weak features. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 12 against 14 on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 11⅝ against 13; Calumet & Hecla at 4 against 4; Phelps Dodge at 7 against 7¼; American Smelting & Refining at 20⅞ against 23½, and Cerro de Pasco Copper at 13½ against 15.

A heavy tone prevailed this week in most sessions of the stock exchanges in London and Paris, largely as a result of the extensive fluctuations in sterling exchange. The wide movements of the British currency unit proved puzzling in all markets and they occasioned an apprehension that was reflected by spasmodic liquidation of securities. Stocks in London were also affected unfavorably by forced liquidation, in preparation for the heavy income tax payment of Jan. 1 next, when a larger amount than usual will be collected. There was also much concern throughout the Continent regarding the British anti-dumping tariff, and selling at Paris developed on

this account. Reports of trade and industry throughout Europe remain poor, and there is also no perceptible improvement in the commodity price level. The number of unemployed on the British roster continues to decrease, a decline of 33,314 to a figure of 2,615,115 being reported this week. The improvement merely reflects alterations in the benefit scheme, London dispatches state, as the number of totally unemployed is increasing. Official figures of the Ministry of Labor in Paris disclose that 110,156 are now in receipt of unemployment aid in France, as against 7,141 a year ago. The Berlin Boerse remains closed under Government orders and there is still no indication of a definite reopening date.

The London Stock Exchange was weak in all departments as trading started Monday, quotations dropping in sympathy with sterling exchange. British funds were moderately lower, while some especially weak spots were reported in the home industrial list. Gramophone stocks were sold rather heavily for a time. Textile, motor, steel and chemical stocks all moved lower. Some improvement appeared in London, Tuesday, notwithstanding a further break in sterling. British funds were steady on a reinvestment demand that followed disbursements of dividends on the issues. The drop in sterling was accompanied by an increase of the gold premium, and this occasioned inquiry for gold mining stocks. British industrial issues improved slightly, owing to the belief that exports will be stimulated by the exchange movement. Prices moved irregularly Wednesday. British funds sold off at first, but most of the losses were recovered in later dealings, when improvement in sterling occasioned better inquiry. The industrial list was well supported, but movements were small. Thursday's session was dull and almost all securities receded. British Government issues reacted on further weakness in the sterling rate, while home industrial issues also were in supply. Gold mining stocks were subjected to profit-taking and quotations receded here also. The trend yesterday was uncertain. British funds again receded, but industrial stocks held firm.

A downward trend of prices was reported on the Paris Bourse as trading began, Monday, with much anxiety prevalent regarding the weakness of sterling, owing to the large French balances in London. Bank of France and other French bank stocks were especially soft, but Compagnie Generale Electricite and Rio Tinto shares also were heavy. The month-end settlement was easy, with money officially quoted at $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1%. Prices moved downward still more rapidly in Tuesday's dealings at Paris. Many rumors were circulated regarding the effect of the sterling decline on important French enterprises, dispatches said, and selling was persistent. Bank of France shares fell 600 points, and Suez Canal 400 points in the session. With sterling showing improvement Wednesday, share prices on the Bourse also recovered. There were further losses early in the day, but these were more than regained in the subsequent upswing. Bank of France shares advanced 145 points. A downward trend reappeared Thursday, and cancelled all of the gains of the previous session. A number of issues, such as Credit Lyonnais, Kuhlmann, Royal Dutch and Saint Gobain, touched the year's lowest level. Bank of France stock fell 325 points, while Suez Canal shares were off 650 points. The tone on the Bourse was better yesterday,

especially in stocks that sold off most heavily in previous dealings.

Preparations have been started by leading governments for the general disarmament conference which is to be held at Geneva next February under the auspices of the League of Nations, and the persistent rumors of recent months that the meeting will be postponed are thus finally dispelled. Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald announced in the House of Commons, Wednesday, that he will head the British delegation of six Cabinet officers to the conference. The other delegates will be Sir John Simon, Foreign Minister; J. H. Thomas, Secretary for the Dominions; Viscount Hailsham, Secretary of State for War; the Marquess of Londonderry, Secretary of State for Air; and Sir John Bolton Eyres-Monsell, First Lord of the Admiralty. The Prime Minister expressed the hope that it would be unnecessary for all the Ministers to be in attendance at the same time. Mr. MacDonald was asked by a Member of Parliament who would preside at the Geneva conference, but he answered that this was a decision for the League, and not for any separate government, to make. Arthur Henderson, who was Foreign Secretary in the Labor Cabinet, has already been invited to take the Presidency, and although he is now not even a Member of Parliament, he is said to have assured his friends that he has every intention of assuming the post.

Paris reports suggest the likelihood that Premier Pierre Laval will attend the opening of the conference. In an Associated Press report of Wednesday it is stated that he has been giving close study to all documents and data connected with the position of France at the conference. The French attitude, maintaining that she needs sufficient armament to protect her against foreign invasion, may be outlined in the opening sessions by the Premier, it is indicated. Washington reports of Wednesday stated that Administration officials were much impressed by the strength of the announced British delegation. This indication of the seriousness with which the forthcoming conference is viewed in London, together with the Paris reports that M. Laval may attend, was said to emphasize the necessity for selection of a strong American delegation. Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson may attend the opening meetings, it was hinted, but the chief task of American representation would probably fall on other shoulders, as the conference is expected to last six months.

Further application was made by the British Board of Trade, this week, of the recently granted authority for the imposition of emergency import duties, pending the enactment of tariff legislation by the Parliament. A new order affecting 11 items of manufactured goods was issued Monday, and an import duty of 50% ad valorem was made effective on the items yesterday. The 11 classes of commodities made dutiable include glass bottles and jars, battery carbons, yarns, wholly or partly wool, coir mats and matting, household linens, sporting guns and domestic tableware. Imports of all these products had become abnormal, compared with the average for last year, and the duties were imposed for this reason, it was indicated. Suggestions from the Continent that agreements might be made for trade preferences were discussed in the House of Commons, Tuesday, by Walter Runciman, President of the Board of

Trade. He informed the House that no trade preferences would be granted to any foreign country by Great Britain until after the Imperial Conference at Ottawa next summer. It was indicated last week by Minister of Agriculture Sir John Gilmour that special protective duties also will be applied on a number of agricultural products, in the interests of British farmers. A Government resolution of Nov. 27 stated that authorization will be sought for the levying of duties up to 100% on such fresh fruits as cherries, currants, plums and strawberries, and such vegetables as asparagus, green beans, cauliflower, potatoes, peas and tomatoes. The authorization would be limited to one year.

Application by Great Britain of high import duties on numerous articles under the authority of the Abnormal Imports Act of Nov. 20 has been viewed with much concern throughout Europe, and several Continental governments have already taken steps toward conversations with London on the subject of tariffs and trade agreements. The French Minister of Finance, Pierre Etienne Flandin, arrived in England unexpectedly last Saturday morning, and in the course of a three-day visit he conferred with a number of British leaders. M. Flandin's visit was officially described as a private one, but it was generally assumed in London and Paris that the matter of tariffs was brought up in the conferences with Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary of Britain, Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade. On his return to Paris, Monday, the French Minister stated that the British and French Governments "have divergent points of view on various topics, such as debts, credits, reparations and tariffs," but he indicated that agreement might be achieved. Also significant was a statement made in Paris last Saturday by Louis Rollin, Minister of Commerce, that France has decided to open negotiations immediately with Great Britain in regard to the anti-dumping tariff. The object of the negotiations, it was stated, is to reach an early understanding for the protection of the mutual interests of the two nations.

The German Government also took prompt action. It became known in Berlin last Saturday that instructions had been issued to the German Ambassador to London to propose immediate "friendly discussions" of the situation created by the new British tariffs. This was followed, Tuesday, by the issuance of a decree in which President Paul von Hindenburg authorized the Bruening Government to change import duties and negotiate bilateral economic agreements with foreign nations without the consent of the Reichstag. "The authorization is the Government's first step toward defensive measures against the new British tariffs and at the same time enables it to reach agreements with all countries which demand safeguards against German exports," a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Times" explained. "The decree indicates the Government's determination to act rapidly." Baron Constantin von Neurath, the German Ambassador, returned to Berlin Tuesday to discuss the situation with Chancellor Bruening.

Serious repercussions of the new British import duties have already been felt in Belgium, where complaints are voiced throughout the export trade. Workers in the Belgian glass trade have been informed that all workshops will close at the end of

December because of the curtailment occasioned by the British tariff, a Brussels dispatch of last Saturday to the Associated Press states. Production in the industry will be suspended for three months, it was indicated, while for the succeeding six months operations will be on a half-time basis. The Belgian flax and tapestry industries also have been seriously affected. It was indicated in Brussels, Wednesday, that Foreign Minister Paul Hymans will go to London early in the coming week, "prepared to show the injury done to the Belgian export trade by the new British tariffs." Reports from Denmark also reflect anxiety regarding the application of tariffs in Britain, owing to the dependence of the country upon exports to the English market. Britain has been the chief importer of Danish farm products for so many years that the whole national economy has been built on that foundation, a Copenhagen report to the Associated Press remarks.

Plans are now under discussion in Central Europe for the reorganization or liquidation, as the case may be, of some of the huge private banks which required Government support while the financial crisis was at its height last summer. As a result of the discussions in Berlin between Government officials and private bankers, it is considered virtually certain, a dispatch of Nov. 30 to the New York "Times" states, that either the Dresdner Bank or the Darmstaedter und Nationalbank (Danat Bank), or both, will soon cease to exist in their present form. Of the plans under consideration, the one most likely to be accepted entails the merger of the Dresdner Bank with the Commerz und Privat Bank. If this scheme fails it is held possible on the one hand that the Danat Bank will be merged with the Commerz und Privat Bank, or on the other that the Dresdner and Danat institutions will be joined. "The Commerz und Privat Bank is said to have weathered best the storm in July and is still wholly independent," the dispatch states. "Since a merger with the Dresdner or the Danat would secure in one way or another the powerful backing of the Reich's Treasury, it is understood that the Commerz und Privat Bank would not mind giving up its independence to a certain extent."

Representations regarding the need for immediate Government action in Austria for the reorganization of the Creditanstalt were made late last week by L. S. Chanler, London representative of the International Acceptance Bank, and Sir Robert Kinderley and Sir Otto Niemeyer of the Bank of England. The three bankers arrived in Vienna for this purpose Nov. 25, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said. The visit was said to have followed a London meeting of the creditors' committee, "which had heard disturbing reports of the situation created by the Austrian Government's inability to make up its mind what to do about the Creditanstalt." The foreign creditors, it was further stated, presented three demands to the Austrian Government—the resumption and completion of the investigation of the bank's position by English chartered accountants, the reduction of the running costs of the bank and its industrial holdings, and the appointment of a capable managing director, with wide powers to prune the bank of subsidiary concerns which are not paying and will never be likely to pay. The bankers obtained a guaranty for the fulfillment of their demands and departed last Saturday, a further report to the "Times" indicated. An executive committee is to be

appointed, consisting of three representatives of the Austrian Government and the Austrian National Bank, and two representatives of the creditors. A new general manager is to be named by the foreign creditors and approved by the Austrian representatives on the committee. "The new arrangement means," it was said, "that the Austrian Government will have nothing to do with the current affairs of the bank, which, freed from political influence, will thus have a free hand to reorganize itself."

Republican Spain was presented with a new Constitution, Tuesday, by the National Assembly, or Cortes, which assembled in Madrid July 14 for the purpose of drafting a fundamental charter for the guidance of the newest republic. The sessions of the Constitutional Cortes have been long and stormy, but they have resulted, according to a Madrid dispatch to the New York "Times," in a unique document, containing striking contributions to the world's liberal thought. Its provisions include equal suffrage for men and women over 23, equality of the sexes, a single-chambered Parliament, property laws making possible the nationalization of property and essential industries, divorce by mutual consent, and the equality of legitimate and illegitimate children. The Catholic Church is dis-established as the State religion by the document, which declares Spain to be a "secular" State. Parliament is to be the arbiter of the nation's destinies, the Madrid correspondent of the "Times" remarks. The regime is to be Federal, with liberal autonomy for those regions desiring it. From the international viewpoint, some importance attaches to the article providing that war can be declared by the President for defense only in accord with the laws of and after submission to the League of Nations. Luis Jiminez Asua, a Spanish legal authority, is quoted as saying that the charter was influenced by the German, the Mexican and, to a lesser extent, the Russian Constitutions.

The Cortes will proceed with the election of a President of the nation on Dec. 10, an official announcement of Wednesday stated. Members of the body are believed to be almost unanimously agreed upon the election of Niceto Alcalá Zamora, former Provisional President. Succeeding Presidents will be chosen by the Cortes, and an equal number of electors, chosen by popular vote. Since it will apparently devolve upon Senor Alcalá Zamora to make the Constitution effective, much interest attaches to his comments on the document, contained in a special dispatch of Tuesday to the New York "Times." "It is difficult to condense into a few words the outstanding points of the Constitution," he said. "It is deliberately free from theoretical or copied systemizations, because the Cortes, freely elected, has reflected in the Constitution the popular will, being freed from interference by the Government or dominion of certain parties through fixed coalitions. Thus each problem has been solved by circumstantial and constantly changing majorities, although always with the prevailing spirit of protest against the principles of the monarchy and the recent dictatorship." He remarked also that the Cortes "have not voted a Socialist Constitution, but have made possible socialization of natural resources, accepting the dignity and necessity of labor." Provision is made for a "broad economic revolution in the budding future," Senor Alcalá Zamora said.

Material progress was made this week toward adjustment of the current phase of the long continued dispute between China and Japan regarding Manchuria, and it is to be hoped, indeed, that the proposed League of Nations inquiry will lead to a permanent settlement of the difficulty. Although some further clashes were reported this week, military operations dwindled in the affected area and the dispute has thus reached a phase which is largely diplomatic. Japanese forces remain in control of virtually all of Manchuria, only portions of the Shanhaikwan district being still in the hands of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, who is an ally of the Nanking Nationalist Government. The Japanese military leaders wish to control this area also, and a military expedition actually left Mukden on Nov. 27 with the intention, it is believed, of taking the city of Chinchow, which is strategically located on a narrow strip of coastline and on the only railroad connecting China proper with Manchuria. Protests against Japanese occupation of Chinchow had been lodged with the Tokio Government by the British and the United States Governments. In observance of pledges given by Japan the expedition was recalled and Chinchow thus remains in Chinese hands.

A military clash in Tientsin continued to attract much attention over the last week-end, although it was but distantly related to the Manchurian conflict. Fighting between Chinese soldiers and the Japanese forces defending their concession in Tientsin broke out for the second time on Nov. 26, apparently in consequence of the tension created everywhere in China by the Manchurian trouble. This latest Tientsin clash was terminated by agreement early Monday, when the Chinese soldiers were withdrawn after the Japanese had threatened to advance against the Chinese city. There were also some reports this week of additional skirmishes in the neighborhood of Tsitsihar. Small remnants of the scattered forces of the Manchurian General, Ma Chenshan, were said to have attacked Japanese detachments. These incidents, together with some Chinese troop concentrations between Mukden and Chinchow, were a cause of anxiety to General Shigeru Honjo, the Japanese commander at Mukden. Airplanes and artillery were held in readiness to deal with the situation, but in the meanwhile Japanese troops were slowly recalled to the railway zones wherein they are entitled to remain by treaty.

The abortive Japanese advance toward Chinchow contained, for a time, all the elements of a grave international incident. Its serious aspects were enhanced by a diplomatic misunderstanding between the Japanese and United States Governments, which resulted from the exchange of notes occasioned by the Japanese desire to invest the city. Tokio reports of Nov. 27 stated definitely that Japanese forces were moving southward in the direction of Chinchow, although it was admitted that the movement was in complete contradiction to the actions of the Japanese Government.

In a Tokio dispatch of Nov. 27 to the New York "Herald Tribune" it was reported that the Japanese Government was staking its existence on keeping the Manchurian conflict away from Chinchow. "If the Japanese army takes Chinchow, officials stated this evening, the Government will resign, because that action would indicate that the civil authorities had no control over the military leaders," the report said. Three trainloads of troops, totaling 120 cars, were

dispatched southward over the Peiping-Mukden Railway early on Nov. 27, and 60 additional cars followed late in the day. The movement, an Associated Press report from Mukden stated, was for the avowed purpose of expunging the last traces of the Chinese regime from Manchuria. Reports of early last Saturday indicated that the expedition advanced more than 60 miles toward Chinchow and halted about 35 miles from that city. The advance ceased suddenly, early last Saturday, and the troops were recalled. "Just what has happened to call an abrupt halt in the full-fledged Japanese offensive against Chinchow it is impossible to determine here," a Mukden dispatch to the New York "Times" remarked.

That the advance toward Chinchow was the occasion for much anxiety in Washington was disclosed late Nov. 27 by Secretary of State Stimson, in the course of a press conference. Mr. Stimson revealed that the Japanese Foreign Minister, Baron Shidehara, had given an undertaking Nov. 24 that Chinchow would not be attacked. The Secretary admitted, accordingly, that he was at a loss to understand the reports of the movement. As a result of representations made through Ambassador Forbes, in Tokio, he had been assured, the Secretary said, that Baron Shidehara, the Japanese Secretary of War and the Tokio Chief of Staff "were agreed that there should be no hostile operations toward Chinchow." One version of the informal press talk of Mr. Stimson, cabled to Japan by a Japanese news agency, caused a sharp reaction in Tokio. The version made it appear that Mr. Stimson had said the Japanese army had "run amuck" in Manchuria, and that it was the intention of Japan to absorb this part of China. On the assumption that the version was correct, a representative of the Foreign Office in Tokio issued a statement last Saturday questioning "why Mr. Stimson saw fit to fly into fulminations." It was stated that grave results may develop if a man in Mr. Stimson's position loses his head at such a critical moment. "The statement is not only unfortunate in the manner in which it is expressed, but more so in the matter, as it contains most serious accusations against Japan's motives," the spokesman continued. A public statement on the matter was promised after receipt of reports from Ambassador Debuchi at Washington.

Secretary Stimson denied flatly, late last Saturday, having made any such statements as were reported in the version cabled to Japan which aroused such ire. The Secretary made public the stenographic transcript of that part of his remarks which related to the Chinchow incident, and he issued a further statement saying the Japanese Foreign Office "has been entirely misinformed of something I not only did not say yesterday, but never said." In addition to repudiating the quotations, Mr. Stimson conferred at length with Ambassador Debuchi, last Saturday. A report to the New York "Herald Tribune" remarked that official Washington was "shocked by a peace-time oral attack on an American Secretary of State which was virtually without precedent." The incident was closed, Sunday, when the spokesman of the Foreign Office in Tokio retracted without qualification the comments made on receipt of the erroneous press report.

Efforts of the League of Nations Council in Paris were directed this week not only toward a general solution of the Manchurian dispute, but also specifically toward prevention of a clash in the Chinchow

area. A compromise agreement regarding the Chinchow district was suggested last Saturday by the Committee of Twelve which debated the subject. It was proposed that a neutral zone be established at Chinchow and a method of liaison arranged between the Chinese and Japanese commanders by European observers. Direct conversations toward the same end were conducted at Peiping between Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang and the Japanese Charge d'Affaires. The Foreign Office at Nanking made clear that the Chinese were ready to accept the suggestion, on the understanding that a Chinese police force would be detailed to maintain peace in the area. Tokio was reported last Monday as ready to accept the suggestion, with certain reservations. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, the Japanese delegate to the League meeting, issued a statement in Paris, however, objecting to the interposition of third parties in the formation of the neutral zone. Fresh complications appeared Wednesday, when Tokio reports stated that Japan would insist upon the withdrawal within the Great Wall not only of all Chinese military detachments, but also of the civil government at Chinchow of Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang.

Some progress was made at Paris, meanwhile, in the redrafting of the League resolution first proposed definitely Nov. 25, whereunder a commission of inquiry would be dispatched to Manchuria for a general investigation of the whole question. The points of this resolution were elaborated one by one, and the wording submitted in every case to the Japanese and Chinese Governments for approval. It appears unlikely, Paris reports state, that any definite date will be fixed in the resolution for withdrawal of Japanese troops within the railway treaty zones, but it is assumed that the withdrawal will have been completed in the six to eight weeks that will elapse before the commission arrives. The commission, according to reports of Tuesday, was to consist of three members, of American, British and French nationality. It was decided Wednesday, however, to increase it to five members, adding an Italian and probably a representative of Holland or another small country. Although small differences appeared in the views of the two Governments regarding the resolution, it is not thought that these will present insurmountable difficulties, and there is now little doubt that the inquiry commission plan will prevail in the League endeavor to arrive at a settlement.

After three months of discussion the Round Table Conference on India adjourned in London, Tuesday, without any great advance having been made toward self-government by the Indians, but with the problem at least somewhat clarified. Throughout the conference Prime Minister MacDonald, as Chairman, steered a delicate middle course between the extreme demands of the Indian Nationalists and the views of the die-hard British faction led by Winston Churchill. Mr. MacDonald's conciliatory influence has already been reflected by an overwhelmingly favorable vote in the House of Commons on the Indian policy. From present indications it would appear likely, moreover, that he has also succeeded in staving off the threatened resumption of the Nationalist civil disobedience campaign. Mahatma Gandhi, the Nationalist leader, stated in London, Thursday, that there was no possibility of a general civil disobedience campaign, although there might be "local civil disobedience campaigns" over local grievances. The

work of the conference is to be continued, meanwhile, through small experts' committees, working in India.

The final sessions of the Round Table Conference, this week, were devoted to declarations of policy. Speaking in general terms, Prime Minister MacDonald pledged the National Government of Great Britain to support the plan of a federated India outlined by the Labor Government in the first Round Table Conference. "We desire to reaffirm our belief in an all-India federation as offering the only hopeful solution of India's Constitutional problems," he said. "We intend to pursue this plan unswervingly and do our utmost to surmount the difficulties which now stand in the way of its realization." Three special committees are to continue work on the difficult problems encountered in the gathering, and after they have concluded their labors a further Round Table Conference will be called to ratify their work. Although the problem of Hindu and Moslem minorities remains unsettled, Mr. MacDonald insisted that the conference was not a failure. He urged the Indians to settle this question among themselves, and warned that a settlement would otherwise be imposed by the British Government. Mr. Gandhi, in his final speech, expressed his earnest desire to co-operate with the British Government and the other delegates. "I don't want to break the bond between India and Britain," he said, "but it must be a bond based on freedom. I don't want to revive civil disobedience. I want to convert the truce of last winter into a lasting peace." Two days of debate on the Indian policy followed in the House of Commons, and this discussion was ended late Thursday with a division that resulted in the favorable vote of 369 to 43.

Swift action by a revolutionary faction in the Republic of El Salvador resulted in the overthrow, Thursday, of the Government headed by President Arturo Araujo and assumption of control by a military directorate under the leadership of Colonel Osmin Aguirre and Colonel Joaquin Valdez. The revolution started late the previous night and it was accompanied by considerable street fighting in which three persons were killed and five wounded. Finance Minister Francisco Jose Espinosa is reported among the dead. The affair was over by 8 in the morning of Thursday, and order was quickly restored. The Presidential Mansion was the center of the fighting, but the President escaped with his staff and members of his Cabinet and retired to Santa Tecla, eight miles west of the capital. The coup was purely military, a San Salvador dispatch to the New York "Times" states, no civilian political leaders participating. Dissatisfaction with the regime of President Araujo has been general for some months, however, and the movement is said to have caused rejoicing among the populace. The immediate cause of the revolt was apparently the discontent felt by the military leaders because of arrears in pay. United States Minister Charles B. Curtis, who arrived in Salvador only a month ago, took an active part in ending the hostilities. It is indicated in dispatches that the deposed President will be expelled from the country, which is the smallest of the Central American republics.

There have been no changes this week in the discount rates of any of the central banks. Rates are 8% in Germany, Austria and Hungary; 7% in Portugal and Italy; 6½% in Spain and Ireland; 6% in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Danzig 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 5¾@6% against 5½@5¾% on Friday of last week, and for three months' bills 5¾@6%, the same rates as the previous Friday. Money on call in London on Friday was 3½%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 1⅞%, and in Switzerland also at 1⅞%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 2 shows an expansion of £4,057,000 in circulation and this, together with a loss of £84,918 in gold holdings, brought about a decrease of £4,142,000 in reserves. The Bank's gold supply now totals £121,599,344 and compares with £155,630,794 a year ago. Public deposits fell off £18,440,000, while other deposits rose £27,487,818. The latter consists of bankers' accounts and other accounts, which increased £26,331,565 and £1,156,253 respectively. The reserve ratio dropped sharply from 33.82% a week ago to 28.44% now. A year ago the ratio was 45.51%. Loans on government securities increased £13,435,000, while those on other securities fell off £180,172. The latter consists of discounts and advances, which decreased £354,099, and securities, which increased £173,927. The bank rate is unchanged at 6%. Below we show a comparison of the different items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1931: Dec. 2	1930: Dec. 3	1929: Dec. 4	1928: Dec. 5	1927: Dec. 7
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	358,458,000	359,218,693	361,086,000	371,455,989	136,805,220
Public deposits	8,593,000	7,843,239	8,003,000	8,690,791	7,433,678
Other deposits	125,472,422	116,085,513	96,118,216	114,932,722	109,827,922
Bankers' accounts	86,176,003	81,858,241	58,620,463	-----	-----
Other accounts	39,296,419	34,227,272	37,497,753	-----	-----
Govt. securities	70,015,906	58,966,247	60,428,855	63,870,327	47,386,600
Other securities	43,750,944	26,397,092	28,353,341	30,504,091	55,069,422
Disc't & advances	12,344,094	4,606,262	9,622,606	-----	-----
Securities	31,406,851	21,790,830	18,730,735	-----	-----
Reserve notes & coin	38,141,000	56,412,101	33,181,000	47,088,777	32,654,540
Coin and bullion	121,599,344	155,630,794	134,269,209	158,544,766	149,709,760
Proportion of res.					
to liabilities	28.44%	45.51%	31.86%	38%	27½%
Bank rate	6%	3%	5½%	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 Reichsbank's weekly statement dated Nov. 30 shows a decrease in gold and bullion of 3,623,000 marks. The Bank's gold now stands at 1,004,928,000 marks, in comparison with 2,179,992,000 marks at the corresponding week last year, and 2,240,352,000 marks the year before. Increases are recorded in reserve in foreign currency of 2,753,000 marks, in bills of exchange and checks of 302,049,000 marks, in advances of 135,310,000 marks, in investments of 1,000 marks, in other daily maturing obligations of 81,653,000 marks, and in other assets of 22,009,000 marks. Notes in circulation reveal a gain of 363,412,000 marks, raising the total of the item up to 4,640,603,000 marks. Total circulation a year ago was 4,601,270,000 marks and the year previous 4,916,487,000 marks. Silver and other coin, notes on other German banks and other liabilities show decreases of 55,082,000 marks, 8,841,000 marks and 50,489,000 marks, while the item of deposits abroad remains unchanged. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation was reduced during the week from 27.5% to 25.3%, as compared with 58.8% last year and 53.8% two years ago. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Assets—	Changes for Week.	Status as of—			
		Nov. 30 1931.	Nov. 29 1930.	Nov. 30 1929.	
Gold and bullion.....	Dec. 3,623,000	1,049,288,000	2,179,992,000	2,240,352,000	
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	93,004,000	221,803,000	149,788,000	
Res'v'e in for'n curr. Inc.	2,753,000	170,270,000	524,830,000	397,223,000	
Bills of exch. & checks Inc.	302,049,000	3,957,065,000	2,109,026,000	2,409,770,000	
Silver and other coin Dec.	55,082,000	109,258,000	512,526,000	94,931,000	
Notes on oth. Ger. bks. Dec.	8,841,000	2,171,000	4,213,000	4,206,000	
Advances.....	Inc. 135,310,000	274,274,000	231,479,000	164,729,000	
Investments.....	Inc. 1,000	102,885,000	102,474,000	92,562,000	
Other assets.....	Inc. 22,009,000	871,065,000	486,210,000	686,820,000	
Liabilities—					
Notes in circulation.....	Inc. 363,412,000	4,640,603,000	4,601,270,000	4,916,487,000	
Oth. daily mat. oblig. Inc.	81,653,000	506,086,000	381,435,000	445,374,000	
Other liabilities.....	Dec. 50,489,000	880,896,000	314,088,000	286,336,000	
Prop. of gold & foreign curr. to note circula'n Dec.	2.2%	25.3%	58.8%	53.8%	

The statement of the Bank of France for the week ended Nov. 27 reveals an expansion in gold holdings of 168,427,719 francs. The total of gold is thus raised to 67,844,126,003 francs, in comparison with 51,966,914,751 francs the same time last year and 40,808,253,851 francs the year before. French commercial bills discounted, advances against securities and creditor current accounts record increases of 949,000,000 francs, 5,000,000 francs and 162,000,000 francs respectively. Notes in circulation show a gain of 898,000,000 francs, raising the total of notes outstanding up to 82,542,258,025 francs. Circulation a year ago aggregated 75,950,678,280 francs, and the year before 68,158,847,940 francs. Credit balances abroad record an increase of 280,000,000 francs, while bills bought abroad contracted 417,000,000 francs. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities now stands at 59.57%, in comparison with 59.98% last week and 52.42% last year. Below we show a comparison of the various items for three years:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.	Status as of—			
	Nov. 27 1931.	Nov. 28 1930.	Nov. 29 1929.	
Gold holdings.....	Inc. 168,427,719	67,844,126.03	51,966,914,751	40,808,253,851
Credit bals. abr'd. Inc.	280,000,000	15,939,878,764	6,760,384,949	7,106,718,755
a French commerc. bills discounted. Inc.	949,000,000	7,766,504,928	8,777,389,518	10,683,970,884
b Bills bght. abr'd. Dec.	417,000,000	8,332,374,355	19,136,625,218	18,741,093,183
Adv. agt. securs. Inc.	5,000,000	2,731,395,454	2,867,572,321	2,471,491,336
Note circulation.....	Inc. 898,000,000	82,542,258,025	75,950,678,280	68,158,847,940
Cred. curr. accts. Inc.	162,000,000	31,341,736,834	23,187,362,594	20,976,415,232
Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities.....	Dec. 41%	59.57%	52.42%	45.78%

No material changes occurred in the New York money market this week, all demands for funds being met easily at levels prevalent in earlier dealings. Much interest was expressed by dealers in the December Treasury financing, on which an announcement is now imminent. Although it is assumed the Treasury will market a huge short-term issue of securities, this factor played relatively little role in the market, as the money is needed chiefly for refunding. Call loans were 2½% on the Stock Exchange in all sessions, both renewals and new loans being arranged at this figure. Banking house funds were available every day at 2%, or a concession of ½% from the official rate. Time loans were unchanged. The two regular compilations of brokers' loans were made available this week, and both showed further declines. The comprehensive Stock Exchange tabulation for the entire month of November reflected a drop of \$66,116,860 in the period, while the Federal Reserve Bank of New York figures for the week to Wednesday night receded \$31,000,000. Gold movements continue on a relatively small scale. The statement of the Reserve Bank for the week to Wednesday night showed imports of \$3,583,000, and a decrease of \$3,300,000

in the stock of the metal held earmarked for foreign account. There were no exports.

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 again been very little movement in time money this week, and it is practically impossible to get a bid on this class of accommodation. Rates are 3@3½% for all dates. These quotations are nominal, as each transaction is given special attention. Prime commercial paper continued in good demand this week, but there is still an inadequate supply of paper. Rates remain unchanged. Quotations for choice names of four to six months' maturity are 3¾@4¼%. Names less well known are 4½%. On very short maturities of high grade there have been some transactions at 3½%.

Prime bankers' acceptances were in excellent demand this week until Thursday morning when the market quieted down. Rates remain unchanged from last week. The quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to 90 days are 3⅛% bid, 3% asked; for four months' bills, 3¼% bid, 3% asked; for five and six months, 3⅞% bid and 3⅝% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank remains unchanged at 3% on maturities up to 45 days and at 3⅓% on maturities of 46 to 90 days. The Federal Reserve banks show a further decrease this week in their holdings of acceptances, the total having fallen from \$479,798,000 to \$423,407,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents further increased from \$117,650,000 to \$134,053,000. Open market rates for acceptances are as follows:

	SPOT DELIVERY					
	—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
Prime eligible bills.....	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾	3
	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
Prime eligible bills.....	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
	3¾	3	3¾	3	3¾	3

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks.....	3¾ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....	3¾ bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Dec. 4.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	3¾	Oct. 17 1931	2¾
New York.....	3¾	Oct. 16 1931	2¾
Philadelphia.....	3¾	Oct. 22 1931	3
Cleveland.....	3¾	Oct. 24 1931	3
Richmond.....	4	Oct. 20 1931	3
Atlanta.....	3¾	Nov. 14 1931	3
Chicago.....	3¾	Oct. 17 1931	2¾
St. Louis.....	3¾	Oct. 22 1931	2¾
Minneapolis.....	3¾	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City.....	3¾	Oct. 23 1931	3
Dallas.....	4	Oct. 21 1931	3
San Francisco.....	3¾	Oct. 21 1931	2¾

Sterling exchange has been under severe pressure for the past two weeks and on Tuesday last cable transfers dropped to 3.29½, a rate comparable to the low prices which ruled prior to the stabilization of the pound. The post-war low stands at 3.18, touched on Feb. 4 1920. In Wednesday's trading sterling rallied somewhat and cable transfers moved up to a range of from 3.32½ to 3.45 and on Thursday became steady around 3.37 while on Friday the range was 3.32@3.34½. The range this week has been from 3.29 to 3.54 for bankers' sight bills, compared with

3.51 $\frac{3}{4}$ @3.73 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 3.29 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3.54 $\frac{1}{4}$, compared with 3.52@3.73 $\frac{1}{4}$ last week. The London market is inclined to look for a low rate for sterling until after the turn of the year and perhaps until February. According to London dispatches the break in sterling has caused no real surprise or uneasiness in banking quarters. The decline is traced to several causes. Primarily this is normally the time of year when pressure on sterling increases owing to large imports of food-stuffs and raw materials, particularly from the United States. Since gold is not now exported automatically to ease this position, such seasonal imports of goods exert an unusual influence on exchange rates. Paris has also been a considerable seller of sterling and buyer of dollars and in these operations, according to London opinion, the political situation is thought to be a factor.

The wide fluctuations are due largely to the fact that the market for exchange under existing restrictions is on the whole narrow and this condition accentuates the movement of sterling in either direction. The weakness has no doubt also been influenced by heavy import movement of goods in anticipation of the higher British tariffs. No statistics are available to show the actual extent of dumping of foreign merchandise which has occurred with the object of avoiding actual or prospective tariffs, but it is known that the rush has been considerable. The normal yearly imports by Great Britain of the goods upon which a heavy import tax has been levied amounts to about £44,000,000. It is considered certain that much more than the usual supplies of these goods covering requirements of several months have already gotten in before the duty went into effect. Recent anticipation that the list of dutiable goods will be substantially widened is now causing still heavier imports of other articles. These imports are of course largely instrumental in depressing the sterling rate. It is definitely known that sales of sterling have taken place throughout Europe, holders having made heavy sacrifices. For example, the Netherlands Bank of Holland, in referring to its statement as of Sept. 27, states that after negotiations with the Bank of England it was found that the latter was not inclined to guarantee the depreciation on sterling exchange held by the Netherlands Bank. As a result the Netherlands Bank was not willing to take further risk of declines in sterling, and negotiations with the Dutch government were started, with the result that the government is taking over a part of the Netherlands Bank's sterling exchange for use in the redemption of the Dutch East Indian sterling loan at a later date. The remainder of the bank's sterling holdings have already been realized at a heavy loss. Another factor depressing sterling is the general apprehension over the Central European situation and the outcome of the Franco-German negotiations. This is particularly manifest on the Continent, where considerable anxiety is also expressed with respect to England's stake in Germany in the matter of short-term debts, which are at present frozen under the present so-called "standstill" agreement. The Basle committee on the basis of whose reports the agreement was reached reported that the total foreign short-term indebtedness in Germany in the middle of July amounted to about 4,393,000,000 reichsmarks. Of this amount 1,051,000,000 reichsmarks, or 23.9%, was owed in England.

It was this situation which brought the sterling

problem to a crisis in September. A large portion of London's ready assets were frozen and England was consequently unable to continue indefinitely the withdrawal of foreign balances held in the city. Another factor accounting for the weakness in sterling is the drying up of recent sustaining movements such as short-covering and the transfer of funds to England for the payment of debts. Money continues firm in London and the market expects that the banking authorities will hold a tight rein for some time to come and it sees no possibility of a reduction in the Bank of England rate of rediscount until some time next year. Call money against bills in London is 4% to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %. Two-months bills are 4 11-16%; three-months bills are 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ %; four-months bills are 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ %, and six-months bills are 6%.

Gold is selling at a high price in the London market. On Monday a few bars were sold at 117s. 11d. and on Thursday the quotation was 122s. 3d. This week the Bank of England shows a loss in gold holdings of £84,918, the total standing at £121,599,344, which compares with £155,630,794 on Dec. 3 1930. The Bank of England's rate continues at 6%, whereas a year ago it was 3%. The proportion of reserves to liabilities on Dec. 2 was 28.44%, compared with 33.82% on Nov. 26, and with 45.51% a year ago.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended Dec. 2, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$3,583,000, of which \$1,593,000 came from Canada, \$1,144,000 from England, \$513,000 from Cuba, \$134,000 from India, \$86,000 from Mexico, and \$113,000, chiefly from Latin American countries. There were no gold exports. There was a decrease of \$3,300,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, NOV. 26-DEC. 2, INCL.

<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$1,593,000 from Canada	
1,144,000 from England	
513,000 from Cuba	
134,000 from India	
86,000 from Mexico	
113,000 chiefly from Latin American countries	None.
\$3,583,000 total	

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.

Decrease: \$3,300,000

On Thursday, \$2,035,000 in gold was received from Colombia and \$108,000 was exported to Italy. There was a further decrease of \$300,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. Yesterday exports totaled \$860,000, of which \$610,000 was shipped to Holland and \$250,000 to France. There were no imports or change in gold earmarked for foreign account. During the week \$14,086,000 of gold was received at San Francisco from Japan.

Canadian exchange continues at a severe discount. In connection with the discount on Montreal funds it is interesting to note that the Bank of Montreal in its statement for the fiscal year ended Oct. 31 stated that while the Bank of Montreal has always declared its dividends in Canadian currency, it has been its practice, for the convenience of shareholders in the United States, to stamp dividend checks sent to them "payable at the agency of the bank in New York as well as in Canada." Due to the abnormally high premium on New York funds now, however, this service has been discontinued.

The bank said in its announcement that it would be inequitable to favor one class of shareholders over another. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at a discount of $13\frac{5}{8}\%$; on Monday at $13\frac{5}{8}\%$; on Tuesday at $13\frac{7}{8}\%$; on Wednesday at $13\frac{3}{4}\%$; on Thursday at $14\frac{1}{8}\%$, and on Friday at $14\frac{3}{8}\%$.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was under pressure. Bankers' sight was $3.52@3.54$ cable transfers $3.52\frac{1}{2}@3.54\frac{1}{4}$. On Monday exchange broke sharply. The range was $3.38\frac{3}{4}@3.45\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight and $3.39@3.46$ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling was under severe pressure. Bankers' sight was $3.29@3.32\frac{3}{4}$; cable transfers $3.29\frac{1}{2}@3.33$. On Wednesday there was a slight recovery in sterling. The range was $3.32@3.44\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight and $3.32\frac{1}{2}@3.45$ for cable transfers. On Thursday the market was steady. The range was $3.34@3.38$ for bankers' sight and $3.34\frac{1}{2}@3.38\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. On Friday the range was $3.31\frac{3}{4}@3.34\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and $3.32@3.34\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 3.33 for demand and $3.33\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at $3.34\frac{1}{2}$; 60-day bills at $3.27\frac{1}{2}$; 90 day bills at $3.25\frac{1}{2}$; documents for payment (60-days) at $3.27\frac{1}{2}$, and seven day grain bills at 3.32. Cotton and grain for payment closed at $3.34\frac{1}{2}$.

Exchange on the Continental countries is, as during the past few weeks, inclined to ease. German marks have eased off but are steadier than most units, due largely to the artificial restrictions imposed upon mark exchange and the German money market by government decrees. There can be no doubt that under present conditions were the mark permitted as much freedom as most of the leading currencies, the quotations would be ruling much lower and the fluctuations would be wider. This week mark exchange has ruled between 23.50 and 23.70, which compares with par of 23.82. There is considerable discussion regarding the probable French attitude toward the coming conference on German short-term debts. Finance Minister Flandin of France has made it clear that France will not welcome any proposal to extend further credits to Germany. A possible basis upon which negotiations may begin, however, is his suggestion that money must be provided in France to tide Germany's British short-term creditors over. In other words, France will probably be obdurate against a possible German loan, but will be willing to advance funds to London to maintain the liquidity of the London money market. Despite the recent reduction in the gold reserves, the Reichsbank authorities do not admit any danger to the stability of the currency. The mark remains at gold parity, however, primarily because the balance of foreign payments, insofar as it is created by currency ordinance, is artificial. Such ordinances produce a volume of transfers to foreign markets below normal, whereas they increase above the normal transfers into Germany. Similarly, transfers to other countries for the purpose of facilitating flight of capital or purchases of foreign securities are prevented. Compulsion on exporters to pay receipts of exchange into the Reichsbank and the expropriation of citizens' balances in foreign banks result in further transfers into Germany. The balance of foreign payments, and the rate of mark exchange are therefore a result, not of free play of financial forces, but of state interference. This system has been partly successful in

checking depletion of the Reichsbank's reserves, and it would perhaps have been entirely successful if "leakages" under the Basle agreement had been avoidable. Without such leakages, it is the opinion of banking circles in Berlin, the Reichsbank's reserves would by this time have been 500,000,000 marks larger than they actually are. In these leakages the intentional flight of capital, according to Berlin opinion, has played only a small part. The chief trouble is that since early in September it has been impossible to maintain the volume of foreign reimbursements which the "freezing agreement" provided for. The current statement of the Reichsbank shows that the reserve ratio on Nov. 30 touched a new low of 25.3% , a decline of 2.2% from Nov. 23. While the decline brings the ratio down to an unsatisfactory level, German circles are nevertheless encouraged by the fact that the drop is the smallest for this season in recent years. For the corresponding period in 1930 the decline was 11.7% , in 1929 9.3% , and in 1928 9.1% . The lower ratio on Nov. 30 this year was caused by the normal month-end increase in circulation and here again sentiment is helped by the fact that the increase is small. On Nov. 30 circulation stood at Rm. 4,640,603,000, an increase of Rm. 363,412,000 from Nov. 23. In 1930 the increase for this period amounted to Rm. 646,958,000. In 1929 it was Rm. 753,998,000 and in 1928 it was Rm. 680,759,000. According to past years circulation should fall off in the next two weeks, which would materially assist the reserve ratio. A more favorable impression is also created in Berlin by the fact that in the last ten days the Reichsbank has not lost any foreign exchange and since Nov. 14 devisa, or foreign exchange, has increase Rm. 18,496,000 to Rm. 170,270,000.

French francs are relatively easy. This is due largely to the fact that confidence in the dollar has returned in all European centers and there is much buying of dollars in Paris both for French and other European accounts. At present quotations for the franc it would be reasonable to expect that an outward flow of gold might take place from Paris to New York, but the market believes that the central bank will adopt measures to offset such an outflow. The Bank of France holds large quantities of gold on earmark in New York and were the franc to drop to the gold export point for the metal from Paris to New York, in all probability the Bank of France would release gold held under earmark here. Indeed, while there can be no confirmation of the fact, it seems entirely probable that the large releases of gold earmarked for foreign account in New York in the past few weeks were for account of the Bank of France. This week the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 168,427,719 francs, the total standing at record high of 67,844,126,003 francs, which compares with 51,966,914,751 francs on Nov. 28 1930 and with 28,934,885,268 francs in June 1928, when the franc was stabilized.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 85.31 on Friday of this week, against 90.00 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at 3.91 11-16, against 3.91 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at $3.91\frac{3}{4}$, against 3.91 1-16, and commercial sight bills at $3.91\frac{5}{8}$, against $3.90\frac{7}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at $13.88\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 13.89 for cable transfers, against 13.88 and $13.88\frac{1}{2}$. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.48 for bankers' sight bills and

23.50 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.73 and 23.78. Italian lire closed at 5.12 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.13 for cable transfers, against 5.16 and 5.16 $\frac{1}{4}$. Austrian schillings closed at 14.15, against 14.15; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 2.96 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 2.96 $\frac{1}{2}$; on Bucharest at 0.59 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 0.60; on Poland at 11.22, against 11.25, and on Finland at 1.75, against 1.80. Greek exchange closed at 128 $\frac{5}{8}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 1.28 $\frac{7}{8}$ for cable transfers, against 1.28 $\frac{5}{8}$ and 1.28 $\frac{7}{8}$.

Exchange on the countries neutral during the war is generally easier. Holland guilders and Swiss francs are firm, although ruling much lower than they were a few weeks ago when dollars were being sold in Europe. Guilders are stronger than last week. As noted above in the story on sterling exchange, the Bank of The Netherlands was severely affected by the drop in sterling, and failed to prevail upon the Bank of England to guarantee the depreciation on its sterling holdings. As a result the bank entered negotiations with the Dutch government to take over part of its sterling holdings for use in the redemption of the Dutch East Indian sterling loan at a later date. The remainder of its holdings have been sold at a heavy loss. The board of the Netherlands Bank is not concealing the loss in its fiscal year-end report as of March 1932. This loss does not in any way affect the position of the bank with respect to liabilities on notes and other short-term demands, which are covered altogether by more than 72% in gold. Notes in circulation are covered now by more than 87% in gold and 90% in gold and silver. Gold holdings of the Netherlands Bank are at the highest level ever reached in its history. The Scandinavian currencies are ruling easier than at any time since the suspension of gold by Great Britain, due largely to the fact that the Scandinavians are at all times closely allied to sterling and fluctuate in sympathy with the course of the pound.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.31, against 40.14; cable transfers at 40.32, against 40.15, and commercial sight bills at 40.10, against 40.00. Swiss francs closed at 19.46 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and at 19.47 for cable transfers, against 19.38 and 19.38 $\frac{1}{2}$. Copenhagen checks finished at 18.35 and cable transfers at 18.40, against 19.50 and 19.55. Checks on Sweden closed at 18.35 and cable transfers at 18.40, against 19.57 and 19.60, while checks on Norway finished at 18.35 and cable transfers at 18.40, against 19.20 and 19.25. Spanish pesetas closed at 8.34 for bankers' sight bills and at 8.34 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 8.43 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 8.44.

Exchange on the South American countries presents no new features. Last week Argentine grain prices suffered a severe drop, which has had an adverse effect on peso exchange. Argentina presents the anomaly of disastrously low grain prices in spite of heavy export demand and rapidly diminishing stocks. The paper peso is now ruling around 25.88@26, compared with par of 42.45. Some time ago it was thought that the peso except for political disturbances would rule on average around 32, but this expectation has not been fulfilled in the past six months. Nevertheless Argentine business conditions are on the whole very satisfactory in view of the world-wide depression. Argentine government obligations respond vigorously to evidences of improvement in the country's fiscal affairs. A recent

statement by the Argentine Ministry of Finance shows a reduction of \$103,160,000 in expenditures for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 1931, as compared with the corresponding period last year. Total payments for the 11 months this year were \$193,130,000, while revenues amounted to \$162,992,800, or only \$954,230 below the receipts for the same period in 1930. During the 11 months the treasury drew on credit resources to a total extent of \$26,310,000. The corresponding item in the 1930 period was \$146,000,000, showing the extent to which economies have enabled the government to reduce its borrowings. Brazilian milreis continue to be nominally quoted. Exchange is more or less demoralized owing to the suspension of gold by England in September. However, general business conditions in Brazil are far from bad. The export surplus for the first nine months is well above last year's figure. Imports from January to September amounted to £22,691,000, against exports of £37,454,000, leaving an export surplus of £14,763,000, compared with £10,088,000 for the corresponding period a year ago. The export surplus continues to increase. The sharp rise in the export surplus should have a distinctly favorable effect upon the Brazilian balance of payments and should lend considerable strength to the exchange. In past years Brazil has normally experienced a large export surplus, but this has been more than wiped out by invisible items, chiefly payments on the external Brazilian debts. The country's gold stocks have been exhausted.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 25 15-16 for bankers' sight bills, against 25 15-16 on Friday of last week, and at 26.00 for cable transfers, against 26.00. 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 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 12 $\frac{1}{8}$. Peru, not quoted.

Exchange on the Far Eastern countries in the main presents no new features from those displayed for many months. The Chinese units are showing some weakness owing to a recession in silver prices. Silver prices might have fallen still further in the past week or two but for the fact that the rajahs and many of the rich men of India who have been selling gold in London appear to be purchasing silver with the proceeds, on the general tendency among them to place more confidence in the ultimate appreciation in the price of silver. Japanese yen are relatively steady despite the fact that Japanese business conditions have become greatly complicated during the past year, especially since the slump in sterling exchange and the Sino-Japanese difficulties in Manchuria. The Chinese boycott of Japanese goods has taken heavy toll of Japanese trade in every direction. The decline in the pound brought practical cessation of Japanese business in the markets where Japan and Britain compete. Japan is also beginning to feel the effects of its heavy gold exports to the United States. The Indian tariffs have also hurt Japanese trade. Ever since the lifting of the gold embargo in January 1929, Japan has been losing gold. The reason for the departure of the yen for foreign fields was and is that banks and insurance companies, not to mention wealthy private investors, saw better opportunities for profit abroad than at home. It is understood that Japanese insurance companies' investments were almost entirely responsible for the loss of 50,000,000 yen

last summer. Between the time of the decline of sterling and Nov. 2 gold losses totaled 150,000,000 yen more. Until the middle of October the Yokohama Specie Bank sold yen readily at \$49375. Then it stopped. At the same time bankers bound themselves to stop speculation by their customers. One of the principal reasons for the flight from the yen was the higher yield offered by Japanese bonds in dollars. According to the Federal Reserve Bank, Japan sent \$75,711,000 to this side in November. This gold was received mostly at San Francisco. The movement began in October and altogether a total of \$105,511,000 had been received up to the end of November. This constitutes the second major gold movement from Japan since the adoption of the gold standard in January 1930. In that year \$150,928,000 was received and since then there has been no compensating movement of gold into Japan. Japanese gold holdings are now approximately \$300,000,000, compared with \$542,000,000 just prior to stabilization. The outward flow of gold has caused reports that Japan will be forced to abandon the gold standard, but these reports have met with emphatic denial in official Japanese circles.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 49.60@49³/₄, against 49 9-16@49³/₄. Hong Kong closed at 24¹/₄@24 7-16, against 25³/₈@25 11-16; Shanghai at 32¹/₈@31⁷/₈, against 31⁷/₈@32¹/₈; Manila at 49⁵/₈, against 49⁵/₈; Singapore at 42⁷/₈, against 45⁷/₈; Bombay at 25.95, against 26⁷/₈ and Calcutta at 25.95, against 26⁷/₈.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACT OF 1922, NOV. 28 1931 TO DEC. 4 1931, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Nov. 28.	Nov. 30.	Dec. 1.	Dec. 2.	Dec. 3.	Dec. 4.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	1.139678	1.139617	1.139556	1.139647	1.139489	1.139464
Belgium, belga	1.138761	1.138725	1.138822	1.138800	1.138847	1.138968
Bulgaria, lev	.007150	.007150	.007150	.007150	.007156	.007150
Czechoslovakia, krona	.029626	.029629	.029622	.029624	.029619	.029625
Denmark, krone	1.193700	1.189333	1.183343	1.185392	1.186012	1.184011
England, pound sterling	3.529404	3.406375	3.302500	3.398750	3.370125	3.336666
Finland, marka	.018412	.018012	.018231	.018380	.018100	.018062
France, franc	.039005	.039092	.039096	.039106	.039130	.039180
Germany, reichsmark	2.37327	2.36927	2.37400	2.37335	2.37216	2.35500
Greece, drachma	.012879	.012878	.012869	.012875	.012869	.012868
Holland, guilder	.401460	.401386	.402422	.402894	.403223	.403231
Hungary, pengo	1.74633	1.74612	1.74700	1.74760	1.74541	1.74441
Italy, lira	.051526	.051465	.051551	.051465	.051415	.050867
Norway, krone	1.190806	1.188071	1.183375	1.185628	1.186187	1.183233
Poland, zloty	1.112303	1.12009	1.12057	1.11959	1.11900	1.11868
Portugal, escudo	.035625	.034625	.033875	.034000	.034000	.034000
Rumania, leu	.005954	.005958	.005943	.005951	.005954	.005956
Spain, peseta	.084318	.084126	.083757	.083773	.083452	.083210
Sweden, krona	1.194313	1.194333	1.184718	1.186914	1.186812	1.184262
Switzerland, franc	1.93886	1.93773	1.94394	1.94302	1.94610	1.94617
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017805	.017792	.017792	.017785	.017788	.017780
ASIA—						
China—						
Chetoo tael	3.41875	3.24791	3.28333	3.25833	3.25833	3.27083
Hankow tael	3.30781	3.18281	3.20625	3.17187	3.16875	3.18125
Shanghai tael	3.26160	3.13125	3.15178	3.13214	3.13035	3.14285
Tientsin tael	3.41875	3.27291	3.30833	3.28333	3.27500	3.28750
Hong Kong dollar	2.48571	2.38571	2.41428	2.41250	2.40321	2.40535
Mexican dollar	2.232500	2.24687	2.23125	2.22625	2.22625	2.22625
Tientsin or Peking dollar	2.40833	2.30833	2.34166	2.31666	2.30000	2.30000
Yuan dollar	2.36666	2.36666	2.30000	2.27500	2.26666	2.26666
India, rupee	2.26205	2.25833	2.25083	2.25083	2.25000	2.24116
Japan, yen	4.94912	4.94934	4.95118	4.95334	4.95006	4.95865
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	4.10000	4.00000	3.92500	3.88750	3.90000	3.88750
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	8.65919	8.58345	8.61580	8.65661	8.61838	8.57536
Cuba, peso	9.99812	9.99843	9.99875	9.99781	9.99812	9.99687
Mexico, peso (silver)	3.90200	3.89866	3.88533	3.88100	3.81733	3.83066
Newfoundland, dollar	8.63250	8.58750	8.58125	8.63375	8.58750	8.54875
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	5.87272	5.85972	5.85760	5.84451	5.86141	5.84706
Brazil, milreis	1.061944	1.061937	1.062062	1.062062	1.062187	1.062142
Chile, peso	1.20750	1.20750	1.20750	1.20750	1.20750	1.20750
Uruguay, peso	4.48500	4.48533	4.47666	4.46833	4.45166	4.46000
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—	December 3 1931.			December 4 1930.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 121,599,344	£ —	£ 121,599,344	£ 155,630,794	£ —	£ 155,630,794
France a	542,753,008	d	542,753,008	415,735,318	d	415,735,318
Germany b	45,596,200	c994,600	46,590,800	101,510,200	994,600	102,504,800
Spain	89,873,000	20,842,000	110,715,000	99,258,000	28,151,000	127,409,000
Italy	60,241,000	—	60,241,000	57,243,000	—	57,243,000
Netherl'ds.	73,097,000	2,343,000	75,440,000	35,514,000	2,069,000	37,583,000
Natl Belg.	73,097,000	—	73,097,000	37,054,000	—	37,054,000
Switzerl'd.	57,682,000	—	57,682,000	25,625,000	—	25,625,000
Sweden	11,438,000	—	11,438,000	13,422,000	—	13,422,000
Denmark	9,121,000	—	9,121,000	9,561,000	—	9,561,000
Norway	6,560,000	—	6,560,000	8,136,000	—	8,136,000
Total week	1090932552	24,179,600	1115112152	958,689,312	31,214,600	989,903,912
Prev. week	1089532948	24,262,600	1113795548	958,421,131	31,081,600	989,502,731

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 £4,650,200. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

British Government Policy—The End of the India Conference.

There is something impressive about the way in which the MacDonald Government goes ahead with its program notwithstanding the gloomy predictions of its enemies and the sniping tactics of some of its nominal supporters. That it has been able to go forward in the face of much anxious questioning and some open criticism is due to its policy, perhaps the only one possible under the circumstances, of mingled firmness, moderation and delay. It has inaugurated a tariff program which, while distinctly protective, has apparently lessened materially the danger of sharp or general retaliation which was feared. It has confirmed the constitutional status of the dominions as agreed upon by the last Imperial Conference by carrying through both the Commons and the Lords the Statute of Westminster, at the same time that it has decided to let the stabilization of the pound wait upon events. The great objective of the India Conference has not, indeed, been attained, but not only has the Government refused to abandon its determination to give India in due course a greatly increased measure of self-government under a federal plan, but Mr. MacDonald has been able to bring even the Tory members of his Cabinet into line in support of a federal program with whose origination the former Labor Government is to be credited. Another conference on the status of Burma has also been begun. To cap its successes, the Government is to be represented in the forthcoming Disarmament Conference by Mr. MacDonald himself and no less than five members of his Cabinet. For a Government which it was freely predicted Mr. MacDonald would have great difficulty in controlling, the novel combination of Conservatives, Liberals and Laborites seems to have worked thus far with unexpected harmony and efficiency.

Even those who look with serious apprehension upon the departure by Great Britain from its free trade policy have recognized that the new duties are skillfully contrived. The first measure, introduced in the House of Commons on Nov. 16, authorized the imposition of duties up to 100% upon any or all of the considerable number of commodities listed under Class 3 of the Board of Trade schedule as "articles wholly or partly manufactured," primarily to prevent dumping as well as to encourage the consumption of British goods. In presenting the bill the President of the Board of Trade, Walter Runciman, spoke with marked moderation of the general principle of protection. "The only permanent way," he said, "of restoring our trade balance without imposing any sacrifice upon our people is by expanding our exports rather than curtailing our imports," but there was an emergency to be dealt with, and dealt with in a way that will not "alto-

gether close down" the means whereby "the very large remittances coming to this country from abroad" can be made. It was later stated that imports from the dominions would be exempted from the operation of the bill. The bill passed in the House on Nov. 19, amendments offered by Labor members being defeated by very large majorities, and on the following day was accepted by the Lords and received the royal assent. The first order under the new law, applying 50% duties to a number of articles, was issued on the 21st and became operative on the 25th.

It was not to be expected that the grant of a small measure of protection would negative a demand for more, and the Government appears to have yielded by promising on Nov. 26 that a quota system for home-grown wheat would shortly be adopted. It was reported that 15% of the country's total consumption would be required to be purchased by millers from British producers. The publication on Monday of a second list of eleven dutiable items was, of course, only a routine matter, and all the orders issued were confirmed by the Commons on Friday by the heavy vote of 234 to 37. Meantime the threat of retaliation from countries whose trade is affected has not assumed serious proportions. The action of France, coincident with the adoption of the new tariff rates, in doubling or trebling its import tax on partly manufactured articles, and adding 15% to duties on imports from all countries with depreciated currencies, while not directed at Great Britain alone but at all countries from which dumping might be expected, has, however, stirred up considerable feeling, and Mr. Runciman told the House of Commons on Friday that he wished it to be "clearly understood abroad as well as at home that if we are to be hit by the French decree we cannot ignore the action taken." An early conference on the subject is among the possibilities. The Bruening Government in Germany has received exceptional power to retaliate by reason of the authority given to the Cabinet on Tuesday to change import duties and conclude trade agreements without consulting the Reichstag, but Chancellor Bruening is hardly the man to act in such a matter without first attempting negotiations. A further reason for thinking that nothing serious will be done until the effect of the new duties has been shown is found in the fact that the Imperial Economic Conference which is to be held at Ottawa will have the whole question of Imperial trade and tariff preference as its principal subject, and retaliatory duties now might easily have the effect of strengthening the protective sentiment already very marked in Canada and Australia. The inauguration of a quota system for imported wheat, intended to encourage imports from the Dominions, was reported on Thursday to have been approved in principle.

The passage of the Statute of Westminster bill, giving to the dominions complete equality of political status in the British Commonwealth, with the Crown as the only connecting bond between them and the mother country, seemed at one time to be threatened by the demand of a small Opposition group in the Commons, led by Winston Churchill, for an amendment expressly debarring the Irish Free State from altering or repealing either the Act of 1922 which defines its present relation to the Commonwealth and the Crown, or the Constitution of the same year. The proposal had a direct bearing also upon the position of the Union of South Africa, which has long been

restive under British "domination" and has even gone so far as to assert its constitutional right to secede. As the Statute of Westminster bill met the wishes of both the Irish Free State and South Africa, any change such as the one suggested would have been at once rejected by those dominions and the whole question reopened. On Nov. 24 the Commons, by a vote of 350 to 50, refused to accept the amendment, and another epoch-making step in the evolution of British Commonwealth organization was added to the achievements of the new National Government. It was significant that Labor voted with the Government, and that the sole opposition came from the Conservatives of the extreme Right who, in addition to wishing to get rid of Mr. MacDonald, would like also to see Mr. Churchill the leader of the Conservative party in place of Stanley Baldwin. No important opposition developed in the House of Lords, and the bill passed in that body on Thursday.

It had been recognized for several weeks that nothing short of a miracle could reconcile the racial, religious and political differences that had developed in the India Round-Table Conference, and when the Conference adjourned on Tuesday there seemed to most observers nothing to do except to write failure across the record. The points on which the Conference foundered, save for certain relatively unimportant differences regarding the details of the federal structure which it had been hoped would be set up, were in the main the irreconcilable positions of Moslem and Hindu delegates regarding minority rights and representation, and the insistence of the British Government that Great Britain should retain control of India's defense establishment and exercise such supervision over finance as to insure the fulfillment of India's obligations, and that the Viceroy should be invested, as at present, with emergency powers to maintain order and insure the proper working of governmental institutions. The British reservations, as had been expected, proved entirely unacceptable to Mahatma Gandhi, who from the first had insisted that nothing less than complete independence for India would have his approval or that of his followers, and a few days before the Conference closed it seemed probable that Gandhi would return to India prepared to direct once more the campaign of non-cooperation and resistance.

The declaration with which Prime Minister MacDonald closed the sessions of the Conference on Tuesday was one of the most remarkable of his many official addresses. Refusing to regard the Conference as a failure, and declaring that the discussions and personal contacts "have raised the problem of Indian constitutional reform far above the technicalities of constitution-making, for we have won that confidence in and respect for each other which has made the task one of helpful political cooperation," he reaffirmed in the name of the Government, and with its full authority behind him, the position which he had taken at the beginning of the year when the Labor Government was in power. "The view of his Majesty's Government is," he repeated, quoting the words he had then used, "that responsibility for the government of India should be placed upon the legislatures, central and provincial, with such provisions as may be necessary to guarantee during the period of transition the observance of certain obligations and to meet other special circumstances, and also with such guarantees as are required by the minorities to protect their political

rights. In such statutory safeguards as may be made for meeting the needs of the transitional period it will be the primary concern of his Majesty's Government to see the reserved powers so framed and exercised as not to prejudice the advance of India through the new constitution to full responsibility for her own government."

Notwithstanding the fact that the realization of this program had now been postponed by the failure of the Conference to give it effect, Mr. MacDonald announced his intention to appoint a number of committees which should work in India in cooperation with the Viceroy toward the accomplishment of this end, and in the meantime to establish, as soon as practicable, new provincial governments in the Northwest Frontier Province and the region in the northwest known as the Sind. He begged the people of India to aid the ultimate realization of federation by themselves reaching agreement regarding minorities and representation. What the details of such agreement should be, he said, "the Government cannot undertake here and now to specify. . . . Their form and scope will need the most anxious and careful consideration, with the view of insuring on one hand that they are reasonably adequate in their purpose, and on the other that they do not encroach to an extent which amounts to stultification upon the principles of representative, responsible government."

The conciliatory tone which marked Mr. MacDonald's address, joined to his disclosure that the program as originally announced had been accepted without change by a National Government which is predominantly Tory, made a deep impression. Apparently it was not at all what Mahatma Gandhi expected. "The fact is," the London correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled on Wednesday, "that Mr. MacDonald's declaration, with its reasonable spirit and its innocuous proposals, has put the Mahatma in a first-class dilemma. It gives him little or nothing to take back to India, yet it leaves him without a war-cry, unless the Government of India's anti-terrorist ordinances in Bengal should furnish him one." There seems good reason for thinking that Gandhi, by his die-hard attitude toward Indian independence and his demonstrated inability to reconcile the differences of Hindus and Moslems, has lost ground at the Conference, and that he is less the exalted patriot and statesman than he appeared to be when the Conference met. His powers of resistance are still very great, but he will now have to consider, in a different light than before, whether the offer which Great Britain still holds out, with independence as the ultimate goal, is not better for India than a continuance of the agitation which he has long directed. His statement on Thursday that there was "no possibility of a revival of civil disobedience" until he had reached India and conferred with his colleagues, coming on the heels of an overwhelming endorsement of Mr. MacDonald's policy by the Commons, suggests that Mr. MacDonald's counsels may in due time be taken to heart.

Mr. MacDonald has reason to be gratified with the success of his Government thus far. He is by no means out of the woods, and the tariff measures which he is sanctioning accentuate the difficulties of a world trade situation which cannot continue indefinitely long in its present state. The problem of stabilization has yet to be met, and that of unemployment shows no significant progress toward solu-

tion. Mr. MacDonald has shown, however, that he can drive the curiously assorted team that has been put in harness, and override opposition when really large issues are at stake. In the present stage of British politics, more than this is not fairly to be asked.

An Inquiry Into Individualism.

An article, more significant than important, appears in "Harper's" for December. It is entitled, "The Myth of Rugged American Individualism." Its author, Dr. Charles A. Beard, is co-author with his wife, Mary R. Beard, of the noted work, "The Rise of American Civilization." He asks for calm consideration, in the premises, "without reference to election heats," though we should say he is, at times, more sarcastic than serene. His attitude is declared in the following sentence: "From day to day it becomes increasingly evident that some of our economic leaders (by no means all of them) are using the phrase as an excuse for avoiding responsibility, for laying the present depression on "government interference," and for seeking to escape certain forms of taxation and regulation which they do not find to their interest. If a smoke screen big enough can be laid on the land, our commercial prestidigitators may work wonders—for themselves." If the purpose of this article were to eliminate the word "rugged," we, perhaps, need go no further, but its scope and intent go beyond this in an attempt to show the necessity of a new form of "co-operation" quite at variance to pure "individualism."

Dr. Beard begins by quoting the famous passage from Macaulay which has been resurrected and given some prominence recently. It reads: "Our rulers will best promote the improvement of the people by strictly confining themselves to their own legitimate duties—by leaving capital to find its most lucrative course, commodities their fair price, industry and intelligence their natural reward, idleness and folly their natural punishment—by maintaining peace, by defending property, by diminishing the price of law, and by observing strict economy in every department of the State. Let the Government do this—the people will assuredly do the rest." Now, to our mind, the enormous increase in modern trade and industry, the complications ensuing in business, the rise of powerful labor organizations, the theoretical standards of "better living" for the masses, do not destroy the truth of this statement. That we do not have this condition prevailing now is not an assurance that we cannot have it. We were much nearer to it in pioneer days—days before our multiform inventions, before our present so-called "mechanistic" life, and we did not endure in "anarchy." Is there good reason to believe we would do so now?

Dr. Beard proceeds to show that our "individualism" has been destroyed by the people themselves. We should say that it has been weakened by the demands of selfish factions of the people and by legislative acquiescence in the shape of regulatory laws. On the whole we still live under individualism, certainly not under socialism or communism. And further, while there are too many exceptions to say they prove the rule, we must bear in mind that regulation of industries is not public ownership in the strict sense of the term. He cites 15 instances to show that our "rugged American individualism" is a myth. We have space only to give their general names: (1) Government Regulation of Railroads;

(2) Waterways; (3) The United States Barge Corporation; (4) The Shipping Business; (5) Aviation; (6) Canals; (7) Highway Building; (8) The Department of Commerce; (9) The Big Pork Barrel; (10) The Bureau of Standards; (11) The Federal Trade Commission; (12) The Anti-Trust Acts; (13) The Tariff; (14) The Federal Farm Board; (15) The Moratorium and Frozen Assets.

The most of these innovations, speaking for ourselves, we have always opposed as excrescences on the body politic, as excrescences that are bureaucratic in form, and that lead to socialism, that leads to communism. The Barge Corporation appears to be the only instance in which the Government now actually carries on a business in its own right and behalf. The Government has never owned the railroads; it directed them during the war. Waterways are under the supervision of the Government; in a public sense it owns them, but does not operate them for profit. The shipping business is a left-over legacy of the war; and only "dubiously owned," if at all. Aviation is a mixed military and commercial endeavor, but not an enterprise of the Government, though subsidized by mail contracts. Highway building is a sop to the States and to unemployment. Canals are a species of waterways, artificial, not natural, as are rivers and harbors. The Department of Commerce, as under Mr. Hoover, who greatly extended its activities, as he has taken pains so often to point out, is a medium of assistance to trade and industry and directly owns and operates no competing endeavor. The Big Pork Barrel is and has always been a Congressional scandal, nothing more, nothing less. The Federal Trade Commission is an "interference," pure and simple. The Anti-Trust Acts carry on no business, are under question as to their usefulness, are artificial restraints on trade, but are not *in* business. The Tariff is a tax—and a pernicious one. The Federal Farm Board is a late subsidy to farmers by way of credits, has been extended to buying and selling grains, putting the Government so far directly in business, ostensibly temporarily—and is a failure. The moratorium is a foreign entanglement, not a business of ownership. And the National Credit Corp., like the Farm Board (or nearly so; it will probably be followed by a Government indenture), is for relief, not ownership.

Thus while most of these excrescences, interferences, ought to be removed or reformed, they still do not constitute direct public ownership of property or of business. The Government is verging toward ownership—but does not own. We do not find warrant, therefore, for this conclusion that "The point is that the Federal Government does not operate in a vacuum, but under impulsion from without; and all of the measures which put the Government into business have been supported by rugged individualists—business men or farmers or both." Private ownership of property and protection thereof is a principle imbedded in the Constitution, and the Government itself cannot take private property for public use without just compensation at law. And it is this principle the people have not abandoned, though selfish classes and even factions are continually clamoring for measures of relief and constantly insinuating laws which create bureaus and bureaucracy. If we make this distinction our individualism still exists, whether "rugged" or not. "For 40 years or more," says Dr. Beard, "there has not been a President, Republican or Democrat, who has not talked

against Government interference and then supported measures adding more interference to the huge collection already accumulated." But this does not prove that the people are consciously plunging into Government ownership of business and utilities, rather that they are supine to the inroads of classes, while still living in the supposed freedom of personal initiative and enterprise.

There is far too much of this apathy, but our people are not, as a whole, scarcely even by classes, socialistic in belief and desire. Dr. Beard illustrates in this way: "Take, for instance, President Wilson. He made his campaign in 1912 on the classical doctrine of individualism; . . . "Yet look at the statutes enacted under his benign administration: the trainmen's law virtually fixing wages on inter-State railways for certain classes of employees; the Shipping Board law; the Farm Loan Act; Federal aid for highway construction; the Alaskan railway; the Federal Reserve Act; the Water Power Act; and all the rest of the bills passed during his regime. Only the Clayton Anti-Trust law can be called individualistic." But then—did not Wilson always bear a taint of socialism, and if not that, then of autocracy? But we must pass to a conclusion which this author states in this wise: "The cold truth is that the individualist creed of everybody for himself and the devil take the hindmost is principally responsible for the distress in which Western civilization finds itself—with investment racketeering at one and labor racketeering at the other. Whatever merits the creed may have had in days of primitive agriculture and industry, it is not applicable to an age of technology, science and rationalized economy. Once useful, it has become a danger to society. Every thoughtful business man who is engaged in management as distinguished from stock speculation knows that stabilization, planning, orderly procedure, prudence, and the adjustment of production to demand are necessary to keep the economic machine running steadily and efficiently." Well and good—but who can do these things save the individual? And does not the principle of individualism as contradistinct from Government ownership and operation alone preserve the individual who is alone capable? Men who "plan," who "execute," who "associate" for better business ways, can be as effectual in a technological age as any other. The main thing is to keep them free to do so. We fail to follow this reasoning.

The writer gives due credit to individualism in the past. He says: "There is another side to this stalwart individualism that also deserves consideration. Great things have been done in its name, no doubt, and it will always have its place in any reasoned scheme of thinking. Individual initiative and energy are absolutely indispensable to the successful conduct of any enterprise, and there is ample ground for fearing the tyranny and ineptitude of governments. In the days of pioneering industry in England, in our pioneering days when forests were to be cut and mountain fastnesses explored, individualism was the great dynamic which drove enterprise forward. But on other pages of the doom book other entries must be made. In the minds of most people who shout for individualism vociferously, the creed, stripped of all flashy rhetoric, means getting money, simply that and nothing more. And to this creed may be laid most of the shame that has cursed our cities and most of the scandals that have smirched our Federal Government." But is not "getting

money" the motive power of all industry and enterprise,—for the reason that capital must have its reward and labor its wage? We must not mix everything together. We must not ascribe the faults of the human desires to the system of free exercise of the will and thought of men who carry on the great works that ennoble our civilization. If this individualism was potent for good in the past, why not now? Changed conditions and human relations do not destroy the system, rather they make it more imperative. Why not return to the old plan of work and wage, as far as we may; relieve ourselves of the bane of bureaucracy, that now holds us in chains, and with the freedom of old in a new age, create a more rhythmic movement in which the competition of all the units will eventuate in the true co-operation of the many? Why?

The Most Serious Question Before Congress.

On the ground that it is dangerous to the interests of *all* the people to lay down a taxing system based on the emergency of extreme adversity, there is something to be said in behalf of a long-term bond issue to meet the coming deficit now estimated at \$2,000,000,000. In the first place, the deficit is a cumulative result of the failure of revenues already levied to meet appropriations inconsiderately made. The soldiers' bonus bill, for example, should not have been passed over the President's veto. All forms of taxation flow together in the end. The burden falls on the citizens, but not equably or, of course, equally. The continuing "depression" has lowered the income tax returns; and this will be more evident in the coming year. Tariff tax results must decrease as the interference with trade becomes wider and more fixed. If mistakes were made in the expectation of tax yields, it will be seen that the present condition of change in trade and industry is a precarious time to lay a new tax bill. For this reason postponement and a long-term bond issue is worthy consideration. Otherwise, the practice is directly against the principles of economy, equability and justice. More than this, it invites extravagance in expenditures and deceives as to the costs of government.

So that nothing to come before the opening Congress can be more serious than taxation. And it must come—the credit of the country is at stake, and must be preserved. There is, in addition, such a shiver and terror of apprehension among the people, over falling prices in commodities and securities, over unemployment and its attending unrest, that new and large appropriations are likely to be made—adding to the difficulties of just applications and extensions of the tax schedules. Congress should, therefore, enter upon this arduous duty in a temperate and tempered frame of mind. It will, also, be necessary to call on all the experience we have. Skilled minds in the committees should work assiduously laying down the framework. Popular excitement should be banished. Politics should be forgotten. No such jealous cry as that in war-time, "We intend to make the rich pay," should be heard. For, it should be remembered always, it will be necessary, in many instances, to repeal these new tax levies and laws, or they continue to operate in entirely new conditions when they come. In a time of hoped-for "prosperity" an excess of revenues invites to all manner of excessive expenditures that, in turn, themselves lead to swift reversal of conditions.

Passing by the indurated custom of taxation for "protection," we may assert that all legitimate taxation is for the support of the Government, and for nothing else. All good citizens should come to this support of the Government, especially in time of crucial need. Therefore, in some way every citizen, rich or poor, should pay into the Treasury his just quota of the whole sum. It is now proposed, in the income tax revision, to increase the levies upon the "upper brackets." But will the injustices of the graduated plan, by which the upper brackets pay more in proportion than the lower, be first eliminated? On the other hand, will the exemptions be reduced that even the poor man pay something directly to the support? It may be a bold question to ask, but will *all* the war-time inequities be removed before new levies are laid—for example, how much did the tax on excess profits contribute to the prolongation of the "longest stock boom in history," that collapsed finally so quickly, and precluded conditions of to-day? We now know that "making the rich pay" is a false premise, that it leads to avoidance, leads to the inactivity of capital, and thus harms labor and defeats itself.

We are apt in these times of urgency to look about us for some specific *thing* to lay a tax upon. No just system can ever permit this. Already, since a sales tax is proposed certain members are saying, "We do not object to laying a sales tax on well-defined 'luxuries.'" If a sales tax be permissible at all, and we do not now consider this, why not a general sales tax on all articles of consumption and use, that the poor as well as the rich may pay a quota? Why this effort always to relieve the poor who enjoy the benefits of Government equally, per capita, with the rich? We know the tools of the workman and the household goods of the home dweller are exempted on the general principle of making it possible to live and work *to* support the Government. But we have gone far beyond this; we are *favoring* one class (the poor) against another class (the rich). So we are willing to tax "luxuries." And at this there are certain industries, theatres for instance, which though classed as luxuries are patronized by the poor. We do not look for a perfect tax bill; none has been made, none ever will be. But we mention a few matters needing extreme care.

Keeping in mind the adage, "The power to tax is the power to destroy," casting about for some new object to attack, the corporation will come into view. It is already too heavily taxed. To lay on more would tend to destroy. Where States also levy a corporation tax the burden becomes onerous. There can be no concealment on the part of this business integer. Its capital stock is known, recorded. What is forgotten too often is the wide spread of ownership. Bearing this in mind, what seems to be taxing the rich often recoils on the poor. This leads up to attempts to lay special taxes on products of manufacture, or the various stamp taxes on securities, checks, &c. The difficulty is to avoid double taxation in these numerous efforts to raise new revenues. For one thing the war emergency is over. No tax should be laid because a like one was laid at that harrowing time. The emergency of a deficit is entirely unlike that. Limitations to the running of any tax to fill this sort of need should not fail to be inserted in the bill. In any case the levy will run longer than the present need. There should be no cold water dashed on a renewal of prosperity by exorbitant emergency

deficit taxes. Above all, there should be no infringement on the prerogatives of the States, for they are pressed for revenue also. While the huge problem has some of the qualities of a Chinese puzzle, it becomes more important the more it is studied, to remember that in the final solving there should be no excitement, and therefore that the least and simplest taxation at the present is the best.

As to revision of the Smoot-Hawley tariff law there seems to be a consensus of opinion that it is impractical at this coming session. Tariff, it has been pointed out, has become a subject of international adjustment. Domestic in its inception, it so soon arouses retaliation in foreign countries as to compel concessions tending toward larger freedom of trade or what may be likened to favored-nation treaties. The universal resort by all countries to this form of trade "protection" has resulted in paralysis all over the world. A proposal has been thrown out to seek a 25% reduction everywhere by international agreement. For these reasons, while as a domestic question certain schedules and items might appropriately be revised, it will require restraint and care to open up the matter in any form. Partisan politics can scarcely be avoided in tariff talks.

As said before, the vital thought to keep in mind is that the people pay. And indirectly or directly *all* the people pay—Democrats, Republicans, Insurgents and Socialists. Equability is the supreme end. Too heavy a tax on the "rich" will be avoided by shifts where possible and defeat itself. Too light a tax, or none at all, on the "poor," will lead to an effort to induce the Government to support the people instead of the reverse. Times are critical. Unemployment is introducing a host of makeshift plans to avoid the growth of unrest. But if independent charities mean to "share" with those in need, it follows that all should share in the support of the nation. This cannot follow a vicious campaign against "the rich"!

There should be no cross-purposes in this Congress. If it is wise to limit appropriations to lessen the deficit, it will be wise to limit taxation to the most pressing needs of the present. This will compel restraint in every levy laid. We should not lay taxes to support an army of unemployed which will natu-

rally be disbanded by the return of normal prosperity. No flaming plans for public works, or road building, or waterway improvements (beyond those already appropriated for), should be entertained. While we are in "the ditch" the sole aim and end should be to get out of it—not to extend the "emergency" indefinitely over the years to come. Economy, equability, essentials only, are the watchwords.

We need to divorce taxation from other problems. We need to relate other problems to their bearing on taxation. In a word, we need to leave as much money in the pockets of the people as we can and still run the Government. Taxation is not rightly a weapon to punish *any* class. It is a necessary instrument to employ in our fiscal affairs. Therefore, while filling the deficit, no new and expensive adjuncts, if you can call them that, should be created. Lessening bureaucracy lessens taxation. Huge "revolving funds," that easily go out and seldom come back, should be avoided. Though in regular session, this is an "emergency Congress," and should so act.

Insurance Company Stocks Again Decline During November.

The market for insurance company stocks was again heavy during the month of November, according to records compiled by Hoit, Rose & Troster. They state:

Some issues tested the low levels established on Oct. 5, and several individual issues in the group broke below the lows recorded on that date. From the standpoint of the averages the group dropped from a high of 40 on Nov. 9, to a low and close of 33, which low compared with an extreme low of 32 on Oct. 5 1931.

The comparison of the high, low and close for insurance stocks for November follows:

	Open Nov. 2.	High Nov. 9.	Low Nov. 28.	Close Nov. 30.
Aetna Casualty	45	43	37	38
Aetna Fire	33	35½	33½	32½
Aetna Life	29	30	24½	24½
American (Newark)	13½	13½	12½	12½
Continental Casualty	18	18	16	15
Globe & Rutgers	300	315	275	255
Great American	19½	19½	16½	16½
Halifax	12½	14	11½	11
Hanover	20½	22	18½	18½
Harmonia	17	18½	15	15
Hartford Fire	45	48	38	39½
Home Insurance	22	23½	17½	18
National Casualty	12	13	11	11
National Liberty	5½	5	2½	3½
Provincial Washington	35½	36	28½	25½
Phoenix	45	48	45	42½
Travelers	565	570	495	505
U. S. Casualty	18	15	14	14
U. S. Fire	30	30	28	27
Westchester	27	27	24	33
Weighted Averages	38	40	33	33

The New Capital Flotations During the Month of November and for the Eleven Months Since the First of January.

New capital issues from month to month are now so light (owing to the discredit into which security issues generally have fallen, and the paucity of demand for them) that there is little to say about them beyond noting the fact itself. The total of the new issues brought out during November was somewhat larger than in October and yet was extremely small. In October the total of the new securities of all kinds brought to market reached only \$44,891,675, and was the smallest of any month of any year since we began making the compilation, which was in 1919, and this amount will probably stand as the low record for many a year to come. For November the total is \$129,099,903, but it was not so long ago that even a monthly aggregate of \$1,000,000,000 was by no means exceptional. November is nearly always a month when relatively little financing is done and therefore comparison with the totals for the same month of the years immediately preceding does not show fully the diminutive character of the 1931 total. As against \$129,099,903 the present year's November total, the amount in November 1930 was \$268,536,810, and the amount in November 1929, \$297,964,183. But we have only to go back one year further, to 1928, to get a November total closely approaching the billion dollar mark, the amount of the new issues brought out in

November of that year having been in exact figures \$969,543,269.

Our compilations of these new capital flotations are very comprehensive in their scope including, as always stock, bond and note issues by corporations, by holding, investment and trading companies and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also farm loan emissions. The grand total of the offerings of securities in this country under these various heads was, as already stated, \$129,099,903 in November, and \$44,891,675 in October. In September the amount was \$312,315,285; in August \$126,418,357; in July \$270,874,883; in June \$402,165,076; in May \$425,652,922; in April \$590,091,926; in March \$698,780,382; in February (a short month) \$221,497,966 and in January \$648,635,186. It will be seen that the farther back this comparison by months is carried, the larger the totals get; furthermore, that in each of the first four months of the year excepting only February the new issues were still of fair sized proportions, but that they gradually dwindled during the last half year, when security prices, bonds even more than stocks, suffered such a complete collapse and all classes of securities fell into marked disfavor, and distrust pervaded the financial markets all over the world.

The shrinkage in the new flotations has extended to all classes of obligations. The municipal issues disposed of during November foot up a more respectable amount than was the case in October when the municipal awards for the month reached only \$15,000,875 as against \$155,536,473 in October 1930, and \$118,736,328 in October 1929, and yet the November total the present year of the municipal disposals reaches after all only \$52,897,653 and it cannot be asserted by any means that municipal issues find a ready market and that either municipal bond dealers or investors who have a fondness for that class of obligations display any eagerness to take over any considerable amounts of such obligations or bid for them with any great avidity. The truth is the contrary is the case, as is evident from our review of the municipal bond sales for the month of November on a subsequent page where we present a table which shows that no less than 56 separate municipal issues for a total of \$26,756,210 were unsuccessfully offered during November the present year. This is a repetition of the experience during October when there was a like lack of success in the placing of municipal obligations. In that month 80 issues of long term State and municipal bonds, with a par value of \$29,472,000 were submitted to competitive bidding without success—that is the bond issues failed of sale, either because of a complete lack of bids, the rejection of bids received as unsatisfactory, or the withdrawal of the issues from market pending improved conditions.

As far as corporate issues are concerned these have been hardest hit of all. The railroads during the last two years have had their income so frightfully reduced that they find it practically impossible to engage in any long term financing and many of the best and strongest companies feel compelled to have recourse to borrowing at their banks with the new bond issues placed as collateral to finance their immediate needs. An illustration of that kind has been disclosed in the application that the New York Central RR. has made the present week to the Inter-State Commerce Commission for authority to issue \$100,000,000 of Refunding and Improvement Mortgage 5% bonds, not for the purpose of immediate sale, which probably would have to be at very onerous terms, but to pledge as collateral for short term loans. Public utility obligations have not yet suffered to the same extent and yet also suffer more or less from the lack of confidence which exists regarding corporate securities generally. During November barely two dozen issues of railroad, public utility and industrial and miscellaneous corporate obligations found their way to market for a total of \$70,202,250. Three years ago in November 1928, the corporate offerings in November reached over 10 times that amount or \$767,129,487. Of course foreign offerings either by corporations or by public authorities in the shape of foreign government issues are now entirely out of question.

Looking into the details of the limited corporate offerings during November, it is found that public utilities led in volume in the corporate offerings, they having contributed \$51,285,150 out of the grand total of the corporate offerings of \$70,202,250 for the month, being 72% of the whole. This amount compares with \$17,890,000 put out in October. Railroad financing during November was limited to one issue of \$12,000,000. Industrial and miscellaneous corporations totaled only \$6,367,100, as against \$15,890,800 in October. Total corporate offerings of all kinds during November were, as already mentioned, \$70,202,250. Of this amount, long-term bonds and notes, comprised \$34,632,000; short-term bonds and notes aggregated \$11,715,000, while stock issues totaled \$23,855,250. The portion of the month's financing raised for refunding was \$20,079,000, or about 29%. In October the refunding portion of the corporate offerings was \$500,000, or about 2.7%. In September the refunding portion of the corporate offerings was \$19,883,000, or about 11%. In August the refunding portion of the corporate offerings was \$5,800,000, or about 11%. In July the amount raised for refunding was \$4,864,000, or over 26%. In June the amount raised was \$121,575,000, or more than 48%; in May it was \$81,230,000, or over 32%; in April it was \$189,206,500, or about 41%; in March it was \$132,199,200, or about 32%; in February \$13,975,000, or about 16% of the total, and in January \$180,858,000, or somewhat over 31% of the month's total. In November of last year the amount for refunding was \$4,233,000, or about 3% of the total. There were no large refunding issues during November.

The total of \$20,079,000 raised for refunding in November consisted of \$12,029,000 new long-term bonds and notes to refund existing long term; \$4,050,000 long-term to refund

existing short-term, and \$4,000,000 new short-term to refund existing short term.

There were no foreign offerings of any kind during November. However, it was announced during the month that the Chase National Bank had extended its \$20,000,000 loan to Cuba to Dec. 15, 1931.

Among the domestic corporate flotations during November the largest was 1,440,410 shares of Electric Power & Light Corp. common stock offered at \$15 per share, involving \$21,606,150. Other important public utility issues were: \$11,000,000 Public Service Co. of Colorado 1st & ref. mtge. 6s C 1961, offered at 91, to yield 6.70%; \$7,500,000 North Boston Lighting Properties 5½% gold notes due Dec. 1 1932, floated at 100, to yield 5.50%; \$3,434,000 The Ohio Public Service Co. 1st mtge. & ref. 5½s E 1961, offered at 93, to yield 6.00%; \$2,300,000 Southwestern Gas & Electric Co. 1st mtge. 6s C 1961, offered at 91, to yield 6.00%, and \$2,250,000 Chicago District Electric Generating Corp. 1st mtge. 6s B, 1961, issued at 93½, to yield 6.50%.

There were no industrial or miscellaneous issues of any size offered during the month and but one railroad issue namely, \$12,000,000 The Cincinnati Union Terminal Co. 1st mtge. 5s B 2020, offered at 97½, to yield 5.12%.

Included in the month's financing was an offering of \$6,000,000 Federal Intermediate Credit Bank 4½% debentures dated Nov. 16 1931 and due in 3, 6, 9 and 12 months, at price on application.

As was the case in October, none of the November offerings contained convertible features, nor carried rights to acquire stock on a basis of one kind or another.

There were no offerings of fixed trusts during the month of November.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing, corporate, State and city, foreign government, as well as farm loans issues for November and for the 11 months ended with November.

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

1931.	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$
MONTH OF NOVEMBER—			
Corporate—			
Domestic—			
Long term bonds and notes.....	18,553,000	16,079,000	34,632,000
Short term.....	7,715,000	4,000,000	11,715,000
Preferred stocks.....	566,000	-----	566,000
Common stocks.....	23,289,250	-----	23,289,250
Canadian—			
Long term bonds and notes.....	-----	-----	-----
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long term bonds and notes.....	-----	-----	-----
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Total corporate.....	50,123,250	20,079,000	70,202,250
Canadian Government.....	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign Government.....	-----	-----	-----
Farm Loan issues.....	6,000,000	-----	6,000,000
Municipal, States, cities, &c.....	52,474,344	423,309	52,897,653
United States Possessions.....	-----	-----	-----
Grand total.....	108,597,594	20,502,309	129,099,903
11 MONTHS ENDED NOV. 30—			
Corporate—			
Domestic—			
Long term bonds and notes.....	925,950,600	676,920,200	1,602,870,800
Short term.....	285,300,750	92,399,500	377,700,250
Preferred stocks.....	116,165,667	31,850,000	148,015,667
Common stocks.....	156,247,806	-----	156,247,806
Canadian—			
Long term bonds and notes.....	140,000,000	-----	140,000,000
Short term.....	-----	-----	-----
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Other foreign—			
Long term bonds and notes.....	72,800,000	-----	72,800,000
Short term.....	-----	5,000,000	5,000,000
Preferred stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Common stocks.....	-----	-----	-----
Total corporate.....	1,696,464,823	806,169,700	2,502,634,523
Canadian Government.....	40,922,000	9,500,000	50,422,000
Other foreign Government.....	-----	-----	-----
Farm Loan issues.....	62,600,000	51,000,000	113,600,000
Municipal, States, cities, &c.....	1,187,338,178	19,998,671	1,207,336,849
United States Possessions.....	795,000	-----	795,000
Grand total.....	2,988,120,001	886,668,371	3,874,788,372

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

Following the full page tables we give complete details of the new capital flotations during November, including every issue of any kind brought out in that month. Full details as to the separate issues for each of the preceding months of the year can be found in the monthly articles for those months, these articles appearing usually on the first or second Saturday of the month.

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING NOVEMBER 1931.
LONG TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING LATER THAN FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 12,000,000	Railroads— Refund short term notes.....	97½	5.12	The Cincinnati Union Terminal Co. 1st Mtge. 5s "B." 2020. Offered by J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; First National Bank, N. Y., and the National City Co.
2,250,000	Public Utilities— Addn's to generator capacity.....	93½	6.50	Chicago District Electric Generating Corp. 1st Mtge. 6s "B." 1961. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
439,000	Refunding.....	90	5.90	Commonwealth Telephone Co. (Wis.) 1st Mtge. 5s "A." 1948. Offered by Bonbright & Co., Inc.
3,434,000	Extens.; bettm. & other corp. purp.	93	6.00	The Ohio Public Service Co. 1st Mtge. and Ref. 5½s "E." 1961. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
500,000	Refunding.....	102½	4.83	Old Colony Gas Co. 1st Mtge. 5s "A." 1961. Offered by F. S. Moseley & Co., and Brown Bros., Harriman & Co.
11,000,000	Refunding.....	91	6.70	Public Service Co. of Colorado 1st Mt. & Ref. 6s "C." 1961. Offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
2,300,000	Extensions; additions.....	91	6.00	Southwestern Gas & Electric Co. 1st Mtge. 6s "C." 1961. Offered by Hill, Joiner & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
20,013,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.00	Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (Spokane) 1st Mtge. 6s, 1933-41. Offered by Paine-Rice & Co. (Spokane).
140,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.00	Interstate Bond Co. 1st Lien Coll. 6s "BB," 1932-46. Offered by Mercantile Trust Co., Union Trust Co. of Md., and Equitable Trust Co. of Baltimore.
300,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50	Lawyers Mortgage Co. Gtd. Mortgage 5½% Cfts., 1936-37. Offered by Lawyers Mortgage Co.
954,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	5.50-6.00	Montgomery Ward Bldg. (Wichita, Kan.) 1st Mtge. Fee & Leasehold 6% bonds. Offered by Wheeler Kelly Hagny Trust Co. (Wichita).
225,000	Finance construction of building..	100	5.00	National Bank of Topeka Bldg. (Topeka, Kan.) 1st Mtge. 5s, 1933-47. Offered by Prudential Investment Co. (Topeka).
500,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100	6.00	St. Nicholas Hotel Co. 1st Mtge. 6s, 1934-41. Offered by Matheny, Dixon & Co., Springfield, Ill.
500,000	New construction.....	100		
2,619,000				

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

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 550,000	Railroads— Additions, betterments, &c.....	100	4.50	Florida East Coast Ry. Co. Receivers Cfts. Series A 4½%, May 1 1932. Taken by Florida East Coast Car Ferry Co.
500,000	Public Utilities— Refunding.....	100	5.00-6.25	Consumers Natural Gas Co. Coll. Tr. 6s, 1932-36. Offered by Mercantile Securities Corp., Dallas.
7,500,000	Refund.; retire. bank debt, &c.....	100	5.50	North Boston Lighting Properties Secured 5½% Notes, Dec. 1 1932. Offered by Chase Harris Forbes Corp.; Bankers Trust Co., N. Y.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; the First National Old Colony Corp.; F. S. Moseley & Co.; the N. W. Harris Co., Inc.; Ots & Co.; Bodell & Co.; H. P. Wood & Co.; Tenney & Co., Inc. and Edward M. Bradley & Co., Inc.
8,000,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Finance construction of building..	100	5.00	Congregation Temple Israel (St. Louis) 1st Mtge. 5s, July 1 1936. Offered by Stix & Co., St. Louis
2,900,000	Real estate mortgage.....	100		36th Street & 8th Avenue Corp. (N. Y.) 1st Mtge. Loan due in 5 years. Placed with N. Y. Title & Mortgage Co.
3,165,000				

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Issued.
\$ 1440410shs	Public Utilities— Acquire secur. of subsidiaries.....	\$ 21,606,150	15		Electric Power & Light Corp. Common. Company to stockholders; underwritten by Electric Bond & Share Co.
20,000 shs	General corporate purposes.....	1,100,000	55		New Haven Water Co. Capital stock. Company to stockholders.
566,000 shs	General corporate purposes.....	566,000	100	6.00	Public Service Co. of New Hampshire 6% Preferred stock. Offered by company.
		23,272,150			
3,331 shs	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Additional capital.....	333,100	100		Dardelet Threadlock Corp. Capital stock. Company to stockholders.
*25,000 shs	New capital.....	250,000	1 share A and ½ share B for \$10		Vernor's Ginger Ale Co. of Calif. Class A stock. Offered by Harris, Small & Co., Det.
*12,500 shs	New capital.....				Vernor's Ginger Ale Co. of Calif. Class B stock. Offered by Harris, Small & Co., Det.
		583,100			

FARM LOAN ISSUES.

Amount.	Issue and Purpose.	Price.	To Yield About.	Offered by.
\$6,000,000	Federal Intermediate Credit Bank 4½% Debentures, dated Nov. 16 1931, due in 3, 6, 9 and 12 months (provide funds for loan purposes)			Price on application Charles R. Dunn, Fiscal Agent.

* Shares of no par value.

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

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.
Friday Night, Dec. 4 1931.

Colder weather has helped trade during the past week. Holiday demand is better in the retail lines. For some goods the wholesale demand has also increased. The release of Christmas savings in the banks is expected to stimulate buying. When it comes to the heavy industries trade is about as slow as ever. Over 50 cities, however, report that lower temperatures and the approach of the Christmas holidays have had a favorable effect, especially on seasonal goods. In some cities, thus far Christmas buying is not up to the level of last year. But with the release of Christmas savings, within a week or so, the improvement already noticed is expected to become more pronounced. Some improvement in wholesale business is reported. But it is not so uniform as that in retail trade. Collections, too, are still slow. But low prices are a helpful factor to retailers. They have to be low or the people will not buy. That is an inevitable result of widespread unemployment. The people cannot spend as they once did and they will not pay high prices. Costly goods are therefore not so salable as they were in former times. Out and out luxuries are naturally in anything but active demand. Specialty shops, as a rule, it seems, are not having a very good time. Department stores and chain stores have the best trade. It is confined to practical things. Jewelry and similar articles are neglected. Hosiery and house-furnishings are in comparatively

good demand. Dry goods and men's furnishings are relatively quiet.

Here in New York retail trade is not up to that of last year. In Milwaukee many stores have a better business than then. In Baltimore there has been a larger business in women's clothing. There is a good demand for toys and various other holiday articles. The sales of clothing and shoes are not so large as had been expected. At Danbury, Conn., the big hat center which had quite a busy fall, the sales nevertheless have been about 25% smaller than for the same time last year. Philadelphia reports about the manufacture of suits and dresses, are not favorable; 1931 has been a poor year. There is a somewhat larger wholesale business there in hosiery. Chicago's wholesale business has on the whole, been equal to that of last year, but with prices low, the value have fallen off very noticeably. In Boston there has been a better demand for leather and also for wool, with prices reported firm. Retail failures showed a noticeable decrease from those of the previous week, with trade feeling the beneficial effects of holiday buying. But in the regular channels of wholesale trade apart from holiday buying the purchases are merely to supply immediate requirements.

Steel prices are reported lower on some finished products with the rate of operations still low, something which certainly cannot be called encouraging. Pig iron is dull and apparently more or less depressed under the stress of com.

petition, though for ordinary buying prices on the surface at least seem steady enough. Nobody expects any great improvement in iron and steel in December, the month of inventories. The automobile industry is not expected to improve much before the turn of the new year. The hard times are reflected in reductions of 5 to 10% in tires. The colder weather has naturally helped the coal trade to some extent, though the buying as yet is said not to be very active. Temperatures in New York at the beginning of December of as high as 50 degrees are not the most stimulating imaginable for coal business. In Pittsburgh there is an increase in the manufacturing of table glassware but on the other hand, window and plate glass industries remain dull. Expenditures for this class of goods are seemingly being deferred until trade improves.

Wheat advanced 1 to 2 cents as Russian competition seems to be decreasing in Europe. Whether Russia is actually buying wheat in Australia or not. English cables assert that she is not. But it is persistently reported that Russia is cancelling, or trying to cancel, sales of high-grade wheat to Greece and other countries. The world shipments of wheat this week have fallen off noticeably. The wheat crop, moreover, seems likely to be much smaller than that of last year. One estimate puts it as low as 446,000,000 bushels against 775,000,000 actually harvested last year. Corn has declined somewhat partly it appears because of a fear of larger receipts with better weather. Oats have advanced a little but rye has declined as the much desired export demand has not appeared. Provisions are lower and lard futures show a net decline for the week of 27 to 35 points. Cotton has been steady despite the enormous crop and the large existing supplies. The Southern farmer in many cases is refusing to accept present prices for cotton as being unprofitable and this cuts down the hedge selling here. This sort of selling was expected to drive the price to unheard of levels. The co-operative associations are supposed to have sold cotton freely here as they bought the actual cotton at the South, but their sales here have been offset by buying by the trade and the shorts. That lack of selling pressure from the South has, of course, helped to sustain the price. Meanwhile, however, cotton goods have declined $\frac{1}{8}$ c. in some cases and Manchester's business has suffered from political agitations in Bengal usually a large customer. The Chinese auctions have been discontinued owing to the high money rates fixed by native banks. Japan is hit by the persistent Chinese boycott of its goods and the disturbed internal conditions in China. The American cotton crop is believed to be about 17,200,000 bales, the largest since 1926 when it was close to 18,000,000. But 7,000,000 bales are to be held off the market unless the price goes to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents. And a bid cut in the next acreage seems certain. Coffee has advanced 7 to 15 points as a new policy has to all appearances been adopted in Brazil of destroying low grades on a larger scale than was ever attempted before. Spot Cuban raw sugar has dropped to 1.20c. cost and freight, and futures are 3 points lower to 2 points higher for the week, while refined is 4.40c. Some are hopeful that at a conference in Paris measures will be taken to bring about a decrease in the beet root acreage in Europe. Rubber advanced 1 to 6 points and there is talk to the effect that Holland seems a little more inclined to adopt restrictive measures as to production. Hides futures are unchanged to 20 points higher. Cocoa declined 28 to 30 points. Silk is down 4 to 5 points. Silver fell 46 points.

One drawback in American business this week has been the drifting downward of the stock market to new low levels for the year and also a steady fall in prices of bonds, together with a certain uneasiness as regards the condition of financial and political affairs in Germany. There need be no disguising the fact that Germany is being watched with intense interest by business men in this country. The Sino-Japanese troubles have attracted less attention than they did recently. Stocks on Nov. 28 were lower. So were bonds. Wheat declined but only slightly and plainly showed resistance to lessened pressure after a decline of some 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19c. in about three weeks. Cotton also acted better. But stocks in moderate trading abandoned to the whims of the professional element declined 1 to 2 points. Sterling exchange was down to \$3.52. Railroad shares averaged the lowest of the year. Railroad issues led the decline in bonds. Some of them fell 1 to 6 points. Railroad and foreign issues fared the worst. Inactive issues were hard hit. German bonds were conspicuously weak and fell 1 to 3 points. United States Governments again declined after a sharp fall on the 27th.

Stocks on Nov. 30 advanced sharply in what looked like a technical recovery. Offerings fell off. Shorts took the alarm. An advance of 4 to 6 points followed along the widest front for a month and a half. It was rumored that individual firms were to curb short selling by restricting loans of stocks to short sellers. Railroad stocks kept vigorous pace with other stocks. Cotton and grain advanced. Bonds declined on most issues—domestic and foreign. German Government bonds in most cases went to new lows; 7s fell 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ points on large selling. Railroad bonds dropped in many instances 1 to 7 points. Belgian issues fell 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 points. American and French Government issues were irregular; some were a shade higher and others lower. Stocks on the 1st inst. declined for a time and then rallied. Bonds declined again and this was beginning to wider attract attention. Early declines in stocks were 4 to 5 points, but much was recovered later as reports were again circulated that measures to check short selling would be instituted. U. S. Steel common went to a new low of 51 $\frac{3}{8}$ early, but later rebounded to 54 $\frac{1}{8}$, leaving the net loss 1 $\frac{5}{8}$. Delaware & Hudson advanced 3 points on its statement that indicated earnings, without drawing on subsidiaries, would approximate 7% this year, which compared with the rest of the list was something like a breath of fresh air in a close room. Bonds continued to decline. Sterling exchange dropped to \$3.29 $\frac{1}{2}$, a decline within a week of 40c. South American bonds on which interest was defaulted had previously discounted the defaults. German Government 7s rallied 2 points, but 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ s fell a fraction. United Kingdom 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ s of 1937 declined 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Some Japanese Government 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ s declined slightly.

On the 2nd inst. stocks declined 2 to 4 points on many shares on the announcement of a receivership for the Wabash, Daniel Drew's favorite once upon a time. Sixteen years ago the company was reorganized after a previous insolvency. It has since made a good exhibit of earnings. But "Procrastination is the thief of time" says the old adage. Delays by the I.-S. C. Commission and of the railroads themselves blocked remedial measures for the road which might have had a different and far better sequel through the vitalizing effect of co-operating by the United States Government. Railroad issues again led a general decline in bonds. Wabash fell 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19 points; St. Louis-San Francisco issues, 5 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 9; Missouri Pacific, 1 to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$; New York Central issues, $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ points; New Haven, $\frac{5}{8}$ to 4; Baltimore & Ohio, 1 to 8 points on most issues. Wheeling & Lake Erie 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ s of 1966 plunged down 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ points. Public utility and industrial issues closed lower. Interborough Rapid Transit issues were $\frac{1}{4}$ to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ off on most issues. Argentine Government bonds advanced 1 to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$; German Government 7s and 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ s fell 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. The general weakness in bonds attracted attention and with the drop in stocks, had a depressing effect on the wheat market.

Stocks on the 3d inst. had a rally that was clearly due and bonds also advanced. Grain and cotton were up. The rise in stocks was headed by railroad issues. But it was observed that while United States Steel common advanced 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ points net, the preferred ended 3 points net lower at 107. This, it is true, marked a recovery of 3 points from the low of the day. Yet 104 was a new low, the lowest price for 14 years. Common, rather than preferred stocks are the favorites nowadays in Wall Street. To-day, stocks in trading in 1,920,994 shares, declined irregularly though railroad bonds advanced. German Government bonds declined noticeably. London was quiet and Paris firmer. United States Steel common went to a new low of 51; its net decline was nearly 2 points. Popular stocks closed at near the low point of the week. A Stock Exchange seat fell to \$135,000, a decline of \$13,000, the lowest since 1926 and in vivid contrast with \$310,000, the high this year, \$480,000 last year and that incredible high of \$625,000 in 1929.

At New Bedford, Mass., the Pierce Mill has passed the quarterly dividend for the first time in 37 years. Previously this year the dividend was at the rate of 6% per annum against 12 in 1930. At Hopedale, Mass., the Draper Corp. will go on a four-day schedule beginning Dec. 7. The corporation has been operating five days a week for some time past. At Lowell, Mass., the Boott Mills have paid a dividend of \$1 per share to stock of record Nov. 24, thereby reducing the annual dividend basis from \$8 to \$4.

At Methuen, Mass., the Acadia cotton mill has cut wages 10%. At Willimantic, Conn., wages of the 1,600 employees of the American Thread Co. have been reduced 10%. Salaried officials had a similar reduction a month ago. At Spartanburg, S. C., full-time daylight operation has been

resumed at the Pomona Mills, Greensboro, N. C., following a protracted period of curtailment. The plant is run six days a week, a full weekly total of 55 hours. At the several plants of the Proximity Manufacturing Co., the Cone group of mills at Greensboro, the five-day a week which was put into effect several months ago, continues. At Cochran, Ga., the Cochran Cotton Mill Co., which has been on a full-time day schedule, has added an additional hour overtime to fill orders on which rush shipments are being requested. At Charlotte, N. C., the Carolina Absorbent Cotton Co. maintains a capacity schedule in its enlarged plant.

Manchester had a quiet week. Political troubles in India hurt business with China. Trade was dull and the Chinese auctions were suspended owing to high interest charges demanded by the native banks. Only a moderate trade was done with Egypt and Argentine. In parts of the British Empire a steady demand prevailed. In America yarns trade was less active and prices were rather weaker. Egyptian yarns fell. Manchester to-day cabled: "Employers in the weaving section of the Lancashire cotton industry have abandoned their recent proposal to abrogate all agreements with their operatives on wages and hours. This abandonment is the result of inadequate support received from the district associations. Master spinners, however, are still maintaining their demand for extension of working hours in the mills." Nottingham, England, lace mills are working on full time. Bradford, England, mills have a better lining trade.

At Maynard, Mass., on Dec. 3 employees of the Assbet Mills of the American Woolen Co., which has been closed for five or six weeks, agreed to a wage cut and a time study and no dealings with a union. At East Rochester, N. H., the Chochecho Woolen Mills cut wages 10%. The mills have been closed for about three months.

Here on the 1st inst. it was still 7 degrees above the average for that day of 46 years. It was 44 to 50 degrees here. Boston had 44 to 50 degrees, Chicago 28 to 34, Cincinnati 36 to 40, Cleveland 36 to 46, Detroit 34 to 36, Kansas City 30 to 42, Milwaukee 26 to 34, St. Paul 26 to 30, Montreal 36, Omaha 24 to 38, Philadelphia 46 to 50, Portland, Me., 38 to 48, Portland, Ore., 24 to 34, San Francisco 44 to 52, Seattle 32 to 48, Spokane 8 to 28, St. Louis 34 to 42, Winnipeg 8 to 24. On the 2nd inst. at New York the temperatures were 33 to 41 degrees. Chicago had 26 to 38, Boston 32 to 36, Cincinnati 22 to 44, Cleveland 32 to 42, Denver 24 to 46, Detroit 28 to 40, Kansas City 32 to 46, Milwaukee 26 to 42, St. Paul 22 to 48, Montreal 14 to 20, Winnipeg 14 to 26.

To-day it rained all day here and temperatures were 44 to 51 degrees. The forecast was for rain to-night and possibly Saturday morning, and colder Saturday. Within 24 hours Chicago had 34 to 46, Milwaukee 36 to 38, Kansas City 34 to 46, Minneapolis 26 to 40, and Winnipeg 4 below to 4 above. The West was colder, but New York still had comparatively mild temperatures.

Secretary of Commerce Lamont States that Despite Depression Industrial Production in Late Fiscal Year Was 31% Greater than in 1921—Bank Failures Attributed to Conditions Incident to Depression.

In his annual report, made public Nov. 30, Secretary of Commerce Robert P. Lamont states that "despite the severity of the depression it is important to note that industrial production in the last fiscal year was in greater volume than in the calendar years 1920 and 1922, and 31% more than in the depression year 1921." With reference to banking conditions Secretary Lamont in his report says:

Many factors account for the inability of various banking institutions to meet the demands made upon them, but to a large degree the underlying conditions are identified with the depression phase of the business cycle. Sharp declines in commodity prices make the payment of bank loans difficult, continued recessions in investment values press severely on bank reserves, and general business uncertainty oftentimes tends to develop a psychological situation making it difficult for smaller banks to withstand the aggregate demands of depositors. Such factors, as is usual during depression, prevailed last year, and their influence was accentuated by the effect of unusual weather conditions and wide-spread drouth.

In his economic review Secretary Lamont has the following to say:

During the fiscal year ended June 30 1931, the United States suffered from a severe depression world-wide in extent. The accumulation of large stocks of raw materials and food stuffs throughout the world, extensive declines in the prices of commodities, securities, and real estate, the unsettlement of political and fiscal conditions in many foreign countries, widespread unemployment in the leading industrial nations, have all contributed to the difficulties of the United States, which have been further accentuated by the effects of a severe drought throughout a large portion of our agricultural area.

Following upon some evidence of business stability and improvement in the spring of 1930, industrial production and employment, the volume of domestic and foreign trade, and the prices of securities and commodities declined sharply during the remainder of that year. During the first half of 1931, however, the volume of production and distribution and factory employment gave indications of stability, and some improvement of more than seasonal proportions occurred, particularly in the customers' goods industries and in retail trade. Unemployment, which had risen to high levels during the winter, was reduced somewhat by seasonal expansion in several lines of business.

Commodity prices continued their decline, however, and recessions were particularly severe in the case of the great agricultural staples which were faced with unwieldy surpluses and the prospect of very large yields in the current crop year. By the last month of the fiscal year business activity had subsided to about the levels of midwinter, while stock and commodity markets had reached new low levels. The President's proposal, on June 20, for a one-year moratorium on reparations and intergovernmental debts had a salutary effect on business sentiment in this country and abroad which was promptly reflected in an upturn in commodity and security values.

The best measured of industrial activity in the United States is furnished by the Federal Reserve Board's index of production which, for the past fiscal year, averaged 20% less than in the preceding year and 25% below the unprecedented volume of the fiscal year 1928-29. Despite the severity of the depression, it is important to note that industrial production in the last fiscal year was in greater volume than in the calendar years 1920 and 1922, and 31% more than in the depression year 1921.

Manufacturing plants continued to curtail operations during the last six months of 1930, and in December their activity was at the lowest point of the current depression. Conditions improved continuously during the next four months. In April 1931, the index of factory production was about 20% higher than the December low point and, if allowance is made for the usual seasonal improvement, the increase amounted to 11%. There was a slight decline in May and again in June, the seasonally adjusted index in the latter month standing at 16% below the same month of the previous year but 5% above December 1930.

Although the decline in production has been general, there has been a wide disparity in the severity of recession in various fields. The heavy industries experienced the greatest declines; iron and steel output in the past fiscal year was 37% below the volume for the year preceding, automobile output fell off 36%, while production of nonferrous metals declined 25%. Consumers' goods industries, on the other hand, held up to relatively higher levels, with a decline of only 4% being recorded by food products and of only 3% by tobacco products, while the textile, leather, and rubber tire groups showed declines ranging from 11 to 15%.

The seasonally adjusted index of mineral production, while moving much more erratically than that of manufacturing production, tended downward throughout 1930-31, and for the fiscal year just closed averaged 17% less than in the fiscal year 1929-30. Actual production of minerals which reached the lowest point in March 1931, showed seasonal improvement during the following three months. If allowance is made for normal seasonal change, the June index, which was 15% below a year ago, marks the lowest point thus far recorded in the present decline.

Of the eight individual minerals combined in the index of mineral production the output of bituminous coal, anthracite, and crude petroleum compared most favorably with the preceding fiscal year with declines ranging from 6 to 17%. The curtailment of operations in the heavy manufacturing industries was reflected in the decreased demand for iron ore, shipments of which were 38% less than in the previous year. The other minerals—copper, lead, zinc, and silver—showed production ranging from 22 to 32% under the preceding fiscal year.

Curtailed industrial operations resulted in the release of additional factory workers and further reduction in payrolls. For the fiscal year as a whole the Federal Reserve Board's index of factory employment averaged 18% below the level of the preceding year, while payrolls were 25% smaller, reflecting an increase of part-time operations. It is significant that the decline in factory employment from the high levels of 1928-29 has been considerable less, and the curtailment of payrolls slightly more, than the decrease in production of manufactured goods as measured by the Federal Reserve Board's index. Although the contraction of employment and payrolls was sharpest in the case of manufacturing and mining industries, the lessened demand for the goods and services of the transportation and other public utility industries, the construction industry, mercantile business, and the various service industries resulted in the release of many workers in these fields.

Unemployment increased steadily during the fall and winter and reached a seasonal peak in January 1930, when it was estimated on the basis of special census taken in that month, that the number of jobless workers was slightly in excess of 6,000,000. After that time the volume of unemployment was somewhat reduced as a result of seasonal demand for workers in agriculture, construction, and certain other industries. With the seasonal curtailment of these activities as winter approaches, the volume of unemployment must be expected again to increase unless there is substantial improvement in business.

When the depression commenced in 1929, world stocks of raw materials and foodstuffs had already reached high levels and during the following two years, despite curtailed operations in many lines, huge additions were made to these surpluses. During the past fiscal year the Department of Commerce index of domestic raw material stocks averaged 7.4% larger than in the preceding year while the index for June 1931 was 17.0% above that for the same month of 1930. The situation with respect to stocks of manufactured goods is much more satisfactory. After rising above predepression levels during the fiscal year 1929-30, the index has since turned downward and at the end of the past fiscal year was about 6% below the preceding year and at the same level as in June 1928.

By reason of the fact that mining, manufacturing and construction were in a smaller volume the facilities of our transportation companies and our distributing agencies were used to a less extent than in other years. Ton-miles of revenue freight carried by railroads was 18% less than in the previous year, while total freight-car loadings fell off by 17.4%. It is notable that loadings of merchandise in less than car lots which measure the movement of finished goods for consumption, was only 10.5% less than in 1929-30.

In spite of the large amount of unemployment and the decrease in national income there was a strong demand for many classes of consumers' goods. Although the dollar value of department-store sales declined 9% between the last two fiscal years, the decline was probably offset, possibly more than offset, by declines in the retail price of commodities ordinarily sold in department stores. Sales of two mail-order houses declined 14% between

the two periods, but if allowance is made for the lower price levels of 1930-31 the decline in the volume of sales was relatively small.

Department-store stocks, which have been reduced substantially since the beginning of the depression, were less in June 1931 than at any time since 1919. In part this reduction of stocks has reflected the effects of better systems of inventory control and more rapid turnover during recent years, but the reduction of retail stocks during the past 18 months has been at an accelerated rate with ample evidence that in many instances existing inventories are insufficient even for the current volume of sales. With the return of confidence and expansion of purchasing power retail stocks can be expected to increase substantially.

Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, Says Uncertainties in European Situation and Approach of New Session of Congress Are Retarding Factors in Return of Business Confidence.

Perhaps the most significant feature of the present period in its economic bearings is the growing realization that we are really passing through a relatively peaceful economic revolution from the years of post-war inflation to a new era of deflation, which must be completed before any substantial recovery can be obtained, states the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in the current issue of "The Guaranty Survey," its monthly review of business and financial conditions, published Nov. 30. "We seem to have discovered at last that there has been no repeal of the old copybook maxims upon which progress has been built in the past, and that only as we push the necessary readjustments along the sound lines of demonstrated economic law and experience can we expect progress in the future," says "The Survey," which continues:

We must further realize that the necessary readjustments for the rehabilitation of Europe must be made along the same lines, following the rules of political economy rather than political expediency; and that, unless such a course is pursued, we shall simply have to face another emergency at a later time, when some new plan of settlement must again be worked out which must, in turn, be dependent upon economic rather than political adjustments for its success.

These processes of adjustment from inflation to deflation throughout the body economic and from political to economic considerations throughout the body politic necessarily move slowly, but their rate of progress will inevitably be the measure of a return of prosperity or a stabilization of economic conditions. The old post-war order has passed, and a new order is in the making. Any attempt to guide it or define it by the standards of 1929 is foredoomed to failure and only serves to retard ultimate recovery. Real solution of the many problems now facing us will come only along the lines of demonstrated soundness, time-tested and fact-founded.

New Policies for New Situation.

In the early stages of the depression, repeated efforts were made to draw up a program designed to maintain the existing levels of prices and wages. Subsequent events have proved that that program, while it might have been effective under certain conditions, was based on a broad misconception of the far-reaching character of the changes that were then getting under way. Construction projects, extra dividends, and wage-maintenance agreements were powerless to stem the tide of deflation. Nevertheless, the moral effect of the early agreements was strong enough to delay some readjustments that now appear as inevitable. The time has come to recognize the fact that the dollar of 1931 is not the same monetary unit as the dollar of 1929, and that policies based on the assumption that the 1929 levels could be maintained are no longer tenable. An equilibrium must be sought at the new levels.

During this period of necessary and inevitable readjustments to new standards of measurement, there will be periodic ups and downs, with psychological variations from hope to disappointment reflected in security and commodity prices and business activity, and with no marked trend visible until sound bases of value and right relationships among prices, wages, and profits are established. The uncertainties in the European situation, particularly in Germany, and the approach of a session of Congress that is certain to be faced with many radical proposals are retarding factors which will affect the return of confidence and delay initiative.

The situation abroad remains as a highly uncertain element. The question of international debts, public and private, is in abeyance; and the world is awaiting a definite outcome of the Franco-German negotiations, with the further and more comprehensive deliberations that may follow, as well as any measures that may be taken in connection with the maturity of short-term obligations in Germany in February. In the meantime, a good deal of concern is expressed as to the possible effects of the Sino-Japanese conflict. Until the significance of these two sets of conditions become more clearly apparent, new business commitments will continue to be undertaken only with the greatest caution.

The outstanding development in American business in recent weeks has been the advance in commodity prices. Wheat and silver, two products of primary importance that suffered heavily in the general price decline of the last two years, turned sharply upward from the low levels reported early in October; and their strength has been reflected, to a greater or less extent, both in prices of other commodities and of securities. Although the rally that occurred in October and the early part of November proved too swift to be fully maintained, enough of the advance has been held to create a better business sentiment than existed before the upward movement began.

Banking Disturbance Less Marked.

Another favorable factor is the belief that currency hoarding, both in this country and abroad, has decreased. The outward movement of gold has ceased, and a considerable gain in the gold stock is likely to be reported for this month. The amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation has decreased slightly, and Federal Reserve credit in use has declined by more than \$250,000,000 in the last four weeks. While the Federal Reserve system easily met the demands imposed upon it by the increased need for currency at home and in foreign countries, the effect of the panicky spirit in the localities where confidence was most severely shaken was, of course, paralyzing to all forms of economic activity. Consequently, any sign that confidence in the banking situation is returning is a highly favorable development, not only for the banks but for all branches of trade and industry. The number of bank failures, after mounting to a new high record in October, has declined very sharply in the last few weeks.

The actual level of business activity has not yet shown any clear indication of response to the more favorable sentiment. Although there has been some expansion in certain directions, this has been offset by further recession in others. In part, the failure of industry to report any definite gain in operating schedules is due to the extreme inactivity of the automobile industry, which is virtually at a standstill in preparation for the introduction of new models at the beginning of the year. An expansion in motor car output is looked for within the next few weeks and is expected to exert a favorable influence on other lines of industry. The buying of steel by automobile manufacturers has already increased.

Martin J. Insull of Middle West Utilities Co., from Investigation Throughout Country by Operating Executives, Reports Unmistakable Signs of Improving Business.

Authentic evidence of business revival can be found to-day at a much earlier stage of the upswing of the business cycle than was possible in final stages of earlier depressions, declared Martin J. Insull, President of the Middle West Utilities Company, under date of Nov. 17. "As our reports cover the smaller communities and countryside, the activity and sturdy spirit they disclose convince us that once again the initial impulse to better times is coming from the fundamental productive industries closest to the soil," Mr. Insull said.

Mr. Insull draws this conclusion from the results of an investigation just completed by operating executives in the 31 states, extending from Maine to Texas, from Florida to North Dakota, that are embraced in the Middle West Utilities System. Unmistakable signs of widespread business quickening were disclosed in this special first-hand study. He said:

It is common knowledge that heretofore revival of business had always made substantial progress before it was recognized.

One reason for that has been that revival almost invariably comes first in small unit industries—and usually in industries catering to the retail consumer.

But conventional business statistics embrace only fragmentary information from such industries.

The larger corporations, and the basic industries providing producer's goods contribute most of the usual statistical data upon which estimates of the state of business are based.

Continuous gains in sales of electric energy by the majority of the operating companies of the Middle West Utilities System, in the face of a falling off in business in some other fields of the organization's activities, led us last week to a concerted effort to learn exactly what was behind it.

Home Consumption Significant.

It is well-known that part of the depression-resisting results of our System and other utility organizations this year has been due to an increase of home use of electricity, more than compensating in many cases for a lessening of energy use by industries.

But it is obvious that such gains are very definitely limited, because, after all, home use of electricity must be paid for from its income of farm and factory production and sustained distribution.

As a result of our investigations, we have established that in most areas served by our System, small-unit industries are using more energy than last year.

This gain appears to be more pronounced on the Atlantic seaboard and other regions where industries making consumption goods, such as textiles, manufactured foods and shoes, are important.

Replacement Demand Indicated.

The activity of these industries has been very largely the result of a replacement demand, because a majority of our executives, especially in the West and South, report that people are practicing marked economies in home life and expenditures.

In nearly all regions covered by our investigation, the home use of electricity has been gaining and use by farmers has made remarkable strides. This is all the more significant, because the trends are also observable in regions which have suffered from troubles apart from the general depression. Many parts of the United States have been specially affected by untoward conditions in the oil industry and by specially severe banking troubles. Drought has also adversely affected a wide belt in the north west.

General Better Feeling.

Outside of these regions our information reveals a widespread belief by farmers and the inhabitants of smaller communities that the bottom of hard times has been passed, although nowhere is there reported any expectation of a speedy return of boom conditions.

Indicative of the sober and cautious attitude which is revealed from regions where the use of electrical energy and industrial pick-up might lead us to expect more sanguine attitudes, are the universal reports of heavy stocking of home and farm with home canned food and an unprecedented amount of preserving and pickling.

Farmers especially have prepared full larders, and when this is taken into account along with the low costs of producing this year's crops and the cheapness of feed for dairymen, poultrymen and stockmen, it is reasonable to assume that there has been a substantial improvement of net farm income in many regions where gross income has been reduced.

It is interesting indeed that the increase of home food preservation has stimulated such industries as sugar refining and glass making, and on the other hand does not appear to have caused a reduction of activity by small unit food manufacturing industries. Regions where quarrying is an important industry report activities which in many cases reflect increased public expenditures for highways and other constructions.

Volume of Trade Gaining.

Local merchants appear to be buying hand to mouth, instead of stocking up extensively. In regions adjacent to metropolitan markets like New York, Chicago and Kansas City, we are informed that overnight delivery to the store door by truck has replaced much shipment by rail. This is most significant, when considered in connection with

the better showing now being made by railway car loadings, and generally that the actual volume of trade is gaining more rapidly than generally believed.

Monthly Indexes of Federal Reserve Board.

The Federal Reserve Board's monthly indexes of industrial production, factory employment, &c., were released as follows Nov. 27:

BUSINESS INDEXES. (Index numbers of the Federal Reserve Board 1923-25=100)*

Table with columns: Adjusted for Seasonal Variation (1931, 1930) and Without Seasonal Adjustment (1931, 1930). Rows include Industrial production, total; Manufactures; Minerals; Building contracts, value z—Total; Residential; All other; Factory employment; Factory payrolls; Freight-car loadings; Department stores sales.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION—INDEXES BY GROUPS AND INDUSTRIES.* (Adjusted for seasonal variations.)

Table with columns: Group and Industry, Manufactures (1931, 1930), Industry (1931, 1930), Mining (1931, 1930). Rows include Iron and steel, Textiles, Food products, Paper and printing, Lumber cut, Automobiles, Leather and shoes, Cement, Nonferrous metals, Petroleum refining, Rubber tires, Tobacco manufac's.

FACTORY EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS—INDEXES BY GROUPS AND INDUSTRIES.

Table with columns: Group and Industry, Employment (Adjusted for Seasonal Variations, Without Seasonal Adjustment, 1931, 1930), Payrolls (Without Seasonal Adjustment, 1931, 1930). Rows include Iron and steel, Machinery, Textiles, group, Fabrics, Wearing apparel, Food, Paper and printing, Lumber, Transportation equipment, Automobiles, Leather, Cement, clay and glass, Nonferrous metals, Chemicals, group, Petroleum, Rubber products, Tobacco.

* Indexes of production, car loadings, and department store sales based on daily averages. p Preliminary. r Revised. z Revised Index based on 3-month moving averages, centered at 2nd month. See Federal Reserve Bulletin for July 1931.

Chain Store Sales During October in New York Federal Reserve District 3% Lower Than Year Ago.

The Dec. 1 "Monthly Review" of credit and business conditions of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has the following to say regarding chain store trade:

Total October sales of the reporting chain store systems in this (Second Federal Reserve) district showed a decline of about 3% from a year ago. Grocery chain systems reported a decline in sales for the first month since June, and variety store sales were reduced slightly more than in September. On the other hand, candy chain organizations reported the first increase in sales since May, and ten-cent, drug, and shoe chains showed somewhat smaller decreases than in the previous month.

After allowing for changes in the number of stores operated, all lines continued to show decreases in sales per store, the average decline for all types of stores amounting to 5 3/4%.

Table with columns: Type of Store, Percentage Change October 1931 Compared with October 1930, Number of Stores, Total Sales, Sales per Store. Rows include Grocery, Ten-cent, Drug, Shoe, Variety, Candy, Total.

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

From the Dec. 1 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York we take the following:

Indexes of Business Activity.

Car loadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight, which are considered to be a good indicator of changes in general business conditions,

declined somewhat less than seasonally during the first half of November, and department store trade in the New York Metropolitan area during the same period showed the smallest decline from sales in the corresponding period of 1930 in a number of months. Conditions in the latter part of the month, however, were less favorable for the distribution of goods.

During October, the distribution of goods and general business activity showed a further decline, after seasonal adjustment.

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

Table with columns: Oct. 1930, Aug. 1931, Sept. 1931, Oct. 1931. Rows include Primary Distribution, Distribution to Consumer, General Business Activity.

p Preliminary. *1913 average=100.

Decrease of 22% Noted in Wholesale Trade in New York Federal Reserve District in October as Compared with October 1930.

The total October sales of the reporting wholesale firms in this district averaged 22% smaller than a year ago, or about the same decline as in the previous months, according to the Dec. 1 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The "Review" also says:

Sales of drugs, groceries, and men's clothing showed the smallest decreases, with the exception of silk goods, sales of which are reported in yardage rather than value by the Silk Association of America. In the case of silk goods the October decline was the first since May. Decreases in sales of more than 20% continued to be reported by wholesale hardware, cotton goods, and paper dealers. Stationery wholesalers reported the largest decline from the previous year since October 1930, and shoe sales showed the largest decrease in more than a year. Sales of jewelry and diamonds continued to be far below the previous year, and machine tool orders, reported by the National Machine Tool Builders Association, remained less than half the volume of a year ago.

Stocks of merchandise on hand at the end of the month showed sizable decreases from a year ago in all reporting lines, with the exception of drugs. Collections in October of this year were somewhat slower than in 1930.

Table with columns: Commodity, Percentage Change, October 1931 Compared with September 1931, Net Sales, Stock End of Month, Percentage Change, October 1931 Compared with October 1930, Net Sales, Stock End of Month, 1930, 1931. Rows include Groceries, Men's clothing, Cotton goods, Silk goods, Shoes, Drugs, Hardware, Machine tools, Stationery, Paper, Diamonds, Jewelry.

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

October Sales of New York Federal Reserve District Department Stores Reported 9.4% Smaller Than Same Month Last Year.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in its Dec. 1 "Monthly Review," stated that "Sales of the reporting department stores in this district during October averaged 9.4% smaller than in October 1930, the smallest decline to be shown since July." The Bank continues:

The declines reported by stores in Newark southern New York State, the Capital District, and Westchester County were smaller than the average, and the October sales in Buffalo, Rochester, and the Hudson Valley District, though substantially smaller than a year ago, were not as far below as in September. In Syracuse, Bridgeport, and northern New York State, however, department store sales during October showed larger decreases from last year than in September, as did also the sales of the leading apparel stores in the district.

For the first half of November, sales of the reporting department stores in the metropolitan area were 4.8% smaller than in the comparable period of last year, the smallest decrease to be reported in the mid-month report

since June, but weather conditions were less favorable to the distribution of reasonable merchandise after the middle of the month.

Stocks of merchandise on hand at the end of October, valued at retail prices, continued to be considerably below the previous year. The percentage of outstanding charge accounts collected during October, however, was only slightly smaller than in the same period in 1930.

Locality.	Percentage Change from A Year Ago.			P. C. of Accounts Outstanding Sept. 30 Collected in October.	
	Net Sales Oct.	Net Sales Jan. to Oct.	Stock on Hand End of Month.	1930.	1931.
New York	-9.4	-8.0	-13.9	47.6	47.8
Buffalo	-13.4	-10.6	-8.9	40.9	44.1
Rochester	-13.7	-8.4	-11.1	44.6	48.6
Syracuse	-14.1	-10.2	-14.8	31.4	28.3
Newark	-6.2	-6.2	-9.4	43.3	41.2
Bridgeport District	-15.3	-11.1	-21.0	41.8	38.7
Elsewhere	-10.1	-9.2	-11.1	40.8	37.8
Northern New York State	-25.3	-----	-----	-----	-----
Southern New York State	-8.0	-----	-----	-----	-----
Hudson River Valley Dist.	-13.9	-----	-----	-----	-----
Capital District	-7.9	-----	-----	-----	-----
Westchester District	-8.9	-----	-----	-----	-----
All department stores	-9.4	-8.0	-13.0	44.8	44.2
Apparel stores	-19.4	-10.7	-19.4	46.1	41.8

October sales and stocks in the principal departments are compared with those of a year previous in the following table:

	Net Sales Percentage Change October 1931 Compared with October 1930.	Stock on Hand Percentage Change Oct. 31 1931 Compared with Oct. 31 1930.
Toilet articles and drugs	+3.7	-2.9
Toys and sporting goods	+2.1	-13.8
Books and stationery	-2.4	-16.8
Home furnishings	-2.9	-10.5
Cotton goods	-5.1	-10.7
Woolen goods	-5.5	+6.6
Shoes	-5.6	-10.8
Furniture	-5.8	-27.6
Luggage and other leather goods	-10.1	-21.0
Women's ready-to-wear accessories	-11.0	-16.0
Men's furnishings	-12.6	-10.5
Hosiery	-13.5	-15.5
Men's and boys' wear	-14.1	-10.6
Women's and Misses' ready-to-wear	-14.6	-4.5
Linens and handkerchiefs	-18.0	-25.2
Silverware and jewelry	-18.2	-20.5
Musical instruments and radio	-18.2	-29.3
Silks and velvets	-20.9	-27.9
Miscellaneous	-14.4	-14.4

Electric Output in the United States During the Week Ended Nov. 28 1931 Declined 4.3% as Compared With Same Period Last Year.

The production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Saturday, Nov. 28, was 1,599,900,000 k.w.h., according to the National Electric Light Association. The Atlantic seaboard shows a decrease of 1.4% from the corresponding week last year although New England, taken alone, shows no change from 1930. The central industrial region, outlined by Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Milwaukee registers, as a whole, a decrease of 8.2%, while the Chicago district, alone, shows a decrease of 7.0%. The Pacific Coast shows a decline of 2.4% 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 Ended	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	1,806,269,000	1,604,000,000	3.4%
Sept. 19	1,662,660,000	1,722,059,000	1,792,181,000	1,614,000,000	3.2%
Sept. 26	1,660,204,000	1,714,201,000	1,777,864,000	1,623,000,000	3.8%
Oct. 3	1,645,587,000	1,711,123,000	1,819,276,000	1,637,000,000	4.1%
Oct. 10	1,653,369,000	1,723,876,000	1,806,403,000	1,651,000,000	4.2%
Oct. 17	1,656,051,000	1,729,377,000	1,798,633,000	1,665,000,000	5.8%
Oct. 24	1,646,531,000	1,747,353,000	1,824,160,000	1,678,000,000	5.1%
Oct. 31	1,651,792,000	1,741,295,000	1,815,749,000	1,688,000,000	5.8%
Nov. 7	1,628,147,000	1,728,210,000	1,798,164,000	1,697,000,000	5.2%
Nov. 14	1,628,151,000	1,712,727,000	1,793,584,000	1,696,000,000	3.9%
Nov. 21	1,655,051,000	1,721,501,000	1,818,169,000	1,701,000,000	4.3%
Nov. 28	1,599,900,000	1,671,787,000	1,718,002,000	1,619,000,000	

x Because of irregularity of Labor Day holiday, change is calculated for the first two weeks of September. y Revised.

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%.

New York Federal Reserve Bank on Business Profits in Third Quarter of 1931—Net Profits of 278 Concerns 62% Below Same Quarter Last Year.

Third quarter earnings statements of 278 industrial and mercantile concerns show that these companies had net profits 62% smaller than in the corresponding quarter of last year, and 82% less than in 1929, says the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in presenting, in its Dec. 1 "Monthly

Review," figures of business profits for the third quarter. The Bank further reports as follows:

The comparisons for the third quarter are somewhat less favorable than those for the preceding quarters of this year. Only one of the twenty groups of companies shown in the following table—the clothing and textiles group—reported larger net profits than in 1930, and in this case the increase was slight and was from a low level. Among the groups of companies showing the more favorable comparisons of net earnings with those of previous years were the food and food products, chemical, paper and tobacco companies. Net profits of 15 automobile companies, including the General Motors Corp. but not the Ford company, were 38% smaller than a year ago and 85% less than in 1929. Among the other groups of industrial and mercantile concerns, declines ranged upward from these figures; in fact, the steel, copper, machinery and coal and coke groups showed deficits.

The oil companies, while showing a large decline from last year, were able in the third quarter to report some net profits, whereas in the first half of the year large deficits occurred. The third quarter of the year normally represents the period of most active operations for the oil companies, but the low level of oil and gasoline prices this year undoubtedly increased the difficulty of showing profits.

Aggregate net profits of the same 278 companies for the first nine months of 1931 were 55% smaller than in 1930 and 72% below 1929. Of the principal groups of industries, the copper and oil companies had deficits for the nine months as a whole.

Net operating income of class I railroads, both for the third quarter and for the first nine months, was more than one-third smaller than in 1930 and more than one-half smaller than in 1929. Third quarter income of these roads was the smallest for any year since 1920 when a deficit was reported, and the total for the first nine months was the smallest since 1921. Telephone company net operating income for the first nine months was a little more than 3% larger than in 1930 and about 1 1/2% larger than in 1929. Net earnings of other public utilities during the first nine months declined 12% below 1930 and were 17% less than in 1929, but these represent quite moderate decreases in comparison with the drop in industrial and mercantile profits.

(Net profits in millions of dollars)

Corporation Group.	No. Companies.	Third Quarter.			Nine Months.		
		1929.	1930.	1931.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Clothing and textiles	8	2	0	1	2	2	0
Food and food products	30	49	40	32	130	122	106
Chemical	14	22	17	12	60	52	37
Paper	6	5	4	3	12	18	10
Tobacco	7	4	2	2	10	6	5
Automobile	15	94	23	14	332	147	108
Printing and publishing	6	7	5	3	23	22	13
Mining and smelting (excl. copper, coal and coke)	12	13	5	3	39	21	11
Electrical equipment	9	27	17	10	77	56	30
Office equipment	7	7	4	1	22	15	4
Railroad equipment	6	10	9	2	25	26	5
Oil	24	75	40	6	169	112	-20
Building supplies	9	9	2	0	18	7	0
Auto. parts & accessories (excl. tires)	29	17	5	0	58	27	10
Motion picture	7	12	4	0	35	27	13
Machinery	17	12	5	-1	35	23	3
Steel	15	84	32	-17	241	140	11
Copper	6	10	1	-2	28	7	-3
Coal and coke	7	1	0	-1	4	2	0
Miscellaneous	44	47	27	23	140	85	68
Total	278	507	242	91	1,460	914	411
Telephone (net operating income)	103	67	64	67	206	202	209
Other public utilities (net earnings)	63	83	71	59	261	249	218
Total public utilities	166	150	135	126	467	451	427
Class I railroads (net operating income)	171	400	283	167	963	659	408

— Deficit.
The Bank's survey of business profits in the first quarter of 1931 was given in our issue of June 6, page 4137.

Production of Electric Power Declined 6% During October.

According to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey, output of electric power by public utility plants in the United States totaled 7,708,374,000 k.w.h. during the month of October 1931, or 6% below the figure for the corresponding period last year when production amounted to approximately 8,195,499,000 k.w.h. Of the total for October of the current year, there were produced by fuels 5,667,198,000 k.w.h. and by water power 2,041,176,000 k.w.h. The Survey's statement shows:

PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY FOR PUBLIC USE IN THE U. S. (IN KILOWATT HOURS).

District.	Total by Fuels and Water Power.			Change in Output from Previous Year.	
	August.	September.	October.	Sept.	October.
New England	517,660,000	525,260,000	542,148,000	+1%	-5%
Middle Atlantic	1,971,403,000	2,001,655,000	2,131,642,000	-1%	-3%
East North Central	1,666,329,000	1,639,834,000	1,690,985,000	-6%	-11%
West North Central	490,317,000	491,701,000	506,112,000	-2%	-2%
South Atlantic	819,940,000	837,620,000	850,874,000	+2%	+1%
East South Central	328,135,000	327,615,000	296,962,000	-1%	-14%
West South Central	409,702,000	413,675,000	411,975,000	-7%	-3%
Mountain	275,774,000	259,824,000	248,405,000	-19%	-18%
Pacific	1,149,133,000	1,033,182,000	1,000,271,000	-5%	-7%
Total for U. S.	7,628,393,000	7,530,166,000	7,708,374,000	-3%	-6%

The average daily production of electricity for public use in the United States in October was 248,600,000 k.w.h., about 1% less than the daily output for September.

The average daily production of electricity by the use of water power in October was the lowest since January 1926, and the total amount of electricity produced by the use of water power in October was only 26% of the total amount generated by both water and fuel power. This percentage is the lowest since 1919 when the Geological Survey started publication of statistics showing the monthly production of electricity. The maximum percentage of 46 was reached in the month of May 1928.

There has been an increase of about 40% in the capacity of water wheels installed in public-utility power plants since 1926, and the capacity is now sufficient to produce more than four times the electricity generated by the use of water power in October. These figures indicate the effect of the drouth, which has now continued for about two years.

A sudden change from the present condition of deficient precipitation to one of excessive precipitation would undoubtedly bring about a large increase in the production of electricity by the use of water power and would have a decided effect on the demand for fuels by electric power utilities.

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

	1930.		1931.		1931 Under 1930.	1930 Under 1929.	Produced by Water Power.	
	Kw. Hours.		Kw. Hours.				1930.	1931.
January	8,663,206.000		7,946,776.000		8%	55%	34%	30%
February	7,626,574.000		7,159,882.000		6%	53%	36%	30%
March	8,186,894.000		7,875,967.000		4%	52%	40%	34%
April	8,018,769.000		7,643,276.000		5%	52%	41%	41%
May	8,093,776.000		7,639,075.000		5%	---	40%	41%
June	7,783,762.000		7,526,464.000		3%	---	39%	38%
July	7,899,144.000		7,765,780.000		2%	2%	37%	35%
August	7,905,978.000		7,628,393.000		4%	5%	32%	32%
September	7,791,702.000		7,530,166.000		3%	3%	29%	29%
October	8,195,499.000		7,708,374.000		6%	6%	28%	26%
November	7,692,979.000		---		---	7%	29%	---
December	8,107,814.000		---		---	5%	29%	---
Total	95,936,097.000		---		---	1.5%	34%	---

a Increase 1930 over 1929.

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

[The Coal Division, Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, co-operates in the preparation of these reports.]

Bureau of Labor Statistics on Labor Turnover in October—Highest Accession Rate Shown by Saw Mills—Boot and Shoe Industry Lowest Accession Rate.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor presents herewith October turnover rates for manufacturing as a whole and for 10 separate manufacturing industries. The all accession rate for October was 2.75. The total separation rate was 6.22. Continuing, the Bureau says, under date of Nov. 20:

Of the 10 industries for which separate figures are shown, sawmills had the highest accession rate, 7.43. The lowest accession rate, 1.01, was registered by the boot and shoe industry. Cotton manufacturing had the highest quit rate, 1.42. The lowest quit rate, .49, was shown in the brick industry. The highest discharge rate, .51, occurred in the sawmill industry, and the lowest discharge rate, .06, in the iron and steel industry. Automobiles had the highest layoff rate, 19.47. The lowest layoff rate, 1.41, was shown by the iron and steel industry.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES PER 100 ON THE PAYROLL, OCTOBER 1931.

Industry.	Monthly Rates.											
	Separation Rates.								Accession Rate.		Net Turn-over Rate.	
	Quit.		Discharge		Layoff		Total					
	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.	Oct.
All mfg.	1.16	1.00	.24	.21	4.22	5.01	5.62	6.22	3.58	2.75	3.58	2.75
Autos	1.00	.85	.21	.20	12.54	19.47	13.75	20.61	5.16	4.23	5.16	4.23
Boots and shoes	2.30	1.20	.43	.22	2.94	6.02	5.67	7.44	2.00	1.01	2.00	1.01
Brick	1.34	.49	.33	.14	8.66	10.04	10.33	10.67	4.39	5.06	4.39	5.06
Cotton	1.65	1.42	.36	.35	2.38	3.70	4.39	5.47	4.36	3.84	4.36	3.84
Foundry & machine shops	.70	.56	.30	.16	3.13	4.45	4.13	5.17	3.04	2.36	3.04	2.36
Furniture	.94	.96	.26	.29	2.95	3.88	4.15	5.13	5.77	4.36	4.15	4.36
Iron & stl	.79	.78	.08	.06	1.66	1.41	2.53	2.25	1.41	1.51	1.41	1.51
Men's clothing	1.27	.95	.12	.13	1.26	1.50	2.65	2.58	1.74	2.10	1.74	2.10
Sawmills	1.45	1.23	.49	.51	8.09	7.69	10.03	9.43	9.95	7.43	9.95	7.43
Slaughter & meat packing	1.27	1.06	.36	.37	3.78	4.43	5.41	5.86	5.73	7.39	5.41	5.86

United States Department of Labor's Survey of Building Operations in the United States—Increase in Cost of New Residential Buildings in October But Decrease in Cost of Non-Residential Buildings.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor received building permit reports from 343 identical cities having a population of 25,000 or over, for the months of September 1931 and October 1931. These reports indicated that there was a decrease of 6.3% in the number and an increase of 2.4% in the estimated cost of new residential buildings comparing October with September. In contrast, new non-residential buildings increased 6.3% in number, but decreased 16.7% in estimated cost. Additions, alterations and repairs increased .3 of 1% in number but decreased 2.8% in estimated cost. Total building

operations increased 1.1% in number but decreased 8.1% in cost. Dwelling units were provided during October 1931 for 7,981 families. This is an increase of 12.0% as compared with September 1931. The Bureau's survey issued Nov. 21 further states:

Various agencies of the United States Government awarded 120 building contracts during October which totaled \$10,349,498.

Comparing permits issued in 292 identical cities during October 1931, and October 1930, there was a decrease of 16.4% in the number and a decrease of 34.8% in the estimated cost of total building operations. New residential buildings decreased 30.4% in number and 42.2% in estimated cost comparing these two periods. New non-residential buildings decreased 22.8% in number and 30.5% in estimated cost. Additions, alterations and repairs decreased 8.7% in number and 26.5% in estimated cost. The number of family dwelling units provided decreased 36.0%.

Permits were issued during October 1931 for the following important building projects: In Albany, N. Y., for a grain elevator to cost \$1,750,000; in the Borough of the Bronx for apartment houses to cost \$2,700,000 and for three school buildings to cost \$1,710,000; in the Borough of Manhattan for a public school building to cost \$3,500,000; in Philadelphia for an institutional building to cost over \$1,000,000; in Pittsburgh for an institutional building to cost \$1,400,000; in Fort Worth, Tex., for an office building to cost over \$1,000,000. A contract was awarded by the Capital Architect for a wing of the Senate Office Building in Washington, D. C., to cost nearly \$2,200,000.

ESTIMATED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS IN 343 IDENTICAL CITIES, AS SHOWN BY PERMITS ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1931, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS.

Geographic Division.	Cities.	New Residential Buildings.			
		Estimated Cost.		Families Provided for in New Dwellings.	
		Sept. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Sept. 1931.	Oct. 1931.
New England	51	\$2,991,865	\$2,838,300	564	645
Middle Atlantic	69	12,955,873	16,203,545	2,646	3,823
East North Central	92	3,690,308	3,088,869	749	702
West North Central	24	1,798,890	1,732,350	486	491
South Atlantic	38	2,780,770	2,179,239	600	508
South Central	34	2,102,886	1,374,619	647	545
Mountain and Pacific	35	4,603,050	4,254,972	1,434	1,287
Total	343	\$30,923,642	\$31,671,894	7,126	7,981
Per cent of change			+2.4		+12.0

Geographic Division.	Cities.	New Non-Residential Buildings. Estimated Cost.		Total Construction (Including Alterations and Repairs). Estimated Cost.	
		Sept. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Sept. 1931.	Oct. 1931.
		New England	51	\$15,309,998	\$3,033,962
Middle Atlantic	69	10,448,277	18,114,901	28,011,035	40,344,103
East North Central	92	7,468,204	3,959,738	14,069,573	9,696,014
West North Central	24	2,889,964	1,547,553	5,738,452	3,956,985
South Atlantic	38	5,248,033	4,535,151	10,470,808	8,346,182
South Central	34	3,046,634	4,505,150	6,039,855	6,911,625
Mountain and Pacific	35	2,415,327	3,293,282	8,841,330	9,106,764
Total	343	\$46,826,437	\$38,989,737	\$92,853,546	\$85,339,517
Per cent of change			-16.7		-8.1

Building Will Improve as Financial Situation Eases, According to Brookmire Economic Service—Reduction in Wages Must Precede Revival.

Improvement in the financing of building will come, in the opinion of the Brookmire Economic Service, Inc., when the general financial situation eases. So far, it is said, there has been only a slight decline in the figures of money in circulation, and when hoarded currency really returns to banks on large scale the willingness of institutions to lend on desirable projects will increase. Sharp reductions in costs, particularly wages, must also precede any building revival, Brookmire says, as it is clear that if building wages do not come down in line with the curtailed income of the public new building will be obstructed.

Regarding the general building situation and the effect upon it of the Hoover mortgage banking plan, Brookmire has the following to say:

Basically, our troubles are caused not by a shortage of credit, but rather by the previous excessive and misguided use of credit—not merely in building but in every other field as well. The whole financial structure is consequently clogged with frozen credit. The normal corrective is forced liquidation—payment of debts. Having tried to obstruct this natural deflation, we have hampered the normal process of getting people in liquid condition where renewed activity can be undertaken. As a result, recovery in building is retarded—especially since we do not have the accumulated shortage of housing that existed in 1921 but have at the most only local shortages.

Under the Hoover plan, the public will remain as badly indebted as ever, but some pressure will be relieved where help is given to institutions that are badly tied up. The immediate field in which assistance is to be extended is homes where mortgage loans eligible for rediscount do not exceed \$15,000. In estimating the importance of revival in home construction, the Dodge contract figures are enlightening. In the past decade—the hectic 20s—the residential group shows that apartments averaged approximately \$1,100,000,000 a year—most of which amount does not come under the plan. One- and two-family structures totaled about the same figure of \$1,000,000,000 a year. These are abnormal figures, since this period included the boom era. Congress must pass the necessary legislation, and before all the machinery is set up the major part of a year may elapse.

Aside from the direct effects, the psychological side must be considered. The President is reported as believing that "the volume of credit he seeks to stimulate totals between \$20 billion and \$30 billion." However, there is little hope for the many mortgage bonds that are in distress because they were based on inflated values. Unfortunately, too, the continuous dosing of favorable psychology to which the public has been subjected ever since 1929 is rendering them immune.

It is contended by Brookmire that President Hoover's mortgage banking system will tend to strengthen the chances of residential building in making the best recovery of the various types.

"Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The "Annalist" weekly index of wholesale commodity prices has continued its new decline during the week, falling to 100.0 on Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 101.2 the Tuesday previous, and is now practically back at its post-war low of last September. The "Annalist" continues:

Weakness was wide spread, most of the more important commodities declining, with the agricultural group—the grains, live stock and cotton—leading the march. Outside of advances in some of the meats that only partly cancelled the losses of the previous week, and excepting a small rise in coffee, the sole recorded gains were in four of the minor commodities—cheese, apples, lemons and potatoes.

THE ANNALIST WEEKLY INDEX OF WHOLESALE COMMODITY PRICES. (Monthly averages of weekly figures) (1913—100)

	Nov. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Nov. 1930.
Farm products.....	89.1	83.6	109.7
Food products.....	110.0	112.8	129.2
Textile products.....	x84.6	85.8	107.6
Fuels.....	131.3	126.7	143.0
Metals.....	100.0	100.3	106.3
Buildings materials.....	111.4	112.9	131.1
Chemicals.....	96.8	97.3	105.7
Miscellaneous.....	89.1	90.7	95.6
All commodities.....	102.0	100.5	118.7

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

	Dec. 1 1931.	Nov. 24 1931.	Dec. 2 1930.
Farm products.....	87.5	x89.2	110.2
Food products.....	107.1	107.7	129.2
Textile products.....	83.4	x83.6	106.6
Fuels.....	130.4	132.3	142.2
Metals.....	98.9	99.5	107.7
Building materials.....	110.7	111.0	129.9
Chemicals.....	96.8	96.8	105.7
Miscellaneous.....	87.9	88.1	95.5
All commodities.....	100.0	101.2	118.8

Industrial Activity in Boston Federal Reserve District in October Lower Than in September.

The Dec. 1 "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston advises that "the general level of industrial activity in New England during October receded from that for September, and canceled the slight improvement which had taken place between August and September. Although preliminary data for October indicate that month to have been the lowest of the current year, when allowances for customary seasonal changes have been made, nevertheless, there was not much difference between the highest and lowest levels of general business activity in this district during the first 10 months." The "Review" continues:

Certain phases of industry, finance, and trade in New England this year have compared favorably with other sections of the country. Two important industries, woolen textile manufacturing and boot and shoe production, which were fairly active in this district during the first three quarters of 1931, reported sharp declines in October. Since these two industries had been exerting sustaining influences upon the entire business activity of New England, the declines in October were reflected in the low level of general business. Cotton consumption by New England mills decreased between September and October, whereas there is usually an increase, and the seasonally adjusted volume consumed in October was the smallest since August 1930. The amount of raw wool consumed by mills in this district increased each month from January to July, but decreased each month from July to October, contrary to the usual seasonal changes. The production of boots and shoes likewise increased month by month during the first half of 1931, but declined from August to October. The building industry in October in this district continued to reflect unusually quiet conditions, with the volume (square feet) of residential contracts awarded increasing by less than the seasonal amount, and the volume of commercial and industrial contracts increasing by more than seasonal, although from a very low level. According to the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries, employment conditions were less favorable in October than in September, with declines reported by representative manufacturing concerns in the number of wage-earners employed, aggregate weekly earnings, and average weekly earnings, amounting to 8.1, 12.1 and 4.4%, respectively. The closing of mills in Lawrence, due to the strike of textile workers, had considerable influence upon the employment data for Massachusetts. In New England the number of commercial failures during October was 5.7% larger than in October 1930, but the total liabilities were 11.8% less this year. Retail trade of reporting stores in New England for the period from January through October was 7.2% lower than in a similar period of 1930, and, in view of the declines in retail price levels which have taken place during the past year, it becomes evident that large quantities of merchandise have continued to flow through retail channels.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Still Keeps Decreasing.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Nov. 21 totaled 653,503 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced today. This was a reduction of 36,863 cars below the preceding week due to the usual seasonal decline in freight loadings. It also was 126,249 cars below the corresponding week last year and

296,213 cars below the corresponding week two years ago. The details are as follows:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of Nov. 21 totaled 234,269 cars, a decrease of 17,307 cars below the preceding week this year, 58,071 cars under the corresponding week in 1930, and 117,541 cars under the same week in 1929.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 209,032 cars, an increase of 1,533 cars above the preceding week this year but 20,489 cars under the corresponding week last year and 48,793 cars under the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 36,872 cars, 1,122 cars below the preceding week this year but 524 cars above the corresponding week last year. It was, however, a decrease of 2,908 cars below the same week in 1929. In the Western Districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended on Nov. 21 totaled 24,567 cars, an increase of 993 cars above the same week last year.

Forest products loading totaled 21,325 cars, 1,547 cars below the preceding week this year and 11,786 cars under the same week in 1930. It also was a decrease of 33,539 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Ore loading amounted to 4,901 cars, a decrease of 1,711 cars under the week before, 3,322 under the corresponding week last year and 10,843 cars under the same week in 1929.

Coal loading amounted to 116,699 cars, 13,774 cars below the preceding week, 31,224 cars below the corresponding week last year and 72,019 cars under the same week in 1929.

Coke loading amounted to 4,850 cars, 786 cars below the preceding week this year, 2,591 cars below the same week last year and 6,304 cars below the same week two years ago.

Live stock loading amounted to 25,555 cars, a decrease of 2,049 cars below the preceding week this year but 710 cars above the same week last year. It was, however, a decrease of 4,266 cars below the same week two years ago. In the Western Districts alone, loading of live stock for the week ended on Nov. 21 totaled 20,816, an increase of 1,202 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 follow:

	1931.	1930.	1929.
Five weeks in January.....	3,490,542	4,246,552	4,518,609
Four weeks in February.....	2,835,680	3,506,899	3,797,183
Four weeks in March.....	2,939,817	3,515,733	3,837,736
Four weeks in April.....	2,985,719	3,618,960	3,989,142
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
Week of Nov. 7.....	717,029	881,517	1,048,968
Week of Nov. 14.....	690,366	829,023	982,926
Week of Nov. 21.....	653,503	779,752	949,716
Total.....	34,440,342	42,395,342	48,653,281

The foregoing, as noted, cover total loadings by the railroads of the United States for the week ended Nov. 21. 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 Nov. 14. During the latter period only 21 roads showed increases over the corresponding week last year, the most important of which were the St. Louis Southwestern Ry., 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 NOV. 14.

Railroads.	Total Revenue Freight Loaded.			Total Loads Received from Connections.	
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.
Eastern District—					
<i>Group A—</i>					
Bangor & Aroostook.....	1,546	1,672	1,836	204	323
Boston & Albany.....	3,099	3,248	3,841	5,400	6,217
Boston & Maine.....	8,471	10,354	11,011	11,015	12,145
Central Vermont.....	697	858	966	2,839	2,874
Maine Central.....	2,731	3,623	4,406	2,452	2,793
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford.....	12,459	14,084	16,858	13,477	14,198
Rutland.....	691	620	690	1,140	1,224
Total.....	29,694	34,459	39,608	36,517	39,774
<i>Group B—</i>					
Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh	3,615	4,697	5,128	1,161	1,687
Delaware & Hudson.....	6,606	8,153	7,816	7,091	7,329
Delaware Lackawanna & West.	10,831	11,327	13,640	5,617	6,023
Erie.....	13,426	14,049	17,671	13,964	17,388
Lehigh & Hudson River.....	251	214	298	2,061	2,601
Lehigh & New England.....	1,655	2,186	2,098	1,081	1,449
Lehigh Valley.....	9,120	11,021	10,769	6,988	8,521
Montour.....	2,142	2,779	2,197	105	63
New York Central.....	22,406	29,513	34,768	28,934	35,958
New York Ontario & Western.....	1,735	1,301	1,666	1,945	2,231
Pittsburgh & Shawmut.....	553	633	698	69	30
Pitts. Shawmut & Northern.....	448	505	584	247	350
Ulster & Delaware.....	53	55	56	139	188
Total.....	72,841	86,413	97,380	69,402	83,848
<i>Group C—</i>					
Ann Arbor.....	639	682	665	1,125	1,555
Chicago, Ind. & Louisville.....	1,768	2,127	2,503	1,823	2,359
C. C. C. & St. Louis.....	8,694	10,395	11,969	10,932	14,897
Central Indiana.....	61	88	63	80	133
Detroit & Mackinac.....	357	390	517	139	168
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line.....	245	230	278	2,230	2,976
Detroit, Toledo & Ironton.....	1,307	2,110	2,262	842	1,366
Grand Trunk Western.....	2,865	3,780	7,847	5,814	8,056
Michigan Central.....	6,054	7,406	9,800	8,345	10,372
Monongahela.....	4,613	5,736	7,537	196	332
New York, Chicago & St. Louis	4,712	6,093	6,966	8,215	11,681
Pere Marquette.....	5,230	6,189	8,176	4,458	5,243
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.....	4,609	5,635	7,714	5,344	6,902
Pittsburgh & West Virginia.....	1,201	1,425	1,632	822	889
Wabash.....	5,847	6,543	7,558	6,895	9,574
Wheeling & Lake Erie.....	2,859	3,706	4,826	2,113	3,054
Total.....	51,061	62,635	80,113	59,373	79,557
Grand total Eastern District.....	153,596	183,407	217,101	165,292	203,179

Recent Favorable Developments in Business Conditions Cited by Union Trust Co. of Cleveland—Uncertainties in Foreign Situation.

Recent favorable developments in finance and commodities are pointed out by the Union Trust Co., Cleveland, as indicating that a turn for the better in general has definitely appeared. The bank, however, expects a gradual improving trend in business over the first half of 1932 rather than any immediate rapid recovery. Among the constructive events which, says the bank, signify that the worst is over in the depression are the return of public confidence in banks, the formation of the National Credit Corporation, the President's announcement of a home loan discount bank plan, improved sentiment in the bond and stock market and increases in prices of basic commodities. "The President's recent proposal for the establishment of home loan discount banks will prove, in our opinion, of practical importance in relieving the financial situation and stimulating a revival of business, and further provides grounds for the public's returning confidence in the nation's banking structure," says the bank in its magazine "Trade Winds." The bank adds:

The plan should have a profound effect in the direction of relieving the situation of thousands of banks and building and loan companies throughout the country, especially in the smaller towns and farming communities. A secondary result of the new plan might well be the immediate stimulation of home building, not only because borrowing on mortgage loans would make available more funds for real estate and building construction loans, but because the increased liquidity of mortgage loans would make them more desirable investments than they have been in the past.

The program of home loan discount banks, together with such further relief as may be afforded by the National Credit Corporation provides a real foundation for the return of general confidence and the revival of general business.

It cannot be expected, however, that a general revival of business will immediately materialize. It is true that apparently the worst is over. It is also true that many more favorable signs have appeared upon the business horizon during the past few weeks than have been seen for many months.

But, on the other hand, it must be remembered that as far as actual current volumes and profits are concerned business is still in the trough of a severe depression of world-wide proportions, and a considerable length of time must of necessity elapse before business on the whole can once more attain a satisfactory level of operations.

The foreign situation is full of uncertainties which may have a retarding effect upon business recovery in the United States. It is true that since Great Britain went off the gold standard business activity there has definitely increased. But in France deflation is continuing and unemployment is increasing. Furthermore, the German situation lends a feeling of uncertainty to the whole European picture.

Until the momentous question of reparations and international debt is somehow adjusted in conformity to the changes which have taken place in price level and business volumes, the whole situation will of necessity be reflected in conservatism and hesitation in American business, especially with respect to foreign trade.

Bureau of Business Research of the Indiana University Finds Little Change in Indiana Business Conditions During September and October.

Changes in trade and industry in Indiana during September and October were not of sufficient importance to affect the situation when allowances were made for normal seasonal fluctuations, according to the current issue of the "Indiana Business Review," which is prepared each month by the Indianapolis division of the Indiana University Bureau of Business Research and published by the Fletcher American National Bank of Indianapolis. The "Review" explains that general business activity in Indiana during the first ten months has averaged 16.4% under a year ago and 35.8% under corresponding period in 1929. It further says:

Although current trends in business activity fail to show any improvement, there has been a noticeable improvement in sentiment. The world has discarded the policy of "waiting" and aggressive leaders are now working on a program to correct the difficulties which have been doing most to tear down public confidence. During the last few months the average individual has been buying only for immediate needs. With increased confidence will come increased buying.

Department stores in most sections of Indiana reported small seasonal gains during October. Average temperature was slightly above normal, but there were enough cool days to stimulate fall buying. Drug store sales were equal to, or slightly above, a month ago. Retail hardware sales were estimated at 33% under a year ago. Auto sales made more than normal seasonal declines. October sales of new and used cars were 58.7% and 37.5%, respectively, under theoretical normal.

Post office receipts gained over a month ago, but continued under a year ago. Sales of life insurance in Indiana during first nine months were under one and two years, but above all corresponding periods prior to 1929. Most lines of wholesale trade made normal seasonal gains during September.

Steel mill operations in the Calumet district were cut down to 25% capacity during latter part of October and early November. Pig iron production in Indiana-Illinois district was 68.7% under the normal October output. Indiana coal production made slightly more than normal seasonal gain. Shipments of building stone from Bedford-Bloomington district were lower than during any other month in recent years. Most furniture factories continued on part time schedules. Automobile manufacturers reported more than normal seasonal decline. Total October auto accessory production was lower than in any other month during the present depression.

Check transactions made slightly more than normal seasonal gain. Total October bank debits in eight representative Indiana cities were 20.9% under a year ago and 33% under October 1929. Bank clearings

in eight cities gained 10.8% over a month ago to a point 26.4% under a year ago. Business failures were under a month ago and a year ago.

Little change occurred in the employment situation and considerable unemployment prevailed in most sections. Several sections reported reductions in wage rates. Part time schedules continued to be quite general. Seasonal decline in building industry added to the unemployment problem. Building industry continued at a standstill in many sections of Indiana. Fair amount of remodeling activity. Indiana building index declined to a point 62.1% under normal.

The reported corn yield of 41.5 bushels per acre is about six bushels above the ten-year average. Apple production was reported about double the ten-year average. Hog and cattle receipts made more than normal seasonal gain.

Better Feeling Noted in General Conditions in Cleveland Federal Reserve District in Early November—Conditions in Wholesale and Retail Trade and Rubber Industry.

"There was a better feeling than a month ago in most sections of the Fourth (Cleveland) District regarding general conditions in early November, though actual developments in trade and industry failed to reveal any marked improvement from the low levels to which operations had declined in October. This changed sentiment was partly attributable to the decline in bank suspensions in November from the high levels of other recent months and to the upward movement of some commodity prices. Demand for currency also has receded." The Dec. 1 "Monthly Business Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, from which the preceding is quoted, continues:

The iron and steel industry has increased operations, contrary to seasonal movements of other years and with little support from automobile producers. Touching a low for this depression of 27% of capacity in the third week of October, schedules were advanced to 32-33% in the third week of November. Cleveland and Youngstown plants have been operating at higher-than-average levels. With automobile companies almost out of production, eight concerns being entirely closed, there has been little demand for steel from this source. New models are being introduced, however, and some material and parts buying was reported in the latter part of November. The machine tool industry showed some pick-up in November after weeks of very low operations, the increased demand being attributed to the automobile industry.

Tire production has been experiencing its usual seasonal decline, though the falling-off in October, based on rubber consumption, was greater than seasonal. Building, both in October and the first half of November, was very much reduced from the low levels of last year. In the first ten months, work on public projects and utilities was 43% below a year ago and non-residential building in the same period was down 51%. Residential building was behind 37%.

Employment and payroll indexes receded in October at a slightly more than seasonal rate and the number and size of commercial failures in the same period were much above last year. Sales of life insurance in October in Ohio and Pennsylvania were only 9.5% below the same month of 1930, while the decline in the first ten months was 17%.

Crop estimates were further increased in October, a result of very favorable weather. The increase in agricultural prices has been encouraging to farm communities.

Unusually warm weather for this time of year has retarded operations in several lines, including sales at department stores, demand for coal, production of shoes and clothing, &c. Department store sales in October were 20.6% below the corresponding month last year, sales of wearing apparel and seasonal articles being very much reduced. Due to this lack of demand, clothing factories have had few re-orders, though usually at this time of year, because of re-orders in addition to operations on goods for spring delivery, the industry is operating at peak levels. Shoe production declined much more than the usual seasonal amount in October. Demand for coal, which was low because of the reduced level of industrial activity, was further reduced on account of limited household demand.

The Bank reports as follows regarding the rubber and tire industry:

The tire industry continues to experience its seasonal decline, which began in July, November usually being the month of lowest production and employment. The latter dropped 2% in October from the preceding month, slightly less than the five-year average falling off of 3%, but the number employed was 14% below last year and some factories were operating only part time. October sales were reported considerably below those in September, only part of the decline being seasonal.

Consumption of crude rubber in October by manufacturers in the United States was 22,277 long tons, a reduction of 5.8% from September, as compared with an average decline of 3%. Compared with a year ago, rubber consumption was off 19%.

Tire production in September, the latest month for which complete figures are available, was 18.8% below August, a greater than seasonal decline, and 5.8% under a year ago. In the first nine months the reduction was 3.2%. Tire shipments in September receded 20.7% from August and were 10.8% under a year ago. Shipments in September exceeded production by 24%, however, and stocks dropped 8.3% in the month, and on Sept. 30 were 17% smaller than on Sept. 30 1930.

Producers feel that a real tire shortage is gradually developing, based chiefly on gasoline consumption figures which indicate that cars are being operated at approximately the same rate as in other recent years. In the first nine months of 1931 consumption of gasoline was over 500,000,000 gallons ahead of the same period of 1930 and 1,180,000,000 gallons in excess of the corresponding period of 1929.

In connection with the foregoing, the semi-annual survey of dealer stocks made by the Department of Commerce shows some interesting facts. The average number of casings per dealer was 60.2 (based on 26,882 reports), compared with 62.4 tires a year ago, as shown by 31,522 reports. This was a reduction of 3.5% from last year, a favorable development, but in proportion to current demand, stocks no doubt are ample. Present stocks, however, are lower than for any corresponding date since 1927.

Despite the falling off in consumption of crude rubber, imports continue in large volume, the October figure, 41,395 long tons, being 2.2% ahead of September and only 5% below last year. In the first ten months imports were off only 2%, while consumption was down about 7%. Domestic stocks of crude rubber which have been increasing for two years, were estimated at 273,456 long tons, or more than a year's supply. Compared with a year ago, the increase was 47%.

Prices have moved down as stocks increased, rubber being quoted in mid-November at less than 5 cents a pound, a drop of nearly 40% in the past year.

As to retail and wholesale trade, the Bank says:

Retail and wholesale trade in October and early November were adversely affected by the unseasonably warm weather that has prevailed. Stores have sold only limited quantities of fall goods, and winter clothing, &c., has been in very poor demand. Sales at reporting department stores increased from September to October, but the expansion was much less than the usual seasonal amount and the adjusted index dropped to 72% of the 1923-1925 average, a new low for this depression.

A revised index of department store sales has been constructed. The new index is based on daily average dollar sales of the three years 1923-1925. In the adjusted index, allowance has been made for variations in the number of Saturdays in the months and also for changes in the Easter date in March and April. While the differences between the new index and the one previously used are not great, the latest revision was thought necessary, and, it is felt, gives a better picture of department store conditions in this district. No allowance has been made for variations in retail prices. The index begins in 1919, and monthly figures for the entire period are available on request.

The dollar value of October sales was 20.6% below the same month last year, and the loss in the first ten months from the corresponding period of 1930 was 12%. All cities reported large losses in October compared with a year ago, ranging from 12% at Cleveland to 38% at Youngstown. A smaller share of total sales was bought on credit than a year ago, the ratio of credit to total sales being 57.6% against 64.2 last year, and installment sales represented only 4.7% of total sales against 5.9% in October, 1930.

Stocks at department stores increased 4.5% in October compared with the preceding month, but this was less than the estimated seasonal increase. The adjusted index declined to 73.9% of the 1923-1925 monthly average. In view of the sharp falling off in sales, stocks are considered adequate for current needs, but stock turnover has been slightly more rapid than in 1930.

Collections improved in October, being 31.5% of the volume of accounts outstanding at the end of September. This compared with 34.9% in October 1930.

In the individual departments, the losses from a year ago were rather well distributed, but wearing apparel sales showed a greater falling off than some other departments. At 13 wearing apparel stores total sales were off 21.8% in October compared with last year.

Furniture store sales were 19% smaller in October than a year ago, but sales of furniture departments of department stores were 27% smaller than in the same month of 1930.

Chain store sales increased seasonally in October, but, compared with a year ago, chain grocery sales on a unit basis were nearly 5% smaller than in 1930 and chain drug sales were off 8%.

Wholesale Trade.

Wholesale trade in October, based on four reporting lines, was nearly 4% smaller than in September, a contrary-to-seasonal movement. In the past seven years there has been an average increase of over 3% in the period. Wholesale sales in October were 25% below the corresponding month of 1930, part of the decline being accounted for by lower prices. Compared with last year, the largest reduction in October sales was in dry goods—33%. Grocery sales were down 26%, hardware 24% and drugs 14%.

Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago on Mid-West Distribution of Automobiles—Orders Booked by Furniture Manufacturers in October Seasonally Lower.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago reports that the production of automobiles in the United States dropped sharply between September and October. Passenger car output totaled only 57,764, or 47% less than in the preceding month, which is a greater decline than for any previous October. The Bank in its "Monthly Business Conditions Report" issued Nov. 30 continues:

As compared with the corresponding month a year ago, passenger car production this October was only about half as large and represented the smallest total for any month on our record (July, 1921). Truck production of 21,727, declined 31% from a month previous and 46½% from last October.

Further recession took place during October in wholesale distribution of automobiles in the Middle West, as against a small increase shown in the corresponding period of 1930. Sales at retail by reporting dealers declined in number from the preceding month, while their aggregate value increased, owing principally to heavier sales of certain of the higher-priced cars. Used cars were likewise slightly smaller in number than a month previous. Comparisons with a year ago remained unfavorable in both retail and wholesale distribution, and for used car sales. Stocks, on the other hand, except of used cars, continued to be kept at exceptionally low levels and registered some further decrease between the end of September and October 31; those of used cars gained for the second successive month. Deferred payment sales in October constituted a somewhat larger proportion of retail sales by dealers reporting the item, the ratio averaging 57% against 51% in September and 48% a year ago.

MID-WEST DISTRIBUTION OF AUTOMOBILES.
Changes in October 1931 from Previous Months.

	Per Cent Change From		Companies Includes.
	September 1931.	October 1930.	
New cars:			
Wholesale—			
Number sold.....	—25.9	—68.1	21
Value.....	—35.5	—78.1	21
Retail—			
Number sold.....	—6.7	—25.5	49
Value.....	+9.6	—28.6	49
On Hand Oct. 31—			
Number.....	—7.9	—22.4	51
Value.....	—5.3	—27.2	51
Used cars:			
Number sold.....	—1.2	—22.4	51
Salable on Hand—			
Number.....	+7.9	—8.7	51
Value.....	+11.9	—4.0	51

As to furniture manufacturers bookings the Bank says:

Furniture.

The volume of orders booked by reporting furniture manufacturers in this district was seasonally lower in October than in September, the difference amounting to 14%. October shipments, also totaled less—6%—the result of the smallness of orders booked in recent months. Moreover, shipments were 11% in excess of current orders, so that with a small increase in cancellations relative to new orders, the volume of unfilled orders outstanding on Oct. 31 was considerably under that of a month previous, their ratio to orders booked dropping five points to 63%. As compared with October 1930, orders booked were less by 35%, shipments by 42%, and unfilled orders by 17%. Operations were maintained during October at a rate of approximately 45% of capacity, which compares with a rate of 46% obtaining a month previous and 62% a year ago.

Wholesale and Retail Trade Conditions in Chicago Federal Reserve District During October—Sales of Department Stores Increased 4% Over September.

The "Monthly Business Conditions Report" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, issued Nov. 30, has the following to say regarding wholesale trade in its District:

Wholesale trade conditions in October proved to be less favorable than in any previous month of 1931. Gains over September of 4½% in hardware sales and of 13% in electrical supply trade were contrary to seasonal trend; declines of 11% in groceries and 2% in drugs were contrary to seasonal trend; dry goods sales were 8% less and those of shoes 6% smaller, which recessions are somewhat larger than usual for the period. Changes from last October may be noted in the table. Data for the ten months of 1931 show wholesale grocery sales to have been 13% smaller, hardware 26%, dry goods 26%, drugs 15%, shoes 27%, and electrical supplies 34% less than in the corresponding period of 1930. Stocks, though increasing slightly in some lines, continue to average below a year ago. Collections during October were heavier in all reporting lines except groceries, although ratios of accounts outstanding to net sales averaged higher in half the groups.

WHOLESALE TRADE IN OCTOBER 1931.

Commodity.	Per Cent Change From Same Month Last Year.				Ratio of Accts. Outstanding to Net Sales.
	Net Sales.	Stocks.	Accts. Outstanding.	Collections.	
Groceries.....	—25.8	—20.2	—14.2	—17.9	105.7
Hardware.....	—35.7	—10.6	—19.1	—31.9	255.8
Dry goods.....	—31.3	—18.1	—30.8	—29.9	321.9
Drugs.....	—21.9	—9.0	—6.2	—6.4	187.8
Shoes.....	—38.9	—14.6	—22.1	—24.3	436.6
Electrical supplies.....	—39.5	—11.2	—27.8	—37.9	185.7

In reviewing retail trade conditions the Bank says that the expansion of 4% for October over September in total sales of 84 department stores in the Seventh District, approximated that shown in the corresponding month of the previous four years. The Bank further states:

The district aggregate was affected to a considerable extent by the decline of 21½% recorded in the Detroit total, following a heavy September volume of business which has been customary to that city in recent years. Sales of Chicago stores exceeded those of September by 13%. Milwaukee sales were larger by 14%, while the expansion in Indianapolis was only 6% but that in smaller cities of the district totaled 19%. Allowing for the difference in number of trading days as between September and October, district sales were 4% smaller in the daily average than in the preceding month. The decline of 19% from a year ago in total sales was approximately the same as that shown in a similar comparison for September, so that cumulative sales for the year to date remained 13% smaller than in the corresponding period of 1930. Stocks continue gradually to expand, those on hand October 31 being 5% larger than a month previous, though totaling 13% less than on the same date last year.

October sales of reporting retail shoe dealers and the shoe sections of department stores totaled 10% below those of the preceding month, the decline, however, comparing with one of 17% during the same period last year. The majority of dealers had larger sales in the comparison, department stores effecting the decline shown. Aggregate sales were 13% smaller than in October a year ago, and the total for the ten months of 1931 showed a decrease of 11% from the same period of 1930. A further slight expansion was noted in stocks on Oct. 31 over a month previous, but they continued to average below the level of last year.

Sales of furniture and house furnishings by reporting dealers and department stores likewise declined in October from September; the recession in total sales amounted to 11% and that in installment sales by dealers to 7%. As compared with October 1930, both aggregate and installment sales were about 12% less. Stocks again averaged a little heavier than a month previous, though remaining almost 20% lighter than a year ago.

A gain of 10½% over September was recorded during October in total sales of 18 chains, with average sales per unit showing approximately the same increase. Grocery, drug, five-and-ten-cent, cigar, shoe, furniture, musical instrument, and women's clothing chains shared in this expansion, men's clothing alone experiencing a decline. As compared with a year ago, however, all groups reported declines, total sales decreasing 4%.

DEPARTMENT STORE TRADE IN OCTOBER 1931.

Locality.	Per Cent Change October 1931 from October 1930.		P.C. Change 1931 from 1930.	Ratio of October Collections to Accounts Outstanding September 30.	
	Net Sales.	Stocks End of Month.		1931.	1930.
	Chicago.....	—22.9	—12.4	—14.9	29.3
Detroit.....	—19.0	—19.7	—15.0	35.4	37.7
Indianapolis.....	—8.2	—12.6	—8.9	40.5	41.3
Milwaukee.....	—12.0	—7.3	—8.3	—	—
Other cities.....	—16.1	—12.2	—11.3	33.8	35.5
Seventh District.....	—19.0	—13.3	—13.4	35.0	37.5

Industrial Employment in Chicago Federal Reserve District Reached New Low Levels During October.

New low levels were reached during October in Seventh (Chicago) District industrial employment and in each manufacturing group represented in our survey except leather,

rubber and chemical products, says the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in reviewing industrial employment conditions in its Nov. 30 "Monthly Business Conditions Report." Continuing the Bank says:

The downward trend in number of employees was much sharper than in payrolls, and indicates that large numbers were laid off who had been engaged on part-time schedules in the preceding month. The effect of this has been to increase the average weekly earnings of those employed in all groups from \$22.99 in September to \$24.77 in October, a gain of nearly 8%, although total wage payments were slightly lower in the latter month.

All manufacturing groups except chemicals contributed to the decline from September in number of men, and the only groups reporting larger payrolls were vehicles, rubber and paper and printing. The large reduction in number of men in the vehicles group, consisting largely of automobile plants but including railway car shops as well, follows smaller declines in the four previous months. The gain in wage payments of this group offsets almost half of the large loss recorded in September. Non-manufacturing totals showed a fractional reduction in number of men, as construction and utilities moved lower, while smaller payrolls in three groups and no change in the merchandising group resulted in a moderate decline in the total.

Paralleling the reduction in industrial employment, applications at free employment offices were much larger in October, and hence the ratio for each State moved upward. The combined ratio for four States was higher than for any month in recent years with the exception of Jan. 1931.

REGISTRATIONS PER 100 POSITIONS AVAILABLE AT FREE EMPLOYMENT OFFICES.

Month.	Illinois.	Indiana.	Iowa.	Wisconsin.	Four States.
1931—October.....	251	283	503	249	275
September.....	220	128	480	232	234
1930—October.....	283	202	351	178	251
September.....	230	154	312	188	222

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS—SEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

Industrial Group.	Week of Oct. 15, 1931			Per Cent Changes from Sept. 15.	
	No. of Reporting Firms.	Number of Wage Earners.	Earnings.	Wage Earners. %	Earnings. %
Metals and products. a.....	772	154,092	\$3,166,000	-4.1	-4.6
Vehicles.....	152	136,585	3,984,000	-22.5	+7.4
Textiles and products.....	161	29,820	490,000	-5.2	-8.7
Food and products.....	370	56,588	1,355,000	-6.0	-4.8
Stone, clay and glass.....	148	9,788	219,000	-5.6	-9.6
Wood products.....	302	27,904	477,000	-1.4	-2.2
Chemical products.....	107	14,904	390,000	+0.1	-3.4
Leather products.....	78	16,473	254,000	-4.2	-11.8
Rubber products. b.....	8	6,095	129,000	-2.3	+10.5
Paper and printing.....	328	43,082	1,156,000	-0.4	+2.0
Total manufg., 10 groups.....	2,426	495,321	11,620,000	-9.8	-0.3
Merchandising. c.....	179	30,212	742,000	+2.0	-0.0
Public utilities.....	73	90,069	2,911,000	-1.2	-2.1
Coal mining.....	20	5,577	102,000	+5.8	-6.8
Construction.....	173	9,749	253,000	-2.9	-3.9
Total non-mnf., 4 groups.....	445	135,607	4,008,000	-0.4	-2.0
Total, 14 groups.....	2,871	630,928	\$15,628,000	-7.9	-0.8

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

Business and Employment Conditions in Michigan as Viewed by Union Guardian Trust Company of Detroit—Employment in Automobile Industry Shows Increase.

Substantial improvement in Michigan industrial activity is expected before the year-end, according to Dr. Ralph E. Badger, Executive Vice-President and Carl F. Behrens, Economist of the Union Guardian Trust Co., unit of the Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc. The next few weeks should also witness a quickening of retail demand throughout the country because of the impetus given by Christmas purchases. Since many of the indices representing business in Michigan have recently declined to new low levels, the results of the next few weeks in industry and trade will be watched with more than casual interest. The review of the Union Guardian Trust Co. issued Nov. 30 continues in part:

That industrial activity in Michigan, particularly in the southeastern part of the state, will show definite improvement during the next month is quite widely believed. Only four of twelve reports received from bankers and other business leaders in this area, exclusive of Detroit, indicate unchanged conditions over the period of the next month. In Flint, a substantial increase is already in evidence. In Detroit, the industrial tempo is also more rapid. Employment has increased in the principal automobile manufacturing centers, namely, Detroit, Flint, Saginaw and Jackson, and further reductions in the unemployed totals are expected with the beginning of 1932 model output. One of the suggested reasons why manufacturers of automobiles have not commenced operations on their new models at an earlier date is a desire to provide all possible employment during the severe winter months. In the final analysis, the cost of unemployment relief in automobile manufacturing centers is largely borne by the industry through higher taxes. They may well delay output until well into December.

Ten of the twelve reports received also indicate probable improvement in retail trade in the immediate future. At Flint, Saginaw and Lansing, the present status of retail trade is better than it was in November 1930.

Farming conditions were reported good in six of the nine southeastern Michigan communities from which questionnaires were returned. Harvest of the sugar-beet crop in the Saginaw Valley area is about completed and the results have been relatively satisfactory. The crop was good and the price fair. The bean crop, on the other hand, has been below normal and prices are low.

Industrial activity in southwestern Michigan is also expected to increase during the next month in a number of centers from which reports have been received. The paper industry, centered at Kalamazoo, increased the

number employed by nearly 5% during October and operations are expected to continue at that level until mid-December at least. At Grand Rapids, manufacturing activity, employment, and retail trade are expected to show still further improvement over that reported last month. At Ionia, work on new reformatory buildings is giving employment to a number of people.

Farming conditions are reported good at Allegau, Charlotte and Niles. The absence of a general killing frost in most farming sections of the lower peninsula until late in October has permitted many crops to reach a normal maturity despite dry conditions earlier in the summer. Good rains in September also added materially to crop tonnage.

Despite low farm prices, retail trade in Northern Michigan is expected to show a substantial seasonal improvement in coming weeks. Such manufacturing activity as is carried on in this section of the state is well under 1930 levels of output and the outlook for the final weeks of this year is not favorable. Building activity is nearly at a standstill.

Marquette and Menominee are two bright spots in the Upper Peninsula picture. Industrial output is expected to increase during the next month in each of these cities. At Sault Ste Marie and Ishpeming, some improvement in the building situation is in evidence. Shipments of freight through the locks at Sault Ste Marie during the period from April to October totalled 41,000,000 tons this year, compared with 67,000,000 tons in the same period of 1930. Good Christmas trade is expected in such cities as Houghton, Iron Mountain, Ironwood, Marquette and Menominee.

Trade and Industry in St. Louis Federal Reserve District During October Slower Than During September.

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis summarizes business conditions in the Eighth (St. Louis) District as follows in its Nov. 30 "Monthly Review":

Trade and industry in the Eighth Federal Reserve District during October failed to better the low rate of activity prevailing during the preceding month. On the contrary, with virtually all lines investigated by this bank, there was a slowing down as contrasted with September, and as compared with the same time last year, the showing was distinctly unfavorable. In the large cities and the country purchasing of commodities was on a very conservative and cautious scale, and universally there was a disposition to conserve cash. Unseasonably high temperatures obtaining through the month tended to hold down distribution of fall and winter goods, besides causing many manufacturers to further postpone programs for increased production. This was true particularly in the heavier lines, notably iron and steel, lumber, fire clay products and all descriptions of building materials. As has been the case for many months, manufacturers were making up only limited quantities of goods for stock, confining their operations almost exclusively to materials to apply on orders actually booked or in reasonably certain prospect.

The most important constructive development in this area, has been the sharp rise in prices of wheat, corn, cotton and other important agricultural products. This change has resulted in a sharp acceleration in business of wholesalers in the large distributing centers, also in retail trade in the country and small towns. A number of large retailing and jobbing firms which furnish their statistics to this bank, report sales volume during the first half of November the largest for any similar period this year.

Agricultural prospects maintained the high promise of earlier in the year. Production of virtually all the leading crops grown in this district in 1931 will considerably exceed the average, and in the case of cotton and corn, new records for all time are indicated. Thus, while prices through the season have been low, large quantities to dispose of will partly offset the low unit return. In many sections liquidation by farmers has been in excess of expectations, and additional reduction of indebtedness is in prospect. Throughout the district, farmers are well supplied with food and feed for carrying through the winter, and conditions in the agricultural areas are considerably better than at the corresponding period of a year or two years ago.

The volume of retail trade in October, as reflected in sales of department stores in leading cities, was 15.6% smaller than during the same month in 1930, and approximately 3% larger than in September this year; for the first ten months this year the total was 13% smaller than during the same period a year ago. Combined sales of all wholesaling and jobbing firms reporting to this bank were one-fourth smaller in October than for the same month in 1930 and 7% smaller than the September total this year; for the first ten months this year the aggregate was 16% below that of the same period in 1930. The value of permits issued for new buildings in the five largest cities of the district in October was 15.5% smaller than in September, and 11% larger than in October 1930. Construction contracts let in the Eighth District in October were the smallest for any month since these records have been kept; 36% smaller than in September and 76% less than in October 1930. Debits to individual accounts in October exceeded the September total by 8.8%, but were almost one-fourth less than in October 1930; for the first ten months this year the aggregate was about one-fifth smaller than for the same period in 1930. Savings deposits held by selected banks decreased slightly between Oct. 7 and Nov. 4, and on the latter date were 6.4% smaller than on the corresponding date last year.

Freight traffic of railroads operating in this district continued in considerably smaller volume than during the corresponding period a year and two years earlier. Recessions occurred in all classifications, but were most pronounced in merchandise and miscellaneous freight and coal and coke. Due to the unusually mild weather through October and the first half of November and the low rate of operations at industrial plants, consumption of fuel was much smaller than the usual seasonal volume. For the country as a whole, loadings of revenue freight for the first 44 weeks this year, or to Oct. 31 totalled 32,379,444 cars against 39,905,050 cars for the corresponding period in 1930 and 45,671,671 cars in 1929. The St. Louis Terminal Railway, which handles interchanges for 28 connecting lines, interchanged 152,751 loads in October against 144,833 loads in September and 194,613 loads in October 1930. During the first nine days of November the interchange amounted to 43,328 loads, which compares with 46,993 loads during the corresponding period in October and 54,121 loads during the first nine days of November 1930. Passenger traffic of the reporting roads decreased 20% in October as compared with the same month last year. Estimated tonnage of the Federal Barge Line between St. Louis and New Orleans in October was 105,000 tons, against 106,931 tons in September and 102,569 tons in October 1930.

Reports relative to collections reflected somewhat spotty and irregular conditions, but with the average slightly better than during the preceding thirty days and comparing favorably with the corresponding period a year ago. Throughout the South, where cotton, rice and tobacco are being har-

vested, liquidation showed improvement as contrasted with the month before. Planters have taken up a considerable part of their indebtedness to the Government for feed and seed loans, thereby releasing much cotton for paying other bills. The upturn in wheat prices has been reflected in a quickening in collections in the typical grain areas. Wholesalers and jobbers in the chief distributing centers report Oct. 1 settlements fully up to expectations, with some lines showing better results than a year ago. City retailers report little change in conditions from earlier in the fall. Questionnaires addressed to representative interests in the several lines scattered through the district show the following results:

	<i>Excellent.</i>	<i>Good.</i>	<i>Fair.</i>	<i>Poor.</i>
October 1931.....	0%	21.1%	56.4%	22.5%
September 1931.....	0	13.8	64.1	22.1
October 1930.....	1.4	8.5	67.6	22.5

Commercial failures in the Eighth Federal Reserve District in October, according to Dun's, numbered 126 involving liabilities of \$2,497,736 against 102 failures in September with liabilities of \$2,621,575, and 118 defaults for a total of \$3,505,807 in October 1930.

Conditions in Kansas City Federal Reserve District Affected by Low Level of Commodity Prices—Retail Trade Increases.

"The low level of commodity prices," the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City in its December "Monthly Review" says, "continues to have a depressing effect on conditions in the Tenth (Kansas City) District. Substantial improvement in grain prices the latter part of October and the forepart of November has encouraged agricultural and business interests, although reactions in prices to Nov. 20 reduced the gains by approximately one-half from the extreme advances." The Bank continues:

The advance in grain prices was followed by an advance in flour and millfeed prices. Livestock values, with the exception of prime, long fed steers and yearlings, declined, with well finished hogs selling at the lowest prices since 1908 and fat lambs at the lowest prices since 1911. Crude oil prices were unchanged in October, but advanced 15c. per barrel the first week in November, and prices of refined products strengthened somewhat. Zinc ore and lead ore prices declined during October.

Weather conditions were exceptionally favorable for the maturing and harvesting of crops. Fall sown wheat in the western part of the District remained in need of moisture.

Retail trade, as measured by the dollar sales of 35 department stores, increased 7.7% in October as compared to September, equalling the five-year average increase. Compared to October 1930 the dollar volume of sales declined 20.5%. Sales at wholesale were 3.8% smaller in October in dollar volume than in the preceding month and 28.6% smaller than in the corresponding month last year.

Crude oil production increased with the removal of shutdown orders in Oklahoma on Oct. 10. Bituminous coal production was seasonally larger in October than in September, flour production increased 8.2%, and cement production 4.5%. Zinc ore and lead ore shipments declined. Production in all lines, with the exception of a slight increase in flour milling, was somewhat smaller than in October 1930.

Regarding trade conditions the Bank says:

Retail Trade.

Dollar sales at 35 department stores located in Tenth District cities were seasonally larger in October than in the preceding month, the increase of 7.7% equalling the five-year average increase. Compared to October 1930, sales this year declined 20.5%, carrying the dollar volume for the calendar year to Nov. 1 to 11.6% below the total reported for the corresponding period last year.

Stocks were increased 2.2% during October as compared to the five-year average increase of 5.5%, and on Oct. 31 this year were 14.7% smaller than on Oct. 31 1930.

October collections showed a slight improvement over September, but were under a year ago. The stores reported their October collections as 36.8% of outstanding accounts as of Sept. 30, compared with 32.8% for September and 39.8% for October 1930.

Wholesale Trade.

Wholesalers of dry goods, groceries, furniture and drugs reported their dollar sales in October as somewhat smaller than in September and substantially smaller than in October 1930. Sales of hardware increased over September by slightly more than the usual amount, but were 40.7% less than a year ago. Total sales of the five lines combined were 3.8% smaller in October than in September, and 28.6% smaller than in October last year.

Stocks, with the exception of an 8.4% reduction reported by wholesalers for dry goods, showed little change during the month, but Oct. 31 inventories were reported by all lines, except groceries, as somewhat reduced from the figures of Oct. 31 1930.

Limited Lumber Production During Thanksgiving Week Boosts Order Ratio.

With lumber production sharply curtailed during Thanksgiving week, lumber orders exceeded the cut by approximately 22%, it is indicated in telegraphic reports from 810 leading hardwood and softwood mills to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. The cut of these mills amounted to 123,028,000. Shipments were 16% above this figure. A week earlier 829 mills reported orders 19% above and shipments 22% above a cut of 140,377,000 feet. Comparison by identical mill figures for the latest week with the equivalent period a year ago shows: for softwoods, 499 mills, production 38% less, shipments 38% less and orders 34% less than for the week in 1930; for hardwoods, 218 mills, production 29% less, shipments 19% less and orders 13% more than the volume for the week a year ago.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Nov. 28 1931, by 566 softwood mills totaled 128,014,000 feet, or 20% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as re-

ported for the same week were 124,615,000 feet, or 16% above production. Production was 107,003,000 feet.

Reports from 264 hardwood mills give new business as 21,713,000 feet, or 35% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 18,189,000 feet, or 14% above production. Production was 16,025,000 feet. The Association's statement further adds:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 493 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 481,965,000 feet, on Nov. 28 1931, or the equivalent of 10 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day-year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 502 softwood mills on Nov. 29 1930, of 723,343,000 feet, the equivalent of 14 days' production.

The 417 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 435,512,000 feet on Nov. 28 1931, or the equivalent of 10 days' average production, as compared with 669,435,000 feet, the equivalent of 15 days' average production on similar date a year ago. Last week's production of 449 identical softwood mills was 99,815,000 feet, and a year ago it was 161,769,000 feet; shipments were respectively 115,233,000 feet and 186,038,000; and orders received 119,710,000 feet and 181,471,000. In the case of hardwoods, 218 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 14,297,000 feet and 20,251,000; shipments 16,036,000 feet and 19,688,000; and orders 19,454,000 feet and 17,149,000 feet.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for 223 mills reporting for the week ended Nov. 28:

NEW BUSINESS.		UNSHIPPED ORDERS.		SHIPMENTS.	
<i>Feet.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	
Domestic cargo delivery.....	31,395,000	Domestic cargo delivery.....	106,311,000	Coastwise and intercoastal.....	25,218,000
Export.....	10,019,000	Foreign.....	70,616,000	Export.....	10,967,000
Rail.....	19,532,000	Rail.....	54,677,000	Rail.....	19,855,000
Local.....	6,292,000			Local.....	6,292,000
Total.....	67,237,000	Total.....	231,603,000	Total.....	62,331,000

Production for the week was 61,521,000 feet.

For the year to Nov. 21, 171 identical mills reported orders 0.1% below production, and shipments were 4.9% above production. The same number of mills showed a decrease in inventories of 10.6% on Nov. 21, as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Assn. reported from New Orleans that for 121 mills reporting, shipments were 4% above production, and orders 7% below production and 11% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 22,575,000 feet, (previous week 29,463,000 at 135 mills); shipments 25,326,000 feet, (previous week 28,413,000); and production 24,317,000 feet, (previous week 28,981,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 109 mills were 59,997,000 feet. The 112 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 33%, and in new business a decrease of 49%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

The Western Pine Assn., of Portland, Ore., reported production from 118 mills as 15,794,000 feet, shipments 28,260,000 and new business 32,183,000 feet. The 85 identical mills reported production 52% less and new business 18% less than for the same week last year.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minnesota, reported no production from 7 mills, shipments 1,915,000 feet and new business 1,543,000 feet. The same number of mills reported a decrease of 5% in new business, compared with the corresponding week of 1930.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 20 mills as 432,000 feet, shipments 601,000 and orders 280,000. The 17 identical mills reported production 66% less and new business 58% less than for the same week last year.

The North Carolina Pine Assn., of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 77 mills as 4,939,000 feet, shipments 6,182,000 and new business 4,196,000. The 37 identical mills reported a 17% decrease in production and a 19% decrease in new business, compared with the same week a year ago.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 244 mills as 15,786,000 feet, shipments 16,532,000 and new business 20,401,000. The 201 identical mills reported a decrease of 25% in production and an increase of 18% in orders, compared with the same week of 1930.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Assn., of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 20 mills as 239,000 feet, shipments 1,657,000 and orders 1,312,000. The 17 identical mills reported production 85% less and orders 28% less than for the corresponding week of 1930.

We also give below the report of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association for the week ended Nov. 21 1931

Due largely to low production, the ratio of lumber orders to the cut for the week ended Nov. 21 showed a substantially favorable excess of new business, it is indicated in telegraphic reports from 823 leading hardwood and softwood mills to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. These showed orders 19% above and shipments 22% above a combined production of 140,049,000 feet. A week earlier 836 mills reported orders 24% above and shipments 18% above a cut of 136,999,000 feet. Comparison by identical mill figures for the latest week with the equivalent period a year ago shows—for softwoods, 462 mills, production 41% less, shipments 25% less and orders 29% less than for the week in 1930; for hardwoods, 218 mills, production 30% less, shipments 5% less and orders 1% under the volume for the week a year ago.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Nov. 21 1931, by 580 softwood mills totaled 146,266,000 feet, or 17% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 151,118,000 feet, or 21% above production. Production was 124,628,000 feet.

Reports from 261 hardwood mills give new business as 19,908,000 feet, or 29% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 20,369,000 feet, or 32% above production. Production was 15,421,000 feet.

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 502 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 554,684,000 feet, on Nov. 21 1931, or the equivalent of 11 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day-year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 513 softwood mills on Nov. 22 1930, of 735,465,000 feet, the equivalent of 14 days' production.

The 425 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 437,146,000 feet on Nov. 21 1931, or the equivalent of nine days' average production, as compared with 728,178,000 feet, or the equivalent of 16 days' average production for similar date a year ago. Last week's production of 462

Identical softwood mills was 113,449,000 feet, and a year ago it was 191,700,000 feet; shipments were respectively 142,448,000 feet and 191,037,000; and orders received 138,459,000 feet and 194,647,000. In the case of hardwoods, 218 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 13,696,000 feet and 19,651,000; shipments 18,219,000 feet and 19,172,000; and orders 17,031,000 feet and 17,275,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle the following new business; shipments and unfilled orders for 223 mills reporting for the week ended Nov. 21:

NEW BUSINESS.		UNSHIPPED ORDERS.		SHIPMENTS.	
Feet.		Feet.		Feet.	
Domestic cargo delivery-----	27,820,000	Domestic cargo delivery-----	100,744,000	Coastwise and intercoastal-----	37,554,000
Export-----	19,263,000	Foreign-----	72,029,000	Export-----	14,526,000
Rail-----	23,275,000	Rail-----	55,221,000	Rail-----	21,798,000
Local-----	6,517,000	Local-----	6,517,000	Local-----	6,517,000
Total-----	76,876,000	Total-----	227,995,000	Total-----	80,395,000

Production for the week was 68,115,000 feet.

For the year to Nov. 14, 170 identical mills reported orders 0.2% below production, and shipments were 4.6% above production. The same number of mills showed a decrease in inventories of 9.7% on Nov. 14, as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 135 mills reporting, shipments were 2% below production, and orders 2% above production and 4% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 29,463,000 feet, (previous week 30,639,000 at 134 mills); shipments 28,413,000 feet, (previous week 26,460,000); and production 28,981,000 feet, (previous week 26,879,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 119 mills were 72,114,000 feet. The 124 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 3.5%, and in new business a decrease of 26%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

The Western Pine Association of Portland, Ore., reported production from 120 mills as 22,165,000 feet, shipments 33,380,000 and new business 32,820,000. The 87 identical mills reported production 47% less and new business 35% less than for the same week of 1930.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers, of Minneapolis, Minn., reported no production from seven mills, shipments 1,600,000 feet and new business 1,516,000 feet. The same number of mills reported a 30% decrease in new business, compared with the corresponding week last year.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 18 mills as 504,000 feet, shipments 1,067,000 and orders 894,000. The 16 identical mills reported a decrease of 64% in production and a decrease of 13% in orders, compared with the same week a year ago.

The North Carolina Pine Association, of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 77 mills as 4,863,000 feet, shipments 6,263,000 and new business 4,697,000. The 37 identical mills reported production 24% less and orders 42% less than for the same week a year ago.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 243 mills as 15,202,000 feet, shipments 18,653,000 and new business 18,699,000. The 202 identical mills reported a decrease of 27% in production and a decrease of 1% in new business, compared with the same week last year.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 18 mills as 219,000 feet, shipments 1,716,000 and orders 1,209,000. The 16 identical mills reported production 81% less and new business 12% less than for the same week of 1930.

New Automobile Models Announced.

The Rockne Motors Corp., recently organized in Delaware as a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Studebaker Corp., will manufacture and distribute two new six-cylinder automobiles bearing the trade name Rockne, one of 110-in. wheelbase and the other of 114-in. wheelbase, in several body types, an official announcement, which also added:

The advent of these new cars in the low-priced field will be marked by competitive prices and will signalize Studebaker's entry into this great market and afford the Studebaker Corp. broad coverage of all price fields from below \$600 to \$7,000 and over, through the Rockne, Studebaker and Pierce-Arrow trade names, in both the passenger and commercial car lines. The Studebaker Corp. thus enters 1932 with the broadest and most comprehensive coverage of the automotive markets of the world, without increase of its plant facilities or capital structure.

The Rockne Six will be manufactured in two lines, the lower price group to be called the Rockne Six "65" and to have an f.o.b. factory price of \$585 and up. The running mate to this line will be called the Rockne Six "75" and its low f.o.b. factory price will be \$685.

A total of nine models will be manufactured, thus making it possible for dealer stocks to be small, while a representation of models sufficiently large to serve any motorist, will be available.

The Rockne Six "65" line will include a five-passenger, four-door sedan; a five-passenger, two-door coach; a five-passenger, two-door convertible sedan; a two-passenger convertible roadster, with or without rumble seat, and a two-passenger coupe, also with or without rumble seat.

The Rockne "75" line will include a five-passenger, four-door sedan; a five-passenger, two-door convertible sedan, a two-passenger coupe available with or without rumble seat, and a convertible roadster.

Both Rockne Six lines will be equipped with improved free wheeling in all forward speeds and, in addition, synchronized shifting in conventional forward gears.

The complete line of new cars will first be exhibited at the 1932 Automobile Show in New York City, and some models will be in production by the middle of December.

The Chevrolet Motor Co., a division of the General Motors Corp., to-day (Dec. 5) will announce a new Chevrolet Six to be priced as low as \$475 f.o.b., Detroit. An outstanding feature of this car is its combination of synchro-mesh gear shifting with free wheeling.

The Lincoln Motor Co. is introducing a new line of 12-cylinder cars, which will be on display for the first time, at the New York automobile salon. The new models are equipped with selective free-wheeling and are powered by 12-cylinder engines rated at 150 horsepower.

Canadian Pulp & Paper Exports in October Valued at \$11,666,350—Increase of \$581,985 Over September—Decrease of \$3,368,971 from October 1930—Ten-Month Total \$118,298,241.

Canadian exports of pulp and paper in October were valued at \$11,666,350, according to the report issued by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association. This was an increase over the previous month of \$581,985, when exports were valued at \$11,084,365. In October of 1930 the total was \$15,035,321, a decrease this year of \$3,368,971. The Montreal "Gazette" of Nov. 24, from which we quote, gives further details as follows:

Wood pulp exports for the month were valued at \$2,644,278 and exports of paper at \$9,022,072 as compared with \$2,330,276 and \$8,754,089, respectively, in the month of September.

Details for the various grades of pulp and paper are as follows:

	October 1931.		October 1930.	
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
Pulp—				
Mechanical-----	12,929	351,191	20,161	565,689
Sulphite bleached-----	24,490	1,429,200	20,712	1,422,529
Sulphite unbleached-----	12,117	455,570	14,285	689,306
Sulphate-----	5,829	380,067	5,734	396,237
Screenings-----	1,550	22,740	2,622	36,010
All other-----	105	5,510	668	47,073
	57,020	2,644,278	64,182	3,156,844
Paper—				
Newsprint-----	171,031	8,711,521	200,776	11,445,421
Wrapping-----	901	78,583	1,021	104,633
Books (cwts.)-----	1,866	14,051	3,791	35,464
Writing (cwts.)-----	-----	-----	263	1,741
All other-----	-----	217,917	-----	292,218
	-----	9,022,072	-----	11,879,477

For the first ten months of the year the exports of pulp and paper were valued at \$118,298,241. In the corresponding months of 1930 the value was \$148,733,256, so that there has been a decrease this year of \$30,435,015.

Exports of wood pulp in the period were valued at \$24,987,988 while exports of paper amounted to \$93,310,253 as compared with totals of \$33,284,198 and \$115,449,058, respectively, in the corresponding ten months of 1930.

Details for the various grades are given below:

	10 Months 1931.		10 Months 1930.	
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
Pulp—				
Mechanical-----	132,266	3,765,423	166,913	4,813,658
Sulphite bleached-----	215,167	13,526,302	211,813	15,415,565
Sulphite unbleached-----	104,574	4,412,394	160,639	7,975,844
Sulphate-----	68,768	2,927,203	73,683	4,384,361
All other-----	15,079	386,666	24,911	694,770
	535,584	24,987,988	637,959	33,284,198
Paper—				
Newsprint-----	1,675,256	90,132,531	1,932,367	111,065,319
Wrapping-----	8,195	751,919	11,552	1,210,742
Book (cwts.)-----	21,332	176,448	33,326	312,960
Writing (cwts.)-----	1,300	12,003	2,364	19,698
All other-----	-----	2,237,352	-----	2,840,339
	-----	93,310,253	-----	115,449,058

Pulpwood exports for the first ten months of this year were 851,826 cords, valued at \$8,466,418, as compared with 1,220,377 cords valued at \$12,408,696 in the corresponding months of last year.

Venezuela Imposes Import Duty on Newsprint and Book Paper.

A Venezuelan decree of Nov. 20 1931, effective immediately, removes from the free list newsprint paper and paper used in printing scientific and popular instruction books, and imposes duty on white paper so employed, glazed, unglazed, or mat finish, at the rate of 0.10 bolivar per gross kilo, plus an additional four-fifths of the duty, according to a cablegram dated Nov. 24, received by the Department of Commerce, from Commercial Attache Erwin P. Keeler, Caracas. Duty is also imposed on white or colored paper, not specified, presumably of the same class, at the rate of 0.75 bolivar per gross kilo. It is added that to these basic rates should be added the general surtax of 56.55% of duty.

Australia Estimates Wheat Crop Under 1930—Output of 39 Countries Is Set at 3,283,615,000 Bushels—Decline in Russian Seeding.

With Australia estimating its wheat crop at 170,011,000 bushels, or 42,618,000 bushels under 1930, the Department of Agriculture on Nov. 29 placed world production as reported by 39 countries, excluding Soviet Russia, at 3,283,615,000 bushels as compared with 3,401,549,000 bushels for the same countries one year ago. From the New York "Times" Washington account we quote as follows:

This estimate does not include figures for Argentina, whose crop was 235,960,000 bushels last year; Chile, which last year produced 21,900,000 bushels, and Uruguay, which in 1930 produced 7,997,000 bushels.

Revised figures for the Northern Hemisphere, for which reports have been received from all of the principal wheat-producing areas, except Russia, varied little for the week, being 3,113,604,000 bushels on Nov. 21 as compared with an estimate of 3,114,412,000 one week earlier. Australia was the first of the countries of the Southern Hemisphere to report an estimate. In a general way, crop conditions in Argentina up to Nov. 19 were reported as "good" in a cable from Agricultural Attache Ray at Buenos Aires.

A cable from Attache Steere at Berlin reviewed the Russian situation, stating that up to Nov. 10 Russia had seeded 92,423,000 acres to all winter grain, or 87% of the plan for this fall. It seemed certain, he added, that there will be some reduction from last year's fall seeded area, as on Nov. 10 the acreage was only 92% of the acreage of last year and 96% of the acreage on the corresponding date one year ago.

Tire Companies in Akron, Ohio, Cut Quotations 5 to 15%—Reductions Make Prices Lowest in History—Inner Tubes Also Slashed 15%.

Associated Press advices from Akron, Ohio, Dec. 1, say:

Five auto tire companies announced price reductions to-day to the lowest levels in their history. They are the Firestone Tire & Rubber, B. F. Goodrich, Seiberling Rubber, Mohawk Tire & Rubber and Master Tire & Rubber companies.

The reductions, from 5 to 15%, will affect standard grades of tires, but not the second and de luxe lines. Inner tubes will be reduced 15%. Similar cuts have been made by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. and the Lee Rubber & Tire Co.

Officials of the General Tire & Rubber and India Tire & Rubber companies refused to confirm that they also have met the lower prices, but dealers said they had.

In addition to cutting the retail prices on passenger-car tires, a 19% wholesale cut was made in truck tires, partly to eliminate former methods of giving discounts.

Russia's Grain Sowing Rises to 87% of Plan.

Associated Press advices from Washington, Nov. 22, as given in the New York "Herald Tribune," follow:

Russia's fall grain sowing campaign—watched closely by world market observers—has taken on new life. After dragging for several weeks, a report reported to the United States Agricultural Department has brought the total plantings to 92,423,000 acres, 87% of the Soviet's plan and 92% of last year's sown acreage. The season is getting late, however, says the report, and a slight reduction from the 1930 sowings seems certain.

World wheat production in north continent countries reporting to date amounts to 3,114,412,000 bushels, a drop of 73,000,000 from the production of the same countries last year.

European nations thus far included have a harvest 37,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago. Germany and France, two potential American markets, have a combined increase of 54,000,000 bushels.

Elevators for Argentina.

From Buenos Aires the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 17 reported the following:

Under an agreement ratified with the Argentine Provisional Government, the Corporacion Americana Fomento Rural is to construct 130 grain elevators in the Provinces of Buenos Aires, Santa Fe and Cordoba on behalf of the Argentine Association of Grain Co-operative Societies. Construction of the new elevators will mean an addition of 532,000 tons to Argentina's present grain storage facilities.

Under the Government agreement, the elevators must remain the property of the co-operative societies—sale to other interests being expressly forbidden.

Grain Prices in Germany—Wheat Nearly at Highest, Rye Above Season's Best.

From Berlin, Nov. 20, the New York "Times" reported the following:

German cereal markets remain firm. The Government's new agrarian relief emergency decree, through promising a partial moratorium on agricultural debts, relieved German growers from the previous necessity of forcing their grain on the market, and offers of wheat and rye accordingly declined.

Home-grown wheat sold at Berlin on Thursday [Nov. 19] at 228 marks per ton, which is only two marks below the top price reached during the recent world-wide recovery. Rye sold at 201 marks per ton, which is higher than any price reached this autumn.

Canadian Wheat Acreage Cut 8%—Winter Wheat Area in 1932 Estimated by Ottawa—Rye Off 10%—Canada Follows Other Countries in Reducing Grain Acreages.

The following (Canadian Press) from Ottawa Nov. 17, is from the Montreal "Gazette":

The total area estimated as sown to fall wheat in Canada up to Oct. 31, for the season of 1932, is 518,400 acres, the Bureau of Statistics reported to-day. This compares with 560,445 acres sown in 1930 for the 1931 season representing a decrease of 42,045 acres, or 8%.

By provinces, the acreages are as follows, with last year's figures within parentheses: Ontario, 489,000 (526,136); Alberta, 19,000 (22,787); British Columbia, 10,400 (11,522).

The total area estimated as sown to fall rye for 1932 is 539,000 acres, as compared with 598,511 acres for 1931, a decrease of 59,511 acres, or 10%. By provinces the acreages are as follows, with last year's acreages within parentheses: Ontario, 52,000 (56,398); Manitoba, 24,000 (33,799); Saskatchewan, 382,000 (415,152); Alberta, 81,000 (93,162).

For Canada the condition of fall wheat on Oct. 31 was reported as 105% of the long-time average yield per acre, as against 100% on the same date in 1930, while that of fall rye was reported as 94 against 94. By provinces the condition of these crops on Oct. 31 was as follows, last year's condition being shown within parentheses: Fall wheat—Ontario, 106 (100); Alberta, 94 (98); British Columbia, 100 (94). Fall rye—Ontario, 102 (101); Manitoba, 96 (93); Saskatchewan, 93 (96); Alberta, 93 (99).

For all Canada, the proportions of land intended for next year's crops that had been ploughed at Oct. 31 1931, is estimated at 46%, as compared with 36% in 1930 and 46% in 1929. By provinces the proportions in 1931 are as follows, with the corresponding figures for 1930 within parentheses: Prince Edward Island, 79 (60); Nova Scotia, 59 (32); New Brunswick, 74 (72); Quebec, 89 (74); Ontario, 71 (60); Manitoba, 78 (60); Saskatchewan, 28 (21); Alberta, 12 (8); British Columbia, 53 (43).

Flour Cut 15 Cents at Montreal—Wholesale Wheat Flour Prices Advanced.

In its issue of Nov. 30, the "Wall Street Journal" reported the following from Montreal:

Net cash price of wheat flour of all grades here has been reduced 15 cents a barrel, making a total reduction last week of 25 cents. Lower prices reflect weaker wheat quotations. Present flour prices are: first patents, \$4.25 to \$5.05 a barrel and second patents, \$4.30. Millfeed prices are holding unchanged at \$21.25 for bran, \$22.25 for shorts and \$30.25 for middlings.

The same paper (Dec. 3) carried the following item from Montreal:

Wholesale wheat flour prices have been advanced 10 cents a barrel on all grades. Net cash prices now are: first patents, \$5; second patents, \$4.40; third patents, \$4.30.

Tobacco Growers Strike at Low Prices—3,000 Farmers at Kentucky Sales Threaten to Destroy Warehouse.

Associated Press dispatches from Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 1, are taken as follows from the New York "Evening Post":

Threats of farmers to wreck warehouses if tobacco sales were continued caused two warehouses here to close this morning before completing sales of darkleaf tobacco on the opening day of the season.

The farmers, more than 3,000 in number, expressed dissatisfaction over low prices for their crops and called a meeting in the court house this afternoon to take action.

Approximately 26,770 pounds of tobacco had been sold at the farmers' warehouse at an average of \$3.50 per 100. Sales were also in progress at the Owensboro warehouse and approximately 75,000 pounds had been sold at an average of \$4.50 when the farmers objected to the prices and threatened to wreck the house if the sales were not stopped.

Sales scheduled at five other warehouses here were not begun after the first two sales were disrupted.

Approximately 3,000,000 pounds of dark-leaf have been delivered to local warehouses. To-day's sale opened the season in the Green River district. The average price per 100 pounds was \$4.61 compared with \$8.47 on the opening day last year.

Tobacco Factories Increase Workers—Several Other Industries Report Holding Employment Gains.

The following from Washington, Dec. 1, is from the New York "Evening Post":

Little change occurred in industrial employment situation in October, the Department of Labor announced in a survey of conditions. However, improvement noted in certain industries in September was sustained.

Plants manufacturing tobacco products increased their forces and operated on full time schedules in nearly all instances. Improvement recently noted in coal mining continued.

While operating schedules remained below normal in many iron and steel mills of the country, outlook in this industry is much brighter, with every indication pointing to a material increase in production and employment in the immediate future.

Part time operations prevailed in most of the plants manufacturing automobiles and automobile accessories.

Burley Tobacco Plan—Growers Agree to Co-operative Handling of 1932 Crop.

A Richmond dispatch is taken as follows from the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 1:

Burley tobacco growers have agreed on a plan by which the 1932 crop will be handled co-operatively. The plan calls for delivery of the tobacco to the auction floors of the Burley Co-operatives Marketing Association while the grower is satisfied with the price.

Twenty-two counties have approved the plan, including those north of the Ohio River, and it is believed Tennessee growers will come into the association.

Growers are being urged to curtail their 1932 crop, for there is certain to be a very large carry-over from the nearly 5,000,000 pounds about to be marketed.

Spring Rugs Opened at Reduced Prices—Bigelow-Sanford Meets Level of Competitors With Cuts of 10-15%—New System of Discounts.

Prices averaging 10 to 15% under previous levels were named by the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Inc., in opening Spring 1932 floor coverings lines in New York City on Nov. 30, according to the New York "Times" which with regard to the opening day's sale said:

The new quotations met reductions made by competitors six weeks ago. A score of other rug manufacturers held official openings yesterday, but postponed publication of price lists until to-day. Attendance at the opening was the smallest in years, according to observers.

Developments of main interest to the trade yesterday included the announcement of new discount terms by the Bigelow organization and a statement by officials of the Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., that they will not observe set opening dates for the Spring and Fall of 1932. New lines and patterns will be added as they are developed, Mohawk executives said. Orders will be booked at prices prevailing at the specified shipping dates. All quotations will be subject to change without notice.

The new policy is similar to that put into effect by M. J. Whittall Associates, Ltd., last year and which has been tried with success by a number of the small-volume producers.

Bigelow-Sanford, under its new sales arrangement, will grant discounts of 3 to 15% from list prices, with the maximum allowance applying on seasonal purchases of \$5,000 or more. Instead of basing discounts on the number of rugs purchased, the company will scale them according to the seasonal dollar volume of purchases by distributors. Jobbers will be asked to sign agreements for the purchase of their requirements for the Spring season and will be given discounts based on such agreements.

A new rug known as the Daghestan wilton and priced at \$50 f.o.b. mills for the 9x12 size, was featured by Bigelow. The Daghestan replaces the Ardebil wilton, which was priced at \$51.

The new Bigelow-Sanford list prices on 9x12 sizes of major rug lines, with the former f.o.b. mills prices in parentheses, follow: Aladdin tapestry \$12.65 (\$13.25); Vermont velvet, \$15 (\$16.50); Paragon, \$19.70 (\$21.50); Westchester, \$31.18 (\$34.10); Clifton axminster, \$17.35 (\$20); Ballston, \$18.82 (\$21.15); Fervak, \$22.35 (\$24.75); Electra, \$25.88 (\$28.75); Beauvais, \$29.41 (\$32.90); Sanforstan, \$43.23 (\$44.10) and Kadar wilton, \$72.94 (\$78).

Changes in Oriental type rugs were as follows: Samarang, \$63.52 (\$72); Chinari, \$73.52 (\$90) and Bigelow Arada, \$108.82 (\$132).

Hard-surface floor coverings lines for the 1932 season were also opened yesterday but no changes in price were made by producers.

As to the sales on the second day (Dec. 1) the "Times" had the following to say:

A general softening in wilton rug prices marked the second day of the seasonal opening of Spring floor coverings lines here yesterday. Reductions averaging 7 to 10% were announced by the M. J. Whittall Associates, Ltd., and the Hardwick & Magee Co., Inc., Mohawk Carpet Mills, Inc., and W. & J. Sloane are expected to make revisions to-day.

The change in wilton prices caused little comment among buyers, who said reductions were expected since these were the only important products not affected by the general price cuts six weeks ago.

A. & M. Karagheusian, Inc., announcing new prices yesterday also made reductions on their secondary lines of floor coverings. Prices on Guistan, Amir and Hamadan rugs, featured products of the company, were unchanged. A new rug, the Baroda, was added by the company. The rug is priced at \$65.50 with a suggested retail price of \$89.50 in the 9x12 size. It is a jacquard woven shen type product. Other new prices made yesterday were as follows, with the old price in parentheses: Agra, \$43 (\$50); Merak, \$54.50 (\$64) with a suggested retail price of \$69.50 instead of \$82.50; and the Super-Herati, \$75 (\$78.50).

Suggested minimum retail prices for 9x12 Whittall rug products showed the following changes from last season's quotations, shown in parentheses: Anglo Persian, \$117.50 (\$125); hooked rugs, \$100 (\$122.50); Saxony, \$100 (\$112.50); Grafton wilton, \$87.50 (\$100); Edgeworth, \$84.50 (\$90); Palmer, \$72.50 (\$80); Peerless body brussels, \$62.50 (\$62.50); Anglo Amerikan, \$175 (\$225); Anglo Assyrian, \$150 (\$195); and Anglo Aleppo, \$116.50 (\$125).

The developments at the sale on Dec. 2 were indicated as follows by the same paper:

Belief that the wave of price revisions which marked the first two days of the current floor coverings trade opening has subsided was expressed in the market here yesterday. In spite of their confidence in present levels, however, buyers refused to place volume orders, explaining that their present trips to the market are solely for the purpose of viewing new offerings. The majority said they would return some time in January to place commitments for Spring delivery. No price changes were announced by companies yesterday, and executives of leading manufacturers said they are satisfied that the market will be stabilized on present levels.

2,100 Members of New York Printing Pressmen's Union Ask Five-Hour Day at Reduced Pay—Approve Plan to Double Number of Workers Employed.

The New York Printing Pressmen's Union 51, at a meeting of 2,100 of its members on Nov. 28 in 15th St. and Irving Place, voted unanimously in favor of a plan for distribution of work which, if put into effect, would reduce the average pressman's salary by \$19 a week but would give employment to almost twice as many union members as are now employed. The foregoing is from the New York "Herald Tribune" which went on to say:

The plan will be submitted to the New York Employing Printers' Association, Inc.

James J. Conway, President of the union, explained that under an existing contract with the Employing Printers' Association the pressmen are scheduled to receive an increase in pay of \$1 a week on January 1. He said that the employers' organization had made attempts to have them waive the increase because of poor business conditions and the work distribution plan was offered to the employers in lieu of the \$1 increase.

Mr. Conway said that the employed pressmen now work 44 hours a week at a basic salary of \$59 a week. Under the proposed plan, he said, the men would work 30 hours a week, each man working five hours each day for six days a week. The men would be paid on a 30-hour basis, he said, and although it would result in a loss of about \$19 a week to each man, it would permit the employers to operate two five-hour shifts a day, thus employing virtually twice as many men as at present.

The advantage to the employers, he said, would be that they would be operating 10 instead of eight hours a day, or 60 hours a week. Although this would mean an increase in the total of regular salaries paid, he said, the increase would be offset by the fact that the 10-hour day would eliminate all overtime. In plants operating 24 hours a day, he said, four, instead of the present three shifts, could be operated.

"This is the third winter of unemployment," he said, "and the union has spent more than \$700,000 in relief work among its unemployed members. We feel that this is not the real way to help the unemployed."

Imports of Raw Silk in November 1931 Continued Higher Than in Corresponding Period Last Year—Approximate Deliveries to American Mills Decline—Inventories Show Sharp Increase.

According to the Silk Association of America, Inc., imports of raw silk during the month of November, 1931, amounted to 67,999 bales as compared with 55,293 bales in the corresponding month last year and 70,490 bales in October 1931. Approximate deliveries to American mills totaled 50,645 bales as against 56,668 bales in the preceding month and 57,333 bales in the same month in 1930. Raw silk in storage increased from 49,921 bales at Nov. 1 1931 to 67,275 bales at Dec. 1 1931. This latter figure also compares with 49,238 bales at Dec. 1 1930.

Raw silk imports during the first 11 months of 1931 were 14.4% higher than during the same period of 1930. De-

liveries to mills for the same period showed an increase of 3.8%. The Association's statement follows:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE DEC. 1 1931.

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

Figures in Bales.	European.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
In storage, Nov. 1 1931.....	1,227	42,592	6,102	49,921
Imports, month of November 1931 x.....	2,793	58,430	6,776	67,999
Total available during November.....	4,020	101,022	12,878	117,920
In storage Dec. 1 1931 z.....	2,453	57,475	7,347	67,275
Approximate deliveries to American mills during November 1931 y.....	1,567	43,547	5,531	50,645

SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month.x			Storage at End of Month.a		
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.
January.....	49,294	43,175	58,384	51,814	76,264	49,943
February.....	47,827	42,234	43,278	45,399	68,646	46,993
March.....	57,391	39,990	48,103	47,407	57,773	45,218
April.....	29,446	37,515	47,762	35,497	53,704	39,12
May.....	42,264	22,596	49,894	32,688	35,477	39,89
June.....	46,825	22,359	54,031	37,352	28,450	47,42
July.....	37,315	47,063	46,795	29,921	35,565	42,59
August.....	58,411	51,147	65,516	41,878	44,978	48,40
September.....	48,040	58,292	59,970	36,099	47,621	55,10
October.....	70,490	65,594	66,514	49,921	51,278	64,129
November.....	67,999	55,293	62,855	67,275	49,238	76,482
December.....	-----	64,616	58,479	-----	58,430	90,772
Total.....	555,302	549,884	661,611	-----	-----	-----
Average monthly.....	50,482	45,824	55,134	43,205	50,619	53,839

	Approximate Deliveries to American Mills.y			Approximate Amount of Japan Silk in Transit Between Japan and New York End of Month.		
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.
January.....	55,910	57,683	57,349	37,700	37,000	31,000
February.....	54,242	49,852	46,228	37,700	24,000	30,000
March.....	55,383	50,863	49,878	21,300	17,800	29,000
April.....	41,356	41,584	53,855	24,800	8,000	30,700
May.....	45,073	40,823	49,121	36,900	7,700	28,000
June.....	42,161	29,396	46,504	33,400	16,300	21,200
July.....	44,746	39,948	51,624	41,600	31,200	34,100
August.....	46,454	41,734	59,704	40,500	41,700	41,600
September.....	53,819	55,649	53,274	53,200	51,600	39,000
October.....	56,668	61,937	57,489	59,700	46,400	49,000
November.....	50,645	57,333	50,562	50,800	45,500	41,000
December.....	-----	55,424	44,159	-----	35,600	38,000
Total.....	546,457	582,226	619,747	-----	-----	-----
Average monthly.....	49,678	48,519	51,646	39,782	30,375	34,383

x Covered by European manifests 47 to 51, incl.; Asiatic manifests 236 to 260, incl. y Includes re-exports. z Includes 4,533 bales held at terminals at end of month. Stocks in warehouses include National Raw Silk Exchange certified stocks, 5,340 bales.

Building Trades Asked to Accept 25% Wage Cuts—Contractors Propose 30% Reduction for Mechanics' Helpers and Like Classes—Affects 125,000 Men in New York City.

Christian G. Norman, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Building Trades Employers' Association, which has asked the labor unions to accept wage reductions through every branch of the building industry, disclosed on Nov. 23 the nature of the cuts which the operators have asked the workers to take. The New York "Herald Tribune" of Nov. 24 noted this, and added:

The builders proposed that the mechanics take a 25% reduction and the helpers and related workers a 30% decrease. John Halkett, President of the Building Trade Council of New York City, Long Island and vicinity, who headed the executive committee of fourteen which sat in conference with Mr. Norman and his associates on the question some days ago, is having the matter discussed by the labor bodies before a decision is given the builders.

The decision will affect 125,000 men employed in the local industry and will be of great significance since all building wage scales throughout the country are generally based on the New York rates.

Holds Scale Now Ignored.

It is the contention of Mr. Norman and his associates that large numbers of employees are working for less than union wages, frequently in defiance of and occasionally with the consent of the union leaders because of the great demand for employment. Under the circumstances a somewhat difficult situation has arisen because no contractor can tell on what basis to bid for work, whether on the voluntarily acceptable lower wage rate or upon the union scale. If he accepts a contract based upon a lower pay scale, he may be held up, it was pointed out, in the middle of the job by union leaders for higher pay rates under threats of strikes.

"Our agreement with the labor unions," said Mr. Norman yesterday, "expires on April 30 of next year. We have asked the union men to take these cuts to enable us to go ahead with building operations and provide jobs for a greater number of men.

"If the union men accept our proposed reductions, there will be substantial building operations next year. Materials are lower in price than they have been for many years, and much work will be held up by the continued high rate of labor. If labor will recede proportionately there will undoubtedly be greater opportunity for employment and more jobs all around."

Expect Answer Soon.

Mr. Norman said that Mr. Halkett and his union associates did not indicate when they would be ready with their answer on the subject but that a decision would be forthcoming soon. There was a general feeling in certain labor circles yesterday that while any reduction was always to be deprecated, some reasonable wage cut would probably be assented to to enable the employment of the largest number of workers possible. Just how big a reduction the union men will be willing to take was not indicated.

In this connection, Board of Education officials conferred yesterday with labor union leaders on the cause of the strikes on seventeen school playground building operations. It was the contention of the union men, headed by Mr. Halkett, that the prevailing rate of union wages is not being paid on these jobs, and yesterday they agreed to furnish affidavits to this effect.

Gatti and Singers Take 10% Cut in Salaries—Aim to Maintain Opera Quality Despite Slump.

It was announced by the Metropolitan Opera Co. that Giulio Gatti-Casazza, the impresario, had "voluntarily reduced" 10% of his salary, and that the administrative and executive staff, together with the principal singers and conductors, "spontaneously followed his example." The New York "Times" of Nov. 22 went on to say:

The reduction in the salaries of members of the Metropolitan Opera Co., it was said, was due to "the difficult economic conditions created by the present depression." From other sources it was learned that Paul D. Cravath, recently elected President of the Opera Co., conferred last week with Gatti-Casazza and explained that retrenchment was necessary if the quality of productions was to be maintained.

Despite the brilliant opening of the season, when the receipts amounted to more than \$25,000, the sale of tickets to the general public, on which the opera is dependent to a large extent, it was said, has fallen off sharply this year. Mr. Cravath admitted that he had "explained matters" to Gatti-Casazza, but asserted that he had made no specific request for salary reductions.

The company's formal statement follows: Giulio Gatti-Casazza, general manager of the Metropolitan Opera Co., owing to the difficult economic conditions created by the present depression, has voluntarily renounced 10% of his salary.

Immediately the whole administrative and executive staff, the conductors and the principal artists of the company spontaneously followed his example.

Giulio Gatti-Casazza advised the rest of the artistic personnel to do likewise. The great majority of the artists subsequently consented. It is believed that all the other members of the Metropolitan Opera Co. will consent.

No Opera Cut in Chicago—Salary Reductions by the Civic Company Are Not in Prospect.

From Chicago, Nov. 22, a dispatch to the "Times" said:

No salary reductions are in prospect for the Chicago Civic Opera Co., Herbert M. Johnston, business manager, announced to-day.

Interest in the Civic Opera's finances was aroused by the announcement in New York on Saturday that Giulio Gatti-Casazza, director of the Metropolitan Opera Co., had voluntarily accepted a 10% salary reduction owing to the depression, and executive staff and many artists had followed suit.

Petroleum and Its Products—California Oil Curb Proposed—Pennsylvania Price Cut—Texas to Maintain Output Control—Plan \$1 Duty Campaign on Crude Imports.

The general oil operators' committee investigating the producing situation in California will meet within the next week or 10 days to discuss a cut in daily output of about 30,000 barrels, as recommended by the committee's economic group. This group has set daily output for the first six months of 1932 at 456,700 barrels as against the present allowable of 487,500 barrels. It is believed that with the approval of this lower allowable will come an upward revision of crude prices in California.

The Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency of the South Penn Oil Co. announced on Dec. 1 a reduction of 10c. per barrel in Pennsylvania grade crude oil in the Buckeye Pipe Line Co. lines, making the new price \$1.40 per barrel. No other price listings were affected.

Governor Ross Sterling of Texas issued an order on Nov. 30 reducing allowable in East Texas from 125 to 110 barrels daily, to become effective Dec. 2. However, before the new ruling could go into effect the Governor rescinded the order and allowable remains at 125 barrels. Much comment was occasioned by the withdrawal of the order, but the Governor declared that his decision was prompted entirely by inclement weather in the East Texas area, which would serve as well in keeping the daily output of the area below 400,000 barrels daily. The Governor emphasized his stand by declaring that the action of the recent Tulsa, Okla., conference had nothing to do with his decision to continue East Texas allowable unchanged. At the meeting in question Thurman Hill, member of the Kansas Public Service Commission, threatened to recommend that Kansas fields be returned to flush production unless Texas and Oklahoma cut their output allowables 10%. Governor Sterling stated that his rescinded order will be put into effect as soon as such action is made necessary by further increase in crude output. He is determined to keep production below 400,000 barrels daily, he declares.

Working on plans for the coming year, the committee of representatives of State regulatory bodies and conservation leaders have recommended that effective Jan. 1 crude oil production be reduced to 500,000 barrels daily in Oklahoma, 100,000 barrels daily in Kansas, and 825,000 barrels daily in Texas. Under this revision Texas would be cut the most, about 150,000 barrels daily based on present output.

The tariff fight which created considerable discussion during the last session of Congress is to be resumed next week when the new session of the Congress convenes. Senator

Shortridge, Republican, of California, is to advocate a tariff of \$1 per barrel on crude oil imports, and 50% ad valorem on petroleum products.

Price changes follow:

Dec. 1.—Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency of the South Penn Oil Co. announces 10c. per barrel reduction in Pennsylvania grade crude oil in Buckeye Pipe Line Co. lines. New price \$1.40 per barrel. All other Pennsylvania prices unchanged.

Dec. 1.—Vacuum Oil Co. posts prices for Cameron Meadows, La., crude as follows: Below 26 gravity, 60c. a barrel, with 1c. advance for each higher gravity to 40 degrees and above, with 75c. per barrel top.

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	Dart 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.	.65		

REFINED PRODUCTS—TANK CAR GASOLINE AND KEROSENE PRICES ADVANCED HERE—TANK WAGON MARKET STRONGER—HEATING OILS IN GOOD DEMAND.

Continued improvement throughout the refined products market was reflected this week in higher tank car prices for gasoline and kerosene, and in a firmer price stand on bunker fuel oil, Diesel and lubricants.

The Sinclair Refining Co. led the advance this week when on Wednesday, Dec. 2, it announced an increase of 1/2c. per gallon in tank car quotations of U. S. Motor and Sinclair white gasoline, and 41-43 water white kerosene. The new prices are 6 1/2c. for U. S. Motor, 7c. for Sinclair white, and 6c. for kerosene. The night before Richfield Oil Corp. of New York had advanced its posting for bulk gasoline 1/4c. to 6 1/4c.

The Sinclair move was followed by Standard of New York, Standard of New Jersey, Atlantic Refining Co., and the Warner-Quinlan Co.

The bulk market has continued its strengthening tone despite lessening of consumption as winter closes down, and the price advances of this week had been generally expected. Kerosene has been watched closely, and the upward turn in consumption during the past 10 days led to the higher price posting.

Domestic heating oils are steady and firm at present postings, and no change is anticipated. However, distributors are discussing the probability of an upward move in tank wagon and service station prices in conformity with the tank car rise.

Grade C bunker fuel oil is moving satisfactorily at 60c. a barrel at refinery, while Diesel is steady and unchanged at \$1.30 per barrel, same basis. Gas oil continues unchanged and quiet.

Price changes of the week follow:

Nov. 30.—Crew-Levick Co. advances bulk gasoline 1/4c. to 6 1/4c. per gallon, tank car.

Nov. 30.—Standard of New Jersey advances tank wagon and service station gasoline 1/2c. throughout territory except Delaware, where advance is 1c. per gallon.

Dec. 1.—Richfield Oil Corp. of New York advances bulk gasoline 1/4c. to 6 1/4c. tank car, at refinery.

Dec. 2.—Sinclair Refining Co. advances U. S. Motor gasoline 1/2c. to 6 1/2c., tank car; Sinclair white gasoline, 1/2c. to 7c., tank car; 41-43 water white kerosene, 1/2c. to 6c., tank car.

Dec. 3.—Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey advances U. S. Motor 1/2c. to 6 1/2c., tank car, for below 65 octane, and 7c. for above 65 octane, tank car at refinery; advances 41-43 water white kerosene 1/2c. per gallon to 6c., tank car.

Dec. 3.—Atlantic Refining Co. advances U. S. Motor 1/2c. per gallon to 6 1/2c., tank car, for below 65 octane, and 7c. for above, tank car.

Dec. 3.—Warner-Quinlan Co. advances U. S. Motor 1/2c. to 6 1/2c., tank car, for below 65 octane, and 7c. for above.

Dec. 4.—Standard Oil Co. of New York advances U. S. Motor 1/2c. per gallon to 6 1/2c., tank car, for below 65 octane, and 7c. for above; 41-43 water white kerosene advanced 1/2c. per gallon to 6c., tank car.

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)—	New York—	New Orleans, ex.	\$.05-.05 1/4
Stand. Oil N. J. \$0.06 1/4	Colonial-Beacon \$0.06	Arkansas	\$.04-.04 1/4
Stand. Oil N. Y. .06 1/4	Crew Levick .06 1/4	California	\$.05-.07
Tide Water Oil Co. .06	z Texas .06	Los Angeles, ex.	.04 1/4-.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
Pan-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	\$.163	Cincinnati	\$.18	Kansas City	\$.149
Atlanta	.195	Cleveland	.18	Minneapolis	.162
Baltimore	.159	Denver	.19	New Orleans	.118
Boston	.16	Detroit	.131	Philadelphia	.11
Buffalo	.153	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)	\$.05 1/2-.06	Chicago	\$.02 1/4-.03 1/4	New Orleans, ex.	\$.03-.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"	\$.55-.65
Bunker "C"	\$.60	Chicago 18-22 D.	.42 1/4-.50
Diesel 28-30 D.	1.30	New Orleans "C"	\$.75-1.00
			.55

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)—	Chicago—	Tulsa—	
25 D plus	\$.03 1/4-.04	32-36 D Ind.	\$.01 1/4-.02
		32-36 D Ind.	\$.01 1/4-.02

Standard Oil Puts Gasoline Prices Up—New Jersey Co. Adds 1c. a Gallon in Delaware and 1/2c. in Other Areas.

From the New York "Times" of Dec. 1 we take the following:

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey yesterday advanced gasoline prices 1/2c. a gallon throughout its territory, with the exception of Delaware, where an advance of 1c. a gallon was ordered.

In the last month gasoline prices in virtually every section of the country, with the exception of the Pacific Coast, New York and the New England States, have been advanced.

While it is believed that all the important marketers will meet the advance announced yesterday by Standard Oil of New Jersey, it is maintained in some quarters that retail gasoline prices in most sections of the country are as high as present conditions justify.

The advent of cold weather has brought about a decrease in the demand for gasoline from the independent distributors, with the result that refinery prices in Chicago have recently shown an easier tendency.

East Texas Oil Output Again Cut by Sterling—Oklahoma and Kansas Authorities Agree on 10% Further Reduction.

Associated Press advices as follows from Austin (Tex.) are taken from the New York "Times":

Governor Sterling announced to-day that allowable production in the East Texas oil field would be reduced to 110 barrels per well daily, effective Wednesday.

Governor Sterling, administrator of production in the field under martial law, said the new regulation would give the area an output of about 352,000 barrels daily, based on an estimated 3,200 producing wells in the field.

He said that it was his purpose to keep the field's production under 400,000 barrels daily. The reduction will cut 50,000 barrels from the State's aggregate daily production of about 900,000 barrels.

Replying to a proposal made at Tulsa, Okla., to-day by Thurman Hill, Public Service Commissioner of Kansas, that Texas join with Kansas and Oklahoma in pinching in existing oil production allowables 10%, Governor Sterling said he had jurisdiction only over the East Texas area.

Gross Crude Oil Stock Changes for October.

Pipe line and tank farm gross domestic crude oil stocks East of the Rocky Mountains decreased 1,888,000 barrels in the month of October, according to returns compiled by the American Petroleum Institute from reports made to it by representative companies.

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

Reports compiled by the American Petroleum Institute for the week ended Nov. 28, from companies aggregating 3,665,600 barrels, or 95.2% of the 3,852,000 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the United States, indicate that 2,292,600 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, 33,685,000 barrels of gasoline, and 136,439,000 barrels of gas and fuel oil.

CRUDE RUNS TO STILL, GASOLINE STOCKS AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS WEEK ENDED NOV. 28 1931.

Table with 6 columns: District, Per Cent Potentia Capacity Report-Ing, Crude Runs to Stills, Per Cent Oper. of Total Capacity Report., Gasoline Stocks, Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks. Rows include East Coast, Appalachian, Ind., Illinois, Kentucky, Okla., Kans., Missouri, Texas, Louisiana-Arkansas, Rocky Mountain, California, and weekly/daily averages.

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).

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

Output of Crude Oil in the United States Declined During Week Ended Nov. 28 1931, But Continues at a Higher Rate Than at This Time Last Year.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Nov. 28 1931 was 2,420,100 barrels, as compared with 2,453,400 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 33,300 barrels.

Table: DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS). Columns: Week Ended, Nov. 28 '31, Nov. 21 '31, Nov. 14 '31, Nov. 29 '30. Rows list various states and a total.

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. 28 was 1,540,200 barrels, as compared with 1,566,400 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 26,200 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:

Table: Production figures of certain pools. Columns: -Week Ended- No. 28, Nov. 21, Southwest Texas, Nov. 28, Nov. 21. Rows list various districts like Oklahoma, Bowlegs, Bristow-Slick, etc.

Bulk Terminal Stocks of Gasoline Higher Than at This Time Last Year—Gasoline in Transit Shows Increase.

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, in its statement, reports:

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 Transit."		
	Figures End of Week.			Figures End of Week.		
	Nov. 28 1931.	Nov. 21 1931.	Nov. 29 1930.	Nov. 28 1931.	Nov. 21 1931.	Nov. 29 1930.
East Coast.....	6,565,000	6,942,000	7,246,000	1,905,000	1,777,000	1,612,000
Appalachian.....	395,000	347,000	452,000	10,000	29,000	-----
Ind., Ill., Ky.....	3,005,000	2,796,000	2,122,000	48,000	52,000	32,000
Okl., Kan., Mo.....	437,000	443,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Texas.....	183,000	212,000	181,000	82,000	-----	61,000
Louisiana-Arkan.....	396,000	319,000	187,000	88,000	-----	97,000
Rocky Mountain.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total east of Calif.	10,981,000	11,050,000	10,188,000	2,133,000	1,858,000	1,802,000
Texas Gulf.....	150,000	183,000	153,000	82,000	-----	61,000
Louisiana Gulf.....	290,000	228,000	179,000	79,000	-----	97,000

Twenty-one Nations to Act on Oil Standards—Technologists to Be Named on World Committee.

It was stated in the New York "World-Telegram" of Nov. 27 that the American Standards Association has sent out invitations to the national standardizing bodies of 21 leading industrial nations to take part in an international effort to obtain greater uniformity in methods of testing petroleum products and lubricants. The paper quoted continued:

The invitations asked the various nations to appoint petroleum technologists as official representatives on the international committee. Dr. R. P. Anderson, of the American Petroleum Institute, has been named American representative.

In addition to the work to be undertaken by the international committee on "standardizing standards," the nomenclature of the petroleum industry also will be studied.

Austria, France, Germany, Russia, Japan, Holland, Hungary and Switzerland already have signified a willingness to participate in the international committee work, according to the association. Other countries invited to participate include Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, Great Britain, Italy, Norway, Poland, Roumania and Sweden.

Cuban Oil Bill Meets Bitter Opposition—Measure Revising Taxes May Be Indefinitely Delayed.

The following cablegram from Havana, Nov. 29, is from the New York "Times":

The petroleum bill, revising Cuba's oil taxes, now pending before the House of Representatives, is meeting with stiff resistance and will undoubtedly provoke stormy scenes when it comes up for passage. The bill, which was passed by the Senate Nov. 9, threatens the extinction of the island's only refinery, owned by the Standard Oil Co.

This legislation, after having been daily scheduled for action all last week, has been meeting with difficulties due to the many protests and petitions against the bill, and thus far the House has been unable to muster a quorum for its final consideration. Although it will be on the agenda when the legislators come to order tomorrow, political observers are of the opinion that it will again be delayed.

Federal Control of Commerce in Oil Advocated—Senator Shortridge to Offer Measure to Regulate Crude and Seek Import Tariff—Favors Independence for the Philippines.

Regulation of commerce in petroleum and its by-products, with "incidental" imposition of a tariff duty of \$1 a barrel on crude petroleum and 50% ad valorem on by-products will be proposed at the coming session of Congress, Senator Shortridge (Rep.) of California, stated orally Nov. 27. The "United States Daily" of Nov. 28 indicated this, and added:

He said he will reintroduce a bill on which he sought action in the last Congress to provide for exclusion of Philippine labor from Continental United States. He favored this country's recognition of Philippine independence.

Committee Jurisdiction.

The Senator said both proposals would be embodied in measures which he will introduce on the opening day of Congress. The proposal for regulation of commerce in petroleum and its by-products in the last Congress was referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce, he said, such reference having been under authority of the terms of the Constitution, the Committee taking jurisdiction instead of the Senate Committee on Finance, which has jurisdiction over strictly revenue-raising legislation.

Mr. Shortridge said authority for this is clear and he believes the Supreme Court would sustain such jurisdiction.

Philippine Exclusion.

"I propose to reintroduce on the opening day my bill to exclude Philippine labor from Continental United States," he said. "The object is to put Philippine labor on a par with other Asiatic labor and peoples who are not eligible for citizenship in this country for economic and political reasons. None of the people of the Asiatic races can become American citizens, but their children born here automatically become citizens of the United States.

"The reasons for exclusion are clear enough. It is embarrassing enough in time of peace, but it would be more so if we should go to war with any Asiatic country.

"I have heard that an effort will be made to amend the immigration law to exempt Japanese labor from the Asiatic ban and to put the Japanese labor on the immigration quota basis. Under a century of American traditions, the Asiatics cannot be citizens while their children can and this situation creates a division of responsibility.

"If the exemption of Japanese is brought up I shall oppose it. It is not on the ground of hostility to any race of people. The American people hate no nation; they meditate no attack on any country; they covet no foreign possessions; and no nation need fear us. But our first duty is to think of the United States and its welfare.

Philippine Resources.

"It will be to the benefit of the Philippine Islands, with their 11,000,000 people and their boundless resources, to keep their labor at home to develop the resources of their country and to avoid stripping the Philippines of the labor that they need. The United States has been an unmixed blessing to the Philippine Islands. We brought peace to the Philippines. We built their roads and developed their schools. We have accorded them regulation of liberty and have given them a restoration of law and order. The Philippine people, however, do not love the Americans because they want independence. The time has come to keep our promise of giving the Philippines their independence and of letting them work out their own national welfare.

"With reference to the regulation of commerce in crude petroleum, a revenue-raising measure under Article I, Section VII, must originate in the House, but under the terms of the same article, in Section VIII, there are 18 subdivisions and the third gives Congress power to regulate commerce and the 18th empowers Congress to pass legislation to carry into effect the foregoing sections. The immigration laws bring in revenue, as fees and so on, as do the public land laws and similar laws."

He said that in a comparatively few years a billion barrels of crude petroleum have entered from foreign countries.

Canada Included in New International Aluminum Cartel.

The Alliance Aluminum Compagnie, a new cartel (referred to in our issue of Nov. 28, page 3535), is virtually a continuation of the existing one, except in a change in legal form, and with the exception also that, in addition to embracing all members of the present cartel, which include Germany, France, Great Britain and Switzerland, it includes the industry of Canada, according to a report by Consul Sydney B. Redecker, of Frankfort-on-Main, made public by the Department of Commerce on Nov. 30. The Department says:

The inclusion of Canada in this cartel gives it world-wide scope. The only important industry not included in the organization is the American.

Despite the great importance of American production and consumption, cartel circles do not consider the absence of the United States from the agreement of major consequence since American consumption is furnished to a large extent by domestic production and the American production enters the international trade to only a relatively negligible extent.

According to the report, the quotas of the European producing countries will remain virtually unchanged. Members will continue to market their quotas at the official price and by direct sales methods, except in the case of co-operatives sales, such as to Russia, where the business will be handled through the "Alliance" concern.

According to trade observers there is no indication of a change from the present price of raw aluminum of 85 gold pounds. At all events, an increase is not now contemplated, although it is hoped to avoid a decrease, especially as it is reported that with rebates, &c., allowed, the price has in effect been around 75 gold pounds.

Although the nominal purpose of the Alliance Compagnie will be to promote the sales of aluminum, doubtless it will be active not only in expanding consumption, but also in effecting necessary curtailments of production and taking such measures as will achieve a balance between production and consumption, Consul Redecker stated.

The completion of negotiations for the new and stronger cartelization of aluminum producers is expected to preserve peace in the international aluminum trade, and also work toward the reduction of excessive and burdensome stocks, the report continued.

The absence of Italian Montecatini group from the directorate of the new cartel is somewhat compensated by the presence on the board of a director of Societa Italiana del Alumino who may possibly be considered a representative of the Italian industry.

The reason given for the failure of the Italian industry to be directly represented is the belief that as yet Italian production is not attained sufficiently large proportions and, moreover, the Italian industry is not confronted with the heavy stocks oppressing the industries of other countries.

Italy's production of raw aluminum has undergone rapid expansion in recent years and has risen from about 2,000 tons in 1926 to 8,000 tons in 1930, and, according to latest advices, attained 7,070 tons in the first eight months of this year.

The Alliance Aluminum Compagnie has an initial capital of Swiss Francs 35,000,000 which is increaseable to Swiss Francs 65,000,000. The new cartel becomes operative Jan. 1, 1932, the date of expiration of the old cartel.

Foreign Cement Cuts Prices in U. S.

The following is from the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" of yesterday (Dec. 4):

The landing of two shiploads of British portland cement, aggregating 40,000 barrels, in New York last month has aggravated the price situation in this market. This foreign product is undersold to have been sold at around \$1.35 a barrel, packed in paper containers, as compared with the current domestic quotation of \$1.54 a barrel. It is the belief of American manufacturers that if importations continue it will be necessary for them to establish a "depressed price" in this market to meet the competition. Such a price has been in effect in Boston for the past several years.

where it has successfully competed with Belgian importations which at one time threatened to eliminate the American product from the district.

Phelps Dodge Aids Copper Restriction—Informs World Producers of Readiness to Join in Curtailment Program.

According to the New York "Times" the Phelps Dodge Corp. on Dec. 3 informed domestic and foreign copper producers that it was ready and willing to put into effect the proposed curtailment agreement. The "Times" went on to say:

This move by Phelps Dodge, which recently withdrew from Copper Exporters, Inc., the selling agency for almost 90% of the metal disposed of in export markets, was interpreted as meaning that the proposal of large producers to restrict output to approximately 26% of capacity would be acted on favorably soon.

The European participants in the recent copper conference here are scheduled to meet in London to-day. Although their discussions probably will centre around marketing plans, the early inauguration of the curtailment agreement will receive some consideration.

Although all the large American producers have agreed to the curtailment plans, some small mine operators are reported as still being unwilling to cut output to 26% of maximum capacity. However, most of them would restrict operations as much as possible without endangering their financial positions.

Officials of the Noranda Mines are reported as resenting the curtailment agreement and will continue acting independently.

The Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co., also of Canada, is believed to be operating at a profit, as it produces other minerals with its copper. The opinion, though, is that the company will co-operate to a certain extent in any curtailment agreement. The Miami Copper Co., which lined up for the restriction program of last year, is said to be willing to reduce operations in line with the large producers, but would agree to moderate restriction.

The withdrawal of Phelps, Dodge & Co. from Copper Exporters Inc., was noted in our issue of Nov. 28, page 3536.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co. Reduces Wages.

An Associated Press advice from Butte, Mont., Nov. 28 says:

Notice of a wage reduction was posted to-day at all mines, smelters and plants of the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. The wages of all employees on the daily payroll will be cut 50 cents a shift, effective Dec. 1.

This reduction, it was explained, brings Anaconda Copper's wages into line with those paid in all other copper camps of the West, which reduced the pay of employees on Oct. 1. The notice says: "This action has been deferred in the hope that better prices and also a better market demand would prevail."

Copper Prices.

From the New York "Times" of Dec. 3 we take the following:

Demand for the metal was slow in the domestic market yesterday. Some copper was available at 6½ cents a pound, compared with 6¾ cents on Monday. The export demand has declined sharply, but prices remain unchanged at 7 cents a pound c. i. f. base European ports.

Pig Iron Production Declines Further.

Production of coke pig iron in November, according to returns gathered by telegraph and telephone on Dec. 1 by the "Iron Age," amounted to 1,103,472 gross tons, an average of 36,782 tons daily. This compares with 1,173,283 tons in October and a daily average of 37,848 tons. The "Age" also states:

Both the daily average and the month's total make new low records for the past ten years, the most recent lower totals being those for September 1921, at 32,850 tons daily and 985,529 tons for the month.

Furnaces in operation Dec. 1 numbered only 67, a drop of three from the 70 on Nov. 1, and reaching a point lower than that at the bottom of the 1921 depression, when 69 stacks were in blast on Aug. 1. The 67 furnaces now blowing are making iron at 35,810 tons daily, against 36,530 tons on Nov. 1.

Only three stacks were put in in November and six were taken out. In this whole list only one Steel Corporation stack figured, one Farrell furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Shenango Valley district having been taken off the bank. Two independent steel stacks went in—"E" of the Bethlehem Steel Co. at Sparrows Point and "A" at the Campbell plant of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. in the Mahoning Valley.

Losses of furnaces included three independent steel company and three merchant stacks.

PRODUCTION OF COKE PIG IRON AND OF FERROMANGANESE. (Gross Tons.)

	Pig Iron x		Ferromanganese y	
	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.
January	2,827,464	1,714,266	27,260	14,281
February	2,838,920	1,706,621	21,310	19,480
March	3,246,171	2,032,248	23,345	27,899
April	3,181,868	2,019,529	27,777	25,456
May	3,232,760	1,994,082	30,296	23,959
June	2,934,129	1,638,627	27,327	11,243
Half year	18,261,312	11,105,373	157,325	122,288
July	2,639,537	1,463,220	17,728	17,776
August	2,523,921	1,280,526	20,909	12,482
September	2,276,770	1,168,915	21,181	14,393
9 months	25,701,540	15,018,034	217,143	166,939
October	2,164,768	1,173,283	24,480	14,779
November	1,867,107	1,103,472	18,619	14,705
December	1,665,690	-----	16,288	-----
Year	31,399,105	-----	276,530	-----

x These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. The 1930 production of this iron was 96,580 gross tons. y Included in pig iron figures.

DAILY RATE OF PIG IRON PRODUCTION BY MONTHS—GROSS TONS

	1930			1931			
	Steel Works	Merchants*	Total	Steel Works	Merchants*	Total	
1929—January	85,530	25,514	111,044	July	66,949	18,197	85,146
February	89,246	25,261	114,507	August	64,857	16,560	81,417
March	95,481	24,361	119,822	September	62,342	13,548	75,890
April	95,680	26,407	122,087	October	57,788	12,043	69,831
May	100,174	25,571	125,745	November	49,730	12,507	62,237
June	99,993	23,915	123,908	December	40,952	11,780	52,732
1930—January	98,044	24,056	122,100	1931—January	45,883	9,416	55,299
February	98,900	22,251	121,151	February	49,618	11,332	60,950
March	95,426	21,159	116,585	March	54,975	11,481	66,456
April	93,644	22,101	115,745	April	53,878	13,439	67,317
May	83,276	22,771	106,047	May	51,113	13,212	64,325
June	98,152	23,361	121,513	June	43,412	11,209	54,621
1930—January	71,447	19,762	91,209	July	35,189	12,002	47,201
February	81,850	19,810	101,390	August	31,739	9,569	41,308
March	83,900	20,815	104,715	September	29,978	8,985	38,963
April	85,489	20,573	106,062	October	30,797	7,051	37,848
May	84,310	19,973	104,283	November	31,024	5,768	36,782
June	77,883	19,921	97,804				

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

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

	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
January	106,974	100,123	92,573	111,044	91,209	55,299
February	104,408	105,024	100,004	114,507	101,390	60,950
March	111,032	112,366	103,215	119,822	104,715	65,556
April	115,004	114,074	106,183	122,087	106,062	67,317
May	112,304	109,385	105,931	125,745	104,283	64,325
June	107,844	102,988	102,733	123,908	97,804	54,621
July	109,600	107,351	101,763	119,564	100,891	61,356
First six months	103,978	95,199	99,091	122,100	85,146	47,201
August	103,241	95,073	101,180	121,151	81,417	41,308
September	104,543	92,498	102,077	116,585	75,890	38,963
October	107,553	89,810	108,332	115,745	69,831	37,848
November	107,890	88,279	110,084	106,047	62,237	36,782
December	99,712	86,960	108,705	91,513	53,732	-----
12 months' average	107,043	99,266	103,382	115,851	86,025	-----

Steel Output at 29% for the Second Week—Pig Iron Production Showed a Further Decline in November—Price of Finished Steel Drops to Low Figure Reached Last June.

Under the influence of the approaching inventory season, steel business has lost ground in some districts, but the delayed contracts of the Ford, Chevrolet and Chrysler automobile companies probably will be on mill books this week or the next and will aid in offsetting the usual year-end dullness, reports the "Iron Age" of Dec. 3. The Ford orders, which will range from 100,000 to 300,000 tons for December and first quarter, are to be more widely distributed than usual, affording work for several steel producing districts, continues the "Age," adding:

Ingot production is lower at Pittsburgh, Youngstown and Cleveland, but is up slightly at Chicago, where business recently has been conspicuously poor. There are gains also at Buffalo and Birmingham because of the operation of mills that run only alternate weeks. The average for the country is at 29% for the second week. Steel production is maintained in part because of the desire of producers to give as much work as possible to employees prior to Christmas. November steel output, when officially reported next week, undoubtedly will show a small gain over that of October despite the fact that the three major lines of consumption—automobiles, building and railroads—were taking much less than their normal share of the total.

Price declines on some products and weakness in others foreshadow a lower level for the first quarter. Plates, shapes and bars are \$2 a ton off at Chicago, this change, however, merely reflecting recent price concessions that have become more widespread, a situation that is true also of structural shapes at Pittsburgh, where 1.50c. to 1.60c. a pound is now quoted, the lower figure also being \$2 a ton below formal quotations of past months.

Meanwhile, many steel companies are withholding announcements of first quarter prices, awaiting clarification of the present situation. Delays in the letting of automobile tonnage are said to be due partly to the hesitation of steel producers in giving the concessions that the automobile companies are demanding. Definite weakness has developed, however, in automobile body sheets and cold-finished sheets, resulting in shading of \$2 a ton, while cold-rolled strip, fender stock and long ternes also are affected. Cold-finished steel bars are quoted \$2 a ton lower at Cleveland. Owing to the tonnage involved, the Ford business is expected to bring out the weakest spots in the market.

Building activity is still in a slump, being supported largely by public projects. The week's structural steel awards were only 12,500 tons, but new work totals 31,000 tons, including 13,300 tons for the West Side elevated highway, New York.

Pig iron production underwent a further decline in November. On a daily basis, the loss was about 2.8% compared with October output, or about the same as the drop from September to October. The total for the month was 1,103,472 gross tons, or 36,782 tons a day, compared with 1,173,283 tons in the previous month. The recession in the daily figure was 1,066 tons against the October daily decline of 1,076 tons. There was a loss of three furnaces during the month, leaving 67 in blast, compared with 69 at the lowest point of the 1921 depression. Eleven months' total output is 17,294,789 tons, a reduction of almost 12,500,000 tons from that of the corresponding period of 1930.

The "Iron Age" composite price on finished steel has declined to 2.102c. a pound after holding for 19 weeks at 2.116c., and this average does not take into account the decline of \$2 a ton on plates, shapes and bars at Chicago. Pig iron remains at \$14.96 a gross ton, and steel scrap at \$8.75. A comparative table follows:

Finished Steel.	
Dec. 1 1931, 2.102c. a Lb.	Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and sheets.
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. 17
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.

	High.	Low.
Dec. 1 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	\$14.96	
One month ago	15.00	
One year ago	16.02	

	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.

	High.	Low.
Dec. 1 1931, \$8.75 a Gross Ton.	Based on heavy melting steel quo-tations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.	
One week ago	\$8.75	
One month ago	8.75	
One year ago	11.42	

	High.	Low.
1931	\$11.33 Jan. 6	\$8.71 Oct. 27
1930	15.00 Feb. 18	11.25 Dec. 9
1929	17.53 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 2

Numerous constructive developments are discernible in the structural shape, reinforcing bar, steel pipe, railroad and automotive markets, which tend to sustain steelmakers' confidence in the first quarter, and an encouraging number of specific requirements are maturing and fresh inquiry developing, stated "Steel" of Cleveland on Nov. 30. "Steel" further went on to say:

Nevertheless, sentiment concerning business in December has been vitiated noticeably in the past few days by exterior unfavorable developments, particularly the deterioration of prices of grains and securities. For the present, at least, steel has lost considerable buoyancy.

The course of steelmaking operations since mid-October reveals a lack of underlying vitality. From 27%, operations rose to 31% by the week ended Nov. 14. After wavering for several days, the upward march was resumed early last week, but toward the end of the week a lack of recuperative power was evident and a weekly average of 29-30% barely maintained. For the current week the rate probably will be unchanged.

Considering the constructive developments emanating from Washington recently, the increasing softness in steel prices, which in some products approaches demoralization, is discouraging. Steel shapes and plates are now 1.50c. to 1.60c., base Pittsburgh, a downward spread of \$2 a ton. Strip steel has been shaded to automotive consumers. Discounts on bolts and nuts have been increased. Cold finished bars are easier, as are foreign and eastern iron ores.

Enameling stock has been reduced \$3 per ton, though on other sheet grades some makers have extended current prices into the first quarter. Pittsburgh mills plan to advance wire rods and wire products for the first quarter. In some quarters an announcement stabilizing steel bar, plate and shape prices for the first quarter is expected.

Automotive steel requirements are expanding slowly. Ford has made a few moderate-size purchases, has taken prices on considerable tonnage, but has not definitely covered for a production run of his new model, although this may be expected any time. Chevrolet, Chrysler and Studebaker have issued blanket inquiries for the first quarter. Minimum dealer stock requirements of 1932 models are expected to lift December production to 125,000 units or more, entailing the consumption of several hundred thousand tons of steel.

After declining four consecutive weeks, structural shape awards show a substantial revival, awards for the week amounting to 23,355 tons, including 4,900 tons for the Supreme Court building, Washington. Bids close Dec. 11 on 11,465 tons for New York's west side elevated highway; new inquiry in New York on which definite closing dates have been set exceeds 20,000 tons. Featuring the reinforcing bar market is one of the largest single orders ever placed, for Radio City, New York, estimated at this stage of the plans as many thousands of tons.

In pipe the most promising is a project at Chicago for building a line from Montana to that city to transport grain, which when it matures will require a heavy tonnage. The Argentine Government is in the market for 8,000 tons of miscellaneous sizes.

Recent rail releases at Chicago have reduced the carryover on this year's contracts, and some new orders for early 1932 rolling are nearing the active point. Northern Pacific will buy, instead of build in its own shops, as it previously planned, 150 hoppers.

"Steel's" iron and steel price composite this week is down 8 cents to \$30.55; the finished steel composite is off 20 cents to \$48.02, while the steelworks scrap composite remains \$3.19.

Steel ingot production for the week ended Monday (Nov. 30) is placed at 28% of theoretical capacity, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 1, which further states:

This compares with about 29% in the previous week and 31% two weeks ago. United States Steel is estimated at a shade under 29%, while independents are slightly above 27%.

In the corresponding week a year ago the average was down 1% to 39%. United States Steel was unchanged at 45%, but independents dropped 2% to 35%. In the like period of 1929 the average declined 2½% to a little over 66%, United States Steel showing a drop of 2% to 68%, while independents were off 3% to 65%. For the final week in November 1928 there was a gain of about 1½% in the average to 84½%, United States Steel being up 2% to 84%, and independents rising 1% to 85%.

Wage Reduction Announced by Non-union Bituminous Coal Companies in West Virginia—Reduction of 25% Follows Cut in Union Rate Made After Strike.

From Fairmont, W. Va., a dispatch Dec. 1 to the New York "Times" stated:

The long-awaited wage reduction by non-union bituminous coal companies was announced to-day. The cut was 25%. It has been regarded as inevitable ever since the United Mine Workers of America signed up a

new wage scale on Oct. 1 with a reduction 25% below that of the scale which went into effect in union companies after the strike last May.

The union scale of last May was \$3.60 for day labor and 30 cents a ton for machine loading, and this was reduced in October to \$2.70 a day and 22.5 cents a ton.

The more important producers in the Upper Monongahela Valley, including the Consolidation Coal Co., the Bethlehem Mines Corp., the Jamison Coal & Coke Co. and the New England Fuel & Transportation Co., have been paying from 36 to 39 cents a ton for machine loading and \$4.50 for day labor. The new union rates now are 28 to 30 cents a ton for loading and \$3.40 a day for day labor.

Some of the operators, however, were below the union scale and the new arrangement resulted in having them raise their wage scale rather than lower it as in the case of the higher wage-scale operators.

Coal and Steel Industries to Employ 10,000 Full Time.

The following from Pittsburgh Nov. 27 is from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

Several thousand employees, perhaps as many as 10,000, will be given work at full pay in the steel and coal industries, it was disclosed here to-day.

The Bethlehem Steel Corp. announces through L. R. Custer, general manager, that hundreds of men will be given work on a maintenance and improvement program that will be inaugurated soon.

The Carnegie Steel Co. will give 5,000 men employment to Jan. 1 at the Edgar Thomson mills in Braddock, Pa., where about \$560,000 worth of steel, for which orders have been received, will be produced and stored for future delivery. The work will give the men holiday pay, says the announcement.

The McKeesport Tin Plate Co. announces that 3,000 men who have been working on a schedule of half time will be given full time work commencing Sunday. Such full time operations are expected to be maintained through December at least, it was said.

Wheeling steel interests say that production has been increased this week, and several coal operators in the district report a reopening of idle mines. River shipping has also gained.

The Bethlehem project will call for improving the plant at Johnstown and will provide new works to house equipment for heat treating of car wheels and construction of a new bar bending plant. Several obsolete hearth furnaces are to be dismantled, reports indicate.

Officials of the Carnegie company state that they hope upon the completion of bar steel to be rolled in December, sufficient orders will have accumulated to warrant the continuance of operations into 1932.

Copper Counsel Asks Tariff to Help U. S. Units—A. E. Petermann Says American Producers Face Ruin from Foreign Competition.

With the copper market outside of this country already lost to foreign competitors by American producers, the industry in the United States faces oblivion unless it is protected by a tariff, A. E. Petermann, counsel for the Calumet & Hecla Consolidated Copper, Phelps Dodge and the Calumet & Arizona companies, told a group of copper executives at a dinner at the Engineers' Club on Nov. 24, said the New York "Herald Tribune," the account regarding which continued:

Mr. Petermann traced the growth of foreign production since producers here curtailed their output to meet a situation similar to the present one 10 years ago. He said that at that time the red metal business of the world was controlled by companies in the United States due to the fact that over 60% of all the commodity came from American mines.

No Market for United States Exports.

Foreign production 10 years ago was not sufficient to fill the needs of consumers abroad, Mr. Petermann declared. But, he stated, the output abroad, now in excess of that of the United States, at the present time is not only able to take care of all foreign demand, but is ready for shipment into this country, and at a price lower than the cost here. Meanwhile, he said, the United States has no market for its exportable surplus.

Opposition to the opinions expressed by Mr. Petermann was voiced by P. E. Barbour, prominent mining engineer and consultant for a number of large copper companies, and W. W. Lynch and Arthur Notman, officials of the United Verde Copper Co.

Record Production Here.

Mr. Barbour pointed out that although foreign production in 1929 was greater than that of American mines, the output in this country was still in excess of any in history. He declared that the threat of a foreign invasion was greatly exaggerated and that in no year except 1930 had imports ever exceeded exports, and then by only a few thousand tons, as the United States attempted to bear the brunt of curtailment.

He also stated that whether or not American producers are to retain any vestige of their former prominence abroad depends upon the costs of output in this country. At the same time Mr. Barbour decried the claims that foreign companies produce more cheaply than do mines here because of other mineral contents in their ore.

The meeting last night was held by the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America. Louis S. Cates, President of the Phelps Dodge Co., acted as Chairman at the dinner. Approximately 80 representatives of the copper industry attended.

Copper Agreement Thought Probable—Curtailment Prospects Hopeful—Market Improves in Sales, But Prices Unsettled.

Agreement on fundamental principles by the copper producers taking part in renewed curtailment negotiations appeared to be favorable as the non-ferrous metals market closed its current week, "Metal and Mineral Markets" in its issue of Dec. 3 reports, adding:

In the trade it is thought probable that agreement may be reached in another week or perhaps a little longer.

News developments affecting the market came fast and furious during the week. Traders hardly had time to digest the 30-day notice of the withdrawal of Phelps Dodge from Copper Exporters, Inc., when news reached here that Katanga had accepted the proposals with regard to cur-

tailment in output. This news resulted in opening up the current negotiations among producers and arrested the declining tendency of copper prices.

Based on sales volume, the market for non-ferrous metals showed some improvement over recent weeks, but so far as prices were concerned the situation continued somewhat unsettled. Lead sales were fair at unchanged prices. Zinc was in better request, but prices showed no improvement. Tin eased off on renewed weakness in sterling exchange and a rather poor statistical showing, the decline in the visible supply being very small. Silver showed a net loss for the week of 1c. per ounce.

Valley Iron and Steel Scrap Prices Cut 25c.

From the New York "World-Telegram" we quote the following from Youngstown, Dec. 4:

Iron and steel scrap prices have been reduced 25c. a ton on practically all classes of metal, bringing them to new low levels for the year, it was announced to-day.

Heavy melting steel also shows some weakness, being quoted at \$9.25 to \$9.75 a ton, as compared with \$9.50 to \$10 a ton previously.

Steel scrap markets in all districts are particularly quiet and no price changes are reported at Pittsburgh, Chicago and Philadelphia. In the local district some sagging is noted in prices, and mills are taking no supplies.

Cut in Price of Steel Bars in Chicago.

In its issue of Dec. 2 the New York "Times" said:

The price of steel bars, shapes and plates in the Chicago district has been shaded about \$2 a ton as a result of similar cuts at Pittsburgh. The new prices in Chicago, which apply chiefly to first-quarter deliveries, are now from 1.60 to 1.70c. a pound.

Acme Steel Co. Advances Prices on Hot Rolled Strip.

Associated Press advices from Chicago yesterday (Dec. 4) said:

The Acme Steel Co. of Chicago opened books for the first-quarter shipment yesterday at an advance of \$1 a ton on hot rolled strip steel and at unchanged levels on cold rolled steel.

The new price schedule follows: Hot rolled strip steel, 6 in. and over, 1.65c. a pound, Chicago; hot rolled steel, 6 in. and under, 1.75c. a pound, Chicago; cold rolled strip steel, 2.05c., Cleveland and Pittsburgh, or 2.33c., f. o. b., delivered, Chicago.

October Production of Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Shows Seasonal Improvement As Compared with Previous Month, But Is 8,450,000 Net Tons and 892,000 Net Tons, Respectively, Below Corresponding Period Last Year.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the total production for the country as a whole during the month of October is estimated at 35,700,000 net tons. The average daily rate of output for the 27 days in the month amounted to 1,322,000 tons. This compares with an average of 1,262,000 tons for the 25.3 working days in the month of September, indicating an increase, in October, of approximately 60,000 tons, or 4.8% per day.

Anthracite production in the State of Pennsylvania amounted to 6,551,000 net tons in October as against 4,358,000 tons in September. This indicates a daily rate of 252,000 tons for the 26 working days in October in comparison with 174,300 tons for the 25 days in September—or an increase, in the October rate of 77,700 tons, or 44.6%.

ESTIMATED MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF COAL BY STATES IN OCTOBER (NET TONS)^a

State.	Oct. 1931.	Sept. 1931.	Oct. 1930.	Oct. 1929.	Oct. 1923.
Alabama	903,000	910,000	1,330,000	1,678,000	1,793,000
Arkansas	249,000	154,000	230,000	219,000	126,000
Colorado	701,000	598,000	882,000	992,000	977,000
Illinois	4,200,000	3,460,000	5,394,000	5,906,000	7,014,000
Indiana	1,183,000	990,000	1,502,000	1,713,000	2,337,000
Iowa	299,000	225,000	358,000	400,000	523,000
Kansas and Missouri	528,000	433,000	585,000	698,000	727,000
Kentucky: Eastern	3,065,000	2,911,000	3,797,000	4,532,000	3,439,000
Western	795,000	683,000	913,000	1,434,000	1,074,000
Maryland	182,000	150,000	203,000	253,000	159,000
Michigan	42,000	18,000	72,000	77,000	126,000
Montana	223,000	193,000	339,000	370,000	370,000
New Mexico	130,000	111,000	199,000	256,000	259,000
North Dakota	171,000	128,000	281,000	220,000	163,000
Ohio	1,989,000	1,859,000	2,291,000	2,553,000	3,675,000
Oklahoma	231,000	183,000	324,000	395,000	273,000
Pennsylvania (Bit.)	8,336,000	7,530,000	11,341,000	13,446,000	14,170,000
Tennessee	372,000	358,000	458,000	504,000	529,000
Texas	76,000	67,000	75,000	96,000	117,000
Utah	370,000	360,000	530,000	554,000	546,000
Virginia	958,000	898,000	1,000,000	1,207,000	1,039,000
Washington	172,000	135,000	241,000	221,000	305,000
W. Virginia: Southern b	7,720,000	7,194,000	8,460,000	10,002,000	6,697,000
Northern c	2,270,000	1,902,000	2,647,000	3,603,000	3,623,000
Wyoming	531,000	465,000	667,000	765,000	829,000
Other States d	4,000	4,000	13,000	30,000	17,000
Total bituminous coal	35,700,000	31,919,000	44,150,000	52,174,000	50,907,000
Pennsylvania anthracite	6,551,000	4,358,000	7,443,000	8,026,000	8,532,000
Total all coal	42,251,000	36,277,000	51,593,000	60,200,000	59,439,000

^a Figures for 1929 and 1923 are final. ^b Operations on the N. & W. C. & O.; Virginian; and K. & M. ^c Rest of State, including Panhandle. ^d Figures are not strictly comparable for the several years.

Note.—The above table presents the estimated production of bituminous coal, by States, in the month of October. The distribution of the tonnage is based largely on figures of loadings by railroad divisions, furnished by the American Railway Association and by officials of certain roads, on reports of waterway shipments made by the U. S. Engineer Offices, and on figures of field production submitted by associations of operators.

Consumption of Coal by Class I Railroads, Electric Power Plants and Industrial Plants Continue to Decline.

Recent trends in the consumption of coal by the railroads, electric public utilities, and general industrial plants are summarized by the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, in the tables below. It will be noted that in comparison with last year each of these important consuming groups reports a country-wide decline, with the exception of the electric utilities, which show a small increase in the Southwest.

CONSUMPTION OF COAL BY CLASS I RAILROADS IN ROAD-TRAIN AND YARD-SWITCHING SERVICE, AS REPORTED BY THE I.-S. C. COMMISSION.

Region.	No. of Roads Reporting.	Net Tons Consumed.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
		Sept. 1930.	Sept. 1931.	Net Tons.	Per Cent.
New England	11	260,894	238,582	-22,312	-8.6
Great Lakes	27	1,399,967	1,189,149	-210,818	-15.1
Central Eastern	25	1,902,872	1,576,511	-326,361	-17.2
Poconontas	4	416,572	349,980	-66,592	-16.0
Southern	23	1,166,339	994,101	-172,238	-14.8
Northwestern	17	1,022,436	807,848	-214,588	-21.0
Central Western	21	1,049,525	835,130	-214,395	-20.4
Southwestern	28	341,300	249,996	-91,304	-26.8
Total	156	7,559,905	6,241,297	-1,318,608	-17.4

CONSUMPTION OF COAL BY ELECTRIC POWER PLANTS IN THE UNITED STATES AS REPORTED BY THE U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Region.	No. of Plants.	Net Tons Consumed.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
		Sept. 1930.	Sept. 1931.	Net Tons.	Per Cent.
New England	62	253,155	211,854	-41,301	-16.3
Middle Atlantic	150	1,292,064	1,177,111	-114,953	-8.9
Ohio	85	345,730	317,801	-27,929	-8.1
Southern Michigan	37	167,036	142,931	-24,105	-14.4
Illinois-Indiana	116	665,660	592,868	-72,792	-10.9
Lower Missouri Valley	164	261,526	235,114	-26,412	-10.1
Lake Dock Territory	117	187,964	169,334	-18,630	-9.9
Southeast	158	421,267	287,041	-134,226	-31.9
Southwest	97	74,766	77,891	+3,125	+4.2
So. Rocky Mountain		45,616	50,469	+4,853	+10.6
No. Rocky Mountain		9,983	8,690	-1,293	-13.0
Pacific		190	10	-180	-94.7
Total	986	3,724,957	3,271,114	-453,843	-12.2

CONSUMPTION AT REPRESENTATIVE INDUSTRIAL PLANTS AS REPORTED TO THE BUREAU OF MINES.

(Excludes steel, coke, and gas plants which are covered elsewhere.)

Region.	No. of Plants.	Net Tons Consumed.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	
		Aug.-Sept. 1930.	Aug.-Sept. 1931.	Net Tons.	Per Cent.
New England	396	406,667	361,158	-45,509	-11.2
Middle Atlantic	416	1,586,922	1,310,314	-276,608	-17.4
Ohio	129	645,944	505,279	-140,665	-21.8
Southern Michigan	92	808,034	629,885	-178,149	-22.0
Illinois-Indiana	217	1,007,256	876,075	-131,181	-13.0
Lower Missouri Valley	117	426,912	324,856	-102,056	-23.9
Lake Dock Territory	161	488,903	368,295	-120,608	-24.7
Southeast	339	690,894	605,284	-85,610	-12.4
Southwest, Mtn., & Pac	137	214,863	149,479	-65,384	-30.4
Total	2,004	6,276,395	5,130,625	-1,145,770	-18.3

Production of Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Again Declines.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, a total of 7,063,000 net tons of bituminous coal, 911,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 23,800 tons of beehive coke were produced during the week ended Nov. 21 1931. This compares with a total production of 8,890,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,081,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 37,900 tons of beehive coke in the corresponding period last year and an output of 7,520,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,243,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 25,500 tons of beehive coke in the week ended Nov. 14 1931.

During the calendar year to Nov. 21 1931, production of bituminous coal amounted to 340,013,000 net tons as against 411,308,000 tons in the calendar year to Nov. 22 1930. The Association's statement follows:

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

Production of anthracite in the State of Pennsylvania decreased sharply in the week ended Nov. 21. The total output is estimated at 911,000 net tons, a figure less by 332,000 tons, or 26.7%, than that for the preceding week. Production during the week in 1930 corresponding with that of Nov. 21 amounted to 1,081,000 tons.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1931		1930	
	Week.	Daily Average.	Week.	Daily Average.
Nov. 7	1,147,000	191,200	1,602,000	267,000
Nov. 14 a	1,243,000	248,600	1,344,000	268,800
Nov. 21 b	911,000	151,800	1,081,000	180,200

a Revised since last report. b Subject to revision.

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke during the week ended Nov. 21 is estimated at 23,800 net tons. This is in comparison with 25,500 tons produced during the preceding week, and 37,900 tons in the week of 1930 corresponding with that of Oct. 21. The following table shows the source of the tonnage, by regions.

Chicago.			
	Dec. 2 1931.	Nov. 25 1931.	Dec. 3 1930.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total	1,657,000,000	1,659,000,000	2,008,000,000
Loans—total	1,158,000,000	1,158,000,000	1,472,000,000
On securities	686,000,000	685,000,000	840,000,000
All other	472,000,000	473,000,000	632,000,000
Investments—total	499,000,000	501,000,000	536,000,000
U. S. Government securities	285,000,000	285,000,000	232,000,000
Other securities	214,000,000	216,000,000	304,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	157,000,000	161,000,000	193,000,000
Cash in vault	14,000,000	14,000,000	14,000,000
Net demand deposits	1,089,000,000	1,105,000,000	1,323,000,000
Time deposits	436,000,000	436,000,000	615,000,000
Government deposits	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Due to banks	115,000,000	107,000,000	169,000,000
Due from banks	249,000,000	243,000,000	335,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	10,000,000	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. 25:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on Nov. 25 shows decreases for the week of \$94,000,000 in loans and investments, \$73,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$30,000,000 in time deposits and \$18,000,000 in Government deposits, and an increase of \$12,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on securities declined \$43,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district, \$6,000,000 each in the Philadelphia and Chicago districts and \$58,000,000 at all reporting banks. "All other" loans increased \$51,000,000 in the New York district, and declined \$14,000,000 in the Boston district and \$9,000,000 in the Chicago district, all reporting banks showing a net increase of \$21,000,000 for the week.

Holdings of United States Government securities declined \$41,000,000 in the New York district, \$11,000,000 in the Cleveland district and \$47,000,000 at all reporting banks, while holdings of other securities declined \$3,000,000 in the New York district and \$10,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks aggregated \$397,000,000 on Nov. 25, the principal change for the week being an increase of \$6,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

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

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)		
	Nov. 25 1931.	Nov. 18 1931.	Nov. 26 1930.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total	20,908,000,000	-94,000,000	-2,473,000,000
Loans—total	13,405,000,000	-37,000,000	-3,122,000,000
On securities	5,831,000,000	-58,000,000	-1,930,000,000
All other	7,574,000,000	+21,000,000	-1,192,000,000
Investments—total	7,503,000,000	-57,000,000	+649,000,000
U. S. Government securities	4,017,000,000	-47,000,000	+924,000,000
Other securities	3,486,000,000	-10,000,000	-275,000,000
Reserve with Federal Res've banks	1,608,000,000	-	-206,000,000
Cash in vault	245,000,000	+7,000,000	+8,000,000
Net demand deposits	12,206,000,000	-73,000,000	-1,676,000,000
Time deposits	6,211,000,000	-30,000,000	-1,276,000,000
Government deposits	71,000,000	-18,000,000	+37,000,000
Due to banks	952,000,000	-68,000,000	-579,000,000
Due to banks	2,452,000,000	-91,000,000	-961,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks	397,000,000	+12,000,000	+313,000,000

Explanation by Secretary of State Stimson Relative to Statements of Japanese Foreign Office Regarding His Views on Manchurian Situation.

A misinterpretation of a newspaper report of remarks made by the Secretary of State, Henry L. Stimson, on Nov. 27, led to an exchange of statements by the Japanese Foreign Office and Secretary Stimson on Nov. 28. The "United States Daily" of Nov. 30, from which we quote, went on to say:

Mr. Stimson in his statement declared that the Japanese Foreign Office attributed to him statements he did not make and in support of his statement he made public the following transcript of his statement of the previous day:

"On Nov. 23 I asked my Ambassador in Tokio to tell Baron Shidehara, the Foreign Minister of Japan, that I had seen with great apprehension press reports giving the impression that the army commanders of Japan were planning military expeditions against the forces of China in the neighborhood of Chinchow and that I sincerely trusted that there was no basis for that report. The following day, Nov. 24, I was assured by Baron Shidehara, the Foreign Minister of Japan, through Ambassador Forbes that he and the Secretary of War and the Chief of Staff were all of them agreed that there should be no hostile operations toward Chinchow and that military orders to that effect had been issued. In view of that it is difficult for me to understand the press report about the advance of Gen. Honjo's army."

Japanese Statement.

The statement of the Japanese Foreign Office, as reported by the United Press, which was called to Secretary Stimson's attention and which occasioned his reply, follows in full text:

"Mr. Stimson's precipitate action in disclosing exchanges between Ambassador Forbes and Baron Shidehara was received here with mingled surprise and regret.

"He is reported to have said that he was unable to understand reports that the Japanese army was approaching Chinchow, and that State Department dispatches throw no light on the situation.

"On what basis, then, does he fly into such fulminations as reported by the Associated Press? If a man in Mr. Stimson's responsible position loses his head at such a critical moment as the present, the consequences would be very grave indeed."

Said to Be Misquoted.

"Mr. Stimson's statement, if the Associated Press quoted him correctly, shows that he was misinformed in manner and also in matter. It contains serious accusations against Japan and her motives.

"The Japanese government is expected to make a public statement refuting all these accusations after referring the matter to Ambassador Debuchi at Washington and securing more accurate information. Meanwhile we wish to point out the strong points calling for immediate denial.

"Mr. Stimson is quoted as saying that Japan expressed regret, and said that such events would not happen again each time an advance was made in Manchuria. That is quite misleading. Japan has never expressed regret to anybody for actions forced on her by sheer necessity of self preservation nor can she ever promise not to act in self defense again.

"Mr. Stimson is quoted as saying that the Japanese army in Manchuria ran amuck. This is considered a very bold statement. We wonder if he considered the meaning of his words before he used them."

"Mr. Stimson is quoted as accusing Japan of intending to take Manchuria completely. He ought to give his reasons for thinking so."

After reading the statement to foreign correspondents, a foreign office spokesman said:

"If Mr. Stimson intends to invoke the Nine Power Treaty as the Associated Press says, we suggest that he reread Article 4.

"Japan regards the acts of Chang Hseui-Liang's government as inimical to the security of Japan. If Washington intends interfering in the Manchurian affair, this is inimical to Japanese security.

"Mr. Stimson's rash statement, if the Associated Press quoted him correctly, will stiffen China's attitude around Chinchow and cause the Chinese concentrations not to withdraw. We presume that alarmists reports abroad yesterday caused Mr. Stimson to make his statement."

Explanation Offered.

The Associated Press explained Nov. 28 that a portion of its news report sent to Tokio, covering Mr. Stimson's statement in Washington, was written in a summarized form, not directly quoting the Secretary's of States remarks, and it was that part of the Associated Press story which contained the reference to the Japanese army running amuck.

The Associated Press statement said:

"Secretary Stimson, Friday (Nov. 27), revealed to newspaper correspondents a portion of recent exchanges between the United States and Japan in regard to the Manchurian situation. Judging from the Japanese Foreign Office statement, a Japanese news agency or the Foreign Office apparently attributed to Secretary Stimson some statements which the Associated Press dispatch did not credit to him.

"One such statement in the Associated Press story was that 'at first officials were given the impression that the military party, which is not under complete control of the civil government, simply had run amuck. But the Japanese promise of three days ago bore the explicit assurances of both civil and military authorities, and until to-day it had been felt here that real progress was being made toward peace.'

"Secretary Stimson said yesterday, and repeated to-day, he found it difficult to credit, or understand, dispatches telling of a Japanese advance on Chinchow in view of the assurance Japan had given against hostilities in that quarter. In addition, the Associated Press dispatch last night also contained material which came from various sources, much of which previously had been published as statements of fact.

"It is apparent the Japanese Foreign Office of the Japanese news agency attributed a part of this information directly to Secretary Stimson."

The Japanese Ambassador, Katsuji Debuchi, called on Secretary Stimson Nov. 28 and afterwards stated orally that he could not believe the Japanese Foreign Office could have made such a statement as reported in the press.

Ambassador Debuchi stated that he may be too bold in saying so, but he could not conceive how the Foreign Office could have said what it was reported as saying.

Ambassador Debuchi also expressed the belief that the Japanese army would not advance further on Chinchow, where the remnants of the Chinese army are gathering. He said that press reports of the bombing of Chinchow by a Japanese plane were erroneous.

The situation is sure to improve, Ambassador Debuchi stated. He pointed out that Japan already had withdrawn most of its troops from Tsitsihar.

At the Department of State following Ambassador Debuchi's visit, it was stated orally, that he had not come to discuss the statement of the Japanese Foreign Office, although naturally it had been discussed.

Sir John Simon Describes Loss of British in Far East— Tells House of Commons Payments Are Held Up— China Asked Indemnity for Death.

A cablegram as follows from London, Nov. 30, is taken from the New York "Times":

Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary, was asked in the House of Commons to-day about the Manchurian situation in general and its effect on the British financial interests in the Peiping-Mukden railway.

"According to my information," replied Sir John, "there has been no fighting between Japanese and Chinese troops in Manchuria for over 10 days. According to press reports the withdrawal of the Japanese into the railway zone is being effected to the utmost extent possible, but thus far no official reports on the subject have been received.

"The Council of the League of Nations is continuing its efforts to find a solution, and I earnestly hope that the joint endeavors of the members will result in success.

"The British financial interests in the Peiping-Mukden Railway have been affected by the diminution of its earnings due to recent events, and owing to the change in administration at Mukden there have been difficulties in the transference of sums due those interests and also in connection with payment to British subjects for goods supplied to the previous Chinese administration.

"Negotiations are proceeding in connection with both of these matters. I have no information that the British interests have been otherwise affected."

Replying to another question, Sir John said the British Minister to China had been instructed to present a claim for indemnity to the Chinese Government for the murder of John Thorburn, a British subject.

Messages Exchanged Between Secretary of State Stimson and Italian Foreign Minister Grandi, With Latter's Departure for Europe—Conversations With President Hoover and Secretary Stimson "More Than Satisfactory."

Dino Grandi, Italian Foreign Minister, concluded his brief visit to the United States on Nov. 27, when he sailed for Italy on the Italian liner Augustus. His departure was marked by the receipt of a telegram from Secretary of State Stimson at Washington who described as "encouraging and helpful" the discussions on international problems. Secretary Stimson's message follows:

His Excellency, Signor Dino Grandi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy, Ritz-Carlton Hotel, New York, N. Y.:

It is gratifying that you were present in this country at the time when the success of your initiative for a one-year armament holiday became evident. It was both encouraging and helpful to have this renewed occasion of discussing international problems with you, and I am extremely happy that the American people have had an opportunity to become acquainted with you as the representative of Italy's co-operation in the solution of world difficulties. Upon your departure the nation bids farewell to Signora Grandi and to you, and Mrs. Stimson and I add our own cordial good wishes.

HENRY L. STIMSON.

Signor Grandi responded in the following telegram to Secretary Stimson:

New York, Nov. 27 1931.

Hon. Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of State.

On leaving the United States to return to Italy my thoughts go with heartfelt gratitude to you. I find no words to express to you what deep impression and dear remembrances of your great country I take back with me. My visit here has afforded me great satisfaction. The greatest of them all derives from the fact that the American nation has fully understood that my mission here was one of good-will and peace. I take the liberty to ask you to be good enough to express to the President of the United States my homage and to thank him in my name for the honor granted me in receiving me at the White House. My thanks go not only to the Secretary of State but to a real friend. You know my admiration for you and the work you carry out. To this I must now add my gratitude for your hospitality. Please accept my most sincere and cordial greetings for your country and for you and for the cause of international understanding to which you are so loyally devoted.

DINO GRANDI

On board the steamer on Nov. 27, Associated Press accounts quoted Signor Grandi as follows:

"I am full of joy," Signor Grandi said. "I was profoundly touched by such a sincerely cordial welcome everywhere. I was made to feel at home at once. I came as a friend and I know I leave many, many friends behind."

"I am deeply contented with my visit. My conversations with President Hoover and Secretary Stimson have been more than satisfactory and my contact with thousands of Americans has given me spiritual strength. Notwithstanding the exceptional activity, I am not tired and I would begin again."

"I regret being unable to visit the West, Middle West and other parts of America. But I sent to all Americans my greetings and my best wishes." He recalled his first visit to America six years ago.

"My return confirmed my enthusiasm for American civilization," he said. "I find it not only a powerful expression of modern life, but full of humanness and idealism. I came to be frank and open-minded and the people have understood me just as I wished to be understood."

Signor Grandi's arrival in the United States was referred to in our issue of Nov. 21, page 3345. Items bearing on his conversations and speeches while here appeared in these columns Nov. 28, pages 3540, 3543.

Gift of Italian Foreign Minister Grandi to Smithsonian Institute—Documents Proving Birth of Christopher Columbus in Genoa.

Associated Press dispatches from Washington Nov. 28 said:

Dino Grandi, who came across the sea to forge the newest link between Italy and America, left behind him documents to strengthen the oldest tie.

To the Smithsonian Institution he presented an elaborate volume prepared to prove that Christopher Columbus actually was an Italian, born in Genoa.

On this question, long in controversy, the volume was called in the Smithsonian announcement "Practically the final word." All evidence in the archives, much of it in the form of letters written by Columbus and his contemporaries, is included in the proofs compiled under the auspices of the city of Genoa.

"A monument to Genoese historical scholarship," Smithsonian scientists called it.

Address of Foreign Minister Grandi of Italy Before Foreign Policy Association on Eve of Departure for Europe—Discussing Disarmament Expressed Hope for Halting of Competition of Armaments at Coming Geneva Conference.

In his final address before his departure for Italy on Nov. 27 Dino Grandi, Italian Foreign Minister presented his Government's views on disarmaments. Signor Grandi

spoke at a reception given in his honor by the Foreign Policy Association at the Waldorf Astoria on Nov. 26. Signor Grandi stated: "We have never thought of minimizing the importance of security in the solution of the disarmament problem. We fully realize that disarmament cannot be conceived as something which should prove detrimental to the notion of security. On the contrary, we agree that disarmament must imply a greater security. But we cannot share the view that an absolute security is the condition sine qua non for starting any measure of disarmament."

Referring to the coming conference at Geneva the speaker stated:

We, for our part, will be satisfied if it succeeds in stopping the competition of armaments and in making a first start toward reduction. We are ready to co-operate to this end. As to the methods, I can safely say that my Government is going to Geneva with an open mind, quite willing to accept such procedure as may prove to be practical and equitable for all. We believe that in the end, it will chiefly be a question of good faith and of good-will and I feel I can tell you that Italy will show a good measure of them both.

The speech in full follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen.—I wish to thank you for your cordial reception. The shortness of time and the engagements I had already taken prevented me from accepting your very kind offer of a larger hospitality. But, alas, the day, even for the busiest of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, has no more than 24 hours, and in these 24 hours it is difficult indeed to find room for more convivial gatherings than the customs of a civilized country and the physical capacity of civilized men can allow.

Anyhow, I did not want to leave New York without meeting the Foreign Policy Association, and I was very glad to accept the invitation to be your guest at this friendly gathering although being aware of . . . the danger it implied. I mean to say that I did anticipate that you would ask me to speak. This thing is only too natural. An Association as this of yours, which is concerned with the study of problems of foreign policy, is only acting in accordance with its objects when it asks a Minister of Foreign Affairs, who is enjoying your hospitality, to show a little of his mind on some topics of the international situation.

Well, Ladies and Gentlemen, as you see, I did foresee the danger, but I have not been deterred by it.

To tell the truth, I have never seen any danger at all in coming amongst you and I am not the least afraid of speaking my mind quite openly to such men and women as you are, knowing as I know that your interest in what I may be able to say, is prompted solely by your earnest desire to know all the facts, to be acquainted with all the points of view, to understand all the feelings which might help you to see clearly into such complex problems as those to which you devote your attention.

I feel moreover that I can speak to you quite freely, knowing that you will treat everything I may say with your traditional discretion.

I understand that you are chiefly interested to hear from me something about the problem of disarmament. It is, indeed, in my opinion the central problem of the foreign international situation, and I am only too glad to have the opportunity of explaining to you the Italian position on the subject.

Mine is not meant to be what is properly called a "speech." I should have liked, on the contrary, to be able to discuss the question with you in form of a friendly conversation, of a heart-to-heart talk as among friends. But alas!—my knowledge of your language is still too poor to allow me to express in a proper way all I have in mind. For this reason I thought it wiser to write down some of the points I wanted to submit to you and you will allow me to read them from paper.

The Italian policy on disarmament is based on the following fundamental points:

1. First of all: we think that the reduction of armaments has to be considered as a moral as well as a juridical obligation on all Governments concerned.

The Peace Treaties have imposed upon the vanquished nations certain restrictions and limitations of a military nature. Such special restrictions and limitations have been enforced with the clear understanding that they should prepare the ground for a general reduction and limitation of armaments. All the nations who have signed and ratified the peace treaties and the Covenant of the League of Nations are therefore in duty bound to reduce their armaments. It is a solemn pledge they have undertaken to fulfill; their promise for such reductions being the counterpart of the special obligations imposed upon and accepted by the vanquished nations.

Our sense of right and justice, and our common sense as well, make it inconceivable to us, both from a juridical, and from a moral standpoint, that some nations should forever be tied to a status of partial disarmament, while other nations would continue to enjoy an unrestricted freedom in armaments.

One cannot expect to lay down the foundation of a solid system of peaceful and confident co-operation among nations unless the fundamental principle of equality is duly respected and safeguarded.

The Peace Treaties imposed upon the nations who were held responsible for the war certain sanctions which, at that time, appeared to all of us to be quite justified. But, 13 years have elapsed since then, and during that period of time the world has evolved and new conceptions have been taking shape in the public mind. In the effort that, consciously or unconsciously, mankind is making toward a world better organized for the maintenance of peace, the conception of the chastisement of the guilty, the idea of sanctions, has lost much of its justification. To-day we are bound to look forward and not backward. And if we want to build on a solid ground, we must—as Mussolini said in his recent speech in Naples—dismiss the feelings of the past and let ourselves be guided only by the principles of justice and fairness towards all.

2. The second point I want to mention is the one concerning the question of security. We have never thought of minimizing the importance of security in the solution of the disarmament problem. We fully realize that disarmament cannot be conceived as something which should prove detrimental to the notion of security. On the contrary, we assert that disarmament must imply a greater security. But we cannot understand the view that an absolute security is the condition sine qua non for starting any measure of disarmament.

Such a theory makes of security an eventual subjective notion, that is the result of one's feelings, the expression of a frame of mind. How are we going to measure the security of a country? How and when can a state of absolute security be said to exist for such country? If that country makes security dependent upon the strength of its armaments, then the logical conclusions will be that it will consider itself in full security only

when its military strength is greater than the strength of any of its potential enemies or combination of potential enemies.

But, should we accept such a notion of security, then there would be no question of disarmament! Instead of a reduction, security would lead to a competition of armaments.

For us too security is, indeed, an essential element of peace, but we believe it can only derive from the harmonious development of two factors: the pacific settlement of international controversies and the general reduction of armaments; that is, from arbitration and disarmament. As I have said a few nights ago at the Council on Foreign Relations, we believe that a problem of security independently from disarmament and arbitration does not exist. If the possibility of a state trying to force the solution of a controversy by the strength of arms did not exist, and if the predominant power of armaments did not exist either, then the problem of security would not even be raised. It is raised solely because competition in armaments still exists and because the superpower in armaments is bound to weaken the sense of justice on the one side and to raise feelings of insecurity and mistrust on the other.

The conclusion I have arrived at is that the present condition of the world justifies and commends the starting of a process of disarmament and that every step towards the reduction of armaments will bring to the world greater security.

In other words, if we want to make any progress toward a better organization of the peace of the world, we must try to look upon security rather as a result than as a condition of disarmament.

3. But—and this is the third point I wish to submit to you—apart from the juridical and ethical aspects of the problem of disarmament, there is another one which in the present world situation is very essential, and which I am going to put to you in these terms: There is no doubt that the world suffers to-day chiefly from a lack of confidence. The financial crisis is a crisis of confidence. The world—and particularly Europe—is under a vague but widespread feeling of uncertainty as to the maintenance of peace in the future years. So that, in the end, the financial and economic problems are essentially problems of pacification.

To solve these problems one must go to the root of the evil. Now, we are convinced that at the very bottom, the political uneasiness is generated chiefly by the mutual fear and distrust arising out of armaments and that the first step to restore confidence should be taken in the direction of a general reduction of armaments. Such reduction would attain a double result: A material one, that is, the possibility of devoting large sums of money to productive purposes, and, at the same time, a psychological effect consisting in the improvement of mutual confidence among nations.

These are the guiding principles of the Italian policy on disarmament. They show the lines along which we are moving and the goal toward which we are tending.

We know, of course that the problem can be viewed from different conceptions, and although we are convinced of the soundness of our own positions, we don't ignore nor do we pretend to deny any consideration to these different views. I mean to say that we realize all the complexities and difficulties of the problem and, looking into it in a realistic way, we are fully aware that its solution might be reached gradually, step by step, maybe by way of successive solutions of compromise. And we are convinced that a steady progress will be attained when every nation will have learned to deal with the question of reconstruction in a spirit of equity and with an impartial appreciation of the rights of all concerned.

I hope, Gentlemen, that you will acknowledge that in these last two years Italy has acted in all honesty and sincerity for the success of disarmament.

At the London Naval Conference we felt we had to oppose the principle of the so-called "absolute needs" in the matter of armaments, because such a principle, if accepted, would have made any attempt towards a general reduction of armaments a hopeless task. As you know, the theory that we upheld was of the "relative needs." In this way when an agreement is reached on the ratios and the levels of the respective military strength, a way is left open to a progressive reduction. On that occasion we also declared our policy, saying that Italy was ready to reduce her armaments and her military budget, to the lowest level, provided an equitable balance of military strength could be reached among the nations.

After the London Conference, we did not give up the hope of finding a solution to the difficulties which had prevented a naval agreement among European nations, but on the contrary right away we tackled the question in a spirit of cordiality and conciliation. We were very glad to arrive last March, to those Bases of Agreement which represented an honest, practical, and fair solution of compromise. It is true that the preliminary agreement of March 1st did not finally materialize, much to our regret, but this notwithstanding we did not refuse to continue our negotiations with our English and French friends. I, for my part, am still wishing and hoping for a final equitable agreement.

Then, lately, last September at Geneva, I took the initiative for a truce of armaments, which in my mind was bound to create a more favorable atmosphere for the next disarmament conference. In spite of the vigorous support it received, among others, from the American representative, my proposal could not pass as it was meant to be. Anyhow, the general idea of a truce was unanimously accepted, so that the moral effect of my initiative cannot be said to have been wasted.

And now, within less than three months, we will meet in Geneva for the General Conference.

It is going to be a great test in which the nations of the world, and especially Europe, will show whether or not their conscience and their spirit are ripe for such a task, whether or not they will be wise enough to grasp the opportunity for making a great stride towards progress.

The Conference will be the "touchstone" of our degree of civilization. I confess to you that I see the approaching of the Conference with a mixed feeling of hope and concern. I realize the tremendous responsibility of all the Governments and of the men who will be their spokesmen at the Conference.

How will the Conference work? What is going to be its definite goal? What the practical results?

Very difficult indeed to foresee.

In one of his last speeches President Hoover spoke of the ideal of peace as the result of a combination between realism and idealism. I believe the same can be said of the ideal of disarmament. One should not expect from the Conference any spectacular result, one must not dream of an immediate and perfect solution. We, for our part, will be satisfied if it succeeds in stopping the competition of armaments and in making a first start towards reduction. We are ready to co-operate to this end. As to the methods my Government is going to Geneva with an open mind, quite willing to accept such procedure as may prove to be practical and equitable for all. We believe that, in the end, it will chiefly be a question of good faith and of goodwill and I feel I can tell you that Italy will show a good measure of them both.

I wish to add that our hopes in the Disarmament Conference find much encouragement in the attitude of the American Government and American public opinion. As soon as we realized in Italy all the earnest determina-

tion with which the United States would tackle the problem we felt that it had finally a good chance of getting out from the nebulous state of an ideologic academy into the realm of practical possibilities.

To this end we will be only too glad to move with you with all our strength and all our heart.

Departure for Europe of Albert H. Wiggin to Represent U. S. Bankers at Berlin Conference Dec. 10—Walter W. Stewart and Gates W. McGarrah Also Sail—Mr. Stewart on Advisory Committee to Consider Reparations.

Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Governing Board of the Chase National Bank of New York, sailed for Europe on Nov. 28 on the White Star Steamer Olympic. He will represent the American bankers at the meeting to be held in Berlin on Dec. 10 to decide as to the question of policy relative to German short term credits under the "standstill" agreement. The appointment of Mr. Wiggin as Chairman of the American committee was noted in our issue of Nov. 28, page 3547. Another passenger sailing on the Olympic was Walter W. Stewart, Chairman of the Investment firm of Chase, Pomeroy & Co., who will represent the United States on the special advisory committee called by the Bank for International Settlements at Germany's request under the Young Plan to consider the problem of reparations.

It was stated by the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" that Mr. Stewart called upon President Hoover on Nov. 27, visiting the White House at an early hour, in advance of the regular Cabinet meeting. The paper quoted went on to say:

The visitor declined to make known the purpose of his visit, but it was assumed that he discussed with the President the German debt situation. He was later to have seen Secretary of State Stimson.

The statement attributed to Premier Laval of France in addressing the House of Deputies, that private debt should not receive priority over reparations in consideration of Germany's ability to pay, elicited no little attention here to-day. While the British apparently have taken an opposite view of the matter, the United States has taken no definite position. That does not mean that the Administration has no opinion upon the question, but rather that it has refrained from giving expression to its views.

Gates W. McGarrah, President of the Bank for International Settlements, who had been in this country since Oct. 20, likewise sailed for Europe on the same steamer with Messrs. Wiggin and Stewart. Mr. McGarrah's arrival here was noted in our issue of Oct. 24, page 2683.

An item reporting that certain points bearing on the German short credit "standstill" agreement had been settled on Nov. 27, was given in these columns Nov. 28, page 3549. In its issue of Nov. 28 the New York "Times" said:

Mr. Wiggin will carry with him to Berlin no set program under which American banks will consent to the creation of a new "standstill" agreement. It is generally understood that the next agreement will be based upon a smaller total amount of credit than the expiring one. The figure of 10% is most frequently referred to as approximately the right reduction to make. In addition, it is desired that a closer discrimination be laid down between the various types of credits covered by the agreement and that more stringent provisions be made for applying the foreign exchange proceeds of German trade transactions to strictly trade credits.

German Short Debts.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Dec. 3:

Figures made public in Berlin yesterday illustrate to what extent the German banks are not availing themselves of the full lines of credit kept open for them under the stillholding agreement. The total short-term indebtedness of 28 German banks on Oct. 31 was 3,700,000,000 marks, about \$880,600,000 at par, compared with 4,500,000,000 marks, or \$1,071,000,000 on July 31. The indebtedness of these banks to the United States was 1,800,000,000 marks, or \$428,400,000 on Oct. 1, against 2,100,000,000 marks, or \$499,800,000 on July 31. These totals apparently do not include the mark balances held by foreign banks in Germany, which were approximately \$250,000,000 last summer and which have been reduced by 55% since the stillholding agreement went into effect on Sept. 1.

Effect of the Reduction.

The reduction of \$71,400,000 in the German short-term debt to this market compares with a reduction of \$190,400,000 shown for the entire short-term indebtedness to all markets. Unquestionably a large part of the total reduction took place in London, where the depreciation of the pound sterling encouraged the repayment of debts and discouraged the making of new contracts. The refusal of the German banks to draw reimbursement credits to the full extent permitted under the standstill agreement is responsible for the steady drop in the Reichsbank's holdings of gold and devises. It is no assurance, however, that the termination of the agreement on Feb. 29 will find German short-term indebtedness so heavily reduced, for in the meantime the lines of credit continue open and may be utilized at any time.

German Bond Owners in New York Act to Protect \$1,250,000,000 Issues—Only Unorganized Group of Large German Creditors Stirred by French Stand—Move One of Precaution—Washington is Said to Admit Need for Safeguarding Private Creditors.

Efforts are being made among banking interests in New York to organize the holders of the \$1,250,000,000 of German dollar bonds as a measure of protection in the present German economic crisis said the New York "Times" of Nov. 29 which also had the following to say:

Sponsors of the movement point out that investors in the long-term dollar obligations of German municipalities, banks, utilities and industrial enterprises that were floated in the American market are the only important group of German creditors whose interests are not being cared for in a concerted program. The creditor governments for the account of Germany's reparations debt are already co-operating, while the foreign bank creditors for the account of German short-term commercial indebtedness were organized last August when the stillhaltung agreement was drafted.

Laval Stand Stimulates Move.

Premier Laval's announcement that France would not permit Germany's private debts to take precedence over reparations has given point and force to the plan to organize the holders of dollar bonds. The movement here, it was emphasized yesterday when some of the details became known, is wholly precautionary, there having been no defaults on the obligations of German debtors. However, the desire to bring about a centralized effort in behalf of the holders of such obligations received fresh impetus from the Laval speech in the French Chamber of Deputies on Thursday, which was regarded here as further evidence that the French would be adamant on any change in the Young Plan and that France was entirely unwilling to have German private debts put ahead of reparations.

The plan to organize the holders of German dollar bonds has been discussed with banking houses here that headed syndicates or participated in syndicates marketing such securities in this country. Negotiations also have been carried on in Washington, where the interests of the holders of these bonds are recognized as a part of the general German problem. The attitude of Washington toward the proposal is not known, but it has been definitely indicated that the need for protecting the individual holders of German dollar bonds is recognized.

The Question of Leadership.

Charles Ogburn, an attorney of 111 Broadway, who has been acting in behalf of European holders of German dollar bonds, said he was undecided as to whether the co-operative effort "should be initiated by the banking houses or by institutions and individuals that now own the bonds."

"Certainly," he said, "the institutions and individuals should consider the importance of protecting their interests as against the organized interests of the holders of short term credits and against reparations payments."

"The question is this: Who will get the export surplus of Germany in the years to come? This surplus may never exceed \$300,000,000 or \$400,000,000, which is insufficient to pay service charges on the three classes of debts. If reparations were paid in full, there may necessarily be a default in private obligations."

Among the large dollar loans floated here for German enterprises are: Siemens & Halske, A. G., \$40,869,500; United Steel Works Corp., \$64,493,500; Berlin City Electric Co., Inc., \$48,320,000; Rhine-Westphalia Electric Power Corp., \$89,097,500; German Central Bank for Agriculture, \$124,136,000; Saxon Public Works, Inc., guaranteed by the State of Saxony, \$39,589,500; German Provincial & Communal Banks, \$23,857,500; Commerz Und Privat Bank, \$20,000,000; Ruhr Gas Corp., \$12,000,000; General Electric Co. of Germany, \$31,180,000, and American I. G. Chemical Corp., \$29,929,000.

The organization of holders of German commercial and municipal dollar bonds would virtually complete the alignment of Germany's foreign creditors.

Bankers View of Problem.

Bankers here have disapproved strongly the tendency shown in Europe to connect private debts and reparations. The statement of Premier Laval that France would not allow German private debts to assume a prior position over reparations excited widespread comment here, but caused little uneasiness.

The distinction was drawn that Premier Laval did not assert that reparations should take precedence over private debts, but merely that private debts should not take precedence over reparations. His declaration was regarded as an answer to the opinion recently expressed by Stanley Baldwin, Conservative leader in England, that by force of economic necessity Germany's commercial debts would have to be considered as prior to her political debts.

The only real connection between reparations and commercial debts, as bankers see it, is the fact that reparation payments, apart from the transfers in kind, are dependent upon the amount of foreign exchange Germany can obtain through her foreign trade. A default on German commercial debts, which would cut off all credit accommodations from German commercial and banking interests, might be expected to paralyze this foreign trade, effectively stopping the accumulation of foreign exchange for reparation payments or any other foreign remittances.

The attitude of Germany, as it is understood here, is that it cannot pay both reparations and private debts, and there is every reason to believe that this issue will be forced into the foreground. The French have indicated that they will not acquiesce in any relaxation of payments believe that this issue will be forced into the foreground. The French have indicated that they will not acquiesce in any relaxation of payments under the Young Plan. The situation which now makes it likely that a strong protective group will be formed in the interest of private bond holders is that they have been without adequate representation thus far.

European holders of the dollar obligations of Germany have taken the position that the protective effort should originate in the United States.

Most of the large investment banking houses have been identified, within the last few years, with financing for the various German enterprises, and these houses are being asked to take part in the present organization movement. The attitude of the bankers is that there has been no default, and that there is no reason to assume that any of the obligations will be defaulted. At the same time, the very low market value of many such securities has raised the question as to their interest and amortization.

Seek New Contract on German Credits—Hear Bankers May Request Stillhaltung for Bills, Not for Advances.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 2 we take the following:

The proposal that when the stillhaltung agreement on German commercial credits comes to an end Feb. 29 only documented acceptances be renewed under a second contract between creditor banks and German debtors is likely to be made by Albert H. Wiggin at the Berlin sessions on German debts, it was reported yesterday.

At the same time, it was stated, the proposal may be made that other credits, such as direct loans, be subjected only to an agreement among the creditors themselves.

While this proposal will probably be submitted in behalf of the American creditors, the Germans are expected to propose that short term notes of

German municipalities and states be funded into a long term bond. Since this would mean the deferment of the payment on principal, holders of the stronger debts, it is expected, will insist upon some advantages in the terms of exchange of notes for bonds.

British creditors, it was thought, will oppose the proposal that the new stillhaltung apply only to acceptances.

By releasing direct loans from the agreement they will no longer be guaranteed in part by the Gold Discount Bank, it was pointed out. An agreement among creditors would be necessary, however, in order to prevent too rapid withdrawals in the event of new financial difficulties, which would be injurious to Germany and would in effect create preferences for those creditors who had withdrawn their funds.

It is also expected that American bankers will insist upon more careful supervision by German banks drawing acceptances of trade transactions upon which the bills are based. The demand that documents be held in trust by the German banks may be made. At present German banks simply certify to the existence of an authentic transaction. It was pointed out that where bills originate in the local market documents are held by the banks, shippers getting their goods under trust receipts.

With respect to bond issues a survey during the past few days indicated that there are to be no defaults this month on German bonds. Deposits of funds to meet interest and sinking fund requirements are being made punctually.

Report of Proposal to Consolidate German Municipals—Possibility of Exchange of Notes for Ten-Year Bonds.

When Albert H. Wiggin arrives in Berlin to represent American creditors at the international conference of Germany's trade debts, he will be forced to take up the question of consolidating Germany's short-term municipal debts, according to reports in local financial quarters on Nov. 30, said the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 1, in which it was further said:

It was reported that such a suggestion will be submitted by Germany and that the position of German finances will make it necessary to bring it into active discussion.

There were rumors in Wall Street yesterday that the proposal will be made to consolidate German municipal note issues into 10-year bonds paying a high rate of interest. The finances of some of the German municipalities, it was pointed out, have led to difficulties in meeting internal debts and judgments have been handed down against some of the cities.

Although there have been occasional discussions in foreign centers of the possibility of consolidating commercial debts, local bankers have held firmly that this would be an impossibility. Commercial credits, it is held, must remain liquid or else new credits will not be issued. Such credits are held by commercial banks to whom long term bonds would not be acceptable.

While numerous difficulties in the consolidation of Germany's short term municipal debts were pointed out, it was held by some that it might become necessary to face these difficulties in any case, and that the proposal would certainly be made. It was pointed out that the group meeting in Berlin is not holding its sessions under fixed and official terms of reference, so that the question of municipal indebtedness would not be barred on a point of order.

London Banks Show Confidence in Germany—Will Accept Three-Month Renewal Bills Maturing After Credit Agreement's Expiration.

According to a cablegram to the New York "Times" it was announced that night that London banks and acceptance houses had agreed to accept three-month German renewal bills drawn now and therefore maturing after Feb. 29, when the German credit "standstill" agreement expires. The cablegram (from London) went on to say:

This was taken in some quarters as an indication of increased confidence that Germany would find it possible to redeem such bills on their maturity.

At the same time it was reported that a bear attack on the dollar might be expected in the next few days.

To-day the pound made a sharp recovery in terms of the principal gold currencies, the New York rate finishing at 3.39 dollars, against 3.29½ yesterday, the Paris rate at 86¼ francs, against 84¼ and the Amsterdam rate at 8½ florins, against 8 1-5. Brokers reported that the principal feature was the large number of small orders.

Once again French selling was responsible for the fall of the pound while American buying helped to restore it. French funds in London have been heavily reduced in the past few months, but it is understood that some French banks still have large selling balances here, on which there is naturally a heavy depreciation.

London Bankers' Clearing House Reports on German Credits in London Under "Standstill" Agreements.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 28 we take the following from London:

London Bankers' Clearing House states that, as a result of an investigation, it finds the total amount of facilities held at the disposal of Germany by London banks and acceptance houses on July 31 and which fall under the standstill agreement, were less than £64,000,000 and that the amount of credits being used on Oct. 31 was less than £55,000,000. Approximately one-half of the latter total was on a documentary basis, giving definite proof of shipment of goods.

German Short-term Debt.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 2, we take the following from Berlin:

The total short term indebtedness of 28 principal German banks on Oct. 31 was 3,700,000,000 marks (approximately \$888,000,000) compared with 4,500,000,000 marks on July 31.

The indebtedness to the United States in short term credits was 1,800,000,000 marks on Oct. 31 and 2,100,000,000 marks on July 31.

Germany Reported Planning to Name Commissioner to Regulate Prices.

The following (United Press) from Berlin is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 2:

The newspaper Boersen Courier reported to-day that the Government is planning to appoint a "price commissar" with extensive powers to regulate prices.

German Customs Decree—Cabinet Empowered to Change Duties As World Market Fluctuates.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 1 we take the following (United Press) from Berlin:

President Paul Von Hinderburg has issued an emergency decree empowering the German Cabinet to change the existing customs duties "according to fluctuations of the world market."

The first cabinet of Dr. Heinrich Brüning received similar powers from the Reichstag, but the measure expired with the cabinet's resignation in October.

Agriculture tariffs may be lowered with a view to reducing prices, a government spokesman stated.

An increase in duties to meet Great Britain's new tariffs is not expected for the time being, he said.

Europe May Ask President Hoover to Take Debt Talk Chair—Heads of Bank for International Settlements Anxious to Have President Guide Conference, Paris Hears.

From Paris a cablegram Nov. 30 (copyright) to the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

An invitation to President Hoover to come to Europe and preside in person over the deliberations of the projected intergovernmental conference on German reparation and debt payments is under discussion in influential circles of the Bank of International Settlements, it was learned here to-night. The conference will consider the adoption of and means for putting into force the recommendations to be made by the World Bank's Young plan advisory committee on Germany's capacity to pay, which meets next week.

According to a source usually well informed, the intergovernmental conference probably will meet next February, at nearly the same time as the general disarmament conference at Geneva, choosing one of the towns of Cote d'Azur, perhaps Nice or Cannes, as the seat of its deliberations.

It is learned that Mr. Hoover is being discussed as the logical Chairman by certain elements prominent in the banking world of Basle, the headquarters of the World Bank, on the basis of the following assumptions: Stripped to its essentials, the Young plan is an arrangement between Germany and her creditors whereby Germany pays sufficient reparations to the Allies to cover their debts to America; therefore, in the final analysis, the forthcoming committee inquiry into Germany's capacity to pay will be an inquiry into how much Germany can pay to America.

This synopsis is sufficient to indicate that the French view of reparations is predominant in the minds of those who are debating Hoover leadership for the intergovernmental conference. Their point of view is that, in so far as final acceptance of any plan agreeable to the European powers rests on the assent of America, such a plan would be more easily and surely worked out under the direct inspiration of the American President.

As regards the immediate future in store for the World Bank's advisory Committee, which will gather next Monday at Basle, the view prevails in the circles already mentioned that the committee will not be able to report before Christmas and probably will have to work well into January before it can present its conclusions. This is based on the fact that no agreement has been reached in two weeks of preliminary negotiations between the French and the Germans over the committee's terms of reference.

A discrepancy still exists between the French thesis that the Committee should be limited to Germany's capacity to pay the conditional slice of the reparations annuity, with the unconditional portion removed from discussion, and the commercial debts, owed largely to American and British bankers, relegated to secondary place, and the German contention that if the Reich's credit is to be saved the commercial debts must receive precedence over the political debts.

Undoubtedly, if the French wish to draw out the negotiations they will receive ample opportunity. Inquiries here suggest that the French would prefer to have the negotiations drawn out so as to cause the intergovernmental conference to coincide, more or less, with the disarmament conference.

An explanation offered by competent observers is that the French realize they will have to make concessions in both fields, and it will be easier to get Parliament to approve them if they come at the same time than if they follow one after the other.

The same paper reported the following from Washington, Nov. 30:

While it is not considered unlikely here that some political leaders abroad may think it desirable to have President Hoover personally attend a conference on debts and reparations, those acquainted with the President were inclined to indicate to-night that any such eventually was wholly out of the question.

In the first place, the presence of Mr. Hoover will certainly be required here during the session of Congress and while a serious domestic economic emergency still confronts the country. Also, the Administration has insisted from the beginning that the matter of readjusting reparations must be left entirely in the hands of those countries involved. Should the President let himself be involved in the problem of straightening out reparation payments the numerous complications which would beset him abroad and at home are obvious.

Great Britain Will Adopt Home Wheat Quota—To Set 15% As Portion of the Total Consumption Millers Must Buy Within Country—In Time for Spring Crop.

Great Britain's second proposed step toward protection was announced on Nov. 26 when Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Agriculture, assured the House of Commons that the Government was going to adopt a quota system for home-grown wheat in time to cover next spring's crop. A London

cablegram Nov. 26 to the New York "Times," from which we quote, continued:

A bill to validate the policy will be presented in Parliament next week.

This measure will not apply to the British Dominions. Trading arrangements whereby Canada and Australia would get a larger share of the British grain trade at the expense of the United States and Argentina are left for future negotiations incidental to the Imperial Conference at Ottawa next summer.

Except for a statement that the method decided upon would increase the profits of the British grower without involving subsidy payments from the National Exchequer, Sir John gave no details or figures.

It is understood, however, in authentic sources that the quota will begin at 15% as the portion of the country's total consumption which the millers must purchase from British grain farmers.

To Make Price \$1.10.

The system will be spread over a period of years, with the expectation of a gradual increase in the this quota up to a maximum of 25%, but it is estimated that the immediate effect in the harvest of 1932 will be to yield the British grower \$1.10 a bushel for wheat against the 75 cents he is now getting. This will mean profitable grain farming here.

The announcement of the Government policy was received with cheers by the House, and there was more jovial enthusiasm in the lobby immediately afterward than at any time since the National Government came into power.

It was hailed by tariff Conservatives as the first real evidence that Great Britain had embarked on a long-term policy of protecting her own industries. The Runciman tariffs on manufactured goods announced last week were regarded as only a temporary anti-dumping expedient preliminary to a real tariff in the spring.

Long Period Needed.

"During the short time it has been in office," said Sir John, "the Government has given earnest consideration to the agricultural situation. The problems to be solved are many and complex, and time will be required for the preparation of a comprehensive policy, the success of which must depend in great measure on the extent to which agriculturists are prepared to develop efficient methods of production and marketing."

"But the Government recognizes the special importance of urgency in the cereal situation and has decided to apply the principle of a quota on home-produced wheat of milling quality and to introduce legislation in time to enable the scheme to become effective before next year's crop."

"The scheme was designed to secure the producers a market with the maximum price for wheat of milling quality. No contribution from the Exchequer in the way of a subsidy will be involved. It is not intended to encourage the cultivation of land unsuitable for wheat."

Another bill will be introduced next week devised to restrict by tariff importations from Europe, especially from France. This will apply to agricultural and horticultural luxuries such as cut flowers and fruits and flowers out of season.

Major J. Milner, Labor, wanted to know if provision would be made to assure British farm laborers of an increase in wages as their share of the new profits to be gained by the growers of wheat. Sir John replied that there already existed wage boards to attend to that.

Danish Cabinet Acts to Protect Farming—Frames Measures to Safeguard Industry—Also Acts on Purchase of Foreign Currency Needed for Fodder Imports.

The Danish Cabinet submitted on Nov. 26 a number of new measures to protect the farming industry and also regarding the purchase of foreign currency needed for imports of fodder. Copenhagen advices to the New York "Times" also said:

The Government intends to apply restrictions to imports of luxury goods. Extension of the restrictions to other goods will be decided on later.

A joint committee is being formed consisting of representatives of various lines of trade and labor to consider measures to be taken in connection with the economic situation.

Germany Asks Britain to Discuss Tariffs—New 50% Duties Held to Affect 12% of German Exports to England—Repayment of \$320,000,000 Frozen British Credits Depends Largely on Favorable Trade Balances.

The German Government has instructed its Ambassador in London to propose to the British Government immediate "friendly discussions" of the situation created by the new British tariffs. A Berlin cablegram, Nov. 28, to the New York "Times," authority for this, added:

Although it is realized here that Great Britain's position is extremely difficult, negotiations for modification of the tariff measures are deemed necessary, as they threaten to exclude a considerable proportion of the German exports to Britain.

The 50% British tariff on manufactures along with the depreciation of the pound, has affected the prices of 23 classes of German export commodities to such an extent that they have been virtually barred from the British market, it is held.

The German share of Britain's imports of 10 of these commodities is 30%, and in some cases it is as high as 80%. On the basis of 1930 trade statistics, it is estimated that the German exports affected by the British tariffs amount to about \$36,000,000 annually, or 12% of the total of German exports to Britain.

The proposed negotiations will be extremely difficult, as the British have the same interest in keeping down imports that the Germans have in promoting exports. Both nations have extensive foreign obligations that can be met only with a favorable balance of trade. The paradox of the situation is seen in the fact that the British Government has always recognized that Germany must earn its debts by exports if it is to pay at all.

Nevertheless, the German position is relatively strong, as Britain remains one of Germany's chief creditors. The British short-term debts frozen in Germany amount to about £64,000,000 [about \$320,000,000 at par], and it depends solely on the German export surplus how fast these debts can be refunded.

The result of any Anglo-German discussions of tariffs will therefore have a great bearing on the stand the German Government will take in the forthcoming Basle deliberations of the Bank for International Settlements advisory board.

All calculations embodied in the schemes for repayment of German debts and all estimates of Germany's capacity to pay are based on her export surplus. Since Germany's imports can hardly be diminished much more, a decrease in German exports to Britain would mean a corresponding cut in the German export surplus.

Belgian Industries Affected by British Tariff—Glass Workshops to Close.

The following (Associated Press) from Brussels, Nov. 28, is from the New York "Times":

Workers in the Belgian glass trade have been informed that all workshops will close the end of December because the export trade has been affected seriously by the new British tariffs. It was indicated that production will be suspended for three months, and that for the six months following work will be on a half-time basis. The flax and tapestry industries also have been affected seriously by the British tariff.

Tariffs in Retaliation for Those in United States Found Costly by Latin-America.

The following special correspondence from San Jose, Costa Rica, Nov. 22, is from the New York "Times" of Nov. 22:

Latin-American countries are discovering that tariffs in supposed retaliation for the high tariff in the United States and for the purpose of increasing revenues and conserving gold are interfering with trade.

Recently "La Tribuna" reported that the Minister of Foreign Relations here intends to discuss with the Government of Colombia the question of lowering the import duty on Costa Rican cocoa. Formerly the duty was approximately 7c. a pound and Costa Rica exported considerable quantities to Colombia. Since the increase to over 11c. exportations have stopped. It is possible that a commercial treaty will have to be negotiated, giving Colombia reciprocal favors in return.

Danes to Raise Duties on Luxury Imports—Bill Affects Big Motor Cars, Jewelry and Cosmetics—France and United States Affected.

Under date of Nov. 27, advices from Copenhagen to the New York "Times" said:

In the Danish Folketing this afternoon Finance Minister Bramsnaes introduced a bill containing a number of import restrictions especially directed against France, which is said to have placed many hindrances in the way of Danish agricultural exports. Even the United States will be affected to some extent.

The bill would prohibit until 1932 imports of champagne, cognac or liquors. During 1932 imports would be limited to 50% of the 1931 imports.

Duties for 1932 on jewelry, precious stones and semi-precious stones, cosmetics and perfumes would be increased in some cases from 30 to 50% and in others from 15 to 25% ad valorem.

Of especial interest to American exporters is a proposed increase of 20% ad valorem in duties on large-type automobiles, excepting buses, making the duties about 35%. The same increase is proposed for chassis.

The Finance Minister emphasized that the bill aimed principally to strengthen Denmark's trade balance, as the revenue which it will produce is not essential. It is taken for granted that both houses of the Rigsdag will rush the bill through to-day, as all political parties have expressed their approval.

Analysis of "Breakdown and Reconstruction of Gold Standard" by London "Statist."

In "The Breakdown and Reconstruction of the Gold Standard," which forms the introductory article of the annual International Banking Section issued with "The Statist" of London, Nov. 14, an exhaustive analysis is made of the factors leading to the recent suspension of the gold standard in Great Britain and of the conditions requisite to restabilization. The writer considers that the return to gold in and after 1925, was purely haphazard—some countries reached stabilization in terms of gold after a long and painful period of deflation; others reached it by the short-cut of devaluation. The article also says:

No scientific attempt was made to adjust the domestic values of currencies to the exchange value at which their stabilization was decided upon. Thus the return to gold littered the world with a profusion of serious maladjustments. To these difficulties were added the large barren international debts as a result of the war, and the endeavor to meet the service of these debts called into being a reorientation of international trade for which no genuine economic justification could be advanced. Had this orientation been allowed to take its course unhampered by tariff and other artificial restrictions the solution of the war debts problem would probably have been solved without involving the collapse of a large part of the world's currency system. A third enemy against which the gold standard had to contend was the poor use made by the United States of the great financial power placed in its hands by the war and post-war development.

In view of the many solid advantages of a psychological character which it possesses, the gold standard, with proper and intelligent management, is still the ideal of a stable international monetary standard, in the opinion of "The Statist." But there can be no quick return to it. Whatever international standard may be chosen should only be effected on some coordinated plan. The cancellation of war debts, and the development of freer trade throughout the world are both pre-requisite. It is contended that there will also have to be a more effective control over the whole credit situation in the United States by the Central Banking authorities, if the mistakes of the past in that country are not to be repeated. But largely, it is added, the problem is a political one, to the solution of which a genuine rapprochement between France and Germany and a successful issue of the impending Disarmament Conference would greatly contribute.

London Re-Exports New Gold Arrivals—Mostly Sent to Continent—"Massing of Gold" in Smaller European Markets Depreciated.

A cablegram as follows, from London Nov. 27, is from the New York "Times":

Substantial gold exports from London, due chiefly to reshipment abroad of incoming Cape gold, are continuing. New York is receiving part of these shipments, but the bulk is still going to the Continent. The continuing massing of gold reserves in Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and Italy is not considered as helping the international financial situation in any degree.

Commenting on this policy, the current bulletin issued by a prominent firm of international bankers remarks that the prevalent fashion for calling in short credits in the form of gold and hoarding the proceeds is a relapse into economic barbarism and a negation of all practices that have made international banking possible. The conviction is expressed that it is the business of countries which have infected the world with this disease to repair the mischief that they have caused.

Recent Bidders for Gold in Europe Selling At a Loss.

A Vienna message Nov. 27 to the New York "Times" stated:

The "Neue Freie Presse" states that whereas, as recently as four weeks ago, a brisk trade in gold was flourishing in some European countries, the business has now been entirely discontinued and the "gold grabbers" are attempting to sell their gold even at a loss. The "Freie Presse's" opinion is that a surfeit of gold now exists not only in France but in Switzerland and Holland, but that other countries, especially those of Central Europe, have remained untouched by the current of gold flowing in this direction from America.

Discount on the Austrian schilling in the foreign exchange market stands at about 20%, but the rate is not officially recognized. There has been a rise of prices in isolated cases on the Austrian internal market, and prices of certain imported goods are beginning to rise as the filling of supplementary orders becomes more difficult.

New York Trust Co. Sees Unwise Credit Extension High Tariffs, &c., Rather Than Imperfections of Gold Standard Responsible for World's Monetary Difficulties.

Unwise credit extension, high protective tariffs and emphasis on collection of war debts rather than imperfections of the gold standard itself have been responsible for the world's current monetary difficulties, according to the "Index" published Nov. 25 by the New York Trust Co. The "Index" says:

Due consideration must be given to perfecting the mechanism of the gold standard and to increasing the effective use of gold, but of much greater importance is the necessity of considering the factors which have brought about the present situation by causing international maladjustment.

Great Britain's suspension of gold payments and the repercussions of this step in other countries have given rise to a number of proposals, having as their aim either a modification of the gold standard, as it exists to-day, or its abandonment. These suggestions are very similar to those advocated in the years immediately following the war when all the European countries were off the gold standard.

There have been suggestions that platinum or some other rare metal be used in place of gold; that bi-metallism be reintroduced on an extensive scale; that a "commodity index dollar" in which the amount of gold would vary with the prices of goods, be adopted, and even that money should be abolished altogether and trading be carried on by means of barter.

Notwithstanding the resurgence of these ideas, there is no difference of opinion among conservative economists as to the benefits of a common international standard of valuation which links the monetary systems of all countries together and provides a common basis of prices.

Swiss Gold Holdings Shown in Five-Fold Rise this Year.

From Paris the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 28 reported the following:

A Berlin paper in a study of the redistribution of world gold supplies shows that Switzerland has made by far the greatest percentage gain since the beginning of the year—in fact, Swiss holdings at the end of October had quintupled since the first of January.

In German marks, Swiss holdings during the period in question rose to 1,767,000,000 marks from 345,000,000 marks, or from 86.54 marks to 443.19 marks per capita.

French gains were much more modest; to 10,477,000,000 marks from 8,787,000,000 marks, or only a 20% increase. Per capita, the French gold amounts to 267.21 marks, against 224.10 marks.

Holland gold jumped from 1,088,000,000 marks to 1,421,000,000 marks, and per capita from 145 marks to 188 marks.

United States gold reserves are shown to have actually increased from 11,500,000,000 marks to 12,352,000,000 marks, or from 95.7 marks per capita to 102.8 marks.

Bank of England Again Authorized to Continue Increase in Fiduciary Note Issue.

Associated Press advices from London, Dec. 1, stated: The British Treasury has decided to maintain its fiduciary issue—that part of the note issue not covered by gold—at £275,000,000, it was announced to-day.

The authority of the Bank of England to issue fiduciary bank notes to that amount was extended until Dec. 14. The issue was increased by £15,000,000 on Aug. 1. The announcement sets at rest rumors that the Treasury intended increasing the fiduciary issue in view of the Christmas demand for currency.

The last item in these columns regarding the fiduciary note issue appeared in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 7, page 3011.

London Stock Exchange to Observe Jan. 2 as Holiday.

According to press accounts from London, Dec. 1, the London Stock Exchange will remain closed on Jan. 2, after

the New Year's Day holiday, so as to give the workers a chance to expedite the structural alterations that are being made on the building.

French Finance Minister Flandin Says Paris Bars Loans to Germany—But Offers Advances to Britons Whose Credits Are Frozen.

Stating in a London cablegram Nov. 29 that Pierre Etienne Flandin, the French Minister of Finance, made it clear that night that France was not going to advance any money directly to Germany to help her pay her debts, the New York "Times" in its cablegram added:

After a private week-end of shooting in Buckinghamshire, which was somewhat marred by fog, M. Flandin granted an interview to newspapermen before joining three of Britain's most prominent Cabinet Ministers at an equally private dinner.

If British investors felt any anxiety about Germany's ability to pay her private debts, he declared, they could apply with confidence to Paris for accommodation to tide them over any such difficult period.

The question of the moment, he explained, is not how to make Germany pay cash, but how to provide money in France to tide Germany's British short-term creditors over the tight preiod on a loan basis. He seemed to take it as a well-known fact, frequently conveyed by Paris to London, that France was willing and ready any time to come to the assistance of the City of London and that her financiers need not apply in vain on this occasion.

It was a mere coincidence that on the day M. Flandin left Paris, last Friday, to visit Sir Gomer Berry and Lady Berry at Farnham Royal, the French Ministry of Commerce announced that the Government had decided to open negotiations with Great Britain regarding the latter's new tariffs. Neither the British Foreign Office nor the French Embassy was apprised of M. Flandin's visit.

Sir John Simon, the British Foreign Secretary, however, took advantage of M. Flandin's visit to invite him to dinner to-night in order that Premier Laval's standpoint on the general financial situation might be personally explained to members of the British Government. Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, therefore, were invited to meet M. Flandin.

Before joining this party, however, M. Flandin again reiterated that his visit was purely private and that he had no intention of embarking on any negotiations and certainly was not going to discuss tariffs. The French Government, he said, was animated by the desire to co-operate with the British to find a solution for the crisis caused by the insolvency of Germany. With regard to finance, he said, he would restrict himself in his discussion with the British Ministers to an explanation of the French view, as set forth in M. Laval's speech in the Chamber of Deputies.

M. Flandin will return to Paris to-morrow.

Finance Minister Flandin of France Reported As Charged with Illegal Loans to Hungary, Austria, &c.—Replies That French Advances Averted Calamities at Home and Abroad.

A cablegram as follows from Paris, Nov. 27, is from the New York "Times":

Finance Minister Pierre Etienne Flandin was accused to-day in the Chamber of Deputies with having illegally advanced during a Parliamentary vacation and without the consent of Parliament large sums to foreign governments, such as those to Hungary, Austria and Yugoslavia and to several banks, such as the Banque Nationale de Credit, which has been saved by government intervention.

M. Flandin replied that if he had acted illegally, which he asid was not certain, he did not in the least regret it, for any illegalities which he might have committed had prevented far worse calamities.

Vincent Auriol, financial expert on the Socialist benches in the Chamber, had raised the issue while seeking to show that the "generosity" of the present government had exhausted to a large extent the funds which were supposed to be devoted to a scheme for national equipment. He complained that the Treasury statement of its position on Oct. 31 was inaccurate, as it showed sterling holdings at par value did not take into account the amounts advanced to foreign governments and French banks which had been helped.

The extent of the help given to foreign governments, M. Auriol said, had reached more than \$40,000,000 at par.

For most of these advances, as for instance that of 14,000,000 francs to Hungary, M. Flandin advanced as his reason that they had been requested by the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The advance to Yugoslavia, he said, was in compensation for loss of revenue following the application of the Hoover moratorium.

Continued Shrinkage in French Tax Yield—Decrease From 1930 Was \$11,076,000 in October—\$31,044,000 in Seven Months.

Paris advices, Nov. 27, are taken as follows from the New York "Times":

Fiscal collections of the French Government during October were 5,203 million francs, a decrease of 284 millions compared with the same month in 1930. Direct taxes provided 1,724 millions, a decrease of 142 millions; indirect taxes 3,401 millions, a decrease of 96 millions, and national property 79 millions, a decrease of 46 millions. The yield of indirect taxes was chiefly affected by heavy decrease in collections from business turnover and from the stamp duty, but the higher customs tariff yielded 52 millions more than a year before.

Receipts for the seven completed months of the fiscal year were 26,699 million francs, a decrease of 796 millions compared with 1930. Direct taxes yielded 6,552 millions, a decrease of 510 millions, indirect taxes 19,968 millions, a decrease of 215 millions and national property 179 millions, a decrease of 70 millions.

French Note Issue Down—\$70,000,000 Off Since November, Following Rise in October.

Under date of Nov. 27, a Paris account to the New York "Times" said:

With money still abundant on the market here, there is a very considerable amount of capital unemployed and unproductive of interest on deposit at the Bank of France. The Bank's return as of Nov. 20 showed decrease of 145 million francs in bills discounted and of 73 million in loans against securities.

Circulation was reduced 632 millions. This compares with an increase during every week but one of October, which raised the total of outstanding circulation 3,500 million francs during the month. Since the first week of November the note issue has decreased every week, the total reduction being nearly 2,000 million francs.

Position of Three French Banks Shown in Monthly Statements.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 28 we take the following:

Monthly statements of the three big French deposit banks reveal big increase in their cash reserves and a sharp decrease in funds abroad. The latter can only be traced in the statements of Societe Generale and Comptoir d'Escompte which carry a separate item for "correspondents," while Credit Lyonnais statements carry no such separate item. The record since end of June to end of September is, (in millions of francs):

Credit Lyonnais:	Sept. 30.	Aug. 31.	July 31.	June 30.
Cash in vaults & with banks	3,589	4,193	3,227	2,924
Societe Generale: Cash	2,665	2,659	2,595	1,362
Correspondents	516	616	1,282	2,436
Comptoir d'Escompte: Cash	2,385	1,981	2,071	964
Correspondents	1,161	1,313	1,466	2,433

In the same period private deposits with the Bank of France rose to 18,000,000,000 francs, from 14,600,000,000, though allowance must be made for the British credits.

Attitude of Premier Laval of France Toward Germany's Private Debts Surprises London—Financiers Doubt Premier's Words Represent France's "Considered Policy"—Reichsbank Position Given—Amount of British Credit Under "Standstill" Agreement.

Premier Laval's declaration on Nov. 26 that France would not consent to any priority of private debts over reparations caused general disappointment in financial quarters in London on Nov. 27, according to a London cablegram to the New York "Times" from which we also quote as follows:

There was some reluctance, however, to believe, as The London "Times" says, that this can represent the considered policy of France with regard to ordinary banking and commercial credits in the present financial crisis. The prolongation of this crisis, it is pointed out, must affect France more adversely as time passes.

The quarterly review of J. Henry Schroder & Co. contains the results of some calculations made by an independent observer regarding the exchange position of the Reichsbank.

Exchange Loss \$65,000,000.

His investigations show that between July 31 and Oct 31 repayments of principal to short-term creditors amounted to about \$250,000,000, while payments of interest on the foreign debt amounted to about \$90,000,000, making a total of \$340,000,000. During this period the excess of exports over imports was \$265,000,000, while the net invisible exports from shipping and such items were about \$10,000,000, making a total of \$275,000,000 and leaving the loss in exchange \$65,000,000.

Actually, it is said, the loss was \$10,000,000. The difference of \$55,000,000 is accounted for by repayments of credits outside the "standstill" agreement by some of the proceeds from exports not having reached the Reichsbank and by a lag in the receipt of payment on exports.

The short-term liabilities of Germany of all kinds, including statements maturing within the next year, are estimated to amount to between \$2,500,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000. The repayment of this sum, according to the Schroder observer, is obviously out of the question, and the renewal in some form of the greater part will be necessary.

Credit Total Seen As Normal.

The London Bankers' Clearing House to-day issued statistics tending to refute "exaggerated reports" regarding the amount of British credit more or less immobilized under the German "standstill" agreement. In July the amount was less than \$320,000,000 at par, it is said. At the end of October it had been reduced to \$275,000,000, half of which was being employed to finance the shipment of goods.

The London bill is the chief instrument by which the world has been accustomed to finance its trade, and the amount of British credit covered by the "standstill" agreement, it is argued, is not more and probably is less than would normally be required to finance Germany's international commerce.

"All that is required to enable these credits to function freely," the London "Times" points out, "is a definite assurance that they will not be imperiled by French action."

London's interest in the total short-term indebtedness of Germany is probably less than that of any other country except France. Swiss and Dutch loans and credits to Germany are doubtless as large as, if not larger than, the British.

Stresses Limits on Inquiry.

Commenting on "the new chapter which will shortly open in the checkered history of reparations," The Economist, edited by Sir Walter Layton, British member of the advisory committee summoned by the Bank for International Settlements to consider Germany's capacity to pay, will say to-morrow that neither the advisory committee at Basle nor the body of international bankers meeting simultaneously in Berlin to deal with Germany's private debts can settle the question.

"The advisory committee is purely consultative," The Economist will say, "it can only recommend. It is for the governments and statesmen to adopt, implement or improve upon the committee's conclusions. Time is the essence of the problem, for financial and economic paralysis is stalking across Europe, and the first steps toward reconditioning the machinery of international trade cannot be taken until some reasonable decision is taken upon the German problem by the statesmen of the respective countries."

"It is expected, therefore, that the meeting of the advisory committee will be followed early in the new year by a conference plenipotentiary of

statesmen, meeting with a determination not to arrive at yet another patched-up compromise, for which, as Prime Minister MacDonald has rightly said, the time has now long passed, but at a durable and agreed settlement which may form the basis upon which certainty and confidence, the first essentials of a business revival, may be securely rebuilt."

Premier Laval's statement relative to German private debts appeared in these columns Nov. 28, page 3545.

Revising French Stamp Tax.

In its Dec. 2 issue the "Wall Street Journal" reported the following from Paris:

In a bill now up before the Chamber of Deputies the French banks are to be relieved of the special stamp tax "de dimension" which they have to date been paying on certificates representing foreign securities not listed in France. When such certificates had been issued abroad and brought into France, they were not subject to this tax—foreign banking institutions thus having an advantage over the French in this business.

Repeal of the tax will tend to facilitate the entry and sale of foreign shares and bonds into France.

Bill Introduced in French Chamber of Deputies Appropriates \$1,040,000 for New Building for French Embassy at Washington.

Associated Press advices from Paris, Nov. 30 stated:

The Government introduced a bill in the Chamber of Deputies to-day to appropriate \$1,040,000 for a new French Embassy at Washington. Of the total \$500,000 would be taken from the 1931-32 budget. The Senate already has approved the project.

From Washington, Nov. 30 the following appeared in the New York "Times":

The new French Embassy Building, for which \$1,040,000 is provided in an appropriation bill introduced to-day in the Chamber of Deputies, will give the Ambassador here a home and chancellery under the same roof. When completed it will be one of the most beautiful structures erected here for diplomatic purposes.

The French Ambassador at present makes use of two houses in 16th St., one of which provides him with a home and the other, a few blocks away, with quarters for the embassy offices and staff.

The new Embassy, designed by Paul P. Cret of Philadelphia, a native Frenchman, architect and designer of the Pan-American Building here, also will be erected in 16th St.

Big Deficit Forecast for France in 1933—Finance Committee Member Attacks Methods Adopted in Recent Years of Plenty.

From the New York "Times" we quote the following from Paris Dec. 2:

Outlining the budget before the Chamber of Deputies Finance Committee to-day, Deputy Lamoureux predicted that the French budget for 1933 risked the incurring of a deficit of 6,000,000,000 francs under the present system of balancing the budget. He pointed out that the budget for 1932, which he is presenting, maintained its balance only by exceptional measures taken in time of crisis, and that these would be lacking for future budgets.

The debate he precipitated resulted in a motion that the Committee send this budget back to the Government for revision. The motion was defeated, nine to seven.

M. Lamoureux said the 1932 budget provided for expenditures of 2,700,000,000 francs, divided as follows: Social works, 900,000,000; economic expenditures, 675,000,000; national defense, 887,000,000, and administrative expenses, 70,000,000.

The difficulties in the budget resulted from two causes, both originating from the method of framing the budget during prosperous years. The first is reductions in taxation and the second the progressive increases that have been allowed in public expenditures.

At the end of the Finance Committee's meeting there was a stormy debate, involving charges made against Finance Minister Flandin in the Chamber this week over advances made by the treasury to foreign governments. A Socialist Deputy offered a resolution of blame against M. Flandin, which was rejected by the Committee, although it decided to ask the treasury for full information concerning loans to foreign governments.

Gold Basis to Stay Reichsbank Says—Officially Denies Any Inclination Toward Suspension.

The following (copyright) from Berlin Dec. 4 is from the New York "Evening Post" of last night:

The Reichsbank officially denied, upon inquiry to-day, that it or the German Government harbored any intention of abandoning the gold standard and asserted that rumors circulating to this effect in New York were "manufactured from this air."

A Reichsbank official said that there had been no change whatever in its firm determination to remain on the gold standard and there was no reason to believe that circumstances would force a change of this position. Neutral observers are inclined to take the Reichsbank's statement at its full face value, but point out that nobody announces that a war is lost until forced to do so.

The following is also from the "Post" of last night (Dec. 4):

Reich Gold Standard.

Wall Street had reports from abroad this morning ascribing the situation in foreign security markets to the disposition in various financial centers there to await more definite news on rumors current in such circles that Germany would recede from the gold standard almost immediately. Whether these rumors had any influence in prompting renewed selling of stocks here is problematical, inasmuch as most observers were inclined to the opinion that Germany could hardly be considered actually on a gold basis with its ratio of gold and foreign currency reserves to note liabilities at 25.4%, or well under the reduced legal minimum. Inquiry to the Reichsbank brought unqualified denial of such rumors, which it was held are manufactured out of "thin air."

New Discount Company in Berlin Intended to Relieve Credit Stringency—Part of Capital to Be Subscribed by Gold Discount Bank.

Press advices from Berlin yesterday (Dec. 4) said:

A new discount bank to be known as the Discount Company and capitalized at 50,000,000 marks, has been formed in Berlin in an effort to relieve the credit stringency in Germany, according to Berlin dispatch.

More than half of the capital for the new organization will be subscribed by the Gold Discount Bank, affiliated with the Reichsbank. Most of the other capital will come from 28 banks, which are participating in its formation.

Reichsbank Releasing Foreign Exchange Again.

A cablegram as follows from Berlin Dec. 3 is from the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The Reichsbank is again releasing foreign exchange to banks in special cases for the repayment of acceptance credits falling due abroad, or for release of mark balances held in Germany. For some time past it has been insisted that banks meet such payments out of their own foreign exchange holdings, or from those of customers.

This reflects the better position of the bank with regard to foreign exchange.

It is said here that most of the American banks have not yet stated their attitude as to whether they will accept bills drawn with maturities beyond Feb. 29, the end of the "stillhaltung" period. English banks have declined to accept bills with a longer maturity in some cases, despite the decision of the group of English institutions to do so.

Deposits in German Banks—Decrease of 373,000,000 Marks Last Month—Ratio of Assets Lower.

Relative to deposits in German banks we quote the following from Berlin Nov. 27 to the New York "Times":

Balance sheets of the six principal Berlin banks for October show the decline of 373,000,000 marks in deposits. This reduction is partly due to depreciation of various foreign currencies, which made repayment of foreign credits profitable, but partly also to necessary payments under the Basle agreement. The ratio of liquid assets to liabilities in the six banks is now 38.9%, as compared with 54.2 at the beginning of the year.

Demand for cash for the month-end settlements began in the middle of this week. There was large selling of bank acceptances, but interest rates did not rise. On Thursday day loans were quoted at 8½@9¼%, with no business in monthly loans.

J. G. McDonald Chairman of Foreign Policy Association, Predicts Hitlerites Will Join Bruening Cabinet—Believes German Situation Will Be Improved by Participation of Nazis—Trade and Debts Reviewed.

Declaring that the demand of the Hitlerites for important representation in the Bruening Cabinet can no longer be ignored in view of their most recent startling success in the Hesse elections, James G. McDonald, Chairman of the Foreign Policy Association, predicted on Nov. 26 their early inclusion in the German government. "The best informed German opinion appears to expect that within a few months there will be a reorganization of the Ministry," Mr. McDonald said, "but this prediction may be disproved should Hitler decide that his party will not accept partial power." Mr. McDonald's remarks were made in the course of a radio broadcast, the 132nd, in "The World Today" series, delivered over WEA and stations associated with the National Broadcasting Co.

Continuing, Mr. McDonald declared that he did not believe there would be a serious danger that the Hitlerites, once in the Cabinet, would force through some of their disruptive economic proposals. He went on to say:

"At most the Hitlerites would be given only a limited number of places in the Bruening Cabinet, and Bruening, who would certainly remain as Foreign Minister, if not Chancellor, would exercise the dominant influence in the government.

"Would not such concessions to the Hitlerites be interpreted abroad, particularly in France, as a dangerous recrudescence of German nationalism? The Nazis place in the very foreground of their foreign policy the scrapping of the Versailles Treaty, the repudiation of reparation payments, and the enlargement of Germany to include Austria. Every one of these proposals is intolerable to France. None the less, I doubt that the addition of the Hitlerites to the German Cabinet would cause any grave concern to the French Government. French statesmen know that as long as Bruening and Groener (in charge of the Reichswehr) remain in the Cabinet, the Hitlerites would not be able to carry through a single one of their threats. On the contrary, there is an influential body of French opinion which argues that real peace between Germany and France can be made only when the Nazis are taken into the agreement."

Noting Germany's large favorable expert balance every month this year, Mr. McDonald pointed out that it might most accurately be diagnosed "as the flush of fever; for it represents not so much an increase of exports as a sharply reduced diet of imports. In other words, because of the difficult situation at home, the German people are forced to economize to the extent of cutting down on commodities essential to their standard of living."

Turning to the recent German request for a Committee of the Bank for International Settlements to take cognizance of the Reich's private indebtedness as well as its reparation obligations, Mr. McDonald declared, "It is to be hoped that

the Committee will act promptly and will interpret its mandate as broadly as possible. Each week's delay aggravates Germany's financial condition." In conclusion Mr. McDonald emphasized the "steadiness and courage" of Chancellor Bruening, declaring that he commanded the respect of his bitterest enemies. "The Chancellor, supported loyally by President von Hindenburg, is striving valiantly to lead his people out of the slough of industrial and financial depression and political confusion," Mr. McDonald added.

Unemployment Heavier in Germany—Falling Off in Department Store Sales.

The number of industrial jobs in Germany which were filled was reduced from 51.4% in August to 50.1% in September, the number of hours worked from 44% to 43.3%, according to official German figures received in the Department of Commerce from Assistant Commercial Attache Douglas Miller, Berlin, Germany. The Department on Nov. 25 said:

These figures are based on an arbitrary standard set-up by the Government statistical office estimating the number of jobs and hours to be worked when industry is running at full capacity, so that these figures mean per cent. of capacity.

Producers' goods were more strongly affected than consumers' goods, according to the German report.

According to the Association of German Department Stores department store sales in Germany in August and September have fallen off between 15 and 16% as compared with the same months a year ago. Sales in food-stuffs are 12 to 13% below, clothing from 17 to 19%.

The reduced sales in foodstuffs can all be traced to the reduction in prices. The amount of food sold was the same in quantity, but in case of clothing price decline does not entirely make up the loss. Women's and children's clothes, shoes, and cotton goods were sold in much smaller quantities, while men's furnishings, knitted goods, and woolen cloth were sold in about the same quantity but at lower prices.

Furniture and kitchen utensils were sold in somewhat lower quantities; the reduction below last year was 13% in August and 23% in September.

In the group "other goods," which contains luxury articles, the sales were from 18 to 24% below previous year's figures.

The total turnover from the beginning of the year to the end of September was 87% from that of 1930, or a reduction of 13%.

President Luther of Reichsbank Sees Germany Repaying Too Fast—Lays Bank's Sale of Gold and Foreign Bills to Gaps in Credit Stabilization Accord—Says Run Still Continues—Terms False Assumption That Loss is Due to Flight of Capital and Failure to Surrender Exchange.

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Dr. Hans Luther, President of the Reichsbank, has written the following in reply to a request by the Associated Press to outline Germany's position regarding the forthcoming examination of her financial condition, particularly with regard to her capacity to pay reparations.

Berlin, Nov. 29.—The Reichsbank's sale of gold and foreign bills during recent weeks has attracted unusual attention both in Germany and abroad.

The opinion is widespread that Germany, under the short-term credit stabilization agreement and in view of her active trade balance, ought even to be able to replenish her supply of gold and foreign exchange.

However, this so-called stabilization agreement contains so many exceptions and gaps that the unfavorable development of gold and foreign exchange reserves of the Reichsbank is in the largest measure explained by it.

Figures published some time ago by the Reichsbank show that repayments of credits exercise a determining influence upon the foreign exchange balance. These repayments have amounted from July 31—the day when the agreement became effective—until the middle of November to more than 1,000,000,000 reichsmarks (the mark is worth 23.8 cents).

The Sale of Foreign Bills.

Of the Reichsbank's sale of foreign bills during the period from Sept. 1 to Nov. 15, totaling 1,920,000,000 reichsmarks (in round figures), only 900,000,000 were needed for trade in commodities, while 1,020,000,000 went into the movement of capital. Of these 1,020,000,000 reichsmarks, 720,000,000 constituted repayments of credit.

Without these repayments of credit the Reichsbank would have been able to show, instead of a loss of foreign exchange amounting to 510,000,000 reichsmarks, an increase of 210,000,000. This demonstrates clearly that Germany at present is going beyond her strength in her endeavor to do the utmost to fulfill her obligations in the way of debts and especially the obligations assumed in the stabilization agreement.

Germany's good-will alone cannot solve the problem.

As these figures hitherto for the most part have been unknown to the public, the false assumption has been made in some quarters that the unsatisfactory position of Germany's supply of foreign exchange is essentially influenced by a flight of capital and failure to surrender foreign exchange.

In opposing this view, I do not desire to place decisive weight upon the fact that government-controlled economy measures can never be 100% successful, for such control must never advance to a point where it will hamper normal and healthy operations of trade in an unbearable manner.

Efficacy of Control.

Approximately the following can be said as to the efficacy of control of foreign exchange in Germany:

If—which in itself is quite impossible—the excess of exports over imports during the period from Sept. 1 to Nov. 15 had in its entirety become converted in foreign exchange, even then such receipt of foreign exchange would not have been sufficient to cover payments on movements of capital totalling 1,020,000,000 reichsmarks.

For the excess of exports over imports would, in that hypothetical case, have amounted to about 920,000,000 reichsmarks (September and October

together 750,000,000, plus an estimated 170,000,000 for half of November). Hence even then the sum would still have fallen short by 10,000,000 marks.

No influx of foreign exchange, no matter how favorable, could therefore in the long run have made the repayment of credits possible at the present pace.

The assumption that an excess of exports over imports becomes converted at once into an increase of foreign exchange is, of course, entirely inadmissible. Between the time the goods cross the border and the amount realized from the exports reaches the country, several, let us say three, months, on the average, elapse.

Germany's excess of exports during the earlier months was, however, considerably lower—for instance, 230,000,000 marks in July as compared with 380,000,000 marks in October. On the other hand, the government's demand for the surrender of foreign exchange already within the country—essentially a non-recurrent demand—had produced, it may be assumed, its yield during August.

Holds Aim Almost Realized.

If under these circumstances about 510,000,000 marks in foreign exchange, according to estimates of the Reichsbank, have been delivered from the beginning of September until the middle of November from the excess of exports over imports, then this shows that Germany has come quite close to realizing her aim of the complete seizure of foreign exchange.

Nevertheless the Reich's Government, at the request of the Reichsbank, recently put added teeth into the decree governing foreign exchange, inasmuch as the government and the Reichsbank want to do everything possible on their part to maintain Germany's position with reference to foreign exchange.

That is not, however, where the solution of the problem is to be found. It is reflected, rather, in very high repayments of credit which are the cause of continuous losses of foreign exchange and in the general political exchange and in the general political development and the world's economic situation, which still, although now only to a limited extent, permits the run by creditors upon Germany that started at the beginning of last June to continue.

To find a solution that will prove a real help should be the more easily possible since Germany since last Autumn has already repaid to foreign countries almost 5,000,000,000 marks, or considerably more than \$1,000,000,000.

To Shift Borrowing from German Banks—Reichsbank Pressing Private Institutions to Make Use of Available Foreign Credit.

In its advices from Berlin Nov. 27 the New York "Times" said:

Although the mark has retained its value in the foreign exchange market, foreign banks—first in America, then later in Holland and Switzerland—have constantly been testing more severely the eligibility of new German bills. Perhaps more serious is the fact that German banks have not taken advantage of available foreign reimbursement credits. In particular, the volume of English credits has declined.

The explanation is that customers of German banks, who are the ultimate takers of such credit, refuse to face the risk of loss incurred through fluctuations in the currency of Great Britain or other non-gold paying countries and prefer to take reichsmark credits and pay a higher interest rate. The Reichsbank is pressing private banks to take full advantage of all available foreign credits and, in support of this policy, the government has issued a new currency ordinance, reducing by 25% the ration of foreign exchange allowed to importers. This, it is reasoned, will compel importers to accept foreign credits.

Commercial banks criticize the ordinance as harmful. Against Reichsbank President Luther personally there is no longer any criticism, since the banking community considers his administration since the date of the "freezing arrangement" to have been efficient. They complain, however, that the Reichsbank does not permit forward dealings in foreign exchange, whereas exchange transactions, they think, would secure credit takers against loss from exchange fluctuations and encourage them to accept foreign credits instead of resorting to the home credit market.

Municipal Spending in Germany Defended—Dr. Mulert Insists Cities Have Been Frugal, Citing Need of Providing Work for Idle.

Dr. Oscar Mulert, who according to Associated Press accounts from Berlin Nov. 28 is regarded as Germany's best-informed specialist on municipal problems, issued a protest on that day against accusations by Premier Laval of France that German municipalities were guilty of lavish expenditures. The New York "Times" further reports the Associated Press cablegram as follows:

"Nobody is more ready than I to admit individual cases of prodigal municipal expenditure," he said, "but is it unfair to generalize from those instances. Instead of needing 5,000,000,000 marks a year, as before 1930, our cities operate now on a budget of 4,000,000,000, and this sum would be much lower but for unemployment.

"Of 5,000,000 jobless Germans, fully one-third must be directly supported by communities. In 1928 they had only 170,000 on their hands. The next year there were 320,000; in 1930 there were 875,000, and by the end of 1931 this number will be more than 1,500,000. Nobody can charge prodigality in doles, for these average 25 cents a day per man."

"Every reduction of expenditures leads unfortunately to new unemployment," he said, "and in the wake of the growing economic depression come despair and radicalism.

"Nobody could foresee this economic depression. Germany's reconstruction program was intended for normal times and foreign credits to municipalities were used 95% to finance public utilities. They never were used for welfare purposes or luxuries."

Answering critics of the policy of building athletic plants, Dr. Mulert classified these as projects to provide employment, adding, "Building athletic grounds and digging swimming pools was chiefly manual work and involved only inexpensive material. Once completed they were of inestimable value in raising the health and morals of the young people.

"Another matter about which much fuss is made abroad is our attractive settlement houses. But when one builds one might as well make his product artistically beautiful. From 1914 to 1923 all house construction was stopped in Germany, and it was imperative to build many and cheap homes."

German Stock Market Not To Be Reopened—Bonds on Curb Market Affected by Report That Tax on Interest Collectable at Source Will Be Re-introduced.

Under date of Nov. 27 a wireless message from Berlin to the New York "Times" said:

The Government and the Reichsbank have decided that in the present unsettled conditions it is not desirable to reopen the Stock Exchange. This decision was reached despite the fact that the Boerse committees at Berlin and Frankfurt advised reopening. The unofficial curb market has been weak, especially on Thursday and Friday; it was unfavorably influenced by the refusal to reopen the Boerse, by the Hitlerite plot in Hesse and by Laval's declaration regarding reparations to the Chamber of Deputies.

Bonds were sharply depressed by a report that the Government intends to reintroduce the former tax on interest collectable at the source. Despite the week's decline, however, net changes since the last official Boerse day, Sept. 18, are inconsiderable. Among important stocks which have risen are AKU, Rayon, Siemens & Halske, Deutsche Erdoel, Rhenish Westphalian, Electricity and Aschersleben Potash. Net declines during the period have occurred in shares of the Reichsbank, the Deutsche Bank, Hamburg-American, Stahlwerke and General Electricity.

An item indicating that consent had been withheld for the opening of the Boerse appeared in our issue of Nov. 28, page 3550.

Germany to Merge Banks Hit by Crisis—Danat, Shut in July, Dresdner or Both Will Soon Cease to Exist in Present Form—Other Plans Propose Merger of Dresdner Bank With the Commerz-und Privat-Bank.

Under date of Nov. 30 a cablegram from Berlin appeared as follows in the New York "Times":

The further concentration of the big German incorporated banks, which in view of the continuous shrinkage of business are admittedly too numerous and ill-adapted to a country that before the war was one of the world's chief creditors, may be expected at an early date as a result of discussions now under way between the Government and private bankers.

While no decision has been made to date as to the precise nature of the reform plans that are being considered, it is virtually certain that the Dresdner Bank or the Darmstaedter und Nationalbank (popularly known as the Danat Bank) or both will soon cease to exist in their present form.

These two banks, which formerly were rated second and third among German banks, were the principal victims of the July banking crisis and could be kept going only with the help of the Reich Government.

Nothing Decided Then.

Nothing could then be decided about their future, but it was understood that the Reich would try as soon as possible to rid itself of these heavy engagements or at least try to diminish the risk involved by merging them either with one another or with other more solvent institutions.

Three plans are now in the foreground of the discussions. The one that has the most chance of being adopted before long is a merger of the Dresdner Bank with the Commerz-und Privat-Bank, which in size rates fourth in Germany.

Two other schemes which are being considered and may be realized if the first one fails are a merger of the Danat Bank with the Commerz-und Privat-Bank or a merger of the Danat Bank with the Dresdner Bank by joining their provincial branches and organizing them as independent banks for certain territories.

A fourth plan to join either of the two banks with the Government-owned Reichs-Kredit-Gesellschaft has been dropped as the latter institution protested.

The Commerz-und Privat-Bank, which was said to have weathered best the storm in July and is still wholly independent, has a stock capital of 75,000,000 marks (about \$18,000,000) and reserves of 40,000,000 marks.

Would Assent to Merger.

Since a merger with the Dresdner or the Danat would secure in one way or another the powerful backing of the Reich's treasury, however, it is understood that the Commerz-und Privat-Bank would not mind giving up its independence to a certain extent.

This is especially the case as since August its deposits and other liabilities have suffered a larger shrinkage than those of any other of the six leading banks except the Deutsche Bank and Diskonto-Gesellschaft, which, however, is strong enough to bear the loss.

While it is learned in banking circles that the Government wants to get rid of the Danat Bank at any rate, the Dresdner Bank will probably disappear first for the simple reason that the Government, holding an absolute majority of its shares, can decide its fate independently.

When in July the Dresdner Bank threatened to follow the way of the Danat Bank, which closed its doors, its original stock capital of 100,000,000 marks was raised by 300,000,000 marks of preferential stock, the Government subscribing for the entire block. Later the Government enlarged its engagement by purchasing 22,000,000 marks worth of the original stock through the Reichs-Kredit-Gesellschaft.

Would Liquidate Deal.

To what extent the Government will retain this stock in case the Dresdner Bank is merged with the Commerz-und Privat-Bank has not been decided yet, but in view of the budgetary deficit, now estimated at 400,000,000 marks (about \$95,000,000), it is understood that the Government would try to liquidate the engagement as far as possible.

The 300,000,000 marks of preferential stock were not paid for in cash but with treasury bills maturing in annual installments of 100,000,000 marks, beginning in August 1932.

The present situation of the Danat Bank is far more involved. When it closed its doors in July the Government guaranteed its liabilities. The guarantee is still in force, but meanwhile shares worth 35,000,000 marks, representing a majority of its stock capital of 60,000,000, have been taken over by 20 leading industrial concerns.

This, however, was only a formal transaction, as the industrialists were unable to put up the necessary funds which had to be advanced by the Government and credited for 10 years. Thus the Reich retained its predominating influence in the bank, which is still managed by the Government's trustee.

New Yugoslav Finance Minister.

Belgrade advices Nov. 19 to the New York "Times" said:

King Alexander to-day appointed the Vice-President of the Yugoslav National Bank, Miloradeg Orgjevitch, as Minister of Finance. He is only 35. Former Minister of Finance Gjuritch has been appointed Yugoslav Minister in London.

Hungarian Premier Lists Excess Expenditures of \$13,562,500.

From Budapest, Nov. 27, advices to the New York "Times" said:

Count Julius Karolyi, Premier of Hungary, today submitted to Parliament a report on the excess expenditures of the Bethlen regime during its last term. The report revealed that Count Bethlen's Cabinet spent without Parliamentary sanction and in excess of estimates 77,500,000 pengoes (\$13,562,000 at par), the Ministry of War being the chief disburser, followed by the Ministries of Education and the Interior.

Tax on Window Signs Protested in Italy.

Associated Press advices from Rome Nov. 30 stated:

In store after store along the streets of the downtown shopping centres of Rome, Milan and other big cities today huge sheets of black paper were spread like curtains across the windows in which goods are usually displayed.

The shopkeepers were "in mourning" because of the stiff tax on window signs effective tomorrow. It requires them to pay 35 cents a letter for large stores and taxes on chain stores would run into respectable figures. The American Express Co., for example, would have to pay about \$500.

Stores with removable signs tore them down and the government, taken by surprise, postponed application of the tax for ten days to reconsider its course. The tax is one of several special levies adopted in an effort to balance the budget.

Hungarian Bonds Drawn for Redemption.

Speyer & Co. announced on Nov. 30 that \$173,500 bonds of the Hungarian Consolidated Municipal 7½% loan of 1925 and \$96,500 bonds of the 7% loan of 1926 have been drawn for the sinking fund and will be payable on and after Jan. 1 1932 at par at their office. Out of an original issue of \$10,000,000 bonds of the 7½% loan of 1925 and \$6,000,000 bonds of the 7% loan of 1926, there will remain outstanding \$8,174,000 bonds and \$5,168,000 bonds, respectively. The announcement also said:

The trustees for the Hungarian Consolidated Municipal 7½% loan of 1925 have reported that the pledged revenues collected by the Hungarian Government and paid into the trustees' account amounted to \$1,959,000 for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1931, as against total interest and sinking fund requirements of about \$973,000 per annum. The corresponding amount for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1930 was reported equal to \$2,199,000.

The trustees for the Hungarian Consolidated Municipal 7% loan of 1926 have reported that the pledged revenues collected by the Government and paid into the trustees' account for this loan, after deducting the service requirements of the 7½% loan due 1945, amounted to \$947,000 for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1931, as against total interest and sinking fund requirements of about \$582,000 per annum. The corresponding amount for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1930 was reported equal to \$1,111,000.

Bonds of Republic of Finland Drawn for Redemption.

The National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agent, is notifying holders of Republic of Finland 5½% external loan sinking fund gold bonds, due Feb. 1 1932, that \$122,000 principal amount of these bonds have been selected for redemption on Feb. 1 1932, at par and accrued interest. The drawn bonds will be paid at the head office of the bank on and after the redemption date from which all interest on such bonds will cease.

Purchase of Bonds of Republic of Estonia Through Sinking Fund.

Hallgarten & Co. announce that they have purchased for the sinking fund \$35,000 principal amount of Republic of Estonia (Banking and Currency Reform), 7% loan, 1927, due July 1 1967. These bonds have been retired and there now remains outstanding \$3,848,000 principal amount of bonds. Hallgarten & Co. also announce that funds have been received by them for the payment of interest due January 1 1932 on outstanding bonds of this issue.

Tenders Asked by J. P. Morgan & Co. and National City Bank for Purchase of Argentine Bonds Through Sinking Fund.

J. P. Morgan & Co. and The National City Bank of New York, as fiscal agents, are notifying holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds, issue of June 1 1925, due June 1 1932, that \$323,259 in cash is available for the purchase of the sinking fund of so many of the bonds as shall be tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. Tenders of such bonds with coupons due on and after June 1 1932 should be made at a flat price, below par, at either the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St., or at the head office of The National City Bank of New York, 55 Wall St., before 3 p. m. Dec. 31 1931. If tenders so accepted are not sufficient to exhaust the available funds, additional purchases upon tender, below par, may be made up to Feb. 29 1932.

Notice of Chase National Bank to Holders of Argentine Government External Bonds of 1924 Regarding Purchases Through Sinking Funds.

The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, acting for the fiscal agents, has notified holders of Government of the Argentine Nation external sinking fund 6% gold bonds of 1924, series B, due Dec. 1 1958, that there is available approximately \$222,620 in cash for the purchase for the sinking fund of so many of these bonds as shall be tendered and accepted for purchase at prices below par. Tenders of the bonds with coupons due on and after June 1 1932 should be made at a price below par and must be delivered at the trust department of The Chase National Bank, 11 Wall St., N. Y. City, before 3 p. m. Dec. 14 1931. If the tenders so accepted are not sufficient to exhaust the moneys available, additional purchases by tender, below par, may be made up to Feb. 28 1932.

City of Brisbane Remits Funds to Meet Dec. 1 Interest Requirements.

Lee, Higginson & Co., fiscal agents for the City of Brisbane 6% loan due 1950, reported the receipt from the City of Brisbane of all funds necessary to pay the interest coupon due Dec. 1 1931 and to meet the requirements of the sinking fund on that date.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 1 we quote the following from Brisbane:

Following discussions with the premier of Queensland, the Brisbane City Council decided to remit \$170,000 interest and sinking fund money due Dec. 1 on the 6% loan, due 1950, instead of holding it in trust fund awaiting more favorable exchange, as had been contemplated.

Netherland Bank Omits Dividend Owing to Fall of British Pound Sterling.

A cablegram as follows from Amsterdam, Nov. 30, is taken from the New York "Times":

The Netherland Bank announced to-day that no dividends would be paid for 1931 because of heavy losses through the fall of the pound. This has seldom, if ever, happened in the history of the Netherland Bank.

To liquidate its considerable holdings of pounds without weighing too heavily upon the market, the bank has made an agreement with the Dutch Government whereby the Government takes over the holdings at a fixed rate for amortization of a Dutch-Indian loan quoted in pounds sterling. The transaction will not influence Dutch currency, as the actual stock of gold here is considerably larger than is legally required.

Dollar Up in Copenhagen—Exchange Rate Steady in Other Scandinavian Markets.

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

On the Stock Exchange to-day the dollar rose further to 5.13½. Other gold currencies also improved, while sterling was unchanged at 18.30. Stockholm quoted the dollar unchanged at 5.10 and a decline in sterling from 18.40 to 18.25.

Oslo quoted the dollar at 5.21, while sterling declined from 18.80 to 18.65.

Thus the dollar is steady or even rising on the Scandinavian stock exchanges.

Measure Reducing Salaries of State Officials in Finland Approved by Parliament.

Under date of Dec. 3 Associated Press cablegrams from Helsingfors, Finland, stated:

The Finance Committee of the Finnish Parliament has approved a measure reducing salaries of State officials with families by 5% and of those without families by 10% during the fiscal year 1932.

Finnish Cabinet Places Increased Import Duty on Various Commodities, Including Wheat Flour, &c.

Effective from Nov. 14 until the end of 1931, the Finnish Cabinet has increased import duties on various commodities, chiefly, it is reported, in order to provide additional revenue, according to a cablegram from Acting Commercial Attache F. C. Sommer, Helsingfors. The Department's advices, Nov. 23, added:

Among the more important of these increased duties are the following, in Finnish marks per kilo, unless otherwise stated (former duties in parentheses):

Apples, 6.00 (3.00); gasoline, 2.50 (1.50); kerosene, 0.05 (free); wheat, 1.25 (1.00); graham flour, 1.50 (1.25); bolted wheat flour, semolina and wheat grits, 2.50 (2.10); granulated sugar, 4.50 (3.80); powdered and lump sugar, 5.00 (4.30), and motorcycles, 14% ad valorem (8% ad valorem).

Danzig Revives Business Tax.

A direct tax on new business, to be paid only once, has been reintroduced by the Danzig Government, according to American Consul C. Warwick Perkins in a report made public through the Department of Commerce. The latter on Nov. 28 added:

The tax is applicable to all businesses, no matter what their legal form, and ranges from 500 gulden to 1,750 gulden (about \$100 to \$350) in accordance with the classification of the enterprise.

According to the Danzig information the tax is not high enough to prevent establishment of new business of importance, but it will be a serious matter for the shopkeeper, the small tradesman and the handworkers.

Changes in Spain and Their Significance as Viewed by Jaime Menendez Before Foreign Securities Group of City College.

"Recent political changes in Spain will eventually transform the country into what may become in the near future one of the leading powers of Europe," according to Jaime Menendez, Associate Foreign Editor of the North American Newspaper Alliance in an address Nov. 12 before the Foreign Securities group of the College of the City of New York on the subject of "Recent Changes in Spain and Their Significance." He said:

Imperial Spain, the Spain of the 16th century, is a myth. The power and strength of the Spain that extended from the Netherlands to Sicily and from California to Tierra del Fuego, was neither genuine power nor the strength of the Spanish nation. It was the result of luck and of the arrogant courage of fortune seekers and mystics. That Imperial Spain, where the gold was so abundant that it was on the verge of destroying the economic foundations of the country, could not care for her children nor compensate their tremendous sacrifices in blood and money for the sake of glory by giving them food and schools.

Sr. Menendez said that the situation to-day is far different. His remarks on this point follow:

Whatever Spain may become in the future, we may rest assured that it will be the Spaniards who contribute towards the realization of their ideal. If we are allowed to brush aside the "Imperial Spain" of the 16th century, Spain is the only great European nation that has not seen yet a true period of political and economic dominance. Spain is, to all purposes, a virgin land. Her natural resources cannot be duplicated in extent and wealth in any other nation of Western Europe. Her people have developed and are developing a true sense of the importance that to them is yet assigned in the game of international politics. The Spanish mind is to-day the most international to be found in Western Europe. The revolution of last April is a direct consequence of this and it seems that a role of paramount importance is reserved to the Spaniard in the international scene.

The course in foreign securities at the City College is under the direction of Max Winkler, Associate Professor in Economics.

Former King Alfonso of Spain Officially Stripped of Title.

The following from Madrid is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 28:

The decree, condemning the former king, Alfonso, as an outlaw and depriving him of his titles and properties, passed Nov. 20 by the Cortes, was officially proclaimed to-day. Premier Manuel Azana signed the decree which was published in the Gaceta, or official gazette.

Spain's Constitution Orders Red, Yellow and Purple Flag.

The New York "Times" reported the following from Madrid Nov. 27:

Spain's constituent Cortes to-day included another unique article of the Constitution when it was voted by acclamation that the national flag should be of red, yellow and purple horizontal stripes. This is believed to be the first time a flag ever has been mentioned in any constitution.

The article was not included in the original draft, which now has been completely discussed, modified and completed. Several additional articles will be discussed Tuesday before the Constitution is voted on in its entirety.

Spain Proposes "Two-Year Plan" for Land, Seizing Big Estates for Distribution.

Fernando de los Rios, Spain's Socialist Minister of Justice, outlined on Nov. 29 a "two-year plan" for Spain, calculated to change the nation's entire agrarian and social life, and asserted the agrarian reform bill, already presented to the Cortes, has the backing of Niceto Alcalá Zamora, the leading candidate for the Presidency. Special advices to the New York "Times" from Madrid Nov. 29, from which we quote, continued:

Senor de los Rios admitted that a two-years' "agricultural collapse and universal suffering" must follow the institution of the proposed agrarian reform, which would split up landed estates with little or no compensation and hand the land on an optional collectivization basis to 75,000 families who never owned any land before.

"The peasants of Andalusia and Estremadura will endure this suffering and finally prosper, however," he said, "for they it know it will ultimately bring them meat instead of stones and bones."

Picturing a new Spain built on a new individual, with its heart in the small town he said:

"We are going to advance the masses spiritually and culturally to make our physically powerful nation sound at core. Every pueblo must listen to the recitation of poets, speeches by engineers, the counsel of farm authorities, and good music. The answer is radio. For only 2,000,000 pesetas we can put one in every township.

"The separation of church and State, civil marriage and divorce and agrarian reform are all essential to a modern nation."

Describing the transformation of Spain as "absolutely unique, since for the first time in Europe's history complete liberty accompanied by the formation of a new economic and social structure is taking things out of the hands of a greedy clique" Senor de los Rios asserted that the "existence of a Right Wing is absolutely essential here. In a more or less brief time forces other than ours here will have to take over the government in

order to afford pause for the country to absorb the changes we are making. A powerful man from Russia who just visited me called our experiment 'audacious.'

It is estimated that the cost of the agricultural reform for the first two years will approximate 900,000,000 pesetas annually besides upsetting the business of the middle classes and virtually wiping out large landowners.

With the Constitution being completed and voted on as a whole this week and the Presidential elections by the Cortes only a few days off, the remarks of Senor de los Rios caused a wave of excitement among the Conservative forces. At a mass meeting at the Europa Theatre to-day Clara Campoamor and several male speakers railed at the "Socialist masked dictatorship," demanding an immediate general election.

The Constitution, as completed, will be a charter under which the Right Wing can govern with the nonenforcement of certain clauses. If the present Cortes, with the Socialists controlling, drafts the most important subsidiary legislation, however, one of two things will happen. The fundamental law will be based on irretrievable Socialist doctrines or the country will be plunged into strife and possibly, according to one Minister, civil war, although a compromise might be agreed upon, in which case Dr. Alcala Zamora, a Conservative and a mediator of ability, would be made President for six years. He refuses, however, to accept unless he can call a Parliament, if necessary, within a short space of time. If either Dr. Alcala Zamora or Foreign Minister Alejandro Lerroux, the leader of the second largest party in the Cortes, should refuse to accept the Socialist minimum suggestions in a number of supplementary bills which must be passed before the present Cortes adjourns, the situation might become extremely critical.

Report by Latin American Bondholders' Association on Dollar Bond Issues of Minas Geraes and Rio Grande Do Sul Indicates Possibility of Delay in Debt Service.

The possibility that all payments for the account of foreign debt service on the external obligations of the Brazilian States of Minas Geraes and Rio Grande do Sul may be delayed is indicated in a special printed report made available on Nov. 25 by the Latin American Bondholders' Association, Inc., which points out that their principal products are unsalable at remunerative prices and the gold reserves of the Union are in danger of extinction. In the case of Rio Grande do Sul, the sevens of 1927-66 have already defaulted as to the Nov. 1 interest. The report says:

Following the example of several of the Brazilian States and cities, the rich and prosperous State of Minas Geraes may take refuge in the plea that dollars and sterling are unbuyable, although this has not been the case except for a few weeks when the milreis was quoted nominally at less than 5½c. Such a procedure, besides being ethically reprehensible, would be extremely foolish because investors in the United States and France have plenty of money to pour into South America when confidence in the basic solvency of those countries is restored, provided that nothing shall have occurred in the meantime to throw doubt on their good faith.

The total debt of Minas Geraes is about \$24,650,000, of which \$16,164,000 is dollar debt. The total foreign debt of Rio Grande do Sul is approximately \$39,000,000, and the dollar debt of the cities in that state \$13,300,000. It is pointed out that no default can be made effective on the dollar obligations of Minas Geraes until March 1 1932, when coupons are next payable. "If a prosperous State like Minas Geraes or Rio Grande do Sul should assume that default is a natural condition of any South American Government in present circumstances, the effect will be devastating for all Latin American credit."

A striking comparison is drawn between three Brazilian States and the Republic of Uruguay, showing how widely divorced from the actual facts is the popular conception of their relative importance.

	Area Sq. Miles.	Population.	Foreign Debt Outstanding.
Minas Geraes State.....	221,861	7,650,000	\$24,650,000
Sao Paulo State.....	112,000	6,000,000	238,000,000
Rio Grande do Sul State.....	91,000	2,500,000	39,000,000
Republic of Uruguay.....	72,153	1,850,000	156,000,000

The largest deposits of iron ore in the world are located in this State" (Minas Geraes), says the report. "It has been stated that one of the aims of the Allies in the Great War was to prevent these mines from falling into the hands of Germany." Referring to Rio Grande do Sul, it is pointed out that "default on the 6% bonds is not yet consummated. There is still time for a change of mind and partial retention of the State's excellent record."

Brazilians Invest Heavily in Real Estate to Safeguard Savings as Milreis Declines.

In its issue of Nov. 25 the New York "Times" published the following special correspondence from Sao Paulo, under date of Oct. 25:

Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and other large Brazilian cities are experiencing real estate booms greater than those which occurred before the financial depression. New subdivisions are being opened, improvements effected in old subdivisions and small farms bordering the cities are being purchased by city residents.

The reason for this activity is that the decline in the milreis has frightened people into converting their cash into something which cannot be affected by the fluctuation in exchange rates.

Brazil remains as one of the few countries in the world where it is possible to hold unimproved land for years without its value being devalued by taxes. Although there is a small tax on unimproved land, it is comparatively simple to have land classified as improved, and upon this there is no tax. This factor has also encouraged European capitalists to make large purchases here during the last few months. One French firm recently bought 30,000,000 francs worth of land in the southern part of the State of Matto Grosso which it expects to hold for a long period.

Brazil Signs Most-Favored-Nation Conventions with Germany and Switzerland.

The Brazilian Government has signed most-favored-nation conventions with Germany and Switzerland, it was stated in a cablegram, dated Oct. 31, to the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache Carlton Jackson, Rio de Janeiro. It is added that these countries will therefore benefit by the minimum tariff rates when the Brazil Government inaugurates its two-column tariff, on Dec. 11 1931. It is indicated that it is understood that goods from the United States will also be subject to the minimum tariff rates under our most-favored-nation agreement of 1923.

Drawing for Redemption of Bonds of State of Sao Paulo Loan of 1921—Funds Available for Interest Payment Due Jan. 1.

Speyer & Co. announce that \$382,000 bonds of the State of Sao Paulo 15-year 8% sinking fund external gold loan of 1921, due Jan. 1 1936, have been drawn for the sinking fund and will be available at 105% at their office on and after Jan. 1 1932. The announcement made available Dec. 4 also said:

Out of an original issue of \$10,000,000 bonds, there will remain outstanding \$4,568,000 bonds.

While the loan contract provides for the redemption on Jan. 1 1932 of \$990,000 bonds of this issue, the funds in the hands of the bankers available for this purpose only allow for the redemption at 105% of \$362,000 bonds. Sufficient funds are on hand to pay the Jan. 1 1932 coupons on all bonds not heretofore drawn for redemption.

Speyer & Co. Announce Cancellation Through Sinking Fund of Portion of 8% Bonds of State of Sao Paulo—Provision for Payment of Jan. 1 Coupons on Loan.

Speyer & Co., as fiscal agents, announce that they have received for the sinking fund of the State of Sao Paulo 25-year 8% secured sinking fund external gold loan of 1925, the sum of \$100,000, with which they have purchased and cancelled \$281,000 bonds, leaving \$14,719,000 bonds outstanding. The State was unable to remit the additional funds required to complete the sinking fund. Under the terms of the loan contract, an additional \$299,900 should have been available for the sinking fund on Nov. 15. The Jan. 1 1932 coupons on this loan will be paid from funds previously remitted, together with about \$130,000 taken from an interest reserve account of \$600,000 which has been in the fiscal agents' hands since the issuance of the loan.

Sao Paulo Defers Interest Payments on External Loans of 1922 and 1926.

Anhaia Mello, Prefect of the City of Sao Paulo, in a statement authorized on Nov. 30, "regrets to announce that the City has been forced, for reasons beyond its control, to defer payment of interest and sinking fund on its external 8% loan of 1922 and external 6½% loan of 1927, due Nov. 1, and 15, respectively."

The statement further said in part:

"The City of Sao Paulo, despite constant and continuous efforts, has been prevented thus far from transferring to New York more than a small portion of the funds required to meet current service charges on account of restrictions placed by the Federal Government of Brazil on all foreign exchange transactions."

It is further stated that the City has deposited certain funds in the form of reis with the Bank of Brazil, equivalent of interest and sinking fund due in respect to the above loans, "but the deposit of milreis with the Bank of Brazil does not relieve the City from its obligation to remit dollars to New York as provided in the respective loan contracts." The statement also said:

"Interest and sinking fund on the 6% dollar loan of 1919 were paid on Nov. 1, because funds had been remitted to New York prior to the imposition of transfer restrictions. The City of Sao Paulo trusts that bondholders of the above loans will recognize that force majeure alone prevents the City temporarily from complying with its obligations."

The First National Old Colony Corp. as fiscal agents for the external 6½% loan, and Bancamerica-Blair Corp. as fiscal agents for the external 8% loan of 1922, in a joint statement announce that "through their own representatives in Sao Paulo, (they) will continue to keep in close touch

with the authorities of the City" and in the meantime request holders of the bonds to communicate with them.

New Coffee Setup—National Council Takes Over Brazil's Operations—Government Retains Veto Power.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 2, we take the following:

Brazil's coffee operations (including the maintaining of sufficient supplies to meet the 16,500,000-bag equity of the \$97,330,000 "realization" loan of April 1930, to the State of Sao Paulo, and the destruction of low grade stocks by the Federal Government with the proceeds of a \$2.43 tax on all coffee exported) have now been officially turned over to the National Coffee Council.

At a meeting held Monday at Rio, the Coffee Convention agreed that:

- (1) The National Coffee Council is to be granted freedom of operations under Federal jurisdiction, which will include the power to veto any National Coffee Council resolution which is contrary to the laws of the country, or which may be held to defeat the Council's obligations or ends.

- (2) Exemption from the export tax payment is only to be granted by the Minister of Finance after the favorable decision of the Council.

- (3) All coffee operations already realized by the Federal Government are to be transferred to the Council, as the Government has decided to refrain from such operations henceforth.

Brazil Considering New Banking Regulations Modelled on Sir Otto Niemeyer's Central Bank Plan—Proposals for Solution of Coffee Situation Also Expected to Be Adopted.

The following from Sao Paulo, Nov. 30, is from the New York "Times":

Adoption of parts of the Niemeyer plan for solution of the present coffee financial situation is probable. The Federal Government at Rio de Janeiro is considering a new series of banking regulations modeled upon Sir Otto Niemeyer's central bank plan. Definite orders affecting the banking code are expected this week.

Meeting in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) of Delegates from Eight Coffee States.

Delegates of eight coffee States met with a representative of the Federal Government on Nov. 30 at Rio de Janeiro to consider the condition of the coffee market in secret sessions which were to last a week according to Associated Press cablegrams from Rio de Janeiro.

World's Visible Supply of Coffee on Dec. 1, 6,754,684 Bags Compared with 6,374,431 Bags Nov. 1.

The world's visible supply of coffee, not counting the interior warehouse stocks of Brazil, was 6,754,684 bags on Dec. 1 1931, according to the N. Y. Coffee & Sugar Exchange, compared with 6,374,431 bags on Nov. 1 1931. The visible supply on Dec. 1 1930 was 5,014,312 bags. The United States visible supply on Dec. 1 was 2,410,951 bags compared with 2,181,436 bags a month ago and 1,255,571 bags a year ago. However, the present United States visible supply includes 339,691 bags of "restricted" coffee.

Bill Prohibiting Importation of Coffee Before Turkish Parliament.

Associated Press accounts from Istanbul Dec. 3, stated: Turkey's renunciation of her national drink, coffee, and partial sacrifice of the national dish, pilaff, were proposed before the National Parliament to-day as a means of effecting a \$15,000,000 cut in importations.

A bill prohibiting the importation of coffee—none of which is grown in Turkey—rice, cocoa, sugar and furniture, was offered and is expected to be passed.

The bill also would amend a recent decree restricting imports so as to benefit American, English, French, German and Italian exports to Turkey.

Uruguay Seeks Air Planes—Would Require But Seller To Take Payment in Hides, Wool or Meat.

The following Montevideo account, Nov. 24, is from the New York "Times":

Uruguay is in the market for airplanes to be used in the army flying school, provided she can find some country willing to accept hides, wool, meat and other Uruguayan products in payment.

The Minister of War has sent a circular to the legations of the United States, Britain, France, Spain and Czechoslovakia describing the types desired and asking bids, with the condition that the seller must accept payment in Uruguayan products.

Repeal of Sales Tax in Ecuador Doubtful—Requirement That Banks Invest 70% of Capital in Securities of Ecuador.

The following advices were contained in a cablegram from Guayaquil, Ecuador, Nov. 26, to the New York "Times":

Apparently the Senate will not repeal the sales tax, as promised in order to end the recent merchants' strike, which may result in another strike closing the stores and otherwise paralyzing business. Considerable anxiety has been created in banking circles by emergency legislation before Congress,

which would require all banks to invest 70% of their capital and reserves in Ecuadorian activities or securities. This would affect the Banco Italiano and the Anglo-Sudamericano, the only foreign banks here, as well as local institutions.

A report that the sales tax had been repealed was referred to in our issue of Nov. 7, page 3020.

Ex-President of Ecuador Cleared by Congressional Committee—Ayora Regime Criticized, However, for Extravagance.

Former President Ayora of Ecuador has been cleared of charges of misuse of Government funds by a committee of Congress which investigated numerous apparently unfounded allegations, including an accusation as to expenses for a banquet for President Hoover which did not take place at the time of his visit to Ecuador. A cablegram from Guayaquil, Ecuador, Nov. 26, to the New York "Times," in indicating this, added that "the report, however, criticizes Dr. Ayora's administration as having been extravagant."

Ecuador's Bank Rate Up—Public Must Pay 13.5% Because of Drain on Gold.

A cablegram, as follows, from Guayaquil (Ecuador), Nov. 29, is from the New York "Times":

The rediscount rate here has been raised to the highest in history by the Central Bank because of the great demand on the gold reserves, which already are below the legal limit.

The new rate to member banks is now 11.5, and to the public 13.5%. The gold reserve of the Central Bank is slightly below 50%, the legal limit, and the Central Bank must pay a fine of 3% of the deficiency. Congress is considering reducing the legal reserve of the Central Bank to 40% of the total circulation.

The shrinkage in reserves is partly due to a drop in sterling deposits, but there is a great demand for foreign exchange from the public.

Chile Plans Issuance of \$18,000,000 Treasury Certificates to Pay Debts and Aid Projects.

A United Press cablegram from Santiago (Chile), Nov. 27, is taken as follows from the New York "World-Telegram":

Authorization to issue 150,000,000 pesos (\$18,000,000) worth of treasury certificates will be asked of Congress by the Ministers of Finance this week, it was learned to-day.

The certificates are to be used to pay \$6,000,000 to contractors who have claims against the Government, and to continue the most important of the present public works projects in order to provide employment.

Chile Postpones Payment.

In its issue of Nov. 27, the "Wall Street Journal" carried the following item from London:

Chilean Government proposes to carry forward for another year the £2,000,000 treasury bills, due for repayment in London to-day, and the £150,000 short-term advances, secured by treasury bills, which matured on Nov. 17 last. The Chilean Government offered holders of bills and the short-term creditors an additional 6% interest and renewal of commission of 1% in cash.

Consolidated Municipal Bonds of State of Rio Grande do Sul, Due 1967, Quoted "Flat" on New York Stock Exchange—6% External Bonds, Due 1968, Also Quoted "Flat."

The following notices have been issued by the New York Stock Exchange:

State of Rio Grande Do Sul Consolidated Municipal Loan 40-Year 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Due 1967—Interest.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Committee on Securities.

Dec. 1 1931.

Notice having been received that the interest due Dec. 1 1931 on

STATE OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL

Consolidated Municipal Loan 40-year 7% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1967, is not being paid:

The Committee on Securities rules that beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1 1931 and until further notice the said bonds shall be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Dec. 1 1931 and subsequent coupons.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

State of Rio Grande Do Sul 6% External Sinking Fund Gold Bonds of 1928, Due 1968—Interest.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Committee on Securities.

Dec. 1 1931.

Notice having been received that the interest due Dec. 1 1931 on

STATE OF RIO GRANDE DO SUL

6% external sinking fund gold bonds of 1928, due 1968, is not being paid:

The Committee on Securities rules that beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1 1931 and until further notice the said bonds shall be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Dec. 1 1931 and subsequent coupons.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

A similar notice regarding the 7% sinking fund bonds of Rio Grande do Sul appeared in our issue of Nov. 7, page 3021.

Bonds of City of Montevideo Quoted "Flat" on New York Stock Exchange.

The New York Stock Exchange has issued the following notice:

City of Montevideo 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Due 1952—Interest.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Committee on Securities.

Dec. 1 1931.

Notice having been received that the interest due Dec. 1 1931 on

CITY OF MONTEVIDEO

7% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1952, is not being paid:

The Committee on Securities rules that beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1 1931 and until further notice the said bonds shall be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Dec. 1 1931 and subsequent coupons.

ASHBEL GREEN, *Secretary.*

Bonds of City of Porto Alegre Dealt in "Flat" on New York Stock Exchange.

In calling attention to the fact that bonds of the City of Porto Alegre are dealt in "flat" the New York Stock Exchange has issued a notice as follows:

City of Porto Alegre Guaranteed 40-Year 8% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds External Loan of 1921, Due 1961—Interest.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Committee on Securities.

Dec. 1 1931.

Notice having been received that the interest due Dec. 1 1931 on

CITY OF PORTO ALEGRE

guaranteed 40-year 8% sinking fund gold bonds external loan of 1921, due 1961, is not being paid:

The Committee on Securities rules that beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1 1931 and until further notice the said bonds shall be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Dec. 1 1931 and subsequent coupons.

ASHBEL GREEN, *Secretary.*

No Dollars in Montevideo—City Trying to Buy Exchange to Meet Dec. 1 Coupons.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Montevideo Dec. 3:

The Montevideo City Council has issued a statement explaining the delay in payment of the Dec. 1 coupons on the Dillon, Read & Co. loan as due to the impossibility of buying dollar exchange in the local market. The statement says the entire amount to meet the payment has been deposited in the Bank of the Republic at the ratio of 40 cents per peso. The present quoted rate is 44.50 cents, but there are no sellers.

The statement says the city managed to buy \$50,000 yesterday and \$15,000 to-day, and will continue to buy dollar exchange as it becomes available.

Efforts of Bank of Republic to Control Uruguay Exchange Opposed—Private Houses Refuse to Sell Dollars at Official Rate.

The following from Montevideo Dec. 1, is from the New York "Times":

The Bank of the Republic's third attempt to control exchange has again caused a cessation of exchange operations, private bankers and business houses refusing to sell dollars at the rate fixed—44.50 cents to the peso.

Other banks have requested the official bank to lower the rate to a level where the holders of dollars and sterling are willing to sell, but it is believed the deadlock will continue until the rate is allowed to assume its natural level. The official bank's restrictions are seriously interfering with remittances to foreign corporations.

William Adams Hodgman Assumes Duties As Commercial Attache of United States Legation at Montevideo, Uruguay.

William Adams Hodgman arrived at Montevideo on Dec. 1 and assumed his new post as Commercial Attache of the United States Legation, succeeding Clarence Brooks, now chief of the Latin-American Bureau of the Department of Commerce. A cablegram to the New York "Times" said:

Mr. Hodgman was Commercial Attache at Budapest, where he served with J. Butler Wright, United States Minister here.

With his arrival the United States now has a well-organized and fully manned diplomatic mission of career men at Montevideo.

This city in the coming year appears destined to be one of Pan-America's most important capitals in view of preparations for the Pan-American Conference next December. Uruguay's leadership in the Chaco negotiations between Paraguay and Bolivia, her initiation of an agreement among near-by republics for mutual economic defense and her espousal of the South American disarmament movement.

Uruguay to Confer Dec. 15 With Argentina and Brazil on United Economic Front.

Foreign Minister Carlos Blanco announced at Montevideo on Dec. 2 that Dec. 15 definitely had been fixed as the date for the opening of the economic conference of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay to consider means to stimulate commerce among themselves and organize a united front for mutual economic defense. A cablegram to the New York "Times" Dec. 2 added:

Senor Blanco went to Buenos Aires to-night to discuss details of the agenda. He intimated that he expects the plans for the conference to be completed when he returns to Montevideo Saturday morning.

Uruguay increased her imports from Argentina and Brazil \$1,000,000 each for the first nine months of this year, compared with the first nine months of last year, exports to both declined and one of the efforts of the Uruguayan delegates will be to try to open new markets in Argentina and Brazil, which occupy fourth and fifth places in the list of countries supplying Uruguay's import trade, the United States being first. Argentina is Uruguay's second best export market after Britain. Brazil is eighth and the United States is fifth.

Uruguay to Call \$200,000 Bonds.

From Montevideo on Nov. 29 a cablegram to the New York "Times" stated:

The Uruguayan Minister of Finance has instructed London bankers to call at par and cancel on Jan. 1 \$200,000 worth of 1896 5% bonds. The bonds will be selected by lot and will be paid for from the accumulated sinking fund.

Uruguay Approves Mexican Envoy.

A cablegram Nov. 23 from Montevideo to the New York "Times" stated that Uruguay has notified Mexico that Basilio Vadillo is persona grata as Mexican Minister at Montevideo to succeed Juan Francisco Urquidí, who has been recalled to take a high appointment in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

United States Consul at Montevideo Coming to United States on Leave of Absence.

A Montevideo (Uruguay) cablegram Dec. 2 to the New York "Times" stated:

Waldo Bailey, the United States Consul here, took off from Chile to-day by mail plane. He will embark at Valparaiso for the United States on a leave of absence.

Republic of Colombia Remits for Jan. 1 Interest on 6% External Sinking Fund Bonds—Portion of Issue Redeemed.

Hallgarten & Co. and Kissell, Kinnicutt & Co., fiscal agents for the \$25,000,000 Republic of Colombia 6% external sinking fund gold bonds dated July 1 1927, due Jan. 1 1931, announce that the Republic of Colombia has delivered to them \$428,000 principal amount of bonds, which have been redeemed through the sinking fund, leaving \$23,171,500 principal amount of bonds outstanding. Announcement is also made by the fiscal agents that funds have been received by them for the payment of the Jan. 1 1932 interest on all outstanding bonds of this issue.

City of Medellin (Colombia) Seeks Moratorium—Cables New York Bankers to Grant Delay in Payments Held Impossible Now.

The following Bogota (Colombia) cablegram Nov. 29 is from the New York "Times":

A cablegram notifying the New York bankers of a decision by the Municipal Council of Medellin to request a moratorium on the city's foreign debt is reported to have been sent despite President Olaya's opposition. The original resolution of the Council requests the foreign bondholders to send a representative there to arrange the moratorium because continuation of service on the debt is impossible.

The move threatens default of service on nearly \$11,000,000 of Medellin bonds outstanding in the United States and justification is claimed on the ground that a decree of Oct. 31 prohibiting the exportation of gold for the service and requiring the deposit of service charges in the Bank of the Republic prevents the advantageous retirement of bonds by purchases in the market from the sinking fund.

The proposed Bank of the Republic loan of 16,000,000 pesos to the National Government based on the revenues of the Government salt monopoly apparently is deadlocked. It is understood that foreign bankers refuse to waive their rights under their contracts for outstanding foreign loans to participate pro rata in the proposed salt revenues, a guarantee which would leave a net balance of such revenues not exceeding 350,000 pesos annually to cover interest, and amortization on the \$16,000,000 loan.

Commenting on the above the "Times" said:

Two Bond Issues Involved.

The foreign debt upon which the Colombian municipality of Medellin is requesting a moratorium originally consisted of two issues, one of \$9,000,000 of 6½% bonds, due Dec. 1 1954, and the other of \$3,000,000 of 7% bonds, due Dec. 1 1951.

The first issue was offered publicly in June 1928 by a syndicate headed by Hallgarten & Co. and Kissell, Kinnicutt & Co. The offering price was 93¼ and interest, to yield more than 7.05%. The smaller issue was offered by a syndicate headed by Hallgarten & Co., Kissell, Kinnicutt & Co. and Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., in January 1927, at 93¼ and interest, to yield more than 7.60%. The bonds constitute a direct obligation of the City of Medellin, secured mortgage.

City of Medellin (Colombia) Fails to Meet Dec. 1 Interest on 6½% and 7% Bonds.

Hallgarten & Co. and Kissell, Kinnicutt & Co. issued on Dec. 1 the following announcement regarding the 25-year external 7% secured gold bonds of 1926 and external 6½% gold bonds of 1928 of the City of Medellin (Republic of Colombia):

The undersigned regret to announce that, notwithstanding their repeated demands, funds for the payment of the interest due Dec. 1 1931 on the bonds of the above issues have not been received, although, as they have been informed, the funds have been deposited in Colombia.

The following message translated by the undersigned was received to-day:

Municipality duly deposited funds for the service of 7% and 6½% bonds. Deposit was made in dollars at bank agreed upon as depository under contract. But due to abnormal circumstances which we have communicated to you, said bank has not obtained authority for transfer to fiscal agents in New York. Municipality has made efforts to procure remittance and will continue to do so for it is a case of mere delay in issuing the permit according to communication from the Control Board.

LUIS MESA VILLA, *President of Council.*

The undersigned are continuing their efforts on behalf of the bondholders.

As to the 7% bonds:
Hallgarten & Co.
Fiscal Agents.

As to the 6½% bonds:
Hallgarten & Co.
Kissel, Kinnicut & Co.,
Fiscal Agents.

Bonds of Municipality of Medellin (Colombia) Quoted Flat on New York Stock Exchange.

The following notice was issued Dec. 1 by the New York Stock Exchange:

MUNICIPALITY OF MEDELLIN.

Sec. 356 External 6½% Gold Bonds of 1928, due 1954—Interest

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Committee on Securities.

Dec. 1 1931.

Notice having been received that the interest due Dec. 1 1931 on

MUNICIPALITY OF MEDELLIN.

External 6½% gold bonds of 1928, due 1954, is not being paid: The Committee on Securities rules that beginning Tuesday, Dec. 1 1931, and until further notice the said bonds shall be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Dec. 1 1931 and subsequent coupons.

ASHBEL GREEN, *Secretary.*

Loan Moratorium Urged in Colombia—Newspaper Regards Suspension of Service on Foreign Debts As Inevitable—Foreign Minister Jaramillo, Who Sought Further Assistance in New York, Reports Lack of Success.

The following special correspondence from Panama Nov. 24, is from the New York "Times" of Nov. 29:

The question of a moratorium on foreign loans in Colombia has been brought up again by the return of Dr. Esteban Jaramillo, former Minister of Finance, from New York, where, with George Rublee, Financial Adviser of the Colombian Government, he investigated the possibility of procuring financial aid. The "Espectador" sees in the declarations of Dr. Jaramillo regarding his negotiations in New York a "discreet but not unintelligible warning to the Government and country."

Dr. Jaramillo concludes that a practical result of significance is the knowledge that Colombia will have to orientate its defenses of its economic organization with its own forces, resources and men.

"If Dr. Jaramillo could have been more explicit in this respect," "El Espectador" says editorially, "he would certainly have added that the holders of Colombian bonds in the United States do not cherish any hope regarding the capacity of this country to continue indefinitely the maximum sacrifices which it has been making to maintain the service on the foreign debt.

"I conceive," the editorial quotes Dr. Jaramillo as saying, "that the policy which might be called that of the maximum resistance adopted by the Government is the only one that could have been followed up to this time by those who are responsible for maintaining the credit of Colombia in the future. If, sooner or later, we are forced to modify this policy, then the Government would be able to justify fully before the foreign creditors the transitory suspension of the service."

"On more than one occasion," the editorial asserts, "and in terms not vague, but entirely explicit, we have said that we have been inspired with admiration and respect for the efforts and sacrifices the Government have been making to delay the inevitable suspension of the service on the foreign debt. We have not applauded this attitude, because we consider it as well intentioned as futile, but we recognize that it will be accepted by the holders of Colombian bonds in the United States as full justification of the steps which, against its desires and tardily, the country will have to adopt in the near future to preserve the foundations, already weakened, of its economic structure and of its social organization."

New Decree Restricts Exchange in Colombia—All Purchases and Sales Must Be Made by Bank of Republic or Its Agents.

From Bogota Nov. 28, a cablegram to the New York "Times" stated:

A second decree issued by Minister of Finance Jaramillo raises new barriers to protect the gold reserve and restricts all purchases and sales of foreign exchange and foreign money to the Bank of the Republic or its agents assigned to other banks. Such purchases are prohibited except when strictly necessary, as remittances to Colombians abroad or for economically necessary purposes, defined to include payments on account of unprohibited imports, foreign debts of the Nation, States and cities and debts of private individuals and companies due prior to Sept. 24 1931.

Hence payments are virtually suspended on private debts due after Sept. 24, including the service on private mortgage banks, \$16,000,000 in bonds outstanding in the United States, though such banks still are required to deposit the service payments with the Bank of the Republic to the order of creditors in accordance with the decree of Oct. 31.

All permanent residents of Colombia, including domiciled companies and corporations, are required to report within a fortnight to the control office deposits of foreign money in Colombia or abroad and security holdings payable in foreign money. Banks are required to report deposits, loans and overdrafts in foreign money in Colombia or abroad.

Export licenses for local products will be granted only when the exporter guarantees the foreign money proceeds from the shipment shall become available for purchase by the Bank of the Republic. Apparently

this will be a serious handicap to American corporations exporting coffee, petroleum, bananas and platinum, in view of the new low gold reserve of the Bank of the Republic permitted in Senor Jaramillo's first decree. A violation of the decree is punishable by a fine equal to double the amount of the illegal transaction.

Previous exchange restrictions were referred to in our issue of Oct. 10, page. 2355.

Attention of Members of New York Stock Exchange Called to Regulations Governing Payments Other Than Salaries to Employees—Report Called for on Distribution of Christmas Bonuses.

The customary notice sent to members of the New York Stock Exchange regarding the distribution of Christmas bonuses was issued as follows on Nov. 27:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Committee on Quotations and Commissions.

Nov. 27 1931.

To the Members of the Exchange:

I am directed by the Committee on Quotations and Commissions to again call your attention to Section 1 of Article XX of the Constitution, the last paragraph of which reads as follows:

"No employee shall be paid other than a fixed salary not varying with business unless the prior written approval therefor shall have been given by the Committee on Quotations and Commissions."

All firms planning to distribute a Christmas bonus to their employees must report their plans in writing to the Committee on Quotations and Commissions for its approval.

ASHBEL GREEN, *Secretary.*

New York Stock Exchange Notifies Members That Customers Must Bear Custody Charges Incident to Safekeeping of Securities.

A notice as follows was issued on Nov. 20 by Secretary Green of the New York Stock Exchange:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Committee on Quotations and Commissions.

Nov. 20 1931.

To the Members of the Exchange:

On Nov. 1 1931, various banks and trust companies engaged in business in New York adopted minimum schedules of fees for the safekeeping of securities, and also for services in connection therewith. Such services include receiving securities with or without draft attached against payment or against receipt; delivering securities against receipt or payment, and effecting transfer, registration, subscription or exchange of securities.

The attention of the Committee on Quotations and Commissions has been called to the fact that correspondents and customers of members have requested such members to bear such custody or service charges.

The Committee on Quotations and Commissions rules that the absorption of any part of such charges by member firms is contrary to Section 1, Article XIX of the Constitution.

ASHBEL GREEN, *Secretary.*

Additional Fixed Trusts Approved by New York Stock Exchange.

Under date of Nov. 16 the New York Stock Exchange announced approval of participation by members in an additional fixed trust as follows:

Nov. 16 1931.

To the Members of the Exchange:

Acting under Section 2 of Chapter XIV of the rules adopted by the Governing Committee pursuant to the Constitution, the Committee on Stock List has determined that it has no objection to the participation by member firms in the organization or management of

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of the fixed or restricted management type, or in the offering or distribution of its securities.

The foregoing determination of the Committee is not an opinion as to the desirability of the securities of such trust as an investment.

The original list and additions were given in our issues of Aug. 29, page 1380; Sept. 26, page 2021; Oct. 17, page 2543, and Nov. 7, page 3025.

New York Stock Exchange Drop from List Youngstown and Shubert Certificates.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Nov. 14:

The New York Stock Exchange announced yesterday that it had stricken from the list blue and red certificates of deposit of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., representing shares of stockholders who were opposed to the recently abandoned merger with the Bethlehem Steel Corp.

Certificates of deposit for 6% gold debentures of the Shubert Theatre Corp. were also removed from the list.

Heavy Tax on Incomes Decried in Turkey—Persons Having Salaries of \$3,600 Must Pay a Quarter of Them to State.

The following Istanbul (Turkey) advices, Nov. 29, are from the New York "Times":

Turkey recently gave proof of her determination to maintain the value of her currency by restricting imports. The same spirit was further exemplified to-day when the Government voted additional taxation to offset the deficit with which it threatens to end the financial year.

Wage earners without exception already pay a tax of between 7 and 9% of their earnings, but after Dec. 1 all but those earning \$15 or less monthly will be called on to contribute more substantially to the State coffers.

New Taxes, which will apply to officials and private individuals alike, will be collected as follows: 10% on monthly salaries between \$15 and \$75; 12% between \$75 and \$175; 14% between \$175 and \$300, and 16% over \$300.

Thus a person earning \$3,600 or more annually will be required to contribute a quarter of his income. As no rebate will be allowed for wives or children, the effect will be severely felt and must inevitably lead to further lowering of the standard of living.

Stock of Rand Mines, Ltd., Taken Off New York Stock Exchange List—British Purchases, Curtailing Stock on Exchange, Prompts Action.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Nov. 28: American certificates for the stock of Rand Mines, Ltd., will be stricken from the New York Stock Exchange list on Dec. 11, it was announced yesterday. The stock, which was listed in June 1920 was the second foreign issue to be admitted to the Exchange. At one time 65,380 shares were listed, but purchases by British interests have reduced the amount in this country to 8,340 shares.

American Capital in Tientsin Small—U. S. Total Investment in China is \$255,768,000, Mostly Outside Fight Area—"Indirect Investments" in Missions, Church and Educational, Extensive.

American financial, commercial and industrial interests in China, although not centered about the Tientsin-Peiping area in which there has been rioting, have an aggregate value of about \$255,768,000, according to figures made available at the Department of Commerce. A Washington dispatch, Nov. 28, to the New York "Times" also had the following to say:

Although the Department has no definite figures showing the geographical distribution of investments by Americans in China, direct investments in commercial and industrial developments, which comprise the bulk of American interests there, are known to be of little importance in the area troubled with the rioting. There are some "missionary investments" in the territory, although the exact amount was not known. The total of such investments for all China amounted to about \$80,000,000.

Direct investments by Americans in China are chiefly in the form of petroleum distribution and public utility developments. The former are principally in bunkering facilities and manufacturing establishments producing cans used in the distribution of kerosene. About \$43,000,000 of American capital is involved in petroleum distribution located around Shanghai, Hongkong and Hankow.

In Shanghai American capital aggregating about \$50,000,000 is invested in public utilities developments, including a telephone company and an electric power and light concern. The department is prevented by agreement from divulging the names of the various companies in which American capital is invested. Some American investments are in establishments engaged in the manufacture of various tapestries.

An estimate of "portfolio investments" in China by Americans made in 1929 by Professor C. F. Remer of the University of Michigan placed the amount of Chinese securities held in America at \$46,000,000. Paul D. Dickens, investment expert of the department's finance division, in his "New Estimate of American Investments Abroad," said the actual value of these securities "is so problematical that it has been thought best to eliminate any estimate of it from the totals."

"China," according to Mr. Dickens's study, "has attracted relatively little capital from the United States. Bonds or notes of the Chinese Government, or corporate bonds backed by it have been publicly offered in this country on three occasions: first, in 1911, when 1,500,000 40-year pound sterling 5s of the Chinese Hukuang Railway loan—part of the £6,000,000 loan offered at the same time in England, France and Germany—were placed; second, in November 1916, when \$5,000,000 of three-year gold treasury notes were sold here, and third, in 1919, when \$5,500,000 of two-year secured treasury notes were brought out to refund the notes of 1916."

The first and last of these issues are still outstanding and in default, according to the study. The balance of American portfolio investments in China was said to be in obligations of the Government or of governmental agencies to American financial, industrial and trading companies. Only one of the Chinese issues, the Chinese Government Railway 5s of 1951, is listed on the Stock Exchange and none on the Curb.

Japanese Bank in China Closed.

Associated Press Accounts from Foochow, China, Nov. 29 said:

Strong anti-Japanese feeling among Chinese here has caused a Japanese bank to close its doors and Chinese authorities to establish military patrols throughout the city.

Japanese naval vessels, with marines aboard, were lying off shore to-day.

Egyptian Envoy Arrives in New York—Sesostris Sidarouss Pasha Here to Study Public Health and Housing.

Sesostris Sidarouss Pasha, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the King of Egypt, was received on Nov. 30 by Acting Mayor McKee at City Hall. Henry Morgenthau, former Ambassador to Turkey, and member of the Mayor's Reception Committee, presented him to Mr. McKee, said the New York "Times," which added:

The envoy is here to study public health, sanitation, housing and water supply. Following the City Hall reception he was the guest at a private luncheon at the Bankers Club, at which Mr. McKee, Mr. Morgenthau, former United States Senator James A. O'Gorman, Dr. Bayard Dodge, Philip Wagoner and Professor Edwin R. A. Seligman of Columbia University, were present.

Afterward the Envoy visited the offices of the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity in the Municipal Building, watched trading

on the Stock Exchange and sat on the bench with Supreme Court Justice Schmuck in the new court house.

He will leave to-morrow for Washington to pay his respects to President Hoover.

Mexicans Double 1932 Road Budget—Will Spend 18,000,000 Pesos Instead of 8,000,000 Originally Planned.

Mexico will spend 18,000,000 pesos on her good roads program in 1932 instead of 8,000,000, as previously budgeted, according to Vicente Cortes Herrera, President of the National Roads Commission. A cablegram from Mexico City, Nov. 30, to the New York "Times," from which this is learned, also said:

The Government's object is to attract tourists to this republic and open numerous productive districts hitherto cut off from consuming centers as a means of combating the depression.

Principal among the works to be completed are the road from the United States border at Laredo to Mexico City and the great tourist route from Mexico City to the Pacific port of Acapulco.

During the last 14 years, official figures show, 8,000,000 acres of Mexican land has been reclaimed and fitted for colonization. Next year's road construction program, if carried out, will benefit much of this land where there exists at present difficulty in getting produce to the railroad's centers.

Dr. Arias Panama Minister to United States Resigns—Will Be Liberal Candidate for President.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Panama City, Nov. 27:

Dr. Harmodio Arias, Minister to the United States, handed his resignation to President Alfaro to-day, soon after his arrival on the SS. Santa Barbara. He left this afternoon for Ancon to attend a convention of the Doctrinal Liberal party, opening to-morrow.

His will be the only name before the convention for nomination for President, and it is understood he resigned in order to give his time to campaigning.

Jorge Boyd, former Attorney-General, a brother of Augusto Boyd, the Presidential candidate of the National Liberals, is a delegate to the convention at Ancon.

Hayti Dissolves Union Agitating Against United States Rule—Port-au-Prince Prefect Acts to Abolish Patriot Group Critical of Administration.

United Press advices from Port au Prince, Hayti, Nov. 22, are taken from the New York "Herald Tribune":

The Union Patriotique, a political organization bitterly opposed to continued American participation in the administration of Hayti, was ordered dissolved by the prefect of Port au Prince to-day. The union recently started a campaign against the Government of President Stenio Vincent, charging that the Administration was not firm enough in insisting that all American treaty departments be turned over to Hayti immediately.

United States Urging Haitian Economy.

A Washington dispatch, Nov. 21, to the New York "Times," said:

The United States, because of treaty rights in Haiti which involve bond issues largely distributed in this country, is urging the native administration to restrict expenditures, but to-night the State Department said it had no confirmation of unofficial reports from Port au Prince that Dana G. Munro, the American Minister, was threatening to withhold all salaries of public officials from the President down.

Recently it was reported that all salaries might be reduced as an economy move, but this question is still open.

The United States maintains a financial supervision of the republic under the treaty but this fall abandoned official activities with the exception of the fiscal relationship, the training of the National Guard and the direction of sanitation in and around Port au Prince.

Holland to Pay East India Loan With Netherlands' Bank's Sterling.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 1 we take the following from Amsterdam (Holland):

The Netherlands Bank, in referring to its statement as of Sept. 27, states that after negotiations with the Bank of England, it was found that the latter was not inclined to guarantee the depreciation on sterling exchange held by the Netherlands Bank. As a result, the Netherlands Bank is not willing to take further risks in sterling's decline and in this connection, negotiations with the Dutch Government were started with the result that the government is taking over a part of the Netherlands Bank sterling exchange for use in the redemption of the Dutch East Indian sterling loan at a later date. The remainder of the sterling holdings of the bank have already been realized at a heavy loss. The board of the Netherlands Bank is not concealing the loss in its fiscal year-end report as of March 1932. This, of course, in no way affects the position of the bank, with regard to liabilities from notes and other short-term demands, which are covered altogether by more than 72% in gold. Notes in circulation are covered now by more than 87% in gold, 90% in gold and silver.

Rajahs in India Purchasing Silver—Exchanging Gold for It with Shippers to London Running £1,000,000 Weekly.

London advices as follows appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 1:

Gold is being accumulated in London through imports from India which have been running at the rate of about £1,000,000 weekly for some time. This gold results from sales by Indian rajahs who appear to be purchasing

silver with the proceeds on the general tendency to place more confidence in an appreciation in the price of silver.

The gold is held in London for account of the Indian Government, but can be acquired by the Bank of England when necessary.

The steady decline in sterling exchange throughout Monday is viewed calmly by the Treasury and the Bank of England, but there is some anxiety lest the situation be judged erroneously abroad. The exchange market is exceedingly narrow, so that relatively small sales have a depreciating effect immediately. On the other hand, it is admitted that export balances are being left abroad, and that the Continent is reducing its balances.

Bankers also point out that the Bank of England's gold reserve of £120,000,000 actually represents a higher proportion to circulation than is apparent, since no allowance is made for depreciation in Bank of England notes. The general feeling, therefore, is that sterling has reserves of strength which could quickly bring about an appreciation in value abroad.

Indian Political Reforms Worthless Unless Country Allowed to Control Its Finances.

Associated Press accounts Nov. 24 from London said:

Sir Purhotamalas Thakurdas, representing the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce at the Indian Round Table Conference, said to-day that India never would be content until the country's finances were managed by a minister responsible to the Indian Legislature without any safeguards except those ordinarily involved in the constitution.

"Future reforms regarding India's political status will be worthless," he said, "if our finances are not completely transferred to us."

\$8,000,000 Silver Issue Authorized in Yugoslavia.

According to Belgrade (Yugoslavia), Associated Press advises the National Bank authorized on Nov. 30, an issue of \$8,000,000 in silver coins of 10 and 20 dinar denominations. The coins are to contain 50% silver.

Philippine Import Duties To Be Increased on Rice and Corn.

The Governor-General of the Philippine Islands has approved a measure recently enacted by the Philippine Legislature, increasing the duties on rice and corn, which, if signed by the President of the United States, will become effective Jan. 1 1933, according to a radiogram received in the Department of Commerce from Trade Commissioner Evett D. Hester, Manila. The Department's announcement, Nov. 27, continued:

The following are the new rates provided for in United States dollars per 100 kilos gross weight (former rates in parentheses):

Rice, non-glutinous, unhusked, \$1.20 (\$0.90), husked \$2.50 (\$1.50); glutinous, unhusked, \$1.50 (\$0.90), husked \$3.00 (\$1.50); rice flour, \$3.00 (\$2.00); corn (maize), oats, and millet, and cereals and grains not otherwise provided for, in grain \$0.65 (\$0.17); in meal or flour, not otherwise provided for, \$1.70 (\$0.83).

The Philippine Secretary of Finance is required to investigate the rice and corn markets and may recommend periodically to the Governor-General the reduction by proclamation of part or the whole of the increased duties.

Bombay (India) Continues to Ship Gold.

It was stated in a cablegram from Bombay Nov. 27 to the New York "Times" that shipments of gold continue, the total for the last two months being 120,000,000 rupees. The previous week's mail steamer took gold valued at 25,100,000 rupees and 8,400,000 was taken in the week of Nov. 27.

Egypt Increases Import Duties on Certain Agricultural Products Including Wheat and Flour.

By decree effective Nov. 23, the Egyptian Government has increased the import duties on certain agricultural products, including wheat and flour, according to a radiogram received in the Department of Commerce from Acting Commercial Attache Ralph F. Chesbrough at Cairo. The Department also reports as follows on Nov. 27:

The principal change, of interest to American trade, is that on flour, on which the rates have been increased by 90 millimes per 100 kilos (about 20 cents per 100 lbs.).

The import duties on flour are based on a sliding scale depending on the quotation in shillings of Australian flour at Egyptian ports. When Australian flour is quoted (at Egyptian ports) at 100 shillings or less per metric ton, the new duty is fixed at 870 millimes per 100 kilos gross; for each 5 shillings advance in the quotation above 100 shillings, the duty is decreased on a varying scale by 20 or 30 millimes; and when the quotation reached 200 shillings or more, the duty reaches the minimum rate of 410 millimes per 100 kilos.

Fall of Sterling Aid to Australia—Difference in Commonwealth and English Pound Likely to Be Reduced Officially.

The following from London, Nov. 28, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 28:

Australia has as yet made no official move to alter the 30% discount which exists between the Australian pound and the British pound, despite the recent 22½% decline in the latter's world exchange value. However, in the unofficial exchange marts, outside of the Australian banks, the difference between these two currencies has been narrowed by roughly

2½% and in London one hears rumor to the effect that the range will shortly be reduced officially by 5%.

The advantage to Australia in having a 30% discount between her pound and that of England has been that the very heavy English investments and deposits in Australia have in large part remained intact; the English holders, though desirous of withdrawing, are unwilling to take such a heavy exchange loss in transferring the money back to Great Britain.

As the large portion of Australia's bonded indebtedness is in terms of British pound sterling, the saving to the nation on this account may be considered as equal to the extent of inflation in sterling or roughly 22½%. Of course, the continuance of the Australian pound at the 30% ratio to the British caused much the same phenomena in Australia as witnessed in England following the suspension of the gold standard. In effect, labor has received a sharp cut in wages, while the trade position of Australia in the world markets has been greatly improved. Wool and wheat prices as well as Australian securities have risen sharply in London in the past two months; in Australia, business revival seems well under way.

To some extent, this revival in Australia has been due to her capturing of the portion of the world's fine wool markets previously held by South Africa. This phenomena has been permitted through the insistence of the South African Government in keeping that State on the gold standard. However, it is not expected that Australia will for long be free from South African wool competition, but the present respite has been a very welcome and unexpected blessing to Australian finances.

Results of Offering of 93-Day Treasury Bills to Amount of \$100,000,000—Total Amount Applied for \$235,485,000—Tenders Accepted \$100,490,000 at Average Rate of 2.59%.

While a paragraph appeared in our issue of Nov. 28 (page 3566) relative to the result of the offering of the \$100,000,000 or thereabouts of the 93-day Treasury Bills (detailed on the same page), the fact that the paragraph was displaced and annexed to the award to C. F. Childs & Co. of \$12,000,000 Treasury Bills dated Nov. 23, prompts us to repeat here the figures of subscriptions to the bills dated Nov. 30, which were announced as follows on Nov. 27 by the Treasury Department:

The Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, announces that the tenders for \$100,000,000, or thereabouts, of 93-day Treasury Bills dated Nov. 30 1931, and maturing March 2 1932, which were offered on Nov. 23 were opened at the Federal Reserve Banks Nov. 27.

The total amount applied for was \$235,485,000. Except for one bid of \$50,000 at the rate of about 1.78%, the highest bid made was 99.430, equivalent to an interest rate of about 2.21% on an annual basis. The lowest bid accepted was 99.296, equivalent to an interest rate of about 2.73% on an annual basis. Only part of the amount bid for at the latter price was accepted. The total amount of bids accepted was \$100,490,000. The average price of Treasury Bills to be issued is 99.332, or an average rate on a bank discount basis of about 2.59%.

Outstanding Brokers Loans on New York Stock Exchange at New Low Figure—Total Nov. 30 \$730,151,908—Decrease of \$66,116,860 in Month.

A new low figure for brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange was established on Nov. 30, on which date the total amount outstanding is reported as having been \$730,151,908. This is \$66,116,860 below the Oct. 31 figures of \$796,268,768. The latter total showed a decrease of \$248,139,111 below the Sept. 30 figures. The latest figures (Nov. 30) are made up of demand loans of \$599,919,108 and time loans of \$130,232,800. The Nov. 30 figures were announced as follows by the Stock Exchange on Dec. 2:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business Nov. 30 1931, aggregated \$730,151,908.

The detailed tabulation follows:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.
(1) Net borrowings on the collateral from New York Banks or Trust Companies.....	\$458,315,104	\$124,297,800
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from Private Bankers, Brokers, Foreign Bank Agencies or others in the City of New York.....	141,604,004	5,935,000
* Total.....	\$599,919,108	\$130,232,800
Combined Total of Time and Demand Loans.....	\$730,151,908	

The scope of the above compilation is exactly the same as in the loan report issued by the Exchange a month ago.

The comparative monthly figures back to January 1930 are shown in the following table:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.	Total Loans.
1930—			
Jan. 31.....	3,528,246,115	456,521,950	3,984,768,065
Feb. 28.....	3,710,563,332	457,025,000	4,167,588,332
Mar. 31.....	4,052,161,339	604,141,000	4,656,302,339
Apr. 30.....	4,362,919,341	700,212,018	5,063,131,359
May 29.....	3,966,873,034	780,955,878	4,747,828,912
June 30.....	2,980,284,038	747,427,251	3,727,711,289
July 31.....	3,021,363,910	668,118,387	3,689,482,297
Aug. 30.....	2,912,612,666	686,020,403	3,598,633,069
Sept. 30.....	2,830,259,339	651,193,422	3,481,452,761
Oct. 31.....	1,980,639,692	569,484,395	2,550,124,087
Nov. 30.....	1,691,494,226	470,754,776	2,162,249,002
Dec. 31.....	1,519,400,054	374,212,835	1,893,612,890
1931—			
Jan. 31.....	1,365,582,515	354,762,803	1,720,345,318
Feb. 28.....	1,505,251,689	334,504,389	1,839,756,058
Mar. 31.....	1,629,863,494	278,947,000	1,908,810,494
Apr. 30.....	1,389,163,124	261,965,000	1,651,128,124
May 29.....	1,173,508,350	261,175,300	1,434,683,650
June 30.....	1,102,285,060	289,039,832	1,391,324,922
July 31.....	1,041,142,201	302,950,553	1,344,092,754
Aug. 31.....	1,069,280,033	284,787,325	1,354,067,358
Sept. 30.....	802,153,879	242,254,000	1,044,407,879
Oct. 31.....	615,515,068	180,755,700	796,268,768
Nov. 30.....	599,919,108	130,232,800	730,151,908

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of George I. Ellsworth was reported sold this week to Robert Raymond for \$148,000, a decline of \$9,000 from the last preceding sale. A further drop was made to-day when it was announced that arrangements had been made for the sale of two memberships at \$136,000 and \$135,000, respectively.

Arrangements were reported completed this week for the sale of three Chicago Stock Exchange memberships for \$9,000, \$8,600 and \$8,500, respectively. The last preceding sale was stated at \$10,000.

Arrangements for the merger of the Manufacturers Trust Co. and the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. of this city were announced on Dec. 3. The combined institution will have resources, it is stated, in excess of \$550,000,000 and deposits of over \$400,000,000. The Manufacturers Trust Co. on Sept. 30 1931 reported:

Capital.....	\$27,500,000.00	Deposits.....	256,251,159.17
Surplus.....	24,821,307.78	Resources.....	358,155,603.54

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. on Sept. 29 1931, reported:

Capital.....	\$16,200,000.00	Deposits.....	158,999,913.25
Surplus.....	11,700,000.00	Resources.....	236,280,154.76

The combined figures of the two institutions follow:

Capital.....	\$43,700,000.00	Deposits.....	415,251,072.42
Surplus.....	36,521,307.78	Resources.....	594,435,758.30

The institution growing out of the merger is to have a new name, to be made known later. The merger plans are not expected to be completed before February. The announcement in the matter was issued as follows on Dec. 3 by the Manufacturers Trust Co.:

The boards of directors of Manufacturers Trust Co. and Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. to-day unanimously voted to merge the two institutions.

Necessary steps will be immediately taken to submit the terms of the merger to the stockholders of the two companies for ratification.

The terms of the merger involve the creation of 546,750 shares of new stock of the Manufacturers Trust Co. of a par value of \$25 to be issued in exchange for 810,000 shares of the stock of the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. now outstanding of a par value of \$20 a share. The stockholders of the Manufacturers Trust Co. will retain their present holdings of 1,100,000 shares.

The board of directors of the merged institution will be reconstituted and will include members of both existing boards.

Harvey D. Gibson will be Chairman of the board of directors and President of the merged institution. Louis G. Kaufman will be Chairman of the Executive Committee and Henry C. Von Elm, Vice-Chairman of the board of directors.

The institution resulting from the merger will have a new name to be announced later.

The combined institution will have resources in excess of \$550,000,000 and deposits in excess of \$400,000,000.

As it is not expected that the necessary legal steps to consummate the merger can be completed before the first of February both institutions will declare their regular dividends of the fourth quarter of this year.

With regard to the merger the New York "Times" of Dec. 4 said:

In 1929 arrangements for a merger of the Chatham Phenix with the Bank of America, National Association, reached an advanced stage, only to be rejected by directors of the Chatham Phenix after a stormy session devoted to consideration of last-minute stipulations advanced by A. P. Giannini, who then controlled the Bank of America. The latter institution was merged, effective last Monday, with the National City Bank.

Under the terms of the merger plan approved yesterday by directors of the Manufacturers and the Chatham Phenix, the Manufacturers will issue 546,750 new shares of its \$25 par value stock in exchange for the 810,000 shares of the \$20 par value stock of the Chatham Phenix outstanding. This figures out at approximately 1 1/2 shares of Chatham Phenix for one of Manufacturers. Officials of the institutions said last night that the process of exchange would involve some complicated transactions in the adjusting the two par values and that they could not at this time reveal the precise ratio of exchange.

Control of the Manufacturers was purchased by Mr. Gibson last Jan. 2, when, together with associates, he bought from the Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. 277,000 shares of the bank's stock for \$7,300,000, an average price of \$26.35. On Jan. 5, he became President and Chief Executive of the institution.

Under Mr. Gibson's direction the Manufacturers has made striking progress. As of Jan. 3, combined net time and demand deposits of the institution reported weekly to the New York Clearing House Association, were \$186,125,000. Six months later, on July 3, combined net time and demand deposits were \$206,950,000. As of last week's report for Nov. 28, the institution showed deposits of \$235,145,000, representing a gain of 38% over the January figure.

Chatham Phenix Deposits Off.

This advance in the deposits of the Manufacturers was made at a time when deposits of most other banks were declining. The record of the Chatham Phenix, from the same source, showed a marked contrast. As of Jan. 3, the Chatham Phenix reported \$203,150,000 of combined net time and demand deposits. As of July 3, the figure was \$185,896,000, and as of Nov. 28, it was \$141,374,000, a drop of 32% from the January figure.

Shares of the two institutions have followed a divergent course in the over-the-counter market. Chatham Phenix stock has recently sold as low as \$22, contrasted with a high of \$85. Yesterday the stock closed at \$24 bid, \$26 asked, a gain of \$1.50. The shares of the Manufacturers Trust closed at \$39 bid, \$41 asked, up \$1.75. The high for the year was \$54 and the low \$30.

Last August the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. was the subject of several unfounded rumors which caused concern among a few of its depositors. To arrest the rumors the Bank made an example of a customers' man employed in an investment brokerage house by obtaining an indictment against him for spreading false rumors.

The case was handled for the Bank by Thomas L. Chadbourne, a director of the institution and its general counsel. At that time Mr. Chadbourne specifically denied several reports about the Bank. It was the understanding in banking circles last night that negotiations leading to the merger had been conducted by Mr. Chadbourne and Mr. Gibson.

As part of a program for simplifying its interests, the Chatham Phenix recently sold control of its investment trust affiliate, the Chatham Phenix Allied Corp., to the Atlas Utilities Corp. It was generally believed that this trust, now called the Securities Allied Corp., held a substantial block of the Bank's shares. A few months ago the Bank suspended the securities business of its security-distributing affiliate, the Chatham Phenix Corp., but retained the name and charter of the organization.

Was Organized in 1812.

The Chatham Phenix was organized in 1812 as the Phenix Bank, and in 1911 consolidated with the Chatham National Bank under the title of the Chatham & Phenix National Bank of New York. Subsequently consolidations were effected with the Century Bank in 1915 and with the Metropolitan National Bank & Trust Co. in 1925, the name being changed to Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. The institution is a charter member of the New York Clearing House and a member of the Federal Reserve System.

The Manufacturers Trust Co. has figured prominently lately in the efforts of New York banks to assist depositors of closed banks in this district. Under contracts with the State Banking Department, the Manufacturers has undertaken to liquidate the American Union Bank, the International-Madison Bank & Trust Co., the Times Square Trust Co., the Bank of Europe Trust Co., the Globe Bank & Trust Co., the Queensboro National Bank, the Rockaway Beach National Bank, the Lebanon National Bank and the Bryant Park Bank among others. Recently arrangements were contemplated for the Manufacturers to liquidate the Federation Bank, but the deal was cancelled.

The Manufacturers has also absorbed several smaller institutions, including the Brooklyn National Bank and the Midwood Trust Co., both of Brooklyn.

The Manufacturers was organized in 1905 as the Citizens Trust Co. of Brooklyn, which subsequently absorbed the Broadway Bank of Brooklyn and took over the Manufacturers National Bank of Brooklyn, the name being changed to the Manufacturers-Citizens Trust Co. In 1915 this name was simplified to its present form, the Manufacturers Trust Co. During the intervening years the Manufacturers has engaged in more than a dozen mergers and extended its business all over the city, with its head office in the financial district at 55 Broad St., the old headquarters of the Seaboard National Bank.

Announcement of the termination of the agreement where-by the Manufacturers Trust Co. of this city proposed to purchase the assets of the closed Federation Bank & Trust Co. was made on Dec. 1 by Harvey D. Gibson, President of the Manufacturers Trust. In his statement Mr. Gibson said that "although the Superintendent of Banks recommended the acceptance of the offer, and Justice Wasservogel of the Supreme Court approved it as fair, the directors did not call a meeting of the stockholders (of the Federation Bank) to consider it, or otherwise submit the contract to the stockholders for consideration. The approval of the plan by Justice Wasservogel occurred on Monday, Nov. 30, and from the New York "Times" of Dec. 1 we take the following with regard thereto:

Supreme Court Justice Isidor Wasservogel approved last night the contract authorizing Joseph A. Broderick, Banking Superintendent, to sell the assets of the Federation Bank & Trust Co. to the Manufacturers Trust Co.

Before the Manufacturers Trust Co. obtains the assets the contract must be ratified by at least two-thirds of the stockholders of the Federation Bank. Daniel F. Cohalan, counsel for a group of stockholders and directors of the Federation Bank, said last night the contract would not be approved. He declared that plans were under way by which the Federation Bank would be reorganized and reopened by Feb. 1 1932, and that depositors would be paid in full, the stockholders receiving 50 cents or more on each dollar.

At the State Banking Department it was said responsibility for failure to provide the 30,000 depositors with 66 2-3% of their \$12,170,000 promptly, as provided under the contract with the Manufacturers Trust Co., must now rest with those opposing prompt liquidation. Mr. Broderick and his assistants said that in the liquidation of the Federation Bank the interests of the depositors came first and the contract with the Manufacturers Trust Co. was drafted with that in mind.

The order to show cause why the contract between the State Banking Department and the Manufacturers' Trust Co. should not be approved came up for argument before Justice Wasservogel yesterday morning. In opposing the contract, Mr. Cohalan told the Court that approval of the contract would be a blow to organized labor. He said stockholders in the closed bank included labor men all over the United States. The bank, up to the time it was closed last October, was the largest labor bank in the country and its President was Peter J. Brady, labor leader and aviation enthusiast, who was killed in September in an airplane accident on Staten Island.

Mr. Cohalan characterized the action of Mr. Broderick in asking the Court to approve the contract as "passing the buck." He amplified this by saying that Mr. Broderick knew that two-thirds of the stockholders had to ratify the contract.

In arguing for the Court's approval of the contract, Benjamin F. Schreiber special counsel for the Banking Department, stressed the point that the Manufacturers Trust Co. could withdraw if the Court did not approve. He urged the Court to approve the contract.

Joseph M. Hartfield, attorney for the Manufacturers Trust Co. also asked the Court to approve the contract. He said the contract was far more preferable than "the nebulous plan proposed by Mr. Cohalan." He called attention to the fact that the Manufacturers Trust Co. is committed to pay out \$10,800,000 in the liquidation plan. He said certain preferred claims must be paid in full and that Manufacturers Trust Co. would thus have to pay out more than the 66 2-3% called for in the contract.

Mr. Gibson's announcement of Dec. 1 indicating the termination of the agreement with the Manufacturers Trust Co. follows:

At the time that the Manufacturers Trust Co., in co-operation with the majority of the banks of the Clearing House, as well as some private banking houses, agreed to purchase from the State Superintendent of Banks the assets of the Federation Bank & Trust Co. and make available 66 2-3% of its deposits to depositors and the payment in full of creditors entitled to priority, the offer was based upon prompt acceptance upon the part of the Superintendent of Banks, the Supreme Court and the stockholders of the Federation Bank & Trust Co., and it was thought at that time that a record could be established in making available this percentage of deposits of the closed bank immediately after closing. The date fixed in the offer for the consummation of the sale was Nov. 30 1931.

It is obvious that any offer to make available so large a percentage of the deposits as 66 2-3% could not be held open for an indefinite length of time and when the directors of the Federation Bank & Trust Co., on Nov. 10 1931, through counsel, requested a delay on the part of the Court in approving this sale of assets, the Manufacturers Trust Co. at that time advised the directors, as well as the Court, that if such delay was granted, the Manufacturers Trust Co. would reserve the right to change the terms of its offer to purchase if the sale was not completed by the time fixed in the offer. This seemed to be the only safe, business-like way for the Manufacturers Trust Co. to handle the situation in view of the fact that a large percentage of the assets of the Federation Bank & Trust Co. were represented by stocks, bonds and other securities which naturally are subject to fluctuations of the market and a variance in the market value might affect the percentage of the deposits that could safely be made available. Although the Superintendent of Banks recommended the acceptance of the offer, and Justice Wasservogel of the Supreme Court approved it as fair, the directors did not call a meeting of the stockholders to consider it, or otherwise submit the contract to the stockholders for consideration.

Consequently, it has been necessary for the Manufacturers Trust Co. to advise the Superintendent of Banks to-day that under the rights stated in the contract and letter above referred to, the agreement which was made providing for making available 66 2-3% of deposits must be considered terminated and that the Superintendent of Banks may feel free to discuss new terms and conditions either with the Manufacturers Trust Co. or any other institution.

The closing of the Federation Bank & Trust Co. and the plans for the purchase of its assets by the Manufacturers Trust Co. appeared in our issues of Oct. 31, page 2865; Nov. 7, page 3038, and Nov. 14, page 3199. According to the "Times" of Dec. 2, Daniel F. Cohalan, representing the group of directors and stockholders of the Federation Bank said the withdrawal of the Manufacturers Trust Co. would not interfere with the plans to reorganize and reopen the bank by Feb. 1 1932. He has already said that under the plan to reopen, depositors would get 100 cents on the dollar and stockholders not less than 50 cents on the dollar.

The Bank of New York & Trust Co., 48 Wall Street, announced on Nov. 24 the appointment of Henry J. Schuler as Vice-President. Mr. Schuler who resigned as Vice-President and Cashier of the Bank of America effective Nov. 28 assumed his new duties on Dec. 1.

Joseph W. Prisco, Vice-President and Cashier of the closed Prisco State Bank of this city, pleaded guilty on Dec. 3, to grand larceny of the bank's funds. He will be sentenced on Dec. 23 and at the same time sentence will be passed upon his father, Raffaello Prisco, founder and President of the bank, who pleaded guilty on Nov. 30 to a similar charge. The New York "Evening Post" of Dec. 3 said:

The younger Prisco is 33 years old and lives with his parents at 163 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn. Two years ago, he said, he was worth \$2,000,000 and in 1929 bought a seat on the New York Stock Exchange for \$450,000. There were four indictments for grand larceny against him, all based on this year's operations.

The maximum sentence which the Priscos may receive is from five to ten years, since both are first offenders. General Sessions Judge Max Levine heard the plea of guilty to-day.

The Prisco State Bank at 73 Mulberry St. was closed by Superintendent of Banks Joseph A. Broderick on July 28. Its accounts were paid at that time to have been \$200,000 short. Speaking for the two bankers, Caesar Barra, their attorney, repeated to-day that they believe depositors will be paid in full. The Banking Department has declined to state what percentage depositors may expect to receive.

The closing of the bank was referred to in these columns Aug. 29, page 1398 and Sept. 26, page 2029.

The Fifth Avenue Bank of New York announced Dec. 3 to its depositors that, beginning Jan. 1 1932, it will pay the rate of interest allowed by the New York Clearing House Association on daily balances of \$2,500 and over. Announcement was also made of a branch office, now under construction at Madison Ave. and 73rd St., which will be completed on or before April 1 of next year. This branch is to be operated under the supervision of a Vice-President as a complete banking unit, and will furnish all the facilities now available at the main office at Fifth Ave. and 44th St., including trust services and safe deposit boxes.

The New York "Sun" of last night (Dec. 4) said:

The Sakser State Bank of 82 Cortlandt St., one of the smallest banks in the city, was taken over to-day by Joseph A. Broderick, State Superintendent of Banks. The bank was closed at the request of its own board of directors, according to Mr. Broderick's announcement of the closing. Depreciation in the value of assets was the reason given.

The deposit liabilities, as shown by the books as of yesterday's closing, were about \$940,000.

The Sakser State Bank was opened in 1920 as the Frank Sakser State Bank, and its present officers are Frank Sakser, President; A. Ausenik and Roland Kuss, Vice-Presidents; A. Skulj, Cashier, and F. Lupsha, Secretary.

Mr. Broderick announced that liquidation will be begun immediately and said: "It is expected that a dividend will be paid in about 90 days. Arthur R. Seaton, State bank examiner, has been appointed Special Deputy Superintendent of Banks to assist in the liquidation."

The Sakser State Bank's condition statement of June 30 last showed total resources of \$1,473,415.64, the capital being \$100,000; the surplus \$75,000, and the undivided profits \$25,423.

The condition statement of September 30, showed total resources of \$1,357,654; capital of \$100,000, and a surplus of \$50,000. The bank's deposit as of September 30 were \$1,054,186, and the undivided profits \$25,423.

The last semi-annual dividend declared by the bank was at \$3 on June 26 1930.

A flexible lease, planned to meet present requirements, will be employed in the rental of certain floors and units of space in the new 48 story Continental Bank Building under construction at 30 Broad Street, this city, according to an announcement made Nov. 27 by Russell V. Cruikshank of Cruikshank Company, the renting and managing agent, for the building. The structure, which is to be ready for occupancy May 1 1932, has the steel work completed to the 32nd story, and the concrete floors laid to the 28th story.

Increase in the Board of Directors from seven to seventeen members and the formulation of plans for the further development of the Morris Plan of Industrial Banking was announced on Nov. 19 by Walter W. Head, President of the Morris Plan Corporation of America. A number of Morris Plan bankers have been elected to the Board, including Thomas Coughlin, President of the Morris Plan Bank of Cleveland; Thomas C. Boushall, President of the Morris Plan Bank of Virginia; Arthur A. Blumeyer, President of the Industrial Savings Trust Company, St. Louis; Robert O. Bonnell, President, Morris Plan Bank of Baltimore; Ralph W. Pitman, President, Morris Plan Company of Philadelphia; F. Earl Wallace, President, Morris Plan Company of Boston; Wallace D. McLean, Executive Vice-President, Morris Plan Company of New York; and Ernest F. Smith, Chairman of the Board, Morris Plan Company of Minneapolis. Mr. Head stated:

The future expansion policy of Morris Plan from now on will rest solely with the Morris Plan Corporation of America. In the past, this latter organization has been largely engaged in enfranchising and servicing the various Morris Plan banks locally operated in 142 cities and the capital requirements of new development had rested with the Industrial Finance Corporation. The Morris Plan Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Industrial Finance Corporation, now assumes responsibility for both servicing and capitalizing.

The Chase National Bank of New York has acquired three specimens of the stone money used in the Island of Yap, which have been placed on display as part of its Collection of Moneys of the World comprising over 40,000 items. These specimens are believed to be the first authenticated large "fei", as the money is called, to be received in the western continent. The National Museums of Germany and Japan contain the only other outstanding exhibits. It is stated that of the bank's three pieces of Yap stone money, the one most prized was received by special favor direct from the island. Although about 200 years old, it is in perfect condition. It is 26 inches in diameter and weighs 120 pounds. A fei of this size has the value of an 18 foot canoe, one fourth acre of land or about 10,000 coconuts. The other "coins" obtained by the Chase National Bank are twelve and thirty inches, respectively, in diameter, the larger specimen weighing 170 pounds.

Joseph A. Broderick, State Superintendent of Banks for New York, on Nov. 27 announced that he had on that day taken possession of the business and property of the Bank of Angola at Angola, N. Y. The deposit liabilities of the institution, as shown by the books, as at the close of business Nov. 25 1931 were approximately \$740,000. A statement by Mr. Broderick 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.

Cadman H. Frederick, Long Island real estate dealer, was appointed President of the First National Bank of Rockville Center on Nov. 24, according to the New York "Herald Tribune" of Nov. 25. Mr. Frederick has been a director of the bank for twenty-three years and recently was Executive Vice-President, it was stated.

The New York State Banking Department recently approved an increase in the capital of the State Bank of Holland at Holland, N. Y., from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

A proposal to increase the capital of the Peoples Bank of Hamburg, N. Y., from \$100,000 to \$150,000, was approved by the New York State Banking Department on Nov. 19.

The New York State Banking Department has approved an agreement to merge the Chenango Valley Savings Bank of Binghamton, N. Y., into the Binghamton Savings Bank, Binghamton.

Announcement was made on Dec. 1 of the reorganization of the Ontario County Trust Co. of Canandaigua, N. Y., which closed Oct. 6 last. Associated Press advices from Canandaigua, reporting this, went on to say:

Stockholders and depositors combined to provide a working fund. Depositors representing 98% of the total deposits pledged 25% of the total and stockholders contributed 50% of the amount of stock. The Lincoln Alliance Bank & Trust Co. of Rochester, N. Y., has been named depository and trustee. Edward G. Hayes, for the last two years Chairman of the Board of the old bank and a former President, heads the reorganized institution.

The closing of the Ontario County Trust Co., which had deposits of approximately \$3,900,000, was noted in our issue of Oct. 10, page 2378.

With reference to the affairs of the Revere Trust Co. of Boston, the closing of which on Oct. 13 of this year was noted in our Oct. 17 issue, page 2556, the Boston "Transcript" of Dec. 1 stated that Bank Commissioner Arthur Gay on that date assured Representative Thomas F. Carroll that savings depositors in the closed institution will receive at least 70% of their savings and depositors in the commercial department approximately 30%. The paper mentioned continuing said:

Mr. Carroll has had several conferences with the Commissioners and this afternoon was given the following statement by Mr. Guy:

"This week depositors will have an opportunity to prove their claims against the bank. An estimate of recovery at this time is 70% in the savings department and 30% in the commercial department. This does not include what may be salvaged from such assets now classified as losses or from stockholders and directors' liability.

"It is felt that arrangements can be made to have interested banks loan on the proofs of claims of the depositors so that some funds may be available for taxes and Christmas. Attempts to reorganize the bank have failed due to economic conditions, but it should be understood that everything that can be done will be done for the benefit of the depositors of the Reserve Trust Co.

Floyd C. Devore, former President of the Sussex County Trust Co. of Franklin, N. J., was sentenced to six years in the State prison on Nov. 27 by Judge Losey in Quarter Sessions Court. He had been indicted on three counts of embezzlement and one of grand larceny. A dispatch to the Newark "News" from Franklin, from which we have quoted above, continuing said:

The Judge imposed a three-year term for one of the embezzlement counts and one year apiece on the other charges. The grand larceny concerned the theft of a \$1,000 bond. The defendant was accused of embezzling \$10,000 of the bank funds.

Devore had pleaded not guilty to the charges, but changed the plea to one on non vult, Monday Nov. 23. His attorney, Lewis VanBlarcom, was in court besides him when he was sentenced.

The resignation of Mr. Devore as President of the Trust Company at the request of the directors following the discovery of the shortage in the bank's funds, was noted in our issue of Sept. 19 1931, page 1871.

That the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Woodbridge, N. J., had failed to open for business on Monday of this week, Nov. 30, by order of its directors, was reported in advices from that place to the Newark "News." The institution has combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$310,000 and deposits of \$2,000,000. It was stated, the dispatch said, that the Comptroller of the Currency had given the directors several days' time in which to meet a shrinkage in assets due to depreciation of securities, and the directors were trying to raise the sum demanded by the Comptroller. The advices went on to say:

The directors issued a statement in which they said the bank had been closed by them to conserve assets in the interest of the depositors. The statement also said: "The directors are working on plans for reopening."

Officers are: President, William T. Ames; Vice-Presidents, William L. Harned and John F. Ryan; Cashier, Thomas B. Murray; Assistant Cashiers, J. Joseph Grace and W. Leon Harned.

Christmas club depositors have been awaiting checks.

A subsequent dispatch (Dec. 1) from Woodbridge to the Newark "News", stated that J. Joseph Grace, an Assistant Cashier of the closed bank, had the previous afternoon surrendered himself to Alexander B. McCann, National

Bank Examiner, and insisted that he be arrested for embezzlement. Later Mr. McCann took Grace before United States Commissioner John Delaney of Perth Amboy, where bail of \$10,000 was fixed on a charge that he embezzled, abstracted and misapplied funds, money and credit of the bank in that amount. Grace was unable to furnish the bail and was ordered committed to the Hudson County jail, the dispatch stated.

After confessing that he had embezzled \$50,000 from the Haddonfield Trust Co., Haddonfield, N. J., of which he was Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Harry E. Richman of Haddonfield, was held in \$25,000 bail by Judge Samuel M. Shay in Camden Criminal Court on Nov. 30. Advices from Camden, N. J., to the New York "Times," from which we have quoted above, went on to say:

Richman announced that he would plead "guilty" to the embezzlement charge and forego grand jury action and court trial. The bail bond was supplied by Richman's brother-in-law, George B. Evans, a Moorestown lawyer.

When George A. McLaughlin, an examiner for the New Jersey State Banking Department, entered the Haddonfield Bank this morning (Nov. 30) to audit the books, Richman said: "It will not be necessary to make an audit at this time because I willingly confess to having embezzled \$50,000 of the bank's money."

McLaughlin took the bank officer before Justice of the Peace Peter J. Wallace, who held him for court. Two hours later he appeared before Judge Shay. He declined to reveal why he had taken the money, and what he had done with it, declaring "it will not help any to tell and it might embarrass the bank."

As an audit of the bank's books progressed it was reported unofficially that the defalcations might exceed \$50,000.

According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Dec. 1, Ephriam Tomlinson, a director of the bank, and President of the Camden Safe Deposit & Trust Co., issued the following statement:

Harry E. Richman, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer of the Haddonfield Trust Co. has confessed to a defalcation of \$50,000. Fortunately, the company is well bonded. The Camden Safe Deposit and Trust Co. is a substantial stockholder of this company, having made this investment about a year ago.

We are shocked to hear of Mr. Richman's action, but we are glad it does not in any way affect the depositors.

Referring to the affairs of the Security Trust Co. of Harrisburg, Pa., which was taken over by the Pennsylvania State Banking Department on Oct. 26 last, a Harrisburgh dispatch to the Philadelphia "Ledger" on Nov. 29 stated that a first payment to depositors of 10 cents on the dollar would be made Dec. 23, according to an announcement by Dr. William D. Gordon, State Secretary of Banking. The dispatch furthermore said:

It was indicated also at Dr. Gordon's office that first payments to depositors of the closed Commercial and Mechanics' Trust Companies, also local banks, will be made the first week in January.

Notices dated Dec. 1 will be mailed next week to depositors of the latter banks giving them thirty days to prove or disprove their claims.

Payment of 10% of the Security Trust Co. deposits will release \$125,893.

It is learned from the Toledo "Blade" of Nov. 28 that Dean Higgins, President of the Dean Higgins Co., an iron and steel organization, has been chosen to head the new Commerce Guardian Bank of Toledo, Ohio, which has been organized to replace the Commerce Guardian Trust & Savings Bank which closed last summer. Mr. Higgins is a former director of the old institution. Other officers for the new bank are to be announced later. The Board of Directors, which includes some of Toledo's most influential citizens, is as follows: James Bentley, of the A. Bentley & Sons Co.; Charles A. Dana, President of the Spicer Manufacturing Co.; John A. Giesmar, general manager of the National Supply Co.; Dean Higgins, the new President; James E. Martin of the James E. Martin Co.; Walter L. Ross, former Toledoan and President of the great Nickel Plate system of the Van Sweringens; Dan Searles, of Searles Brothers, and Frank D. Stranahan, Vice-President of the Champion Spark Plug Co. The new organization will open on Dec. 15, as scheduled. The bank's plan in brief as indicated in the "Blade", is in part as follows:

A dividend distribution of 30% or \$5,191,892.38, will be made by the new Commerce Guardian bank Dec. 15 to depositors of the Commerce Guardian Trust & Savings bank.

The distribution is to be made in such manner that depositors of the old bank may use their dividends as they see fit.

The new bank will pay 3% on savings deposits, interest computed semi-annually—July 1 and Jan. 1. It will be located in its present quarters at St. Clair Street and Madison Avenue.

The bank has been incorporated with a nominal capital of \$150,000. This will be increased to the total of subscriptions received.

Liquidation of assets after dividend shall be by the State through a committee consisting of Frank Collins, of the National Supply Co.; R. A. Wilbur and W. E. Levis, of the Owens-Illinois Glass Co., Mr. Collins and Mr. Levis serving without pay.

Books of subscription for stock of the new bank will be opened and subscriptions received at a price of \$50 a share (par value \$25 a share). Of the price \$25 will be for capital stock and \$25 for surplus and reserve account.

A summary of assets and liabilities of the old institution as of Nov. 25 1931, on which the plan and program of the new Commerce Guardian Bank are based, shows total assets on the basis of recent valuations of \$18,010,480.76, and total liabilities (all deposits and claims) of \$15,953,254.97. Our last reference to the new bank appeared Nov. 21, page 3371.

Closing of the Equitable Trust Co. of Chicago, a small bank of that city, was reported in Chicago advices on Nov. 27 to the "Wall Street Journal." As of Nov. 25 1931, the dispatch stated, the bank had total deposits of \$550,000, capital of \$350,000, surplus of \$50,000 and undivided profits of about \$11,000.

The indictment of John W. Parkhurst and J. Reed Parkhurst, former President and Vice-President, respectively, of the First National Bank of Reed City, Mich., for alleged misappropriation of the bank's funds, was indicated in the following taken from the Michigan "Investor" of Nov. 28:

John Walter Parkhurst, President of the defunct First National Bank, of Reed City, is facing trial on charges of misapplication of the bank's funds. He was arraigned last Saturday in Federal District Court in Grand Rapids on an indictment returned secretly Nov. 4 by the Grand Jury.

A plea of "not guilty" was entered when Parkhurst stood mute and his trial was set for the Mar. 1932, term. He was released under \$5,000 bond.

Parkhurst is charged specifically with misapplication of about \$5,000. J. Reed Parkhurst, brother of John Walter and Vice-President of the defunct bank, is named jointly with him in the indictment.

They are accused of having set up a secret fund in the bank in the name of Myra Baker, placing part of the bank's discount funds in the account and later withdrawing them for their own use.

The Reed City bank was organized in 1889 by the two brothers, who had operated it until it was closed three months ago.

J. Reed Parkhurst was in California, but surrendered to San Francisco Federal authorities on the day his brother was arraigned. He is specifically charged with misappropriating \$400 of the bank's funds.

Paul D. Swift, a director of the Houghton National Bank of Houghton, Mich., for the past four years, was appointed a Vice-President of the institution recently to succeed the late W. D. Calverley, according to the "Commercial West" of Nov. 28. The personnel of the institution is now as follows:

A. F. Reese, Chairman of Board; A. N. Baudin, President; R. T. Bannalack and Paul D. Swift, Vice-Presidents; F. C. Stoye, Cashier and R. G. Baudin and Ed. Rompf, Assistant Cashiers.

That an initial payment of approximately 22½% of their claims is to be made shortly to depositors and other creditors of the defunct Chesapeake Bank of Baltimore, Md., was indicated in the Baltimore "Sun" of Nov. 29, which said:

Checks now are being prepared by the receivers of the Chesapeake Bank for distribution to depositors after the account has been filed in court and the ten-day period for examination and objection has elapsed.

It is expected that the auditor will file the account by Dec. 7 at the latest.

Depositors then will have a period of ten days in which to examine the account and enter any objection they may have. The receivers, according to plans, hope to have the checks in readiness for distribution at the end of the ten-day examination period so there will be no delay in distribution.

The initial will be about 22½% of the claims of depositors and other creditors. The Court, the auditor and the receivers hope to begin distribution to approximately 25,000 depositors before Christmas, it was said.

Because of the large number of claimants against the bank it is expected the distribution will take about three days, it was said.

It is not expected that any major objection will be made to the account and the receivers hope to be able to handle small controversies individually without holding up the bulk of the distribution, it was added.

The Chesapeake Bank was closed by the State Bank Commissioner of Maryland on Dec. 9 of last year, as noted in our issue of Dec. 13 1930, page 3820.

Associated Press advices from Henderson, Ky., on Nov. 25 stated that plans looking towards the absorption of the Henderson County Savings Bank by the Ohio Valley Banking & Trust Co. were announced on that day following a meeting of the directors of the two institutions. The transaction is expected to be consummated shortly, it was stated. Capital of the Ohio Valley Banking & Trust Co. will be increased to \$335,000 by the deal. Combined resources of the two banks, as shown by the last published statements, amount to \$2,130,432. The dispatch furthermore said in part:

The consolidated bank will be the largest institution in the city and one of the strongest in Western Kentucky.

John C. Worsham is President of the Ohio Valley Bank, and Leo King, Mr. Worsham's law partner, is President of the Henderson County Savings Bank.

The Bank of Miami & Trust Co. a novel banking institution organized by New York and Miami financial interests

opened for business Nov. 27, at Miami, Florida. The new institution has its entire resources in cash and United States Government securities, makes no loans, and will pay no interest either on thrift or checking accounts of depositors. It is capitalized at \$100,000 with surplus of \$50,000. The primary theory of banking is the acceptance of deposits and the prompt payment of these deposits "on demand." The policy of the new bank conforms to a literal interpretation that is tantamount to the most advanced banking practice known, and the bank may be termed a virtual "warehouse for money."

Edward S. Holman, President of the Bank of South Hudson & Trust Co., Bayonne, N. J., is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Miami institution, and C. H. Reeder, a life-long resident of Miami, former Mayor of Miami and now Finance Commissioner of the municipality, is President. P. G. Dusenbury, an investment banker of Miami, is Vice-President, and L. J. Griffin, President of Griffin-Brice-Buchanan, Inc., and formerly assistant to the Finance Commissioner of Miami, is Secretary and Treasurer. T. H. Holman is Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Correspondents are the Bank of New York & Trust Co., one of the oldest banking institutions of New York, and the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla.

The First National Bank of Gulfport, Miss., with capital and surplus of approximately \$500,000 and total resources of \$4,400,000, failed to open for business on Nov. 27, leaving the city without banking facilities. A dispatch from Gulfport to the New York "Journal of Commerce," in reporting the closing, furthermore said:

In a formal statement the directors of the bank to-day (Nov. 27) blamed "unprecedented stringency" and frozen loans for conditions making a voluntary closing necessary.

Business in the city was practically at a standstill and checks disappeared as a medium of exchange.

Concerning the affairs of the closed Fidelity Bank & Trust Co. of St. Louis, Mo., the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Nov. 26 stated that the institution, which closed its doors on Oct. 22 last, had assets at that time aggregating \$1,774,608, according to an inventory filed with the Recorder of deeds on Nov. 25 by J. B. Norris, State Bank Examiner. Of these assets, \$956,806.05 is represented by loans, personal and collateral. Approximately 200 of these loans, totaling about \$173,000 have, in the report, no evidence of security. The paper mentioned continuing said in part:

The report contained no list of liabilities, this phase of the company's financial condition having not come within the scope of the State Bank Examiner. After filing the inventory of assets Norris yesterday (Nov. 25) turned over the affairs of the defunct bank to Hans Wulff, who two days ago was appointed Special Deputy Finance Commissioner.

Norris would make no statement as to what return would be made to depositors. He said it would probably be a year before this is determined.

Cash \$12,000 Short.

The report stated that a shortage of \$12,000 was found in cash handled by Edward L. Marhlewski, Secretary and Paying Teller of the bank. This sum is shown as an asset in the inventory since it is collectible from the Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Maryland, which bonded the bank employees. Marhlewski is alleged to have been short about \$22,000, but the shortages above the \$12,000 would appear in a list of the liabilities of the bank.

The failure of the Fidelity Bank & Trust Co. was noted in our Oct. 31 issue, page 2869.

Lyman Sutton was recently appointed President of the Cosmopolitan State Bank of Stillwater, Minn., to succeed the late Roy G. Staples, according to the "Commercial West" of Nov. 21.

That the State Bank of Madelia, Minn., closed May 5 of the present year, has re-opened for business, was noted in the "Commercial West" of Nov. 21.

That the Farmers' & Merchants' Savings Bank of Glenwood, Wis., and the Mills County National Bank of the same place had consolidated under the title of the Mills County Savings Bank, was reported in the "Commercial West" of Nov. 21.

It is learned from the "Commercial West" of Nov. 21, that the Union State Bank of Omaha, Neb., which closed its doors in August last because of heavy withdrawals, had re-opened for business on Nov. 16.

The Farmers' & Merchants' Bank of Hubbell, Neb., has been merged with the Hubbell Bank of the same place, the latter assuming and agreeing to pay all depositors of the Farmers' & Merchants' Bank, according to the "Commercial

West" of Nov. 21. J. E. Conklin continues as President of the enlarged Hubbell Bank.

A group of officers, directors and members of the executive committee of the Northwest Bancorporation (headquarters Minneapolis) recently visited Omaha, Neb., making the first in a series of visits the group is to make to the larger cities where affiliated banks of the holding company are located. G. H. Yates, President, United States National Bank, and Ford E. Hovey, President, Stock Yards National Bank of Omaha, were hosts. Officers of affiliated banks at Fairbury, Hastings, Lincoln, and Norfolk, Neb., attended.

In the party were Edward W. Decker, President; J. C. Thomson, Vice-President, Northwest Bancorporation; Charles E. Mickler, director, F. W. Woolworth & Co.; A. L. Searle, President, Searle Grain Co.; Joseph Chapman, President, Donaldson Realty Co.; Robert E. Macgregor, Vice-President, Northwestern National Bank; C. V. Smith, Vice-President, Minnesota Loan & Trust Co.; Gardner B. Perry, Vice-President, Grant W. Anderson, W. E. Brockman, and Willis D. Wyard, Asst. Secretaries, and Robert F. Mactavish, Asst. Treasurer, Northwest Bancorporation.

Accompanying the Minneapolis group were E. J. Weiser, President, and F. A. Irish, Vice-President, First National Bank & Trust Co. Fargo, N. D.; W. Z. Sharp, President, Security National Bank & Trust Co., Sioux Falls, S. D.; Isaac S. Moore, President, First & American National Bank, Duluth, Minn.; David C. Shepard, President, Empire National Bank, St. Paul, Minn.; W. H. Brenton, President, Iowa-Des Moines National Bank & Trust Co., Des Moines, Iowa; and W. G. C. Bagley, President, First National Bank, Mason City, Iowa. A communication from the Bancorporation goes on to say:

Mr. Decker said at a meeting arranged by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce that he is opposed to nation-wide branch banking. While he would not presume to predict what Congress may do, his expectation is that branch banking limited to State areas will be regarded as a logical solution of the present banking problem. As a result of the banking troubles that have so long prevailed and that have eliminated so many small banks, the public is demanding a change in the system. The problem before Congress, he said, is how to carry safe and adequate banking service into the smaller communities.

"The laws must be so constructed that the farmer, laborer, or business man may borrow money the same as the Wall Street broker, provided he is good for the amount," Mr. Decker said.

Associated Press advices from Twin Falls, Ida., on Nov. 23 stated that the Twin Falls National Bank was closed on that date by E. M. Wright a National Bank Examiner, on a resolution of its directors. The advices went on to say:

The directors issued a statement declaring the suspension was temporary. Total deposits were declared to be \$209,000 less than 10% of the total deposits in Twin Falls banks.

The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal (head office Montreal, Canada) was submitted to the shareholders this week. The report, which covers the fiscal year ended Oct. 31 1931, point out that under the general conditions that prevail during the period under review there is, as expected, a decline in total assets, as also in profits. One outstanding feature is the manner in which the business of the bank, as represented by current loans, has been maintained. Deposits bearing interest, in which is included the savings department, are practically unchanged from those of the previous year. At the end of the fiscal year total assets were \$794,523,333, down from \$826,969,537 at the end of the previous year. Of this amount quickly available resources amounted to \$417,406,508, equal to 58.11% of all liabilities to the public. Included in these liquid assets are Government and other bonds and debentures to a value of \$236,433,817, the majority of which are gilt edged securities which mature at early dates. The holdings of cash and deposit in Central Gold Reserve total \$83,625,914, at which level they are equal to 11.64% of public liabilities.

Just how well the business of the bank has been maintained under less active industrial conditions is indicated by total current loans in Canada of \$291,111,569, compared with \$290,872,423. At the same time deposits bearing interest are \$539,922,593, against \$540,977,246 while total deposits are now reported at \$669,047,251. Capital surplus, undivided profits and reserves for dividends amounted to \$76,192,604.

Profits for the year were \$5,386,379, equal to 7.18% on the combined capital, rest and undivided profits as compared with \$6,519,031 in previous year. From these, payments made were dividends to shareholders of \$4,320,000; provision for taxes Dominion Government of \$610,000;

reservation for bank premises of \$300,000; leaving a balance of \$156,379, which brought profit and loss to be carried forward up to \$1,103,426.

Branches of the Bank of Montreal in Tampico and Vera Cruz, Mexico, have been closed, according to the Montreal "Gazette" of Nov. 27, which went on to say:

Bank officials said no particular significance attached to the decision. The two branches had proved unprofitable and had been closed accordingly.

The Directors of the Dominion Bank (head office Toronto, Canada) at a meeting held Nov. 26 declared the usual dividend of 3% for the quarter ending Dec. 31 1931, payable Jan. 2 1932 to shareholders of record Dec. 19 1931, making a total distribution to shareholders for the current year of 12%.

The Royal Bank of Canada (head office Montreal) on Nov. 25 announced that Paul F. Sise of Montreal and James McG. Stewart, K. C., of Halifax, N. S., had been appointed director of the institution at the regular meeting of the Board on Nov. 24. The Montreal "Gazette" in reporting the matter said in part:

Mr. Sise is a well-known resident of Montreal, being President of the Northern Electric Co., Ltd.; director, Lake of the Woods Milling Co. Ltd., Industrial Acceptance Corp. and Amalgamated Electric Co. Ltd. He is also Vice-President of the Montreal Board of Trade.

Mr. Stewart is head of the legal firm of Stewart, Smith, McKeen and Rogers of Halifax, and well known through the lower provinces. He is President of Acadia Sugar Refining Co. Ltd.; Vice-President, Nova Scotia Light & Power Co. Ltd. and Mersey Paper Co. Ltd.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Except for the moderate upward reaction on Monday and the brisk upward spurt on Thursday during which the railroad issues developed a brief period of buoyancy, the stock market has been reactionary the present week, with alternate periods of weakness and strength. There has been a large amount of selling which has forced many prominent market leaders downward to new lows for the present depression, and in some few instances for all time. Aside from the brief period of strength on Thursday, railroad shares have shown great weakness, New York Central moving down to its lowest level in history. One of the interesting items of the week was the announcement of plans to merge the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. and the Manufacturers Trust Co., with resources of more than \$550,000,000 and deposits of more than \$400,000,000. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued after the close of the market on Thursday showed a further decline of \$31,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district. This carries the outstanding total down to \$720,000,000 and establishes the lowest level on record since Sept. 7 1921, when the amount recorded was \$680,448,000. Call money renewed at 2½% on Monday, continued unchanged at that rate throughout the balance of the week.

There was little change in the trend of the market during the abbreviated session on Saturday. Prices continued to move downward, railroad shares leading the way, followed by some of the industrial issues and motors. Trading was comparatively light during the first hour, but activity gradually increased as pressure became stronger. Considerable liquidation was apparent and a number of prominent issues broke to new lows for the present movement. In the railroad group, New York Central dropped to its lowest level in the history of the present company. The principal changes were on the side of the decline and included such active issues as Air Reduction 1½ points to 53¾; Western Union, 1½ points to 50; Texas Pacific, 5 points to 30; Coca Cola, 2½ points to 109½; Crucible Steel, 2¾ points to 25; Inland Steel, 3½ points to 26½; Norfolk & Western, 1¾ points to 133¾, and Pierce Arrow pref., 8½ points to 45. On Monday the market was somewhat confused at the start, but rallied briskly as the day progressed and closed with gains ranging from 2 to 5 or more points. The rebound was the sharpest in several weeks and extended to practically every group in the list, though some of the gains were lost before the market closed. Among the stocks closing on the side of the advance were such popular issues as Air Reduction, 2¼ points to 53½; American Can, 2⅞ points to 69¾; Amer. Tel. & Tel., 3¾ points to 129¼; American Tobacco "B," 2¾ points to 81; American Water Works & Electric, 4½ points to 33; Atchison, 3½ points to 93; Atlantic Coast Line, 2 points to 45; Auburn Auto, 9 points to 111; J. I. Case, 2½ points to 40; Consolidated Gas, 2⅞ points to 67½; Worthington Pump, 2½ points to 25½; United States Steel, 3½ points to 56¾; Union Pacific, 2¼ points to 82¼; New York Central, 3½ points to 31½; International Business

Machine, 6½ points to 120; Houston Oil, 2 points to 23; Eastman Kodak, 3½ points to 96; Detroit Edison, 3½ points to 26; du Pont, 2½ points to 57¼, and Norfolk & Western, 3¼ points to 132½.

Early selling carried prices sharply downward on Tuesday with losses in some of the more active issues ranging from 2 to 5 or more points. As the day progressed the railroad shares turned upward, followed by many prominent market favorites, and before the close much of the early losses had been cancelled and in some instances substantial gains were recorded. While there were a number of modest gains at the close, the principal changes for the day were on the side of the decline and included, among others, Wabash, 2 points to 3¼; Pere Marquette, 2½ points to 10½; American Can, 2½ points to 67¾; Atlantic Coast Line, 2 points to 43; J. I. Case Co., 2¼ points to 37¾; Colorado Southern, 8 points to 16; Johns-Manville, 3 points to 23½; American Tel. & Tel., 1¼ points to 128, and Coca Cola, 1½ points to 112½. The market continued fairly steady until the close, though changes were somewhat mixed. Stocks were moderately strong during the early transactions on Wednesday, but slumped off again when trading became more active in the rails. Liquidation in the latter group was particularly heavy and many of the lower-priced stocks dropped to new lows for the present movement. The outstanding changes for the day were mostly on the side of the decline and included such active issues as Air Reduction, 2½ points to 53½; American Can, 3½ points to 63¾; American Tel. & Tel., 2½ points to 125½; Atlantic Coast Line, 5 points to 38; Rock Island, 3 points to 9¼; Auburn Auto, 2½ points to 107¾; Del. Lacka. & Western, 4½ points to 80; United States Steel, 2½ points to 52; Union Pacific, 2¼ points to 78; New York Central, 2½ points to 30¼, and New Haven, 2½ points to 25½. Trading continued moderately active until the close, but prices were weak and the leaders generally closed at new lows ranging from 1 to 3 or more points.

Heavy selling characterized the opening movements of the stock market on Thursday, and while trading was quiet, the tone gradually improved until at the close there were a number of fairly substantial gains ranging from 2 to 4 or more points. Before the upswing got under way several prominent issues broke through their lows for the year. The list included such stocks as United States Steel, which slipped back to 51¼ and then turned upward with a gain of 1¼ points. Western Union also broke to a new low for the year, though it cancelled part of its loss before the close. Among the market leaders closing on the side of the advance were Eastman Kodak, 2¼ points to 95; New York Central, 2¼ points to 33; Auburn Auto, 5½ points to 113¼; Amer. Tel. & Tel., 3½ points to 128¾, and American Can, 3½ points to 67. The market was strong at the close with the leaders at their best for the day. Following moderate gains during the early trading on Friday, the market moved downward and transactions turned sluggish during the rest of the day. Liquidation was again in evidence and fresh offerings for short account appeared in some volume. As pressure increased, reactionary tendencies gradually spread to other parts of the list and prices gave way all along the line. The rally started in the forenoon, but failed to hold for any great length of time and new losses ranging from 2 to 4 or more points were registered at the close. The principal changes were on the side of the decline and included among others, Allied Chemical & Dye, 2¾ points to 73¾; American Can, 4½ points to 62¾; Amer. Tel. & Tel., 2½ points to 126½; Western Union, 3 points to 44; International Business Machine, 4½ points to 115, and Auburn Auto, 3 points to 110¾. In the final hour the market was fairly steady, trading was quiet and prices were slightly up from the lowest level.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Dec. 4 1931	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad and Miscell. Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Monday	2,002,509	6,025,000	3,569,000	2,501,000	12,095,000
Tuesday	2,032,234	5,969,000	3,431,000	1,634,000	11,034,000
Wednesday	1,886,808	7,413,000	3,236,500	2,255,500	12,905,000
Thursday	1,800,924	7,838,000	3,836,000	2,669,000	14,343,800
Friday	1,920,994	6,415,000	3,636,000	1,465,000	11,516,000
Total	10,575,069	\$37,201,000	\$19,493,500	\$11,074,800	\$67,769,300

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Dec. 4.		Jan. 1 to Dec. 4.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Stocks—No. of shares.	10,575,069	7,782,027	688,401,688	687,286,121
Bonds.	\$11,074,800	\$3,270,750	\$243,017,700	\$103,674,100
Government bonds.	19,493,500	14,764,500	830,963,100	658,766,900
Railroad & misc. bonds	37,201,000	30,144,500	1,693,967,400	1,780,518,900
Total bonds	\$67,769,300	\$48,179,750	\$2,767,948,200	\$2,542,959,900

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Dec. 4 1931.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	23,190	\$5,000	26,423	\$6,000	840	\$900
Monday	*38,798	8,500	34,129	14,000	563	10,000
Tuesday	34,520	3,000	41,817	26,000	449	1,300
Wednesday	31,719	14,000	30,220	21,000	1,634	---
Thursday	33,270	6,000	30,327	19,000	275	200
Friday	6,454	1,000	11,560	---	1,448	1,000
Total	167,951	\$37,500	174,481	\$86,000	5,209	\$13,400
Prev. week revised	132,221	\$43,000	236,905	\$130,500	2,846	\$22,300

a In addition, sales of warrants were: Monday, 10; Wednesday, 10.
* In addition, sales of rights were: Monday, 12.

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, Dec. 5), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 28.3% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$6,788,075,215, against \$9,594,965,466 for the same week in 1930. At this center there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 30.7%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended Dec. 5.	1931.	1930.	Per Cent.
New York	\$3,575,947,997	\$5,173,000,000	-30.7
Chicago	264,935,951	472,875,092	-44.0
Philadelphia	294,000,000	410,000,000	-28.3
Boston	294,000,000	353,000,000	-16.7
Kansas City	65,455,870	97,409,708	-32.7
St. Louis	72,100,000	100,600,000	-28.4
San Francisco	127,352,000	148,536,000	-14.2
Los Angeles	No longer will report clearings.		
Pittsburgh	93,887,875	160,944,294	-41.8
Detroit	87,581,826	121,244,767	-27.8
Cleveland	75,162,523	96,707,750	-22.2
Baltimore	65,604,431	95,008,055	-30.9
New Orleans	40,121,535	49,524,117	-19.0
Twelve cities, five days	\$5,056,160,009	\$7,278,849,781	-30.4
Other cities, five days	600,569,337	884,809,605	-32.2
Total all cities, five days	\$5,656,729,346	\$8,163,659,386	-30.7
All cities, one day	1,131,345,869	1,431,306,080	-21.0
Total all cities for week	\$6,788,075,215	\$9,594,965,466	-28.3

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. 28. For that week there is a decrease of 30.7%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$4,868,879,039, against \$7,174,589,080 in the same week of 1930. Outside of this city there is a decrease of 31.5%, the bank clearings at this center recording a loss of 32.6%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve Districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve District, including this city, there is a loss of 32.4%, in the Boston Reserve District of 22.4% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 33.3%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are smaller by 37.6%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 31.9% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 24.2%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals show a contraction of 40.2%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 24.1% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 30.0%. The Kansas City Reserve District shows a decrease of 31.8%, the Dallas Reserve District of 13.4% and the San Francisco Reserve District of 23.7%.

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended Nov. 28 1931.	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1929.	1928.
Federal Reserve Dist.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston	266,915,386	345,039,243	-22.4	597,167,945	569,562,458
2nd New York	3,127,553,120	4,625,079,927	-32.4	6,634,725,410	8,769,418,336
3rd Philadelphia	263,510,392	394,875,964	-33.3	713,737,917	573,035,169
4th Cleveland	196,956,640	315,462,217	-37.5	369,117,384	386,341,146
5th Richmond	100,794,128	147,752,177	-31.9	148,103,407	161,769,867
6th Atlanta	88,919,907	117,358,808	-24.2	143,083,045	167,312,122
7th Chicago	344,120,478	575,845,585	-40.2	782,005,119	1,023,071,656
8th St. Louis	92,701,516	124,695,879	-24.1	168,429,553	200,081,143
9th Minneapolis	67,907,130	96,975,528	-30.0	104,245,765	125,096,450
10th Kansas City	96,030,092	145,105,512	-31.8	164,624,978	171,446,867
11th Dallas	39,485,204	45,554,756	-13.4	68,307,827	85,026,667
12th San Fran.	183,978,046	240,842,486	-23.7	310,930,136	353,737,023
Total	4,868,879,039	7,174,589,080	-30.7	10,204,458,506	12,567,889,219
Outside N. Y. City	1,832,415,314	2,672,130,969	-31.5	3,735,648,262	3,970,737,523
Canada	313,219,300	336,295,203	-3.9	465,740,641	566,728,026

CLARINGS—(Continued.)

Table with multiple columns: Clearings at—, Month of November (1931, 1930, Inc. or Dec.), 11 Months Ended Nov. 30 (1931, 1930, Inc. or Dec.), Week Ended Nov. 28 (1931, 1930, Inc. or Dec., 1929, 1928). Rows include various federal reserve districts such as Second Federal Reserve District, Third Federal Reserve District, Fourth Federal Reserve District, etc.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Curb Exchange securities sold to lower levels in a week of quiet trading. Wide fluctuations were confined mainly to preferred issues and inactive stocks. Public utilities were again prominent. Amer. Gas & Elec., com. dropped from 42 to 40 $\frac{1}{8}$, sold up to 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ and reacted finally to 41 $\frac{3}{4}$. Electric Bond & Share sold up some 2 points to 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ at the beginning of the week but dropped to 14 $\frac{5}{8}$, the close to-day being at 14 $\frac{3}{4}$. The \$6 preferred broke from 74 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 60, the final transaction to-day being 61 $\frac{3}{8}$. The \$5 preferred was off from 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 50 $\frac{1}{8}$ with the close to-day at 52. National Public Service, 7% pref. sold up from 49 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 59. New York Steam, com. gained 3 points to 56. Northern States Power, com. fell from 86 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 83, the 7% preferred losing 3 points to 93. Oil shares were lower though there were few important changes. Northern Pipe Line sagged from 32 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 31 $\frac{1}{2}$. Southern Pipe Line weakened from 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{8}$. Gulf Oil, after an advance from 44 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 46, declined to 42 $\frac{3}{8}$. Among industrials and miscellaneous issues, Aluminum Co., com. rose from 66 to 71 $\frac{1}{4}$ but reacted finally to 55. American Cigar, com. on few transactions, advanced from 62 to 69. Childs Co., pref. eased off from 72 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 68 $\frac{1}{4}$. Deere & Co. sold down from 14 to 12 $\frac{3}{8}$. Singer Mfg. receded from 177 to 165. A. O. Smith Corp., com. declined from 61 to 54 $\frac{1}{4}$.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3765.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Dec. 4, 1931.	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value).			
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	Total.
Saturday	550,490	\$1,568,000	\$87,000	\$45,000	\$1,700,000
Tuesday	280,790	2,614,000	122,600	180,000	2,916,600
Wednesday	235,000	2,859,000	127,000	229,000	3,215,000
Thursday	252,913	2,423,000	117,000	148,000	2,688,000
Friday	270,174	3,155,000	139,000	123,000	3,417,000
	327,813	3,472,000	142,000	156,000	3,770,000
Total	1,488,185	\$16,091,000	\$734,000	\$881,000	\$17,706,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended Dec. 4.		Jan. 1 to Dec. 4.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Stocks—No. of shares.	1,488,185	2,481,200	101,209,657	238,340,393
Bonds.				
Domestic	\$26,091,000	\$13,404,000	\$840,054,000	\$780,318,000
Foreign Government	734,000	\$29,000	29,636,000	32,490,000
Foreign Corporate	881,000	660,000	37,275,000	36,189,000
Total	\$17,706,000	\$14,883,000	\$906,965,000	\$849,997,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Nov. 18 1931:

GOLD.
The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £120,698,392 on the 11th instant, as compared with £120,639,749 on the previous Wednesday.

Amounts of gold offered in the open market have been small. Yesterday about £95,000 from Rhodesia was available and was acquired for the Continent at 108s. 6d. per fine ounce.

Quotations during the week:

	Per Fine Ounce.	Equivalent Value of £ Sterling.
Nov. 12	109s. 3d.	15s. 6.6d.
Nov. 13	109s. 0d.	15s. 7.1d.
Nov. 14	109s. 5s.	15s. 6.3d.
Nov. 16	109s. 2d.	15s. 7.8d.
Nov. 17	108s. 6d.	15s. 7.9d.
Nov. 18	108s. 9d.	15s. 7.5d.
Average	109s. 2d.	15s. 7.0d.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 9th instant to mid-day on the 16th instant:

Imports.		Exports.	
British South Africa	£1,327,594	France	£647,214
British India	1,158,564	Netherlands	1,051,561
Netherlands	211,009	Switzerland	28,250
United States of America	24,262	Czechoslovakia	21,860
Other countries	1,543	United States of America	48,722
		Other countries	15,790
	£2,722,972		£1,813,427

United Kingdom imports and exports of gold for the month of October last are detailed below:

	Imports.	Exports.
Netherlands	£231,629	£2,440,350
France	10,388	1,758,670
Sweden	—	12,850
Germany	—	30,585
Switzerland	—	632,178
Austria	—	151,823
Czechoslovakia	—	85,350
Italy	—	26,853
United States of America	356,541	107,098
West Africa	167,224	—
Central America and West Indies	12,186	—
Uruguay	250,000	—
Union of South Africa (including South-West Territory)	5,105,394	—
Rhodesia	131,079	—
British India	1,924,915	6,333
Straits Settlements	102,777	—
Australia	107,722	—
New Zealand	45,410	—
Canada	142,116	—
Other countries	36,914	19,502
	£8,624,295	£5,271,592

SILVER.
Prices have fluctuated violently during the past week, in the course of which there was a sharp relapse from the high level recently attained. Owing to a good demand from India and the Continent, quotations on the 12th instant rose 11-16d. for cash and 1/4d. for two months' delivery. America and China being inclined to sell, both prices lost 5-16d., but on the following day demand from India on a poorly supplied market raised both quotations 7-16d. to 21 9-16d. and 21 3/4d. The next working day, Nov. 16th, selling orders at best were received from both America and India and although it was then apparent that, owing to a lack of further support,

a sharp reaction could be expected, the actual fall of 3 9-16d. in the cash and 3 7-16d. in the two months' quotation took the market by surprise. At the prices quoted, viz., 18d. and 17 15-16d. for the respective deliveries, buyers soon made their appearance, and as a result of local speculative and American demand business was done at prices over 19d. on the same afternoon. Although the fall was obviously much overdone and a substantial recovery anticipated yesterday, the recovery of 1/4d. and 13-16d. which occurred was rather less than expected, but China selling offset in some measure a certain amount of speculative buying. In the absence of buying to-day, however, the recovery was not maintained and a moderate amount of selling forced prices sharply down to 18 1-16d. and 17 15-16d. The events of the week have done little to make the position clearer but have rather tended to make for further uncertainty.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees)—	Nov. 7.	Oct. 31.	Oct. 22.
Notes in circulation	16166	15975	15953
Silver coin and bullion in India	13059	13157	13135
Silver coin and bullion out of India	—	—	—
Gold coin and bullion in India	440	430	430
Gold coin and bullion out of India	—	—	—
Securities (Indian Government)	2667	2388	2385
Securities (British Government)	—	—	—

The stocks in Shanghai on the 14th instant consisted of about 62,400,000 ounces in sycee and 175,000,000 dollars, as compared with about 61,400,000 ounces in sycee, 175,000,000 dollars and 100 silver bars on the 7th instant. Quotations during the week:

IN LONDON.			IN NEW YORK.		
Bar Silver per Oz. Standard.	Cash.	2 Mos.	(Cents per Ounce .999).		
Nov. 12	21 7-16d.	21 1/4d.	Nov. 11	—	35 1/2%
Nov. 13	21 1/2d.	20 15-16d.	Nov. 12	—	36 1/2%
Nov. 14	21 9-16d.	21 3/8d.	Nov. 13	—	35 1/2%
Nov. 16	18d.	17 15-16d.	Nov. 14	—	35 1/2%
Nov. 17	18 1/2d.	18 1/2d.	Nov. 16	—	32 1/2%
Nov. 18	18 1-16d.	17 15-16d.	Nov. 17	—	31 1/2%
Average	19.844d.	19.698d.			

Rate of Exchange on New York—Nov. 12 to 18.
Highest, 3.80. Lowest, 3.75 1/4.

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:

	Nov. 28 1931.	Nov. 30 1931.	Dec. 1 1931.	Dec. 2 1931.	Dec. 3 1931.	Dec. 4 1931.
Bank of France	10,800	10,300	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,300
Bank Nationale de Credit	120	120	120	123	123	123
Banque de Paris et Pays Bas	1,180	1,120	1,420	1,080	1,116	1,116
Banque de Union Parisienne	381	373	393	376	392	392
Canadian Pacific	360	363	395	370	—	—
Canal de Suez	12,220	12,200	12,200	11,825	—	—
Cie Distr d'Electricite	2,300	2,300	2,290	2,245	—	—
Cie General d'Electricite	1,930	1,910	1,960	1,870	1,946	1,946
Citroen B	530	535	554	525	—	—
Comptoir Nationale d'Escompte	1,030	1,010	1,100	970	990	990
Coty, Inc	330	300	390	270	300	300
Courrieres	373	375	274	358	—	—
Credit Commercial de France	600	603	600	575	—	—
Credit Foncier de France	3,930	3,830	3,900	3,800	3,840	3,840
Credit Lyonnais	1,590	1,520	1,520	1,450	1,520	1,520
Distribution d'Electricite la Par	2,330	2,300	2,320	2,240	2,290	2,290
Eaux Lyonnais	2,190	2,180	2,220	2,120	2,140	2,140
Energie Electrique du Nord	611	612	605	560	—	—
Energie Electrique du Littoral	964	965	974	935	—	—
French Line	98	100	98	96	98	98
Gales Lafayette	100	98	95	96	—	—
Gas Le Bon	—	760	740	—	700	700
Kuhlmann	300	290	300	290	300	300
L'Air Liquide	530	520	500	450	510	510
Lyon (P. L. M.)	1,247	1,245	1,210	1,175	—	—
Mines de Courrieres	380	370	380	350	370	370
Mines de Lens	450	430	430	380	410	410
Nord Ry	1,810	1,760	1,760	1,690	1,640	1,640
Paris, France	1,370	1,350	1,370	1,360	1,370	1,370
Pathe Capital	91	93	92	88	—	—
Pechelney	1,010	970	1,020	960	990	990
Rentes 3%	83.90	83.70	83.70	83.00	83.20	83.20
Rentes 5% 1920	128.50	128.50	127.00	125.70	126.00	126.00
Rentes 4% 1917	98.50	97.70	97.60	—	95.80	95.80
Rentes 5% 1915	101.00	100.80	100.80	100.90	100.50	100.50
Rentes 6% 1920	105.70	102.00	101.90	101.80	101.60	101.60
Royal Dutch	1,290	1,270	1,270	1,230	1,240	1,240
Saint Gobin, C. & C.	1,780	1,775	1,760	1,650	—	—
Schneider & Cie.	1,180	1,180	1,160	1,141	—	—
Societe Andre Citroen	550	540	540	530	510	510
Societe General Fonciere	175	165	185	163	175	175
Societe Francaise Ford	104	101	112	111	114	114
Societe Lyonnais	2,189	2,185	2,225	2,130	—	—
Societe Marsellaise	690	694	690	680	—	—
Suez	12,500	12,200	12,300	11,600	101.60	101.60
Tubize Artificial Silk pref.	157	157	157	154	—	—
Union d'Electricite	870	840	850	830	840	840
Union des Mines	329	328	326	325	—	—
Wagon-Lits	92	96	97	92	—	—

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. 27:

	Bid.	Asked.
Bavaria 6 1/2%, 1929-1945	25	30
Brandenburg Electric 6%, 1953	20	25
East Prussian Power 6%, 1953	15	19
European Mortgage & Investment 7 1/2%, 1966	100 1/2	101 1/2
French National Mail S. S. Line 6%, 1952	80 1/2	88
German Atlantic Cable 7%, 1945	36	43
German Building & Landbank 6 1/2%, 1948	24	29
Hamburg-American Line 6 1/2%, 1937	55	63
Hungarian Central Mutual 7s, 1937	21	24
Hungarian Discount & Exchange Bank 7s, 1963	20	24
Hungarian Italian Bank, 7 1/2%, 1932	55	60
Koholyt 6 1/2%, 1943	30	34
Leipzig Overland Power 6 1/2%, 1946	26	29
Leipzig Trade Fair 7s, 1953	24	29
Marmhein & Palatinato 7s, 1941	33 1/2	38 1/2
Munich 7s, to 1945	29	35
Nassau Landbank 6 1/2%, 1938	35	35
Oberpaltz Electric 7%, 1946	25	35
Paris-Orleans Ry. 6s, 1956	38	38
Pomerania Electric 6%, 1953	14	19
Protestant Church (Germany) 7 1/2%, 1946	30	35
Provincial Bank of Westphalia 6%, 1933	20	26
Rhine Westphalia 7%, 1936	20	26
Roman Catholic Church 6 1/2%, 1946	40	45
Roman Catholic Church Welfare 7%, 1946	37	40
Saarbrucken Mortgage Bank 6s, 1947	50	50
Saxon State Mortgage 6%, 1947	30	30
Siemens & Halske debentures 6%, 2930	250	250
Stettin Public Utilities 7%, 1946	25	30
United Industrial 6%, 1945	25	30
Wurttemberg 7s, 1929-1945	28	35

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:

	Sat., Nov. 28.	Mon., Nov. 30.	Tues., Dec. 1.	Wed., Dec. 2.	Thurs., Dec. 3.	Fri., Dec. 4.
Silver, per oz.	18 8-16d.	18 13-16d.	19 1/4d.	19 1/4d.	19 1/4d.	19 7-16d.
Gold, p. fine oz.	117s. 11d.	125s.	126s. 7d.	122s. 3d.	122s.	122s.
Consols, 2 1/2%	52 1/4	52 1/4	52	52 1/4	51 1/4	51 1/4
British 5%	95 1/4	95 1/4	95	94 1/4	94 1/4	94 1/4
British 4 1/2%	93 1/4	93	93	93	92 1/4	92 1/4
French Rentes (in Paris)—						
3% ————fr.	83.90	83.70	83.70	83.00	83.20	
French War Loan (in Paris)—						
5% ————fr.	101	100.80	100.80	100.70	100.50	

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.)	27 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4
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Preliminary Debt Statement of the United States November 1931.

The preliminary statement of the public debt of the United States Nov. 30 1931, as made upon the basis of the daily Treasury statement, is as follows:

Bonds—			
2% Consols of 1930	\$599,724,050.00		
2% Panama's of 1916-36	48,954,180.00		
2% Panama's of 1918-38	25,947,400.00		
3% Panama's of 1961	49,800,000.00		
3% Conversion bonds	28,894,500.00		
2 1/2% Postal Savings bonds	27,207,900.00		
		\$780,528,030.00	
First Liberty Loan of 1932-47—			
3 1/4% bonds	\$1,392,236,850.00		
4% bonds	5,002,450.00		
4 1/4% bonds	536,285,000.00		
	\$1,933,524,300.00		
4 1/4% Fourth Liberty Loan of 1933-35	6,268,208,450.00		
		\$8,201,732,750.00	
4 1/4% Treasury bonds of 1947-52		\$758,983,300.00	
4% Treasury bonds of 1944-54		1,036,834,500.00	
3 1/4% Treasury bonds of 1946-56		489,087,100.00	
3 1/4% Treasury bonds of 1943-47		479,837,750.00	
3 1/4% Treasury bonds of 1940-43		357,516,450.00	
3 1/4% Treasury bonds of 1941-43		583,254,050.00	
3 1/4% Treasury bonds of 1946-49		821,406,000.00	
3% Treasury bonds of 1951-55		800,423,000.00	
		5,327,342,150.00	
Total bonds			\$14,309,602,930.00
Treasury Notes—			
3 1/4% Series C 1930-32, called for redemption Dec. 15 1931	\$451,716,950.00		
4% Civil Service—Series 1932 to 1936	190,400,000.00		
4% Foreign Service—Series 1933 to 1936	1,620,000.00		
4% Canal Zone retirement fund, Series 1936	1,388,000.00		
		645,574,950.00	
Treasury Certificates—			
1 1/4% Series TD-1931, maturing Dec. 15 1931	\$268,381,000.00		
1 1/4% Series TD-1931, maturing Dec. 15 1931	275,118,000.00		
2% Series TM-1932, maturing Mar. 15 1932	623,891,500.00		
1 1/4% Series TS-1932, maturing Sept. 15 1932	314,279,500.00		
	\$1,481,670,000.00		
4% Adjusted Service Certificate fund, series maturing Jan. 1 1932	27,400,000.00		
		1,509,070,000.00	
Treasury Bills (Maturity Value)—			
Maturing Dec. 30 1931	\$100,761,000.00		
Maturing Jan. 13 1932	51,641,300.00		
Maturing Jan. 25 1932	51,338,000.00		
Maturing Feb. 1 1932	60,921,000.00		
Maturing Feb. 8 1932	75,173,000.00		
Maturing Feb. 15 1932	75,410,000.00		
Maturing Feb. 22 1932	60,082,000.00		
Maturing Feb. 29 1932	100,490,000.00		
		575,816,000.00	
Total interest-bearing debt			\$17,040,063,880.00
Matured Debt on Which Interest Has Ceased—			
Old debt matured—issued prior to Apr. 1 1917	\$1,638,760.26		
Second Liberty Loan bonds of 1927-42	3,556,300.00		
Third Liberty Loan bonds of 1928	5,828,900.00		
3 1/4% Victory notes of 1922-23	20,200.00		
4 1/4% Victory notes of 1922-23	1,163,750.00		
Treasury notes	8,445,500.00		
Certificates of indebtedness	4,280,500.00		
Treasury bills	1,116,000.00		
Treasury savings certificates	948,325.00		
		26,998,235.26	
Debt Bearing No Interest—			
United States notes	\$346,681,016.00		
Less gold reserve	156,039,088.03		
	\$190,641,927.97		
Deposits for retirement of national bank and Federal Reserve bank notes	46,894,800.50		
Old demand notes and fractional currency	2,042,293.80		
Thrift and Treasury savings stamps, unclassified sales, &c.	3,385,817.22		
		242,964,839.49	
Total gross debt			\$17,310,026,954.75

COMPARATIVE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT. (On the basis of daily Treasury statements.)

	August 31 1919	November 30 1930
Gross debt	\$26,596,701,648.01	\$16,184,828,812.07
Net balance in general fund	1,118,109,534.76	83,787,586.54
Gross debt less net balance in general fund	\$25,478,592,113.25	\$16,101,041,226.53
	October 31 1931	November 30 1931.
Gross debt	\$17,291,714,018.53	\$17,310,026,954.75
Net balance in general fund	292,062,262.69	149,744,876.34
Gross debt less net balance in general fund	\$16,999,651,755.84	\$17,160,282,078.41

Treasury Cash and Current Liabilities.

The cash holdings of the Government as the items stood Nov. 30 1931 are set out in the following. The figures are taken entirely from the daily statement of the United States Treasury as of Nov. 30 1931.

CURRENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

GOLD.		GOLD.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold coin	903,850,336.07	Gold cts. outstanding	1,775,958,629.00
Gold bullion	2,531,108,350.13	Gold fund, Fed. Reserve Board (Act of Dec. 23 1913, as amended June 21 1917)	1,404,877,582.40
		Gold reserve	156,039,088.03
		Gold in general fund	98,083,386.77
Total	3,434,958,686.20	Total	3,434,958,686.20

Note.—Reserve against \$346,681,016 of U. S. notes and \$1,233,250 of Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding. Treasury notes of 1890 are also secured by silver dollars in the Treasury.

SILVER DOLLARS.		SILVER DOLLARS.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Silver dollars	498,793,883.00	Silver cts. outstanding	491,579,020.00
		Treasury notes of 1890 outstanding	1,232,250.00
		Silver dollars in gen. fund	5,982,613.00
Total	498,793,883.00	Total	498,793,883.00

GENERAL FUND.		GENERAL FUND.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Gold (see above)	98,083,386.77	Treasurer's checks outstanding	515,045.64
Silver dollars (see above)	5,982,613.00	Depos. of Gov. officers, Post Office Dept., Board of Trustees, Postal Sav. System, 5% reserve, lawful money	16,106,405.58
United States notes	3,191,408.00	Other deposits	2,654,752.88
Federal Reserve notes	1,246,245.00	Postmasters, clerks of courts, disbursing officers, &c.	55,037,763.66
Fed. Res. bank notes	11,049.00	Deposits for: Redemption of F. R. notes (5% fd., gold)	70,081,135.73
National bank notes	18,746,310.00	Redemption of nat'l bank notes (5% fd., lawful money)	29,957,803.41
Subsidiary silver coin	7,524,627.55	Retirement of add'l circular's notes, Act May 30 1908	1,350.00
Minor coin	4,570,536.98	Uncollected items, exchanges, &c.	4,206,313.47
Silver bullion	13,407,913.25	Dep. in Philippine Treas. To credit of Treas. U.S.	184,985,870.84
Unclassified, collections, &c.	931,495.49	To credit of other Government officers	19,888,130.91
Deposits in Federal Reserve banks	37,671,273.98	Deposits in nat'l banks To credit of Treas. U.S.	7,601,249.00
Deposits in special depositories acct. of sales of Treasury bonds	109,858,000.00	To credit of other Government officers	19,888,130.91
Deposits in foreign dep. To credit of Treas. U.S.	2,913,691.05	Dep. in Philippine Treas. To credit of Treas. U.S.	995,502.41
To credit of other Government officers	2,107,314.79		
Deposits in nat'l banks To credit of Treas. U.S.	7,601,249.00	Total	334,730,747.18
To credit of other Government officers	19,888,130.91	Total	334,730,747.18
Dep. in Philippine Treas. To credit of Treas. U.S.	995,502.41		
		Net balance	149,744,876.34
Total	334,730,747.18		

Note.—The amount to the credit of disbursing officers and agencies to-day was \$368,631,129.83. Under the Acts of July 14 1890, and Dec. 23 1913, deposits of lawful money for the retirement of outstanding National bank and Federal Reserve Bank notes are paid into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts, and these obligations are made, under the Acts mentioned, a part of the public debt. The amount of such obligations to-day was \$46,894,800.50. \$851,030 in Federal Reserve notes and \$18,687,795 in National bank notes are in the Treasury in process of redemption and are charges against the deposits for the respective 5% redemption funds.

Treasury Money Holdings.

The following compilation, made up from the daily Government statements, shows the money holdings of the Treasury at the beginning of business on the first of September, October, November and December 1931:

Holdings in U. S. Treasury	Sept. 1 1931.	Oct. 1 1931.	Nov. 1 1931.	Dec. 1 1931.
Net gold coin and bullion	\$216,391,419	\$226,825,074	\$155,560,464	\$254,122,475
Net silver coin and bullion	17,185,260	17,620,651	18,474,345	19,390,526
Net United States notes	2,697,524	2,793,481	2,582,181	3,191,408
Net national bank notes	15,998,800	16,000,198	16,270,796	18,746,310
Net Federal Reserve notes	1,151,800	1,235,000	878,185	1,246,245
Net Fed'l Res. bank notes	15,058	28,916	59,163	11,049
Net subsidiary silver	7,740,346	7,566,747	8,098,656	7,524,622
Minor coin, &c.	5,872,310	6,142,099	5,683,032	5,502,032
Total cash in Treasury.	266,952,517	278,212,166	*207,604,872	*309,734,673
Less gold reserve fund	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088	156,039,088
Cash balance in Treas'y Dep. in spec'l depositories, account Treas'y bonds, Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness	110,913,429	122,173,078	51,565,734	153,695,585
Dep. in Fed'l Res. bank	54,436,000	564,893,000	243,597,000	109,858,000
Dep. in national banks	72,922,326	41,169,509	43,670,152	37,671,274
To credit Treas. U. S.	7,488,496	7,625,360	6,645,011	7,601,249
To credit disb. officers	18,546,339	18,621,325	21,345,605	19,888,131
Cash in Philippine Islands	761,937	473,806	310,908	995,502
Deposits in foreign depts.	4,761,995	21,669,067	21,662,977	5,021,006
Dep. in Fed'l Land banks				
Net cash in Treasury and in banks	269,830,521	776,625,732	388,797,437	334,730,747
Deduct current liabilities	136,039,323	173,847,114	196,735,174	184,985,871
Available cash balance	133,791,198	602,778,618	292,062,263	149,744,876

*Includes Dec. 1, \$13,407,913 silver bullion and \$4,570,537 minor, &c., coin not included in statement "Stock of Money."

Public Debt of the United States—Complete Returns Showing Net Debt As of Sept. 30 1931.

The statement of the public debt and Treasury cash holdings of the United States, as officially issued Sept. 30 1931, delayed in publication, has now been received, and as interest attaches to the details of available cash and the gross and net debt on that date, we append a summary thereof, making comparisons with the same date in 1930:

CASH AVAILABLE TO PAY MATURING OBLIGATIONS.		Sept. 30 1931.	Sept. 30 1930.
Balance end of month by daily statements, &c.		\$602,778,618	\$331,163,294
Add or Deduct—Excess of deficiency of receipts over or under disbursements on belated items		—8,471,453	—5,367,447
Deduct outstanding obligations:		594,307,165	325,795,847
Matured interest obligations		22,823,227	22,866,748
Disbursing officers' checks		98,243,603	80,053,064
Discount secured on War Savings Certificates		4,659,025	5,064,245
Settlement on warrant checks		4,569,960	1,549,515
Total		130,295,815	109,538,872
Balance, deficit (—) or surplus (+)		+464,011,350	+216,257,275

INTEREST-BEARING DEBT OUTSTANDING.

Table with columns: Title of Loan, Interest Payable, Sept. 30 1931, Sept. 30 1930. Lists various bonds and loans with their respective interest amounts.

a Total gross debt Sept. 30 1931 on the basis of daily Treasury statements was \$17,320,606,657.53, and the net amount of public debt redemption and receipts in transit, etc., was \$8,434,000.

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 November 1931 and 1930 and the five months of the fiscal years 1931-1932 and 1930-1931.

Table with columns: General Fund, Receipts, Expenditures. Shows monthly and five-month totals for various revenue and expenditure categories.

Excess of receipts... Excess of expenditures... Spectal Funds— Receipts: Applicable to public debt retirements—

Table showing Spectal Funds Receipts: Applicable to public debt retirements, including principal-foreign obligations and interest-foreign obligations.

Expenditures: Public debt retirements... Other... Total... Excess of receipts... Excess of expenditures...

Summary of General and Special Funds— Total general fund receipts... Total special fund receipts... Total... Total general fund expenditures... Total special fund expenditures... Total... Excess of receipts... Excess of expenditures...

Trust Funds— Receipts: District of Columbia, Government life insurance fund, Other. Month of November 1931, 1930. Five Months 1931-32, 1930-31.

Expenditures: Dist. of Columbia (see Note 1), Govt. life insurance fund, Policy losses, Investments, Other. Total... Excess of receipts or credits... Excess of expenditures...

Note 1.—Expenditures for the District of Columbia representing the share of the United States are charged against the amount to be advanced from the general fund until the authorized amount is expended. After that they are charged against the revenues of the District under trust funds.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 3812.—All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange.

Table with columns: Receipts at, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Lists receipts for various cities like Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City.

Table with columns: Receipts at, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Shows weekly totals for 1931, 1930, and 1929.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Nov. 28 follow:

Table with columns: Receipts at, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Lists receipts for New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Houston, Norfolk, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Boston, Sorel.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Nov. 28 1931, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from, Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley. Lists exports for New York, Baltimore, Norfolk, Sorel, New Orleans, Galveston, Montreal, Houston.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1931 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to, Flour, Wheat, Corn. Lists destinations for United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Col., Other countries.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Nov. 28, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

Table of Grain Stocks for United States and Canadian regions, listing various grains like Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley with their respective bushels and prices.

Total Nov. 28 1931... 221,799,000 9,695,000 16,922,000 9,659,000 4,890,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 2,000 bushels; Buffalo, 1,000 bushels; total, 32,000 bushels, against 7,000 bushels in 1930.

Table of Canadian Grain Stocks, listing Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley.

Total Nov. 28 1931... 58,742,000 5,626,000 9,761,000 4,737,000

Summary— American... 221,799,000 9,695,000 16,922,000 9,659,000 4,890,000

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Nov. 27, and since July 1 1931 and 1930.

Table showing the world's shipment of wheat and corn, categorized by exports and bushels for various regions like North America, Black Sea, etc.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Cleveland Stock Exchange transactions, listing various stocks like Aetna Rubber, Bulkley Building, etc., with their par values, Friday last sales, and weekly price ranges.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Cincinnati Stock Exchange transactions, listing various stocks like Aluminum Indus Inc., Am Laundry Mach com, etc., with their par values, Friday last sales, and weekly price ranges.

* No par value.

Foreign Trade of New York—Monthly Statement.

Table of Foreign Trade of New York, showing monthly movements of merchandise and customs receipts at New York from 1931 to 1930.

Movement of gold and silver for the nine months:

Table showing the movement of gold and silver for the nine months, categorized by imports and exports at New York.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table of National Banks, listing bank names, their capital, and details regarding charters issued and voluntary liquidations.

Nov. 28—The First National Bank of Youngsville, Pa. Effective Nov. 17 1931. Liquidating Agents: J. A. Sagordahl and Peter E. Nelson, care of the liquidating bank. Absorbed by: The Warren National Bank, Warren, Pa., No. 4879.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Nov. 24—The Chelsea National Bank of Atlantic City, N. J. \$200,000
Nov. 24—The Second National Bank of Atlantic City, N. J. 300,000
Nov. 24—Atlantic County Trust Co., Atlantic City, N. J. 200,000
Consolidated to-day under Act of Nov. 7 1918 as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter of The Chelsea National Bank of Atlantic City, No. 5884, and under the corporate title of "Chelsea-Second National Bank & Trust Co. of Atlantic City," with capital stock of \$600,000 and surplus of \$300,000.

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

Nov. 24—Chelsea-Second National Bank & Trust Co. of Atlantic City, N. J. Location of branches—Southeast corner of Virginia and Atlantic Avenues. Northeast corner of New York and Atlantic Aves. (Both in Atlantic City, N. J.)
Nov. 27—The Richmond National Bank of New York, N. Y. Location of branch—Northwest corner of Wyckoff and Gates Aves., Ridgewood, Brooklyn, New York, N. Y.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Detroit, Buffalo and Baltimore on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Sh. Includes items like 210 E. Park-78th St. Corp., 100 Empire Bond & Mtge. Corp., 365 Empire Bond & Mtge. Corp., etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Sh. Includes items like 5 Philadelphia Nat. Bank, par \$20, 2 First Nat. Bank, Glassboro, N. J. \$30, etc.

By Baker, Simonds & Co., Detroit, on Friday, Nov. 27:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Sh. Includes items like 2 Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y., 1 Sun Life of Canada, etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Sh. Includes items like 10 Atlantic Nat. Bk., par \$25, 10 Nat. Shawmut Bank, par \$25, etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Sh. Includes items like 25 Lancaster Mills, pref., 15 Ipswich Mills, pref. (stamped), etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing various stocks and bonds with columns for Shares, \$ per Sh., and \$ per Sh. Includes items like 3,000 Transportation Insur. Co. of N. Y., par \$10, 2,150 Transportation Indemnity Co. of N. Y., par \$10, 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:

Large table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various other companies.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Public Utilities (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Memphis Power & Light, \$7 pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Consolidated Laundries, com. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Memphel (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.875	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Monongahela Valley Water, 7% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Consolidated Lithographing, pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 27
Municipal Service, com. (special)	*50c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Continental Baking, pref. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Nat. Pub. Service Corp., pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Creameries of America, Inc. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
New England Power Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Cuban Tobacco, pref.—Dividend passed.			
New Engl. Pub. Ser. \$7 pr. lien pf. (qu.)	\$1.75	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Curtis Mfg. (Ohio) (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	De Long Hoses & Eye (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19
N. J. Water Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Deisel-Wentner-Gilbert Corp., com. (qu.)	*25c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
New York Power & Light, 7% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16	Detroit Michigan Stove, pref.—Dividend omitted.			
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Dominion Stores, Ltd., com. (quar.)	*30c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
North Continent Util., com. A (qu.)	*37 1/2c	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Common (extra)	*30c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Early & Daniel Co., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Northern Indiana Pub. Serv. 7% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 14	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Eastern Malleable Iron (quar.)	*5c.	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 24
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 14	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Eastcott-Johnson Corp., com. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
5 1/2% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 14	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Northwestern Telegraph	*\$1.50	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16	Fear (Fred) & Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Nova Scotia Light & Power, ord. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19	Federal Base Shops, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Ohio Cities Water, \$6 pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Federal Motor Truck (quar.)	*5c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Ohio Electric Power, 7% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	First Bank Stock Corp. (St. Paul) (qu.)	*25c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Rotation Co. of Canada, com. (qu.)	*25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Orange & Rockland Elec., 7% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 25	Foundation Invest. 6% pref. A (quar.)	omitted.		
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 25	Fruehauf Trailer, 7% pref. A (quar.)	*87 1/2c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Pacific Telep. & Teleg., common (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Fuller Brush, class A (quar.)	*20c.	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	General Electric, common (quar.)	*40c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Peoria Water Works, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Special stock (quar.)	*15c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Power Corp. of Canada, 6% pref. (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	General Mills, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
6% participating pref. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	General Printing Ink, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Richmond Water Works, 6% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Rochester Central Power, 6% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	General Public Serv., \$6 pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 22
Rochester Telephone Corp., com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 12	\$5.50 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.375	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18
First preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Gildden Company, prior pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1
San Joaquin Light & Pow., pf. A (qu.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Globe Discount & Finance, pf. (qu.)	*87 1/2c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Prior preferred A (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Granite City Steel (quar.)	*50c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Prior preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Greif Bros. Co., class A (quar.)	*40c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred B (quar.)	*1 1/2	Sept. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Group No. 1 Oil Corp. (quar.)	*\$100	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Savannah Elec. & Power, pref. A (quar.)	*2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Hahn Department Stores, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Preferred B (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Hathaway Bakeries, Inc., class B	*25c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Preferred C (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 25	Hearst Consol. Pub. com. & cl. A (qu.)	*43 1/2c	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Savannah Gas (quar.)	*43 1/2c	Dec. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Holland Finance, com. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Seaboard Public Serv., com. (special)	40c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
South Carolina Power, \$6 pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Huron & Erie Mtge. Corp. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Southern Calif. Edison, orig. pf. (qu.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Hygrade-Sylvania Corp., com. (qu.)	*50c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred series C (quar.)	34 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 19	Common (extra)	*\$1	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Southern Canada Pow., Ltd., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.625	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
South Pittsburgh Water, 6% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Illinois Brick—No action taken.			
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Industrial Credit of Amer.—Div. omitted.			
5% preferred	*\$1.25	Jan. 19	*Holders of rec. Jan. 8	International Cement, com. (quar.)	*75c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Southwestern Light & Power, pref. (qu.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	International Shoe, com. (monthly)	*75c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Springfield Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Toledo Edison Co., 7% pref. (mthly.)	\$ 1-3c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	1-2c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
5% preferred (monthly)	1-2c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Twin City R. T., Minneap. com.—No action taken.	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 9	Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	May 1	*Holders of rec. May 15
Union Traction Co., Phila.	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	International Tea Stores, Ltd.—			
United Light & Power, com. A & B (qu.)	1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Amer. dep. rets. for ord. reg. shs	*\$12	Jan. 11	*Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Johns-Manville Corp., com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Utah Power & Light, \$7 pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	
\$6 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Jones Bros. of Canada, Ltd., pref.—Div. omitted.			
Utilities Power & Light, Com. (one-fortieth share com. stock)	(f)	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5	King Royalty Co., pref. (quar.)	2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Class A (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Kirsh Co., pref. (quar.)	*45c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Class B (one-fortieth share com. stock)	(f)	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Koppers Gas & Coke, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 12
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Lambert Co., com. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Virginia Public Service, 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Leader Mercantile Corp., 7% pref. (qu.)	omitted.		
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Le Blond Schaeff Truck, pref.—Dividend Lehman Corp. (quar.)	*60c.	Jan. 5	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
West Penn Electric Co., class A (qu.)	\$1.75	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Lerner Stores Corp., com.—Div. omitted			
West Penn Power (qu.), 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Leslie California Salt (quar.)	*20c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Lincoln Stores, Inc., com. (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Western Pow., Lt. & Telep., pf. A (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
6% preferred series B (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Liquid Carbonic Corp., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Wichita Water Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	London Canadian Inv. Corp., pf., Dividend deferred.			
Banks.				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Chase National (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 11a	Lorillard (F. Co., com.—Dividend omitted.			
Chatham Phenix Nat. Bk. & Tr. (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred (quar.)			
National City (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Lunkenheimer Co., com. (quar.)	*25c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Trust Companies.				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Banca Commerciale Italiana Tr. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Mack Trucks, Inc., com. (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Bankers Trust (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Martin & Schwartz, pref.—Dividend passed	*87 1/2c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Guaranty (quar.)	5	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 4	McLeod Oil (No. 1)	*5c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5
United States (quar.)	*15	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Mengel Co., pref.—Dividend omitted.			
Fire Insurance				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Rossia Ins. of America—Dividend action deferred.				Merchants & Miners Transp. (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Miscellaneous.				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Adams Express, com.—Dividend omitted.	d.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Metal Construction	*10c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Metal Package Corp. (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Aetna Rubber, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Mid-West Rubber Reclaiming, pref.—Dividend omitted.			
Amer. British & Continental Corp., 1st pf Amer. Car & Fdy., com.—Dividend omitted.	—	Dec. 31	omitted.	Milwaukee Commercial Invest. Tr., com.	*65c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Prior preferred (quar.)			
American Express (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Morris (Phillip) Consolidated, cl. A (qu.)	*43 1/2c	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Amer. Fork & Hoe, com. (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Mountain Producers (quar.)	*20c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Amer. Shipbuilding, com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Myers (F. E.) & Bros., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.25	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Snuff, com. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	National Gypsum, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (extra)	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	National Oxygen Co., pref.—Dividend omitted.			
Preferred (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10	National Standard Co. (quar.)	*75c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18
American Wringer (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	National Supply, pref.—Dividend omitted.			
American Yvette Co., Inc., pref. (qu.)	*10c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	National Tea, com. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Art Metal Construction (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	National Trust (Toronto) (quar.)	3 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Associated Breweries of Can., com. (qu.)	*\$1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Noranda Mines, Ltd.	*40c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 22	Noranda Mines, Ltd.	*\$500.	Dec. 29	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Auburn Automobile (quar.)	*2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 22	North Amer. Creameries, class A (qu.)	*35c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Stock dividend	1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Novadel-Arene Corp., com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Baldwin Company, pref. A (quar.)	*27 1/2c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 27	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Baldwin Duetwain (monthly)	*5c.	Dec. 20	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Oahu Sugar Co., Ltd. (monthly)	*10c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Bandini Petroleum (monthly)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Ohio Seamless Tube, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Barker Bros. Corp., 6 1/2% pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Onomea Sugar Co. (monthly)	*20c.	Dec. 21	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Both Mills (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 18	*Holders of rec. Nov. 29	Pacific Indemnity (quar.)	*35c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Bornot, Inc., class A (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Penna. Glass Sand Corp., \$7 pref. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 26
Briggs & Stratton Corp. (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a	Penney (J. C.) Co., com. (quar.)	60c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Brillo Mfg., com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Class A (quar.)	*56 1/2c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Perfect Circle, common (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18
Buffalo General Laundries, pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Pierce Manufacturing Corp.—Dividend omitted.			
Byers (A. M.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Plymouth Cordage (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Canada Maltng (quar.)	44c.	Jan. 11	Holders of rec. Dec. 25	Plymouth Oil	*25c.	Dec. 21	*Holders of rec. Dec. 9
Canadian Car & Fdy., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 3					

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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.

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Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Public Utilities (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Pacific Northwest Public Service—				Bloch Bros. Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24
7% prior preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Blumenthal (S.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7.2% first preferred (quar.)	*1.80	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Bohn Aluminum & Brass (quar.)	37 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
6% first preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Borg-Warner Corp., com. (quar.)	*25c	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Penn Central Light & Pow., \$5 pref. (qu)	\$1.25	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
\$2.80 preferred (quar.)	70c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Boston Wharf Co.	3 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Pennsylvania Gas & El. Co. \$7 pf. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Boston Woven Hose & Rubber, com. (qu.)	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Preferred	3	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Philadelphia Co., \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Bourjois, Inc., common	*25c	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	British-Amer. Oil reg. shares (quar.)	\$20c	Jan. 2	Dec. 13 to Dec. 31
Philadelphia Elec. Power, pref. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Bearer shares	\$20c	Jan. 2	Holders of coup. No. 7
Ponce Electric Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Public Service of Colo., 7% pf. (mthly.)	58 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Bucyrus Erie Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Conv. pref. (adjustment div.)	20.5-60	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
5% preferred (monthly)	41.2-3c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Budd Realty (quar.)	*2	Dec. 7	*Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Public Serv. Corp. of N. J., com. (quar.)	85c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Burger Bros., com. (quar.)	*12 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
8% preferred (quar.)	2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	8% preferred (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Burns Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Burroughs Adding Mach. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 5	Holders of rec. Nov. 10
6% preferred (monthly)	50c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Bush Terminal, com. (quar.)	*62 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Public Service of Oklahoma, com. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Dec. 22 to Jan. 2	Debenture stock (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30
7% prior lien stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Dec. 22 to Jan. 3	Bush Terminal Bldgs., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16
6% prior lien stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Dec. 22 to Jan. 3	Canada Cement, preferred (quar.)	7 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Public Serv. Elec. & Gas, 7% pf. (qu.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Canada Permanent Mtge. (quar.)	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16	Canada Trust Co. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Queensborough Gas & Elec., 6% pf. (qu.)	\$1.35	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Canada Wire & Cable, com. A (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Second & 3d Sts. P. & R. (Phila.) (qu.)	\$1.35	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Common B (quar.)	*25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Sedalia Water, preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Southern Calif. Edison Co., pf. A (qu.)	43 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Canadian Oil Cos., Ltd., pref. (quar.)	*2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Preferred B (quar.)	37 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Carnation Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Southern Colorado Power, 7% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Carter (William) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Southwestern Gas & Elec., 7% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Case (J. I.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
8% preferred (quar.)	*2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Champion Fibre, 7% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Standard Gas & Elec., \$4 pref. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Chartered Trust & Executor Co. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Tacony-Palmyra Bdge, com. & pf. A (qu.)	75c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Chemical Research (No. 1)	*10c	Dec. 14	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Tennessee Elec. Pow., 5% 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Chesbrough Mfg. Consolidated (qu.)	\$1	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
6% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Chicago Yellow Cab (quar.)	50c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
7% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Childs Company, pref. (quar.)	50c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 27
7.2% first preferred (quar.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Chrysler Corp., common (quar.)	25c	Jan. 4	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
6% first preferred (monthly)	60c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Cincinnati Advertising Products (quar.)	*75c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Union Gas of Canada, Ltd. (quar.)	*25c	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Cincinnati Rubber Mfg. 4% pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Union Passenger Ry., Phila.	\$4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Cities Service Co., com. (monthly)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
United Corporation, com. (quar.)	18 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 2	Common (payable on common stk.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 2	Preferred B (monthly)	5c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
United Gas & Elec. Corp., com. (qu.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 2	Pref. and preference BB (monthly)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16	City Union Corp., com. (quar.)	*25c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
United Gas Improvement, com. (quar.)	30c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Clark Equipment, common (quar.)	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Claude Neon Elec. Prod., com. (quar.)	*40c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
United Public Utilities, \$6 pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*35c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
\$5.75 preferred (quar.)	\$1.43 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Costs (J. & P.), Ltd.	*4 1/2	Jan. 7	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Virginia Elec. & Power, \$6 pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Dec. 21	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Coca-Cola Co., com. (quar.)	*1.75	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Washington Water Power, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 25	Coca-Cola com. (extra)	25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
\$6 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 25	Class A (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
West Phila. Pass. Ry.	\$4.25	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Coca-Cola International, com. (quar.)	\$3.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Western Union Telegraph (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 32	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Common (extra)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Wisconsin-Mich. Power, 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Class A (quar.)	*\$3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Wisconsin P. & L., 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Commercial Credit Co., com. (quar.)	40c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Wisconsin Pub. Serv., 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 21	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	6 1/2% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 21	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	7% first preferred (quar.)	43 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 21	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	8% class B preferred (quar.)	50c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
				\$3 class A convertible (quar.)	75c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Banks.				Commercial Invest. Trust, com. (qu.)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Commercial Nat. Bk. & Tr. (quar.)	*2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	7% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Public National Bank & Trust (quar.)	*50c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19	6 1/2% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
				Conv. pref. opt. ser. 1929	(p)	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Trust Companies.				Commercial Solvents, com. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Continental Bank & Trust (quar.)	30c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 4	Community State Corp., class A (quar.)	*12 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Federation Bank & Trust (quar.)	3	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Compressed Industrial Gases (qu.)	*50c	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Irving (quar.)	40c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 4	Congoleum-Natm, Inc., common (quar.)	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
				Consolidated Film Industries, pref. (qu.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Fire Insurance.				Cooksville Co., pref. (quar.)	1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
North River (quar.)	*50c	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Corporation Securities of Chile (in stock)	*1 1/2	Dec. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
				Crane Company, common (quar.)	*15c	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Miscellaneous.				Preferred (quar.)	60c	Dec. 18	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Abbott Laboratories (quar.)	62 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16	Crown Cork & Seal, com. (quar.)	68c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Abraham & Straus, Inc., com. (quar.)	37 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Crown Glass (quar.)	50c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Adam Hoffman Co.	*25c	Jan. 10	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Crown-Willamette Paper, 1st pf. (qu.)	*\$1	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Addressograph Multiphot Cop. (qu.)	*25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Crown-Zellerbach Corp. pref. A (quar.)	37 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13
Affiliated Products (quar.)	40c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Preferred B (quar.)	37 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13
Agnew Surpass Shoe Stores, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Crucible Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Allegheny Steel, com. (monthly)	5c	Dec. 18	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Cuneo Press, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., pf. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Curtis Publishing pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
Alpha Portland Cement, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Dairy League Co-oper. Corp., pf. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Dec. 21	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Aluminum Industries, com. (qu.)	*37 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Davidson Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Aluminum Manufacturers, Inc., com. (qu)	*60d	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Dennis Bros. Ltd.—			
American Bakeries, class A (quar.)	*75c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Amer. dep. rets. ord. reg. 1 shll. 3 pence		Dec. 12	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Detroit Bankers Co. (quar.)	*85c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
American Bank Note, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Devco & Raymond Co. Inc.	*25c	Dec. 28	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Preferred (quar.)	75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Common A and B (quar.)	*15c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
American Can, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	First and second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
American Chain, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Domion Glass, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Chicla (quar.)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Extra	25c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Domion Textile, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
American Factors, Ltd. (monthly)	*15c	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Amer. Hawaiian Steamship (quar.)	25c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16	Draper Corporation (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 28
Amer. Home Products (monthly)	35c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Dunelm Mills, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 23
Amer. Locomotive, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Du Pont (E.I.) de Nem. & Co., com. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
American Mfg., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
American Optical Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Eastern Food Corp., class A (quar.)	75c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. July 1
American Paper Goods Co., pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Class A (quar.)	75c	Apr. 1	
Am. Radiator & Stand. Sanitary Corp.—				Class B (quar.)	75c	July 1	
Common (quar.)	15c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Eastern Utilities Invest. Co.—			
Amer. Safety Razor (quar.)	\$1.25	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	5% prior preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Amer. Steel Foundries, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Common (extra)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
American Stores (quar.)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Amer. Sugar Refg., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Ecuadorian Corp., com. (quar.)	6c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Preferred	3 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
American Thread, preferred	12 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Edison Brothers Stores, Inc. pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
American Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	El Dorado Oil Works (quar.)	*37 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Anchor Cap Corp., com. (quar.)	60c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Electric Controller & Mfg. (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 7
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.625	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Electric Storage Battery, com. & pf. (qu.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 7
Andian National Corp., reg. shares	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of re. Dec. 2	Employers Group Associates (quar.)	25c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Bearer shares	\$1	Dec. 15					

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Miscellaneous (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
General Amer. Tank Car (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Minnesota Valley Can, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Hold. of rec. Jan. 20 '32
General Asphalt, com. (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Model Oils, Ltd.	3c.	Dec. 18	Dec. 4 to Dec. 20
General Aviation Corp., of Amer., pref.	*\$2.19	Jan. 15	Called for red Jan. 15 '32	Montano Chemical Works (quar.)	31 3/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
General Candy, class A.	*\$25c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Montgomery Ward & Co., class A (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
General Motors Corp., com. (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 12	*Holders of rec. Nov. 14	Montreal Cottons, Ltd., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
General Railway Signal, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Montreal Loan & Mortgage (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Morrell (John) & Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Gibson Art Co., common (quar.)	*65c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19	Motor Products (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Glen Alden Coal (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 21	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Motor Wheel Corp., com. (quar.)	12 1/2	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Goldblatt Bros. Co. (quar.)	*73 3/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Muskogee Company, common	75c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 5
Gold Dust Corp., pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17	National Biscuit, com. (quar.)	70c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Golden Cycle Corp. (quar.)	*40c.	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10	National Bond & Share	25c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Goodyear Tire & Rubber, 1st pt. (qu.)	\$1.75	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19	National Breweries, com. (quar.)	40c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Grand Rapids Varnish (quar.)	*12 3/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19	Preferred (quar.)	43c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Granite-Bi-Metallic Consol. Mining—				National Casualty (Detroit) (quar.)	*30c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 3
Com. (No. 1)	30c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	National Dairy Products, com. (quar.)	65c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 27
Grant (W. T.) Co., common (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Preferred A & B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 3
Grant Lumber Corp., 8% pref. (quar.)	*20c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	National Lead, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Gray Processes Corp.	*50c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16	Common (extra)	25c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Extra	*50c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16	Preferred A (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 27
Great Northern Iron Ore Properties	\$1	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 7	Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Great Western Electro-Chemical—				National Steel Corp. (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
1st preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21	National Sugar Refg. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Great Western Sugar, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	National Surety (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Haloid Co., com. (quar.)	*25c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	National Transit (quar.)	*25c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Common (extra)	*50c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Neptune Meter, common A & B (quar.)	*30c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	New England Grain Prod.			
Hamilton United Theatres, pt. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Com. (1-100 share in pref. A stock)		Feb. 1	*Hold. of rec. Jan. 14 '32
Hanes (P. H.) Knitting, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21	\$7 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Hanna (M. A.) \$7 pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Preferred A (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 15	*Hold. of rec. Jan. 2 '32
Harbison-Walker Refract., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 9	New York Transit	15c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Hawalian Comm'l & Sugar (mthly)	*25c.	Dec. 5	*Holders of rec. Nov. 25	Extra	10c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Hazel Atlas Glass (quar.)	*75c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	New York Transportation (quar.)	*50c.	Dec. 28	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Extra	*25c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Newberry (J. J.) Co., com. (quar.)	*27 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Hazeltine Corp. (quar.)	*25c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Newport Elec. Corp., 6% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hecla Mining (quar.)	*10c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	North Central Texas Oil, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Helme (Geo. W.) Co., com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Northern Pipe Line	\$1.50	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Common (extra)	\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Ohio Electric Mfg. (quar.)	*10c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Ohio Finance Co., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Hercules Motor Corp. (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Common (payable in com. stock)	*7	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Hercules Powder, com. (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 24	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Class A and 8% pref. (quar.)	*21	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Hewitt Bros. Soap, pref. (quar.)	*2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Ohio Mid-Cities Corp., pref. A (in stk.)	*40c.	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co. (mthly)	20c.	Dec. 24	Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Ohio Oil, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 21
Honolulu Plantation Co. (monthly)	*25c.	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Omnibus Corp., preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Extra	*2	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Onida Community, pref. (quar.)	*43 3/4	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Hoskins Mfr. (quar.)	*75c.	Dec. 24	*Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Ontario Loan & Debenture	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Houdaille-Hershey Corp., cl. A (quar.)	*62 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Orange Crush, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Hovos Bros., 7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Owens-Illinois Glass, 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Pac. Southwest Disct., com. A & B (qu.)	*10c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Hudson Motor Car (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Packard Motor Car (quar.)	10c.	Dec. 12	Holders of rec. Nov. 14
Humble Oil & Refining (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Paraffine Cos., common (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Ideal Financing Assn., cl. A (quar.)	*12 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Paramount Publ'g Corp. (qu.) (in stk.)	72 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 4
Convertible preferred (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Peabody Engineering, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Penick & Ford, Ltd., com. (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 14	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Imperial Chemical Industries—				Common (extra)	50c.	Dec. 14	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Amer. dep. rets. for ord. res. shs.	*\$1 1/4	Dec. 7	*Holders of rec. Oct. 14	Peoples Drug Stores, Inc., com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 8
Imperial Tobacco of Canada ord. (qu.)	18 3/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 2	6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Ingersoll-Rand Co., preferred	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 7	Personal Banking Service, cl. A (quar.)	*15c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Insurshares Ctrs., Inc., com. (quar.)	7c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Pet Milk, common	25c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Insurshares Corp. of Del., com. (ann.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Common (extra)	12 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Phoenix Finance Corp., pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 10	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Internat. Business Machines (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 11	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Pioneer Gold Mines (quar.)	3c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Stock dividend	5	Jan. 11	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Pittsburgh Plate Glass (quar.)	*25c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10
International Cellulose, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 25	Pittsburgh Steel Fdy., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24
First preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 25	Powdrell & Alexander, Inc., pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
International Harvester, com. (quar.)	62 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 19	Procter & Gamble, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Internat'l Nickel of Canada, com. (qu.)	5c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Public Investing Co. (quar.)	20c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Internat'l Petroleum, reg. shs. (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 15	Dec. 1 to Dec. 15	Quaker Oats, common (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Coupon shares (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 15	Holders of coup. Nov. 31	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 29	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Internat. Proprietaries, Ltd., cl. A (qu.)	65c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25	Rapid Electrotape (quar.)	*30c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1
International Salt (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. (quar.)	40c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
International Silver, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Reeves (Daniel), Inc., com. (quar.)	*37 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Intertype Corp., 1st pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30
2d preferred	3	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Reliance Grain, Ltd., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Ivanhoe Foods, Inc., \$3.50 pref. (quar.)	*\$7 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Reo Motor Car (quar.)	10c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Jewel Tea, com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Rice, Inc. 6% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (extra)	50c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Roxy Theatre, class A (quar.)	*87 1/2	Dec. 5	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Jones & Laughlin Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Royal Baking Powder, com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 5	Holders of rec. Dec. 7
Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment (qu.)	*15c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 7
Katz Drug Co., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Ruberol Co. (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 7
Kaufmann Dept. Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	St. Joseph Lead Co. (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 21	Dec. 11 to Dec. 21
Kellogg (Spencer) & Sons, com. (quar.)	20c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	San Francisco Rem. Loan Assn. (quar.)	*87 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Kemper-Thomson Co., com. (quar.)	*75c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Quarterly	*87 1/2	Mar. 31	*Hold. of rec. Mar. 15 '32
Kimberly-Clark Corp., com. (quar.)	62 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Savage Arms, 2d pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Schiff Co., com. (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Klein (D. Emil) Co., common (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Kresge (S. S.) Co., com. (quar.)	40c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Scott Paper, com. (quar.)	35c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
\$7 preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Com. (payable in common stock)	f2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Kroger Grocery & Baking—				Amer. dep. rets. for ord. shares	*\$2 1/4	Dec. 7	*Holders of rec. Nov. 13
6% first preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19	Sherwin-Wms. Co. of Can., com. (qu.)	40c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% second preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Lake Shore Mines (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Socoony-Vacuum Corp.	25c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Extra	50c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	South Porto Rico Sugar, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Landed Banking & Loan (Canada) (qu.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Spalding (A. G.) & Bros., com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Lands Machine, pref. (quar.)	*12 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Standard Brands, Inc., com. (quar.)	30c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 7
Lasaruz (F. & R.) Co., com. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 7
Lehigh Portland Cement, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Standard Coosa Thatcher, com. (quar.)	*37 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Lessing's, Inc. (quar.)	*35c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Liggett & Myers Tobacco, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 11	Standard Oil of Calif. (quar.)	62 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 16
Lily Tulp Cup Corp., com. (quar.)	37 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Standard Oil of Indiana (quar.)	*25c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 16
Limestone Products, 7% pref. (quar.)	*62 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 1	Standard Oil (Kentucky) (quar.)	*40c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	*62 1/2	Apr. 1	Hold. of rec. Mar. 15 '32	Standard Oil of Nebraska (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 21	Nov. 28 to Dec. 21
Lindsay Light, 7% pref. (quar.)	17 1/2	Dec. 12	*Holders of rec. Dec. 5	Standard Oil (N. J.) \$25 par (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 16
Link-Belt Co., 6 1/2% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	\$25 par (extra)	25c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 16
Lock Joint Pipe Co., com. (monthly)	*67c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	\$100 par (quar.)	1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 18
Preferred (quar.)	*2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	\$100 par (extra)	1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 18
Loew's, Inc., common (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Standard Steel Construction, pref. A (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (extra)	\$1	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 12	Standard Steel-Spring (quar.)	*50c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Lord & Taylor, common	\$1	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 17	Stix, Baer & Fuller, pref. (quar.)	*43 3/4	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (quar.)	2 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Sun Oil Co., com. (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Loudon Packing (quar.)	*75c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Sunset McKee Salesbook, cl. A (qu.)	*37 1/2	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 4
Lucky Tiger Combination Gold Min.—							

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
U. S. Leather, prior pref. (quar.)	1 3/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
United States Pipe & Fdy., com. (qu.)	50c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
First preferred (quar.)	50c	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
U. S. Playing Card (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1a
United States Steel, com. (quar.)	2	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Universal Pictures, 1st pref. (quar.)	1	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Vapor Car Heating, preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Valvoline Oil, com. (quar.)	*1.50	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Preferred (quar.)	*2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Viking Pump, pref. (quar.)	*60c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1
Vortex Corp. Co., common (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Class A (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Vulcan Detinning com. (quar.)	1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Waldorf System, Inc., com. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Walker (Hiram) Gooderham & Worts, common (quar.)	*16 1/2c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 28
Warner Baking, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17
Warner Company			
First and second preferred (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Wellington Oil (quar.)	*2c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Wesson Oil & Snowdrift, com. (qu.)	50c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Westchester First National Corp., pref.	*87 1/2c	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. June 30
Westmoreland Coal	50c	Dec. 22	Holders of rec. Dec. 8a
Westmoreland, Inc. (quar.)	30c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Extra	30c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Western Exploration (quar.)	*2 1/2c	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Western Pipe & Steel (quar.)	*50c	Dec. 5	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Wheeling Steel Corp., pref. (quar.)	*75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
White Motor Securities, pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14
White Rock Mineral Springs, com. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Second preferred (quar.)	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Worthington Pump & Mach., pf. A (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Wright (Wm.), Jr., (monthly)	25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Monthly	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Wurlitzer (Rudolph) Co., 7% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 19
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19 '32
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	July 1	Holders of rec. June 19 '32
Zonite Products Corp. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.
 ‡ The New York Curb Exchange Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.
 § Transfer books not closed for this dividend.
 ¶ Correction. e Payable in stock.
 f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. j Payable in preferred stock.
 i J. Lyons & Co. dividend is one shilling, eight pence less British Income tax and expenses of depositary.
 n General Gas & Elec. common A and B dividends are 3-200ths of a share, class A stock.
 o Central Public Service Corp. class A dividend is 1-80th share class A stock.
 p Commercial Investment Trust conv. pref. dividend is optional either 1-52d share common stock or \$1.50 cash.
 r Goldblatt Bros. Co. dividend payable either in cash or 1 1/2 % in stock.
 s Transfers received in London up to Nov. 21 will be in time to enable transferees to receive dividends.
 t Payable in Canadian funds.
 u Payable in United States funds.
 v Midland United dividend payable either in cash or 1-40th share common stock.
 w Less deduction for expenses of depositary.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House.—Beginning with March 31 1928, the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued and now makes only the barest kind of a report. The new returns show nothing but the deposits, along with the capital and surplus. The Public National Bank & Trust Co. and Manufacturers Trust Co. are now members of the New York Clearing House Association, having been admitted on Dec. 11 1930. See "Financial Chronicle" of Dec. 31 1930, pages 3812-13. The figures given below therefore now include returns from these two new members, which together add \$35,750,000 to the capital, \$33,555,900 to surplus and undivided profits, \$202,338,000 to the net demand deposits and \$97,784,000 to the time deposits. We give the statement below in full:

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDED SATURDAY, NOV. 28 1931.

Clearing House Members.	*Capital.	*Surplus and Undivided Profits.	Net Demand Deposits. Average.	Time Deposits. Average.
Bank of N Y & Trust Co.	\$ 6,000,000	14,409,400	72,119,000	13,798,000
Bk of Manhattan Tr Co.	22,250,000	50,804,200	248,082,000	44,994,000
Bank of Am Nat Assn.	36,775,300	32,889,300	118,415,000	37,102,000
National City Bank	110,000,000	116,616,500	a956,039,000	160,833,000
Chemical B & T Co.	21,000,000	44,799,500	205,952,000	28,338,000
Guaranty Trust Co.	90,000,000	208,454,600	b814,580,000	85,232,000
Chat Phex N B & Tr Co.	16,200,000	16,077,800	116,888,000	24,486,000
Cent Hanover B & T Co.	21,000,000	84,303,000	428,120,000	53,087,000
Corn Exch Bank Tr Co.	15,000,000	32,645,900	173,832,000	28,928,000
First National Bank	10,000,000	118,188,800	281,303,000	23,873,000
Irving Trust Co.	50,000,000	75,459,400	345,083,000	55,821,000
Continental Bk & Tr Co.	4,000,000	6,754,200	23,265,000	2,770,000
Chase National Bank	148,000,000	178,145,600	c1,096,829,000	119,548,000
Fifth Avenue Bank	500,000	3,861,300	26,646,000	2,714,000
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	87,875,600	d416,230,000	59,850,000
Title Guar & Trust Co.	10,000,000	24,376,000	36,294,000	1,043,000
Marine Midland Tr Co.	10,000,000	9,734,300	45,154,000	5,419,000
Lawyers Trust Co.	3,000,000	4,283,000	14,960,000	1,571,000
New York Trust Co.	12,500,000	35,618,200	170,322,000	29,315,000
Com'l Nat B & Tr Co.	7,000,000	10,211,600	38,493,000	4,023,000
Harriman Nat Bk & Tr.	2,000,000	2,640,200	26,594,000	4,385,000
Public Nat Bk & Tr Co.	8,250,000	13,734,600	34,988,000	30,039,000
Manufacturers Trust Co.	27,500,000	24,821,300	167,400,000	67,745,000
Amer Express Bk & Tr.	10,000,000	5,531,700	15,420,000	2,567,000
Clearing Non-member.				
Mechanics Tr, Bayonne.	500,000	737,100	2,313,000	5,062,000
Totals	666,475,300	1,203,064,700	5,875,321,000	892,543,000

* As per official reports: National, Sept. 29 1931; State, Sept. 30 1931; trust companies, Sept. 30 1931.
 Includes deposits in foreign branches as follows: (a) \$231,740,000; (b) \$81,845,000; (c) \$46,473,000; (d) \$25,563,000.

The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House. The Public National Bank & Trust Co. and Manufacturers Trust Co., having been admitted to membership in the New York Clearing House Association on Dec. 11 1930, now report weekly to the Association and the returns of these two banks are therefore no longer shown below. The following are the figures for the week ending Nov. 27:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN THE CLEARING HOUSE, WITH THE CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, NOV. 27 1931.

NATIONAL BANKS—AVERAGE FIGURES.

	Loans, Disc. and Investments.	Gold.	Other Cash Including Bank Notes.	Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—						
Grace National	17,536,017	1,400	77,947	1,610,639	512,972	14,480,474
Brooklyn—						
Peoples Nat'l	6,550,000	5,000	137,000	454,000	40,000	6,490,000

TRUST COMPANIES—AVERAGE FIGURES.

	Loans Discount & Investments.	Cash.	Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—					
Empire	61,898,100	\$ 3,653,500	9,235,900	2,197,400	64,682,800
Fulton	18,943,500	*2,430,900	1,183,100	710,900	18,358,200
United States	71,808,255	7,200,000	12,704,742	-----	62,548,005
Brooklyn—					
Brooklyn	111,053,000	2,677,000	20,519,000	149,000	110,883,000
Kings County	26,812,198	1,780,181	3,125,387	-----	25,009,671
Bayonne, N. J.—					
Mechanics	7,854,646	244,070	447,201	231,947	7,635,869

* Includes amount with Federal Reserve as follows: Empire \$2,177,000; Fulton, \$2,296,500.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Week Ended Dec. 2 1931.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended Nov. 25 1931.	Week Ended Nov. 18 1931.
Capital	\$ 93,875,000	Unchanged	\$ 93,875,000	\$ 93,875,000
Surplus and profits	86,886,000	Unchanged	86,886,000	86,886,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest's.	959,839,000	-7,027,000	966,966,000	968,851,000
Individual deposits	571,979,000	-10,682,000	582,661,000	597,936,000
Due to banks	131,516,000	+5,587,000	125,929,000	134,557,000
Time deposits	244,490,000	-1,801,000	246,291,000	243,273,000
United States deposits	1,947,000	-219,000	2,166,000	2,476,000
Exch. for Clg. House	18,960,000	+6,002,000	12,958,000	14,029,000
Due from other banks	68,106,000	-804,000	68,910,000	82,436,000
Res'v in legal deposit'ies	73,075,000	-725,000	73,801,000	76,041,000
Cash in bank	8,719,000	-14,000	8,733,000	8,702,000
Res. in excess in F.R.Bk.	1,623,000	+219,000	1,404,000	2,666,000

Philadelphia Banks.—Beginning with the return for the week ended Oct. 11 1930, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association began issuing its weekly statement in a new form. The trust companies that are not members of the Federal Reserve System are no longer shown separately, but are included with the rest. In addition, the companies recently admitted to membership in the Association are included. One other change has been made. Instead of showing "Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank" and "Cash in Vault" as separate items, the two are combined under designation "Legal Reserve and Cash."

Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in Vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with Legal Depositories" and "Cash in Vaults."

Beginning with the return for the week ended May 14 1928, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association discontinued showing the reserve required and whether reserves held are above or below requirements. This practice is continued.

	Week Ended Nov. 28 1931.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended Nov. 21 1931.	Week Ended Nov. 14 1931.
Capital	\$ 78,052,000	Unchanged	\$ 78,052,000	\$ 78,052,000
Surplus and profits	242,673,000	Unchanged	242,673,000	242,673,000
Loans, disc'ts. and Invest.	1,290,949,000	-8,908,000	1,299,857,000	1,313,235,000
Exch. for Clearing House	20,898,000	+90,000	20,808,000	22,919,000
Due from banks	89,417,000	-2,359,000	91,776,000	95,039,000
Bank deposits	143,138,000	-4,340,000	147,478,000	148,625,000
Individual deposits	654,386,000	-4,666,000	656,052,000	661,628,000
Time deposits	293,554,000	-5,267,000	298,821,000	307,747,000
Total deposits	1,091,078,000	-11,273,000	1,102,351,000	1,118,000,000
Res'v with F. R. Bank	99,609,000	+451,000	99,158,000	103,496,000

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Dec. 3, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the System as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 3708, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 2 1931.

	Dec. 2 1931.	Nov. 25 1931.	Nov. 18 1931.	Nov. 11 1931.	Nov. 4 1931.	Oct. 28 1931.	Oct. 21 1931.	Oct. 14 1931.	Dec. 3 1930.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	1,747,581,000	1,717,376,000	1,710,806,000	1,635,806,000	1,592,166,000	1,519,190,000	1,537,885,000	1,653,575,000	1,588,506,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	69,711,000	70,581,000	70,617,000	70,337,000	70,545,000	70,171,000	68,127,000	57,028,000	36,833,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	1,817,292,000	1,787,957,000	1,781,423,000	1,706,143,000	1,662,711,000	1,589,361,000	1,606,012,000	1,710,603,000	1,625,339,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	361,428,000	379,798,000	349,601,000	396,679,000	359,379,000	379,959,000	339,691,000	388,486,000	486,843,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	762,850,000	760,943,000	743,752,000	723,825,000	750,658,000	769,111,000	818,414,000	736,925,000	895,309,000
Total gold reserves	2,941,570,000	2,928,698,000	2,874,776,000	2,826,647,000	2,772,746,000	2,738,431,000	2,764,117,000	2,836,014,000	3,007,491,000
Reserves other than gold	166,063,000	165,702,000	168,046,000	162,737,000	160,639,000	164,420,000	163,277,000	157,786,000	137,312,000
Total reserves	3,107,633,000	3,094,400,000	3,042,822,000	2,989,384,000	2,933,385,000	2,902,851,000	2,927,394,000	2,993,800,000	3,144,803,000
Non-reserve cash	65,313,000	66,655,000	70,438,000	67,364,000	62,410,000	71,740,000	69,149,000	63,838,000	61,565,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	363,707,000	338,638,000	314,356,000	327,026,000	343,692,000	330,747,000	300,064,000	298,457,000	93,371,000
Other bills discounted	353,860,000	347,763,000	347,685,000	356,738,000	361,532,000	385,933,000	398,247,000	329,122,000	157,556,000
Total bills discounted	717,567,000	686,401,000	662,041,000	683,764,000	705,224,000	716,680,000	698,311,000	627,579,000	250,927,000
Bills bought in open market	423,407,000	479,798,000	534,017,000	596,752,000	642,033,000	724,680,000	769,066,000	730,407,000	218,937,000
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds	316,484,000	316,557,000	316,505,000	316,852,000	316,963,000	316,422,000	316,470,000	317,734,000	54,863,000
Treasury notes	19,950,000	19,951,000	23,298,000	26,950,000	26,951,000	22,829,000	22,828,000	18,962,000	247,269,000
Special Treasury certificates									
Certificates and bills	389,587,000	390,593,000	386,586,000	383,661,000	383,662,000	387,708,000	387,706,000	390,735,000	300,060,000
Total U. S. Government securities	717,021,000	727,101,000	727,059,000	727,463,000	727,576,000	726,959,000	727,004,000	727,431,000	602,192,000
Other securities	30,232,000	32,209,000	33,029,000	31,599,000	30,194,000	29,919,000	30,017,000	19,026,000	6,358,000
Foreign loans on gold									
Total bills and securities	1,888,227,000	1,925,509,000	1,956,146,000	2,039,578,000	2,105,027,000	2,198,238,000	2,224,398,000	2,104,443,000	1,078,414,000
Due from foreign banks	8,724,000	8,729,000	8,706,000	8,709,000	9,297,000	9,297,000	8,792,000	8,762,000	2,652,000
Federal Reserve notes of other banks	15,694,000	16,537,000	17,894,000	17,739,000	16,842,000	16,863,000	16,931,000	17,995,000	15,250,000
Uncollected items	451,277,000	412,993,000	494,994,000	477,643,000	433,774,000	432,579,000	493,455,000	637,436,000	571,488,000
Bank premises	59,475,000	59,475,000	59,462,000	59,410,000	59,389,000	59,382,000	59,382,000	59,310,000	59,704,000
All other resources	41,102,000	41,267,000	42,442,000	44,369,000	44,846,000	41,104,000	37,633,000	40,906,000	19,861,000
Total resources	5,637,445,000	5,625,565,000	5,692,614,000	5,704,196,000	5,664,970,000	5,731,549,000	5,827,102,000	5,926,490,000	4,953,737,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	2,478,130,000	2,445,726,000	2,433,392,000	2,449,959,000	2,447,069,000	2,383,948,000	2,383,362,000	2,321,817,000	1,450,898,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account	2,073,454,000	2,117,437,000	2,123,875,000	2,098,533,000	2,122,145,000	2,228,875,000	2,275,508,000	2,223,023,000	2,423,932,000
Government	22,333,000	27,645,000	23,571,000	49,600,000	30,481,000	39,141,000	24,492,000	27,444,000	41,935,000
Foreign banks	137,136,000	145,656,000	137,415,000	133,008,000	131,431,000	157,618,000	160,910,000	231,387,000	6,152,000
Other deposits	25,451,000	24,768,000	27,623,000	52,208,000	35,214,000	34,431,000	46,350,000	37,887,000	20,248,000
Total deposits	2,258,374,000	2,315,506,000	2,312,484,000	2,333,349,000	2,319,271,000	2,460,065,000	2,507,258,000	2,519,341,000	2,492,267,000
Dererred availability items	443,278,000	406,571,000	488,000,000	461,933,000	439,217,000	428,861,000	478,116,000	626,078,000	544,819,000
Capital paid in	163,589,000	163,674,000	164,074,000	164,441,000	164,507,000	164,650,000	164,668,000	165,886,000	170,591,000
Surplus	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	276,936,000
All other liabilities	19,438,000	19,452,000	19,968,000	19,785,000	20,270,000	19,389,000	19,062,000	18,732,000	18,226,000
Total liabilities	5,637,445,000	5,625,565,000	5,692,614,000	5,704,196,000	5,664,970,000	5,731,549,000	5,827,102,000	5,926,490,000	4,953,737,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	62.1%	61.5%	60.5%	59.0%	58.1%	56.5%	56.5%	58.5%	76.2%
Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	65.6%	65.0%	64.1%	62.5%	61.5%	59.9%	59.9%	61.8%	79.8%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	134,053,000	117,650,000	114,685,000	108,862,000	105,470,000	82,879,000	68,335,000	40,571,000	425,826,000
Maturity Distribution of Bills and Short-Term Securities—									
1-15 days bills discounted	544,465,000	496,318,000	474,059,000	486,659,000	503,065,000	496,925,000	464,401,000	469,637,000	167,328,000
16-30 days bills discounted	52,002,000	63,758,000	57,838,000	49,627,000	45,789,000	52,234,000	51,340,000	44,764,000	23,983,000
31-60 days bills discounted	65,621,000	71,242,000	80,108,000	95,123,000	98,030,000	102,795,000	94,234,000	62,101,900	28,745,000
61-90 days bills discounted	33,426,000	33,918,000	30,214,000	35,556,000	42,670,000	51,075,000	76,774,000	43,603,000	19,230,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	20,053,000	21,165,000	19,822,000	16,799,000	15,670,000	13,651,000	11,562,000	7,474,000	11,641,000
Total bills discounted	717,567,000	686,401,000	662,041,000	683,764,000	705,224,000	716,680,000	698,311,000	627,579,000	250,927,000
1-15 days bills bought in open market	171,720,000	158,236,000	135,293,000	127,817,000	122,031,000	113,109,000	124,886,000	123,389,000	84,859,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	139,182,000	139,364,000	155,912,000	160,348,000	131,387,000	114,504,000	103,446,000	98,871,000	51,691,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market	100,635,000	169,359,000	222,576,000	255,473,000	290,216,000	275,279,000	248,307,000	231,101,000	68,277,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market	11,331,000	11,688,000	18,573,000	49,821,000	93,941,000	214,263,000	284,623,000	269,248,000	14,062,000
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	539,000	1,151,000	1,713,000	3,293,000	4,458,000	7,525,000	7,804,000	7,798,000	48,000
Total bills bought in open market	423,407,000	479,798,000	534,017,000	596,752,000	642,033,000	724,680,000	769,066,000	730,407,000	218,937,000
1-15 days U. S. certs. and bills	53,224,000	20,588,000	45,868,000	36,391,000	28,836,000	25,395,000	10,620,000	5,980,000	72,765,000
16-30 days U. S. certs. and bills	13,152,000	53,223,000	73,221,000	20,588,000	48,868,000	51,390,000	38,836,000	35,395,000	-----
31-60 days U. S. certs. and bills	22,950,000	15,152,000	16,653,000	95,873,000	106,375,000	106,736,000	135,039,000	61,979,000	-----
61-90 days U. S. certs. and bills	88,866,000	88,286,000	60,286,000	40,176,000	14,024,000	17,602,000	16,652,000	100,823,000	38,707,000
Over 90 days certificates and bills	202,395,000	213,344,000	190,588,000	190,633,000	185,559,000	186,561,000	186,559,000	186,558,000	188,588,000
Total U. S. certificates and bills	380,587,000	390,593,000	386,586,000	383,661,000	383,662,000	387,708,000	387,706,000	390,735,000	300,060,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	880,000	750,000	555,000	845,000	255,000	-----	15,000	15,000	-----
16-30 days municipal warrants	3,075,000	250,000	270,000	30,000	10,000	10,000	-----	-----	-----
31-60 days municipal warrants	258,000	3,265,000	3,194,000	3,040,000	2,250,000	250,000	260,000	10,000	74,000
61-90 days municipal warrants	60,000	89,000	63,000	166,000	166,000	2,156,000	2,088,000	2,056,000	10,000
Over 90 days municipal warrants	29,000	25,000	27,000	28,000	23,000	13,000	14,000	45,000	24,000
Total municipal warrants	4,302,000	4,379,000	4,209,000	4,109,000	2,704,000	2,429,000	2,377,000	2,126,000	108,000
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Issued to F. R. Bank by F. R. Agent	2,772,705,000	2,761,416,000	2,760,692,000	2,775,039,000	2,760,901,000	2,729,062,000	2,715,018,000	2,679,508,000	1,874,572,000
Held by Federal Reserve Bank	294,575,000	315,690,000	327,300,000	325,080,000	313,832,000	336,114,000	331,656,000	357,691,000	423,674,000
In actual circulation	2,478,130,000	2,445,726,000	2,433,392,000	2,449,959,000	2,447,069,000	2,383,948,000	2,383,362,000	2,321,817,000	1,450,898,000
Collateral Held by Agent as Security for Notes Issued to Bank—									
By gold and gold certificates	697,051,000	695,846,000	694,876,000	692,876,000	639,936,000	590,510,000	559,705,000	561,595,000	512,250,000
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board	1,050,530,000	1,021,530,000	1,015,930,000	942,930,000	952,230,000	929,680,000	978,180,000	1,09	

Two Cities (00) omitted.	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan.Cty.	Dallas.	San Fran.
RESOURCES (Concluded)—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
U. S. Government securities:													
Bonds	316,484.0	23,260.0	105,840.0	22,511.0	25,304.0	11,016.0	6,092.0	52,929.0	11,299.0	15,744.0	7,649.0	16,956.0	17,884.0
Treasury notes	19,950.0	86.0	379.0	3,472.0	97.0	42.0	2,432.0	119.0	3,541.0	31.0	29.0	29.0	9,693.0
Certificates and bills	380,587.0	33,461.0	130,014.0	31,514.0	37,550.0	16,348.0	8,739.0	46,429.0	16,011.0	12,093.0	11,281.0	10,647.0	26,500.0
Total U. S. Govt. securities	717,021.0	56,807.0	236,233.0	57,497.0	62,951.0	27,406.0	17,263.0	99,477.0	30,851.0	27,868.0	18,959.0	27,632.0	54,077.0
Other securities	30,232.0	1,770.0	13,095.0	7,835.0	---	700.0	---	3,085.0	630.0	797.0	---	---	1,720.0
Foreign loans and gold	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total bills and securities	1,888,227.0	139,905.0	479,565.0	173,810.0	189,301.0	82,216.0	103,776.0	264,957.0	77,367.0	51,866.0	72,930.0	59,755.0	192,779.0
Due from foreign banks	8,724.0	692.0	3,171.0	913.0	884.0	350.0	315.0	1,245.0	25.0	17.0	254.0	263.0	595.0
F. R. notes of other banks	15,694.0	240.0	4,937.0	393.0	810.0	1,725.0	759.0	1,655.0	1,405.0	548.0	1,176.0	299.0	1,747.0
Uncollected items	451,277.0	54,037.0	130,007.0	41,260.0	41,050.0	35,454.0	11,519.0	48,925.0	17,637.0	8,920.0	22,876.0	14,695.0	24,897.0
Bank premiums	59,475.0	3,458.0	15,240.0	2,614.0	7,988.0	3,722.0	2,573.0	8,061.0	3,635.0	1,926.0	3,804.0	1,832.0	4,622.0
All other resources	41,102.0	1,061.0	15,116.0	1,957.0	5,461.0	2,822.0	3,614.0	1,670.0	2,497.0	1,535.0	1,364.0	2,826.0	1,129.0
Total resources	5,637,445.0	381,870.0	1,734,969.0	503,691.0	572,663.0	215,517.0	205,749.0	913,477.0	192,445.0	135,665.0	195,721.0	133,973.0	451,705.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation	2,478,130.0	151,818.0	516,225.0	274,099.0	312,961.0	99,769.0	120,427.0	497,868.0	85,953.0	65,816.0	81,430.0	49,704.0	222,060.0
Deposits:													
Member bank reserve account	2,073,454.0	131,548.0	889,038.0	131,104.0	149,728.0	56,360.0	49,161.0	232,872.0	61,846.0	45,013.0	72,064.0	49,579.0	155,141.0
Government	22,333.0	432.0	3,612.0	1,745.0	1,886.0	1,401.0	3,211.0	3,211.0	2,259.0	1,385.0	2,545.0	861.0	2,409.0
Foreign bank	137,136.0	10,700.0	41,408.0	14,124.0	14,409.0	5,707.0	5,136.0	19,260.0	4,993.0	3,281.0	4,137.0	4,280.0	9,701.0
Other deposits	25,451.0	30.0	9,181.0	305.0	7,572.0	297.0	174.0	626.0	626.0	314.0	85.0	261.0	5,980.0
Total deposits	2,258,374.0	142,710.0	943,239.0	147,278.0	173,595.0	62,951.0	55,872.0	305,969.0	69,724.0	49,993.0	78,831.0	54,981.0	173,231.0
Deferred availability items	443,278.0	53,838.0	124,908.0	37,951.0	40,363.0	34,241.0	11,156.0	48,999.0	19,897.0	8,852.0	22,006.0	15,391.0	25,676.0
Capital paid in	163,839.0	11,756.0	63,835.0	16,707.0	15,142.0	5,503.0	5,177.0	18,107.0	4,722.0	2,962.0	4,183.0	4,157.0	11,338.0
Surplus	274,636.0	21,299.0	80,575.0	27,065.0	28,971.0	12,114.0	10,857.0	39,936.0	10,562.0	7,144.0	8,702.0	8,936.0	18,475.0
All other liabilities	19,438.0	449.0	6,187.0	591.0	1,631.0	939.0	2,260.0	2,598.0	1,587.0	895.0	569.0	804.0	925.0
Total liabilities	5,637,445.0	381,870.0	1,734,969.0	503,691.0	572,663.0	215,517.0	205,749.0	913,477.0	192,445.0	135,665.0	195,721.0	133,973.0	451,705.0
<i>Memoranda.</i>													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	65.6	58.0	73.3	66.4	66.6	53.2	45.1	71.8	55.9	59.9	57.1	49.3	55.8
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	134,053.0	9,479.0	49,246.0	12,513.0	12,765.0	5,056.0	4,550.0	17,062.0	4,424.0	2,907.0	3,665.0	3,792.0	8,594.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan.Cty.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Two Cities (00) omitted.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Federal Reserve notes:													
Issued to F. R. Bk. by F. R. Agt.	2,772,705.0	170,978.0	563,110.0	302,094.0	336,460.0	108,630.0	137,308.0	577,968.0	88,490.0	67,991.0	93,122.0	57,578.0	268,774.0
Held by Federal Reserve Bank	294,575.0	19,160.0	46,885.0	27,995.0	23,449.0	8,861.0	16,881.0	80,100.0	2,537.0	2,175.0	11,692.0	8,076.0	46,714.0
In actual circulation	2,478,130.0	151,818.0	516,225.0	274,099.0	312,961.0	99,769.0	120,427.0	497,868.0	85,953.0	65,816.0	81,430.0	49,704.0	222,060.0
Collateral held by Agt. as security for notes issued to bank:													
Gold and gold certificates	697,051.0	47,010.0	297,336.0	44,700.0	64,470.0	9,920.0	10,900.0	92,140.0	15,975.0	8,420.0	9,880.0	12,300.0	84,000.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board	1,050,530.0	47,617.0	75,000.0	155,300.0	152,000.0	47,100.0	42,250.0	353,000.0	29,000.0	38,200.0	36,800.0	15,500.0	55,763.0
Eligible paper	1,085,285.0	78,766.0	201,548.0	104,654.0	122,934.0	52,740.0	84,482.0	157,398.0	43,571.0	21,646.0	52,411.0	30,797.0	134,338.0
Total collateral	2,832,866.0	173,393.0	573,884.0	304,654.0	339,404.0	109,760.0	137,632.0	605,538.0	88,546.0	68,266.0	99,091.0	58,597.0	274,101.0

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the reporting member banks from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 14 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 2523. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 3709, immediately preceding which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.

Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement, and include all real estate mortgages and mortgage loans held by the bank. Previously acceptances of other banks and bills sold with endorsement were included with loans, and some of the banks included mortgages in investments. Loans secured by U. S. Government obligations are no longer shown separately, only the total of loans on securities being given. Furthermore, borrowing at the Federal Reserve is not any more subdivided to show the amount secured by U. S. obligations and those secured by commercial paper, only a lump total being given. The number of reporting banks is now omitted; in its place the number of cities included (then 101) was for a time given, but beginning Oct. 9 1929 even this has been omitted. The figures have also been revised to exclude a bank in the San Francisco district with loans and investments of \$135,000,000 on Jan. 2 1929, which had then recently merged with a non-member bank. The figures are now given in round millions instead of in thousands.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 25 1931 (In millions of dollars).

Federal Reserve District—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneap.	Kan.Cty.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Loans and investments—total	20,908	1,378	8,357	1,224	2,035	617	549	2,882	614	354	602	431	1,865
Loans—total	13,405	899	5,266	746	1,299	381	371	2,061	396	228	336	294	1,128
On securities	5,831	332	2,581	381	586	146	115	998	156	62	93	83	298
All other	7,574	567	2,685	365	713	235	256	1,063	240	166	243	211	830
Investments—total	7,503	479	3,091	478	736	236	178	821	218	126	266	137	737
U. S. Government securities	4,017	234	1,813	189	388	114	87	457	89	53	132	75	386
Other securities	3,486	245	1,278	289	348	122	91	364	129	73	134	62	351
Reserve with F. R. Bank	1,608	86	801	75	113	29	32	229	44	23	48	29	99
Cash in vault	245	16	68	17	31	16	8	37	7	5	14	8	18
Net demand deposits	12,206	778	5,853	682	891	308	258	1,599	332	199	384	253	669
Time deposits	6,211	478	1,392	293	895	236	213	1,069	223	143	191	135	943
Government deposits	71	3	23	8	11	2	6	3	2	---	2	6	5
Due from banks	952	63	94	64	83	51	51	179	42	50	96	61	118
Due to banks	2,452	115	942	151	181	81	74	351	83	67	143	80	184
Borrowings from F. R. Bank	397	12	53	59	67	18	29	40	13	---	20	10	76

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Dec. 2 1931, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Dec. 2 1931.	Nov. 25 1931.	Dec. 3 1930.		Dec. 2 1931.	Nov. 25 1931.	Dec. 3 1930.
Resources—	\$	\$	\$	Resources (Concluded)—	\$	\$	\$
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	372,336,000	347,336,000	335,636,000	Due from foreign banks (see note)	3,171,000	3,176,000	1,407,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	16,778,000	16,972,000	14,225,000	Federal Reserve notes of other banks	4,937,000	5,193,000	3,616,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	389,114,000	364,308,000	369,861,000	Uncollected items	130,007,000	115,175,000	154,081,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	117,035,000	149,192,000	123,003,000	Bank premiums	15,240,000	15,240,000	15,664,000
Gold and gold cts. held by bank	528,250,000	523,755,000	561,906,000	All other resources	15,166,000	15,231,000	6,710,000
Total gold reserves	1,034,399,000	1,037,255,000	1,054,770,000	Total resources	1,734,969,000	1,741,047,000	1,599,569,000
Reserves other than gold	34,801,000	34,767,000	35,415,000	Liabilities—			
Total reserves	1,069,200,000	1,072,022,000	1,090,185,000	Fed. Reserve notes in actual circulation	516,225,000	498,981,000	271,472,000
Non-reserve cash	17,683,000	17,337,000	15,653,000	Deposits—Member bank reserve acc't.	889,038,000	924,011,000	1,013,238,000
Bills discounted				Government	3,612,000	1,814,000	11,442,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	74,752,000	69,243,000	22,438,000	Foreign bank (see note)	41,407,000	47,244,000	2,426,000
Other bills discounted	47,052,000	47,512,000	24,527,000	Other deposits	9,182,000	8,920,000	8,350,000
Total bills discounted	121,804,000	116,755,000	46,965,000	Total deposits	943,239,000	981,989,000	1,035,056,000
Bills bought in open market	108,433,000	125,863,000	68,663,000	Deferred availability items	124,908,000	109,481,000	140,808,000
U. S. Government securities				Capital paid in	63,8		

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Dec. 4 1931.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 3730.

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 Dec. 4, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and various stock categories.

* No par value.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3.31 3/4 @ 3.34 1/4 for checks and 3.32 @ 3.34 1/4 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 3.34 1/2; sixty days, 3.27 1/2 @ 3.28 3/4; ninety days, 3.25 1/2 @ 3.26 3-16; and documents for payment, 3.28 @ 3.29 1/4. Cotton for payment, 3.32; and grain, 3.32.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.91 9-16 @ 3.91 3/4 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.30 @ 40.34. Exchange for Paris on London, 85.31; week's range, 90.25 francs high and 84.25 francs low.

The week's range for exchange rates follows:

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual, Checks, Cables. Rows include High for the week, Low for the week, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid., Asked., Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid., Asked. Rows include Dec. 15 1931, Sept. 15 1932, Mar. 15 1932, Dec. 15 1931-32.

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 with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Nov. 28, Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 2, Dec. 3, Dec. 4. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Treasury, and various bond categories.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 25 4th 4 1/8s ----- 100 2 1/2s to 100 2 1/2s

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 3735.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3765.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Effingham Lawrence, who for 25 years was a member of the New York Stock Exchange, is now associated with Burton, Cluett & Dana. Mr. Lawrence, who started his Wall Street career in 1896, with the firm of Charles Head & Co., later became a member of the New York Curb, and in 1903 organized his own firm following purchase of a membership on the Stock Exchange. His first partners were Robert H. Simpson, a former member of the Exchange and Clifford Buchnam who was a partner of the late firm of Pynchon & Co. He was also at one time connected with Taylor, Smith & Hard and Buell & Co., also members of the Exchange.

—At the annual meeting of the Downtown Athletic Club held last Tuesday night all officers were re-elected and the following were elected for three year terms on the Board of Governors: George W. Bovenizer, member of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Arthur W. Buttenheim, President of Frederick Snare Corp.; Frank D. Cruikshank, Vice-President Rudolph Guenther-Russell Lion, Inc.; Edward J. Hart, Johnson & Higgins; Arthur H. Lockett, Vice-President Newmont Mining Corp.; and Charles E. Stephens, Vice-President Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.

—Maitland, Coppell & Co. have resumed membership on the New York Stock Exchange through the transfer to Arthur Coppell of the seat owned by their former partner, the late Herbert Coppell, who died Oct. 29 last. Maitland, Coppell & Co. established as merchants and bankers since 1796, have been members of the New York Stock Exchange since 1886, with the exception of the period from Oct. 29 to date.

—Clifton A. Hipkins and James D. Topping announce the formation of a co-partnership under the firm name of Hipkins & Topping, with offices at 1 Wall Street, to continue the municipal bond brokerage business heretofore conducted by C. A. Hipkins Co.

—C. F. Childs & Co. is leading additional office space in the Board of Trade Building, Chicago, to provide for its increased business in the securities in which the firm has specialized for more than a quarter of a century.

—Fenner, Beane & Ungerleider have opened a new branch office in East Orange, N. J. The office is in charge of Richard J. Arrowsmith, formerly New Jersey correspondent of Spencer Trask & Co.

—William F. Schussler, formerly with M. J. Meehan & Co., has become associated with the New York Stock Exchange firm of W. R. K. Taylor & Co., 49 Wall Street.

—Elworthy & Co., San Francisco, have been elected to associate membership in the San Francisco Stock Exchange and the San Francisco Curb Exchange.

Report of Stock Sales—New York Stock Exchange

DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.		PER SHARE Range Since Jan 1. On basis of 100-share lots.		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.	
Saturday Nov. 28.	Monday Nov. 30.	Tuesday Dec. 1.	Wednesday Dec. 2.	Thursday Dec. 3.	Friday Dec. 4.		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.		
\$ 88 91 ¹ / ₂	\$ 87 ³ / ₈ 96 ¹ / ₂	\$ 87 ¹ / ₂ 95 ³ / ₈	\$ 88 ³ / ₄ 97	\$ 88 ³ / ₄ 94 ¹ / ₂	\$ 89 ³ / ₈ 95 ³ / ₈	48,600	Atech Topeka & Santa Fe...100	\$ 87 ¹ / ₂ Dec 1	\$ 203 ³ / ₈ Feb 24	\$ 168 Dec	\$ 242 ¹ / ₂ Mar	
80 80	80 80	80 80	80 80	80 80	79 79	1,500	Preferred.....100	108 ¹ / ₄ Apr 13	100 Dec	108 ¹ / ₄ Sept	100 Dec	
42 43 ¹ / ₂	43 45	40 43	38 41	38 38 ¹ / ₂	39 39 ¹ / ₂	2,900	Atlantic Coast Line RR...100	38 Dec 2	120 Jan 23	95 ¹ / ₄ Dec	175 ¹ / ₄ Mar	
23 ¹ / ₂ 25	22 25 ³ / ₈	22 ¹ / ₂ 26 ¹ / ₂	22 ¹ / ₂ 26	22 ¹ / ₂ 24 ³ / ₈	22 ¹ / ₂ 25 ¹ / ₂	82,100	Baltimore & Ohio.....100	31 Dec 30	87 ¹ / ₂ Feb 24	55 ³ / ₈ Dec	122 ³ / ₄ Mar	
33 ³ / ₄ 38 ³ / ₄	38 38	35 ³ / ₄ 38	36 37 ³ / ₄	36 37 ³ / ₄	34 34	1,100	Preferred.....100	26 Oct 4	66 ¹ / ₂ Feb 27	70 ¹ / ₄ Dec	84 ¹ / ₂ July	
*27 34	*26 ¹ / ₂ 26 ¹ / ₂	*26 ¹ / ₂ 26 ¹ / ₂	*26 29 ¹ / ₂	*26 26	*25 30	500	Bangor & Aroostook.....50	26 Oct 6	66 ¹ / ₂ Feb 26	50 ¹ / ₂ Dec	84 ¹ / ₂ Mar	
*85 86 ¹ / ₂	*83 ¹ / ₄ 86 ¹ / ₂	*83 ¹ / ₄ 86 ¹ / ₂	*83 ¹ / ₄ 86 ¹ / ₂	*83 ¹ / ₄ 86 ¹ / ₂	*83 ¹ / ₄ 83 ¹ / ₄	500	Preferred.....100	83 ¹ / ₄ Dec 4	113 ¹ / ₂ Mar 9	106 ¹ / ₂ Dec	116 ¹ / ₂ June	
*10 20	*12 20	*10 20	*10 20	*10 20	*10 20	100	Boston & Maine.....100	15 Nov 24	66 Feb 20	44 Dec	112 Feb	
10 ¹ / ₂ 10 ¹ / ₂	10 11 ¹ / ₂	10 12	10 12 ¹ / ₂	10 12 ¹ / ₂	10 12 ¹ / ₂	100	Brooklyn & Queens Tr. No par	6 ¹ / ₂ Oct 16	13 ³ / ₈ June 20	6 ¹ / ₂ Dec	15 ¹ / ₂ May	
53 ¹ / ₂ 53 ¹ / ₂	53 60	53 60	53 60	53 60	53 60	300	Preferred.....No par	50 Oct 8	64 ¹ / ₂ June 27	53 ¹ / ₂ May	66 ¹ / ₂ May	
33 ¹ / ₂ 34 ¹ / ₂	32 ³ / ₄ 34 ³ / ₄	33 ¹ / ₂ 35	33 ¹ / ₂ 34 ³ / ₈	32 ³ / ₄ 34 ³ / ₈	32 ³ / ₄ 34 ³ / ₈	17,400	Bklyn-Manh Tran v t c No par	81 ¹ / ₂ Oct 5	69 ³ / ₈ Mar 2	55 ¹ / ₂ Dec	78 ³ / ₄ Mar	
*67 69 ¹ / ₂	*66 70	70 70	70 ³ / ₄ 70 ³ / ₄	68 69 ¹ / ₂	69 69	730	Preferred v t c.....No par	67 ¹ / ₂ Oct 5	94 ¹ / ₂ Feb 11	83 Dec	98 ³ / ₄ Sept	
2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂	1,600	Brunswick Ter & By See No par	2 ¹ / ₂ Dec 1	9 ¹ / ₂ Feb 10	5 ¹ / ₄ Nov	38 ³ / ₄ Apr	
13 ¹ / ₂ 14	13 ¹ / ₂ 14 ¹ / ₂	13 ¹ / ₂ 15 ¹ / ₂	14 16 ¹ / ₂	13 ¹ / ₂ 15	13 ¹ / ₂ 14 ¹ / ₂	39,900	Canadian Pacific.....25	11 Oct 6	45 ³ / ₈ Feb 24	35 ¹ / ₂ Dec	52 ¹ / ₂ Mar	
75 75	75 75	75 75	75 75	75 75	75 75	90,000	Care China & Ohio spnd...100	79 Nov 11	10 ¹ / ₂ Apr 30	9 ¹ / ₂ Dec	10 ¹ / ₂ Oct	
25 ¹ / ₂ 28 ³ / ₈	26 ³ / ₈ 28 ³ / ₈	26 ³ / ₈ 30	27 ¹ / ₂ 30 ¹ / ₂	27 ¹ / ₂ 29 ³ / ₈	28 30	3,700	Chesapeake & Ohio.....25	23 ¹ / ₂ Oct 6	46 ¹ / ₂ Feb 10	32 ³ / ₈ Dec	51 ¹ / ₂ Feb	
3 ³ / ₄ 3 ³ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₂ 4	3 ¹ / ₂ 4	3 ¹ / ₂ 3 ³ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₂ 3 ³ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₂ 3 ¹ / ₂	5,400	Chicago Great Western.....100	11 ¹ / ₂ Dec 3	77 ¹ / ₂ Feb 10	45 ¹ / ₂ Dec	17 ³ / ₄ Mar	
12 12 ¹ / ₂	12 ¹ / ₂ 13	12 ¹ / ₂ 13 ¹ / ₂	12 ¹ / ₂ 13 ¹ / ₂	11 ¹ / ₂ 12 ¹ / ₂	11 ¹ / ₂ 12 ¹ / ₂	3,700	Preferred.....100	3 ¹ / ₂ Dec 3	27 ¹ / ₂ July 7	12 Dec	52 ¹ / ₂ May	
2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂	2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂	2 2 ¹ / ₂	2 2	2 ¹ / ₂ 2 ¹ / ₂	8,300	Chicago Mtlw St Paul & Pac...100	2 Oct 5	87 ¹ / ₂ Jan 23	4 ¹ / ₂ Dec	26 ³ / ₄ Feb	
3 ³ / ₄ 4	3 ³ / ₄ 4 ¹ / ₂	3 ³ / ₄ 4 ¹ / ₂	3 ³ / ₄ 4	3 ³ / ₄ 3 ³ / ₄	3 ³ / ₄ 4 ¹ / ₂	10,700	Preferred.....100	13 ¹ / ₂ Dec 2	15 ¹ / ₂ Feb 20	7 ¹ / ₄ Dec	46 ¹ / ₂ Feb	
6 ¹ / ₂ 7 ¹ / ₂	7 9 ³ / ₈	7 ³ / ₄ 9 ¹ / ₂	7 9 ¹ / ₂	6 ¹ / ₂ 7 ³ / ₄	7 ¹ / ₂ 8 ¹ / ₂	29,700	Chicago & North Western...100	6 ³ / ₈ Nov 25	45 ¹ / ₂ Feb 24	23 ¹ / ₂ Dec	89 ¹ / ₂ Feb	
22 22	21 22 ¹ / ₂	20 ³ / ₄ 20 ³ / ₄	19 ¹ / ₂ 21	16 19	15 15 ¹ / ₂	1,400	Preferred.....100	15 Dec 4	116 Mar 18	101 Dec	140 ¹ / ₂ June	
11 11	11 13	11 14 ¹ / ₂	9 ¹ / ₂ 12 ¹ / ₂	9 ¹ / ₂ 10 ³ / ₄	9 ¹ / ₂ 10 ³ / ₄	15,900	Chicago Rock Isl & Pacific...100	9 ¹ / ₂ Dec 2	65 ¹ / ₂ Jan 27	45 ¹ / ₂ Dec	125 ¹ / ₂ Feb	
20 ¹ / ₂ 20 ¹ / ₂	22 ¹ / ₂ 22 ¹ / ₂	18 ¹ / ₂ 21	20 ¹ / ₂ 21	19 21	19 ¹ / ₂ 20 ¹ / ₂	3,000	7% preferred.....100	18 ¹ / ₂ Dec 1	101 Mar 24	92 Dec	110 ¹ / ₂ May	
17 17	18 18	18 19 ¹ / ₂	17 19 ¹ / ₂	15 ¹ / ₂ 19	17 ¹ / ₂ 17 ¹ / ₂	1,900	6% preferred.....100	15 ¹ / ₂ Dec 3	90 Jan 28	81 Dec	104 ¹ / ₂ Mar	
*16 29 ³ / ₄	*16 24	16 16	16 16	16 16	*12 ¹ / ₂ 30	300	Colorado & Southern.....100	16 Dec 1	48 Jan 9	40 ¹ / ₂ Dec	95 Feb	
21 21	*21 21 ¹ / ₂	21 21 ¹ / ₂	20 20	18 18	18 19	3,100	Consol RR of Cuba pref.....100	18 Dec 3	42 ¹ / ₂ Feb 24	30 Dec	62 Apr	
81 83 ¹ / ₂	80 ¹ / ₂ 83	80 ¹ / ₂ 85	80 85 ¹ / ₂	80 83	79 83 ¹ / ₄	7,500	Delaware & Hudson.....100	79 Dec 4	157 ¹ / ₂ Feb 25	130 ¹ / ₂ Dec	181 Feb	
22 ¹ / ₂ 23 ¹ / ₂	23 ¹ / ₂ 26	24 26 ¹ / ₂	20 ³ / ₄ 24 ³ / ₄	21 ¹ / ₂ 23 ¹ / ₂	21 23 ¹ / ₂	13,800	Delaware Lack & Western...50	20 ³ / ₄ Dec 2	102 Jan 8	69 ¹ / ₂ Dec	153 Feb	
*6 ¹ / ₄ 9 ¹ / ₄	*6 ¹ / ₄ 8 ¹ / ₄	7 ¹ / ₂ 7 ¹ / ₂	*7 ¹ / ₂ 8 ¹ / ₄	*7 ¹ / ₂ 8 ¹ / ₄	*4 8 ¹ / ₄	100	Deny & Rio Gr West pref...100	7 ¹ / ₂ Dec 24	45 ¹ / ₂ Feb 10	25 ¹ / ₂ Dec	80 Mar	
8 ³ / ₈ 8 ³ / ₈	8 ³ / ₈ 9 ¹ / ₂	8 ³ / ₈ 9 ¹ / ₂	8 ³ / ₈ 9 ¹ / ₂	7 ¹ / ₂ 8 ¹ / ₂	7 ¹ / ₂ 8 ¹ / ₂	4,700	Erle.....100	7 ¹ / ₂ Dec 3	39 ³ / ₄ Feb 24	22 ¹ / ₂ Dec	63 ¹ / ₂ Feb	
*11 13	12 12	12 12	11 12 ¹ / ₂	10 ³ / ₄ 10 ³ / ₄	9 ¹ / ₂ 9 ¹ / ₂	900	First preferred.....100	10 ³ / ₈ Dec 3	45 ¹ / ₂ Feb 27	27 Dec	67 ³ / ₄ Feb	
*9 ¹ / ₂ 10 ¹ / ₂	*9 ¹ / ₂ 9 ¹ / ₂	8 8	8 8	8 7	8 7	17,300	Great Northern preferred...100	20 Oct 6	69 ¹ / ₂ Feb 24	51 Dec	102 Mar	
21 ¹ / ₂ 23	20 ³ / ₄ 23	20 ³ / ₄ 23	21 25	20 ³ / ₄ 23	21 23 ¹ / ₂	17,300	Gulf Mobile & Northern.....100	8 ¹ / ₄ Oct 5	27 ¹ / ₂ Feb 17	10 ¹ / ₂ Nov	46 ¹ / ₂ Feb	
14 14	*14 14	*14 14	*14 14	*14 14	*14 14	7,600	Preferred.....100	14 ¹ / ₂ Oct 5	75 Jan 9	55 ¹ / ₂ Nov	98 ¹ / ₂ Mar	
*28 ³ / ₄ 29	*30 ³ / ₄ 32	*30 ³ / ₄ 32	*29 ³ / ₄ 32 ¹ / ₂	*30 30 ³ / ₄	*30 ³ / ₄ 30 ³ / ₄	7,600	Hudson & Manhattan.....100	27 Sept 19	44 ¹ / ₂ Feb 17	34 ¹ / ₂ Dec	53 ¹ / ₂ Mar	
12 ³ / ₄ 13 ³ / ₄	12 ³ / ₄ 14 ¹ / ₂	12 ³ / ₄ 14 ¹ / ₂	10 ³ / ₄ 13 ³ / ₄	10 ³ / ₄ 12 ¹ / ₂	11 ¹ / ₂ 12 ¹ / ₂	21,700	Illinois Central.....100	10 ³ / ₈ Dec 2	89 Feb 24	65 ¹ / ₂ Dec	138 ¹ / ₂ Apr	
6 ¹ / ₂ 6 ¹ / ₂	6 ¹ / ₂ 7 ¹ / ₂	6 ¹ / ₂ 7 ¹ / ₂	6 ¹ / ₂ 7 ¹ / ₂	6 ¹ / ₂ 7 ¹ / ₂	6 ¹ / ₂ 7 ¹ / ₂	370	RR Sec stock certificates...100	8 Dec 4	61 Jan 23	58 Dec	77 May	
10 ¹ / ₂ 10 ¹ / ₂	10 12 ¹ / ₂	10 11	10 11	10 11	11 11	3,500	Interboro Rapid Tran v t c...100	6 ¹ / ₄ Nov 20	34 Mar 2	20 ³ / ₄ Jan	39 ¹ / ₂ Mar	
24 27	*25 27	*25 27	*26 27	26 26	24 25	300	Kansas City Southern.....100	8 ¹ / ₄ Sept 21	45 Feb 26	34 Dec	85 ¹ / ₂ Mar	
15 15	15 15 ¹ / ₂	15 ¹ / ₂ 16 ¹ / ₂	14 15	13 ¹ / ₂ 14	*13 ¹ / ₂ 14	2,600	Preferred.....100	24 Dec 4	64 Feb 9	53 Dec	70 Apr	
25 26	26 26 ¹ / ₂	24 ³ / ₄ 28	23 26	24 26 ¹ / ₂	23 26 ¹ / ₂	5,900	Lehigh Valley.....50	13 ¹ / ₂ Dec 3	61 Jan 9	40 Nov	84 ¹ / ₂ Mar	
9 ¹ / ₂ 9 ¹ / ₂	9 ¹ / ₂ 10 ¹ / ₂	9 ¹ / ₂ 10 ¹ / ₂	10 10	9 ¹ / ₂ 9 ¹ / ₂	8 9	6,000	Louisville & Nashville...100	23 Dec 2	111 Feb 9	84 Dec	135 ¹ / ₂ Apr	
*9 ¹ / ₂ 12	*9 ¹ / ₂ 12	*9 ¹ / ₂ 10	9 ¹ / ₂ 9 ¹ / ₂	9 ¹ / ₂ 9 ¹ / ₂	8 9	500	Manhat Elev modified guar...100	8 ³ / ₈ Nov 20	39 Feb 28	24 June	42 ¹ / ₂ Sept	
*1 ¹ / ₂ 3	*1 ¹ / ₂ 3	*1 ¹ / ₂ 3	*1 ¹ / ₂ 2 ³ / ₄	*1 ¹ / ₂ 2 ³ / ₄	*1 ¹ / ₂ 1 ³ / ₄	900	Market St Ry prior pref...100	7 ¹ / ₂ Oct 20	22 Feb 18	13 Dec	25 ¹ / ₂ Feb	
5 ¹ / ₂ 6	5 ¹ / ₂ 6 ¹ / ₂	6 7 ¹ / ₂	5 ¹ / ₂ 7 ¹ / ₂	5 ¹ / ₂ 6 ¹ / ₂	6 ¹ / ₂ 7	11,100	Minneapolis & St Louis...100	4 Apr 18	34 Jan 12	14 Oct	21 ¹ / ₂ Apr	
15 16 ¹ / ₂	15 17	16 17	15 17 ¹ / ₂	15 15 ¹ / ₂	16 17	3,900	Min St Paul & S S Marie...100	5 ¹ / ₂ Dec 4	11 ¹ / ₂ Feb 10	8 ¹ / ₂ Dec	35 Feb	
8 ¹ / ₄ 9	8 ¹ / ₄ 10 ¹ / ₂	9 12	8 ¹ / ₄ 12	8 ¹ / ₄ 10 ¹ / ₂	9 ¹ / ₂ 11 ¹ / ₂	11,800	Mo-Kan-Texas RR.....No par	5 ¹ / ₂				

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SECOND PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT (Saturday Nov. 28, Monday Nov. 30, Tuesday Dec. 1, Wednesday Dec. 2, Thursday Dec. 3, Friday Dec. 4); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock listings such as Allied Chemical & Dye, American Brake Shoe & Fdy, and many others.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Nov. 28 to Friday Dec. 4) and rows of stock prices. Includes a vertical label 'FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE THIRD PAGE PRECEDING.' on the left side.

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 listing various stocks (e.g., Indus. & Miscell., Briggs & Stratton, Brooklyn Union Gas, etc.) with columns for sales volume, current price, and price ranges for the year and previous year.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. * Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT; Saturday Dec. 28; Monday Dec. 30; Tuesday Dec. 1; Wednesday Dec. 2; Thursday Dec. 3; Friday Dec. 4; Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan 1; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930. Rows list various stocks like Dome Mines Ltd, Dominion Stores, Drug Inc, etc.

SEE FOURTH PAGE PRECEDING.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. d Ex-dividends.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and 'Sales for the Week'. It lists various stock prices and shares.

Sales for the Week

Table listing various stocks and their exchange information, including 'Indus. & Miscell. (Com.) Par', 'Hamilton Watch pref.', 'Hanna pref new', etc.

Table with columns 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots.' and 'Lowest', 'Highest'. It lists price ranges for various stocks.

Table with columns 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.' and 'Lowest', 'Highest'. It lists price ranges for various stocks from the previous year.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FIFTH PAGE PRECEDING.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SIXTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. Sub-columns: Saturday Nov. 28, Monday Nov. 30, Tuesday Dec. 1, Wednesday Dec. 2, Thursday Dec. 3, Friday Dec. 4. Rows list various stock prices.

Table with columns: STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930. Sub-columns: Shares, Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Par, \$ per share, Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest), Range for Previous Year 1930 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stock companies and their performance.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights. x Ex-dividend. y 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.	
Saturday Nov. 28.	Monday Nov. 30.	Tuesday Dec. 1.	Wednesday Dec. 2.	Thursday Dec. 3.	Friday Dec. 4.			Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share
*74 10	*74 7 1/4	*61 9	*61 10	*61 10	*61 10	100	Pittsburgh Coal of Pa. No par	18 Dec	78 1/2 Jan	18 Dec	78 1/2 Jan
*40 42 1/2	*40 42 1/2	*5 5	*31 2 5/8	*30 30	*30 30	300	Preferred	35 Oct 3	80 Jan 27	66 Dec	110 Jan
*5 5 1/4	*5 5 1/4	*30 1/2 33	*30 1/2 33	*25 4	*25 4	1,200	Pittsb Screw & Bolt No par	34 Oct 5	15 1/2 Feb 24	13 1/2 Dec	22 1/2 Feb
*30 1/2 33	*30 1/2 33	*21 2 3/8	*21 2 3/8	*30 30	*30 30	130	Pitts Steel 7% cum pref.	30 Dec 3	87 Jan 15	84 1/2 Dec	103 Jan
*2 2 1/4	*2 2 1/4	*61 6	*61 6	*51 1/2 51 1/2	*52 52	1,000	Pittsburgh United	2 Oct 29	15 Feb 27	11 Dec	19 1/2 Oct
*51 1/2 66	*51 1/2 66	*63 10	*63 10	*63 10	*63 10	70	Preferred	4 1/2 Nov 30	13 1/2 Jan 5	11 1/2 Dec	103 Oct
*67 10	*67 10	*48 4 1/2	*48 4 1/2	*41 4 1/2	*41 4 1/2	100	Pittston Co. No par	3 Oct 1	13 1/2 Jan 10	18 1/2 Dec	22 1/2 Apr
43 1/2	43 1/2	*41 4 1/2	*41 4 1/2	*41 4 1/2	*41 4 1/2	2,500	Port & Co class B No par	2 Sept 30	27 Feb 28	14 1/2 Dec	30 1/2 July
41 1/2	41 1/2	*11 2	*11 2	*11 2	*11 2	400	Class A No par	5 Sept 25	8 Feb 27	4 Oct	27 1/2 Mar
2 2	2 2	*8 1/2	*8 1/2	*8 1/2	*8 1/2	1,000	Postal Tel & Cable 7% pref 100	8 Dec 3	39 1/2 Jan 9	20 Dec	103 Jan
*9 1/2 9 1/2	*9 1/2 9 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	7	Prairie Oil & Gas 7% pref 100	5 1/2 Oct 6	20 1/2 Feb 26	11 1/2 Dec	54 Apr
7 1/4	7 1/4	*7 1/4 7 1/4	*7 1/4 7 1/4	*6 1/2 6 1/2	*6 1/2 6 1/2	7,200	Prairie Pipe Line	7 1/2 Oct 5	26 1/2 Feb 26	16 1/2 Dec	60 1/2 Feb
8 1/8	8 1/8	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	800	Pressed Steel Corp No par	15 Oct 2	7 1/2 Feb 19	3 1/2 Nov	16 1/2 Feb
2 2	2 2	*10 11 1/2	*10 11 1/2	*10 11 1/2	*10 11 1/2	200	Preferred	8 1/2 Oct 1	47 1/2 Feb 19	52 1/2 Jan	78 1/2 June
*11 1/2 15	*11 1/2 15	*43 44	*43 44	*43 44	*43 44	12,000	Procter & Gamble No par	39 1/2 Oct 1	71 1/2 Mar 10	62 1/2 Jan	11 1/2 Mar
42 3/8	42 3/8	*5 5 1/2	*5 5 1/2	*5 5 1/2	*5 5 1/2	1,100	Producers & Refiners Corp	1 1/2 Dec 3	6 Feb 27	11 1/2 Dec	40 Mar
1 1/2	1 1/2	*58 1/2 62 1/2	*58 1/2 62 1/2	*58 1/2 62 1/2	*58 1/2 62 1/2	42,500	Preferred	4 1/4 Oct 24	10 Feb 27	11 1/2 Dec	40 Mar
5 5	5 5	*87 87	*87 87	*87 87	*87 87	1,300	Pub Ser Corp of N J No par	5 1/2 Dec 4	9 1/2 Mar 19	6 1/2 Dec	12 3/4 Apr
89 89	88 89 1/2	*102 102 1/2	*102 102 1/2	*101 101 1/2	*101 101 1/2	1,000	6% preferred	29 7 Oct 1	120 1/4 Aug 18	104 1/4 Dec	117 Sept
103 103	*102 103 1/2	*115 117	*115 117	*115 117	*115 117	200	7% preferred	11 1/2 Oct 2	139 1/4 Aug 12	110 Jan	135 1/2 Oct
*115 1/2 117	116 1/4 116 3/4	*137 140	*137 140	*137 140	*137 140	200	8% preferred	13 1/4 Oct 7	180 1/2 Aug 21	142 Dec	168 June
*139 139 1/2	*139 143 1/2	*96 1/2 97	*96 1/2 97	*96 1/2 97	*96 1/2 97	700	Pub Serv Elec & Gas pt 5 No par	9 1/2 Dec 3	107 1/4 Aug 14	107 1/4 Dec	112 May
98 1/8 98 1/8	198 20 3/8	*19 21	*19 21	*20 20 1/2	*20 20 1/2	25,750	Pullman Inc No par	19 Dec 3	53 1/2 Feb 27	47 Dec	89 1/2 Jan
*14 1/2	14 1/4	*14 3/8	*14 3/8	*14 3/8	*14 3/8	100	Punta Alegre Sugar	14 Aug 25	2 Jan 9	1 1/2 Oct	8 1/2 Jan
5 5 1/4	5 1/2 5 1/2	*68 68	*68 68	*68 68	*68 68	6,000	Pure Oil (The) No par	1 1/2 Oct 7	11 1/2 Jan 5	7 1/2 Dec	27 1/4 Apr
70 70	68 1/2 68 1/2	*14 13 1/2	*14 13 1/2	*14 13 1/2	*14 13 1/2	150	Purity Baking Co No par	6 1/4 Oct 5	10 1/2 Jan 8	90 1/2 Dec	114 1/4 Apr
13 1/8 14 1/4	13 1/8 14 1/4	*13 1/4 13 1/4	*13 1/4 13 1/4	*13 1/4 13 1/4	*13 1/4 13 1/4	193,500	Radio Corp of Amer No par	5 1/2 Dec 3	27 1/2 Feb 25	11 1/2 Dec	69 1/2 Apr
7 1/2 8 3/8	7 1/2 8 3/8	*17 20	*17 20	*15 17 1/4	*15 17 1/4	2,500	Preferred	31 1/2 Dec 4	55 1/2 Mar 26	47 Dec	57 Apr
42 1/2 42 1/2	42 1/2 42 1/2	*41 42	*41 42	*36 39	*36 39	17,000	Preferred B No par	10 1/2 Dec 4	60 Mar 21	31 1/2 Dec	85 Apr
18 1/4 18 3/4	18 1/2 21	*11 11 1/2	*11 11 1/2	*11 11 1/2	*11 11 1/2	72,000	Radio-Keith-Orp cl A No par	1 Dec 2	24 1/2 Mar 21	14 1/2 Dec	50 Apr
2 2 1/4	2 1/4	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 15	*10 15	600	Raybestos Manhattan No par	9 1/2 Oct 1	29 1/2 Mar 25	16 1/2 Dec	58 1/2 Apr
*30 1/2 31 1/2	*30 1/2 31 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 15	*10 15	2,500	Real Silk Hosiery	2 1/2 Dec 3	30 1/2 Feb 10	22 1/2 Dec	64 1/2 Mar
*10 1/2 12 1/2	*10 1/2 12 1/2	*10 1/2 11 1/2	*10 1/2 11 1/2	*10 1/2 11 1/2	*10 1/2 11 1/2	50	Preferred	10 Nov 30	9 Oct 3	8 1/2 Dec	5 1/2 Feb
*12 12	*12 12	*8 9	*8 9	*8 9	*8 9	13,700	Reis (Robt) & Co No par	1 1/2 Oct 7	1 1/2 Jan 8	8 Nov	37 Jan
*6 6	*6 6	*18 1/2 18 1/2	*18 1/2 18 1/2	*18 1/2 18 1/2	*18 1/2 18 1/2	500	First preferred	6 Sept 25	13 Apr 22	14 1/2 Nov	46 1/2 Apr
*3 3 1/4	*3 3 1/4	*10 10	*10 10	*9 10	*9 10	10	Remington-Rand No par	2 1/2 Dec 4	19 1/2 Feb 27	18 Dec	4 Nov
*19 1/2 24	*19 1/2 24	*30 30	*30 30	*29 29	*29 29	10	First preferred	18 Dec 4	88 Jan 7	84 Nov	100 1/2 Mar
*4 4	*4 4	*4 4	*4 4	*4 4	*4 4	4,400	Second preferred	29 Nov 6	98 Jan 6	95 Jan	104 July
6 7 1/2	6 7 1/2	*12 12	*12 12	*12 12	*12 12	7,200	Reo Motor Car No par	3 Sept 22	10 Feb 11	7 1/4 Dec	14 1/2 Mar
15 1/8 17 1/8	16 1/4 17 1/4	*14 14	*14 14	*13 14	*13 14	2,616	Republic Steel Corp No par	5 1/4 Oct 5	25 1/2 Feb 24	10 1/2 Dec	79 1/2 Apr
*4 4	*4 4	*13 14	*13 14	*14 14	*14 14	100	Preferred conv 6%	13 Dec 3	54 Feb 19	28 Dec	95 1/2 May
*8 8	*8 8	*20 26	*20 26	*8 26	*8 26	3,400	Revere Copper & Brass No par	3 1/2 Sept 23	13 Jan 2	5 1/4 Dec	30 Jan
*5 5 1/2	*5 5 1/2	*5 8 1/2	*5 8 1/2	*5 8	*5 8	28,500	Class A No par	15 Oct 7	30 Jan 6	34 Dec	72 Jan
*35 1/2 35 1/2	*35 1/2 37	*35 36 1/2	*35 36 1/2	*35 37	*35 37	20	Class B No par	7 Sept 21	22 1/2 Mar 10	10 Dec	34 1/4 Apr
*69 72 1/2	*69 72 1/2	*69 70	*69 70	*69 70	*69 70	2,300	Reynolds Metal Co No par	21 Oct 6	18 1/4 Mar 12	40 Dec	58 1/2 Mar
1 1/8 1 1/8	1 1/8 1 1/8	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	10,900	Reynolds Spring new No par	7 1/2 Oct 6	18 1/4 Mar 12	70 June	80 Mar
11 1/2 11 1/2	11 1/2 11 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	8,200	Reynolds (R J) Tob class B 10	35 1/2 Oct 5	54 1/2 June 24	4 Dec	58 1/2 Apr
9 7/8 9 7/8	9 7/8 10 1/4	*12 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	4,200	Class A No par	69 June 25	7 1/2 Feb 19	70 June	80 Mar
15 1/8 16	16 16 1/2	*12 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	*12 12 1/2	7,800	Richfield Oil of Calif No par	3 1/4 Dec 1	6 1/2 Jan 5	4 1/2 Dec	9 1/2 Dec
11 1/4 11 1/4	11 1/4 11 1/4	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	4,200	Rio Grande Oil No par	14 Nov 27	10 1/2 Feb 24	5 Dec	25 1/4 Apr
46 1/8 46 1/8	46 1/8 49	*47 48	*47 48	*47 49 1/2	*47 49 1/2	7,500	Ritter Dental Mfg No par	10 1/2 Dec 4	4 1/4 Mar 2	25 1/2 Dec	58 1/2 Mar
*70 77	*70 77	*78 82	*78 82	*79 79	*79 79	6,000	Rossia Insurance Co No par	6 1/2 Dec 4	26 Feb 24	14 1/2 Dec	56 1/2 Apr
*80 1/2 89 1/2	*80 1/2 89 1/2	*85 85	*85 85	*86 87	*86 87	270	Royal Dutch Co (N Y shares)	13 1/2 Sept 21	42 1/2 Feb 10	36 1/2 Dec	57 1/2 Feb
*64 67 1/2	*64 67 1/2	*6 6	*6 6	*6 6 1/2	*6 6 1/2	6,500	Sa Joseph Lead No par	9 1/4 Oct 6	69 1/2 Aug 19	19 1/2 Dec	122 1/2 Jan
*40 45	*40 45	*40 45	*40 45	*40 45	*40 45	700	Safeway Stores No par	38 1/2 Jan 15	98 1/2 Sept 4	84 Dec	99 1/2 Feb
*74 74	*74 74	*4 4	*4 4	*4 4	*4 4	200	Preferred (6)	75 Oct 5	108 1/2 Aug 5	95 Oct	109 1/2 Mar
*35 36 3/4	*35 36 3/4	*36 36 3/4	*36 36 3/4	*36 36 3/4	*36 36 3/4	6,000	Preferred (7)	85 Dec 5	20 1/2 Feb 27	12 1/2 Dec	31 1/2 Apr
*15 1/2 2	*15 1/2 2	*11 12	*11 12	*11 12	*11 12	1,500	Savage Arms Corp No par	4 Jan 13	11 1/2 Mar 30	4 Dec	13 1/2 Jan
*33 44	*33 44	*33 44	*33 44	*33 44	*33 44	4,100	Schulte Retail Stores No par	40 June 8	65 Mar 27	35 Jan	75 Jan
11 11 1/4	10 1/4 11 1/4	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	11,500	Preferred	5 1/2 Oct 6	20 1/2 Apr 11	9 1/2 Nov	37 Apr
*33 33 1/2	*33 33 1/2	*36 38 1/2	*36 38 1/2	*36 38 1/2	*36 38 1/2	45,932	Seaboard Oil Co of Del No par	31 Oct 5	63 1/4 Feb 26	43 1/2 Dec	100 1/2 Jan
*15 1/2 2	*15 1/2 2	*11 12	*11 12	*11 12	*11 12	300	Seagrave Corp No par	3 1/2 May 28	11 Feb 27	5 1/2 Dec	14 1/4 Mar
*33 44	*33 44	*33 44	*33 44	*33 44	*33 44	1	Sears, Roebuck & Co No par	31 Oct 5	63 1/4 Feb 26	43 1/2 Dec	100 1/2 Jan
4 4 1/4	4 1/4 4 1/4	*4 4 1/4	*4 4 1/4	*4 4 1/4	*4 4 1/4	1,000	Second Nat Investors	11 1/2 Dec 3	6 1/2 Feb 27	2 1/4 Dec	23 Feb
11 11 1/4	10 1/4 11 1/4	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	1,000	Preferred	33 Dec 2	58 1/2 Feb 27	35 Dec	82 1/2 Mar
11 1/4 11 1/4	10 1/4 11 1/4	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	*10 10 1/2	14,400	Seneca Copper No par	14 Sept 18	1 1/2 Feb 11	1 Dec	3 1/2 Jan
3 1/2 4	3 1/2 4	*3 3 1/2	*3 3 1/2	*3 3 1/2	*3 3 1/2	9,500	Serve Inc No par	3 1/2 Oct 5	11 1/4 Apr 9	3 1/2 Nov	13 1/2 Apr
5 5	5 5	*5 5 1/2	*5 5 1/2	*5 5 1/2	*5 5 1/2	7,500	Shattuck (F G) No par	10 1/2 Dec 2	29 1/2 Feb 20	20 1/2 Nov	52 Apr
*33 33 1/2	*33 33 1/2	*33 33 1/2	*33 33 1/2	*33 33 1/2	*33 33 1/2	1,600	Sharon Steel Hoop No par	3 1/2 Nov 28	13 1/2 Feb 18	9 Dec	32 1/2 Feb
4 1/4	4 1/4	*4 4 1/4	*4 4 1/4	*4 4 1/4	*4 4 1/4	12,100	Sharp & Dohme No par	3 1/2 Oct 5	21 Mar 25	11 1/2 Dec	27 1/4 Mar
*23 1/2 29 1/2	*23 1/2 29 1/2	*27 28 1/2	*27 28 1/2	*26 1/2 26 1/2	*26 1/2 26 1/2	1,500	Preferred	38 Oct 5	61 1/2 Mar 25	5 1/2 Dec	25 1/2 Apr
9 9 1/8	9 1/8 9 1/2	*9 9 1/2	*9 9 1/2	*9 9 1/2	*9 9 1/2	7,900	Shell Union Oil No par	3 1/4 Oct 1	10 1/4 Jan 17	5 1/2 Dec	10 1/2 Apr
5 1/2 5 1/2	5 1/2 5 1/2	*5 5 1/2	*5 5 1/2	*5 5 1/2	*5 5 1/2	21,000	Shubert Theatre Corp No par	23 1/2 Sept 22	7 1/2 Feb 17	45 Nov	35 Apr
*76 88	*76 88	*76 88	*76 88	*76 88	*76 88	34,800	Simmons Co No par	8 1/2 Nov 18	23 1/2 Feb 26	11 Nov	94 1/2 Jan
16 16 1/2	16 1/2 16 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2	*15 15 1/2						

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT

Table with columns: STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1., PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930. Includes companies like Indus. & Miscell., Texas Pac. Land Trust, etc.

SEE SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE EIGHTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Table with columns: Saturday Nov. 28., Monday Nov. 30., Tuesday Dec. 1., Wednesday Dec. 2., Thursday Dec. 3., Friday Dec. 4., Shares for the Week. Lists bid and asked prices for various stocks.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. * 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 Name, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, Bid, Ask, Low, High, No., and Range Since Jan. 1.

* Cash sale. † On the basis of \$5 to \$ starting. ‡ Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since. Includes sections for Foreign Govt. & Municipals, Railroad, and various US Government and corporate bonds.

o Cash sale. s Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since Jan. 1, and various market indicators.

c Cash sale, s Deferred delivery.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Dec. 4., Interest Period, Price Friday Dec. 4., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like North Cent gen & ref 5s A, Gen & ref 4 1/2s ser A, etc.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Dec. 4., Interest Period, Price Friday Dec. 4., Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries like Seaboard All Fla 1st gu 6s A, Certificates of deposit, Series B, etc.

* Cash sale. d Due May. e Due August. s Deferred delivery.

BONDS										BONDS									
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE.									
Week Ended Dec. 4.										Week Ended Dec. 4.									
Interest Period	Price Friday Dec. 4.	Week's Range at Last Sale.	Range Since Jan. 1.	Bonds Sold.	Low	High	No.	Low	High	Interest Period	Price Friday Dec. 4.	Week's Range at Last Sale.	Range Since Jan. 1.	Bonds Sold.	Low	High			
Am Type Found deb 6s	98 3/4	Sale 98 3/4	98 3/4	1	98 3/4	106		Federal Light & Tr 1st 5s	1942	M	75	78	78	Nov 31	---	78	98		
Am Wat Wks & El coll tr 5s	1934	A	O	87	90	94 1/4	30	90	104	Federal Light & Tr 1st 5s stamped	1942	M	8	5	75	75 1/8	76 1/4		
Deb g 6s series A	1975	M	N	82	Sale	81	83 1/4	14	78	100 1/2	1942	M	8	83	85 1/2	83 3/4	85		
Am Writ Pap 1st g 6s	1947	J	J	30	Sale	30	32	11	30	77	1954	J	D	76	82 1/2	76 1/4	Nov 31		
Anglo-Chilean s f deb 7s	1945	M	N	13	15	13	15	5	13	87	1939	J	D	83	Sale	83	84 1/2		
Antilla (Comp Assn) 7 1/2s	1939	J	J	---	17	10	Sept 31	---	10	26	1946	J	J	75 1/2	Sale	75 1/2	75 3/4		
Certificates of deposit											1946	J	M	96 1/2	Sale	95 7/8	96 7/8		
Ark & Mem Bridge & Ter 5s	1964	M	J	80	92	88	Oct 31	---	88	101 1/8	1946	J	M	51	Sale	51	51 1/2		
Armour & Co (Ill) 1st 4 1/2s	1939	J	D	72 1/2	Sale	72 1/2	76 1/2	51	65 1/2	77 1/2	1943	F	A	77	Sale	77	82		
Armour & Co of Del 5 1/2s	1943	J	J	60 1/2	Sale	60 1/2	65 1/2	16	77 1/2	98	1949	J	D	99	103 1/4	103 1/4	103 1/4		
Armstrong Cork conv deb 6s	1940	M	N	101	Sale	101	101 1/8	13	101	104 1/2	1934	M	F	30	Sale	29 1/4	32		
Associated Oil 6 1/2% gold notes	1935	M	D	94	---	95	Oct 31	---	95	104	1952	F	A	80	80 1/2	80 1/2	Nov 31		
Atlanta Gas L 1st 5s	1947	J	J	44 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	27	40	68	1940	A	O	94	95	94 1/2	95 1/2		
Atl Gulf & W ISS L coll tr 5s	1957	J	J	95 1/2	Sale	95 1/2	96 3/4	4	94 1/2	103 1/4	1947	J	J	58	Sale	56	60 1/2		
Atlantic Refg deb 5s	1937	J	J	101	Sale	101	102 1/4	48	98 1/2	107 1/2	1942	F	A	96	98 1/2	96	Nov 31		
Baldwin Loco Works 1st 5s	1940	M	N	7	15	7	Nov 31	---	7	48	1942	F	A	29	Sale	29	41 1/8		
Baragua (Comp Assn) 7 1/2s	1937	J	J	77	80	78	79 1/2	71	75 1/2	96 7/8	1940	J	D	25	Sale	25	35		
Batavian Pet gear deb 4 1/2s	1942	J	J	80	89	85	85	5	85	99 1/2	1948	M	N	21 1/2	Sale	21 1/2	24		
Belding-Hemingway 6s	1936	J	J	103 1/2	Sale	103 1/2	105	43	102 1/2	114 1/4	1948	M	N	100	Sale	100	102 1/2		
Bell Tele of Pa 5s series B	1948	J	J	105 1/2	Sale	105 1/2	106	42	102 1/2	118	1940	F	A	100 1/4	Sale	100	100 1/2		
1st & ref 5s series C	1960	A	O	85	Sale	85	83	16	85 1/2	92 1/2	1939	J	J	83 1/2	Sale	83	84		
Beneficial Indus Loan deb 6s	1946	M	N	25 1/2	Sale	25 1/2	30 7/8	87	25 1/2	85 1/2	1939	J	J	59	61 1/2	59	96 1/4		
Berlin City Elec Co deb 6 1/2s	1951	J	D	22	Sale	20	34 1/4	32	20	83 1/4	1940	A	O	41 1/2	Sale	41 1/2	74		
Deb sink fund 6 1/2s	1959	F	A	20	Sale	18 1/2	29	46	18 1/2	80 7/8	1945	A	O	28	Sale	28	35		
Deb 6s	1959	F	A	22	Sale	20	35	40	20	85 1/2	1947	J	J	70 1/2	Sale	70 1/2	77		
Berlin Elec Tr 1st 5s	1943	J	J	99 1/2	100	100	103	9	98	108 1/2	1945	J	D	49 1/2	Sale	49	51 1/2		
Beth Steel 1st & ref 5s guar A	1942	M	N	99	Sale	98	99 1/4	21	96	104	1957	M	N	74	Sale	74	81 1/2		
30-yr p m & tmpt s f 5s	1936	J	J	35	Sale	35	35 1/4	8	31	83 1/2	1936	J	D	77 1/2	80	77	77 1/2		
Blug & Blng deb 6 1/2s	1950	M	N	26	Sale	26	27 1/2	35	19	39 1/2	1940	F	A	29 1/2	33	30	Nov 31		
Botany Cons Mills 6 1/2s	1934	A	O	55 1/2	75	69 7/8	75	25	60	105	1944	F	A	73	Sale	72	73		
Bowman-Elli Hotels 1st 7s	1934	M	N	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	Nov 31	---	3 1/2	9	1960	J	D	64	Sale	64	65 1/2		
B'way & 7th Ave 1st cons 5s	1943	J	D	---	4 1/2	4 1/2	Nov 31	---	4	6	1942	J	D	38	43	38 1/2	39		
Certificates of deposit																			
Brooklyn City RR 1st 5s	1941	J	J	66 1/2	75	66 1/2	66 1/2	1	65	87	1952	J	D	82	90 1/2	85	Nov 31		
B'klyn Edison Inc gen 5s	1940	J	J	104	105	104 1/2	104 1/2	29	103	105 1/2	1939	A	O	22	Sale	22	29		
B'klyn-Manh R T see 6s	1963	J	J	90 3/4	Sale	90 1/4	92	16	88 1/2	102 1/2	1959	F	A	85	Nov 31	---	85		
B'klyn Qu Co & Sub conv gtd 6s	1941	M	N	55	60	55	Nov 31	---	55	69	1959	F	A	85	Nov 31	---	85		
1st 5s stamped	1941	M	N	55 1/2	80	56	56	1	56	66 1/2	1948	J	D	26	37	32	38		
Brooklyn R Tr 1st conv g 4s	2002	J	J	85	---	92 1/2	June 23	---	---	---	1952	F	A	10	39	25	Nov 31		
B'klyn Union El 1st & ref 5s	1950	F	A	80	Sale	80	83 1/2	14	74 1/2	92 1/2	1951	M	S	2	8	8	8		
B'klyn Union El 1st & ref 5s	1950	F	A	105	Sale	101	105	17	101	113	1934	A	O	40	Sale	40	44		
B'klyn Union Gas 1st cons g 5s	1945	M	N	110 1/2	120	114	Nov 31	---	114	121 1/2	1947	M	N	28	34 7/8	Oct 31	---	34 7/8	
1st len & ref 6s series A	1947	M	N	---	215	218	June 31	---	218	218	1940	M	N	69	70	72	70		
Conv deb 6 1/2s	1936	J	J	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	102	5	98	106	1962	J	D	42	Sale	42	46		
Conv deb 5s	1950	J	D	95 1/2	---	96	Nov 31	---	94	96	1949	M	N	102	Sale	102	103		
Buff & Susq Iron 1st s f 5s	1932	J	D	97	Sale	97	99 1/4	23	97	107 1/4	1932	J	D	100 1/4	Sale	100 1/4	101		
Buff Gen El 4 1/2s ser B	1981	F	A	79	---	84	Nov 31	---	81 1/2	83	1937	A	O	100	100 1/4	99 1/4	100 1/4		
Bush Terminal 1st 4s	1952	A	O	67 1/2	Sale	67 1/2	70	14	65	103 1/2	1956	J	D	103 1/2	Sale	103	104 1/2		
Consol 5s	1955	J	J	80 1/4	Sale	80 1/4	82	14	85	103 1/2	1940	A	O	99 1/2	Sale	97	99 1/2		
Bush Term Bldgs 6s gu tax-ex	1960	A	O	62	70	65	63	16	65	104	1948	F	A	18 1/4	Sale	18 1/4	24 1/2		
By-Prod Coke 1st 5 1/2s	1948	M	N	101 1/2	102	101 1/2	102 1/2	14	101	106	1941	M	N	95 1/2	100	97	Nov 31		
Cal G & E Corp unit & ref 6s	1937	M	N	70 1/4	Sale	70	72	12	70	100	1978	A	O	81 1/2	Sale	81	85		
Cal Pack conv deb 5s	1940	J	J	78	80	80	80	5	77 1/2	98 7/8	1981	F	A	81	Sale	80 1/2	85		
Cal Petroleum conv deb s f 5s	1939	F	A	---	87	88	88	3	87	101	1956	A	O	9 1/2	12	10 1/2	Sept 31		
Conv deb s f 5 1/2s	1938	M	N	13	19 1/4	13	13	3	13	45	1966	J	D	49	Sale	46 1/8	50 1/4		
Camaguey Sug 1st s f 7s	1942	A	O	---	40	30	30	1	27	70 1/2	1932	M	S	28	Sale	28	30		
Canada SS L 1st & gen 6s	1941	A	O	102	Sale	102	102 1/2	15	100 1/2	106 1/4	1932	M	S	66	Sale	66	68		
Cent Dist Tel 1st 30-yr 5s	1943	J	D	90	99	90	Nov 31	---	90 1/2	99 1/2	1932	M	S	50	Sale	50	50		
Cent Foundry 1st s f 6s	1931	F	A	102	103 1/4	101 1/2	Oct 31	---	101 1/2	106 1/2	1951	M	N	56 1/2	Sale	56 1/2	60 1/4		
Cent Hud G & E 5s	Jan 1951	F	A	81	Sale	80	80 1/4	14	80	99 1/2	1951	M	N	50 1/2	Sale	50 1/2	50 1/2		
Cent III Elec & Gas 1st 5s	1951	F	A	92	Sale	92	93 1/4	2	92	99 1/2	1951	M	N	50 1/2	Sale	50 1/2	50 1/2		
Central Steel 1st s f 5s	1941	M	N	45 1/2	45 1/2	45 1/2	46	33	31 1/2	60	1932	M	S	50	Sale	50	50		
Certain-Led Prod 5 1/2s	1948	M	N	65	66	65	66	1	65	69	1943	M	N	50	Sale	50	50		
Cerespede Sugar Co 1st s f 7 1/2s	39	M	N	75	Sale	75	79	15 1/4	74	101 1/2	1948	M	N	49	Sale	49	51		
Champ Corp conv 5s	May 15 1947	M	N	---	27 1/2	27 1/2	July 31	---	27 1/2	45	1947	M	N	54	Sale	53	63		
Chic City & Conn Ry 5s	Jan 1927	A	O	100 1/2	105 1/2	100 1/2	103 1/2	16	99 1/2	106 1/2	1941	J	D	51	60	52 1/2	54		
Ch G L & Coke 1st gu 5s	1937	J	J	48 1/2	53	50	50	5	39 1/2	74	1947	J	D	58 1/2	Sale	58	61 1/2		
Chicago Rys 1st 5s stdp rcls 15% principal and Aug 1931 int.	1943	A	O	61 1/4	62	63	64 1/2	15	57 1/2	83	1955	M	N	39	Sale	38	43		
Childs Co deb 5s	1943	A	O	55 1/2	Sale	55	59 1/2	48	53 1/2	95 1/2	1952	J	D	46	Sale	44 1/2	50		
Chile Copper Co deb 5s	1947	J	J	88 1/2	90	88 1/2	89	29	87 1/2	99	1956	J	D	55	Sale	54	58		
Cin G & E 1st M 4s	1963	A	O	---	74	77	Dec 30	---	---	---	1955	F	A	53	Sale	52 1/2	57		
Clearfield Bit Coal 1st 4s	194																		

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range (Low/High), Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. Includes sections for N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE and Foreign Governments.

* Cash sales. * Option sales.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, 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.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, 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 Class A, Class B, and Class C.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for CeCo Mfg Co Inc com, Cent Illinois Sec Co com, and various other companies.

Table of stock prices for Toronto Stock Exchange, including columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for Toronto Stock Exchange, including columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Toronto Curb, including columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Toronto Stock Exchange, including columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Philadelphia Stock Exchange, including columns for Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, 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 Appalachian Corp, 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 Alaska Juneau, Anglo & London P Nat Bk, Assoc Ins Fund, etc.

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—See page 3738.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—See page 3738.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, 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 Allegheny Steel, Aluminum Goods Mfg., American Austin Car, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, 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 Bank & Trust—First National Bank, Mer-Com Bk & Tr Co, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, 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 General Paint Corp B, Golden State Co Ltd, Halku Pine Ltd, etc.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, 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 Barnsdal Oil A, Bolsa Chica Oil A, Broadway Dept St pf, etc.

* No par value.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.—

Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, Nov. 28 to Dec. 4, both inclusive, compiled from sales lists:

Table listing various stocks such as Admiralty Alaska Gold, Andes Petroleum, Associated Dye, etc., with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table listing various stocks such as Interstate Natural Gas, Jencks Mfg., Jenkins Television, etc., with columns for Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

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. 28) and ending the present Friday (Dec. 4). 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 listing various stocks and bonds such as Indus. & Miscellaneous, Acetol Prod conv A, Acme Steel, etc., with columns for Week Ended Dec. 4, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and a second set of columns for a different range of prices.

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.				
At & Pao Tea—														
Non vot com stock.....	167	167	173	140	160	Jan 260	Roosevelt Field Inc.....	1 1/2	\$1	1 1/2	700	1	Sept 3 1/2	
7% first preferred.....	120 3/4	120	120 3/4	60	110 3/4	Oct 122 3/4	Rossia International.....	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,000	1 1/2	Dec 5 1/2	
Greif (L) & Bros pref.....	100	97	100	25	97	Jan 98 3/4	Russets Fifth Ave.....	5 1/4	5	5 1/4	700	3 1/2	Sent 7	
Greif Bros Coop Co.....	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4	100	1 1/4	Dec 19 3/4	St Regis Paper Co com.....	10	5 1/2	6	7,500	5 1/2	Oct 21 3/4	
Groce Store Prod com v t e	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/4	1,700	1 1/2	Oct 6 1/4	Schiff Co com.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	219 3/4	200	17	Oct 21 3/4	
Ground Gripper Shoe com	3/4	3/4	3/4	600	3/4	Nov 4	Schulte Real Estate.....	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1	Sept 3 1/2	
Happiness Candy St com	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,100	1 1/2	Jan 2	Seaboard Util Shares.....	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/4	300	1 1/2	Oct 5 1/2	
Hazelton Corp.....	7 1/2	9	400	7	Oct 23 1/2	Securities Allied Corp—								
Helena Rubinstein.....	3/4	3/4	3/4	400	3/4	Sept 3 1/2	(formerly Call Ph Ad)	6 3/4	6 3/4	7 3/4	4,700	6 3/4	Sept 13 1/4	
Heyden Chemical Corp.....	10	10	10	400	7 3/4	Nov 13	Seurities Corp Gen com	10	10 1/2	10	500	7	Oct 30 1/2	
Hires (Chas E) com.....	21	21	21	100	18 1/2	Oct 32 1/2	Seurities Bros com.....	26	26	26	100	24	Sept 37 1/2	
Horn (A C) Co common.....	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	100	1 1/2	Oct 4 1/4	Segal Lock & Hardware.....	2 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/4	3,600	2 1/2	Dec 7 1/2	
7% first preferred.....	50	5	5	100	5	Oct 10 1/2	Selected Industries com	1	1	1 1/2	13,100	1	Sept 4 1/2	
Horn & Hardart Co com	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	1,100	28 1/2	Oct 43 1/4	\$5.50 full stock.....	39	39	100	37 1/2	Oct 70	Mar	
Huylers of Delaware com	3	3	3	200	3	May 4	Allot cts full pd unstd	40	42	600	36 1/2	Oct 70 3/4	Mar	
Hydro-Elec Secur com.....	8 3/4	8	10	1,600	7	Oct 30	Selfridge Provincial Stores	Am dep rets ord sh	11	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2	Nov 2 1/2
Hygrade Food Prod com	3 1/2	3 1/4	4	1,200	2 3/4	Oct 8 1/4	Am dep rets for ord reg	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	900	3 1/2	Sept 8 3/4	
Hygrade Sylvania Corp.....	27 3/4	26	27 3/4	500	26	Dec 10	Sheridan Corp com.....	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/4	1,200	1 1/2	Oct 1 1/2	
Imperial Tob of Canada.....	5	7 1/4	7 1/4	100	7 1/4	Nov 10	\$5 com pref.....	50	10 1/4	11 1/4	900	10 3/4	Dec 8 1/2	
Imp Tob of G B & Irel—							Silica Gel Corp com v t e	2	2	2	700	2	Sept 10 1/2	
Am dep rets for ord sh	10	13	13	100	13	Nov 22 1/2	Simmons Boardm Pub pf	100	10	10	100	10	Nov 10	
Indus Finance v t e.....	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	Dec 11	Singer Mfg.....	100	165	177	80	130	Oct 343 1/2	
Install Utility v t e.....	10	9 3/4	10 1/2	2,400	7 3/4	Oct 49 1/2	Smith (A O) Corp com	54	54	61	160	54	Dec 192	
\$8 pref with warr.....	100	99	99	100	27	Oct 85	Southern Corp common	1	1	1 1/4	500	1	Dec 4 1/2	
Insurance Co of No Am.....	32 1/2	32 1/2	35 1/2	2,000	32 1/2	Dec 63 1/4	So'west Dairy Prod com	3/4	3/4	3/4	200	3/4	Aug 2 1/2	
Insurance Securities.....	10	2	2 1/2	4,500	2	Nov 9 1/4	Spanish & Gen'l Corp—							
Interlake Steamship.....	33	33	33	800	33	Dec 56	Am dep rets for ord bear	3/4	3/4	3/4	100	3/4	May 3/4	
Int Hold & Inv Ltd.....	1	1	1	200	1	Dec 3 1/2	Am dep rets for ord reg	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	500	3 1/2	Jan 39 3/4	
Internat Products com	1	1	1	200	2	Sept 13 1/2	Splaxel May Stern pref.....	100	23 1/2	24 1/2	400	18	Nov 56	
Int Safety Razor B.....	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	200	6 1/2	Oct 4 3/4	Standard Invest pref.....	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	410	4	Jan 56	
Interstate Equities com	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,700	3 1/2	Oct 35	Stand Motor Constr.....	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,300	1 1/2	Jan 1	
\$3 conv pref.....	10	10	10	600	10	Oct 35	Starratt Corp com.....	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	800	1 1/2	Dec 12 1/2	
Interstate Hosiery M.....	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	100	4 1/2	June 7	Stein Cosmetics com.....	2	2	2	100	1 1/2	Sept 11 1/2	
Irving Air Chute com.....	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	800	4 1/2	Oct 11	Stetson (John B) Co com	9 1/2	10	10	2,750	9 1/2	Dec 30	
Klein (D Emil) Co com.....	13	13	13	200	13	Oct 14	Stuta Motor Car warr.....	3/4	3/4	3/4	100	3/4	Oct 4 1/2	
Kleinert (I B) Rubber.....	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	476	3 1/2	Oct 11	Sun Investing com.....	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	Sept 8	
Knott Corp.....	7	7	7	100	7	Dec 14	Swift & Co.....	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	1,300	20 1/2	Oct 30 1/2	
Kobacker Stores com.....	7	7	7	100	6	Sept 12	Swift International.....	15	30	30 1/2	900	28	Sept 40 1/2	
Kolster Brandes Am shs	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,600	1 1/2	Jan 2	Syracuse Wash Mach B.....	30	4	4 1/2	800	4	Jan 8	
Lackawanna Secur.....	28	28	28	200	26	Oct 37	Targart Corp com.....	3	3	3 1/2	1,100	3	Oct 18 1/2	
Lakey Fdy & Mach com.....	1	1 1/4	1 1/4	500	1	Dec 3 1/4	Techolor Inc com.....	2 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2,400	2 1/2	Oct 14 1/2	
Lefcourt Realty pref.....	17 1/2	17	17 1/2	700	15 1/2	Nov 25 1/2	Tobacco & Allied Stocks	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	100	14 1/2	Oct 39 1/2	
Lehigh Coal & Nav.....	13 3/4	13 1/4	14 1/4	400	12 1/2	Oct 27 1/2	Tobacco Prod (Del) new w l	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	2,800	3 1/2	Dec 1	
Lerner Stores Corp com	7	7	7	200	7	Dec 36 1/2	Todd Shipyards Corp.....	22 1/2	22 1/2	26	500	22 1/2	Dec 50	
Libby McNeil & Libby.....	5 3/4	5 1/2	6 1/2	1,100	5 1/2	Dec 14 1/2	Trans Lux Pict Screen.....	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	1,700	3 1/4	Dec 8 1/2	
Louisiana Land & Explor	13-16	13-16	1	5,500	1 1/2	Sept 2	Common.....	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2,500	1 1/2	Sept 13 1/2	
Mangel Stores Corp com	1 1/4	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	1 1/4	Nov 4	Tri-Continental Corp warr	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	500	1	Oct 6 1/2	
6 1/2% pref with warr.....	100	5	5	25	51	Nov 30	Tri Utilities Corp com	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	200	3 1/4	Nov 29 1/2	
Mavis Bottling class A.....	1	1	1 1/2	3,600	1	Oct 5 1/4	Triplex Safety Glass Ltd	5	5	5	200	5	Dec 8 1/2	
Mayflower Associates.....	30	30	30	300	22	Oct 50	Am dep rets for ord reg	5	5	5	200	5	Dec 8 1/2	
May Hosiery Mills—							Tubase Chattillon Corp—							
\$4 pref with warr.....	19	20	200	16	Apr 20 1/2	Feb	Common B v t e.....	2 3/4	2 3/4	3	2,400	2 3/4	Oct 16	
Mead Johnson & Co.....	48 3/4	48 3/4	51 1/4	1,100	44 1/4	Oct 113 3/4	Ungerleider Finance Corp	27	27	100	21 1/2	Jan 29 1/2		
Mercantile Stores com	17	17	100	17	Nov 30	Jan	Union Amer Invest com	12	12	200	10 1/2	Oct 2 1/2		
Merch & Mfrs Sec com A	5	5	100	5	Dec 23	Mar	Union Tobacco common	1 1/2	1 1/2	1	100	1	Dec 6 1/2	
Merritt Chapman & Scott	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	Sept 14 1/2	Jan	United Amer Utilities	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	3 1/2	Dec 7	
Mesabi Iron Co.....	9-16	9-16	3,100	1 1/2	Nov 1 1/2	Mar	United Carr Fastener	10	12 1/2	500	10	Nov 28 1/2		
Mesta Machine com.....	16 1/2	16 1/2	200	16 1/2	Dec 36 1/2	Apr	United Dry Dock com.....	3 1/2	3 1/2	300	3 1/2	Oct 3 1/2		
Metrop Chain Stores.....	9	9	9 1/2	300	7 1/2	Dec 18	United Founders com.....	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	26,900	2	Oct 10 1/2	
Midland Steel Prod 2d pf	2	2	4 1/2	200	8 1/2	Dec 15 1/2	United Milk Prod com	1	1	200	1	May 2 1/2		
Miller (D) & Sons com.....	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	200	8 1/2	Dec 32	7% preferred.....	100	15	15	500	15	Oct 37	
Moody's Invest Serv pref	14	14	15	1,300	14	Dec 25 1/2	United Profit-Sharing	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	400	3 1/2	Oct 2	
Moore Drop Forg cl A.....	14	14	15	1,300	14	Dec 25 1/2	United Shoe Mach com	25	42	42	100	41	Sept 56 1/2	
Morison Elec Supply.....	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	2 1/2	Sept 3	United Stores Corp v t e	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	900	3 1/2	Sept 2 1/2	
Murphy (G C) Co com.....	21	21	100	21	Dec 41	Jan	U S Dairy Prod class A	60	60	60	58	Oct 65 1/2		
Nat American Co Inc.....	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,950	1 1/2	Sept 4 1/4	U S Finishing com.....	1 1/2	21	21	100	2 1/2	Oct 10	
National Aviation.....	3 1/2	3	3 1/2	1,600	3	Oct 10	Preferred.....	100	21	21	100	2 1/2	Oct 10	
Nat Bancservice Corp.....	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	500	1	Aug 3 1/4	U S Foli class B.....	100	3 1/2	3 1/2	300	3 1/2	Sept 3 1/2	
Nat Investors com.....	2 3/4	2 3/4	3	3,700	2 3/4	Oct 7 3/4	U S Intemat Sec com	3 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2	2,400	17 1/2	Oct 60	
5 1/2% preferred.....	100	17 1/4	20	100	6 1/2	Nov 50	First pref with warrants	23 1/2	3 1/2	1	600	3 1/2	Dec 6 1/2	
Nat Rubber Machy com	1 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	500	2 1/2	Oct 5 1/2	U S Lines pref.....	7 1/2	22	22 1/2	350	22	Oct 49	
Nat Service Cos common	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/4	3,100	2 1/4	Dec 32	U S Playing Card com.....	10	10 1/2	10 1/2	100	10	Oct 25	
Nat Short Term Sec A.....	1 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/4	3,100	2 1/4	Dec 32	Universal Ins Co.....	25	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,000	1 1/2	Sept 9 1/2	
Nat Sugar Refining.....	26 1/2	27	500	26 1/2	Dec 34 1/2	Jan	Utility Equities com.....	2 1/2	43 1/4	47	550	43 1/4	Dec 78	
Nat Union Radio Corp.....	3 1/4	3 1/4	1 1/4	800	3 1/4	Dec 5 1/2	Priority stock.....	3	3	3	300	3	Oct 9 1/2	
Nauheln Pharmacia pref	3 1/4	3 1/4	2 1/2	200	3 1/4	Dec 2 1/2	Utility & Indust Corp com	3	10 1/2	11 1/2	300	9	Oct 19 1/2	
Nehl Corp com.....	60	60	50	60	Nov 7	Jan	Van Camp Packing com.....	25	2	3 1/2	3,500	2	Nov 7 1/2	
First preferred.....	17 1/2	17 1/2	18	200	17	Oct 26 1/2	7% preferred.....	25	2 1/2	3 1/2	300	2 1/2	Nov 9	
Newberry (J J) Co com.....	100	85	85	50	85	Oct 29 1/2	Vick Financial Corp.....	10	16	16 1/2	200	16	Nov 16 1/2	
New Haven Clock com.....	3	3	3	200	3	Oct 13 1/2	Vortex Corp.....	10	12 1/2	13	600	12	Oct 29 1/2	
New Mexico & Ariz Land	1	1	1	1,300	3/4	Oct 3	Walgreen Co com.....	3	3 1/2	3 1/2	3,900			

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	Low.	High.	Low.	High.		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.	High.					
Cent & Soveast Util com	9	9	9	9	200	7 Oct	24 1/2 Feb	amer Maracaibo Co	2 1/2	2 1/2	2,700	3 1/2 Oct	1 1/2 Mar				
Cent States Elec com	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 3/4	8,900	2 Sept	12 1/2 Mar	Ark Nat Gas Corp com	2 1/2	2 3/4	600	2 1/2 Oct	6 1/2 Feb				
Cities Gas & L & S pf	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2	50	69 Oct	89 Apr	Class A	2 1/2	2 3/4	10,500	2 Oct	6 1/2 Feb				
Cleve Klec Illum com	29	29	29 1/4	29 1/4	500	26 1/2 Oct	62 1/2 Mar	Preferred	5 1/2	5 3/4	1,700	3 1/2 Sept	7 Mar				
6 1/2 % preferred	107 1/4	107 1/4	107 1/4	107 1/4	10	106 3/4 Oct	113 1/4 Apr	British American Oil Ltd	9	9	9 1/4	1,900	6 1/2 Oct	16 1/2 Jan			
Commonwealth Edison 100	137	136 3/4	140 3/4	140 3/4	260	130 Oct	256 3/4 Feb	Carib Syndicate	250	3 1/2	800	3 1/2 Nov	2 1/2 Feb				
Com'w'ith & Sou Corp								Colion Oil Corp com		3 1/2	6,900	1 1/2 Dec	3 1/2 Mar				
Warrants	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	33,900	3 1/4 Oct	2 1/4 Mar	Columb Oil & Gasol v t c	1 1/4	1 1/4	6,700	1 Oct	7 1/2 Feb				
Community Water Serv			2 1/2	2 1/2	900	2 Dec	12 1/2 Apr	Consol Royalty Oil	1	1 1/4	600	1 1/2 Nov	2 1/2 Jan				
Consol G E & L P Bail com	68	68	69	69	500	260 1/2 Oct	101 Feb	Consolid Oil Co com	2 1/2	3 1/2	200	1 1/2 Oct	3 1/2 Jan				
Consol Gas Util of A	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	800	2 1/4 Nov	17 1/4 Mar	Creole Petroleum Corp	2 1/2	2 1/2	13,100	1 1/2 Oct	3 1/2 Jan				
Cont G & E 7 % pref	100	71	71	71	50	71 Dec	103 1/4 Apr	Darby Petroleum com	2 1/2	2 1/2	700	2 May	5 Feb				
Duke Power Co	100	78	80	80	69	69 Oct	146 Feb	Derby Oil & Ref com	2	2	400	1 1/2 Oct	6 Feb				
Duquesne Gas com	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	1,700	7 1/2 Sept	6 1/2 Feb	Gulf Oil Corp of Penna	25	42 1/2	8,000	8 1/2 June	76 Jan				
East Gas & Fuel Assoc	9 1/4	7 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	2,200	2 Nov	27 Mar	Inclash Ter III Oil class A	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 3/4	400	5 1/2 Oct	16 1/2 Feb			
Prior preferred	100	69 1/4	69 3/4	69 3/4	25	69 1/4 Oct	88 1/2 Sept	Class B	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	100	5 1/2 Oct	16 1/2 Feb			
East States Pow com B	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	1,600	3 1/4 Nov	24 Mar	Intercont Petrol Corp	5	5 1/2	1,500	3-16 July	5 1/2 Jan				
East Util Assoc com	26 1/4	26 1/4	26 1/4	26 1/4	100	20 1/2 Oct	35 1/2 Mar	Internat'l Petroleum	10 1/2	10	10 3/4	7,700	7 1/2 Oct	16 1/2 Jan			
Convertible stock			4 3/4	4 3/4	1,000	3 Oct	8 1/2 July	Kirby Petroleum		9	3 1/2	500	3 1/2 Dec	1 1/2 Feb			
Elec Bond & Sh Co com	214 3/4	214 3/4	17 1/2	17 1/2	223,600	214 3/4 Dec	61 Feb	Leonard Oil Develop	25	5-16	5-16	1,400	5-16 Sept	1 1/2 Mar			
6 % preferred	61 1/2	60	74 3/4	74 3/4	1,800	60 Dec	108 1/2 Mar	Lion Oil Refg Co		3	3	200	23 Sept	6 1/2 Feb			
\$5 cum pref	52	50 1/2	52 1/2	52 1/2	2,000	50 1/2 Dec	97 Mar	Lone Star Gas Corp		9	9	3,500	7 1/2 Oct	29 Jan			
Elec P & L 2d pref A	48 1/2	48 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2	150	45 Nov	101 Mar	Margay Oil Corp		2 1/2	2 1/2	300	2 Nov	5 Apr			
Warrants	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	2,600	5 1/4 Dec	37 1/2 Feb	Mexico-Ohio Oil Co		2 1/2	2 1/2	700	1 1/2 Jan	4 1/2 May			
Empire Gas & Fuel								Mich Gas & Oil Corp		1 1/2	2 1/4	400	1 1/2 Oct	8 1/2 Jan			
7 % preferred	100	55	53	55	350	53 1/2 Oct	79 1/2 Apr	Mid States Pet cl A v t c		1	1 1/4	300	1 1/2 Oct	4 1/2 Jan			
8 % preferred	100	58	58	59 1/2	700	45 1/2 Sept	89 1/2 Jan	Mo-Kansas Pipe Line com	5	1 1/2	900	3 1/2 Oct	3 1/2 Jan				
Empire Power partic stk			21	21	300	2 Oct	52 1/2 Feb	Class B v t c	5	1 1/4	4,900	1 1/2 Dec	11 Jan				
Empire Pub Serv com A			1 1/4	1 1/4	1,000	1 1/4 Oct	1 1/4 Mar	Mountain Producers	10	3	2 1/2	1,300	2 1/2 Sept	5 1/2 Jan			
European Elec class A	10	4	4	4	500	3 Sept	15 Mar	National Fuel Gas		14 1/4	14 1/2	1,700	11 1/2 Oct	26 1/2 Feb			
Option warrants			3/4	3/4	1,200	3/4 Oct	4 Mar	New Bradford Oil Co	5	1 1/2	900	1 1/2 June	1 1/2 Jan				
Florida P & L \$7 pref			80	80	125	80 Nov	104 Mar	North European Oil Corp		3 1/2	3 1/2	1,400	3 1/2 Dec	2 1/2 Mar			
Gen G & E 6 % pref B			21 1/2	22 1/2	750	21 1/2 Oct	78 Mar	Nor Cent Texas Oil		1	1 1/2	400	1 Sept	3 1/2 Feb			
Georgia Power \$6 pref			86	86	35	80 1/2 Oct	100 3/4 Mar	Pacific Western Oil		4 1/4	4 1/4	300	2 1/2 Oct	15 Feb			
Hamilton Gas Co com v t c					1,300	3 1/4 Oct	6 Apr	Pandem Oil Corp		3 1/2	3-16	2,900	3 1/2 June	3 1/2 Feb			
Illinois P & L \$6 pref			67 1/2	68 1/2	100	67 1/2 Nov	94 1/2 Apr	Pantepet Oil of Venes		5 1/2	5 1/2	100	6 June	1 1/2 Jan			
Ind'polis P & L 6 1/2 % pt 100			92	92	100	88 Oct	107 3/4 Mar	Petrol Corp warrants		9 1/2	8 3/4	1,400	6 1/2 Oct	3 1/2 Jan			
Internat Superpower	10 1/4	10	11	11	600	10 Sept	33 1/4 Mar	Pure Oil Co 6 % pref	100	56	56	50	56 Nov	83 1/2 Jan			
Internat Utilities cl B	2 1/2	2	3	3	3,100	2 Nov	10 1/2 Feb	Reiter Foster Oil Corp		1	1 1/2	500	1 1/2 June	3 1/2 Aug			
Interstate Pow \$7 pref			50	51	30	49 1/2 Oct	10 1/2 Feb	Ryan Consol Petrol		3	3 1/2	400	1 Oct	3 Feb			
Italian Superpower com A	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,100	1 1/4 Dec	10 3/4 Mar	Salt Creek Producers		3 1/2	3 1/2	1,000	3 1/2 Oct	7 1/2 Jan			
Jer Cent P & L 7 % pt 100			99 1/2	99 1/2	50	99 1/2 Nov	110 June	Southland Royalty Co		4 1/4	3 1/2	3,400	3 1/2 Oct	7 1/2 Jan			
Long Island Lt com	21 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	2,600	17 Sept	36 1/2 Mar	Sunray Oil	5	5 1/2	1,700	3 1/2 Dec	5 1/2 Feb				
7 % preferred	100	100	100	100	100	97 Oct	112 1/2 Mar	Texas Oil & Land Co		5 1/2	6 1/2	1,000	2 1/2 Oct	12 1/2 Feb			
6 % pref series B	100	92	92	92	25	83 Oct	107 1/2 July	Union Oil Associates	25	14 1/4	14 1/4	200	11 1/2 Sept	24 1/2 Jan			
Marconi Internat Marine								Venezuela Petroleum	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2 Dec	1 1/2 Jan			
CommunAm dep rets E1	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	100	5 1/4 Nov	10 Mar	"Y" Oil & Gas Co		3 1/2	3 1/2	300	3 1/2 Jan	2 1/2 July			
Marconi Wire T of Can	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	10,700	1 1/4 Oct	4 Mar	Bunker Hill & Sullivan	10	24 1/2	28	575	23 1/2 Oct	53 Feb			
Mass Util Assoc com v t c			2 1/2	2 1/2	1,000	2 Oct	4 1/4 Mar	Carnegie Metals	10	1	1 1/2	200	3 1/2 June	2 1/2 Jan			
5 % conv partic pref	50	24	24	24	175	23 1/2 Sept	35 Mar	Consol Copper Mines	5	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,500	1 Sept	8 1/2 Jan			
Memphis Natural Gas			5	5	900	8 Sept	25 1/2 Feb	Consol Min & Smelt Ltd 25		55 1/2	58 1/2	225	55 1/2 Nov	14 1/2 Jan			
Middle West Util com	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	19,800	8 Sept	25 1/2 Feb	Cresson Consol G M & M 1		5-16	5-16	100	4 Oct	1 1/2 Jan			
6 % conv pref ser A	51	48	54	54	1,800	48 Nov	101 Mar	Cruz Mexicana Mining	1	7-16	7-16	1,200	8-16 Sept	1 1/2 Mar			
Class B warrants			3 1/4	3 1/4	200	3 1/4 Oct	3 1/2 Feb	Evans Wallower Lead		1-16	1-16	200	1 1/2 Feb	3 1/2 Feb			
Miss River Power pref 100			89 1/2	89 1/2	50	90 Oct	110 Aug	Falcon Lead Mines	1	1-16	1-16	200	1 1/2 Dec	2 Feb			
Mohawk & Hud Pr 1st pf	95	95	96 1/2	96 1/2	175	89 Oct	107 1/2 Apr	Golden Center Mines	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	500	4 Dec	2 Feb			
Second preferred	86	86	86	86	30	86 Dec	107 June	Goldfield Consol Mines	1	1-16	1-16	100	1-16 Sept	3 1/2 Jan			
Nat Elec Pow class A			13	13	100	11 1/2 Oct	26 Apr	Hecla Mining Co	250	5 1/2	5 1/2	700	4 June	8 Mar			
National P & L \$6 pref	70 1/2	70 1/2	74 3/4	74 3/4	300	68 Oct	104 1/4 Apr	Hollinger Consol G M	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,800	3 Oct	8 1/2 Apr			
Nat Pub Serv com cl B			47 1/2	47 1/2	475	49 1/2 Nov	87 1/2 Mar	Hud Bldg Mtn & Smelt		2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	7,800	2 1/2 Sept	8 1/2 Mar		
7 % preferred	100	60 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	160	58 1/2 Oct	86 Feb	Lake Shore Mines Ltd	1	24 1/4	24 3/4	300	17 1/2 Sept	28 1/2 Apr			
New Eng Pow 6 % pref	100	107	109 1/2	109 1/2	100	100 Oct	117 1/2 Aug	Mohawk Mining Co	25	15	15	100	12 Sept	20 1/2 Apr			
N Y Pow & Lt 7 % pref	100	56	53	56	400	46 1/4 Jan	89 Mar	New Jersey Zinc Co	20	27	29	2,300	25 1/2 Sept	51 Jan			
N Y Steam Corp com			114 1/2	114 1/2	350	112 Oct	118 1/2 Mar	N Y & Honduras Min	10	13 1/4	13 1/4	100	9 1/2 Sept	15 Nov			
N Y Telep 6 1/4 % pref	100	114 1/4	114 1/4	114 1/4	350	112 Oct	118 1/2 Mar	Newmont Mining Corp	10	13 1/2	13 1/2	4,300	13 1/2 Dec	58 1/2 Feb			
Niagara Hud Pow com	10	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	23,900	6 1/4 Oct	15 1/2 Mar	Nipissing Mines	5	1	1 1/2	1,800	4 June	1 1/2 May			
Class A opt warrants	1	1	1	1	5,200	1 Oct	3 1/4 Mar	Ohio Copper	1	3-16	3-16	3,200	3 1/2 June	3 1/2 Apr			
Class B opt warrants	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3,700	2 Oct	8 1/4 Mar	Premier Gold Mining	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	800	3 1/2 Sept	1 1/2 Jan			
Class C opt warrants			9-16	9-16	1,300	9-16 Dec	3 1/2 Mar	Quincy Mining	25	2 1/2	2 1/2	200	2 Sept	6 1/2 June			
Nor Amer Lt & Pow com			26 1/4	26 1/4	100	22 Oct	73 1/2 Aug	St Anthony Gold Mines	1	1-16	1-16	1,500	1-16 Jan	1 1/2 Jan			
Nor Amer Util Sec com	7-16	7-16	7-16	7-16	50	7-16 Dec	4 1/2 Mar	Shattuck Denn Mining		2 1/2	2 1/2	200	2 Sept	6 Mar			
Nor Ind Pub Ser 7 % pt 100	89	83	89	89	59	89 Dec	113 Mar	Silver King Coalition	5	9 1/4	9 1/4	100	23 Oct	5 1/2 Mar			
Nor States Pow com	100	83	86 1/2	86 1/2	1,300	83 Dec	103 1/4 Mar	Standard Silver Lead									

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		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		
Capital Admin deb 5s 1953	-----	71½	71½	1,000	71½	Dec 88½	July	97	98	2,000	98	Oct 104		
With warrants	-----	71	73	5,000	70½	Sept 88	Aug	84	85½	8,000	83	Nov 99½		
Without warrants	-----	70	74	27,000	90	Dec 105	May	22,000	81½	Dec 81½	Oct 99½	Jan 99½		
Carolina Pr & Lt 5s 1956	90¾	90	94½	27,000	90	Dec 105	May	57½	57	60	21,000	44	Oct 87½	
Caterpillar Tractor 5s 1953	93	93	94	22,000	93	Dec 101½	Feb	49	40	1,000	40	Nov 90		
Cent Arts Lt & Pr 5s 1960	90	90	91½	8,000	90	Dec 101½	July	49½	49½	52½	31,000	49	Oct 105½	
Cent Ill Pub Ser 5s G 1968	-----	84	85½	7,000	84	Dec 102½	May	96½	95½	98	51,000	95	Oct 105½	
1st & ref 4½s ser F 1967	75½	75½	78½	33,000	75½	Dec 104½	June	84	83	87½	79,000	83	Dec 105	
Cent Maine Pow 4½s E 1957	-----	87½	88½	7,000	87½	Dec 96	May	80	80	86	20,000	80	Dec 105	
Central Pow 5s ser D 1957	-----	65½	65½	5,000	65½	Dec 94	May	75	75	82½	63,000	75	Dec 99½	
Cent Pow & L 1st 5s 1956	70½	70½	71½	23,000	68	Oct 96½	Mar	70½	69½	73	17,000	68	Oct 104	
Cent Pub Ser 5½s 1949	-----	29½	29	35½	159,000	29	Dec 81	81	80½	85½	8,000	72½	May 100	
Cent States Elec 5s 1945	35½	35½	38½	60,000	28	Oct 71½	Mar	65	70	4,000	64	Oct 95		
Deb 5½s 1954	39	37½	42	80,000	30	Oct 77	Mar	98	98	99½	28,000	98	Oct 105½	
Cent States F & L 5½s '53	54	53	55½	46,000	35	Oct 87½	Mar	100	100½	5,000	100	Oct 107		
Chic Dist Elec Gen 4½s '70	73	73	76	62,000	72½	Nov 94½	Mar	61½	63	3,000	65	Oct 86½		
Debenture 5½s Oct 1 '35	86	86	86½	17,000	86	Dec 102½	May	63	63	66	6,000	60	Sept 90	
Chic Pneum Tool 5½s 1942	-----	60½	64	10,000	60½	Dec 95½	Jan	95	94½	98	84,000	94	Oct 105	
Chic Rys 5s etia dep 1927	-----	49	50	10,000	40	Oct 73	Mar	34½	34½	34½	5,000	34½	Dec 70	
Cigar Stores Realty Hold	-----	45½	45½	46½	63,000	44	Oct 77½	Apr	45½	45½	50½	295,000	37½	Oct 95
Deb 5½s series A 1949	-----	43½	43½	50½	21,000	40½	Oct 76	Jan	38	38	1,000	38	Nov 65	
Cities Serv 5s 1966	49½	49½	50½	21,000	40½	Oct 76	Jan	4	4	6½	18,000	4	Nov 60	
Conv deb 1950	43½	43½	53½	181,000	39½	Oct 83½	Mar	5	5	5,000	5	Nov 58		
Cities Serv Gas 5½s 1942	52½	52½	53½	64,000	46½	Oct 83	Jan	4	4	3,000	4	Dec 15		
Cities Serv Gas Pipe L 6½s '43	58	57½	58½	21,000	57½	Nov 89	Jan	80½	80½	82	39,000	85	Oct 100½	
Cities Serv P & L 6½s 1952	59	58½	62½	246,000	58½	Dec 84	Jan	80½	80½	82	12,000	77½	Dec 80½	
Cleveland Elec 1st 5s 1939	-----	102	103½	4,000	102	Nov 107	Sept	92	92	95½	19,000	82	Oct 105	
Gen 5s series A 1954	104	103½	104	3,000	102	Nov 107	Apr	79½	79½	80½	54,000	80	Oct 92½	
Cleve Term Bldg 6s 1941	43	39	43	10,000	36½	Sept 85½	Jan	81	80½	84	22,000	60	Oct 94	
Commander Larabee 6s '41	32½	32	32½	2,000	31½	Apr 83	Jan	62	62	64	12,000	60	Oct 88	
Commerz and Privat Bank 5½s 1937	32	31	36	65,000	31	Dec 87½	Mar	79½	79½	79½	3,000	75	Oct 86½	
Com wealth-Edison 1st 4½s series C 1956	93½	93½	96	21,000	93½	Dec 105½	June	54	53	55	30,000	43½	Oct 78½	
1st M 4½s ser D 1937	93½	93½	95½	25,000	92	Oct 105½	May	50	50	50½	5,000	48	Nov 92½	
1st M 4½s ser E 1960	93½	93½	95½	53,000	91½	Oct 103½	May	101½	101½	101½	6,000	100½	Oct 104	
1st M 4s ser B 1981	83½	83½	85	177,000	82	Oct 94½	Apr	64½	64½	69½	84,000	64½	Dec 91	
Community Pr & Lt 5s 1957	62½	61½	63½	51,000	57	Oct 92	July	50	50	53	36,000	40	Sept 84½	
Consol Gas El Lt & P (Balt)	-----	91½	91½	93	85,000	88½	Oct 99	Sept	74	72	76½	41,000	72	Dec 94½
1st ref 5½s Ser E 1952	106½	106½	106½	4,000	105	Oct 109	Sept	82	84	2,000	80½	Nov 101		
1st & ref 4½s ser H 1970	-----	99	99½	65,000	98	Oct 105½	Sept	62	62	62	4,000	57	Nov 88½	
Consol Gas Util Co 1st & coll 6s ser A 1943	37	37	41½	46,000	30	Oct 88	Mar	80	80	83	3,000	80	Dec 97½	
Deb 6½s with warr 1943	19½	19½	25	19,000	18½	Nov 85	Mar	80½	80½	82½	6,000	80½	Dec 96½	
Consol Publishers 6½s 1936	-----	81	81	1,000	75	Oct 100	Jan	84	84	85½	9,000	81	Oct 97	
Consumers Power 4½s 58	94½	94½	95	73,000	94½	Dec 105½	May	85	82½	85	26,000	75	Oct 99	
Cont'l G & El 6s 1937	57	57	57	150,000	57	Dec 88½	Mar	98	98	98	1,000	93	Oct 99	
Continental Oil 5½s 1937	83½	83½	84½	23,000	82½	May 95	Jan	50	50	57	15,000	45	Oct 95	
Cont Securities 5s 1942	-----	44	44	5,000	38	Nov 73½	Apr	46	48	13,000	29½	Oct 79½		
With warrants	-----	43	45	10,000	43	Nov 45½	Nov	45½	46	49½	5,000	32½	Oct 78½	
Without warrants	-----	92	92	93	14,000	91	Sept 103	Apr	45½	45½	46	84,000	40	Oct 77½
Crane Co 10-yr s f 5s 1940	-----	72	75	12,000	72	Dec 101½	Mar	99	99	100	46,000	99	Oct 104½	
Cruible Steel deb 5s 1940	-----	85½	85½	85½	2,000	85	Nov 100½	Aug	87	87	89	87	Dec 91	
Cumberd Co P & L 4½s '56	-----	86	82	87	16,000	75	Sept 107	Mar	101	101	101	2,000	100	Nov 107½
Cudahy Pack deb 5½s 1937	-----	85	85	87½	19,000	84½	Oct 100	Feb	101	101	101	96	Dec 96½	
Sinking fund 5s 1946	-----	98	98	98½	10,000	98	Nov 103	June	87	87	89½	57,000	87	Dec 91
Dallas Pow & Lt 5s 1952	-----	99½	99½	1,000	99½	Nov 103	Apr	101	101	101	2,000	100	Nov 107½	
Del Elec Pow deb 5½s 1959	-----	78½	78½	7,000	75	Nov 95	May	96	96	96½	6,000	96	Dec 96½	
Del City Gas 6s ser A 1947	100½	100½	103½	18,000	97	Nov 107½	May	90½	90½	94	17,000	85	Oct 109½	
1st M 6s ser B 1950	-----	95	96	8,000	95	Nov 104½	Apr	90	90	90	1,000	88	Oct 101½	
Del Int Bldg 8½s 1952	9½	9½	9½	4,000	8½	Nov 30	Jan	95½	95½	95½	2,000	95½	Dec 104½	
Deb 7s 1952	1¼	1¼	1¼	2,000	1	Aug 5	Mar	84½	84½	86	4,000	84½	Dec 101½	
Dixie Gulf Gas 6½s 1937	-----	73	71½	77	6,000	60	Oct 96½	June	80½	80½	88	7,000	80½	Dec 102
With warrants	-----	73	71½	77	6,000	60	Oct 96½	June	99	99	101	3,000	95	Oct 107½
Duquesne Gas 6s 1946	-----	8½	9½	9,000	7	Oct 70½	Jan	82	82	1,000	82	Dec 101½		
East Utilities Investing 5s with warr 1954	29½	29½	34	62,000	28½	Oct 71	Jan	85	85	87½	35,000	84	Oct 102½	
Edison El (Boston) 6s 1933	100½	100½	100½	207,000	99½	Sept 104½	May	91½	91½	94½	49,000	91	Oct 103½	
4% notes Nov 1 1932	99½	99½	99½	22,000	98½	Sept 102½	June	95	95	1,000	91½	Oct 101½		
Ellec Power & Lt 5s 2030	58½	58	62½	22,000	58	Nov 92	Mar	73½	73½	82½	45,000	73½	Dec 108½	
Ellec Pub Ser 5½s C 1940	35	35	35	1,000	35	Dec 61	May	50½	50½	50½	3,000	45	Oct 96½	
El Paso Nat Gas 5½s 1938	70	70	70	2,000	70	Nov 108	Jan	80	80	80	1,000	80	Oct 97	
Empire Dist Elec 5s 1952	71½	71	72½	19,000	71½	Nov 97½	Mar	81½	81½	82	8,000	81½	Dec 96½	
Empire Oil & Refg 5½s '42	50	50	50½	50,000	32	Oct 80½	Jan	99½	99½	100½	9,000	93½	Oct 106½	
Ercote Marell El Mtg 6½s with warrants 1953	-----	50	50	12,000	48	Oct 83	Mar	97½	100	4,000	96½	Oct 105½		
European Elec 6½s 1966	-----	51	51	52½	77,000	44	Sept 84	Mar	87½	87½	91½	41,000	87	Oct 103
Without warrants	-----	52	51	52½	77,000	44	Sept 84	Mar	60	64	19,000	57	Oct 95½	
Eur Mtge & Inv 7s C 1967	-----	30	38	20,000	30	Dec 90	Apr	38	38	2,000	35	Sept 92		
Federal Water Serv 5½s '54	35½	35½	39½	45,000	35½	Dec 90	Feb	97	96½	97½	39,000	96½	Dec 106	
Finland Residential Mtge Bank 6s 1961	40	40	42½	29,000	39½	Oct 82½	May	88	87	90	6,000	84	Nov 94½	
Firestone Cot Mills 6s 1948	69	69	70½	20,000	61	Oct 87	July	87	87	70	5,000	67½	Nov 100	
Firestone T & R 5s 1942	75	75	78	17,000	67	Oct 91	Aug	99	99	100½	23,000	99	Dec 104½	
Certificates of deposit First Bohemian Glass Wks 1st 7s Jan 1 1957	53½	53½	53½	1,000	49	Nov 82½	Jan	82	81½	88	65,000	81½	Dec 100½	
Flak Rubber 5½s 1931	-----	15	15	5,000	12	May 27½	Feb	67½	66	70	18,000	66	Dec 99½	
Florida Power & Lt 6s 1954	73½	73½	77½	79,000	68	Oct 91½	Apr	65½	65½	67½	8,000	62½	Oct 97½	
Gary El & Gas 5s ser A 1934	85½	85½	86½	10,000	83	Nov 98½	Aug	68	68	68	41,000	68	Oct 97	
Gainaux Power 1st 5s 1956	70½	70½	72	85,000	60	Sept 94½	Jan	96½	96½	98	7,000	96½	Dec 106½	
Deb gold 6s June 15 1941	62½	62½	64½	35,000	60									

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		Low.	High.		Low.	High.				Low.	High.
Ohio Power 5s B.....1952	98 3/4	98 1/4	100	18,000	98 1/4	Sept	105 1/2	June			
4 1/2s series D.....1956	87 1/2	87 1/2	91 1/2	44,000	87 1/2	Dec	101 1/2	May			
Ohio Pub Serv 5s ser D. 64	87 3/4	87 1/2	90	9,000	86 1/2	Nov	104 1/2	Aug			
Oklahoma Gas & Elec 5s.....1950		81	86 1/2	31,000	81	Dec	104 1/2	Mar			
Oswego Falls 6s.....1941	54	54	55	4,000	50 1/2	July	67 1/2	Aug			
Pac Gas & El 1st 4 1/2s 1957	91	91	93 1/2	49,000	90 1/2	Oct	102 1/2	July			
1st 6s series B.....1941	105 1/2	105 1/2	106	5,000	104 1/2	Oct	115	July			
1st & ref 5 1/2s C.....1952	101 1/2	101	103	7,400	101	Dec	106 1/2	May			
Pac Invest deb 5s.....1950	92 3/4	92 3/4	94	82,000	89	Oct	102 1/2	July			
Pac Pow & Light 5s.....1955	83 3/4	83 1/2	85	8,000	82 1/2	Dec	105 1/2	Jan			
Pacific Western Oil 6 1/2s '43		56 1/2	58	26,000	83 1/2	Dec	100	Mar			
With warrants.....	55 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2	43,000	46 1/2	Oct	84 1/2	Jan			
Park & Tilford 6s.....1936		50	50	1,000	50	Dec	90	May			
Penn Cent L & P 1/2s 1977	79	79	83	25,000	79	Dec	98	June			
Penn-Ohio Edison 5 1/2s '59	76	76	84 1/2	13,000	76	Oct	104	May			
Deb 6s series A.....1950		82 1/2	86	4,000	82 1/2	Dec	104 1/2	Apr			
Penn-Ohio P & L 5 1/2s A '64	100 3/4	100 1/2	101 1/2	19,000	98	Oct	105 1/2	Aug			
Penn Dock & Warehouse											
6s ofts of dep.....1949		40	40	1,000	35	Oct	45	Oct			
Pa Elec 1st & ref 4s F 1971	81	81	81 1/2	8,000	81	Nov	95 1/2	May			
Penn Teleph 5s ser C 1900		97	98	9,000	94 1/2	Sept	104	Aug			
Peoples G L & Coke 4s '81	82	82	83	16,000	81 1/2	Nov	96 1/2	Aug			
Peoples L & P 5s.....1979	5 1/2	5 1/2	10 1/2	61,000	5 1/2	Dec	74 1/2	Mar			
Phila Elec Pow 5 1/2s.....1973	103 3/4	103 3/4	104 1/2	58,000	101 1/2	Oct	107 1/2	Aug			
Phila & Suburban Co G & E											
1st & ref 4 1/2s.....1957		97 1/2	98 1/2	28,000	95	Oct	105	June			
Piedmont Hydro-El Co											
1st & ref 6 1/2s A.....1960	54 1/2	53 1/2	58	15,000	50	Oct	88	Mar			
Pittsburgh Coal 6s.....1949		75	78	11,000	74	Nov	99 1/2	Jan			
Pittsburgh Steel 6s.....1948		80	80	1,000	75	Oct	102	Jan			
Poor & Co 6s.....1939		75	74	6,000	72	Oct	97	June			
Potomac Edison 5s.....1956		90	90	25,000	90	Dec	104 1/2	Aug			
1st 4 1/2s.....1961		86 1/2	86 1/2	1,000	86 1/2	Dec	98 1/2	Aug			
Power Corp (Can) 4 1/2s 1959		55	55	1,000	52	Oct	86 1/2	Apr			
Power Corp (N Y) 5 1/2s '47		79	79	5,000	73 1/2	Nov	97 1/2	Apr			
Procter & Gamble 4 1/2s '47		95	95	95	15	Dec	106 1/2	June			
Prussian Elec deb 6s.....1954	17 1/2	15	25 1/2	30,000	15	Dec	79 1/2	Apr			
Pub Serv (N H) 4 1/2s B 1957	90	90	90	1,000	88 1/2	Oct	102	May			
Pub Serv N J 6% pts ser. 1961		108 3/4	108 3/4	1,000	105	Oct	126	June			
Pub Serv of N Ill 4 1/2s 1980	87	87	88 1/2	9,000	87	Oct	100	Nov			
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser D 1978		87 1/2	87 1/2	2,000	87 1/2	Dec	99 1/2	Sept			
1st & ref 5s ser C.....1966		99 1/2	100	8,000	96	Oct	100 1/2	Nov			
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser F 1981	87	85	88	17,000	85	Dec	99 1/2	July			
Fugot Sound P & L 5 1/2s '49	83	82 1/2	88 1/2	47,000	82 1/2	Dec	104 1/2	Apr			
1st & ref 5s ser C.....1950		83	84	8,000	82	Oct	101	May			
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser D.....1950	73 3/4	73 3/4	76 1/2	72,000	73 3/4	Dec	e94 1/2	Aug			
Queens Borough G & E											
5 1/2s series A.....1952		93	93	2,000	92	Nov	105	May			
Reliance Managem't 5s '54											
With warrants.....	89	88	89 1/2	55,000	75	Apr	88 1/2	June			
Remington Arms 5 1/2s 1933	80	80	80 1/2	6,000	78	Oct	96	Feb			
Republic Gas Corp (formerly Saxon Corp) 5s 1945		31 1/2	31	37	40,000	31	Dec	106	Apr		
Rochester Cent Pow 6s 1953	40 1/2	40	43	16,000	37	Oct	28 1/2	May			
Ruhr Gas Corp 6 1/2s.....1953		25 1/2	27 1/2	32,000	25 1/2	Dec	85 1/2	Mar			
Ryerson (Jos T) & Sons Inc 15-year deb 6s.....1943		85	87	7,000	84 1/2	June	96 1/2	Mar			
Safe Harbor Wat Pt 4 1/2s '79	93 3/4	93 3/4	95 1/2	36,000	90 1/2	Oct	101 1/2	Aug			
St L Gas & Coke 6s.....1947	21	18	21	50,000	16 1/2	Oct	52 1/2	Jan			
San Antonio Pub Ser 5s 58	84	84	85 1/2	9,000	80	Oct	102 1/2	Mar			
Sauda Falls 1st 5s.....1955	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	7,000	98 1/2	Oct	105 1/2	Sept			
Saxon Pub Wks 5s.....1932		30	30 1/2	18,000	30	Oct	96 1/2	Apr			
Schulte Real Estate 6s 1935											
With warrants.....	55	55	7,000	48	Oct	80 1/2	May				
Without warrants.....	70 1/2	70 1/2	72 1/2	8,000	62	Oct	80	Apr			
Shawinigan W & P 4 1/2s '67	74	73 1/2	76	26,000	73 1/2	Dec	e98 1/2	May			
1st & coll 4 1/2s ser B 1968		75	79	20,000	75	Dec	98 1/2	Mar			
1st 6s series C.....1970	83	82 1/2	86 1/2	26,000	82 1/2	Dec	105 1/2	Mar			
1st 4 1/2s series D.....1970	74	72	75 1/2	26,000	72	Dec	97 1/2	May			
Sheffield Steel 5 1/2s.....1948	73	73	80	3,000	70	Oct	103 1/2	Mar			
Silica Gel Corp 6 1/2s.....1932											
With warrants.....	29	40	40 1/2	5,000	36	Sept	95	Feb			
Snider Packing 6s.....1932		28 1/2	31	145,000	22	Oct	54 1/2	Mar			
Southeast P & L 6s.....202b											
Without warrants.....	74	74	82 1/2	97,000	74	Dec	106	Apr			
Sou Calif Edison 6s.....1951	100 1/4	100	101 1/2	68,000	99 1/2	Apr	106	Apr			
Refunding 5s.....1952		100 1/2	101 1/2	18,000	99 1/2	Nov	106 1/2	Sept			
Ref 6s.....June 1 1954	100 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	15,000	99 1/2	Oct	106 1/2	June			
Sou Calif Gas Co 4 1/2s.....1961	85	85	86	15,000	85	Dec	97 1/2	Aug			
Sou Cal Gas Corp 6s.....1937	88	88	88 1/2	7,000	88	Dec	96 1/2	Aug			
Sou Gas Co 1st 6 1/2s.....1935		89	89	1,000	89	Nov	101	Sept			
Southern Natural Gas 6s '44											
With privilege.....	30	29	32 1/2	39,000	29	Nov	89	Mar			
South Dairy Prod 6 1/2s '38											
With warrants.....	10	10	7,000	8	Nov	66	Jan				
Southwest G & E 6s A 1957	79 1/2	72 1/2	80	23,000	72 1/2	Dec	e97 1/2	Mar			
Southwest Lt & Pow 5s.....1957	71 1/2	71 1/2	72 1/2	4,000	71 1/2	Nov	97 1/2	Feb			
Southwest Nat Gas 6s.....1945	26	26	28	11,000	12 1/2	Oct	72 1/2	Mar			
Southwest Pow & Lt 6s.....2022	80	80	83 1/2	9,000	80	Oct	107 1/2	May			
Staley (A E) Mfg 6s.....1942	67	67	67	4,000	65	Oct	98	Jan			
Standard Gas & Elec 6s.....1935	85 1/2	85 1/2	88	50,000	85 1/2	Dec	102 1/2	Mar			
Conv 6s.....1935	86 1/2	86 1/2	89	34,000	86 1/2	Dec	102 1/2	Mar			
Debenture 6s.....1951	75	75	79	17,000	75	Dec	101 1/2	Mar			
Debenture 6s Dec 1 1966		74 1/2	78 1/2	6,000	74 1/2	Dec	101 1/2	Mar			
Stand Invest deb 5s.....1937		58	58 1/2	7,000	58	Oct	58 1/2	Apr			
Stand Pow & Lt 6s.....1957	69 1/2	69 1/2	75 1/2	37,000	68	Oct	100	Mar			
Stand Telep 5 1/2s A.....1943	63 1/2	60 1/2	63 1/2	18,000	60	Oct	83	June			
Stinnes (Hugo) Corp											
7s Oct 1 '36 without warr	22	22	26 1/2	15,000	20 1/2	Apr	86 1/2	Apr			
7s without warr.....1946	21	21	25	87,000	20	Sept	80	Mar			
Sun Oil deb 5 1/2s.....1939		90 1/2	94 1/2	18,000	89 1/2	Oct	102 1/2	Mar			
5% notes.....July 1 1934		90	92	16,000	90	Dec	99 1/2	Aug			
Super Pow of No Ill 4 1/2s '68	70	69 1/2	71 1/2	39,000	69 1/2	Dec	93 1/2	Mar			
1st M 4 1/2s.....1970	69 1/2	69	71 1/2	31,000	69	Dec	93 1/2	Mar			
Swift & Co 1st m s f 5s 1944	102 3/4	102 3/4	102 3/4	16,000	101	Oct	104 1/2	Sept			
5% notes.....1940	94 3/4	94	96	37,000	94	Nov	102 1/2	Mar			
Tenn Elec Power 5s.....1956		94 1/2	95	11,000	94	Oct	105	June			
Tenn Public Serv 5s.....1970		85	85	5,000	85	Nov	100	Aug			
Tern Hydro-Elec 6 1/2s '53	57	55 1/2	59	78,000	46	Oct	87	Mar			
Texas Cities Gas 5s.....1948	48	48	48	18,							

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Chicago Bank Stocks.

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Current Earnings—Monthly, Quarterly and Half Yearly.

CUMULATIVE INDEX COVERING RETURNS IN PRESENT AND PREVIOUS ISSUES.

Below will be found all returns of earnings, income and profits for current periods, whether monthly, quarterly or half-yearly, that have appeared the present week. It covers all classes of corporate entities, whether railroads, public utilities, industrial concerns or any other class and character of enterprise or undertaking. It is all inclusive in that respect, and hence constitutes an invaluable record.

The accompanying index, however, is not confined to the returns which have come to hand the present week. It includes those given in our issue of Nov. 28 and Nov. 21 and also some of those given in the issue of Nov. 14. The object of this index is to supplement the information contained in our "Monthly Earnings Record," which has been enlarged so as to embrace quarterly and semi-annual statements as well as monthly reports. The "Monthly Earnings Record" was absolutely complete, up to the date of issue Nov. 13, embracing every monthly, semi-annual, and quarterly report which was available at the time of going to press.

The index now given shows the statements that have become available in the interval since then. The figures in most cases are merely for a month later, but there are also not a few instances of additions to the list, representing companies which had not yet made up their returns when the November number of the "Monthly Earnings Record" was issued.

We mean to continue giving this current index in the "Chronicle" each week, furnishing a reference to every return that has appeared since the last preceding number of the "Monthly Earnings Record." The latter is complete in and by itself, and for most persons will answer all purposes. But to those persons who are desirous of seeing the record brought down to date every week, this further and supplementary index in the "Chronicle" will furnish an invaluable addition. The "Chronicle" index in conjunction with the "Monthly Earnings Record" will enable any one at a glance to find the very latest figures of current earnings and income. A further valuable feature is that at the end of every return, both in the "Chronicle" and the "Monthly Earnings Record," there is a reference line showing by date and page number the issue of the "Chronicle" where the latest complete annual report of the company was published.

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Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—We give below the latest weekly returns of earnings for all roads making such reports:

Name—	Period Covered.	Current Year	Previous Year	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-)
		\$	\$	\$
Canadian National	4th wk of Nov	4,000,977	4,702,413	-701,436
Canadian Pacific	4th wk of Nov	6,991,000	4,443,000	-752,000
Georgia & Florida	3d wk of Nov	22,075	31,575	-9,500
Minneapolis & St Louis	3d wk of Nov	190,041	225,009	-34,968
Mobile & Ohio	3d wk of Nov	168,298	241,354	-73,056
Southern	3d wk of Nov	2,168,753	2,025,366	-456,613
St Louis Southwestern	3d wk of Nov	365,400	331,326	+34,074
Western Maryland	3d wk of Nov	267,759	345,492	-77,732

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class I roads in the country.

Month.	Gross Earnings.			Length of Road.	
	1930.	1929.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	1930.	1929.
	\$	\$	\$	Miles.	Miles.
January	450,526,039	486,828,286	-36,102,247	242,350	242,175
February	427,231,361	475,265,483	-48,034,122	242,348	241,113
March	452,024,463	516,620,359	-69,595,796	242,325	241,984
April	450,537,217	513,733,181	-63,195,964	241,375	242,181
May	462,444,002	537,575,914	-75,131,912	241,156	241,768
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	242,444
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	241,655
December	377,473,702	468,494,337	-91,220,635	242,677	242,494
January	365,416,905	450,731,213	-85,314,308	1931.	1930.
February	336,137,679	427,465,369	-91,327,690	242,657	242,332
March	375,588,334	452,261,656	-76,672,322	242,680	242,726
April	369,106,310	450,567,319	-81,461,009	242,632	242,421
May	368,485,871	462,577,503	-94,091,632	242,716	242,542
June	369,212,042	444,274,591	-75,062,579	242,968	242,494
July	377,938,882	458,088,890	-80,150,008	242,819	234,105
August	364,010,959	465,762,820	-101,751,861	243,024	242,632
September	349,821,538	466,895,312	-117,073,774	242,815	242,693

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	125,577,866	-28,128,967	-22.40
March	101,494,027	139,756,091	-38,262,064	-27.46
April	107,123,770	141,939,648	-34,815,878	-24.54
May	111,387,758	147,089,034	-35,711,276	-24.22
June	110,244,607	147,199,509	-36,954,902	-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	-21.69
December	80,419,419	105,987,347	-25,567,928	-24.08
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	84,648,242	101,541,509	-16,893,267	-16.66
April	79,144,653	103,030,623	-23,885,970	-23.21
May	81,038,584	111,359,322	-30,320,738	-27.23
June	89,667,807	110,264,613	-20,597,220	-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.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Alton RR.—				
Gross from railway	\$1,543,627	\$2,172,177	\$2,543,672	\$2,736,529
Net from railway	298,210	423,285	574,135	646,030
Net after rents	63,111	90,559	317,815	383,324
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	16,223,871	20,868,324	24,440,232	23,876,215
Net from railway	3,185,050	3,576,025	5,922,760	5,104,102
Net after rents	657,228	522,017	3,028,425	2,228,486
Ann Arbor—				
Gross from railway	\$325,221	\$466,276	\$549,798	\$542,835
Net from railway	32,081	115,576	164,485	147,773
Net after rents	-9,824	59,135	114,805	102,970
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	3,410,560	4,266,617	5,302,193	4,923,450
Net from railway	475,287	989,352	1,409,571	1,248,750
Net after rents	30,159	458,568	886,197	748,956
Atch Top & Santa Fe System—				
Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe—				
Gross from railway	\$12,835,268	\$17,647,370	\$22,298,044	\$22,781,774
Net from railway	4,172,815	7,314,598	9,870,376	10,297,179
Net after rents	2,943,484	5,533,648	7,860,131	8,609,269
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	129,067,597	157,041,723	187,316,840	174,008,814
Net from railway	35,887,070	46,293,034	66,826,856	52,177,676
Net after rents	23,918,380	31,949,427	50,564,603	38,151,354
Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe—				
Gross from railway	\$1,779,303	\$2,476,037	\$3,284,143	\$304,560
Net from railway	656,954	1,128,728	1,485,341	62,338
Net after rents	485,336	925,522	1,177,247	8,760
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	16,021,737	21,791,059	24,443,900	2,804,460
Net from railway	3,453,237	5,713,291	6,571,930	436,572
Net after rents	1,454,940	3,391,820	4,292,638	230
Panhandle & Santa Fe—				
Gross from railway	\$1,088,573	\$1,438,104	\$1,899,951	\$1,685,982
Net from railway	435,446	608,234	780,580	700,077
Net after rents	292,137	453,811	570,280	525,506
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	10,223,996	13,354,991	15,210,275	15,543,552
Net from railway	3,076,842	3,541,894	5,359,100	5,554,203
Net after rents	1,488,409	1,949,982	3,712,609	3,602,039
Atlanta Birmingham & Coast—				
Gross from railway	\$239,484	\$349,746	\$417,766	\$403,756
Net from railway	-63,149	-6,746	7,680	30,894
Net after rents	-88,976	-34,306	-22,076	8,791
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	2,857,549	3,493,388	4,017,821	4,002,037
Net from railway	-443,317	-157,444	148,646	150,726
Net after rents	-776,248	-482,885	-	

Baltimore & Ohio System—

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Clinchfield				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$466,439	1930. \$505,202	1929. \$590,301	1928. \$632,322
Net from railway	182,702	177,560	226,291	284,309
Net after rents	146,660	155,221	311,557	350,515
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	4,589,595	5,065,604	5,752,387	5,728,785
Net from railway	1,572,907	1,713,328	2,102,887	2,192,064
Net after rents	1,249,899	1,610,300	2,280,107	2,458,215
Columbus & Greenville				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$109,028	1930. \$144,872	1929. \$234,293	1928. \$214,470
Net from railway	7,930	14,263	104,233	97,055
Net after rents	4,784	6,687	73,199	63,681
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	898,222	1,345,157	1,574,948	1,459,473
Net from railway	98,026	156,229	360,288	227,214
Net after rents	74,119	92,214	184,923	78,079
Delaware & Hudson				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$2,821,302	1930. \$3,596,106	1929. \$4,022,136	1928. \$4,092,933
Net from railway	766,353	977,555	1,304,144	1,264,781
Net after rents	757,159	906,899	1,273,876	963,769
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	26,291,298	32,092,916	34,692,507	33,288,124
Net from railway	4,266,927	6,542,495	7,841,075	7,391,008
Net after rents	3,584,591	5,406,415	6,937,867	5,253,365
Del Lackawanna & Western				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$5,187,352	1930. \$6,413,098	1929. \$7,571,202	1928. \$7,803,739
Net from railway	1,385,093	1,918,266	2,720,110	2,799,003
Net after rents	895,964	1,379,973	2,067,904	2,167,144
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	50,119,862	58,808,839	68,677,667	67,069,007
Net from railway	11,013,148	14,572,846	20,291,998	18,658,573
Net after rents	6,346,870	9,697,750	14,590,234	13,532,775
Denver & Rio Grande				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$2,503,794	1930. \$3,452,915	1929. \$3,981,104	1928. \$3,846,327
Net from railway	1,014,875	1,415,437	1,470,970	1,322,020
Net after rents	803,822	1,162,747	1,174,152	1,111,748
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	19,793,440	24,942,333	28,906,893	27,365,784
Net from railway	5,926,999	7,520,576	8,516,419	6,765,474
Net after rents	4,337,618	5,854,358	7,214,422	5,470,161
Denver & Salt Lake				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$270,662	1930. \$402,357	1929. \$419,265	1928. \$383,387
Net from railway	167,126	268,632	218,785	152,443
Net after rents	155,413	255,691	209,968	147,133
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,852,640	2,597,351	3,135,178	3,276,364
Net from railway	764,237	891,518	1,256,783	1,132,955
Net after rents	656,135	807,714	1,213,689	1,114,878
Detroit & Mackinac				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$91,221	1930. \$109,039	1929. \$152,296	1928. \$182,715
Net from railway	30,703	40,036	42,507	41,205
Net after rents	23,837	30,478	34,341	30,774
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	877,997	949,056	1,406,640	1,441,418
Net from railway	252,600	117,543	348,143	255,248
Net after rents	189,636	39,491	281,169	176,475
Detroit Terminal				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$54,407	1930. \$97,412	1929. \$163,363	1928. \$241,307
Net from railway	543	18,798	42,989	96,627
Net after rents	-16,322	4,995	26,181	64,669
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	761,690	1,202,205	2,227,677	1,960,519
Net from railway	136,599	247,816	794,599	743,680
Net after rents	-57,895	104,281	598,516	548,776
Detroit Toledo & Ironton				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$329,143	1930. \$617,355	1929. \$1,052,018	1928. \$1,255,474
Net from railway	54,106	152,788	403,290	606,722
Net after rents	3,176	117,749	327,954	416,564
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	5,042,584	9,087,629	12,513,426	8,893,565
Net from railway	1,562,772	3,823,824	5,914,261	3,209,732
Net after rents	928,842	2,982,662	4,463,312	1,952,617
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$213,783	1930. \$283,214	1929. \$394,067	1928. \$444,524
Net from railway	88,304	129,551	150,791	224,633
Net after rents	24,949	53,224	40,251	103,766
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	2,441,397	3,147,593	4,258,676	4,033,373
Net from railway	1,057,367	1,445,298	1,894,921	2,045,166
Net after rents	362,934	592,926	725,709	951,409
Duluth Missabe & Northern				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$1,158,893	1930. \$2,254,301	1929. \$3,163,683	1928. \$3,453,004
Net from railway	\$522,735	\$1,255,339	\$2,017,053	\$2,265,859
Net after rents	519,991	1,048,559	1,730,627	2,004,100
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	10,887,724	20,219,449	26,506,750	22,257,642
Net from railway	3,098,499	10,269,496	16,028,529	12,421,529
Net after rents	2,385,556	8,342,646	13,623,318	10,333,917
Duluth South Shore & Atlantic				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$231,558	1930. \$291,739	1929. \$448,967	1928. \$416,643
Net from railway	36,225	37,670	113,307	81,433
Net after rents	2,566	-3,385	66,449	34,061
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	2,381,246	3,309,672	4,293,115	4,304,075
Net from railway	203,857	464,303	881,116	782,057
Net after rents	-147,151	38,635	402,931	228,338
Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$80,064	1930. \$136,595	1929. \$202,252	1928. \$197,195
Net from railway	-25,334	-12,111	37,960	23,566
Net after rents	-26,030	-6,405	20,119	11,985
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	978,175	1,526,734	2,119,379	2,173,175
Net from railway	-271,463	33,706	348,080	391,229
Net after rents	-299,565	-6,006	246,912	265,337
Elgin Joliet & Eastern				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$880,818	1930. \$1,618,876	1929. \$2,198,565	1928. \$2,115,228
Net from railway	96,370	344,004	1,006,410	715,062
Net after rents	49,929	118,362	635,770	426,894
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	11,707,234	18,933,792	22,725,865	20,798,100
Net from railway	1,929,280	5,576,265	8,699,344	6,754,110
Net after rents	123,826	2,799,949	5,343,121	3,911,700
Florida East Coast				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$458,515	1930. \$591,146	1929. \$717,952	1928. \$838,308
Net from railway	-24,045	-29,838	-123,336	71,554
Net after rents	-133,119	-145,884	-308,597	-121,379
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	7,941,685	9,955,435	11,302,551	11,776,045
Net from railway	2,066,392	2,576,463	3,679,505	3,446,510
Net after rents	427,876	750,057	1,568,981	1,273,775

Erie System				
Erie RR—				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$7,251,250	1930. \$8,765,121	1929. \$11,138,549	1928. \$11,188,890
Net from railway	1,842,286	2,166,487	2,941,764	3,174,986
Net after rents	1,289,682	1,652,113	2,340,443	2,774,437
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	68,307,673	81,572,166	96,636,135	91,327,369
Net from railway	14,129,403	16,617,209	21,848,408	19,399,289
Net after rents	9,124,659	11,716,045	16,838,708	15,192,540
Chicago & Erie				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$980,684	1930. \$1,303,592	1929. \$1,512,700	1928. \$1,374,113
Net from railway	399,613	545,226	713,317	616,512
Net after rents	84,000	210,747	313,946	199,894
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	9,269,697	11,541,502	13,244,993	12,363,147
Net from railway	3,435,666	4,547,005	5,823,829	4,989,745
Net after rents	410,053	1,236,109	2,267,739	1,440,226
New Jersey & New York RR—				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$108,407	1930. \$115,722	1929. \$135,371	1928. \$141,015
Net from railway	8,113	10,758	21,911	24,514
Net after rents	-17,726	-22,489	-15,554	-12,917
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,114,736	1,192,930	1,297,905	1,320,359
Net from railway	148,858	141,759	148,412	166,636
Net after rents	-157,848	-206,590	-224,626	-205,812
Fort Smith & Western				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$88,742	1930. \$150,962	1929. \$177,153	1928. \$193,630
Net from railway	19,191	50,220	51,894	72,620
Net after rents	8,471	39,070	51,894	53,954
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	668,783	1,129,446	1,245,376	1,271,492
Net from railway	11,328	189,564	223,586	207,819
Net after rents	-111,582	42,833	85,457	35,324
Georgia RR—				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$339,514	1930. \$435,067	1929. \$474,482	1928. \$515,715
Net from railway	58,779	93,057	86,336	140,248
Net after rents	68,707	98,929	84,157	134,828
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	3,505,555	3,970,766	4,445,185	4,395,911
Net from railway	489,228	582,578	759,800	735,178
Net after rents	528,062	632,734	785,521	761,437
Georgia & Florida				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$83,067	1930. \$152,150	1929. \$118,496	1928. \$142,557
Net from railway	-8,770	18,922	19,732	17,705
Net after rents	-13,576	10,304	14,407	10,829
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,194,633	1,457,462	1,453,962	1,382,587
Net from railway	51,451	194,751	223,769	241,195
Net after rents	-52,752	83,738	150,535	166,088
Great Northern Railway				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$8,351,178	1930. \$12,411,222	1929. \$14,243,944	1928. \$18,528,804
Net from railway	3,832,269	6,509,141	6,338,242	9,155,804
Net after rents	2,848,717	5,188,282	5,002,549	6,487,746
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	66,619,520	90,242,965	108,459,226	104,554,992
Net from railway	18,711,149	28,098,251	36,320,158	35,311,572
Net after rents	10,474,494	19,101,461	27,564,789	25,343,452
Green Bay & Western				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$133,583	1930. \$162,681	1929. \$195,566	1928. \$192,396
Net from railway	30,442	39,519	50,208	51,251
Net after rents	19,985	27,786	33,903	35,237
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,211,310	1,487,804	1,678,738	1,472,027
Net from railway	213,083	368,980	415,392	373,692
Net after rents	120,230	229,554	273,889	236,842
Gulf Mobile & Northern				
October—				
Gross from railway	1931. \$359,730	1930. \$537,300	1929. \$797,377	1928. \$762,476
Net from railway	105,078	177,968	345,192	274,485
Net after rents	63,045	103,274	233,710	191,895

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Kansas City Southern System—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$1,004,469	\$1,358,317	\$2,117,528	\$2,001,316
Net from railway	311,914	416,526	876,756	794,742
Net after rents	181,529	310,192	742,202	699,052
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	10,625,313	14,484,216	18,641,153	17,774,953
Net from railway	3,489,621	4,609,408	6,731,478	6,095,881
Net after rents	2,147,259	3,026,702	5,377,530	4,959,687
Texarkana & Forth Smith—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$131,307	\$213,580	\$275,003	\$290,842
Net from railway	51,781	102,703	146,557	159,563
Net after rents	13,301	51,100	92,970	109,600
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	1,595,444	2,186,688	2,656,370	2,379,314
Net from railway	690,963	892,233	1,374,373	1,127,449
Net after rents	359,670	438,736	859,199	716,696
Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$229,074	\$279,007	\$353,168	\$344,485
Net from railway	108,988	136,521	177,728	149,140
Net after rents	67,901	90,551	119,025	122,068
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	2,220,531	2,610,369	3,079,742	2,642,301
Net from railway	954,494	1,172,645	1,518,904	989,126
Net after rents	568,801	747,118	1,078,862	729,498
Lake Superior & Ishpeming—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$132,811	\$227,329	\$340,172	\$330,271
Net from railway	63,655	105,402	198,336	197,221
Net after rents	35,138	74,940	160,695	159,459
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	1,152,525	2,090,641	2,893,112	2,260,713
Net from railway	282,320	920,228	1,565,219	1,012,042
Net after rents	87,649	586,072	1,234,434	737,456
Lake Terminal—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$65,791	\$91,585	\$113,423	\$113,785
Net from railway	25,670	12,175	24,801	17,846
Net after rents	21,946	2,162	16,875	11,899
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	572,862	865,150	1,062,026	956,956
Net from railway	116,545	143,796	230,240	64,712
Net after rents	71,764	54,235	181,593	46,907
Lehigh & Hudson River—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$188,938	\$203,729	\$274,445	\$283,611
Net from railway	65,468	66,921	125,598	128,555
Net after rents	32,291	29,477	82,870	87,193
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	1,708,556	1,895,670	2,210,769	2,327,660
Net from railway	510,790	543,581	718,383	785,257
Net after rents	202,834	226,895	386,880	427,468
Lehigh & New England—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$407,487	\$541,782	\$594,285	\$553,373
Net from railway	140,060	202,909	234,374	209,162
Net after rents	121,263	116,660	186,487	176,716
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	3,513,280	4,263,437	4,274,096	4,533,537
Net from railway	769,437	1,081,117	1,127,289	1,174,879
Net after rents	729,246	868,514	927,753	980,839
Lehigh Valley—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$4,643,965	\$5,678,000	\$7,023,871	\$7,390,225
Net from railway	1,469,486	1,660,433	2,309,038	2,631,185
Net after rents	1,170,785	1,206,123	1,751,570	2,033,129
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	43,049,511	51,602,661	60,902,083	59,782,044
Net from railway	8,354,113	11,095,325	16,999,732	14,918,963
Net after rents	4,510,694	7,092,815	11,453,539	10,234,089
Los Angeles & Salt Lake—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$1,620,312	\$1,998,725	\$2,549,585	\$2,487,002
Net from railway	724,462	609,699	954,610	694,890
Net after rents	415,147	379,550	603,352	411,887
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	16,167,277	19,404,261	23,234,712	20,747,966
Net from railway	3,909,952	4,842,072	6,668,436	4,156,585
Net after rents	1,311,076	2,044,499	3,923,178	1,706,076
Louisiana & Arkansas—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$568,824	\$613,835	\$819,322	\$735,690
Net from railway	265,126	242,018	331,550	291,070
Net after rents	184,476	157,644	192,761	186,595
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	4,968,229	6,047,234	6,630,586	6,053,119
Net from railway	1,955,647	1,950,055	2,194,005	1,756,301
Net after rents	1,225,367	1,085,002	1,161,041	834,364
Louisiana Arkansas & Texas—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$65,116	\$94,329	\$126,003	\$107,634
Net from railway	4,289	26,386	28,442	26,037
Net after rents	-5,392	12,610	10,944	10,239
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	604,036	778,561	901,423	861,475
Net from railway	17,504	21,056	50,113	8,778
Net after rents	-82,653	-172,995	-140,375	-157,981
Louisville & Nashville—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$7,167,244	\$9,478,457	\$12,236,028	\$12,886,220
Net from railway	1,255,225	2,346,929	3,095,495	3,758,911
Net after rents	952,749	1,794,360	2,500,727	3,093,088
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	74,566,920	95,389,543	112,246,824	116,290,592
Net from railway	12,647,375	16,248,384	22,997,048	25,072,850
Net after rents	8,197,034	11,224,005	17,251,536	18,835,989
Maine Central—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$1,247,501	\$1,641,370	\$2,019,378	\$1,739,110
Net from railway	345,722	409,813	662,537	471,155
Net after rents	219,404	283,032	493,546	342,496
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	12,878,092	16,241,983	17,046,430	16,256,957
Net from railway	3,057,985	3,951,972	4,371,378	3,658,572
Net after rents	1,752,162	2,565,662	3,066,764	2,309,292
Midland Valley—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$211,455	\$304,562	\$360,690	\$366,262
Net from railway	98,658	151,594	161,769	167,915
Net after rents	72,066	114,821	114,993	126,902
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	1,791,409	2,609,661	3,011,179	3,136,243
Net from railway	684,907	1,113,901	1,271,480	1,353,722
Net after rents	443,333	796,451	892,249	936,969
Minneapolis & St Louis—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$846,490	\$1,222,683	\$1,426,542	\$1,567,623
Net from railway	67,808	269,960	357,193	513,138
Net after rents	-1,572	149,857	231,444	359,438
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	8,872,439	10,885,516	12,495,305	12,150,522
Net from railway	935,258	1,708,055	2,560,607	1,704,625
Net after rents	135,974	574,764	1,818,282	434,410
Minn St Paul & Sault Ste Marie—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$2,335,881	\$3,791,931	\$4,736,863	\$6,301,823
Net from railway	378,290	1,204,301	1,639,257	2,870,826
Net after rents	6,113	779,778	1,244,638	2,137,281
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	24,699,731	34,569,174	41,609,946	42,120,970
Net from railway	4,094,001	7,829,235	11,724,200	11,457,187
Net after rents	571,150	3,969,099	7,723,235	7,441,301
Mississippi Central—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$98,031	\$123,926	\$182,070	\$165,941
Net from railway	36,045	-25,526	45,780	50,440
Net after rents	22,654	-35,361	40,263	42,123
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$70,972	\$1,135,784	\$1,400,281	\$1,417,631
Net from railway	215,140	192,775	408,727	423,042
Net after rents	112,405	114,019	326,720	326,564
Missouri-Kansas-Texas—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$3,408,199	\$4,577,769	\$5,479,874	\$7,766,557
Net from railway	1,663,919	2,035,002	2,143,859	1,963,799
Net after rents	1,297,886	1,711,447	1,564,602	1,425,672
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	28,945,915	38,280,962	47,199,742	46,429,492
Net from railway	8,037,848	12,151,723	15,120,511	14,412,714
Net after rents	3,975,440	7,869,985	9,997,758	9,895,304
Missouri Illinois—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$110,888	\$150,072	\$243,092	\$205,018
Net from railway	21,239	47,089	103,862	69,841
Net after rents	6,853	28,929	72,508	45,111
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	1,148,071	1,559,244	1,975,945	1,835,492
Net from railway	1,012,242	1,232,075	1,746,020	1,555,081
Net after rents	151,206	266,000	505,932	386,052
Missouri & North Arkansas—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$97,652	\$148,312	\$216,314	\$176,684
Net from railway	-4,102	21,359	22,397	21,475
Net after rents	-16,935	2,578	-202	4,429
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	991,535	1,423,129	1,641,480	1,385,251
Net from railway	36,486	204,904	183,895	108,654
Net after rents	-91,647	43,290	18,959	-35,118
Missouri Pacific—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$8,129,259	\$10,905,916	\$13,895,556	\$13,107,431
Net from railway	2,038,694	3,274,817	4,428,072	3,829,310
Net after rents	1,595,221	2,211,315	3,142,193	2,740,768
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	82,364,682	103,111,334	118,335,835	109,365,309
Net from railway	22,450,728	26,688,249	31,908,249	26,948,966
Net after rents	15,326,066	17,762,029	21,173,815	17,923,403
Mobile & Ohio—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$825,054	\$1,212,274	\$1,697,869	\$1,683,834
Net from railway	86,593	290,183	544,397	569,016
Net after rents	-17,660	141,312	392,076	414,896
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	8,711,275	12,099,378	14,899,228	14,416,223
Net from railway	1,110,149	2,344,644	3,696,954	3,429,384
Net after rents	-84,657	832,590	2,340,358	2,106,048
Monongahela—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$382,970	\$518,073	\$707,123	\$666,556
Net from railway	235,309	266,484	370,497	348,008
Net after rents	136,790	144,727	225,332	216,609
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	3,951,307	5,186,387	6,230,802	5,973,119
Net from railway	1,972,205	2,346,198	3,022,398	2,790,241
Net after rents	1,043,805	1,165,253	1,739,353	1,599,779
Nashville Chatt & St Louis—				
<i>October—</i>				
Gross from railway	\$1,233,802	\$1,635,837	\$2,177,298	\$2,286,667
Net from railway	172,750	302,629	700,501	789,400
Net after rents	144,599	224,746	626,421	641,123
<i>From Jan. 1—</i>				
Gross from railway	12,964,358	16,673,331	19,858,608	19,461,213
Net from railway	1,378,195	2,722,518	5,219,156	4,534,919
Net after rents	715,774	1,995,244	4,393,748	3,711,023
Nevada Northern—				
<i>October—</i>				
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New York Central System—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Indiana Harbor Belt—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh & Lake Erie—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

New York New Haven & Hartford—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

New York Ontario & Western—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

New York Susquehanna & Western—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Norfolk Southern—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Norfolk & Western—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Northern Pacific—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Northwestern Pacific—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Oklahoma City-Ada-Atoka—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Pennsylvania System—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Pennsylvania RR—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Peoria & Pekin Union—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Pere Marquette—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh & Shawmut—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Quincy Omaha & Kansas City—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Reading Co.—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Richmond Fredericksb'g & Potomac—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Rutland—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

St. Louis San Francisco System—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. Co.—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

St. Louis-San Francisco of Texas—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Fort Worth & Rio Grande—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

St. Louis Southwestern Ry. Lines—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

San Antonio Uvalde & Gulf—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

San Diego & Arizona—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Seaboard Air Line—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Spokane International—

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928), Gross from railway, Net from railway, Net after rents. Includes sub-sections for October and From Jan. 1.

Wheeling & Lake Erie—

October—				
1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	
Gross from railway	\$992,711	\$1,267,980	\$1,924,091	\$2,113,688
Net from railway	213,665	293,419	597,490	785,925
Net after rents	109,608	206,369	503,317	583,776
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	10,259,779	14,386,608	18,774,506	17,443,127
Net from railway	2,219,357	4,144,237	6,221,511	5,806,153
Net after rents	1,148,415	2,946,621	4,762,749	4,203,850

Wichita Falls & Southern—

October—				
1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	
Gross from railway	\$48,240	\$75,271	\$118,328	\$120,655
Net from railway	11,360	23,559	49,795	60,880
Net after rents	3,695	16,814	34,233	52,644
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	562,264	782,365	930,400	891,657
Net from railway	140,125	225,104	323,547	293,140
Net after rents	56,182	116,244	208,663	219,111

Other Monthly Steam Railroad Reports.—In the following we show the monthly reports of STEAM railroad companies received this week as issued by the companies themselves, where they embrace more facts than are required in the reports to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, such as fixed charges, &c., or where they differ in some other respect from the reports to the Commission.

Canadian National Rys.

Month of October—				
1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	
Gross revenues	\$16,018,766	\$20,887,053	\$23,979,427	\$30,154,743
Operating expenses	14,177,017	17,028,266	18,154,911	19,831,429
Net revenue	\$1,841,748	\$3,858,786	\$5,824,515	\$10,323,313
10 Months End. Oct. 31—				
Gross revenues	\$148,571,581	\$189,873,221	\$220,687,731	\$226,472,565
Operating expenses	143,164,062	166,169,573	180,536,026	180,062,454
Net revenue	\$5,407,518	\$23,703,647	\$40,151,704	\$46,410,110

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle April 18 '31, p. 2956

Georgia & Florida RR.

Month of October—				
1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	
Net ry. oper. income	\$13,576	\$10,302	\$14,407	\$10,828
Non-operating income	1,286	2,104	1,341	1,104
Gross income	\$12,290	\$12,407	\$15,748	\$11,933
Deductions from income	1,137	1,182	1,115	1,141
Surp. appl. to int.	\$13,427	\$11,224	\$14,633	\$10,791
10 Mos. End. Oct. 31—				
Net ry. oper. income	\$52,752	\$83,737	\$150,535	\$166,088
Non-operating income	16,787	17,898	16,594	14,323
Gross income	\$35,964	\$101,636	\$167,129	\$180,411
Deductions from income	11,670	11,943	11,678	11,721
Surp. appl. to int.	\$47,635	\$89,693	\$155,451	\$168,689

Louisiana & Arkansas Ry.

Month of October—				
1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	
Gross	\$568,824	\$613,835	\$4,978,630	\$6,047,233
Net operating income	184,476	157,643	1,225,367	1,085,002
Balance for interest	188,551	161,285	1,285,937	1,162,465
Interest charges	66,138	66,518	665,302	649,931

Philippine Railway Co.

Month of September—				
1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	
Gross oper. revenue	\$37,679	\$40,930	\$614,334	\$741,415
Operating expenses & tax	34,606	40,624	445,636	538,758
Net revenue	\$3,073	\$306	\$168,698	\$202,657
Interest on funded debt	28,496	28,496	341,960	341,960
Net income—Dr.	\$25,423	\$28,190	\$173,261	\$139,302
Income approp. for invest. in physical prop.			53,687	58,699
Balance—Dr.	\$25,423	\$28,190	\$226,949	\$198,002

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr 18 '31, p. 2949

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Arundel Corp.

Period End. Oct. 31—				
1931—Month—	1930.	1931—10 Mos.—	1930.	
Net prof. after deprec., taxes, &c.	\$267,558	\$333,894	\$2,001,946	\$2,290,994
Earns. per share on 492,000 shs. capital stock	\$4.04	\$4.04	\$4.04	\$4.65

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 7, '31, p. 1034

Associated Gas & Electric System.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings and Expenses of Properties.

(a) Since Dates of Acquisition (Actual).

12 Months Ended Oct. 31—				
1931.	1930.	Increase	%	
Gross revenues	\$105,890,846	\$102,837,057	\$3,053,789	3
Other net income	3,693,147	6,523,014	2,829,867	*43
Total	\$109,583,993	\$109,360,071	\$223,922	.2
Oper. exps., maintenance, all taxes, &c.	56,515,893	56,045,554	470,339	.8
Provision for retirement of fixed capital, &c.	8,496,364	6,293,509	2,202,855	35
Net earnings	\$44,571,736	\$47,021,008	*\$2,449,272	*5
(b) Disregarding Dates of Acquisition (Earning Power).				
Gross revenues	\$105,816,571	\$104,598,190	\$1,218,381	1
Other net income	3,839,024	6,083,408	*2,244,384	*37
Total	\$109,655,595	\$110,681,598	*\$1,026,003	*1
Operating expenses, maintenance, all taxes, &c.	56,517,755	57,030,838	*\$513,083	*.9
Provision for retirement of fixed capital, &c.	8,527,192	6,665,336	1,861,856	28
Net earnings	\$44,610,648	\$46,985,424	*\$2,374,776	*5

* Decrease.

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 13 '31, p. 4400

Barnet Leather Co., Inc.

Period End. Sept. 30—				
1931—3 Mos.—	1930.	1931—9 Mos.—	1930.	
Net loss after deduct., charges for maint. and repairs to plants and estimated amount	\$15,838	\$42,887	\$85,587	\$160,148

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1805.

Baton Rouge Electric Co.

Month of October—				
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	
Gross	\$114,074	\$101,671	\$1,436,415	\$1,361,417
Net oper. revenue	41,772	27,043	508,312	490,081
Surplus after charges			349,188	363,762

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1794

Butterick Co.

9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—				
1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	
Sales	\$8,228,707	\$8,997,208	\$8,138,981	\$8,712,999
Costs and expenses	7,738,444	8,420,575	7,503,981	8,021,808
Operating profit	\$490,263	\$576,633	\$635,000	\$691,191
Other income	92,516	103,079	See x	
Total income	\$582,779	\$679,712	\$635,000	\$691,191
Interest, deprec., &c.	319,148	396,787	290,206	285,859
Net profit	\$263,631	\$282,925	\$344,794	\$405,332
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)	183,969	184,240	210,792	210,792
Earnings per share	\$1.43	\$1.53	\$1.63	\$1.92

x Includes other income.

The net loss for quarter ended Sept. 30 1931 was \$148,337 after charges and taxes comparing with a net loss of \$89,735 in the third quarter of 1930.

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 28 '31, p. 2393, and Mar. 21, '31, p. 2202.

Canadian Northern Power Corp., Ltd.

Month of October—				
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	
Gross earnings	\$286,163	\$268,637	\$2,755,816	\$2,606,778
Oper. and maintenance	92,410	88,044	882,252	853,681
Net earnings	\$193,753	\$180,593	\$1,873,564	\$1,753,097

Central Illinois Light Co.

(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System)

Month of October—				
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	
Gross earnings	\$401,226	\$421,545	\$5,049,037	\$5,256,013
Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance	208,452	233,151	2,687,001	2,962,206
Gross income	\$192,773	\$188,394	\$2,362,035	\$2,293,806
Fixed charges			357,220	354,262
Net income			2,004,815	1,939,543
Provision for retirement reserve			339,600	336,800
Dividends on preferred stock			420,437	404,423
Balance			\$1,244,777	\$1,198,320

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 21 '31, p. 2190

Central Maine Power Co.

Period End. Sept. 30—				
1931—3 Mos.—	1930.	1931—12 Mos.—	1930.	
Gross oper. revenues	\$1,949,919	\$1,841,655	\$7,741,117	\$7,032,510
Avail. for interest, &c.	1,031,514	864,196	3,996,156	3,284,528
Int. chgs. & other deduc.	323,817	224,531	1,044,814	908,326
Net for retire. & divs.	\$707,697	\$639,666	\$2,951,342	\$2,376,202

Note.—The above statement gives effect to credit of \$57,812 for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1930 to operating expenses on account of purchased power charged to reserves heretofore provided for this purpose.

Cities Service Co.

Month of October—				
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	
Gross earnings	\$2,735,165	\$4,664,617	\$39,335,370	\$60,933,164
Expenses	174,104	263,866	2,375,679	2,276,575
Net earnings	\$2,561,061	\$4,400,751	\$36,959,691	\$58,656,589
Int. & disc. on debts	1,006,108	1,023,550	12,159,757	8,416,033
Net to stks & reserves	\$1,554,953	\$3,377,201	\$24,799,934	\$50,240,555
Dividends pref stock	613,465	613,462	7,361,580	7,361,526
Net to com. stk. & res.	\$941,487	\$2,763,738	\$17,438,354	\$42,879,028

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 18 '31, p. 2955 and May 9 '31, p. 3514.

Columbus, Delaware & Marion Electric Co.

Period End. Sept. 30—				
1931—3 Mos.—	1930.	1931—12 Mos.—	1930.	
Gross oper. revenue	\$312,955	\$331,103	\$1,331,871	\$1,451,658
Available for int., &c.	125,836	123,456	540,970	595,005
Int. on long-term debt	52,038	52,613	208,872	211,172
Other deductions	29,907	24,792	114,009	96,317
Net for ret. & divs.	\$43,891	\$46,051	\$218,089	\$287,516

Connecticut Power Co.

(Not a Consolidated Statement)

9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—				
1931.	1930.	1930.	1929.	
Gross earnings	\$3,376,236	\$3,508,976	\$2,932,282	
Oper. expens. & taxes	1,661,224	1,848,594	1,839,297	
Int. chgs. & lease rentals	106,964	112,045	109,649	
Balance	\$1,608,048	\$1,548,337	\$983,336	
Preferred dividends		28,440	85,320	
Common dividends	\$1,233,652	1,165,316	593,852	
Bal. for retire. & surplus	\$374,396	\$354,581	\$304,164	

x Estimated by Editor.

Note.—Pref. stock called for redemption on Feb. 28 1930.

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 7 '31, p. 1029

Crown Willamette Paper Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Period End. Oct. 31—				
1931—3 Mos.—	1930.	1931—6 Mos.—	1930.	
Gross profit	\$1,985,231	\$2,095,072	\$4,224,244	\$3,935,718
Depreciation	697,129	695,662	1,393,505	1,329,158
Depletion	78,768	202,598	233,111	321,175
Bond interest	322,148	332,370	647,445	667,766
U. S. & Canad. inc. taxes	114,559	123,104	267,235	222,187
Minority stockholders interest	10,819	14,158	24,992	28,900
Net income	\$761,808	\$727,180	\$1,657,956	\$1,366,532
1st pref. dividends	200,000	350,000	400,000	700,000
2nd pref. dividends		61,500		123,000
Balance	\$561,808	\$315,680	\$1,257,956	\$543,532

Earns. per sh. on combined 200,000 shs. (no par) \$7 1st pref. and 41,000 shs. (no par) \$6 2nd pref. stock

\$3.16 \$3.02 \$6.88 \$5.67

Note.—Above figures include company's proportionate share of Pacific Mills, Ltd. earnings.

☞ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle July 18 '31, p. 486

Crown Zellerbach Corp.

	(And Subsidiaries)		1931—6 Mos.—1930.	
	1931—3 Mos.—1930.	1930.	1931—6 Mos.—1930.	1930.
Gross profit	\$2,565,819	\$3,035,526	\$5,625,827	\$5,892,402
Depreciation	974,469	981,280	1,943,037	1,895,737
Depletion	81,846	202,599	236,336	321,175
Bond and debenture int.	463,127	485,198	936,791	973,421
U. S. & Can. inc. taxes	137,494	168,855	324,221	319,389
Min. stockholders' int.	422,176	425,658	847,945	851,900
Net income	\$486,707	\$771,936	\$1,337,497	\$1,530,780
Earns. per sh. on 1,991,680 shs. no par common	\$0.06	\$0.19	\$0.29	\$0.38

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De Forest Radio Co.

Income Account for 6 Months Ended Sept. 30 1931.	
Sales	\$476,146
Other income	x671,534
Total income	\$1,147,680
Cost of sales	459,167
Operating expenses	234,822
Amortization charges	27,166
Net profit credited to surplus	\$396,524
Balance debit April 1 1931	791,772
Balance debit Sept. 30 1931	\$395,247

x Includes \$666,666 (net) received in settlement of litigation with Radio Corp. of America.
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Deep Rock Oil Corp.

(Including Subsidiary and Affiliated Companies.)		
12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$14,676,909	\$16,396,060
Oper. expenses, maint., & taxes	13,007,654	14,741,817
Net earnings	\$1,669,255	\$1,654,243

Last complete annual report in *Financial Chronicle* Apr. 4 '31, p. 2592, and May 2 '31, p. 3348.

Diamond Match Co.

Earnings for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1931.	
Gross earnings from all sources	\$2,725,132
Federal, State and city taxes	463,507
Depreciation	358,223
Net income	\$1,903,402
Surplus Jan. 1	5,988,200
Total surplus	\$7,891,602
Appropriation to general reserve	1,000,000
Preferred dividends	511,875
Common dividends	262,500
Balance, Sept. 30	\$6,117,227
Earnings per share on 1,050,000 shs. common stock (no par)	\$1.08

Last complete annual report in *Financial Chronicle* Mar. 21 '31, p. 2179

Eastern Texas Electric Co.

(And Constituent Companies.)			
Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross	\$746,610	\$818,504	\$9,472,415
Net oper. revenue	296,676	301,522	3,749,632
Surplus after charges		1,367,867	2,107,429

Last complete annual report in *Financial Chronicle* Mar. 7 '31, p. 1795

Eastern Utilities Associates.

(And Constituent Companies)			
Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$759,764	\$769,905	\$9,262,695
Operation	333,137	340,243	4,111,455
Maintenance	32,761	30,538	375,643
Taxes	75,271	65,013	894,170
Net operating revenue	\$318,594	\$334,110	\$3,881,427
Inc. from other sources	66,722	68,921	28,226
Balance	\$251,872	\$265,188	\$3,909,653
Interest & amortization			798,168
Balance		\$3,111,485	\$2,881,478
Divs. on pref. stock of constituent cos.		127,152	127,152
Balance		\$2,984,333	\$2,754,326
Amount applic. to com. stock of constituent cos. in hands of public		95,945	92,255
Bal. applic. to res. & Eastern Utilities Assoc.		\$2,888,388	\$2,662,070

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Elk Horn Coal Corp.

6 Mos. End. June 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Earnings	\$1,084,313	\$2,360,139	\$2,350,860	\$2,153,919
Expenses, taxes, &c.	1,014,697	2,003,653	2,026,775	1,932,811
Operating profit	\$69,616	\$356,486	\$324,085	\$221,108
Other income	30,080	37,202	43,930	43,197
Total income	\$99,696	\$393,688	\$368,015	\$264,305
Interest amortiz., &c.	179,869	203,132	220,828	226,185
Deprec. & depletion	155,603	200,067	197,533	190,967
Net loss	\$235,776	\$9,511	\$50,346	\$152,847

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El Paso Electric Co. (Del.)

(And Constituent Companies.)			
Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross	\$228,091	\$317,035	\$3,493,868
Net oper. revenue	134,866	151,232	1,580,486
Surplus after charges		1,089,030	1,259,076

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Fall River Gas Works Co.

Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$83,571	\$83,910	\$1,000,442
Operation	38,632	43,634	491,684
Maintenance	8,219	5,969	66,754
Taxes	12,730	13,769	165,897
Net oper. revenue	\$23,988	\$20,537	\$276,106
Income from other sources			798
Balance		\$276,106	\$311,849
Interest charges		20,663	27,938
Balance		\$255,442	\$283,910

a Interest on funds for construction purposes.

Engineers Public Service Co.

(And Constituent Companies)			
Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$4,197,366	\$4,467,140	\$51,828,892
Operation	1,795,722	2,017,624	21,921,245
Maintenance	234,341	272,412	3,012,834
Depreciation of equip.	16,394	18,133	207,749
Taxes	331,710	285,424	4,052,082
Net operating revenue	\$1,819,198	\$1,873,545	\$22,634,979
Inc. from other sources	107,036	67,717	1,090,903
Balance	\$1,926,234	\$1,941,262	\$23,725,883
Int. and amortization	696,794	635,346	8,230,648
Balance	\$1,229,439	\$1,305,915	\$15,495,235
Divs. on pref. stock of constituent cos. (accrued)			4,368,173
Balance		\$11,127,062	\$11,766,093
Amount applicable to common stock of constituent companies in hands of public		59,840	93,014
Balance applicable to reserves & to Engineers Public Service Co.		\$11,067,221	\$11,673,079

Consolidated Surplus Statement.

Consolidated Surplus Statement.	
Prior earned surplus excl. surplus of constituent companies accumulated prior to date of acquis.	\$9,303,132
Balance after interest & amortization	15,495,235
Total	\$24,798,367
Retirement reserve x	4,793,489
Balance	\$20,004,877
Net direct charges	319,747
Balance	\$19,685,130

Dividends paid or declared:
 x Amount set aside by the directors of constituent companies during the 12 months' period exclusive of depreciation of equipment charged operation.
 y The last quarterly dividends of Puget Sound Power & Light Co. amounting to \$533,629 (payable in January 1932) were in fact declared Nov. 17 1931. As however the corresponding dividends were declared in October last year, this year's four quarters have been deducted in full to show correct comparisons.
 z After deducting \$19,189.97 for pre-acquisition surplus applicable to shares of constituent companies acquired during the 12 months' period ending October 31 1931.
 Note.—The above consolidated surplus does not include surplus of constituent companies accumulated prior to acquisition in an aggregate amount of \$3,976,053.86 (1930—\$8,956,863.89).
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Gulf Power Co.

(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System)			
Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$85,479	\$89,384	\$1,021,695
Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance	53,825	64,233	644,794
Gross income	\$31,654	\$25,151	\$376,901
Fixed charges			159,425
Net income			217,476
Provision for retirement reserve			30,235
Dividends on first preferred stock			67,884
Balance		\$119,356	\$95,811

Gulf States Utilities Co.

(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System)			
Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross	\$519,549	\$558,532	\$6,489,707
Net oper. revenue	226,979	209,316	2,780,233
Surplus after charges			1,717,375

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Haverhill Gas Light Co.

(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System)			
Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$60,211	\$63,942	\$717,177
Operation	33,385	37,111	430,243
Maintenance	2,434	4,030	27,964
Taxes	7,936	5,937	82,257
Net oper. revenue	\$16,455	\$16,863	\$176,712
Interest charges			4,808
Balance		\$171,904	\$182,198

Illinois Power Co.

(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System)			
Month of October—	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$222,440	\$241,898	\$2,858,046
Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance	136,691	143,554	1,661,901
Gross income	\$85,748	\$98,343	\$1,196,145
Fixed charges			352,210
Net income			843,934
Provision for retirement reserve			150,000
Dividends on preferred stock			259,789
Balance		\$434,145	\$354,132

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Illinois Power & Light Corp.

(And Subsidiaries)		
12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings from operations	\$35,170,538	\$37,434,301
Operating expenses	13,278,335	14,283,488
Maintenance	3,108,639	3,686,247
Taxes (local and Federal)	2,197,879	2,290,259
Earnings from operations	\$16,585,685	\$17,164,307
Other income	690,919	678,577
Rentals	\$1,095,034	\$1,932,243
Total net earnings	\$16,181,569	\$16,910,640
Int. on bonds, &c., and amortiz. of debt discount	7,191,539	7,042,218
Net income	\$8,990,030	\$9,868,422
Dividends on preferred stocks of subsidiaries	749,798	744,872
Divs. on pref. stocks of Illinois Power & Light Corp.	2,848,500	2,766,000
Appropriations for depreciation reserves	2,211,935	2,298,443
Balance avail. for common stock divs. & surplus	\$3,179,796	\$4,059,108

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General Motors Corporation.

	1931—3 Mos.—1930.	1931—9 Mos.—1930.	1931—9 Mos.—1930.	1931—9 Mos.—1930.
Period Ended Sept. 30—				
Sales of cars and trucks—units:				
Retail sales by dealers to consumers—United States	206,670	242,378	800,234	900,207
General Motors sales to dealers—United States	189,285	216,757	814,959	896,329
General Motors sales to dealers, incl. Canadian sales and overseas shipments	215,649	244,378	939,846	1,008,597
Net sales—Value	\$168,494,620	\$223,393,368	\$692,688,152	\$837,712,157
Profit from oper. & income from Inv., after all exp. incident thereto, but before providing for deprec. of real estate, plants, and equipment	26,775,787	41,363,855	153,092,397	181,487,655
Provision for deprec. of real estate, plants and equipment	9,254,315	9,404,547	28,319,298	28,211,427
Net profit from operations and investments	17,521,472	31,959,308	124,773,099	153,276,228
Non-oper. profit from the sale of 1,375,000 shs. of Gen. Motors common stock to Gen. Motors Management Corp.				9,517,943
Net profit	17,521,472	31,959,308	124,773,099	162,794,171
Less provision for:				
Employees' sav. & invest. fund	1,923,174	2,014,500	7,526,648	8,287,379
Deduct profit on inv. fund, stk. reverting to Gen. Mot. Corp.	626,995	703,394	1,802,676	2,161,803
Empl. sav. & inv. fund—net	1,296,179	1,311,106	5,723,972	6,125,571
Payment to Gen. Mot. Management Corp. (in 1929, prov. for empl. bonus and amount due Managers Securities Co.)	Dr221,000	1,129,000	5,686,000	9,235,000
Special payment to employees under stock subscrip. plan	40	162	55,420	69,838
Total	1,075,219	2,440,268	11,465,392	15,430,409
Net income before income taxes	16,446,253	29,519,040	113,307,707	147,363,762
Less prov. for U. S. & for inc. tax	1,818,000	3,136,000	12,858,000	16,096,000
Net income	14,628,253	26,383,040	100,449,707	131,267,762
Gen. M. Corp. propor. of net inc.	14,640,453	26,383,040	100,505,207	131,267,762
Divs. on pref. & deb. cap. stks.:				
Preferred—\$5 series	2,344,152	1,731,745	7,031,691	2,025,635
7% preferred		614,979		5,055,966
6% preferred		6,374		47,483
6% debenture		8,871		65,651
Total	2,344,152	2,361,969	7,031,691	7,104,735
Amt. earned on common stock	*12,296,301	*24,021,071	*93,473,516	*124,073,027
Earnings per share on 43,500,000 common shares (par \$10)	\$0.25	\$0.53	\$2.08	x\$2.85

x Non-operating profit in 1930 after taxes, &c., was equivalent to 17c. per share of common capital stock. Excluding this non-operating profit, the amount earned on the common capital stock for the first nine months of 1930 was equivalent to \$2.68 per share. * Includes the General Motors Corp.'s equity in the undivided profits or the losses of Yellow Truck & Coach Mfg. Co., Ethyl Gasoline Corp., Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., Adam Opel A. G., Bendix Aviation Corp., General Aviation Corp., General Motors Radio Corp., and Kinetic Chemical, Inc. (since Jan. 1 1931), the amount earned on the common capital stock is:

Summary of Consolidated Surplus.

	1931	1930	1929	1928
Surplus at beginning of period	\$360,192,490	\$415,375,774	\$344,265,275	\$380,560,273
Gen. M. Corp. propor. of net inc.	14,640,453	26,383,040	100,505,207	131,267,762
Capital surp. arising through the exchange of 6% pref. and 6% deb. stocks for 7% pref. stock				13,545
Total	374,832,943	441,758,814	444,770,482	511,841,580
Surp. charges arising through the exchange of 7% pref., 6% pref. and 6% deb. stocks for pref. stock—\$5 series		4,468,996		4,468,996
Total	374,832,943	437,289,818	444,770,482	507,372,584
Less cash divs. paid or accrued:				
Preferred stock—\$5 series	2,344,152	1,731,745	7,031,691	2,025,635
7% preferred stock		614,979		5,055,966
6% preferred stock		6,374		47,483
6% debenture stock		8,871		65,651
Common capital stock:				
Mar. 12 (75c. on 43,500,000 shares)			32,625,000	32,625,000
June 12 (75c. on 43,500,000 shares)			32,625,000	32,625,000
Sept. 12 (75c. on 43,500,000 shares)	32,625,001	32,625,001	32,625,000	32,625,001
Surplus at end of period	\$339,863,790	\$402,302,848	\$339,863,790	\$402,302,848

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Intercontinents Power Co.

	—12 Mos. End. Aug. 31—	1931	1930.
Subsidiary Companies—			
Gross revenues	\$3,439,345	\$3,536,957	
Operating expenses, taxes, maintenance & dep.	2,169,181	2,111,756	
Net earnings	\$1,270,164	\$1,425,201	
Misc. int. paid, minority interests & other ded.	68,624	38,850	
Exchange loss	228,328	87,806	
Balance applic. to Intercontinents Power Co.	\$973,212	\$1,298,545	
Intercontinents Power Co.—			
Expenses parent company—net	114,042	90,182	
Annual int. requirement \$10,500,000 6% deb.	\$859,170	\$1,208,363	
Miscellaneous interest paid	630,000	116,435	
Balance applic. to amortization, divs., &c.	\$112,735		

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 Power & Paper Co. of Newfoundland, Ltd

Period End. Sept. 30—	1931—3 Mos.—1930.	1931—9 Mos.—1930.	1931—9 Mos.—1930.	1931—9 Mos.—1930.
Gross sales	\$2,345,496	\$2,034,991	\$6,647,247	\$6,265,800
Net rev., incl. other inc.	853,028	765,588	2,372,496	2,130,068
Deprec. and depletion	183,293	157,759	483,201	589,204
Int. on 1st mtg. bonds	60,825	60,825	182,475	182,475
Int. on debentures, other int. & amort. of bd. dis.	360,370	352,018	1,055,441	980,745
Balance added to surp.	\$248,540	\$194,986	\$651,379	\$377,644
Surplus June 30	2,920,626	1,935,804	2,517,787	1,753,146
Surplus Sept. 30	\$3,169,166	\$2,130,790	\$3,169,166	\$2,130,790

Holland Furnace Co.

Period Ended Sept. 30 1931—	3 Months.	12 Months.
Net profit after charges and taxes	\$985,930	\$263,311
Earnings per sh. on 432,196 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$2.22	\$0.38

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(The) Keywest Electric Co.

—Month of October—	1931.	1930.	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross	\$16,385	\$18,052	\$212,713	\$227,340	
Net operating revenue	7,689	7,049	91,590	92,674	
Surplus after charges			63,620	64,413	

Kinner Airplane & Motor Corp., Ltd.

Earnings for 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1931. Net loss after reserves and absorption of development cost—\$92,817

Mississippi Power Co.

(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System).

—Month of October—	1931.	1930.	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$300,655	\$327,025	\$3,379,453	\$3,539,949	
Oper., exps., incl. taxes & maintenance	185,414	203,661	2,147,299	2,299,769	
Gross income	\$115,240	\$123,364	\$1,232,154	\$1,240,179	
Fixed charges			712,700	640,313	
Net income			519,454	599,866	
Provision for retirement reserve			72,900	71,780	
Dividends on first preferred stock			265,932	260,642	
Balance			\$180,621	\$267,443	

(The) Moxie Co.

Earnings for 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1931.

Net sales	\$1,769,519
Cost of goods sold (incl. sell., advertising and admin. expenses)	1,620,116
Income from operations	\$149,403
Other income	31,661
Total income	\$181,064
Deductions from income	18,312
Net income	\$162,752
Class A dividend	131,240
Provision for Federal taxes	17,091
Balance to surplus	\$14,421
Previous surplus	626,366
Adjustments	982
Surplus Sept. 30 1931	\$641,770

National Power & Light Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

(Inter-Company Items Eliminated)

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Subsidiary companies:			
Gross earnings	\$78,245,395	\$81,030,736	\$80,668,264
Operating expenses, including taxes	41,924,649	44,378,359	44,723,874
Net earnings	\$36,320,746	\$36,652,377	\$35,944,390
Other income	549,117	1,232,030	1,320,079
Total income	\$36,869,863	\$37,884,407	\$37,264,469
Int. to public and other deductions	12,808,005	12,251,283	12,590,363
Preferred dividends to public	5,920,966	5,730,268	5,472,725
Renew. & replace't (depr.) approp.	5,886,469	5,796,875	6,083,262
Propor. applicable to minority int.	52,316	76,141	95,199
Balance	\$12,202,107	\$14,029,840	\$13,022,920
National Power & Light Co.:			
Balance of sub. cos.' earnings applic. to National Power & Light Co. (as shown above)	\$12,202,107	\$14,029,840	\$13,022,920
Other income	348,108	1,021,126	329,565
Total income	\$12,550,215	\$15,050,966	\$13,352,485
Exps., incl. taxes, of N. P. & L. Co.	161,785	264,929	172,367
Int. & discount of N. P. & L. Co.	1,357,895	891,604	680,393
Balance	\$11,030,535	\$13,894,433	\$12,499,725
Divs. on pf. stks. of N. P. & L. Co.	1,678,180	1,813,031	1,759,007
Divs. on com. stk. of N. P. & L. Co.	5,448,273	5,438,737	5,423,416
Balance	\$3,904,082	\$6,642,665	\$5,317,302
Shares common stock outstanding	5,449,301	5,446,584	5,430,951
Earnings per share	\$1.71	\$2.22	\$1.98

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Ohio Electric Power Co.

(Subsidiary of National Electric Power Co.)

Period End. Sept. 30—	1931—3 Mos.—1930.	1931—12 Mos.—1930.
Gross operating revenue	\$279,088	\$274,754
Available for interest, &c	90,841	68,836
Int. on long-term debt	35,000	32,500
Other deductions	6,083	3,087
Net for retire. & divs.	49,758	33,249

Ponce Electric Co.

—Month of October—	1931.	1930.	12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.
Gross	\$27,658	\$35,207	\$358,181	\$377,018	
Net operating revenue	13,496	13,853	143,212	156,656	
Surplus after charges			142,293	153,509	

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Railway Express Agency, Inc.

—Month of September—	1931.	1930.	9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.
Revenues and Income—					
Charges for transport'n	\$15,829,429	\$20,536,939	\$147,389,233	\$179,353,522	
Other revenues & income	269,253	307,765	2,623,240	2,895,189	
Total revs. & income	\$16,098,682	\$20,844,705	\$150,012,474	\$182,248,712	
Ded. from Rev. & Inc.—					
Operating expenses	\$9,150,659	\$10,267,048	\$84,555,510	\$95,187,860	
Express taxes	121,502	108,530	1,039,533	1,068,784	
Int. & disc. on fund. debt	146,232	145,216	1,311,012	1,293,863	
Other deductions	1,614	1,357	30,393	74,159	
Total deductions	\$9,420,008	\$10,522,153	\$86,936,450	\$97,624,667	
Rail transp. revs. (pay-ments to rail & other carriers-exp. privs.)	\$6,678,674	\$10,322,551	\$63,076,023	\$84,624,044	

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Savannah Electric & Power Co.

	—Month of October—		—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross.....	\$171,372	\$180,625	\$2,089,131	\$2,204,848
Net operating revenue.....	84,743	82,651	1,017,375	1,029,854
Surplus after charges.....			594,739	596,557

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Sierra Pacific Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of October—		—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings.....	\$136,321	\$127,984	\$1,575,941	\$1,484,929
Operation.....	68,911	67,417	778,272	580,938
Maintenance.....	5,386	6,970	73,402	82,576
Taxes.....	14,477	15,495	180,540	173,170
Net oper. revenue.....	\$47,546	\$38,100	\$543,726	\$648,244
Interest & amortization.....			83,629	51,792
Balance.....			\$460,096	\$596,451

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South Carolina Power Co.

(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System)

	—Month of October—		—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings.....	\$201,723	\$201,611	\$2,505,639	\$2,519,914
Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance.....	118,092	107,067	1,331,832	1,290,264
Gross income.....	\$83,631	\$94,543	\$1,173,806	\$1,229,650
Fixed charges.....			701,255	639,503
Net income.....			\$472,550	\$590,146
Provision for retirement reserve.....			121,500	112,500
Dividends on first preferred stock.....			135,427	125,787
Balance.....			\$215,623	\$351,858

Southern Ice & Utilities Co.

12 Months Ended Oct. 31—		1931.	1930.
Revenue—Ice & commercial storage department.....		\$2,254,057	\$2,585,034
Creamery department.....		578,227	601,574
Other revenue.....		30,829	22,990
Total revenue.....		\$2,863,113	\$3,209,598
Operating expenses.....		2,257,261	2,177,510
Maintenance.....		158,874	159,841
Prov. for retirement of fixed capital (renewals & replacements).....		324,177	467,479
Taxes.....		108,495	98,816
Interest on 1st mortgage bonds.....		218,257	221,366
Interest on consolidated gold notes.....		64,643	64,643
Interest on unfunded debt.....		764	2,733
Amortization of debt discount and expense.....		43,537	39,044
Net income.....		\$312,894	\$21,834

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Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.

(The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System)

	—Month of October—		—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings.....	\$272,142	\$285,679	\$3,301,714	\$3,325,948
Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance.....	136,134	136,661	1,767,270	1,819,326
Gross income.....	\$136,008	\$149,017	\$1,534,444	\$1,506,622
Fixed charges.....			338,554	359,309
Net income.....			\$1,195,889	\$1,147,312
Provision for retirement reserve.....			277,700	264,425
Dividends on preferred stock.....			492,721	438,715
Balance.....			\$425,468	\$444,172

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Standard Gas & Electric Co.

(And Subsidiaries)

	12 Months Ended—	
	Sept. 30 '31.	June 30 '31.
Gross earnings:		
Public utility companies.....	\$148,662,594	\$150,471,147
Deep Rock Oil Corp. and sub. and affil. cos.....	14,676,909	16,396,060
Total.....	\$163,339,503	\$166,867,207
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes:		
Public utility companies.....	\$75,602,635	\$77,469,410
Deep Rock Oil Corp. and sub. and affil. cos.....	13,007,654	14,741,817
Total.....	\$88,610,289	\$92,211,227
Net Earnings:		
Public utility companies.....	\$73,059,959	\$73,001,737
Deep Rock Oil Corp. and sub. and affil. cos.....	1,669,255	1,654,243
Total.....	\$74,729,214	\$74,655,980
Other income—net.....	4,866,351	5,366,745
Gross income.....	\$79,595,565	\$80,022,725
Interest (less interest charged to construction), amortiz. of debt discount and expense, rent of leased properties, miscell. charges and appropriation for retirement of property and depletion (except Deep Rock Oil Corp. and its subsidiary and affiliated companies for which no appropriation is made).....	43,323,892	43,209,822
Net income.....	\$36,271,673	\$36,812,903
Dividends on capital stocks of subsidiary and affiliated companies held by public.....	\$18,030,783	\$17,821,495
Undistributed net income accrued to capital stocks of subsidiary and affiliated companies held by public.....	1,424,651	1,278,519
Total.....	\$19,455,434	\$19,100,014
Remainder—net income of Standard Gas & Electric Co. and undistributed net income accrued to capital stocks of sub. and affil. cos. held by Standard Gas & Electric Co.....	\$16,816,239	\$17,712,889
Dividends paid and accrued on Standard Gas & Electric Co. preferred stocks.....	6,565,135	6,564,295
Surplus before deduction for dividends on Standard Gas & Electric Co. common stock.....	\$10,251,104	\$11,148,594
Earns. per sh. on 2,162,607 shs. of com. stock.....	\$4.74	\$5.15
a Less contingency reserve withdrawal of \$105,000. b Less contingency reserve withdrawal of \$210,000.		

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3364

Tampa Electric Co.

	—Month of October—		—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings.....	\$323,340	\$373,696	\$4,374,387	\$4,606,722
Operation.....	\$89,338	154,828	1,623,195	1,857,701
Maintenance.....	21,642	23,093	274,743	318,697
Retirement accruals x.....	49,208	43,518	473,734	522,859
Taxes.....	30,717	29,586	360,224	312,672
Net oper. revenue.....	\$111,432	\$122,579	\$1,637,489	\$1,594,790
Interest & amortization.....			51,904	51,907
Balance.....			\$1,585,584	\$1,542,883

x Pursuant to order of Florida Railroad Commission, retirement accruals for a large part of the property must be included in monthly operating expenses and such an accrual is included for the entire property.
Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 21 '31, p. 1414

United Light & Power Co.

(And Subsidiaries)

	12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	
	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings of sub. and controlled cos. (after eliminating inter-company transfers).....	\$89,197,202	\$95,709,073
Operating expenses.....	36,377,510	39,304,147
Maintenance, charged to operation.....	4,888,786	5,814,710
Taxes, general and income.....	7,961,840	7,884,404
Depreciation.....	8,747,660	8,303,732
Net earnings of subsidiary and controlled cos.....	\$31,221,404	\$34,402,077
Interest on bonds, notes, &c.....	10,783,028	11,195,159
Amortization of bond and stock disc. and expense.....	819,458	866,888
Dividends on preferred stocks.....	4,376,146	4,179,893
Balance.....	\$15,242,770	\$18,160,136
Less: Proportion of earnings, attributable to minority common stock.....	3,807,516	4,885,164
Equity of United Light & Power Co. in earnings of subsidiary and controlled companies.....	\$11,435,253	\$13,274,972
Earnings of United Light & Power Co.....	53,732	1,230,565
Balance.....	\$11,488,986	\$14,505,538
Expenses of the United Light & Power Co.....	126,147	165,636
Gross income of United Light & Power Co.....	\$11,362,833	\$14,339,901
Holding company deductions—Int. on fund. debt.....	2,906,839	2,911,255
Other interest.....	6,448	14,305
Amortization of bond discount and expense.....	336,004	188,024
Balance available for dividends.....	\$8,113,546	\$11,226,315
Preferred stock dividends.....	3,600,000	3,547,687
Balance available for common stock dividends.....	\$4,513,546	\$7,678,628
Average number of common shares outstanding.....	3,473,916	3,380,780
Earnings per share.....	\$1.30	\$2.27

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 9 '31, p. 3514

Virginia Electric & Power Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of October—		—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross.....	\$1,429,680	\$1,459,139	\$17,067,603	\$17,179,194
Net operating revenue.....	631,115	667,899	7,878,852	7,732,713
Surplus after charges.....			6,113,115	6,008,871

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1801

(The) Western Public Service Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of October—		—12 Mos. End. Oct. 31—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross.....	\$192,206	\$209,961	\$2,504,347	\$2,376,281
Net operating revenue.....	67,076	84,003	937,519	868,200
Surplus after charges.....			456,835	466,654

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Fajardo Sugar Co. of Porto Rico.

(13th Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended July 31 1931.)

RESULTS FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDED JULY 31.

	1931.		1930.		1929.		1928.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Cane, ground, tons.....	707,629	706,372	501,453	680,332				
Sugar output, tons.....	77,994	85,249	57,541	77,230				
Sugar, &c., produced.....	\$5,360,048	\$6,140,842	\$4,585,380	\$6,844,524				
Miscellaneous receipts.....	252,434	193,196	304,140	234,721				
Total.....	\$5,612,482	\$6,339,038	\$4,889,520	\$7,083,305				
Deduct—Producing and mfg. costs., &c.....	4,916,496	5,516,513	4,882,502	6,010,264				
Net income.....	\$695,986	\$822,525	\$7,018	\$1,073,041				
Interest paid.....	218,385	324,711	307,512	209,661				
Depreciation.....	251,592	274,996	420,387	361,599				
Net profits.....	\$226,009	\$222,817	loss \$720,881	\$501,782				
Previous surplus.....	1,881,729	1,218,639	2,119,585	2,375,116				
Amt. transferred fr. res.....			200,000					
Total.....	\$2,107,738	\$1,441,457	\$1,598,704	\$2,876,898				
Income and profit taxes of prior year.....		9,569	55,040	109,532				
Dividends declared.....			325,025	647,780				
Profit & loss, surplus.....	\$2,107,738	\$1,431,888	\$1,218,639	\$2,119,585				
Shs. of com. stock outstanding (par \$100).....	64,778	64,778	64,778	64,778				
Earns. per sh. on com. stk. x.....	\$33.50	\$33.44	Nil	\$7.75				
x Before providing for subsidiary company income taxes of approximately \$16,000 in 1930 and \$26,000 in 1931.								

BALANCE SHEET JULY 31.

	1931.		1930.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—				
Property & plant.....	7,432,169	7,480,688	6,477,800	6,477,800
Livestock & equip.....	1,019,234	1,082,648		
Growing cane.....	1,227,071	1,446,094		
Mat'l's & supplies.....	417,553	447,256	1,000	1,075
Agricultural loans.....	38,106	42,464	475,002	517,785
Planters' accounts.....	464,446	424,504		
Raw sugar on hand.....	863,985	2,796,826	2,970,602	5,389,267
Molasses on hand.....	30,394	21,366		
Mortgage bonds.....	429,131	465,671	3,280	4,674
Misc. investments.....	100,000	100,000	298,247	200,615
Miscell. accounts & bills receivable.....	156,983	101,065		
U. S., &c., secur.....	98,000	98,000	175,968	230,498
Cash.....	107,352	77,465	449,841	449,833
Accts. (not current).....	85,549	67,835	1,657,897	1,431,888
Deferred charges.....	40,264	51,550		
Total.....	\$12,510,236	\$14,703,436	\$12,510,236	\$14,703,436
Liabilities—				
Capital stock.....				
Stock of subsidiary aries with public.....		1,000		1,075
Mortgages payable.....		475,002		517,785
Bills and loans payable.....		2,970,602		5,389,267
Planters' accounts.....		3,280		4,674
Accounts payable.....		298,247		200,615
Reserve for insurance, contingencies and replacements.....		175,968		230,498
Capital surplus.....		449,841		449,833
Earned surplus.....		1,657,897		1,431,888
Total.....	\$12,510,2			

General Motors Corporation.

(Report for 3 and 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1931.)

Alfred P. Sloan Jr., President, says in part:

Net earnings of General Motors Corp., including equities in the undivided profits or the losses of subsidiary and affiliated companies not consolidated, for the third quarter ended Sept. 30 1931 were \$13,333,214. After deducting dividends of \$2,344,152 on the preferred stock, there remains \$10,989,062 earned on the common stock outstanding or the equivalent of \$0.25 per share. This compares with earnings of \$25,470,697 for the third quarter of last year, which, after preferred dividends, left a balance of \$23,108,728 available for the common stock or the equivalent of \$0.53 per share.

Net earnings for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1931 were \$97,455,390. After deducting dividends of \$7,031,691 on the preferred stock, there remains \$90,423,699 available for the common stock or the equivalent of \$2.08 per share. This compares with operating earnings of \$123,826,052 for the first nine months of last year or the equivalent, after preferred dividends, of \$2.68 per share. However, these figures for 1930 do not include a non-operating, non-recurring profit of \$9,517,943 realized in the second quarter from the sale to General Motors Management Corp. of 1,375,000 shares of common stock of the General Motors Corp. Including this non-operating, non-recurring profit, total earnings for the first nine months of 1930 were \$131,403,125 or the equivalent, after preferred dividends, of \$2.85 per share on the common stock outstanding.

Cash, U. S. Government and other marketable securities at Sept. 30 1931 amounted to \$264,107,166, compared with \$179,037,071 at Dec. 31 1930 and with \$202,064,960 at Sept. 30 1930. Net working capital at Sept. 30 1931 amounted to \$318,526,557, compared with \$281,037,636 at Dec. 31 1930 and with \$285,777,740 at Sept. 30 1930.

The above statistical statement of the corporation's position as a result of the third quarter operations demonstrates that its financial position has been well maintained during the period. Cash and cash items were approximately \$264,000,000 which was \$62,000,000 greater than at the close of the period a year ago and approximately \$85,000,000 greater than at the end of last year. Net working capital position likewise has been well maintained.

During the third quarter ended Sept. 30 1931, General Motors dealers in the United States delivered to consumers 206,670 cars, compared with 242,378 cars in the corresponding period of 1930. Sales by General Motors operating divisions to dealers in the United States for the third quarter amounted to 189,285 cars, compared with 216,757 cars in the corresponding period of 1930. Total sales to dealers, including Canadian sales and overseas shipments, amounted to 215,649 cars, compared with 244,378 cars in the corresponding period of 1930.

For the nine months ended Sept. 30 1931, General Motors dealers in the United States delivered to consumers 800,234 cars, compared with 900,207 cars in the corresponding period of 1930. Sales by General Motors operating divisions to dealers in the United States amounted to 814,959 cars, compared with 896,329 cars in the first nine months of 1930. Total sales to dealers, including Canadian sales and overseas shipments, amounted to 939,846 cars, compared with 1,008,597 cars in the corresponding period of 1930.

Both sales of cars to dealers and consumers were adversely affected during the period under review by the fact that certain car divisions in the third quarter last year introduced new models, whereas no such model changes were made in the third quarter this year. Entirely aside from that fact, all the corporation's operations have been, as is to be expected, adversely affected by the general trend of business which, during the period under review, has continued on a declining trend, not only in the domestic market but more importantly in all overseas markets as well.

Attention has been called in previous quarterly reports to the fact that the corporation was enjoying during the current year a substantial increase in the percentage of the available business. This percentage has been well maintained throughout the year and in all probability the year will record as large a percentage of total business as the corporation has as yet enjoyed, thus demonstrating the competitive strength of the corporation's products.

Notwithstanding the very subnormal rate of operations at which the automotive industry in common with all other industries is operating, I might at this time re-affirm the statement that I have made before to the effect that the motor car is to-day in the strongest position in its history from the standpoint of having become an economic necessity. The fact that next to food, shelter and clothing, the motor car has the first lien on the family budget, remains unchallenged. The fact that gasoline consumption—a measure of car usage—will have reached in all probability in 1931 the largest volume in history, demonstrates that, despite the economic conditions prevailing, car mile inventory is being consumed, which means that renewal of that inventory in the form of increased purchases of motor cars must be only a question of time. I am strongly of the opinion that, as confidence in the future increases and a turn in the general trend occurs, the automotive industry will contribute importantly in accelerating the return to a more normal state of affairs.

I have mentioned in previous statements that a situation such as we are passing through has both its destructive and its constructive sides. As to the former, we are all too familiar with the distress, disappointment and suffering that are essential parts of such a situation. From the standpoint of the latter, it must be recognized that there has been brought about an elimination of the inefficiency, waste and false thinking that accompany periods of intense and prolonged prosperity and inflation. Equally important is the fact that out of the situation problems have arisen, the solution of which is sure to mean progress in our industrial development. Out of it also is bound to come a great acceleration in technical progress. All of these factors mean nothing more or less than the building of the foundation for a greater and, I believe, a more stable prosperity.

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET SEPT. 30.

Assets—	1931.	1930.
Real estate, plants, equipment	605,102,015	613,038,402
Deferred expenses	20,475,103	17,952,262
Goodwill, patents, &c.	51,941,677	51,540,712
Cash	149,812,145	145,570,217
U. S. Government securities	99,388,682	41,838,733
Other marketable securities	14,906,339	14,656,010
Gen. Motors Management Corp. Serial 6s	7,000,000	7,000,000
Sight draft with bills of lading attached, and C. O. D. items	4,972,421	9,272,798
Notes receivable	2,761,691	4,271,133
Accounts receivable and trade acceptances	28,837,647	30,598,729
Inventories	82,764,079	113,530,106
Prepaid expenses	3,455,672	3,445,092
Inv. in subs. and affil. companies not consol.	212,969,548	218,830,627
Gen. Motors Management Corp. Serial 6s	36,000,000	43,000,000
General Motors Corp. capital stocks held in Treasury for corporate purposes	57,994,751	9,408,392
Total assets	1,328,381,770	1,323,953,213
Liabilities—		
\$5 preferred stock	187,536,600	141,969,468
Common stock (\$10 par)	435,000,000	435,000,000
Interest of minority stockholders in subs. with respect to capital & surplus	2,573,311	443,800
Accounts payable	17,527,879	20,833,380
Taxes, payrolls & sundry accrued items	22,697,073	21,290,918
U. S. & foreign income taxes	18,288,779	23,395,484
Employees savings funds, pay. within one year	9,609,583	8,088,739
Contractual liability to General Motors Management Corp.	5,686,000	9,235,000
Accrued divs. on pref. & debenture stocks	1,562,805	1,561,557
Reserves deprec. of real estate, plants & equip.	237,793,622	211,931,133
Employees investment fund	5,648,070	6,472,160
Employees savings funds, pay. after one year	36,378,845	34,889,133
Sundry contingencies	8,215,413	6,539,593
Surplus	339,863,790	402,302,848
Total	1,328,381,770	1,323,953,213

a Less reserve for doubtful accounts: in 1931, \$2,262,018; in 1930, \$1,993,515. b 182,282 shares common; 11,122 shares preferred, no par value, \$5 series.—V. 133, p. 3636.

Brown Shoe Co., Inc., St. Louis.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Oct. 31 1931.)

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED OCT. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net sales of finished product to customers	\$26,691,537	\$29,018,975	\$36,753,956	\$34,836,424
Deduct—Cost of mat'l, labor & sell., admin. & gen. exp., incl. deprec. & int. charges, bad debts, &c.	25,106,357	27,495,933	34,757,958	33,150,668
Estimated income taxes	229,000	189,000	256,000	234,000
Net profit	\$1,356,179	\$1,334,042	\$1,739,997	\$1,451,757
Add—Previous surplus	8,333,655	7,955,424	6,888,491	9,671,608
Sundry surplus credits	309	98,500	268,910	149,386
Total surplus	\$9,690,144	\$9,387,966	\$8,897,399	\$11,272,751
Deduct—Prof. divs. (7%)	255,141	269,981	282,394	292,502
Common dividends	756,000	756,000	630,000	630,000
Excess of cost over par of pf. stk. purch. for red.	47,460	28,329	29,581	28,123
Profit & loss surplus	\$8,631,543	\$8,333,655	\$7,955,424	\$10,322,127
Shs. of com. stk. outst'g (no par)	252,000	252,000	252,000	252,000
Earns. per sh. on com.	\$4.36	\$4.22	\$5.78	\$4.60

x Representing common stock (252,000 shares of no par value) and surplus.

TABLE SHOWING NET WORTH, BOOK VALUE, &c.

	Net Worth.	Book Value		Common Stock and Surplus.
		Preferred.	Common.	
1912a	\$5,033,636	\$125.84	\$4.10	\$1,033,635
1921	9,155,833	173.98	15.45	3,893,333
1922	10,078,658	191.52	19.11	4,816,158
1923	10,452,941	217.20	22.38	5,640,441
1924	11,062,458	236.63	25.35	6,387,458
1925	12,463,524	274.68	31.45	7,926,025
1926	12,973,519	292.52	34.07	8,513,917
1927	13,934,108	326.90	38.38	9,671,608
1928	14,437,127	350.84	40.96	10,322,126
1929	15,334,159	388.68	45.19	11,389,059
1930	15,545,890	411.42	46.69	11,767,290
1931	15,599,377	441.38	47.87	12,065,177

In all the above figures trade-names, good-will, &c., have been written down to \$1.

a Initial Balance Sheet—Brown Shoe Co., Inc. b Based on 252,000 shares common stock now outstanding.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OCT. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	
			1931.	1930.
Real estate, bldgs., mach'y, equip., &c.	2,784,305	2,914,888	Preferred stock	3,634,200
Lasts	1	1	Notes payable	1,000,000
Trade-names, &c.	1	1	Accts. payable	891,034
Securities, &c.	814,142	769,609	Accrued accounts	59,200
Cash	1,148,799	707,138	Reserve for taxes & contingencies	229,000
Accts. receivable	6,325,306	7,426,814	Common stock	3,433,636
Prep'd purch., &c.	19,398	29,672	Surplus	8,631,542
Inventories	5,686,657	5,968,955		
Prepaid int., ins., licenses, &c.	1	1		
Total	16,778,611	17,817,079	Total	16,778,611 17,817,079

a After deducting \$2,195,980 depreciation. b After deducting \$1,634,119 for depreciation. c After deducting \$962,500 pref. stock retired and cancelled, and \$40,800 held in treasury. d Represented by 252,000 shares of no par value.—V. 133, p. 2766.

Central Aguirre Associates.

(Annual Report—Year Ended July 31 1931.)

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT—YEARS ENDED JULY 31.

	1930-31. b	1929-30. b	1928-29. b	1927-28. a
Sugar, molasses and cane sales	\$5,861,791	\$7,267,067	\$5,178,734	\$9,019,542
Miscellaneous receipts	300,889	485,089	482,974	437,178
Total income	\$6,162,680	\$7,752,156	\$5,661,708	\$9,456,721
Agricul. & mfg. expenses	4,953,121	5,882,955	5,031,178	6,444,342
Net earnings	\$1,209,559	\$1,869,201	\$630,529	\$3,012,378
Depreciation, &c.	283,770	250,382	250,845	238,944
Res've for income tax	67,174	123,639	137,402	278,661
Net income	\$858,615	\$1,495,180	\$242,282	\$2,494,773
Dividends (cash)	1,072,805	1,075,725	1,260,723	1,443,000
Balance, surplus	def \$214,190	\$419,455	def \$1,018,441	\$1,051,773
Previous surplus	9,682,933	9,031,479	10,049,037	8,736,940
Divs. rec. Cent. M. Co.	228,808	232,000	58,000	261,000
Sundry adjust. & credits	—	—	102,295	131,927
Total surplus	\$9,697,551	\$9,682,934	\$9,190,891	\$10,181,640
Adjust. of tax reserve	—	—	55,749	—
Reserve for insur., &c.	—	—	1,367	—
P. & L. surplus July 31	\$9,697,551	\$9,682,934	\$9,133,774	\$10,180,964
Shs. cap. stk. out. (no par)	y 720,000	714,616	713,928	x 180,000
Earns. per sh. on cap. stk.	\$1.51	\$2.42	\$0.42	\$5.31

a Central Aguirre Sugar Co. and subsidiaries. b Central Aguirre Associates and subsidiaries, including Central Aguirre Sugar Co., Santa Isabe Sugar Co. (for 1930 and 1929), Luce & Co., S. en C., Ponce & Guayama RR. and Aguirre Corp. of N. Y. x Represented by shares of \$20 par value. y Stock to be outstanding when all stock of Central Aguirre Sugar Co. has been exchanged.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JULY 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	
			1931.	1930.
Real est., bldgs., rolling stk. &c.	9,225,948	9,083,196	Capital stock	3,600,000
Cash	163,520	115,286	Accounts payable	110,306
Notes and mtgs. receivable	1,216,114	—	Advances payable	2,080,000
Accts. & notes rec.	101,216	735,617	Due affil. cos.	373,731
Mat'l & supplies	526,902	544,263	Drafts in transit	22,625
Growing crops	1,231,703	1,429,160	Accr. gen. taxes	18,835
Sugar & molasses b	2,183,687	328,724	Income, &c., tax reserve	70,059
Investments	865,574	742,765	Surplus	9,799,846
Treasury stocks	120,297	113,298		
Constr. & lmpts. (not completed)	138,090	158,645		
Deferred charges	240,627	186,007		
Claims for taxes	63,725	38,621		
Total	16,075,403	13,975,482	Total	16,075,403 13,975,482

a Real estate, roadway and track, mill, buildings, rolling stock, portable track, steam plows, livestock, carts, implements, &c., \$11,818,982; less reserve for depreciation, \$2,593,034. b Less provision for shipping expenses. c Represented by 171,536 no par shares and 616 shares (par \$20) of the Central Aguirre Sugar Co.—V. 131, p. 3870, 3705.

General Corporate and Investment News.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Southern Roads Protest.—Southern railroads are preparing to resist any attempt of the I.-S. C. Commission to effect a downward revision in grain rate tariffs in their territory. "Wall Street Journal," Nov. 30, p. 1.

Colby Urges Curb on Power of I.-S. C. Commission.—Former Secretary of State, Bainbridge Colby lays the railroads' ills to excessive regulation; wider field is proposed, he tells Rochester Bar Association. N. Y. "Times," Dec. 2, p. 4.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 28.—(a) Tire prices reduced by Lee Tire & Rubber Co., p. 3529; (b) Cut of 10% in wages accepted by New Bedford (Mass.) textile workers, p. 3533; (c) Wages reduced by Worsted Plants, Lowell, Mass., p. 3533; (d) 7,000 men to return to work at plant of Hudson Motor Car Co., p. 3533; (e) Dairymen's League Co-operative Association cuts salaries 10%, p. 3533; (f) 6 1/4 cent copper quickly halts on report that Belgians agree to production curtailment, p. 3536; (g) Copper wire prices lower, p. 3536; Lead price reduced 10 points, p. 3536.

Ann Arbor RR.—Receivers Appointed.—Following in the wake of the receivership of the Wabash Ry., receivers were appointed Dec. 4 in the U. S. District Court at Toledo for this road, a subsidiary of the Wabash. Judge George P. Hahn appointed as receivers for the road William S. Franklin, President of the company and the Wabash, and Frank C. Nicodemus. Both were named as receivers for the Wabash.

The petition which was filed by the Jennison-Wright Co. with a claim of \$17,169, declared that the Ann Arbor owes \$11,000,000 in mortgages upon which it cannot pay interest and holders of these securities were threatening foreclosure.

The road is one of the smaller transportation links of the country operating only about 300 miles of main line from Toledo north to Frankfort, Mich., and with total assets of about \$28,000,000.

The company has outstanding 40,000 shares of preferred stock and 32,500 shares of common, of which the Wabash owns 99.43%. The company also has outstanding a funded debt amounting to \$11,227,000, of which \$7,000,000 is represented by 1st mtge. bonds, \$2,100,000 2d mtge. impt. bonds and the remainder equipment trust obligations.—V. 133, p. 3460.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Obituary.

Henry Walters, Chairman of the board of directors, died in New York City on Nov. 30.—V. 133, p. 3460; V. 132, p. 4403.

Augusta & Savannah RR.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1/4 of 1% in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2%, both payable Jan. 5 to holders of record Dec. 15. Like amounts were paid in Jan. and July 1929, 1930 and 1931.—V. 132, p. 4403.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Must Pay Damages.

A decree was filed Nov. 28 by Judge William C. Coleman in the United States District Court at Baltimore naming John B. Deming, attorney, as commissioner to hear testimony and assess damages amounting to about \$750,000 against the road as a result of the explosion and fire which destroyed the French barque Richelieu in Baltimore in 1927.—V. 133, p. 3626.

Bolivia Railway.—Trustee.

The Chemical Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed trustee under an issue of \$5,750,000 of 5% mtge. & coll. trust income bonds due Jan. 1 1967.—V. 133, p. 2261.

Chicago & North Western Ry.—Voluntary 15% Wage Cut Asked.

The company has asked an immediate voluntary 15% wage reduction of its 40,000 union employees. The reduction request includes employees of Chicago St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha.

Authorized to Issue \$19,089,000 4 1/2% Refunding Mortgage Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$19,089,000 4 1/2% 1st & ref. mtge. bonds, series D, and \$16,000 of its 4 1/2% general mortgage bonds of 1937, which it proposes to pledge as collateral for short term notes.—V. 133, p. 3627.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Defers Dividends.

—The directors on Dec. 2 voted to defer action on the regular semi-annual dividends of 3 1/2% on the 7% pref. stock and of 3% on the 6% pref. stock, both of which are due Dec. 31. Distributions at these rates were made on the respective issues from Jan. 14 1918 to and incl. June 30 1931. Both stocks are cumulative to the extent of 5% per annum.

Charles Hayden, Chairman of the Board, issued the following statement:

It is with great regret that the board decided to defer action on the preferred stocks. It breaks an uninterrupted continuity of dividends on these stocks since they were first issued in 1917. It is the belief of the board that the best dividend that could be paid to preferred stockholders at this time is to keep the company in strong financial condition. Pending the completion of negotiations for increased rates and decreases in wages, it seems the part of wisdom to conserve the company's cash position so far as possible until improved conditions manifest themselves in the railroad world.

Moreover, during the past two years this company has been building a very fine low-grade line into Kansas City, but in view of conditions in the bond market in the past year, has not found it advisable to sell bonds for the purpose of paying for the cost of this construction. Until such time as these capital expenditures can be funded advantageously, it is not to the interest of the preferred stockholders to increase borrowing for the purpose of paying preferred dividends. As the preferred stock dividends are cumulative, a div. will be paid as soon as conditions warrant it.

Operations Approved.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to construct a short track connecting its line with the Davenport, Rock Island & Northwestern RR. near Shaston, Iowa, incident to its intention to abandon its own 8 mile line between Shaston and Chancy, Iowa, and operate over the 8 mile route of the Davenport line. Full approval of the proposal was given by Commission.—V. 133, p. 3461.

Delaware & Hudson Co.—Will Earn 7% for 1931.

President Lorce, Nov. 30, issued the following statement: I have received a number of letters from stockholders inquiring about, or commenting on, the company's earnings this year, which seem to indicate that some confusion exists regarding the earnings of the Delaware & Hudson Co. and the earnings of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Corp., due to a misunderstanding of the corporate structure of the organization.

The earnings which have been filed monthly with the I.-S. C. Commission and quarterly with the New York Public Service Commission, and which have been published from time to time in the press, are the earnings of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Corp., all of the stock of which is in the Delaware & Hudson Co. They in no sense reflect the earnings of the Delaware & Hudson Co., the stock of which is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Present indications are that the earnings of the Delaware & Hudson Co., without drawing upon its subsidiary companies, will amount to approximately 7% for 1931. The Delaware & Hudson Co. has paid its regular dividend at the rate of \$9 per annum for the first nine months of the present year, and the dividend at the same rate for the last quarter, payable on Dec. 20, next, has already been declared by the board of managers.—V. 132, p. 3709.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission by supplemental order has allowed the company an additional two years to Dec. 31 1933 in which it may continue to pledge and repledge \$3,464,000 5% refunding & improv. mortgage series B gold bonds as collateral for short term notes.—V. 133, p. 2600.

Erie RR.—To Issue Notes.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to pledge \$12,000,000 of first consolidated mortgage general lien 4% bonds as security for short term notes which it may issue to meet its financial requirements. The application recites that the company is arranging with various of its depository banks to lend to it such sums as are presently estimated will be needed for its nearby requirements, and that it is arranging that notes covering such loans will be secured by the pledge of the consolidated mortgage bonds in the ratio of \$125 of bonds for each \$100 face amount of notes.—V. 133, p. 3461.

Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville RR.—To Extend Bond Maturity.

Stockholders Dec. 1 ratified the directors' action in extending for 30 years the period of maturity of the 1925 \$5,000,000 bond issue. They also approved the board's recommendation to reduce the interest rate from 4 1/4% to 2%. The approval of the I.-S. C. Commission is required before the changes are made.—V. 133, p. 3250.

International Rys. of Central America.—New President, &c.

Charles F. Myers, formerly Executive Vice-President, has been elected President and a director, succeeding Fred Lavis. Whitney H. Shepardson has been elected Vice-President.—V. 133, p. 2761.

Midland Valley RR.—Omits Dividends.—The directors recently voted to omit the semi-annual dividends ordinarily payable about this time on the 5% non-cum. pref. stock and common stock, par \$50 each. Semi-annual distributions of 2 1/2% were made on the pref. stock from June 1 1923 to and incl. June 1 1931. From April 15 1925 to and incl. April 15 1931 the company also made semi-annual disbursements of 2 1/2% on the common stock. An extra dividend of 2% was paid on the latter issue on Dec. 30 1929.—V. 133, p. 2102.

Minneapolis Red Lake & Manitoba Ry.—Abandonment.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to abandon outright its entire 33-mile line from Redby to Bemidji, Minn. The road has been operating at a loss over a period of years, it was said.—V. 122, p. 2647.

Missouri Pacific RR.—To Acquire Short Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission Nov. 24 approved the acquisition by the road of the Doniphan, Kensett & Searey Ry. The Doniphan road is a short line operating from Kensett to Doniphan, Ark. It is seven miles long and serves a rich agricultural section in eastern Arkansas.—V. 133, p. 3462.

New York Central RR.—Applies to Commission for Permission to Pledge \$100,000,000 Improvement & Refunding 5% Bonds.

The company in an application filed Dec. 3 with the I.-S. C. Commission has asked authority to issue \$100,000,000 ref. and improvement mortgage 5% bonds, series C, to be dated Oct. 1 1921, to mature on Oct. 1 2013. The road proposes that the bonds be not sold now, but that they be authenticated and delivered in order to be pledged and repledged from time to time as collateral security for short-term notes that may be issued. The application states that the company has outstanding \$51,500,000 of short-term notes.

The new issue would not be pledged at a ratio of less than \$125 of bonds at current market prices for each \$100 in face amount of the notes to be secured. The company said that it has expended for betterments and additions in the 10 years ended June 30 last \$205,505,230 upon which it had not capitalized and which was available for use as a basis for the bonds proposed to be issued.

The application states that the bonds, if authorized, would not be pledged or repledged without further permission of the Commission. It states that a restriction to that effect inserted in the Commission's order of authorization would be agreeable to the company.

Banking Group to Arrange \$65,000,000 Short-Term Loan.

The following is from the "Journal of Commerce" Dec. 4: A three-months short term loan of \$65,000,000 is being arranged for the company by a banking group headed by the First National Bank, it is reported in informed financial circles. This loan is expected to run for three months and will be secured by the pledge of first and refunding mortgage bonds of the railroad. Completion of these arrangements is expected momentarily.

The New York Central has borrowed more than \$50,000,000 from the banks or short term notes to date, it is understood, in order to meet capital expenditures and to cover dividends. Earnings this year have shown only a small margin over and above fixed charges.

The management has been awaiting a favorable opportunity to refund these obligations through a bond issue, but prices of high grade railroad bonds have sunk steadily lower, and it is now held apparent that considerable further delay will be necessary before a satisfactory occasion for selling long term bonds will again present itself.

It is understood that the new loan will give the company a substantial amount of additional cash to meet any further requirements which may arise. Should the bond market take a marked turn for the better and a favorable opportunity present itself for new financing, it is expected that a large long term issue of first and refunding bonds will be made without waiting for the new short term loan to mature, and the latter will be paid off in whole or in part.—V. 133, p. 3628.

New York Chicago & St. Louis RR.—To Pledge Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to pledge \$4,500,000 4 1/4% refunding mtge. series O bonds as collateral for short-term notes which it proposes to issue in order to meet its financial requirements. Authorization permits the pledging and repledging of these bonds from time to time and including Dec. 31 1933.—V. 133, p. 3091.

New York Ontario & Western RR.—Note Guarantee.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for formal authorization of its endorsement of \$1,670,000 of notes of the Scranton Coal Co. The notes were issued to it in reimbursement of advances to its mining subsidiary and discounted by the railroad in the period commencing with July 1929. Since then the road has been sold by the Commission that official authority is necessary in assuming this obligation. The notes are held by Dickson & Eddy, \$975,000; Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., \$50,000, and Chase National Bank, \$645,000.—V. 133, p. 3926.

Northern Alabama Ry.—Abandons Branch Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission Nov. 18 issued a certificate permitting the company to abandon its Riverton branch, extending from a connection with the line of the Southern Railway at Riverton Junction northerly to Riverton, on the Tennessee River, about 10.87 miles, all in Colbert county, Ala.—V. 125, p. 2385.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Ry.—Notes.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to reissue \$4,700,000 short-term notes as they mature from time to time up to June 30 1933 at an interest rate of not exceeding 6%, instead of 4 1/2% as the present notes bear.—V. 133, p. 3628.

Reading Co.—To Expend \$4,000,000.

A decision of the directorate to spend more than \$4,000,000 on construction and new equipment, insuring work for several thousand men

this winter, was announced on Nov. 29 by President Agnew T. Dice. The work planned is in addition to the company's announced \$21,500,000 electrification program in the Philadelphia area, now nearly completed, which Mr. Dice assured President Hoover at a White House conference in 1929 would not be curtailed in any way during the depression.

The program announced includes the immediate electrification of the passenger service from Philadelphia to Norristown, Pa., at a cost of \$1,500,000; the purchase of 30 multiple unit electric passenger coaches to cost \$1,500,000; the rebuilding of the company's Port Richmond Pier 11, destroyed by fire, at a cost of \$150,000, and the continuation of an extensive locomotive rebuilding program at the Reading shops of the company, under which additional employment will be offered. The company also plans to convert steam passenger coaches into electric coach trailers at a cost of \$400,000.

Construction work on the Norristown branch, Mr. Dice said, would be started early next year with the placing of concrete foundations for the catenary and transmission supporting structure. It is expected that the electric service on that branch will be opened early in 1933, when the electrification of the Chestnut Hill branch is completed.—V. 132, p. 3880.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—To Meet Interest Payment Due Jan. 1.—

J. M. Kurn, President, announced Dec. 3 that the company had cash to meet interest payments on Jan. 1, but that provision for interest due on March 1 had yet to be made.

Officials of the road, it is stated, have been conferring with bankers on means to meet the outlays. The company, it is said, hopes to renew a note of \$1,400,000 due on Jan. 1. If only for \$4,500,000 due on July 1 were extended, only about \$3,000,000 would be required to meet obligations in 1932.

Mr. Kurn in his statement said he saw no sign of a recovery in Frisco territory. Discussing the convention of railway labor officials in Chicago next week, he said:

"The men will find it advisable to take a wage cut of 10% for one year from Dec. 1. I have this opinion because in the case of a reduction under the law the roads would ask for a greater cut and the result would not be for only a year but would be for an indefinite open-end period, with the possibility that the men would never get the old wage scale back. I believe also the action on wages in Canada will have some effect at Chicago."

The directors met Dec. 2 but did not discuss the dividend on the preferred stock. In November 1930 four quarterly dividends of \$1.50 each were declared for 1931. The next preferred dividend is due in February. The directors are scheduled to meet in January.—V. 133, p. 3628.

Southern Pacific RR.—Denied Review of Patent Case.—

The U. S. Supreme Court has denied the Southern Pacific RR. and Southern Pacific Land Co. a review of the lower court decision vacating an indemnity patent, issued to the railroad on an 80-acre tract of land. The tract was included in a land grant patent through inadvertence while a contest between the Government and the patentee was pending in the General Land Office.

The Southern Pacific was granted a review of a lower court decision in its dispute with the Government over the right of the Government to make land-grant fare rate deductions for the transportation of military prisoners and guards, members of the officers' reserve corps, navy nurses, &c., in 1920 to 1923 inclusive. Argument will be limited to questions involving fare of engineer officers on non-military peacetime duty. ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 133, p. 2432.

Wabash Ry.—Receivers Appointed—Defaults Payment of Equipment Trusts—Fails to Get Financial Aid.—Judge C. B. Davis of the U. S. District Court at St. Louis, Dec. 1, appointed Walter S. Franklin of St. Louis, recently elected President of the Wabash System, and Frank C. Nicodemus of New York, Asst. General Counsel of the road as receivers on a bill of complaint filed by the T. J. Moss Tie Co. with a claim of \$49,651 past due.

The complainants affirm that the railroad has an outstanding floating indebtedness of upward of \$4,730,476 for materials and supplies which it is unable to pay or meet through loans, and that many creditors would press suits for their claims by levies, to the detriment of the company, unless it was placed in receivership.

Judge James T. Wilkerson in the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, eastern division, entered an order Dec. 2 naming W. S. Franklin and F. C. Nicodemus Jr., ancillary receivers for the road in that district. They were appointed ancillary receivers in the New York district Dec. 3 by Judge John M. Woolsey.

In an answer filed by N. S. Brown, Vice-President and general solicitor of the road, the company admitted the allegations and joined in the prayer for appointment of receivers, saying:

"Believing it to be its duty to its stockholders and creditors to protect its property and business and to treat the same as a trust fund for their security, the defendant joins in the bill of complaint and asks the court to take charge, through appointment of receivers, and thereby preserve the unity of its system of railroads and its corporate franchises, privileges and properties."

Judge Davis's order directs the receivers to preserve and protect the properties from being sacrificed under any proceedings, to take charge of operation and pay all indebtedness.

Business depression and the stock market crash are indirectly referred to in the petition in the charge that "if the true or actual value of the assets of the defendant railway company were stated upon its balance sheets, the result would be that the undisputed liabilities of the defendant railway company would exceed the actual value of assets by many millions of dollars."

Counsel for the road told the court that the need for speedy action was imperative, as of to-day the company's default on interest on bonds amounted approximately to \$750,000.

Failure to meet interest on the company's bonded indebtedness would operate as a default under mortgages securing the bonds, according to the petition, and would permit trustees to bring suits of foreclosure.

In a formal statement issued Dec. 1 in relation to the Wabash receivership, President Atterbury of the Pennsylvania RR. said:

"The Pennsylvania deeply deprecates the necessity for any railroad receivership.

"Pennsylvania Co., in 1927 and 1928, made a large investment in the stock of the Wabash Ry. The purpose was ultimately to further the principle of railroad consolidation envisaged by the transportation act, it being the hope of the Pennsylvania that the I.-S. C. Commission would allocate the Wabash to the Pennsylvania under a four-party grouping of the railroads in Eastern territory. That plan has been embodied in the petition of the trunk lines now pending before the Commission. It is the belief of the Pennsylvania that, if approved, such allocation will be of advantage both to the Pennsylvania and to the Wabash as well as to the public.

"The question was presented to the Pennsylvania as to whether it would be justified in increasing its investment in the Wabash Ry. in the form of an extension of funds necessary to protect the company against receivership. The following considerations had to be taken into account:

"1. The I.-S. C. Commission has decided that under the terms of the Clayton Act, the Pennsylvania must cease and desist from a continuation of holding its stock in the Wabash. That question is pending before the courts.

"2. The Commission's complete plan of consolidation, which has placed the Wabash in a different system from that in which the Pennsylvania is placed, and the pronouncement by the Commission that no company in one system shall have any interest in or control over a company in another system.

"3. The present and prospective deficits in meeting the maturities and fixed charges of the Wabash are of great immediate magnitude and it is impossible to forecast for what period and in what amount they will continue to accumulate.

"In the face of the existing situation, the Pennsylvania feels that it should not add to the investment it has already made in the Wabash Ry. It is believed that the interests of the property, and of the investment; the Pennsylvania has made in it, will for the present be best protected through a receivership under the control of the courts."

Appointment of receivers for the road followed failure of a last-minute effort to obtain financial aid from Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bankers for the road, from the Pennsylvania RR., its present owner, and from the Government.

Simultaneously the road defaulted on \$616,000 principal installments, plus interest, for three equipment trust issues, securities generally regarded as among the best safeguarded of any issued by railroads. The road has a funded debt of \$141,845,000, but no bond interest was due at this time. The equipment trusts defaulted comprise \$166,000, series D 5s, \$171,000, series E 5s, and \$279,000 series F 4½s. Holders of the certificates have been informed by the company that provision for payment will have to await a final court order.

Winslow S. Pierce, Chairman of the Wabash, issued the following statement explaining the situation:

"The company has felt constrained to acquiesce in the appointment of receivers for its property. This conclusion was reached with the utmost reluctance and after every practicable effort had been made to secure through banks, through its largest stockholding interest and through governmental aid the necessary funds to carry the company through the unparalleled conditions which have so disastrously reduced its revenues and its ability to meet its maturing obligations.

"In the situation confronting the company it was deemed to be the manifest duty of its management to accept the protection of the court to the end that undue preferences of creditors and serious property and service complications should be avoided and impartial and protective administration during the period through which we are now passing should be assured."

Bondholders' Protective Committee Formed.—

The formation of a committee to protect the interests of the holders of refunding and general mortgage bonds was announced Dec. 3. The committee is composed of John W. Stedman (Chairman), Vice-President of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America; George W. Bovenizer, Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; James H. Brewster, Jr., Vice-President and Treasurer of Aetna Life Insurance Co., and Henry W. George, 2nd Vice-President of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

The bonds whose holders the committee has been formed to represent are the series A 5½s maturing 1975, the series B 5s maturing 1976, the series C 4½s maturing 1978 and the series D 5s maturing 1980, of the Wabash Railway Co., the outstanding bonds of such issues aggregating approximately \$60,800,000. The committee already represents the holders of large amounts of such bonds.

No deposit of bonds is requested by the committee at this time, but bondholders are invited to notify the secretary of the committee of their names, addresses and the amount of their holdings so as to enable the committee to communicate with them when, in its opinion, further action is required. The secretary of the committee is F. T. P. Plimpton, 31 Nassau St., New York City. The firm of Root, Clark & Buckner is counsel for the committee.

Receivership Action Removes Line from Possibility of Aid Under "Loan Plan" for Weaker Roads.—

Consent of the company to the appointment of receivers in the Federal District Court of St. Louis places the road along with the Seaboard Air Line Ry., which also is in receivership, beyond the aid of the carriers' "loan plan." In the event the Commission approves the railway executives proposed modification of its plan to aid the financially weak lines, under the terms of the plan, according to information made available at the I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 2.

The rail executives propose to substitute, in lieu of the Commission's plan to "pool" revenues resulting from authorized freight rate increases on certain commodities for distribution as "gratuities" to roads which cannot meet interest payments, a plan which would provide "loans" rather than "gifts" to such lines.

The "loan feature" of the carriers' proposal, however, stipulated that no loans would be made to any road which was either already in default or which could not meet its fixed charges even with the aid of a loan.

Proposal for Trunk Line Systems.

Both the Wabash and the Seaboard Air Line roads were to form the nucleus of a fifth competitive system in Eastern territory, to be termed "The Wabash-Seaboard System No. 7," according to the Commission's consolidation plan of Dec. 9 1929, which proposed unification of the nation's rail properties into 21 independent systems.

A counter proposal, providing for four rather than five systems in the East, has been brought to the Commission by the Pennsylvania, the Chesapeake & Ohio, the New York Central and the Baltimore & Ohio. Hearings on the trunk line's petition to modify the Commission's plan to conform with their counter proposal is scheduled for Jan. 6 at Washington.

The Wabash Ry. comprises 4,512 miles of all line, including trackage rights.

The Pennsylvania RR., through its subsidiary, the Pennsylvania Co., owns 675,800 shares of stock, consisting of 362,900 shares of common and 312,900 of 1st pref. 5% stock, or almost 50% of the total outstanding.

The Commission some time ago ordered the Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Co. to relinquish control of the Wabash under section 7 of the Clayton Act following hearings and arguments which led the Commission to determine that such stockholdings "may" tend to eliminate or curb competition between the Pennsylvania and the Wabash.

Instead of complying with the Commission's order to sell the stock, however, the Pennsylvania took the matter to the courts, and the matter is yet to be decided.

Largest Stockholders.

The 20 leading stockholders of the carrier, as indicated in its annual report to the Commission together with the amount of their holdings, follow: Pennsylvania Co., 675,800 shares; Gray & Wilmerding, New York, 72,900; F. B. Keech & Co., New York, 24,040; Jenks, Gwynn & Co., New York, 18,655; Administratiekantoor Van Aandelen der Wabash Ry., Amsterdam, Holland, 16,527; C. D. Barney & Co., New York, 15,625; Lehman Bros., New York, 14,026; Joseph Reider, Philadelphia, 9,491; Salsfeld & Co., New York, 8,350; Springs & Co., New York, 7,110; Robert Goellet, New York, 7,000; Billings, Olcott & Co., 6,512; H. Content & Co., New York, 6,320; Loew & Co., New York, 6,300; Thompson & McKinnon, New York, 6,172; Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., New York, 6,170; Hornblower & Weeks, New York, 5,205; Joseph R. Warner, New York, 5,200; Newberg & Co., New York, 4,793, and Finch, Wilson & Co., New York, 4,400.—V. 133, p. 3091, 2097.

Western Pacific RR.—To Receive Bids for Bonds.—

The company requests bids for the purchase in a single block of \$300,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds. Bids must be submitted to the company at its offices, 37 Wall St., New York, before 12 o'clock noon Dec. 17. The issuance of the bonds and their sale at not less than 97½ and interest have been authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission.—V. 133, p. 3462.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Federal Commission Seeks Wider Rights.—Its report will tell Congress of need of examining books of holding companies. It says stressing of State rights "may seriously interfere" with good of all. N. Y. "Times," Dec. 2, p. 18.

Gets Third Plan for St. Lawrence.—Joint engineering Board will take up new proposal by Canadians. Scheme for dams in waterway modified to use site in vicinity of Chrysler Is and. N. Y. "Times," Dec. 2, p. 18.

American Cities Power & Light Corp.—Net Assets.—

The corporation has issued the following statement: "As of Nov. 30 1931 the net assets of this corporation, based on market prices on that date, were equivalent to \$92.97 a share of its \$50 par value class A stock outstanding and to \$3.83 a share of its class B stock (stated value \$1 per share). Action with respect to the Feb. 1 1932 dividends will be taken at a meeting of the board scheduled to be held the latter part of December."—V. 133, p. 3091.—V. 132, p. 2257.

American Gas & Electric Co.—2% Stock Distribution.—

The directors have declared the following dividends on the common stock: (1) The regular quarterly cash dividend of 25c. per share and

(2) a regular semi-annual extra dividend of 1-50 of a share in common stock. These dividends are payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 10. Extra dividends of 1-50 of a share of common stock have been paid semi-annually since July 1924, and in addition the company in January 1925 paid a special extra dividend of 50% in common stock, one of 40% in January 1927, and one of 50% on Jan. 2 1929.
 The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the no par value preferred stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 9.—V. 133, p. 1122.

Arizona Edison Co.—\$1,500,000 Notes Due Dec. 1 Not Paid—Holders Asked to Exchange for New Issue.

In a letter dated Nov. 30 to holders of \$1,500,000 one-year 5% gold notes due Dec. 1 E. C. Deal, President, states:
 Under present conditions the company is unable to sell securities upon any reasonable terms to provide funds necessary to meet the maturity of these notes. Furthermore, on account of the recent financial difficulties and receivership of Peoples Light & Power Corp. (which, through a wholly owned subsidiary, owns all of the common stock of Arizona Edison Co.) no financial assistance can be secured from this source. Cash on hand is sufficient to pay current operating charges, including interest on all indebtedness, but is entirely inadequate to meet a maturity of this size. Accordingly, it is necessary to request that the present noteholders to exchange their present holdings for an equal principal amount of new two-year 6½% gold notes to be dated Dec. 1 1931 and to mature Dec. 1 1933.
 The company has endeavored to make the new notes as attractive as possible. In addition to increasing the interest rate from 5% to 6½%, the company 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) issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise obligate itself for the payment of bonds, notes or other indebtedness, other than additional 1st mtge. gold bonds and loans made in the ordinary course of business for current needs, such loans to mature not more than one year after their respective dates; (c) apply any funds received, directly or indirectly, in payment of amounts due from affiliated companies (except wholly owned subsidiaries) to other than the retirement of the notes.
 Issuance of the new notes in exchange for the maturing notes has been approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission.
 In case the company finds it necessary or desirable to cancel or withdraw this offer, it reserves the right to do so at any time to and including Dec. 31 1931.
 Noteholders are requested to forward their notes for exchange to Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., 149 Broadway, New York. In case new notes are not issued, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. will return deposited notes. All charges in connection with this offer will be paid by the company. The company 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 coupon attached to notes are not to be deposited, but should be detached and presented in the usual way for payment.

Description of \$1,500,000 2-Year 6½% Gold Notes.

These notes will constitute direct and unconditional obligations of company. They will be dated Dec. 1 1931 and will be due Dec. 1 1933. Denom. \$1,000. Semi-annual interest (J. & D.) payable without deduction for Federal income taxes now or hereafter deductible at the source not in excess of 2% per annum. Red., all or part, at any time upon 30 days' notice at 102 to and incl. June 1 1932; thereafter to and incl. Dec. 1 1932 at 101; thereafter to and incl. June 1 1933 at 100½, and thereafter to maturity at 100, plus int., in each instance.

Business and Territory.—Company supplies electric light and power, manufactured gas, ice and (or) water service for domestic and industrial purposes to various cities and communities located in the State of Arizona. The territory served by the company has a population estimated to be in excess of 73,000. Over 55% of the gross operating revenue is from electric properties, 18% from water properties, and 15% from gas properties. The principal communities served by the company are: Yuma, Globe, Florence, Bisbee, Douglas, Safford.

Company has recently entered into a contract with the Western Gas Co. whereby natural gas is delivered to the mains in the Bisbee and Douglas districts. During July these connections were made, mains were extended, all devices adjusted for the use of natural gas, and rates reduced in the territory. The use of natural gas for house heating, for appliances and in the industrial field should materially increase business in this district.

Company has a favorable long-term contract with the Salt River Valley Water Users Association of Phoenix, Ariz., for the purchase of power from them for exclusive distribution in a territory comprising approximately 94 square miles located about 25 miles from Phoenix, Ariz. Adequate railroad facilities for this territory are afforded by the main line of the Southern Pacific RR.

Capitalization as of Sept. 30 1931 (Based upon Complete Exchange of Notes).

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
First mortgage gold bonds, due 1945 and 1948..	(closed)	\$5,379,500
2-year 6½% gold notes (this issue).....	50,000 shs.	1,500,000
Cumulative preferred stock (no par).....	100,000 shs.	28,156 shs.
Common stock (no par).....	100,000 shs.	50,000 shs.
x Issuance of additional bonds limited by provisions of the indenture.		
y \$6.50 series.		

Consolidated Earnings for 12 Months Periods Ended Sept. 30.

	1930.	1931.
Gross revenue, including other income.....	\$1,904,491	\$1,788,711
Oper. exps., maint. & taxes other than Federal..	1,117,978	1,128,470
Net earnings, before int., deprec., divs., &c.....	\$786,513	\$660,241
Annual interest on outstanding mortgage debt..	283,125	283,125
Ann. int. on 2-year 6½% gold notes (this issue)..	97,500	97,500

Physical Properties.—The electric properties consist principally of eight electric generating stations with an installed capacity of 10,950 kva., of which 8,694 kva. are produced by Diesel oil engines, and of over 223 miles of transmission and distribution lines. As of Sept. 30 1931 the electric properties were serving approximately 14,000 meters.

The water system at Yuma utilizes the Colorado River as a source of supply. The transmission and distribution facilities include over 173 miles of mains, and serve over 7,400 meters.

The manufactured gas properties have a capacity of over 1,100,000 cubic feet of manufactured gas per day. Natural and manufactured gas distribution systems include over 94 miles of mains and serve over 6,600 meters. At Sept. 30 1931 the company was supplying a total of over 27,000 customers.

Consolidated Balance Sheet as at Sept. 30 1931.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Fixed capital.....	\$9,551,492	\$6.50 pref. stk. (28,156 shs.)..	\$2,545,744
Cash on hand and in banks.....	160,547	Common stock (50,000 shs.).....	389,310
Notes receivable.....	1,354	First mtge. 6s.....	1,415,000
Accounts receivable.....	499,875	First mtge. 5s.....	3,964,500
Materials and supplies.....	247,872	Gold notes.....	1,500,000
Prepayments and miscellaneous current assets.....	105,977	Accounts payable.....	79,056
Advances to Peoples Light & Power Corp. (unsecured).....	a292,349	Taxes accrued.....	93,131
Deferred charges.....	472,392	Interest accrued.....	192,051
		Miscell. current assets.....	109,538
		Consumers deposits.....	826,430
		Retirement reserve.....	46,427
		Other reserves.....	25,054
		Capital surplus.....	53,112
		Earned surplus.....	53,112
Total.....	\$11,331,857	Total.....	\$11,331,857

a Peoples Light & Power Corp. now in receivership account of doubtful value.—V. 133, p. 2103.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Brokers' Holdings.

Statistics recently prepared on the class A stock show that only 3.96% of the total shares of this stock outstanding at Sept. 30 1931 was in the names of brokers or their nominees. The corresponding figure at Sept. 30 1930 was 4.6%, at Sept. 30 1929 6.3%, and at Dec. 12 1928 12.1%. As of Sept. 30 1931 the number of shares held by brokers holding 500 shares or more was 142,984, or only 3.15% of the total outstanding. Where brokers hold less than 500 shares, it is considered probable that a large proportion of these shares, in brokers' names, is being held for investors and not merely margin traders who intend to sell when a small profit can be had.

Earnings.—For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 21 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3628.

Associated Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Affiliated Co. Receives Big Contract from Polish State System.

The Polish Parliament has passed the necessary laws for granting a contract to Telephone & General Trust, Ltd., of London in conjunction with its affiliated company, the Associated Telephone & Telegraph Co. of Chicago, for conversion of the State operated telephone system of Poland to the Strowger Automatic System. It was announced by E. C. Blomeyer, President of the Associated company.

The contract involves the expenditure of more than \$3,000,000 for an initial outlay and provides for the furnishing of supplies and the granting of an international credit over a period of 12 years by a British-American group. Payments under the contract are specified in U. S. gold dollars.

The Associated Telephone group undertakes outside the United States engineering, construction, management and operation of telephone installations; examination, negotiation and acquisition of telephone systems and the financing of operating properties or extensions to existing plants. The interests sponsoring Associated-General Telephone group, either directly or through subsidiaries, control and operate more telephones than any other privately owned company with the exception of the Bell System in America.

In alliance with British associates, the group has substantial holdings in properties valued at more than \$91,000,000 in the United States, Canada, England, India, Australia, Belgium, Portugal, Venezuela and other countries.

The Strowger system of automatic telephony, as now adopted by the Polish State, is the standard system in use in government and private systems of North and South America, Great Britain, Germany, Australia, Japan and other important countries. Nearly 75% of the automatic telephones in use throughout the world operate under this system.

The initial contract for construction and installation of automatic equipment for the immense telephone network in greater London, which is now in progress, was awarded to the Automatic Telephone Manufacturing Co., Ltd., of Liverpool, one of the companies of the Associated-General Telephone group.—V. 133, p. 2601.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.—Expenditures Authorized.

The directors have approved an appropriation of \$333,869 for new construction and service betterments, bringing total appropriated this year to date to \$17,623,693.—V. 133, p. 3092.

Berlin Power & Light Corp.—Initial Dividend.

According to cable advices received from Berlin by Chase Harris Forbes Corp. and J. Henry Schroeder Banking Corp., the general meeting of the above corporation has authorized the payment of a dividend of RM. 5.75 per share on the common stock outstanding.

This payment corresponds to a common stock dividend of 10% covering the operations of the corporation for the short fiscal year, commencing with the formation of the company and closing June 30 1931. The dividend is payable to stockholders Dec. 3 1931.—V. 132, p. 4052.

Boston Consolidated Gas Co.—Production.

Gas Output (Number of Cubic Feet.)		1931.		1930.	
	1931.	1930.	July	1931.	1930.
Jan.....	1,238,137,000	1,108,442,000	801,571,000	734,961,000	
Feb.....	1,080,097,000	993,826,000	Aug.....	799,321,000	757,551,000
March.....	1,113,363,000	1,062,829,000	Sept.....	902,109,000	880,496,000
April.....	1,020,547,000	979,226,000	Oct.....	1,003,653,000	987,588,000
May.....	1,023,151,000	955,341,000	Nov.....	1,011,054,000	1,027,621,000
June.....	912,338,000	807,674,000	Dec.....	1,189,591,000	
—V. 133, p. 2432, 3092.					

Buffalo & Lackawanna Traction Co.—Reorganization.

The New York Public Service Commission has approved the reorganization plan for the company and has authorized the issuance of common stock of no par value. The reorganization plan proposes that depositing bondholders form a new corporation with an authorized capital of 15,000 shares of no par value common stock consisting of 12,000 shares of Class A stock which would be distributed to bondholders in the ratio of 10 shares of Class B for each \$1,000 principal amount of bonds and 3,000 shares of Class B stock designed to secure competent management. The purpose of the reorganization plan was said to be to transfer to the bondholders their interest in the property purchased on their account at the foreclosure sale.—V. 132, p. 3881.

Central Maine Power Co.—Bonds Offered.

A banking group headed by Chase Harris Forbes Corp. and including Coffin & Burr, Inc., Hill, Joiner & Co. and the N. W. Harris Co., Inc., is offering \$1,500,000 1st & gen. mtge. gold bonds, series F 5½%. Bonds are priced at 99 and int., yielding about 5.57%.

Dated Dec. 1 1931; due Dec. 1 1961. Int. payable J. & D. Principal and int. payable in Boston. Callable in whole or in part on any int. date, on six weeks' notice, to and incl. Dec. 1 1936 at 105, and int. thereafter during any calendar year at a premium reducing ¼ of 1% for each calendar year after 1936, to 100 and int. in 1936 and thereafter to maturity. Denom. c* \$1,000 and r \$1,000 and multiples thereof. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, Trustee.

Issuance.—Subject to authorization by the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Legal Investment.—Previous issues of bonds under this mortgage are, and it is expected that these bonds will be, legal investment for savings banks in Mass., New York and other States.

Tax Provision.—Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any normal Federal income tax to an amount not exceeding 2%.

Data from Letter of Pres. Walter S. Wyman, Augusta, Me., Dec. 2.

Company.—Incorp. in 1905 by the consolidation of two small electric light and power properties in Oakland and Waterville, which had together an annual gross income of about \$21,000. Company has had a continuous and growth from that time until to-day it is the most extensive electric light and power system in the State of Maine, and forms a single comprehensive system of hydro-electric plants, transmission and distribution lines, with gross earnings for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1931, of \$5,766,308. The present development is due not only to the unification over a long period of years of more than 60 companies, but also to a steady increase in business in the communities served.

Through the control of 100% of their common stocks, the company controls the Androscoggin Electric Co., doing the electric light and power business in Lewiston and Auburn, and operating the interurban road from those cities to Portland, and the Waterville, Fairfield and Oakland Ry. connecting these three communities.

Company is so tied together by its 1,000 miles of transmission lines, and the power plants are so distributed as to provide delivery at the point of consumption of reliable current in the quantity desired at minimum cost of production, transmission and distribution.

The strength of the company's position in a section widely known for its textile, paper, shoe and shipbuilding industries is established by its ownership of developed water power plants which together with three units of Wyman Station at Bingham, two of which units are already in operation, have an aggregate installed capacity of 171,389 hp., and its control of over 150,000 hp. of undeveloped hydro-electric sites, located on the principal power streams of the State.

The locations of the hydro-electric plants on these power streams with their different characteristics of drainage area, stream flow, and storage provide an unusual reliability of hydro-electric capacity.

Over 99¼% of the common stock of the company is owned by New England Public Service Co., a subsidiary of Middle West Utilities Co.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock.....	\$5,000,000	\$2,500,000
Preferred—6% cumulative.....		660,800
7% cumulative.....	25,000,000	11,422,700
Series stock (\$6 div series).....		7,602,800
First and gen. mtge.—Series B 6%, due 1942.....		811,500
Series D 5%, due 1955.....	y	12,750,000
Series E 4½%, due 1957.....		9,000,000
Series F 5½%, due 1961 (including this issue).....		1,500,000
First mortgage 5%, due 1939.....	Closed	4,093,000
Other divisional lien bonds.....	x	175,000
\$28,329,500		

x Closed (except for deposit with trustee under the 1st & general mtge.) by company's covenant in latter mortgage. y Limited only by the conservative restrictions of the mortgage.

Note.—The above does not include \$7,500,000 of notes junior to pref. stock, which represent permanent advances on the part of New England Public Service Co. These notes by resolution will not be called for payment except as payment is made in common stock as same may be authorized from time to time.

Since Jan. 1 1919 over \$17,700,000 of preferred stock has been issued, the larger part of which has been sold to residents of the territory served by the company. The 6%, 7% and \$6 preferred stock issues rank equally and have paid dividends since their issuance.

Earnings—Years Ended Oct. 31.

Gross earnings	1930. \$5,146,556	1931. \$5,766,308
Operating expenses, including maintenance and taxes, other than income taxes	a2,097,405	2,046,301
Net earnings	\$3,049,151	\$3,720,007
Annual interest charges on \$28,329,500 funded debt	-----	1,387,090

Bal. for reserves, inc. taxes, deprec. b and dividends---- \$2,332,917
 a Gives effect to \$32,812 deduction on account of power charged against reserve heretofore provided for that purpose. b Depreciation charge for 12 months ended Oct. 31 1931 was \$440,052.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company's treasury for expenditures made in the construction of additions to plants and properties.

Wyman Station.—In order to keep pace with the continually increasing demand for power in its territory, the company, in the summer of 1928, began construction of the Wyman Station on the Kennebec River about a mile above Bingham, Me. The station involved building the largest dam ever built in Maine. A head of 135 feet has been developed. The first two units of the station have been placed in service. When the third unit is installed, which will be done when conditions warrant it, the development will have an aggregate capacity of 100,000 hp. and will be capable of producing 300,000,000 kwh. in an average year. The mill pond at this plant is 12 miles long and has a capacity of approximately 9,000,000,000 cu. ft. This large mill pond capacity enables the plant to put out kilowatt-hours at a time when they are most needed and consequently are of most value, at a very low cost per kilowatt hour. About half the energy which this station will develop has already been contracted for and as the balance is sold, it is expected that the earnings of the company will be added to very materially.

Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2103.

Central Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.—E. H. Rollins & Sons; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; A. B. Leach & Co.; Hill, Joiner & Co., and Tucker, Anthony & Co., are offering at 90 and int. \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 6½% gold bonds, series B.

Dated Dec. 1 1931; due Dec. 1 1951. Interest payable J. & D. in New York or Chicago, without deduction for Federal income taxes not in excess of 2%. Denom. c\$1,000, \$500 and \$100, and r*\$1,000 or authorized multiples thereof. Red. all or in part, at any time, upon 30 days' notice at 104 through Nov. 30 1936; thereafter at 103 through Nov. 30 1941; thereafter at 102 through Nov. 30 1946; thereafter at 101½ through Nov. 30 1948; thereafter at 101 through Nov. 30 1950; thereafter at 100, plus interest in each case. Company agrees to reimburse the resident holders of these bonds, if requested within 60 days after payment, in the manner provided in the mortgage for the personal property tax of the states of Connecticut, Pennsylvania and California not exceeding 4 mills per annum, the Maryland tax not exceeding 4½ mills per annum, the District of Columbia tax not exceeding 5 mills per annum, and for the Mass. income tax on the interest of the bonds not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum. First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, and Melvin A. Traylor, trustees.

Data from Letter of E. B. Neiswanger, President of the Company.

Company.—Incorp. in 1916 in Massachusetts. Now supplies one or more classes of public utility service to a centralized group of 174 communities which are located in the southern portion of the State of Texas. Electric light and power is supplied to 171 communities, ice to 62, water to 23 and street railway service in 1 community. Company serves 54,980 customers with electric light and power and 16,741 with water. The total combined population of the territory now served is estimated at 360,000.

The properties now operated comprise electric power stations having generating capacity of 105,029 horse power, ice plants having daily ice making capacity of 2,855 tons, and 2,308 miles of electric transmission lines. Laredo, Corpus Christi and Del Rio, Texas, and the rich Rio Grande valley are among the districts where electric service is rendered. Houston, San Antonio and Brownsville are the largest of the communities served with ice.

Consolidated Earnings Statement of Company as now Constituted (& Subs.).

12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1930.	1931.
Gross earnings	\$10,650,395	\$9,906,096
Oper. expenses, rentals, taxes & maintenance	6,395,387	5,547,330
Net earnings before depreciation	\$4,255,008	\$4,358,766
Annual interest requirements on the company's total funded debt (including this issue)	-----	1,800,725

1931 net earnings over 2.4 times interest requirement on funded debt.
 Security.—Bonds are a direct obligation of the company and are secured by an absolute 1st mtge. on all of the permanent property, rights and franchises of the company now owned and on all property hereafter acquired on account of which additional bonds are issuable under the mortgage, and are additionally secured by deposit with the trustee under the mortgage of all capital stocks and bonds at any time outstanding of the subsidiaries specified in the mortgage. The earnings and property values of all the subsidiaries do not exceed 2¼% of the total earnings and property values, respectively, of the company and its subsidiaries.

Valuation.—The value of the company's property, less depreciation, as determined during the years 1922 and 1923 by independent examining engineers, plus the actual cost of subsequent additions, is largely in excess of the total funded debt of the company to be outstanding in the hands of the public upon completion of the present financing.

Management.—This corporation is a part of the Middle West Utilities system.

Listing.—Bonds listed on Boston Stock Exchange.—V. 133, p. 3092.

Central Public Service Corp.—New Officer.—

E. Paul Young has been elected Vice-President in charge of sales. J. R. Lavelle, who has been in the electric operations department, will assist Mr. Young.—V. 133, p. 3463.

Central & South West Utilities Co.—Electric Output.—

President James O. Kennedy announces that output of electric energy to all types of customers by subsidiaries of this company for the nine week period from Sept. 20 to Nov. 21 was running approximately 2% ahead of output for the same period in 1930. Total output for the 1931 period was 167,623,000 kwh., against 164,605,000 kwh. for the corresponding period last year. Output for the single week ending Nov. 21, Mr. Kennedy said, was 3.7% ahead of the corresponding 1930 week, a slight falling off in the gain of the previous week over the previous 1930 week. Total output was 17,347,000 kwh., compared with 16,719,000 kwh. for 1930. Increased power use to gin the Southwest's bumper cotton crop, as well as gains in irrigation and oil field loads, plus increased residential use were given as reasons for the output gains.—V. 133, p. 3462.

Central States Electric Corp.—No Dividends.—

The corporation states that "owing to the general decline in the securities market, action on dividends on its preferred stocks and common stock, which would have been payable Jan. 1 1932, is being deferred. The pref. stock dividends are cumulative."

The previous quarterly dividends were paid Oct. 1 on the preferred stocks as follows: \$1.75 per share on the 7%; \$1.50 on the 6%; \$1.50 on the \$6 conv. issue series of 1929, and \$1.50 on the \$6 conv. issue series of 1928. In February, the regular quarterly cash dividend of 10 cents per share was omitted on the common stock and the stock dividend of 2½% quarterly was changed to 5% semi-annually, the first payment on the latter basis being made July 1.—V. 133, p. 953.

Central West Public Service Co.—To Increase Stock.—

The stockholders will vote at a special meeting Dec. 15 on a proposal to increase the capital stock by an additional 100,000 shares of \$100 preferred and 300,000 shares of no par preferred stock. The \$100 par preferred is to have the same preference and voting power as the present A and B preferred stocks, of which there are about 20,000 shares outstanding of the combined authorized amount of 50,000 shares.

In addition to the preferred stock the company has authorized 500,000 shares of series A and B no par common stock, of which about 279,000 shares are outstanding.—V. 133, p. 2103.

Columbus, Delaware & Marion Electric Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Proposed Sale.—

See Ohio Electric Power Co. below.—V. 133, p. 1287.

Commonwealth Edison Co.—Permanent Bonds Ready.—

Permanent 1st mtge. 4% gold bonds, series F, due March 1 1931, are now ready and exchangeable for the temporary bonds originally issued.—V. 133, p. 3629.

Community Traction Co.—Trustees.—

The Bankers Trust Co., acting as trustee, has invited holders of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds to submit proposals for the sale of these bonds, at prices not to exceed 104 and int., for the account of the sinking fund.—V. 133, p. 284.

Connecticut Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Sept. 30 '31.		Dec. 31 '30.		Sept. 30 '31.		Dec. 31 '30.	
Assets—		Assets—		Liabilities—		Liabilities—	
Prop., plant, &c.	12,134,760	12,176,118	Common stock	16,492,675	16,488,875	Prem. on com.stk.	3,129,747
Cash	189,407	180,960	Bonds:				
Notes receivable	25,336	31,576	Conn. Pow. Co.	2,250,500	2,265,500		
Accts. receivable	528,870	496,669	New London Gas				
Int. & div. receiv.	150,195	150,124	& Elec. Co.	375,500	375,500		
Mat'l & supplies	192,164	210,085	Berkshire Pr. Co	61,000	61,000		
Prepayments	14,463	13,394	Divs. declared	5,603			
Invest. in affil.cos.	8,959,811	12,245,920	Accounts payable	135,987	148,471		
Misc. investments	3,193,395	1	Notes payable		100,000		
Sinking funds	1,292	843	Misc. liabilities	47,424	67,536		
Unamortized debt,			Work comp.claims		3,807		
discount & exp.	39,778	41,115	Acct. bond int.	11,373			
Misc. special funds	98,630		Taxes accrued	158,556	172,513		
Special dep.—div.	5,603		Retirement reserve	1,016,889	1,320,466		
Unadjusted debits	206,246	207,644	Miscell. reserves	42,878			
			Contrib. for exten.	47,113	46,298		
			Unadjusted credits	5,642	5,399		
			Profit & loss	1,959,162	1,571,032		
Total	25,739,950	25,754,449	Total	25,739,950	25,754,449		

—V. 133, p. 1614.

Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y.—Simplification of Corporate Structure Progressing.—

See New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Co. and also Standard Gas Light Co. below.—V. 133, p. 2927.

Consumers Gas Co. of Toronto.—Earnings.—

Year Ended Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Gas sales	\$5,864,352	\$6,037,443	\$5,869,928
Residual produced	1,719,185	1,442,924	1,453,852
Merchandise sales	396,993	458,371	518,833
Miscellaneous revenue	13,833	13,963	15,854
Total gross earnings	\$7,994,304	\$7,952,701	\$7,858,467
Prod., distrib. & adm. exps., & taxes	5,803,662	5,733,929	5,686,914
Net earnings	\$2,190,641	\$2,218,772	\$2,171,553
Interest earnings	90,381	120,687	76,364
Total net income	\$2,281,023	\$2,339,459	\$2,247,917
Spec. surp. acct. brought forward	284,602	219,165	150,713
Total	\$2,565,625	\$2,558,624	\$2,398,630
Dividends	1,325,000	1,325,000	1,262,449
Plants & buildings, renewal fund	1,013,812	949,022	917,015
Special surplus account Sept. 30..	\$226,814	\$284,602	\$219,164
Shares of stock outstanding	132,500	132,500	132,500
Earnings per share before plant & buildings, renewal fund	\$17.22	\$17.65	\$16.39

Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

1931.		1930.		1931.		1930.	
Assets—		Assets—		Liabilities—		Liabilities—	
Plant, &c.	21,116,732	20,272,006	Stock	13,250,000	13,250,000		
Other investments	1,960,664	1,970,574	Reserve fund	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Materials, &c.	986,484	883,397	Renewal fund	2,514,184	2,301,535		
Cash	10,100	170,784	Spec. surp. acct.	226,814	284,602		
Accts. receivable	678,552	722,686	Sundry accounts	365,727	305,954		
Acct. int. (not due)	39,220	39,991	Reserve for divs.	331,250	331,250		
Prepaid taxes	91,851	87,148	Stock premium	6,591,555	6,591,555		
			Bank advance	485,282			
			Prov. for Dominion				
			Govt. taxation	118,788	81,691		
Total	24,883,603	24,146,587	Total	24,883,603	24,146,587		

—V. 131, p. 3875.

Dry Dock East Broadway & Battery RR.—Bondholders' Protective Committee Organized.—

Announcement was made Dec. 4 of the formation of a committee to protect the interests of the holders of the general mortgage bonds, due Dec. 1 1932, on which interest was defaulted as of Dec. 1 1931. Holders of the bonds are requested to deposit them with the City Bank Farmers Trust Co., depository for the committee which will issue certificates of deposit under an agreement dated Dec. 2 1931. The bondholders protective committee consists of Frank Coenen, Frank Veith and Robert Winthrop. Grier Bartol, of 41 Broad Street, is secretary to the committee.—V. 133, p. 3629.

Eastern Pennsylvania Rys.—Bonds to Be Retired.—

See Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. below.—V. 116, p. 2128.

Electric Public Utilities Co.—Dec. 1 Int. Defaulted.—

The protective committee for the holders of the \$3,500,000 15-year 6% secured gold bonds due 1942 announces that the interest due on the bonds was not paid on Dec. 1 1931, when due. The bonds are secured by deposit with the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee, of securities stated of the following companies:

(1) Louisiana Ice & Utilities, Inc.—All the outstanding common stock (except directors' qualifying shares) deposited with trustee.

This company supplies electric light and power service to 24 communities in Louisiana with an estimated population of 15,000 and renders ice service to 48 communities in Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi. Company has outstanding \$2,333,500 1st mtge. 6% bonds. Company has defaulted in paying the sinking fund due April 1 1931, on these bonds amounting to approximately \$70,000. There is also outstanding unsecured indebtedness of this company of over \$2,000,000, most of which is owed to Electric Public Utilities Co. The financial condition of this company warrants little, if any, value to the common stock.

(2) Empire Southern Gas Co.—All the outstanding obligations of this company, including common stock, are deposited with the trustee.

This company serves natural gas in 13 communities in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, having a combined population of 25,000 and showed net

earnings before depreciation, &c., of \$119,000 for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931.

(3) Electric Public Service Co.—All the outstanding common stock of this company is deposited with the trustee.

This company through its subsidiaries supplies electric energy for light and power without competition to 88 communities in Ohio, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and Texas. Natural gas and ice are supplied in Texas and Oklahoma. Street railway service is provided in Findlay, Ohio. Population served about 150,000.

The subsidiaries of the Electric Public Service Co. have outstanding with the public 1st mtge. bonds amounting to \$4,425,000. Notes payable amounting to about \$200,000 and 10,000 shares of 6% preferred stock.

The Electric Public Service Co. has outstanding with the public debentures, notes payable and secured bonds of \$6,506,500, and also has substantial open accounts due. There is outstanding \$1,547,400 (par value) 7% preferred stock, upon which the dividend is not being paid.

The committee requests bondholders to deposit their bonds in order to give power to the committee to take such action as in their discretion is most advisable fully to protect their interests.

Committee.—Robert W. Rea (Chairman), Robertson Griswold and Warren A. Tyson, with Frank G. Royce, care of Provident Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Secretary, and Chadbourne, Hunt, Jaekel & Brown, 165 Broadway, N. Y. City, counsel.

Depository.—Provident Trust Co., Philadelphia. Sub-depository: Maryland Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.—V. 133, p. 2928.

Engineers Public Service Corp.—Comparative Bal. Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Oct. 31 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Oct. 31 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
Property, plant &c.	324,676,190	309,458,918	
Excess of book value of sec. subs. as of date of aqcu. over par or stated value thereof.	8,958,534		
Investments	14,993,047	13,620,138	
Cash	6,587,245	5,859,371	
Notes receivable	426,247	350,535	
Accts. receivable	7,225,628	7,523,694	
Mat'ls & suppl's	3,153,195	3,358,500	
Prepayments	1,063,536	761,871	
Subscrib. to stk.	30,984		
Sinking funds.	7,834,153	7,409,793	
Special deposits.	522,778	692,338	
Unamort. debt & discot. & exp.	8,310,945	6,986,087	
Unadjust. debits	659,116	585,804	
Total	375,482,366	365,565,584	
			Total
			375,482,366
			365,565,584

a Includes \$7,915,000 bonds of subsidiaries held in sinking funds and in escrow, uncancelled. b Represented by 158,080 shares of \$5 dividend convertible preferred, 196,931 shares of \$5.50 cum. div. pref. and 75,000 shares of \$6 cum. div. pref. stock of no par value. c Represented by 1,909,731 shares of no par value. d Surplus of subsidiary companies at date of acquisition by Engineers Public Service Co. was \$8,958,534.—V. 133, p. 2928.

Federal Power & Light Co.—Dividend Omitted.

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about Nov. 15 on the common stock. Quarterly distributions of 50 cents per share were made on May 15 and Aug. 15 last, as against 62½ cents per share previously.—V. 132, p. 1411.

Green Mountain Power Corp.—Stock Sold.

The New England Power Association Nov. 30 acquired at auction the voting shares of the corporation. The stock purchased consists of 28,347 no par common shares and was auctioned for \$1,025,000.

Prior to the sale an injunction was unsuccessfully sought by West Coast Power Co. to restrain the sale on the ground that the stock was worth \$2,500,000 and was deposited by Peoples Light & Power Co. as security for a loan of \$300,000 from Chase National Bank. The applicant for the restraining order was unable to furnish immediately a bond of about \$1,000,000.

The Boston "News Bureau" Dec. 1 stated that the New England Power Association has advanced \$1,500,000 to the Green Mountain Power Co. to enable the latter to pay off \$1,500,000 notes maturing Dec. 1.

New England Power to Aid Dividend Payment.

The Boston "Transcript" Dec. 3, stated: The New England Power Association which acquired ownership of all common stock of the Green Mountain Power Corp. and advanced funds to pay \$1,500,000 of notes maturing Dec. 1, proposes to have canceled a sufficient number of the common shares in order to facilitate payment of preferred dividend by the Green Mountain Company.

Frank D. Comerford, President of New England Power, said that careful consideration has been given to the matter of the payment of a dividend on the preferred shares, ordinarily distributed Dec. 1. Many of these shares are held by customers of the company and the current earnings justify payment of the dividend.

"We are advised, however, that there is a possibility that the capital of the company has been impaired," he said, "and in view of this, the directors might not be in a position to declare a dividend. To remedy such an impairment, if any exists, the New England Power Association is arranging, subject to approval of the Public Service Commission of Vermont, to cancel sufficient number of shares of common stock. It is expected that this action will be taken within a few days and if the commission approves, we will recommend to directors at an early meeting, the immediate declaration and payment of the preferred dividend."—V. 133, p. 3629.

Honolulu Gas Co., Ltd.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to the regular monthly dividend of 15 cents per share, both payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 15. An extra of 20 cents per share was paid on Jan. 20 last.—V. 132, p. 848.

Illinois Power & Light Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Oct. 31 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Oct. 31 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
Fixed capital	220,672,980	216,742,208	
Cash held by trustee	862,854	546,346	
Cash & due from banks	3,261,034	4,751,735	
Notes and accts. receivable	4,374,027	5,237,484	
Mat'ls & suppl's	2,589,064	2,895,648	
Prepayments	281,954	146,728	
Miscell. invest.	4,357,196	8,033,716	
Sinking fund	168,066	299,354	
Special deposits.	1,905,335	1,903,671	
Accts. with affil. companies	7,580,470	5,262,228	
Unamort. bond discount	4,847,080	4,912,600	
Miscell. deferred debits	180,806	209,740	
Treasury secur.		570,000	
Total	250,980,869	251,511,458	
			Total
			250,980,869
			251,511,458

x Represented by 443,500 shares of no par value. y Represented by 600,000 shares of no par value.—V. 133, p. 3093.

Intercontinentals Power Co.—Receivers Named.

Chancellor J. O. Wolcott at Wilmington, Del., Dec. 3 appointed William W. Freeman of N. Y. City and Henry G. Mahaffy of Wilmington as receivers for the corporation. The corporation is a public utility holding company, furnishing power and light to 112 cities in Brazil Argentina and Chile.

The receivers were appointed on application of the General Management Corp. of New York, which alleged insolvency. Corporation has outstanding \$7,500,000 6% debentures due Dec. 1 1948 and \$3,000,000 conv. 6% debentures also due Dec. 1 1948. Interest due Dec. 1 on both issues has been defaulted.

Corporation is controlled by the American Equities Co., which recently was merged with the International Utilities Corp. through ownership of all the class B common stock. Mr. Freeman, one of the receivers appointed, was President of the company.

Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended Aug. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3254.

International Power Securities Corp.—52% of Series D Bonds Approve Offer of "Italgas."

President H. G. Perry Dec. 1 says:

In a notice dated Nov. 4 1931, bondholders were advised of an offer made by Societa Italiana per il Gas ("Italgas") to surrender to the trustee on Jan. 1 1932, for cancellation, \$530,000 of series D bonds and to procure the guarantee by Banca Commerciale Italiana of the principal and interest of the series D bonds remaining outstanding, providing that the Bankers Trust Co., trustee, gives its approval of the sale of the "Acna" properties.

We advised further that the trustee required the consent of the holders of a substantial majority of the series D bonds before giving its approval. At the close of business, Nov. 29 1931, holders of \$1,906,000 of bonds had approved, being 52% of the amount to be outstanding on Jan. 1 1932, as stated in the notice of Nov. 4 1931, but the trustee requires that a larger percentage of holders indicate their acceptance. The last date upon which bonds may be presented to be stamped is Dec. 14 1931. If a sufficient number are not presented, the offer will not be accepted.

The directors of this corporation and the original banking group regard the offer of "Italgas" as decidedly advantageous and one that it is to the best interest of the bondholders to accept. Bondholders who have not already presented their bonds are, therefore, urged to do so without further delay, at the office of Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N. Y. City. See also V. 133, p. 3093.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.—Bonds Offered.

A group comprising Guaranty Co. of New York; Chase Harris Forbes Corp.; Bonbright & Co., Inc.; Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh; Continental Illinois Co., Inc., and Otis & Co., Inc., is offering \$3,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds, 4½% series due 1961. Price on application.

Bonds to mature Feb. 1 1961. Principal and int. payable in New York and Chicago. Int. payable 4-A, without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2%. Penna. 4-mill tax refundable. Denom. c* \$1,000 and r* \$1,000, \$5,000 and \$50,000. Red., all or part, at any time on 60 days' notice to and incl. Feb. 1 1942 at 110% and int., and thereafter at 110 and int. with successive decreases of ¼ of 1% during each 12 months' period subsequent to Feb. 1 1942. Continental National Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, corporate trustee.

Company's outstanding 1st mtge. bonds are legal investment for savings banks in New York, New Jersey, Mass., Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Conn., and in the opinion of counsel these additional 1st mtge. gold bonds, 4½% series due 1961, when issued, will likewise be legal investment for savings banks in said States.

Data from Letter of Joseph F. Porter, President of the Company.

Business and Property.—Company does the entire central station power and light business in Kansas City, Mo., and also sells electric current used in a large portion of the surrounding area in the States of Missouri and Kansas. The total population of the territory in which the company's electric output is distributed is approximately 850,000.

Company's properties include two electric generating plants with an aggregate installed capacity of 226,750 kw., 61 substations with a total installed transformer capacity of 187,284 kva., 715 circuit miles of transmission lines, 3,765 circuit miles of distribution lines and a recently completed 29-story office building.

Capitalization to Be Outstanding upon Completion of This Financing.

1st mtge. gold bonds, 4½% series B, due 1957	\$6,000,000
4½% series, due 1961 (including this issue)	30,000,000
First preferred stock, series B \$6	40,000 shs.
Common stock	525,000 shs.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to reimburse the company for funds heretofore expended for additions to property, and for other corporate purposes.

Security.—Mortgage under which the bonds are to be issued is a direct first lien on all fixed property of the company.

Earnings for Calendar Years.

	Gross Earnings.	Oper. Maint. & Prop. Taxes.	Net Earnings Before Deprec'n.
1927	\$12,502,404	\$5,716,895	\$6,785,509
1928	13,749,850	6,463,380	7,286,470
1929	14,613,647	6,883,548	7,730,099
1930	14,883,651	6,741,021	8,142,630
1931-a	14,864,395	6,524,394	8,340,001

a 12 months ended Oct. 31 1931.

Net earnings before depreciation for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1931, as shown above, amount to more than 5.1 times annual interest charges on total funded debt to be outstanding upon completion of this financing, and after depreciation in accordance with mortgage requirements to more than 4.4 times such interest charges. The actual amount set aside for depreciation for this 12-month period was \$2,131,804, which was substantially in excess of the amount required by the mortgage.

Listing.—Application will be made to list these additional bonds on the New York Stock Exchange.

Issuance.—Authorized by Missouri Public Service Commission and Kansas Public Service Commission.

Condensed Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31 1931 (Giving Effect to Financing).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Plant & property—Electric	\$63,121,915	Funded debt	\$36,000,000
Steam heat	2,501,331	Accounts payable	411,007
Water and ice	456,310	Consumers deposits	514,126
Coal mining rights, town-site, &c.	891,389	Accrued taxes	826,975
Construction in progress, incl. office building	4,602,112	Accrued interest	410,504
Investments	16,411	Other accruals	24,262
Cash	2,902,979	Affiliated company notes and accounts payable	16,169
Materials and supplies	1,077,867	Reserves—	
Notes & accounts receivable	1,507,891	Depreciation & replacem't.	11,466,462
Miscellaneous current assets	623,173	Injuries and damages	681,244
Prepayments	131,324	Other	333,109
Affiliated company notes and accounts receivable	33,202	Miscellaneous unadj. credits	26,230
Deferred debts	174,804	Capital stock	a28,995,000
Unamortized financing and brokerage expense	6,737,493	Surplus	b3,573,113
Total	\$84,778,201	Total	\$84,778,201

a Consisting of 40,000 shs. 1st pref. stock, series B \$6, and 525,000 shs. common stock.—V. 132, p. 3145.

Louisiana Ice & Utilities, Inc.—Bond Sinking Fund in Default—Common Stock Probably Worthless.

See Electric Public Utilities Co. above.—V. 125, p. 518.

Middlesex & Boston Street Ry.—Would Extend Bonds.

At a hearing before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities on the petition of company for authority to extend maturity of \$1,983,000 4½% bonds, due Jan. 1 1932, for a period of 10 years from that date, bonds to bear interest at 5% during the period, Attorney Carr, representing

the company, filed an amendment to the original petition. He stated that since the original petition was filed the company has had negotiations with substantial holders of the bonds and came to the conclusion that the interest rate on the extended bonds should be 5 1/2%.

Mr. Carr pointed out that of original issue of \$5,000,000, only \$1,983,000 are now outstanding and cannot be paid off at maturity. Bonds outstanding in hands of the general public amount to \$673,000, and under the proposed plan were to have priority in liquidation in payment of principal and in event of default. About 10% of the face value were to be purchased each year and cancelled, thus eliminating this amount in ten years.

The company is controlled by Suburban Electric Securities Co., which owns the entire issue of common stock and a substantial amount of bonds.—V. 133, p. 3463.

Middle West Utilities System.—Power Output.—

	October This Year (Excl. New Cos.)		October This Year (Incl. New Cos.)		Oct. Last Yr.
	k.w.h.	Inc.	k.w.h.	Inc.	k.w.h.
Residential	44,284,000	12.6%	45,165,000	14.8%	39,336,000
Commercial lighting	34,230,000	4.2%	34,818,000	6.0%	32,839,000
Commercial power	17,270,000	9.1%	19,866,000	10.9%	144,091,000
All other	171,588,000	3.6%	177,068,000	6.9%	165,663,000
Total output	407,372,000	6.7%	416,912,000	9.2%	381,929,000
	1st 10 Mos. This Yr.		1st 10 Mos. This Yr.		Last Year
	(Excl. New Cos.)	(Incl. New Cos.)	(Excl. New Cos.)	(Incl. New Cos.)	k.w.h.
Residential	415,900,000	11.8%	423,297,000	13.8%	372,068,000
Com'l lighting	324,233,000	4.5%	330,424,000	6.5%	310,189,000
Com'l power	1,458,217,000	5.9%	1,488,087,000	8.0%	1,377,593,000
All other	1,512,080,000	1.1%	1,568,607,000	2.2%	1,496,087,000
Total output	3,710,430,000	4.5%	3,810,415,000	6.0%	3,555,939,000

Sales to residential customers are running 14.8% ahead of last year.—V. 133, p. 3630, 3463.

Minot Gas Co., Minot, N. D.—Dividend Deferred.—The directors recently voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% due Oct. 1 1931 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on July 1 1931.

Municipal Service Co.—Special Dividend.—The directors have declared a special dividend for the year 1931 of 50c. per share on the outstanding common stock, payable Jan. 15 1932 to holders of record Dec. 15 1931. This dividend is in addition to the regular quarterly dividends, already declared, at the rate of \$1.52 per share per annum, bringing the total dividends declared for the year 1931 to \$2.02. This company is part of the Middle West Utilities System. A special distribution of 50c. per share was also made on Jan. 15 1931.—V. 133, p. 3093.

National Electric Power Co.—Reports Increasing Benefits from \$55,000,000 Construction Outlay in Depression Period.—Pointing to the expenditures by this company's subsidiaries of \$55,000,000 for new construction in the last two "depression years," President Harry Reid informed stockholders in a letter on Dec. 1 that the benefits of these outlays are already being reflected in earnings and that through the increased energy capacity provided by this new construction the earnings trend of the operating companies now appears to be steadily upward. The letter says, in part:

"In 1930, subsidiaries of the National Electric Power Co. spent a total of \$35,700,000 for new construction. Expenditures for 1931 will amount to \$20,100,000. Thus in two years, the total of \$55,800,000 has been spent to extend and improve the facilities of the operating companies.

"Largely as a result of this construction program, the capacity of power plants in the company's system has increased from 497,000 kilowatts at Dec. 31 1929, to 774,000 at the present time, a gain of 55%.

"Thus the company has taken advantage of low construction costs to build ahead of immediate requirements. The benefits of this program are already becoming apparent. Increased sales of electricity can now be made without additional investment. In the first two weeks of November, for example, total output was 78,861,853 k.w.h., a gain of 16.2% over the corresponding period a year ago after making adjustments for properties acquired within the year. Excluding recent large power contracts, the gain over last year amounts to 2.1%.

"As business activity increases, further gains in electric sales should be recorded, and these, in turn, will be directly reflected in increased earnings."—V. 133, p. 3630.

National Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

	1931.	1930.		1931.	1930.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Investments	139,531,080	131,383,606	Capital stock	125,685,114	125,622,782
Cash & call loans	8,926,582	8,856,834	Total long-term debt	24,500,000	24,500,000
Temp'y inv. in bds. of other cos. called for redemption	5,076,765	-----	Contractual liab	27,590	17,194,079
Notes and loans rec.—subsidi.	3,808,000	13,867,527	Divs. declared	419,554	419,536
Notes and loans rec.—others	655,937	-----	\$7 pref'd stock called for red.	-----	306,006
Accts. rec.—subs	499,454	995,110	Accts. payable	50,144	43,300
Accts. rec'ble—others	50,888	96,091	Accrued accts.	409,842	426,811
Contracts rec.	-----	17,053,589	Stock subscrip.	125,000	125,000
Unamort. debt. disc't. & exp.	2,755,189	2,755,144	Reserve	281,378	281,378
Stock subscrip. rights (contra)	125,000	125,000	Surplus	10,073,917	6,357,634
Sundry debits	143,646	143,626			
Total	161,572,541	175,276,526	Total	161,572,541	175,276,526

* Represented by \$6 pref. stock (no par) 279,703 shs. 279,691 shs.
Common stock (no par) 5,449,301 shs. 5,446,584 shs.—V. 133, p. 1452.

New England Power Association.—Purchases Green Mountain Power Corp. Stock—Advances \$1,500,000 to Pay Off Notes.—See latter company above.—V. 133, p. 3630.

New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.—Rate Changes.—The company on Dec. 1 announced the filing with the New Jersey P. U. Commission of a new schedule of rates for Newark, Irvington, the Oranges and Maplewood, to take effect May 29 1932, when dial operation in those communities will become general.

The new schedule provides for some increases and some decreases, but will have the effect of reducing the company's gross and net revenues, according to G. W. McRae, Vice-President and General Manager.

Restricted service will be abolished and the local calling area will be the same as the present "extended scope." The monthly rates on business phones will be \$4.75 for 75 message units; residence, \$5.50 flat, or \$4.25 for 75 messages. Four-party residence service will be replaced by two-party service on a message basis \$3 for 60 messages in Newark and \$2.75 for 55 messages in the Oranges. This is 25 cents less than the present party service flat rates.—V. 132, p. 121.

New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Co.—Time to Deposit Shares in Exchange for Consolidated Gas Co. Stock Extended.—The minority stockholders' committee of the New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Co. has notified the stockholders that the time limit for deposit of their shares under the recent offer of an exchange announced by the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York had been extended to Dec. 15 to

permit deposits by minority stockholders who live at a distance or who for other reasons had been unable to turn over their shares.

More than 75% of minority holdings have been deposited with committee, which comprises George H. Church, William Carnegie Ewen and Fred W. Gwynne. This leaves only 0.7% of the common and preferred stocks of the company in the hands of minority stockholders, as 97.1% of the shares are owned by Consolidated Gas and 2.1% have been deposited with the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., depository under the plan.

The committee's letter says: "It is hoped that by Dec. 15 1931, sufficient stock will have been deposited to warrant the committee in asking the trustees of the Consolidated Gas Co. to approve of the exchange and to petition the New York P. S. Commission for leave to carry it into effect.

"It is of the utmost importance that as much stock as possible should be deposited by that date because both the willingness of the Consolidated Gas Co. to make the exchange and the approval of the Commission will depend largely on whether or not substantially all of the minority common stock can be acquired by the Consolidated Gas Co. by this method."

The basis of exchange is of one share of preferred and one-half share of common stock of Consolidated for each share of preferred of New York & Queens, and one share of preferred and 2 1/2 shares of common stock of Consolidated for each common share of New York & Queens. See also V. 133, p. 2929.

New York Steam Corp.—Awarded Large Contract.—The corporation has been awarded the contract to furnish steam for the 20,000 radiators and other heating equipment to be installed in John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s mid-town building center, Radio City. This steam will be fed into the corporation's mid-town distributing system from six generating plants on the East River. In addition to its own plants at Kip's Bay, at 59th and at 60th Streets, these plants include three important East River stations of the New York Edison Co., two between 38th and 40th Streets and one at 14th Street. The Edison stations supplement the supply of steam from the New York Steam Corp's plants. Work on the installation of underground connections between the new buildings and steam mains already laid in the adjacent streets will be commenced at once. More than 500 carloads of coal will be required to produce the 360,000,000 pounds of steam which represent the estimated annual requirements of the broadcasting and amusement centre.—V. 133, p. 2267.

New York Telephone Co.—Expenditures Authorized.—The expenditure of \$563,360 for new construction throughout the State was authorized by the directors on Nov. 25, according to an announcement made by President J. S. McCulloh. This brings the total appropriated for this purpose during the first 11 months of the year to \$58,603,280, of which \$45,096,980 has been provided for the extension of facilities in the metropolitan area.—V. 133, p. 2929.

North Boston Lighting Properties.—Notes Offered.—Chase Harris Forbes Corp.; Bankers Trust Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; First National Old Colony Corp.; F. S. Moseley & Co.; N. W. Harris Co., Inc.; Otis & Co., (Inc.); Bodell & Co.; H. P. Wood & Co.; Tenney & Co., Inc., and Edward M. Bradley & Co., Inc., are offering at 100 and int. \$7,500,000 5 1/2% secured gold notes. Unconditionally guaranteed as to prin. and int. by endorsement by Massachusetts Power & Light Associates and New England Power Engineering & Service Corp.

Dated Dec. 1 1931; due Dec. 1 1932. Interest payable J. & D. in New York, Chicago and Boston. Red. all or part at any time on 30 days' notice at 100 1/2 through June 1 1932 and at 100 1/4 thereafter to maturity in each case with accrued interest to redemption date. Denom. \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000 c's. Old Colony Trust Co., Boston, trustee. Legal investment for savings banks in Massachusetts.

Data from Letter of Frank D. Comerford, President of the Company.—History and Business.—Company is a Massachusetts voluntary association established by agreement and declaration of trust dated Feb. 1 1911, and providing that liability shall be confined to the trust assets. Company controls through stock ownership nine operating companies all under the regulation of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities supplying gas and (or) electricity directly or indirectly for light, heat and power purposes in a large and growing territory north of Boston, including Beverly, Danvers, Essex, Everett, Gloucester, Hamilton, Haverhill, Malden, Manchester, Medford, Melrose, Newbury, Newburyport, Peabody, Reading, Revere, Rockport, Salem, Stoneham, Topsfield, Wakefield, Wenham, Winthrop and West Newbury, Massachusetts. These communities have a population of about 500,000.

Capitalization of company and subsidiaries outstanding as of Sept. 30 1931, including all stocks, notes and funded debt of subsidiary companies held by the public, adjusted to give effect to issue of \$725,000 of short term notes by subsidiaries subsequent to Sept. 30 1931, and to present financing assuming the sale of all of these 5 1/2% secured gold notes, is as follows:

One year 5 1/2% secured gold notes (this issue)	\$7,500,000
Preferred shares (\$50 par)	228,080 shs.
Common shares (no par)	433,354 shs.
Subsidiary Companies—	
Funded debt	\$2,015,000
Short term notes	3,700,000
Common stocks	*4,478,221

* Taken at par, plus paid in premiums and surplus of \$1,859,721 applicable thereto.

Note.—187,542 preferred shares and 390,192 common shares of North Boston Lighting Properties now owned by Massachusetts Power & Light Associates.

Consolidated Earnings of North Boston Lighting Properties and subsidiaries all on a 12 months' basis irrespective of date of acquisition were, and annual interest charges on above funded debt and notes are as follows:

	12 Months Ended—	Dec. 31 '30.	Sept. 30 '31.
Gross earnings, including other income	-----	\$11,484,851	\$11,623,163
Operating exp., maint. and taxes (except Federal) and minority common stock interest in subs.' earnings	-----	7,273,493	7,143,965
Consolidated net earnings	-----	\$4,211,358	\$4,479,198
Annual interest charges on subsidiaries' funded debt and short term notes	-----	-----	288,750
Annual interest charges on North Boston Lighting Properties notes (this issue)	-----	-----	412,500

Consolidated balance for depreciation, dividends, &c.-----\$3,777,948

Such consolidated net earnings for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931, after deducting depreciation of \$862,439, were \$3,616,759, or over 5.15 times the above interest charges. The total of maintenance and depreciation charges during this period amounted to 14.7% of gross operating revenue.

The annual dividends paid in 1931 by Malden Electric Co. and Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co. on the pledged stock amounted to \$1,331,687 or 3.22 times the annual interest requirements on this issue of notes. The annual net income for the past five years available for dividends on the outstanding stocks of Malden Electric Co. and Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co. has averaged \$1,158,435, against which the aggregate annual amount of dividends paid on these stocks has averaged \$977,880.

Security.—Notes will be specifically secured under a trust indenture by pledge of 129,379 shares of common stock of Malden Electric Co. and 203,724 shares of common stock of Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co. The 5% gold notes due Jan. 2 1932, may be equally secured with the notes of this issue in which case cash for the payment of said 5% gold notes will be deposited.

Indenture will provide (a) that while these notes are outstanding no substitutions or releases of collateral shall be made, (b) that the company will not, nor will it permit any subsidiary to, make, issue, assume, guarantee or endorse any bonds, notes or evidences of indebtedness (other than for the purpose of refunding these 5 1/2% secured gold notes) maturing more than one year from the date thereof, and (c) that no other indebtedness (other than for requirements in the usual course of business) of Malden Electric Co. or Malden & Melrose Gas Light Co. and no stock of any class of said two companies shall be created or issued unless all such indebtedness or stock (or the proportion thereof equal to the proportion of the common

stock of the issuing company initially pledged under the trust indenture) shall be acquired by the company and pledged under the trust indenture.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used towards retiring \$3,500,000 5% notes of North Boston Lighting Properties due Jan. 2 1932, reducing current bank indebtedness and for other company purposes.—V. 133, p. 1289.

North Continent Utilities Corp.—Dividends.

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 37½c. a share on class "A" common stock with right to apply dividend on purchase of additional "A" stock at \$15 per share. Regular dividends of 1¼% on the 7% preferred and 1½% on the 6% pref. stock were also declared. All dividends are payable Jan. 2 1932 to stockholders of record Dec. 15 1931.—V. 132, p. 4410.

Ohio Electric Power Co.—Proposed Acquisitions.

The company has applied to the Ohio P. U. Commission for permission to issue \$8,637,410 securities to be used in the purchase of three utility companies having 33,000 h.p. generating capacity and 161 miles of transmission lines serving an area around Marion.

The Ohio Electric Power Co. proposes to issue \$4,800,000 of 5% bonds, 27,500 shares of 6% preferred and 155,843 shares of common stock in the purchase of the Columbus Delaware & Marion Traction Co.; 800 shares of preferred and 8,833 shares of common stock for the Morrow Public Service Co. of Mount Gilead, and 500 shares of preferred and 7,815 shares of common stock for the Mount Gilead Water, Heat, Light & Power Co.

Earnings.

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2267.

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. gold bonds, dated June 29 1906, of the Eastern Pennsylvania Rys., have been called for payment on Jan. 1 next at 110 and int. at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., successor trustee, 70 Broadway, N. Y. City.

The Pennsylvania Power & Light Co., successor to the Eastern Pennsylvania Rys., will purchase or cause to be purchased any of said bonds with all unmaturing coupons attached thereto, which are presented to it at any time prior to Jan. 1 1932, at its office or agency, 2 Rector St., N. Y. City, at the redemption price of 110 and int. to Jan. 1 1932, discounted on a true discount basis at the rate of 2½% per annum from the date of presentation to Jan. 1 1932. The company reserves the right to withdraw this offer at any time without notice.—V. 133, p. 1453.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—Completes Cable.

On Dec. 1 the last span of cable was strung by this company on the first of the high voltage lines connecting the new \$30,000,000 hydro-electric development at Safe Harbor with the system of the Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.

The new line extends for 70 miles through York County, Pa., and through Baltimore, Howard and Anne Arundel counties, Md. It completion is in preparation for the delivery of power from Safe Harbor, which will be in service this winter.

Power from the river will be delivered at 220,000 volts. The new line circles Baltimore to the West before connecting with the system of the Consolidated company with which the Pennsylvania RR. has contracted for power for all of its electrification requirements on its line between the Susquehanna crossing through Baltimore to Washington. The railroad will be supplied from a substation to be built between Baltimore and Washington.

The second of the railroad's substations will be located at Perryville, Md. A transmission line carrying power at 132,000 volts will be built from Safe Harbor to Perryville. Safe Harbor will shortly be interconnected with the power development of the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. at Holtwood. Transmission lines from this plant connect with Baltimore, and the new supply will be in addition to Holtwood.

As many as 4,000 men have been at work at Safe Harbor and on the transmission lines. The amount to be expended for wages alone during the construction of the new Aldred enterprise is in excess of \$9,000,000.—V. 133, p. 2434.

Power Corp. of Canada, Ltd.—October Output.

Total output of power by the various companies in which this corporation is interested for the month of October last showed an increase of 11% over the output for the month of October last year, and 11.6% over the output for the month of September 1931. The totals are as follows: October 1931, 159,919,519 kwh.; October 1930, 143,846,106 kwh.; September 1931, 143,171,787 kwh. The largest increase noted is that by Winnipeg Electric and its associate companies, whose total output of power represents an increase of 30% over the output for October 1930. Substantial increases were also recorded by Canada Northern Power Corp. (which registered the highest monthly output of power in the history of the company) and Southern Canada Power Co.

Output for the month of October last (in kwh.) is as follows:

Southern Canada	14,422,880	Winnipeg Electric	16,659,500
Canada Northern	36,465,080	Manitoba Power	35,088,000
East Kootenay	5,957,500	North Western Power	8,491,500
British Columbia Power	42,067,099		
Northern B. C. Power	767,060	Total	159,919,519

Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—Electric Rates Cut.

A new schedule of electric rates for residences, effecting a reduction of 1 cent per kilowatt hour on the block of kilowatt hour per month for the first 20 kilowatt hours, resulting in a saving of 10 cents monthly for users of 50 kilowatt hours or more monthly, was filed by this company, with the New Jersey State Board of Public Utility Commissioners and made public by the latter on Dec. 3.

The reduction is expected to mean a saving to the public of \$600,000 annually. At the same time the company filed reduced schedules on gas rates of three recently acquired subsidiaries, operating in Monmouth County and in South Jersey, which are expected to save about \$165,000 a year for consumers here.

The new rates will become effective on bills rendered after Jan. 1. Joseph F. Autenrieth, Chairman of the Commission, said the Board would allow the schedules to take effect, and would study the result during the year.

The present electric rate is 9 cents per kilowatt hour per month for the first 20 kilowatt hours, 8 cents for the next 30, up to 50, and 3 cents per kilowatt hour above that. In the new schedule there is no change in the rates on the first group or in that above 50, but the group from 20 to 50 is split into two. The group from 20 to 40 remains at 8 cents, while that from 40 to 50 is cut to 7 cents. This is the first schedule to affect consumers of less than 50 kilowatt hours monthly.

The gas companies whose rates will be reduced are the Atlantic City Gas Co., the Peoples Gas Co. of Glassboro and the County Gas Co. of Atlantic Highlands, operating in part of Monmouth.

The Atlantic City company's base rate of \$1 net for the first 400 cubic feet remains the same, but the rate above that is cut 1% per 100 cubic feet, from 15 cents to 14 cents net. The Peoples company base rate of \$1 net for the first 400 cubic feet is not changed, but for the next 2,600 cubic feet it is cut from 18 cents net to 17 cents net, with no change above that. The County Company's present rate is \$1.95 per 1,000 cubic feet for the first 5,000 and \$1.85 per 1,000 cubic feet for the next 5,000. The latter's new rate will be \$1.95 per 1,000 cubic feet for the first 3,000 and \$1.80 per 1,000 cubic feet for the next 7,000.—V. 133, p. 2929.

Radio Corp. of America.—Dividend on Class "B" Preferred Stock Deferred.

The directors on Dec. 3 passed the dividend on the \$5 cum. "B" pref. stock (no par value) because the earnings for the months of October and November of the present year have not been such as to justify the payment of the dividend on this issue. The "B" pref. stock was originally given in exchange for Victor Talking Machine Co. common stock on a share-for-share basis. (See V. 128, p. 249 and 1397.)

The directors, however, declared a quarterly dividend of 1¼% (87½c. per share) on the "A" pref. stock for the fourth quarter of the year 1931 and an annual dividend of 7% (35c. per share) for the year 1931 on the original pref.

stock, both payable Jan. 1 1932 to holders of record Dec. 14 1931.—V. 133, p. 3631.

Rhine-Westphalia Electric Power Corp. (Rheinisch-Westfälisches Elektrizitätswerk Aktien-Gesellschaft, Germany).—Smaller Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 5% on the common stock for the year ended June 30 1931. This compares with 10% in previous years. The company reports a net profit, after general expenses, interest and depreciation, of Rm. 11,256,000 for the above period, against Rm. 26,483,000 the year before. Depreciation charges amounted to Rm. 32,298,000 for the year ended June 30 1931, as compared with Rm. 24,620,000 the year before. Electric output during this period totaled 2,447,000,000 k.w.h., compared with 2,782,000,000 the previous year.—V. 133, p. 1927.

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.—Notes Offered.

Chase Harris Forbes Corp., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Inc.; W. C. Langley & Co.; A. C. Allyn & Co.; J. H. Schroder Banking Corp. and N. W. Harris Co., Inc., are offering \$1,500,000 4½% gold notes at 99 and int., to yield 5.54%. A bankers' circular shows:

Dated Dec. 1 1931; due Dec. 1 1932. Interest payable J. & D. in New York and Chicago. Redeemable, at the option of the company, as a whole or in part at any time, on 30 days' published notice; prior to June 1 1932 at 100¼ and accrued interest, and on and after June 1 1932 at 100 and accrued interest. Denoms. of \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$25,000. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, authenticating agent.

Issuance.—Authorized by Railroad Commission of California.

Business and Territory.—Company furnishes without competition electricity and gas in San Diego, Calif., and neighboring communities, serving an estimated aggregate population of over 222,000. The properties of the system include steam electric generating stations of an aggregate installed capacity of 74,000 kilowatts, gas manufacturing plants having a daily generating capacity of 19,150,000 cubic feet and comprehensive electric and gas transmission and distribution systems.

Capitalization Outstanding Upon Completion of Present Financing.

Common stock (\$100 par)	\$10,032,500
7% cumulative pref. stock (\$100 par)	6,292,500
4½% gold notes (this issue)	1,500,000
1st & ref. mtge. bonds: series A, 6% due March 1 1939	2,750,000
Series B, 5% due March 1 1947	4,000,000
Series C, 6% due March 1 1947	1,438,000
1st mtge. 5%, due March 1 1939	5,680,000

Earnings Years Ended Sept. 30.

	1930.	1931.
Gross earnings, including other income	\$7,327,550	\$7,425,231
Operating expenses, maintenance and all taxes	3,708,653	3,646,963

Net earnings available for interest, depreciation, amortization and dividends	\$3,618,897	\$3,778,268
Annual interest requirements on—		
\$13,868,000 bonds outstanding		735,280
\$1,500,000 4½% notes (this issue)		67,500

Net earnings, as above, for the year ended Sept. 30 1931, after appropriation for retirement (depreciation) reserve amounting to \$1,170,000, were funded 3.2 times the annual interest requirements on the total outstanding debt (including the issue of notes). Of the above gross earnings for the year ended Sept. 30 1931 over 63% was derived from the sale of electricity for power and light and over 35% from the sale of manufactured gas.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in the retirement of \$1,500,000 4% gold notes which mature Dec. 1 1931.

Management.—Company is controlled through stock ownership by Standard Gas & Electric Co.—V. 133, p. 3257.

Seaboard Public Service Co.—Special Dividend.

The directors have declared a special dividend for the year 1931 of 40 cents per share on the outstanding non par common stock, payable Dec. 29 1931, to holders of record Dec. 15 1931. This dividend is in addition to the regular quarterly dividends, already declared, at the rate of \$2 per share per annum, bringing the total dividends declared for the year 1931 to \$2.40. A special distribution of 40 cents per share was also made on Dec. 29 1930.—V. 133, p. 3094.

Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

Combined Operating Statement (Incl. Subs.) for Years Ending Sept. 30. (After eliminating all inter-company charges.)

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Customers connected	27,225	26,594	25,543	23,552
Electric revenue	\$2,007,247	\$1,901,544	\$1,707,510	\$1,500,539
Miscellaneous revenue	347,864	355,877	388,402	309,027

Gross earnings	\$2,355,111	\$2,257,421	\$2,095,912	\$1,809,566
Purchased power	109,592	69,062	60,922	28,247
Operation	440,840	432,430	400,854	339,722
Taxes	158,268	136,043	128,997	114,633
Maintenance	208,338	211,415	186,610	123,162
Bad debts	2,350	2,820	4,190	4,520
Interest	360,149	341,461	342,977	344,208

Surplus for the year	\$1,074,574	\$1,064,190	\$1,001,382	\$855,074
Previous surplus	x419,283	339,281	234,812	166,715

Total	\$1,493,857	\$1,403,471	\$1,236,194	\$1,021,789
Preferred dividends paid	402,988	352,034	298,539	297,064
Common dividends	388,784	388,784	388,784	308,913
Depreciation reserve	235,510	225,770	209,590	181,000

Surplus	\$466,575	\$436,883	\$339,281	\$234,812
Shares of common stock				
Outstanding (no par)	400,000	400,000	400,000	100,000
Earn. per sh. on com. stk.	\$1.67	\$1.78	\$1.75	\$3.77

Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

	1931.	1930.		1931.	1930.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Plant	20,777,249	20,416,780	Preferred stock	6,759,700	5,884,600
Accts. receivable	365,930	349,428	Common stock	x8,672,000	x8,672,000
Notes receivable	—	287,322	Com. sub. cos.	9,500	12,500
Supplies	203,681	287,782	Bank loan	124,083	1,033,224
Prepaid charges	127,455	125,881	Call loan payments	126,345	—
Investments	3,908,805	3,420,163	Bonds	6,816,234	6,841,367
Mortgages	14,017	2,876	Accts. payable	330,977	238,698
Funds in escrow	64,211	67,117	Deposits	35,348	31,867
Due capital stock	97,414	143,979	Int. matured	3,814	2,274
			Int. accrued	159,850	160,413
			Divs. payable	101,395	88,269
			Deprec. reserve	1,794,922	1,579,240
			Miscell. reserve	158,019	119,992
			Surplus	466,575	436,883

Total—25,558,762 25,101,327 Total—25,558,762 25,101,327

x Represented by 400,000 shares of no par value.—V. 133, p. 2603.

Southern Ice & Utilities Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1290.

Southern Natural Gas Corp.—Protective Committee Formed—Tri-Utilities Plan Not Equitable as Regards These Debentures.

Debenture holders' protective committee for the conv. 6% debts. due April 1 1944 state: "Holders of a large amount of these debentures feel that the proposed plan of reorganization of Tri-Utilities Corp. (V. 133, p. 2434) is inequitable in so far as it affects these debentures. They have accordingly organized a protective committee on which the undersigned have consented to serve, without compensation, for the purpose of co-operating with other holders in defending their investment against the exchange into

Junior stocks of a new holding company, as offered by that reorganization plan.

Holders of these debentures are invited to co-operate with this committee by promptly depositing their debentures with the depository, or a sub-depository. Transferable certificates of deposit will be issued by the depository.

The committee invites inquiries from holders of these debentures.

Committee.—Clarence L. Harper (Harper & Turner), Philadelphia; John T. Snyder (Ingalls & Snyder), New York; James R. Buck, (Folds, Buck & Co.), Chicago; Samuel W. White (Chairman), Central Republic Co., Chicago, with Pam & Hurd, (Counsel), 231 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., and Ralph G. Davis, (Sec.), 134 South La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Depository.—Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., 231 South La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill. **Sub-Depositories.**—The Philadelphia National Bank, 421 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.; Guaranty Trust Co., 120 Broadway, New York.—V. 133, p. 3632.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3257.

Standard Gas Light Co. of N. Y.—To Dissolve.

A special meeting of stockholders will be held on Dec. 16 to consider and act upon a proposal to sell and transfer, subject to the approval and consent of the New York P. S. Commission all the property, rights, privileges and franchises of this company to the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York; and a proposal to dissolve the company and thereafter distribute its assets pro rata among its stockholders.

Less than 4% of the common and preferred stock of the Standard Gas Light Co. is in the hands of minority stockholders, the remainder being held by the Consolidated Gas Co., so that following approval of the deal by the stockholders and the Commission the cash received in exchange for the plant will be divided among the stockholders pro rata to their holdings.

Only 11 common and 16 preferred stockholders of the Standard are affected, or 25 persons holding 492 common and 294 preferred shares in addition to the Consolidated Gas Co., which owns 49,034 common and 42,646 preferred shares.—V. 130, p. 2964.

Super-Power Co. of Illinois.—Bonds Offered.

A new issue of \$2,500,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series of 1931, is being offered by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., at 91 and interest, to yield about 6.70%.

Dated Dec. 1 1931; due Dec. 1 1961. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at following prices and int.: 105 until Dec. 1 1936; 104 on and after Dec. 1 1936 to Dec. 1 1941; 103 on and after Dec. 1 1941 to Dec. 1 1946; 102 on and after Dec. 1 1946 to Dec. 1 1951; 101 on and after Dec. 1 1951 to Dec. 1 1956; 100 on Dec. 1 1956 and thereafter to maturity. Interest payable (J. & D.) at the office or agency of the company in Chicago or New York without deduction for Federal income taxes, now or hereafter deductible at the source, not in excess of 2%. Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., will be appointed paying agent of the company for the making of such interest payments. Denom. c\$1,000 and \$500, and r*\$1,000 or \$5,000 or other denominations authorized by directors.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Data from Letter of Samuel Insull, Chairman, Dec. 1.

Business.—Company was organized to furnish power at wholesale to Commonwealth Edison Co., Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, Illinois Power & Light Corp. and Central Illinois Public Service Co., and to such other neighboring public utility companies as may require a large and reliable supply of electrical energy, and for this purpose has now constructed a thoroughly modern generating station, adequate to accommodate the presently planned capacity of 320,000 kilowatts, 215,000 kilowatts of which capacity, consisting of two 55,000 kilowatt units, and one unit of 105,000 kilowatt capacity, are now in service. An additional unit of 105,000 kilowatt capacity will be put in service about Oct. 1 1933.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Common stock (no par)	1,000,000 shs.	445,500 shs.
1st mtge. gold bonds, series of 1928 4½% (due March 1 1968)		\$10,000,000
Series of 1930 4½% (due Sept. 1 1970)	a	10,000,000
Series of 1931 6% (this issue)		2,500,000

a Issuance of additional bonds limited by the restrictions of the mortgage. b The entire capital stock of this company (except directors qualifying shares) is owned directly or through subsidiaries as follows: Commonwealth Edison Co., 30%; public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, 25%; North American Light & Power Co., 25%; Middle West Utilities Co., 20%.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used in part payment of the cost of the additional generating plant, line and other facilities herein mentioned.

Security.—Bonds will be secured by a first mortgage on all of the fixed properties, rights and franchises of the company, now owned, and on all such properties hereafter acquired against which any bonds may be issued under the mortgage. The cost of the company's property after the expenditure of the proceeds of this financing, will be in excess of \$35,000,000.

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 obligations of the U. S. Government or on account of the refundment or cancellation of bonds of another series theretofore authenticated under the mortgage, and to the extent of 75% of expenditures made by the company for additions, improvements, betterments or extensions (herein and in the mortgage referred to as "extensions") and 75% of the cost or value (whichever is less) of pions and property acquired by the company, provided that all such extensions and purchased property shall be subject to the mortgage as a first mortgage thereon. Bonds may not be issued on account of expenditures for such extensions or purchased property unless the net earnings, as defined in the mortgage, of the company during any 12 consecutive calendar months ending within 60 days next preceding the date of issuance shall have been at least twice the annual interest charges on all bonds then issued and outstanding and those then proposed to be issued.

Improvement and Sinking Fund.—In an indenture supplemental to the mortgage it will be provided that, beginning with the calendar year 1934 and continuing thereafter so long as bonds of the series of 1931 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 and except bonds against the issuance of which cash is on deposit with the trustee under the mortgage at the beginning of such year) which expenditures shall be for (a) the making of extensions and (or) the acquisition of purchased property on account of which the company would be entitled to have additional bonds authenticated but on account of which no bonds had been or will be authenticated, and (or) (b) the redemption and (or) the payment or the purchase (at not exceeding the then current optional price) and the cancellation of any bonds of the series of 1931 issued under the mortgage, and the supplemental indenture will provide that no additional bonds may be authenticated under the mortgage on account of bonds so cancelled. The mortgage and a previously executed supplemental indenture contains similar improvement and sinking fund requirements for series of 1928 and series of 1930 bonds, respectively, and the mortgage also requires that for any subsequent series of bonds issued under the mortgage an improvement and sinking fund requirement must be provided substantially similar to that provided for series of 1928 bonds.

Earnings and Expenses.—Contracts expiring in 1980 have been executed by company with Commonwealth Edison Co., Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, Illinois Power & Light Corp., a subsidiary of North American Light & Power Co., and Central Illinois Public Service Co., a subsidiary of Middle West Utilities Co. These contracts provide for payment to Super-Power Co. of Illinois of fixed charges (as a rental for the total generating and transmission line and substation capacity allotted to each of the purchasing companies) based on 11% per annum on the total investment for generating capacity, and 12% per annum on the total investment for transmission line and substation capacity, and, in addition, each purchasing company pays for the energy furnished at the actual operating cost per kilowatt hour.

Under these contracts, the following are the earnings for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1931, a period which included only 10 months' operation of the third unit of 105,000 kilowatt capacity, which was put in service on Jan. 1 1931.

Gross earnings, including other income	\$5,998,318
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes (except Federal)	2,968,481
Net earnings before depreciation	\$3,029,836
Annual interest on the company's funded debt to be presently outstanding	\$1,050,000

Properties.—Company owns a site comprising approximately 600 acres located at Powerton on the south side of the Illinois River some 12 miles south-west of Peoria, and has built thereon a thoroughly modern generating station. The power house proper is entirely completed for the installation of four units having a total capacity of 320,000 kilowatts. The first unit of 55,000 kilowatt capacity has been in successful operation since Sept. 1 1928, and the second unit of similar size since Aug. 1 1929. The third unit of 105,000 kilowatt capacity, has been in operation since Jan. 1 1931, and the remaining 105,000 kilowatt unit is expected to be installed and ready for operation some time in 1933. The power station site combines the essential advantages of central location for the important loads to be served, abundant condensing water, and readily accessible coal.

The company has also built four high voltage electric substations and two double circuit 132,000-volt steel tower transmission lines, extending from the company's generating station to a point 2½ miles east of Kewanee, Ill., a distance of approximately 55 miles. These lines interconnect, near Kewanee, with a similar line of the Illinois Power & Light Corp., extending east to Seneca and interconnecting there with a similar line of the Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, which line, in turn, interconnects at Joliet with the 132,000-volt super-power net work of the Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, which is interconnected with the vast pool of power of the Commonwealth Edison Co.

The company has also constructed on its right-of-way a 132,000-volt steel tower transmission line extending from Kewanee to Dixon, Ill., where it interconnects with the 132,000-volt line of the Illinois Northern Utilities Co., extending from Dixon to a point near Belvidere, where it interconnects with the 132,000-volt transmission system of the Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, which, in turn, is interconnected with the super-power system of the Commonwealth Edison Co. The right-of-way is being acquired for the purpose of constructing thereon a 220,000-volt steel tower transmission line from Powerton to the Crawford Avenue Generating Station of the Commonwealth Edison Co., thus tying in the company directly with the Chicago District Power Pool. The station and transmission lines of the company, when completed, will represent a total investment of approximately \$45,000,000.

Management.—Operations of the company are controlled by a board of directors representing the four owning companies.—V. 131, p. 2225.

Telephone Bond & Share Co. (Del.).—Acquisition.

The company has acquired all of the controlling stock in the Fairmont Telephone Co. with 2,600 subscriber stations. The Fairmont company has no prior indebtedness. It operates exchanges in Fairmont and Ceylon, Minn.—V. 133, p. 1928, 1939, 2268.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—Omits Common Div.

The directors have voted to omit the semi-annual dividend on the common stock. Action had been deferred at the June meeting. The company had been paying common dividends at the rate of \$2 a share semi-annually, payable in secured dividend notes in denoms. of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000, bearing interest at 6%, payable semi-annually, and fractional scrip certificates. The last distribution at this rate was made on Jan. 15 1931.

The directors, however, declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the preferred stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 12.—V. 133, p. 2763.

Union d'Electricite, Paris, France.—Dividend.

The company has declared a dividend of 11.54 francs on the American depository receipts for ordinary bearer shares, less expenses of depository, payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Dec. 3. A similar payment was made on July 8 last.—V. 133, p. 482.

Union Electric Light & Power Co. of Illinois.—Bonds Called.

Holders of 1st mtge. 5½% gold bonds, series A, due Jan. 1 1954, are being notified by the Chase National Bank of New York, as successor trustee, that \$125,000 of these bonds have been drawn for redemption on Jan. 1 1932, at par and int. Drawn bonds, with all coupons maturing on and after Jan. 1 next, should be surrendered at the corporate trust department of the bank, 11 Broad St., N. Y. City. From and after the redemption date no further interest shall accrue upon any of the drawn bonds.—V. 133, p. 3257.

Union Gas Corp., Independence, Kan.—Receivership.

Donald K. Stuart of Independence, Kan., and Col. Edmund Mitchell of Wilmington were Dec. 1 appointed receivers for the corporation by Judge John P. Nields in the Federal District Court at Wilmington, Del. The receivers were appointed on the application of the American States Securities Corp. of New York. The Union company consented to the receivership.

The Union company and its subsidiaries, the Osage Gas Production Co. and the Union Gasoline Corp., produce and transport natural gas for wholesale and retail distribution and owns or operates plants in southeastern Kansas and Oklahoma.

The Union company admitted allegations in the bill of complaint which set forth that while the total value of the corporation's assets may exceed the aggregate of liabilities the defendant was insolvent in the sense that it was unable to pay current and maturing obligations.

The court's decree appointing the receivers authorized them to carry on the business of the corporation, since any interruption would work hardship on the concern's customers.—V. 129, p. 3012.

Union Gas Utilities, Inc.—Protective Committee.

The following have been formed as a protective committee for the holders of the 10-year 6½% secured gold bonds, series A, due 1937: Frederick Peirce, Chairman, 225 So. 15th St., Phila.; William W. Turner, 120 So. LaSalle St., Chicago; Gaston F. Balme, 40 Wall St., New York; E. McLain Watters, Packard Bldg., Phila.; Cornelius Hoogesteger, Grand Rapids National Bank Bldg., Grand Rapids, Mich.; with Humes, Buck, Smith & Stowell, 50 Broadway, New York, as Counsel, and Prescott R. Andrews, 50 Broadway, New York, Secretary.

The depository is Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.

A circular issued by the committee states in substance:

On Oct. 27 announcement was made that the committee was formed. Since that date, certain matters have developed which, in the opinion of the committee, make it advisable to call for the immediate deposit of the bonds.

The committee believes that prompt and concerted action by bondholders is necessary for the protection of their interests, and urges the bondholders, in order to assure such action, to deposit their bonds at once.

In making such deposits, the bonds must be delivered or mailed, with Nov. 1 1931, and all subsequent coupons attached. Transferable certificates of deposit will be issued to depositors.

In explanation of the severe decline in earnings experienced by the company and the resulting difficulties, the following resume of information furnished by officers of the company is given:

"Union Gas Utilities, Inc., was organized in 1927 in Delaware and acquired control of Union Gas Corp. and other subsidiaries engaged in the production and distribution of natural gas in southeastern Kansas. In this connection there were issued and sold \$3,000,000 10-year 6½% secured gold bonds, series A, which amount has since been reduced during the operation of the sinking fund to \$2,699,000.

"Consolidated gross earnings at the time the bonds were offered were in excess of \$3,100,000 a year and the annual earnings applicable to interest on these bonds approximately \$832,000, or more than four times annual requirements. Current gross earnings have since decreased to approximately \$1,500,000 a year and earnings applicable to these bonds to a negligible figure.

"A large proportion of the company's earnings are dependent on industrial users whose activities have been most adversely affected by the present business depression. During the past three years many of these industries have closed down their plants or, as was the case with the refineries served, have turned to the burning of fuel oil due to the large surplus supply of oil on hand and the low price prevailing for such oil.

"During this period the management has made every effort to keep earnings up to as high a level as possible under the present economic conditions and to keep operating expenses down to a minimum. Unfortunately,

the nature of the company's gas supply, coming as it does from a large number of small wells, has made it impossible to decrease operating expenses proportionately with the falling-off in gross."

Comparative Consolidated Statement of Earnings 12 Months Ended Aug. 31.

	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings (all sources)-----	\$1,498,736	\$2,091,669
Oper. exps., incl. maint. and local taxes-----	1,199,844	1,524,550
Net income-----	\$298,892	\$567,118
Annual int. requirements on funded debt of sub. cos	174,622	192,205
Balance-----	\$124,269	\$374,913
Annual int. requirem'ts on notes payable (sub. cos.)	124,227	51,687
Balance available for Union Gas Utilities, Inc., and for reserves and surplus-----	\$42	\$323,225
Annual int. requirements on 6 1/2% secured sinking fund gold bonds, series A-----	175,402	180,245
Balance-----	def\$175,360 sur\$142,980	
Annual interest requirements on notes payable-----	33,352	40,800
Balance-----	def\$208,712 sur\$102,180	

Balance Sheet As at Aug. 31 1931 (Not consolidated).

Assets—	Liabilities—
Inv. in securities of sub. co.-----	10-year 6 1/2% secured bonds-----
Cash on hand & in banks-----	Accounts payable-----
Int., divs., &c., receivable-----	Interest on funded debt-----
Special deposits-----	Taxes, insurance, &c-----
Prepaid taxes, insurance, &c-----	Unadjusted credits-----
Due from sub. companies-----	Accrued divs. on 7% pref. stk. not declared-----
Deferred charges-----	Notes & accounts due American Commonwealths Power Corp-----
	\$7 pref. stock (12,500 shs. no par)-----
	Common stock (200,040 shs. no par)-----
	Deficit-----
Total-----	Total-----

—V. 126, p. 2647.

United Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3258.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends of 1-40 of a share in common on the common stock, 1-40 of a share in common on the class B stock and 50 cents in cash on the class A stock, all payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 5. The directors omitted the usual option to common and class B shareholders of receiving 25 cents in cash in lieu of stock, and also omitted the option to class A stockholders of receiving 1-40 of a share of class A stock instead of cash.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 7% pref. stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 5.—V. 133, p. 2604.

Washington Water Power Co.—Tenders.—

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co., trustee, announces to holders of 1st ref. mtge. 5% bonds of 1909, due 1939, that they have \$61,525 to invest for the quarterly purchase of bonds for the sinking fund and will receive offers at their offices at 22 William St., N. Y. City, up to 12 o'clock noon Dec. 10, 1931.—V. 133, p. 1616.

West Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd.—Div.—

An interim dividend of 15c. per share was paid on the class A common stock, no par value, on Oct. 24 last to holders of record Oct. 15.—V. 130, p. 3162.

Western Union Telegraph Co.—Companies Merge Teletype Service.—

The joint operation of the telegraph printer services of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies was inaugurated Dec. 1, linking together the teletype machines of 9,059 customers of the two companies. The new system is known as "timed wire" service and enables subscribers to communicate directly with all other subscribers through trunk line connections between the Postal and Western Union networks.

All patrons received Nov. 30 copies of the timed wire service directory, in which business offices throughout the country having teletype machines are listed by cities and States.

The tariff for the service is based on the number of minutes the patron actually operates his machine. The saving in sending long messages is said to be considerable.

The system of the two telegraph companies is in competition with one opened to the public by the Bell System over a week ago.—V. 133, p. 2604.

York (Pa.) Rys.—Bonds Offered.—

E. H. Rollins & Sons; Halsey Stuart & Co., Inc.; A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., and Hill, Joiner & Co., are offering at 90 and int. \$1,168,000 1st mtge. 30-year 5% gold bonds (now 1st mtge. and coll. trust gold bonds).

Dated Dec. 2 1907; due Dec. 1 1937. Int. payable June and Dec. without deduction for taxes. Denom. \$1,000c*. Redeemable as a whole or in part on any int. date upon four weeks' notice at 110 and int. Free of present Pennsylvania 4 mills tax. Trademans National Bank & Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee.

Data from Letter of J. H. Shearer, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in Pennsylvania. Company, together with its subsidiaries, Edison Light & Power Co. and York Steam Heating Co., serve electric light and power to 60 communities, including the City of York, Pa. (except large power users with a demand in excess of 100 h.p.), and surrounding communities in York County, having a total population of 86,000 and steam heat and transportation service in the City of York. Company also furnishes interurban transportation service to surrounding communities in York County.

The electric system includes a steam generating plant, having a total installed capacity of 10,700 h.p., and serves 26,453 consumers. The majority of its output is purchased under favorable contracts from the Metropolitan Edison Co. and Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. During the year ended Oct. 31 1931, 68,263,433 k.w.h. of electric energy were generated and purchased.

Capitalization as of Oct. 31 1931 (after giving effect to this issue).

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtge. 30-year 5% gold bonds (incl. this issue)	\$10,000,000	\$6,116,000
5% cumul. pref. stock (par \$50)-----	2,000,000	1,600,000
Common stock (par \$50)-----	2,500,000	2,500,000

Security.—Secured by a 1st mtge. on all of the fixed property of the company. There are deposited with the trustee as further security all of the capital stocks of Edison Light & Power Co. and York Steam Heating Co. York Rys. Co. will covenant that so long as any of these bonds are outstanding no subsidiary company as defined in the indenture shall issue any stocks or obligations (except obligations maturing within one year from date of issue) unless they are pledged under the indenture securing these bonds.

Consolidated Earnings (company & Subsidiaries) 12 Months Ended Oct. 31.

	1930.	1931.
Gross earnings (incl. other income)-----	\$3,035,627	\$2,791,797
Operating expenses, including maintenance & taxes other than Federal taxes-----	1,714,636	1,560,420
Net earnings before int., divs., deprec., &c-----	\$1,320,991	\$1,231,377

Annual interest requirements on 1st mtge. bonds (incl. this issue)----- 305,800

Net earnings of \$1,231,377 shown above, over four times annual interest requirements on these bonds.

Over 82% of the above net earnings of \$1,231,377 was derived from the sale of electric light and power.

Purpose.—Bonds have been issued to provide funds to reimburse the company for expenditures for the acquisition and construction of property by the company and (or) its subsidiaries.

Management.—Company is a part of the Middle West Utilities system.—V. 133, p. 3632.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Price of Refined Sugar Reduced.—National, Reverse, Pennsylvania and Arbuckle Bros. Sugar Refineries have reduced the price of refined sugar 10 points to 4.40 cents per pound. Boston "News Bureau," Dec. 2, p. 12.

Canadian Mills Cut Price of Newsprint.—Reduction of \$4 to \$53 a ton for deliveries expected to be announced in a few days; more decreases foreseen; action is expected to speed negotiations for a merger by Dominion producers. N. Y. "Times," Dec. 3, p. 9.

Bo den s Meets Cut on Delivered Milk.—With the announcement by the Borden's Farm Products Co. late Dec. 2 of a 2-cent reduction in the retail price of bottled milk delivered to homes, meeting a similar cut made Dec. 1 by the Sheffield Farms Co., New York's "price war" in milk brought the general level of bottled milk prices to the lowest point since 1917. N. Y. "Times," Dec. 3, p. 22.

Union Here Fights Theatre Wage Cut.—Protective group votes down plan for 36-week "rebate" of 10 to 15% nation-wide poll taken; \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000 saving for employers seen, preservation of scale is stipulated. N. Y. "Times," Dec. 2, p. 31.

Non-Union Wages Cut in West Virginia.—The long-awaited wage reduction by non-union bituminous coal companies was announced Dec. 2. The cut was 25%. It has been regarded as inevitable ever since the United Mine Workers of America signed up a new wage scale on Oct. 1 with a reduction 25% below that of the scale which went into effect in union companies after the strike last May. N. Y. "Times," Dec. 2, p. 45.

American Thread Co. Reduces Wages.—American Thread Co. has reduced wages 10%, effective immediately. Salaried officials received a similar cut on Nov. 1. Philadelphia "Financial Journal," Dec. 2, p. 2.

Boston Longshoremen End Strike.—A strike of 800 longshoremen that has interfered with shipping at this port since Oct. 8 was ended Dec. 3 when the steamship operators agreed to remove non-union negro workers from the docks. N. Y. "Times," Dec. 3, p. 30.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 28.—(a) Rail unions reject 10% cut in wages—roads to push fight—men object to lack of assurance that saving will be applied to help the jobless, p. 3519; (b) Conference of railroad presidents adheres to stand for 10% reduction for all unions—delay action till Dec. 8, p. 3522; (c) Labor to plan fight against wage reductions, 3523; (d) Professor Ripley on rail situation—says rail wages must be reduced, p. 3523; (e) rail pool hearing ordered by I.-S. C. Commission—arguments are set for Nov. 28 on proposed changes in plan to aid weak lines, p. 3599; (f) H. D. Sharpe before New England conference says proponents of Rhode Islands plan for solution of New England transportation problem are encouraged by reception of plan, p. 3569; (g) Erie RR. cuts salaries 7 1/2% p. 3569; (h) Western railroads ask employees to consider voluntary wage p. 3569; (i) Shops to be re-opened by Union Pacific RR., p. 3569; (j) Reduction in salaries made by Great Northern Ry., p. 3569; (k) Georgia & Florida Trainmen take 10% cut in wages—reduction first approved by unions—mediation board aided, p. 3569.

Acadia Mills Corp.—Reduces Wages.—

Employees of the company in Methuen, Mass., have been notified of a readjustment of wages which will result in a 10% reduction for all operatives. The cut will become effective next Monday (Dec. 7) and several hundred will be affected.—V. 125, p. 97.

Adams Express Co.—Dividend Omitted.—The directors on Nov. 30 voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Dec. 31 on the no par value common stock.

Distributions of 25c. per share were made on June 30 and Sept. 30 last while from Dec. 31 1929 to and incl. Mar. 31 1931 the company paid regular quarterly dividends of 40c. per share on this issue.

The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the 5% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15.

The company issued the following statement: "Because of the general depreciation in all securities and the fact that the company has already paid 90c. per share in quarterly dividends on the common stock during the year to date, the directors decided to omit the dividend on the common stock."—V. 133, p. 3465.

Administrative & Research Corp.—Exchange Offer.—

More than 1,600 investment houses and banks are now offering to holders of original series Corporate Trust Shares a preferential basis of exchange for shares of the new series Corporate Trust Shares, according to John Y. Robbins, President of Administrative & Research Corp., sponsors of Corporate Trust Shares.

"This exchange is not compulsory," Mr. Robbins stated, "nor is it necessary for the protection of the investment position of the holder of the old series Corporate Trust Shares. It is a matter for the investor himself to decide."

"The original series Corporate Trust Shares enjoy a wide international market, in addition to the bids maintained by the sponsors, and in addition to the liquidating privileges directly through the trustees."

"The original series is a 25-year trust of which there are 22 years yet to run. The trust will continue to be administered as heretofore by the independent trustee, The Chase National Bank of New York, and, while the new series incorporate certain features which we believe will prove advantageous, the matter of exchanging the old for the new is strictly up to the shareholder to determine." (See V. 133, p. 2440.)—V. 133, p. 2106.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Receives Large Order.—

The company has received an order for \$1,000,000 worth of transformers and switch gear equipment from the Pennsylvania RR. Shipments will begin at once and the total will approximate 4,500,000 pounds. The equipment will be used on the Pennsylvania's electrification project. Several hundred men will have work on this equipment, officials stated.—V. 133, p. 3095.

Amalgamated Sugar Co.—Capacity Operations Assured Until After Jan. 1.—

The company's plant at Missoula, Mont., has purchased 110,000 tons of beets from farmers at \$6 a ton, a quantity sufficient to assure capacity operation of the plant until after Jan. 1, according to L. A. Campbell, agricultural development agent for the Northern Pacific Ry. The beets represent production on 10,000 acres of land and the largest amount handled by the plant in four years of operation.—V. 132, p. 4591.

American Bank Note Co.—Omits Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 10. An extra dividend of \$1 a share in cash was paid on the common stock in Dec. 1928, 1929 and 1930. A 10% stock distribution was also made on this issue on Dec. 30 1929.—V. 133, p. 2930.

American, British & Continental Corp.—Dividend Deferred.—

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend due Dec. 1 on the \$6 cum. 1st pref. stock, no par value. In each of the two preceding quarters a distribution of 75c. per share was made, as against \$1.50 per share previously.

In a letter to holders of the 1st pref. stock Philip L. Carrett says:

During the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1931 cash interest and dividend income of this corporation exceeded interest paid, expenses and taxes by \$452,945. This sum is equal to \$4.77 a share on the average amount of 1st pref. stock outstanding in the hands of the public during this period. Dividends paid during the period total \$3 a share of 1st pref. stock outstanding.

Despite the excess of cash income over disbursements, continued decline of security prices in principal markets throughout the world has produced a depreciation in the portfolio of this corporation greater than its surplus.

The directors have, therefore, decided to omit for the time being the payment of dividends on the 1st pref. stock. It is hoped that at an early date the situation as to earnings and assets will permit the resumption of dividend payments on the 1st pref. stock. The stock is, of course, cumulative, so that the total amount of unpaid dividends must be declared and paid before any distribution can be made upon the common stock.—V. 132, p. 4058.

American Car & Foundry Co.—Common Dividend Omitted.—The directors on Dec. 1 decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily due at this time on the outstanding 600,000 shares of common stock, no par value. The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the outstanding \$30,000,000 7% non-cumul. pref. stock (par \$100), payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 11.

Distributions of 25c. each were made on the common stock on July 1 and Oct. 1 last, while on April 1 1931, a quarterly payment of 75c. per share was made. Previously, the company made quarterly distributions of \$1.50 per share on this issue.—V. 133, p. 2931.

American Snuff Co.—1% Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1% (25c. per share) on the outstanding common stock, par \$25, and the regular quarterly dividends of 3% on the common and 1½% on the preferred stock, all payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 10. An extra distribution of 1% was also made on the common stock on Jan. 2 1931 and one of 2% on Jan. 2 1930.—V. 132, p. 1226.

American Vitriol Products Co.—New Chairman.—F. B. Theiss has resigned as Chairman but remains a member of the board. John A. Kling, director of the Guardian Trust Co. and Union Trust Co., of Cleveland, has been elected a director and Chairman of the board. As director, he succeeded H. C. Maurer. Mr. Kling was also elected Chairman of the executive committee, replacing Mr. Theiss.—V. 133, p. 483.

Anaconda Copper Mining Co.—Reduces Wages.—The following notice has been posted by the company at its offices at Butte, Mont.:

"Due to the decline in the selling price of copper, wages of all employees on daily payroll will be reduced 50 cents per shift, effective the morning shift Dec. 1. Miners contract prices will be adjusted proportionately. This reduction applies to all employees of mines, reduction works and refining plants at Butte, Anaconda and Great Falls.

"Despite extremely low metal prices which have maintained for some time past, this action has been deferred in hope that better prices and better market demand would prevail."

Other copper producers cut wages on Oct. 1, but this company refused to follow the wage reduction at that time.—V. 133, p. 2765.

Armstrong Cork Co.—Sales & Profits Decline.—In connection with the omission of the quarterly dividend on the common stock, President John J. Evans, says in substance:

"Expectation of better business during September, October and November which was expressed to stockholders in August was not realized.

"The domestic sales of this company's products have dropped to a point approximately 50% below the 1929 level, reflecting the decline in building, the marked shrinkage of purchasing power among the agricultural element, the abandonment of the gold standard in Great Britain, and the wide-spread uneasiness resulting therefrom in world trade.

"It is now apparent that the company is faced with a loss during the last six months of 1931 on account of depreciation in foreign exchange, inventory shrinkage and reduced operations, which will counterbalance the profit of \$379,047 (after interest) earned from January to June, inclusive.

"Under the circumstances, the directors believe it would be unwise to continue payment of the present dividend of 25 cents a share, since obviously it is imperative that the company's present strong and liquid financial position should be maintained no matter how extended the period of depression may prove to be.

"The company's stock has a book value of \$34.66 a share as of Oct. 31 1931, after making provision for all outstanding bonds, bills payable, &c. The company has outstanding 1,239,247 shares of common stock. For each share of this stock it has \$6.12 in cash, 93 cents a share in investments readily convertible into cash, and \$2.90 in current accounts due from customers, or a total of \$9.95 a share in liquid assets. In addition there is \$7.25 a share in semi-liquid assets, principally inventories of raw materials, finished stock, &c., so that there is a total of \$17.23 a share in current assets. Added to this is \$17.43 a share representing the value of land, buildings, machinery, loans, investments in foreign subsidiaries, after deduction of all liabilities, making the total book value \$34.66 a share.

"In other words, in purchasing the company's stock at the price on Oct. 31 of \$14.60 a share, for every dollar spent, the buyer actually gets 42.2 cents in cash, 6.4 cents in investments readily convertible into cash, and 20 cents in current accounts due from customers, or 68.6 cents in liquid assets. In addition the same dollar would give him 50.3 cents worth of semi-liquid assets in the form of inventories, so that the dollar would buy \$1.189 worth of current assets. The same dollar would also buy in addition to the current assets \$1.201 of land, buildings, equipment, loans, &c., or a total of \$2.390 for each dollar invested with the stock selling at \$14.50 a share."—V. 133, p. 3633.

Arundel Corp.—Earnings.—For income statement for 1 and 10 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2931.

Art Metal Construction Co.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 10c. per share on the outstanding \$3,205,700 common stock, par \$10, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 19. In the preceding quarter, a dividend of 20c. per share was paid. Complete record of dividends follows:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Dividend. Rows for 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22-25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31.

* Also 100% in stock on June 16 1920. x Paid 50c. extra out of 1926 earnings. y Includes the payment of 4% made on Jan. 2 1931 and three quarterly dividends of 5% each, paid on March 31, June 30 and Sept. 30 1930. z Including 1% dividend payable on Jan. 2 1932.—V. 133, p. 3260.

Associated Oil Co. of Calif.—Sub. Pays Extra Dividend.—The directors of the Pantheon Oil Co., a subsidiary, recently declared an extra dividend of 2½ cents per share in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 2½ cents per share on the capital stock, par \$1, both payable Nov. 28 to holders of record Nov. 18.—V. 133, p. 3260.

Atlantic & Pacific International Corp.—Exchange Offer.—See Morris Plan Corp. of America below.—V. 133, p. 1930.

Auburn Automobile Co.—2% Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared a 2% stock dividend and the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 22. Like amounts were paid in each of the 16 preceding quarters. Stock distributions of 5% each were made on Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1926.—V. 133, p. 3465.

Baldwin-Duckworth Chain Co.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 27½c. per share, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 27. Previously, the company made regular quarterly disbursements of 75c. per share, the last payment at this rate having been made on Sept. 1.

Baltimore American Insurance Co.—Proposed Merger.—The stockholders of this company and the Peoples National Fire Insurance Co. will vote Dec. 26 on approving the recommendation of the directors that the two companies consolidate under the name of the Baltimore American Insurance Co. of New York. As the Peoples National is a Delaware corporation the consolidation can only be effected through the purchase of the Peoples National assets by the Baltimore American, which in turn assumes the outstanding liabilities, other than capital, of the Peoples National. The consolidated company would have \$1,500,000 capital and adequate net surplus, even at current market quotations for securities. The agency plant of the latter company would be continued in large part through

the Peoples National Underwriters Agency of the Baltimore American Co.—V. 131, p. 275.

Bancamerica Blair Corp.—Registrar.—The National City Bank of New York has been appointed registrar for 1,471,012 shares of capital stock of \$10 par value.

Barnet Leather 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. 1457.

Blue Ridge Corp.—Net Assets \$59.73 per Share of Preference Stock.—

The value of the net assets of the corporation on Nov. 25 1931, aking listed securities (over 96% of total) at closing market prices on that date and the remaining securities at estimated fair value, and after deducting reserves, was equivalent to \$59.73 per share of \$50 par value preference stock outstanding in the hands of the public and was less than the total capital and surplus originally paid in with respect to capital stock now outstanding.

Cash dividends and interest on the investments of corporation at rates currently in effect, less estimated expenses, are approximately 1¼ times the dividend requirements on its preference stock. In addition, stock dividends of substantial value are being received and applied in reduction of average book value of investments.—V. 133, p. 2270, 1619.

(H. C.) Bohack Co., Inc.—Sales Increase.—

Table with 4 columns: Sales for Four Weeks and Forty-Three Weeks Ended Nov. 28, 1931-4 Weeks-1930, Increase, 1931-43 Weeks-1930, Increase. Values: \$2,814,366, \$2,806,275, \$8,091, \$29,356,714, \$26,892,089, \$2,464,625.

Boott (Cotton) Mills.—Again Reduces Dividend.—On Dec. 1 this company paid a dividend of \$1 a share to holders of record Nov. 29, thereby placing the stock on an annual dividend basis of \$4 per share, as against \$8 previously.

A distribution of \$2 a share was made on Sept. 1, as compared with \$3 a share in preceding quarters.—V. 133, p. 1619.

Borden Co.—Change in Dividend Policy—New Offices Created.—A change in dividend policy and the creation of two new offices were announced on Dec. 1 following a meeting of the directors. A. W. Milburn, who becomes, as a result of the meeting of the directors, Chief Executive and Chairman of the executive committee, made the following statement at the close of the meeting:

The company, at a meeting of its board of directors, created two new offices: Chief Executive and Chairman of the Executive Committee and Executive Vice-President. Arthur W. Milburn, formerly President, was elected Chief Executive and Chairman of the Executive Committee; and Albert T. Johnston, formerly Vice-President, was elected President. The new office of Executive Vice-President will be filled by Wallace D. Strack, formerly Vice-President.

This action was prompted by the growth and development of the company. In Mr. Milburn, as Chief Executive and Chairman of the Executive Committee, all company activities of every nature will continue to center, but through fewer channels than heretofore. Matters of an operating nature will be focused in the office of the President, and executive activities of a non-operating character will be centered in the office of the Executive Vice-President.

Albert G. Milbank, as Chairman of the Board, and the other officers of the company will continue in their present offices.

The following statement was made by Mr. Milburn with respect to dividends:

While extra dividends of 3% each, payable in stock, were declared at this time in 1929 and 1930, the directors, at their meeting this week, decided that the payment of further stock dividends should be discontinued.

Although the regular cash dividends for 1931 have been more than earned and the company's cash and working capital position is very strong, the directors believe that an extra dividend in any form is not warranted under the prevailing conditions.—V. 133, p. 2765, 2605, 1457.

(Richard) Borden Mfg. Co.—Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Liabilities, Sept. 26 '31, Sept. 27 '30. Rows include Real estate, bldgs., machinery & equip, Cotton, cloth, cotton in process, supplies, Cash & accts. rec., Notes receivable, Prep'd ins. prems., Prepaid interest, Profit and loss.

Total.....\$1,222,014 \$1,260,390 Total.....\$1,222,014 \$1,260,390 Improvements to plant during year, Sept. 26 1931, \$10,499; Sept. 27 1930, \$3,256.—V. 129, p. 3476.

Bornot, Inc., Phila.—\$1 Class A Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the cum. partic. class A stock applicable to the period June 30 1927 to Dec. 31 1927. The dividend is payable Dec. 13 to holders of record Dec. 8. A similar payment was made on this issue on Dec. 31 last year, while on Dec. 31 1929 an initial payment of 50 cents per share was made.—V. 132, p. 4416.

Bowman-Biltmore Hotels Corp.—30% Payment to Bondholders.—

The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., as trustee, has received the sum of \$241,050 which it is instructed to apply to partial payment of the 3-year 6% gold notes heretofore or hereafter deposited with the bank for extension to July 1 1932, under and pursuant to supplemental indenture dated July 1 1931. According to records of the trustee, said sum is sufficient to enable a payment of 30% of the principal amount thereof to be made on each outstanding note. The trustee will make such partial payment on Dec. 14 1931, on all notes theretofore deposited for extension.—V. 133, p. 3096.

Butterick Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 804.

Canada Bud Breweries, Ltd.—Protective Committee Formed.—

The shareholders have formed a protective committee which has asked for proxies with which to defeat the proposal to purchase assets of City Club Breweries Ltd. which came up for consideration at a meeting held Nov. 25. The original offer of sale made by Duncan McLaren, President of Canada Bud Breweries, Ltd., and accepted by the directors of the latter company involved a price of \$325,000, the original cost of the property to Mr. McLaren having been \$137,438. At a meeting of shareholders, held on Oct. 28, shareholders expressed disapproval of the terms of the offer. Subsequently, Mr. McLaren made an offer to sell the City Club Breweries, Ltd., to Canada Bud Breweries, Ltd., at cost plus additional expenses involved since purchase. The new offering price amounted to \$156,164. The protective committee objects to the purchase of the property at any price, basing its argument on the peculiar nature of the original offer and the fact that a statement made by the managing director in March 1931 indicated that purchase of additional property adjoining the site of the Canada Bud plant was available for any conservative expansion.

The protective committee consists of Thomas Ramsay, M. Lynch-Staunton, S. B. Thomson, Frank Regan and H. L. G. Westland.—V. 133, p. 3261.

Capital Depositor Corp.—Trust Agreement to Be Terminated Dec. 31.—

Pursuant to the trust agreement dated as of July 1 1930 between this corporation as depositor, and the Bank of America National Association, as

trustee, creating Capital Trust Shares, series "A," notice has been given that by joint consent of the depositor and the trustee, filed in writing with the trustee, the trust agreement will be terminated on Dec. 31, 1931. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 8, the trustee will sell within 90 days after March 30, 1932, or within 60 days thereafter if, in the opinion of the trustee due to market conditions at the time, such additional time should be required for the purpose, all securities in the trust estate, and thereafter the proceeds of such sale, after deductions for taxes, expenses, or charges of the trustee, will be distributed to the holders of outstanding certificates for Capital Trust Shares, series "A," pro rata according to their respective interests, upon surrender of their certificates, duly endorsed in blank, at principal office of the trustee in the Borough of Manhattan, city of New York.—V. 133, p. 291.

Capitol Life Insurance Co., Denver, Colo.—Smaller Dividend.

The company on Aug. 18 paid to holders of record the same date a semi-annual dividend of \$5 per share on the capital stock, par \$100. Previously the company made regular semi-annual payments of \$10 per share on this issue.

Celanese Corp. of America.—Dividend Deferred on 1st. Participating Preferred Stock.

The directors have voted to defer the semi-annual dividend of 3½% due Jan. 1 on the 7% cum. 1st partic. pref. stock, par \$100. From Jan. 1, 1924 to and incl. June 30, 1931, regular semi-annual payments at this rate were made.

The directors, however, declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15. This rate has been paid since and incl. July 1928.—V. 133, p. 1770.

Century Electric Co.—Dividend Action Deferred.

Consideration of the regular quarterly dividend on the common stock, ordinarily scheduled for Nov. 16, has been deferred until Dec. 17. The last previous payment was 50c. per share, paid on Oct. 1. A dividend of 1% in stock was paid in each of the two preceding quarters, while from January 1930 to and including January 1931 quarterly cash distributions of \$1 per share were made.—V. 133, p. 1933.

Chain & General Equities, Inc.—Acquires Control of Interstate Equities Corp.—\$1 Preferred Dividend.

The directors on Dec. 1 announced the acquisition of control of the Interstate Equities Corp.

The directors also declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the pref. stock of Chain & General Equities, Inc., payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 25. A similar payment was made on this issue on Feb. 27, May 1 and Aug. 1 last. The previous distribution was \$1.62½ per share, made on Aug. 1, 1930.

The Interstate Equities Corp. has large holdings in diversified securities, according to William B. Nichols, President of Chain & General Equities, Inc. "This acquisition," he said, "should improve the position of Chain & General Equities, Inc., and should enable your company to benefit materially when more normal market conditions return."—V. 133, p. 3261.

Chrysler Corp. (Del.)—Shipments Increase.

Shipments of 90,706 cars to Chrysler Sales Corp. dealers in the first 11 months of this year show an increase of 10.7% over the same period in 1930, when shipments totaled 81,957 cars. Shipments of Chrysler sixes for this same period this year totaled 33,467, compared with 25,059 in first 11 months of 1930, increase of 33.6%.—V. 133, p. 2933.

City Stores Co.—Receivership Suits.

Newman, Saunders & Co. of New Orleans Dec. 3 asked in the U. S. District Court at New York appointment of an equity receiver for the company and began suit for an accounting of the company's affairs.

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., on Dec. 2 files suit in New York to recover \$2,800,000. Stockholders and officers of the company have been seeking some plan whereby indebtedness of the organization might be met.

Receivership proceedings against the Goerke Co. and the Goerke-Kirch Co., subsidiaries of the City Stores Co., were instituted in Atlantic City on Nov. 28 before Vice-Chancellor Backus. The Goerke store is in Newark, while the Goerke-Kirch store is in Elizabeth.

Vice-Chancellor Backus has directed that both companies show cause why a receiver should not be appointed. Hearings will be in Trenton. Action for the receivership was taken by William Harris, who is representing the M. B. Desreux Co., Inc.

Application for a temporary receiver pending appointment of a permanent receiver for the company was continued in Chancery Court at Dover Dec. 3 by Chancellor J. O. Wolcott until next Wednesday, Dec. 9. Counsel for the company and for the Bankers Security Co. of Philadelphia, an \$8,000,000 creditor, told the court there was every possibility of straightening out the company's financial dilemma without resorting to receivership.

Counsel for the complaining stockholders sought appointment of a temporary receiver to protect the interest of all creditors and stockholders equally because of the filing in the New York Supreme Court of an action by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of New York to recover \$2,800,000 on notes of City Stores, which they hold. Appointment of a temporary receiver immediately was sought to stay the New York suit.

It is believed the two receivership suits filed against City Stores in the U. S. District Court in Wilmington will be heard Dec. 10.

Halsey, Stuart & Co. Sues for \$2,800,000.

Following a meeting Dec. 2 of stockholders of the company, at which Benjamin Washer, Chairman of stockholders, explained the organization's present status in regard to its indebtedness, Halsey, Stuart & Co. instituted proceedings in the New York Supreme Court to recover \$2,800,000 which it claims is due from City Stores.

The banking company set forth in its suit that the City Stores Co. on Dec. 1, 1928 issued 2,800 notes for \$1,000 each, on which it borrowed money. The notes, which Halsey, Stuart & Co. declared were signed by R. J. Goerke Jr., Vice-President of the company, were all due Dec. 1, 1931, but no payment has been made on them, according to the complaint.

At the meeting of stockholders Mr. Washer stated that a reasonably satisfactory agreement had been reached on general terms with the Bankers Security Corp., but that no reply had been received from Lit Brothers on the latest proposal for an extension of loans. He further declared that Halsey, Stuart & Co. had declined to consider the latest plan.

He read a letter to the meeting from Halsey, Stuart & Co. in which it was stated that the plan was entirely unacceptable, as it was the same plan that had been rejected twice previously and that it would be useless to discuss any proposal that did not include the deposit of collateral against the refunding of loans, as had been pointed out in a letter of Oct. 7. It was further stated that Halsey, Stuart & Co. was not interested in preferred and common stocks of City Stores as part consideration for refunding the loans, nor did they wish to participate in the management of City Stores.

The plan submitted to all creditors of the company, after the proposal of Mr. Goerke, entailing payment of 25% of loans with extension of notes for two years, had not been accepted, calls for the placing at the disposal of all creditors all the free cash on hand of City Stores and subsidiaries and the capital stock of the parent company and subsidiaries, with the request that holders of the notes divide this security among themselves as collateral for an extension of the loans.

Halsey, Stuart & Co. refused to meet with other creditors to discuss this plan, Mr. Washer said, and demanded as collateral for their loans of \$2,800,000 the entire capital stock of the Maison Blanc Co., a subsidiary of City Stores; the \$500,000 cash redemption value of their notes and \$140,000 in cash to carry expenses of their dealings with City Stores. In addition, it was stated that payment of all interest due to date was asked. On these terms Halsey, Stuart & Co. was declared willing to extend their loans for three years.

The City Stores Co. declined this proposal, feeling, it was indicated that the amount was so large as to endanger the company. Mr. Washer declared that the situation now rests with the creditors. The stockholders' meeting adjourned to be reconvened when directors deem it necessary.

A bill was filed in the Federal Court at Wilmington, Del., on Nov. 27 asking for the appointment of a receiver for the company. It was claimed at that time that the company was insolvent, and that it would be unable to meet the notes falling due on Dec. 1.—V. 133, p. 3634.

Coca-Cola Bottling Co., St. Louis.—Larger Dividend.

An annual cash dividend of \$1.60 per share has been declared payable in quarterly installments of 40 cents each, payable on Jan. 15, April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15, 1932 to holders of record the 5th of these months.

A year ago an annual cash dividend of \$1 per share and a 10% stock dividend were declared. See V. 131, p. 3374.

Columbia Building & Loan Association.—Smaller Div.

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of \$2.50 per share, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 30. A semi-annual distribution of \$3 per share was made on June 1 last.

Container Corp. of America.—To Reduce Capital.

The New York Stock Exchange has received notice from this corporation of a reduction in capital represented by stock of no par value by \$2,671,370.—V. 133, p. 2934.

Continental Sugar Co.—Foreclosure.

Application of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York to foreclose on the property of the company in northwestern Ohio and southern Michigan, following a default of \$1,080,000 of 1st mtge. bonds, was granted Dec. 1 by Judge George P. Hahn in U. S. District Court at Toledo, O. The company originally issued \$1,700,000 of bonds in 1923, but \$620,000 have been retired.—V. 130, p. 1658.

Corporate Trust Shares.—Exchange Offer.

See Administrative & Research Corp. above.—V. 133, p. 3634.

Crex Carpet Co.—Earnings.

Years End. June 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross income	\$30,185	\$208,742	\$369,164	\$89,502
Selling, admin., gen. exp., depreciation, &c.	\$214,494	234,647	326,784	357,016
Net loss	\$184,309	\$25,904	\$395,947	\$267,514
Previous deficit	206,681	170,195	sur\$230,752	sur\$508,290
Total deficit	\$390,990	\$196,099	\$165,195	sur\$240,776
Res. for Crex Carpet Co. (Eng.) Ltd., curr. acct.				8,088
Chgs. in respect of prior years		10,582		
Add. Fed. tax 1925				1,937
Invest. sec. written off.			5,000	

Balance June 30—def\$390,990 def\$206,681 def\$170,195 sur\$230,752
x After plant depreciation of \$45,294. y After plant depreciation of \$44,849. z Includes interest on loans, &c., of \$13,100.—V. 131, p. 3212.

Crown Willamette Paper Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for three and six months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3634.

Crown Zellerbach Corp.—Earnings.

For income statement for three and six months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2934.

Cuban Cane Products Co., Inc.—Interest Omitted.

In accordance with the provisions of the trust indenture, dated as of Jan. 1, 1930, securing the 20-year gold debentures, due Jan. 1, 1950, the directors have by resolution determined that there are no available net earnings of the corporation (as defined in the trust indenture) in the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1931, and therefore, under the provisions of Section 1 of Article II of the trust indenture, no interest has accrued upon the debentures outstanding under the trust indenture in respect of or on the basis of the available net earnings (as so defined) of the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, 1931; and the board has by resolution declared that, in accordance with the provisions of said Section 1, no interest is payable on Jan. 1, 1932, upon the outstanding debentures.

Therefore, in accordance with its terms, Coupon No. 2, appertaining to said debentures has become void. Similar action was taken a year ago on Coupon No. 1.—V. 131, p. 4048.

Cuban Tobacco Co., Inc.—Preferred Dividend Deferred.

The directors have voted to defer the semi-annual dividend due Dec. 31 on the 5% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. From June 30, 1926 to and incl. June 30, 1931, the company made regular semi-annual payments of 2½% each in this issue.—V. 132, p. 4248.

Dartmouth Mfg. Co., New Bedford, Mass.—Defers Common Dividend.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the pref. stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 14. The common dividend ordinarily payable at the same time was deferred. The last regular quarterly distribution of \$1 per share on the common stock was made on Sept. 1, 1931.—V. 132, p. 1625.

Debenhams Securities, Ltd.—Earnings.

Period—	July 1'30 to Sept. 30'31.	Apr. 1'29 to June 30'30.
Dividends received from Debenhams, Ltd.	£98,982	£482,087
Interest	11,204	10,083
Rent received	37,466	7,650
Income tax adjustment		
Total income	£147,653	£499,820
General & secretarial expense & audit fees	5,075	4,295
Directors fees	1,136	2,500
Cost of raising mortgage	914	
Interest		
Net profit	£140,527	£493,026
Preferred dividends	225,000	337,500
Common dividends		187,500
Balance, surplus	def£84,473	def£31,974
Previous surplus	57,446	89,420
Total surplus	def£27,027	£57,446

Detroit Aircraft Corp.—To Study Reorganization Plan.

Stockholders Dec. 3 decided to send a committee to confer with William S. Ayres Jr., master in chancery of the Federal Court, before voting on a plan for dissolution of the corporation and the formation of two separate corporations as recommended by the directors.

The corporation is operating under a receivership under the direction of Mr. Ayres. Peter R. Beasley, former President of the corporation, is the receiver.

The stockholders' committee will report at another meeting of stockholders Dec. 14. Members of the committee include Herbert J. Sadler, Dean of the University of Michigan Engineering College; W. J. Austin, President of the Austin Construction Co. of Cleveland; W. W. Nichols, Vice-President of the Brown Belting Co. of Philadelphia; A. W. Pardo, President of the Pardo Auto Sales of Wyandotte, Mich.; and I. O. Rosenberg, Detroit real estate dealer.

The directors propose the formation of a new corporation to be known as the Lockheed Aircraft Corp., which would take over all manufacturing activities of the Detroit Aircraft Corp. and its subsidiaries. The other corporation would be known as the Metalclad Airship Corp. to take over the manufacturing of lighter-than-air craft. Stockholders would be given one share of Lockheed and two shares of Metalclad for their Detroit Aircraft stock. Additional stock would be sold to facilitate the reorganization.

The present corporation has 7,000 stockholders with 1,103,933 shares outstanding, of which 649,424 were represented at the meeting.—V. 133, p. 3467.

De Forest Radio Co.—Semi-Annual Report.

For income statement for six months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Leslie S. Gordon, President, says in part: "It is with pleasure that we announce that the various litigations between the DeForest Radio Co. and the Radio Corp. of America have been amicably settled. The settlement involved the payment to the DeForest Radio Co. of the sum of \$1,000,000 from which there must be deducted the necessary legal and other expenses incident to the long litigation. It also included the DeForest Radio Co. acquiring a license under the various radio receiving

tube patents of the Radio Corp. of America and its associated companies. It also involved the Radio Corp. of America acquiring a license under the radio receiving tube patents of the DeForest Radio Co.

The past six months have proven a difficult period for company in the way of securing sales volume, general business conditions being reflected in the demand for our products, with the result that our sales for the six months period is considerably under the same period for other years. On the other hand, the operating economies effected make the net results of operation compare quite favorably with the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Comparative Condensed Balance Sheet.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for Sept. 30 '31 and Mar. 31 '31. Assets include Cash, Notes & trade acceptances, Accounts receivable, Inventories, Investments, etc. Liabilities include Notes & accounts payable, Accr. wages, comm. taxes, int., &c., Employees' stock subscriptions, etc.

Total 10,436,031 10,046,974. x Authorized 3,000,000 shares; issued 1,374,230 shares, of which 19,807 are held in the treasury. Of the unissued and treasury stock, provision is required for 200 shares to cover employees' stock subscriptions and 190,152 shares for conversion of convertible 6% gold notes.

Detroit-Michigan Stove Co.—Dividend Deferred.—

The directors recently decided to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% due Sept. 10 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly distribution on this issue was made on June 10 1931.—V. 133, p. 962.

Diamond Match Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1620.

Distillers Corp.—Seagrams, Ltd. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Years Ended July 31—1931, 1930, 1929. Rows include Profits for year, Interest on special loans & advances, Depreciation, Profits for year before income tax, Dividends.

Balance, surplus \$765,746 \$1,904,586 \$1,912,965. Consolidated Balance Sheet July 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for 1931 and 1930. Assets include Plant, equip., gd.-will, tr. mks. & blends, Whisky & spirits at cost, raw mats., barrels, kegs & supplies at cost, etc. Liabilities include Capital stock, Accts. pay. & accr. liabilities, Divs. payable, etc.

Total 26,748,016 25,051,117. x Represented by 1,500,000 no par shares.—V. 131, p. 3048.

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Extra Dividend of 30c.—

A regular dividend of 30c per share and an extra dividend of 30c. per share have been declared by the directors, payable Jan. 2 1932 to holders of record Dec. 15 1931. The dividend will be paid in United States funds. The extra dividend is being paid because of very ample reserves in the belief that shareholders during the period of depression may welcome an extra disbursement, according to an announcement.

Regular quarterly distributions of 30c. per share have been made since and incl. July 1 1929. A stock dividend of 2% was also paid on June 30 1930.—V. 133, p. 3262.

Eagle-Picher Lead Co.—To Reduce Capitalization.—

The stockholders on Dec. 15 will vote upon a recommendation of the directors to retire approximately 81,000 shares of common stock now held in the treasury.

In a letter to the stockholders, President A. E. Bendelari stated that all loans, which on Jan. 1 1931 amounted to \$1,450,000, have been paid off, and that there was, as of Sept. 30, a cash balance of \$672,037. Net operating profit for the nine months ended Sept. 30 was \$289,329, which reduced the company's deficit to \$812,031.

If and when the proposed retirement is ratified, the stated capital will be reduced to \$18,935,400 and the deficit will be converted into a surplus figure of over \$300,000.

See also Consolidated Lead & Zinc Co. in V. 133, p. 3634.—V. 133 p. 3467.

Elk Horn Coal Corp.—Bondholders' Protective Committee.

A protective committee has been formed for the holders of the \$3,131,000 6-year 1st & ref. mtge. sinking fund 6 1/2% gold bonds due Dec. 1 1931. The committee in a circular dated Nov. 28 to holders of 1st & ref. mtge. sinking fund 6 1/2% gold bonds states:

We have been advised that the interest and principal on these bonds, due on Dec. 1 1931, will not be paid, due to the inability of the company to refinance its maturing obligations; its lack of working capital; and also, to the fact the company during the current year has been unable to earn the interest and sinking fund charges on its fixed obligations.

It is not practical at this time to formulate any definite plan for the reorganization of the company, due to the depressed conditions existing in the coal industry, as a whole, and for the reasons set forth in the statement given below by Senator C. W. Watson, who was appointed temporary receiver on Aug. 1 1931, by the Judge of the Letcher County Circuit Court at Whitesburg, Ky.

The committee feels, however, that concerted action at this time on the part of the bondholders is essential, and requests prompt deposit of the bonds with the Mercantile Trust Co. of Baltimore, as depository for the committee.

In discussing the matter with Senator C. W. Watson, he said in substance: "The court found that the corporation is not insolvent, but that due to the extra-ordinary conditions affecting the coal market in this country generally, to the disturbed condition of the financial markets, and in view of the imminence of the maturity of the principals of the above mortgage and debenture obligations of the corporation, it could not negotiate for such immediate credit loans as are customary during season of navigation, and as are necessary for the carrying on of its business.

"The corporation has many valuable contracts covering shipments of its coal to the Great Lakes. It is necessary to ship the coal to the Lakes

during the summer season, to be stored there for distribution during the winter when the Lakes are frozen over. Under the receivership, the company will be in a position to finance the fulfilling of these contracts, resulting in a large increase over present tonnage, thereby reducing materially the unit cost of operation. Senator Watson believes many economies of administration can be effected.

"The Circuit Court of Letcher County, Ky., authorized the receiver, on Aug. 1 1931, to borrow \$250,000 on the receivers' certificates of the company, which certificates mature on Feb. 15 1932.

Present Capitalization and Securities Retired.

Table with columns for Six-year 1st & ref. mtge. 6 1/2% bonds, due Dec. 1 1931, 7% debenture notes, due Dec. 1 1931, Mineral Fuel Co. 30-year 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, due May 1 1943, 6% non-cum. preferred stock (par \$50), Common stock (no par).

"Since the \$4,500,000 6-year 1st & ref. mtge. 6 1/2% bonds, and the \$1,500,000 6-year 7% debenture notes were issued in Dec. 1925, the company has retired through purchase and operation of the sinking fund, \$1,399,000 of the 1st & ref. mtge. bonds; \$126,000 of the 7% debenture notes; and \$96,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds, due May 1 1943, of the Mineral Fuel.

"Properties.—Corporation owns over 202,000 acres of coal lands in Kentucky and West Virginia (fee, surface and mineral, free of royalty) on part of which improvements have been placed costing over \$5,400,000, which improvements have been depreciated on the books of the company to \$2,800,000. Corporation's properties have been appraised by recognized mining engineers at many times its outstanding bonded and other indebtedness.

Stocks Owned in Other Corporations and Pledged Under the First & Refunding Mortgage.

"24,921.44 shares of the common stock of the Consolidation Coal Co., which company has extensive coal operations in the States of Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

"7,879 shares of the capital stock (out of 27,582 shares) of the Beaver Creek Consolidated Coal Co. which company owns more than 49,000 acres of valuable coal lands in Kentucky. The Beaver Creek Consolidated Coal Co. has granted eight coal leases covering approximately 15,000 acres, requiring a minimum royalty payment of \$97,000 annually. It also receives a small amount of oil royalties. The corporation also owns 3,055.64 shares of preferred stock (out of 14,849 shares outstanding) of the Kentucky River Coal Corp. which corporation owns approximately 150,000 acres of coal lands in Kentucky. Kentucky River Coal Corp. is receiving royalties from 21 leases made by it to coal companies paying royalties at present on more than 200,000 tons per month. These leases have, in normal times, produced in excess of 500,000 tons monthly. The preferred stock of Kentucky River Coal Corp. has been paying dividends regularly at the rate of \$6 per share, per annum, and the common stock has paid: 12% in 1927, 6% in 1928, 6% in 1929 and 4% in 1930.

"Income from Oil and Gas.—The corporation has a small oil field at Ivyton, Ky., in which there are 10 producing wells. It also has a small gas field at Dotson, Ky., in which there are seven producing wells. The corporation also owns a royalty interest in two oil and gas leases on approximately 23,500 acres in Kentucky, from which an average annual revenue of more than \$50,000 is obtained.

"There is also owned by the corporation a 1/4 interest in all oil produced on 143,000 acres in Kentucky and West Virginia. This represents almost entirely undeveloped lands. The royalties received from this source are small at the present time, but as additional wells are drilled (without cost to the corporation), the corporation will receive 1/4 of all oil produced at the current market price, free of cost to it in the nearest pipe line. It is expected that revenue from this source will increase steadily and eventually represent an important part of the corporation's income.

"Royalties from Coal Leases.—Besides its coal mines which can produce under normal conditions, 2,750,000 tons per annum, the corporation has five valuable coal leases, several of which have been paying regularly royalties in excess of the minimum requirements. One of these leases was entered into April 1930 with the Inland Steel Co. of Chicago. This lease calls for a minimum royalty of \$48,000 in 1932; \$56,000 in 1933, and \$90,000 in 1934, and each year thereafter. Present production is in excess of the minimum requirements called for during the next two years.

"The present minimum royalty on these five coal leases is \$88,000 per annum. The minimum royalty on these leases beginning Jan. 1 1934, will be \$132,500 annually.

"Income to the corporation from these leases should continue to be largely in excess of the minimum royalties."

"Protective Committee.—Fred G. Boyce Jr., Chairman (Vice-Pres., Mercantile Trust Co. of Baltimore); J. Graham Parsons (Partner, Spencer Trask & Co.), New York; T. Stockton Matthews (Partner, Robt. Garrett & Sons), Baltimore; John K. Shaw (Pres., Century Coal Co.), Baltimore; William G. Baker Jr. (Partner, Baker, Watts & Co.), Baltimore; with Charles W. Johnson, Sec. of Committee, (Mercantile Trust Co. of Baltimore), Baltimore; and Venable, Baetjger & Howard, Baltimore, Counsel.

Balance Sheet, June 30 1931.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for Cash, Receivables, Inventories, Investments, Notes rec. sec. by collateral, Stock of other cos. in hands of trustee, Assets in hands of trustee of sinking funds, Deferred & prepaid items, Capital assets, Accounts payable, Notes payable, Accrued items, Reserve for taxes, Workmen's compensation, Funded debt, 6% non-cum. preferred stock, Common stock (224,217 shs. no par).

Total \$19,940,815. Earnings.—The income account for the six months ended June 30 is given under "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Protective Committee for Debenture Notes.—

James C. Fenhagen, formerly a partner of Robert Garrett & Sons, Baltimore, has been made Chairman of a debenture noteholders' protective committee for the 6-year 7% debenture notes due Dec. 1 1931. Interest and principal due Dec. 1 on the notes has not been paid. Other members of the noteholders' protective committee are C. T. Williams of C. T. Williams & Co. and Randolph Barton Jr. of Barton, Wilmer, Ambler & Barton. E. Fulton Bramble, 806 Continental Building, is Secretary of the committee. The depository for the debenture notes is Mercantile Trust Co. of Baltimore.—V. 133, p. 2769.

Endicott-Johnson Corp.—Changes Fiscal Year.—

The directors have voted to change the fiscal year to end Nov. 30 instead of Dec. 31 as heretofore.—V. 133, p. 1772.

Equity Savings & Loan Co., Cleveland.—Extra Div.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$6 per share and the usual semi-annual dividend of \$6 per share, both payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Nov. 30. An extra distribution of \$9 per share was made six months ago.

Fairbanks Morse & Co.—New President.—

Col. Robert H. Morse, formerly Vice-Chairman, has been elected President and General Manager, succeeding W. S. Hovey.—V. 133, p. 1459.

Federal Motor Truck Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 5c. per share on the outstanding 499,543 shares of common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 19. Distributions of 10c. per share were made on April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1 last. From Oct. 1 1926 to and incl. Jan. 2 1931, the company made quarterly distributions of 20c. per share, and, in addition, stock dividends of 2 1/2% each were paid quarterly from Oct. 5 1926 to and incl. Oct. 5 1928.—V. 133, p. 2935.

Fidelity Bond & Mortgage Co., St. Louis.—Receiver-ship.—

Isaac T. Cook of St. Louis was appointed temporary receiver for the company by Circuit Judge Rosskopf Nov. 30. The company, which has a capitalization of \$750,000, has its central offices in the Chemical Building St. Louis, and specializes in real estate securities.

Joseph E. Kopelowitz and Fred E. Harris, the latter a stockholder, filed the suit for receivership and the appointment was made with the consent of the company.—V. 133, p. 3098.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.—Probable Acquisition.—

An Akron, O., dispatch states: Informed of reports that this company is interested in acquiring the Fisk Rubber Co., of Chicopee Falls, Mass., officials of the Firestone company on Dec. 3 admitted "some investigation had been made of accounts and conditions of the Fisk company," but denied that any direct overtures toward acquiring the concern had been made.—V. 133, p. 3635.

Fisk Rubber Co.—Probable Acquisition by Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. Rumored.—See latter above.—V. 133, p. 1934.

Forstmann & Huffmann Co., Passaic, N. J.—Changes Name.—

Effective Dec. 1 1931 the corporate name of this company was changed to the *Forstmann Woolen Co.* This involves no change whatever in ownership or executive direction. It is made solely in the interests of accuracy, and to prevent a certain confusion which now exists regarding the trade name of the company's product, according to the announcement. The *Forstmann & Huffmann Co.* was established in the United States in 1904 by Julius Forstmann, who has directed the business since that time, and will continue to direct it in the future. When the mills were erected at Passaic and Garfield, N. J., the business was incorporated under the original partnership name of the German concern, *Forstmann & Huffmann of Werden on the Ruhr, Germany.* This firm, for almost a century, had imported their wools into the United States where they were well known under the descriptive term of "F. & H. Woolsens."

During the years of its development in the United States, the *Forstmann & Huffmann Co.* has been directed continuously by Julius Forstmann, and the company for many years has been owned entirely by Mr. Forstmann and his immediate family. Mr. Forstmann's sons are now assuming annually a more important share in the management of the business, and they will continue to carry it on as a "Forstmann" family enterprise.—V. 106, p. 824.

Forstmann Woolen Co., Passaic, N. J.—New Name.—

See *Forstmann & Huffmann Co.* above.

Galena Oil Corp.—Sale Ratified, &c.—The stockholders on Dec. 1 ratified the sale of the assets of this corporation, in part to Valvoline Oil Co. and in part to E. W. Edwards of Cincinnati, O., in exchange for 8,000 shares of common stock of Valvoline Oil Co. These shares are to be distributed pro rata among the Galena stockholders on the basis of one share of common stock of Valvoline Oil Co. for each 34.691125 shares of the outstanding capital stock of the Galena corporation.

The stockholders also approved the reduction of the corporation's capital stock to \$12,000 in order to make possible the distribution of the Valvoline Oil Co. shares. See also V. 133, p. 3636.

Gardner Motor Co., Inc.—Liquidating Dividend.—

Circuit Judge Rookkopt at St. Louis, Mo., has authorized Russell E. Gardner Jr., receiver for the company, to make a distribution of 70 cents a share in the form of a liquidating dividend to stockholders payable Dec. 22 to holders of record Dec. 8.

The company's assets total \$592,213 and liabilities are practically nil, according to Mr. Gardner. The dividend distribution will total \$210,000. A receivership was consented to in June last following the failure to obtain a stockholders quorum to authorize liquidation of assets.

The New York Stock Exchange on Dec. 1 announced that the capital stock would be stricken from the list on Dec. 8.—V. 132, p. 4597.

General Cable Corp.—To Reduce Stated Value of Class A and Common Stocks.—

The stockholders will vote Dec. 16 on approving the decrease and reduction as of Dec. 31 1931 of that part of the capital of the corporation represented by its shares of class A stock and of common stock without par value now issued and outstanding from \$17,280,881.86, the present amount thereof, to \$10,280,881.86.

A letter to the stockholders, dated Dec. 5, states:

The company has shared in the effects of the unprecedented depression through which all business has been passing. Not only has the volume of business expressed in dollars or in tonnage of production declined severely and progressively during the past two years, but inventory values because of the continued fall in price of the principal materials embodied in our products, namely, copper, rubber, cotton, &c. have also severely declined.

Every reasonable step consistent with the maintenance of the good will of established trade and the continued ability to serve, has been taken towards minimizing the losses from these causes. Salary reductions starting with the officers have been made throughout the entire organization. Plants at various points have been wholly or partially closed, pending a resumption of normal business. Controllable expenses have been carefully scrutinized and reduced.

Notwithstanding the measures taken, the company is facing a deficit on Dec. 31 1931. The directors after careful consideration recommend to the stockholders a reduction in the stated value of class A and common stocks in order to eliminate the deficit which would otherwise appear in the balance sheet of Dec. 31.

Stockholders will doubtless find satisfaction in the fact that the business has been so administered that the company faces the future in sound condition, with strong cash reserves and unimpaired credit. However, a deficit on the balance sheet of the company may be misunderstood by those who are not familiar with the real position of the company and to that extent such deficit should be avoided.

The following comparison of important items will illustrate our position:

	December 31 1929.	December 31 1930.	October 31 1931.
x Cash	\$2,644,767	\$2,388,569	\$3,750,111
Accounts receivable	8,697,843	3,674,070	2,148,834
y Inventory at lower of cost or market, less reserve	18,091,908	12,881,578	8,579,076

Total of the above items	\$29,434,518	\$18,944,217	\$14,478,021
Bank loans outstanding	3,950,000		
Current liabilities, incl. bank loans	7,716,717	1,808,046	1,294,961
Ratio, to current liabilities	3.8 to 1	10.5 to 1	11.1 to 1
Ratio, cash only to current liabilities	.3 to 1	1.3 to 1	2.9 to 1

x On Nov. 27 1931 cash on hand was \$4,036,674. y Market prices at which copper was inventoried on the above mentioned dates: 18c. on Dec. 31 1929; 10½c. on Dec. 31 1930, and 7½c. on Oct. 31 1931.

No change is to be made in any feature stock is at present \$17,280,881.86. The stated value of class A and com. stock on Oct. 31 1931. The number of shares outstanding will continue to be the same. All rights and privileges now possessed by all classes of stock will remain the same. The directors have recommended that the stated value be reduced to \$10,280,881.86, a reduction in the stated value of \$7,000,000.

Estimates based on October data indicate a balance sheet deficit for the year ending Dec. 31 1931 of \$5,801,601. Inventories were specially taken on Oct. 31, the latest date possible so that data as accurate as possible could be submitted. Allowances in these figures have been made for the following, these amounts being approximate since exact data for November and December cannot now be given.

(a) Shrinkage from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 in value of materials, principally copper	\$1,991,159
(b) Write down of finished stock, materials, &c., now considered obsolete	578,873
(c) Reduction in inventory of Oct. 31, because of elimination of off-standard sizes of reels and spools, and a more conservative valuation of standard reels, spools, diamond dies, &c.	970,331
(d) Reduction in inventory of Oct. 31 through writing off of spare parts, accessories, &c.	340,067

(e) Reduction through writing down to \$1 of drawings, patterns, tracings, samples, prepaid advertising, &c., carried Oct. 31 at	195,330
(f) Reduction through revaluation of manufacturing properties, carried Oct. 31 at \$2,732,429, not now used as such through concentration of facilities elsewhere	869,000
(g) Reduction through revaluation of various miscellaneous securities, consisting principally of stocks and bonds issued by customers, carried on Oct. 31 at \$190,173	100,000
(h) Increase in reserve for bad debts standing on Oct. 31 at \$356,992 by	125,000
(i) Estimated operating loss and minor changes in surplus acct. for the year	469,799
(j) Bond interest for the year	832,151
(k) Depreciation for the year, taken at full rates, although part time operation at a low level prevailed	1,400,715

Less available from present reserves

Balance	\$7,872,425
Surplus Jan. 1 1931	325,407
Less preferred dividend of Feb. 1	\$7,547,018
	\$2,007,917
	262,500
Balance sheet deficit indicated	\$5,801,601

Assuming such deficit and the approval by the stockholders of the recommendation of the directors, the company will have an estimated surplus as of Dec. 31 1931 of \$1,198,399. It is not the intention to utilize any part of this surplus for the payment of dividends.

By virtue of the revaluations and shrinkages in the assets, our balance sheet would show the following capital liabilities on Dec. 31 1931, unless the recommended action is approved by the stockholders.

7% cum. pref. stock outstanding	\$15,000,000.00
Class A and common stocks outstanding	17,280,881.86
Deficit (as now estimated)	5,801,601.00

Net worth

Net worth	\$26,479,280.86
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Upon approval by the stockholders of the action recommended by the board of directors, the capital liabilities will appear as follows:

7% cumulative preferred stock outstanding	\$15,000,000.00
Class A and common stocks outstanding	10,280,881.86
Surplus (as now estimated)	1,198,399.00

Net worth

Net worth	\$26,479,280.86
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The proposed change in the assets will as indicated herein write the value of copper in inventory of Oct. 31 to 7½c. per pound. Since Oct. 31 the producers' market price has fallen to 6½c. per pound. We can offer no estimate as to the probable market value on Dec. 31. The directors may conclude not to value copper in inventory Dec. 31 at less than 7½c. per pound, even though the then market may be lower, appreciating as they do that not enough mines can operate permanently at such lower levels to supply the current low rate of consumption. The lowest monthly average price of copper, prior to 1931, of which we find record, was 8.9c.

The contemplated action should result in an earlier resumption of dividends out of future earnings on the preferred stock and upon the class A stock and possible earlier dividends on the common stock.

It is important that each stockholder should realize that the proposed action, in no way affects (a) The number of shares of stock owned by him; (b) the actual value of such shares; (c) priorities of classes of stock, cum. div. features, conversion privileges and liquidation value details.

Signed by Walter Robbins, Chairman, and H. T. Dyett, President.—V. 133, p. 2935.

General Foods Corp.—Subsidiary Sales Higher.—

Sales of Igleheart Brothers, Inc., a subsidiary, for the first 10 months were ahead of any similar period in the company's history and the volume for 1931 will surpass last year's sales by a substantial margin, according to Austin S. Igleheart, Vice-President of the General Foods Corp. The company's mills at Vincennes, Ind., and Clarksville, Tenn., have been placed on a 24-hour schedule, while the three mills at Evansville, Ind., have been operating on this schedule since 1916.

Igleheart products now account for over three-quarters of the packaged cake flour volume in this country, it is stated.—V. 133, p. 3098.

General Motors Corp.—Enjoyed—Court Holds Oil Filters Infringe Patent of Newark Company.—

The Federal Court for the Eastern District of Michigan according to a Detroit dispatch has issued an injunction restraining General Motors Corp. and A. C. Spark Plug Co. from making, using or selling the General Motors A. C. oil filters, and from making, using or selling automobiles equipped with such filters. The Court also issued an order for an accounting of profits and damages as a result of infringement of patent rights of the purulator, an oil filter, manufactured by Motor Improvements, Inc., Newark, N. J. General Motors has until Dec. 15 to file its accounting.

Motor Improvements contended that the G. M.-A. C. oil filter violated the basic patent of the purulator and won a decision sustaining this contention in Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati on April 17, last. Petitions by General Motors for rehearing and for reopening were denied by the Circuit Court of Appeals and later petition for review was denied by U. S. Supreme Court.

The suit involved estimated damages of \$8,000,000 according to Motor Improvements, Inc.

Litigation was started by latter company in the fall of 1926, when General Motors ceased to use purulator filters which had been standard for more than a year on many of its cars and brought out the A. C. filter.

[In last week's "Chronicle" in quoting the New York "Times" we stated that "Motor car manufacturers are said to plan to ask the New York Supreme Court to reconsider its recent refusal to review a decision of a lower court that the General Motors Corp. and the A. C. Spark Plug Co. had infringed the patents of E. J. Sweetland and Motor Improvements, Inc., on automobile oil filters." The context should have read United States Supreme Court and not New York Supreme Court.]

Buick Motor Co. Shipments Increased in November.—

The Buick Motor Co., a division of the General Motors Corp., produced and shipped 9,053 cars in November, as compared with 5,012 in October and 7,177 in November 1930.—V. 133, p. 3636.

General Printing Ink Corp.—Smaller Common Dividend

The directors have declared a dividend of 50c. per share on the no par value common stock, and the usual quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the \$3 cum. pref. stock, no par value, both payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 17.

From July 1 1929 to and incl. Oct. 1 1931, quarterly distributions of 62½c. per share were made on the common stock.—V. 133, p. 2770.

General Public Service Corp.—Stockholders Asked to Consider Reduction in Capital.—

The directors on Nov. 27 voted to call a special stockholders meeting Dec. 29 1931 to consider the reduction of the corporation's capital represented by the outstanding common stock to \$1 per share. Favorable action by the stockholders on this proposal would make possible the writing down of the cost of assets on the balance sheet to bring it in line with the present level of market values.

The proposed reduction in capital represented by the common stock does not affect the number of outstanding shares of stock of the corporation or the asset value thereof, or the provisions of the charter of the corporation respecting the rights and preferences of the preferred stock.

President S. B. Tuell, Nov. 27, in a letter to the common stockholders, says:

As of Sept. 30 1931, the market value of the securities owned by this corporation was approximately \$13,838,133 against a book cost of \$24,454,907. The surplus of the corporation on that date was \$4,018,884, so that on the basis of said market values there was an impairment of capital represented by the outstanding common shares of \$6,627,890. By reducing the capital represented by such common shares to \$1 per share, surplus will be increased by \$8,377,635, and this impairment will be eliminated. The corporation will then be in a position to write down the cost of its investments to market value or estimated fair value as of a date to be fixed by the directors, charging surplus with the depreciation under cost. It is also proposed to make certain adjustments through surplus resulting from the cancellation of reacquired debentures and the charging off of the item of unamortized debt discount and expense now carried in the balance sheet.

Payment of the preferred dividend which is being earned currently is permitted under the Delaware law notwithstanding the impairment in capital represented by the common stock. However, if the corporation should sell any substantial amount of its portfolio and thus realize actual losses, such losses would be chargeable against current revenue and would probably prevent the payment of dividends on the preferred stock.

Since it is to the interest of all stockholders that the payment of the cumulative preferred dividends be safeguarded and at the same time that the management be permitted to make such changes in the portfolio as may seem desirable, the reduction of capital and the resulting elimination of the impairment is recommended by the directors.

Balance Sheet (Before and After Proposed Change).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 1931.	x After Adjustments.	Sept. 30 1931.	x After Adjustments.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Investments—		Preferred stock—	
Stocks—	a 20,327,517	Common stock—	c 2,305,258
Bonds & notes—	a 4,157,389	Common stock—	d 9,046,500
Cash—	2,455,387	Conv. stock scrip—	17,180
Treas. securities—	3,056,070	Conv. debentures—	
Interest & accounts receivable—	75,709	5%, 1953—	4,972,000
Special deposits—	1,896	5½%, 1939—	9,999,000
Unamortized debt disct. & expense—	471,396	Accounts payable—	7,467
Unadjusted debits—	1,008	Accounts not yet due—	159,894
		Unadj. credits—	20,191
		Surplus—	4,018,884
			1,489,596
Total—	30,546,374	Total—	30,546,374

a Cost. b Represented by: \$518,000 conv. debentures 5%, 1953, and \$2,734,000 conv. debentures 5½%, 1939, reacquired. c Represented by: 24,640 shares \$6 dividend preferred and 280 shares \$5.50 dividend preferred of no par value. d Represented by: 669,010 shares common of no par value.

x After reduction of common capital to basis of \$1 per share; valuation of securities based, for purposes of illustration, on Sept. 30 1931, market values; cancellation of reacquired debentures; elimination of entire unamortized debt discount and expense. The amounts shown in the projected balance sheet are based on the actual balances as of Sept. 30 1931, and are subject to change on account of operations of the corporation and (or) the selection of some other date to determine the market value of securities.—V. 133, p. 3263.

George Washington Life Insurance Co., Greensboro, N. C.—Smaller Dividend.

The company on Oct. 1 last paid to holders of record of the same date a quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share. Previously quarterly distributions of 17½ cents per share were made.

A controlling interest in the stock of this company is owned by Pilot Life Insurance Co.

(F. & W.) Grand-Silver Stores, Inc.—New Officer.—H. D. Kittinger, formerly President of McLellan Stores, has been elected a member of the board of directors and executive committee, and has also been appointed Vice-President in charge of merchandise and store operations.—V. 133, p. 3099.

(W. T.) Grant Co.—November Sales.—1931—Nov.—1930. Decrease. 1931—11 Mos.—1930. Increase. \$6,485,257 \$6,677,427 \$192,170 \$63,186,613 \$59,253,644 \$3,932,969 —V. 133, p. 3099, 2444.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.—Loses Suit—Supreme Court Upholds Constitutionality of Virginia Distributing House License Tax.—See under "Current Events" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3468.

Great Northern Paper Co.—Reduces 1932 Newsprint.—The company on Dec. 1 announced that its price on newsprint for 1932 would be \$55 a ton, f.o.b. cars at the mill of the manufacturer. This is a reduction of \$2 a ton, compared with this year. The company will continue to make the same freight allowance as at present.—V. 132, p. 1814.

Grouped Income Shares (Canada).—Initial Payment.—An initial semi-annual disbursement on Grouped Income Shares, series A, was paid on Nov. 30 at the rate of 15.4 cents per share. Of this amount, 15.17c, was derived from regular and extra cash dividends, 0.13c, from the sale of stock dividends and 0.1c, from interest and premiums. Coupons are payable at par at any branch of the Toronto General Trusts Corp.

Grouped Income Shares, series A, is a Canadian semi-fixed trust of the capital accumulative type. The trust was originated by a Winnipeg group in August, 1931. Securities held in the portfolio are those of United States corporations most of which have interests in Canada, while four Canadian corporations are included.

(Edward) Hines Lumber Co.—Obituary.—President Edward Hines died at Chicago, Ill., on Dec. 1.—V. 119, p. 2653.

Holland (Mich.) Furnace Co.—Dividend Reduced.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. a share on the common stock, no par value, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. This compares with quarterly distributions of 62½c. a share made on this issue from April 1 1930 to and including Oct. 1 1931. An extra cash dividend of 25 cents per share was also paid in January 1929, 1930 and 1931.

Earnings.—Earnings.—For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2936.

Houdaille-Hershey Corp. (& Subs.).—Consol. Bal. Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Sept. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildg., mach. & equipment—	6,578,559	4,845,975	
Patents & goodwill—	1	1	
Cash—	1,893,916	1,586,373	
U. S. Govt. secur.—	505,625		
Notes & accts. rec.—	497,154	404,970	
Inventories—	668,803	797,813	
Invest. in Biflex Product Co.—		110,682	
Adv. and int. on accounts receiv.—		196,567	
Other assets—	1,026,179	750,916	
Deferred charges—	121,891	143,124	
Total—	11,292,128	8,836,421	
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			11,292,128
			8,836,421

x After depreciation. y Represented by 159,630 shares (no par) class A stock, excluding 14,850 shares in treasury and by 784,976 (no par) class B stock, excluding 17,194 shares in treasury. As of Sept. 30 1931, there were outstanding 1,722 common shares of Muskegon Motor Specialties Co., and 25 common shares of Jackson Motor Shaft Co., or a total of 1,747 shares. The above balance sheet gives effect to exchange of these shares for Houdaille-Hershey Corp. class B stock. z Includes dividends on class A stock.—V. 133, p. 3637.

Howe Lumber Co.—Placed in Bankruptcy.—The company has been placed in bankruptcy, L. N. Buzzell of Clarkson, McDonald, Currie & Co., Montreal, has been appointed custodian of the estate.

The company, which was formed in 1923, did not command a public investment interest until 1928 when \$350,000 of 7% first preferred stock was sold. Dividends on this issue were deferred in September 1929. Payments on an issue of \$167,000 7% preferred, privately held, were also suspended at the same time. No distribution was ever made on the 15,000 shares of no par common outstanding, of which \$4,250 went as a bonus to purchasers of the first preferred shares.—V. 126, p. 3455.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—November Shipments.—Month of—November. October. September. August. Shipments (No. of cars)----- 258 507 784 847 —V. 133, p. 3099.

Hygrade-Sylvania Corp.—Extra Common Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of 50c. per share on the common and \$1.62½ per share on the pref. stock, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 10. In the preceding quarter a distribution of 50c. per share was made on the common stock, as against 40c. per share in each of the two preceding quarters.—V. 133, p. 3099.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Agents.

Announcement has been made on the Montreal Curb Market that the Crown Trust Co. of Montreal, Canada, has been appointed transfer agent for the capital stock of the Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, and the National Trust Co. has been appointed registrar.—V. 132, p. 2976.

(The) Importers & Exporters Insurance Co. of New York.—Omits Dividend.

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Dec. 1 on the outstanding \$1,000,000 capital stock, par \$25. The last quarterly payment of 2% was made on Sept. 1 1931.

India Tire & Rubber Co.—To Reduce Stated Value.

The stockholders at the annual meeting will vote on a plan to reduce the stated value of the common stock from \$1,075,272 to \$458,277.50. The number of outstanding shares would remain unchanged at \$3,651¼. Because of the change in the fiscal year of the company to Oct. 31 from Dec. 31, the annual meeting of stockholders will be held on Dec. 8 instead of Feb. 8.—V. 131, p. 131.

Insull Utility Investments, Inc.—Dividend Allowed.

Judge Gentzel, in Cook County (Ill.) Superior Court, has denied the application of a minority stockholder for an injunction against payment of the quarterly dividend due Dec. 1 on preferred stock, second series. Counsel for a minority stockholder also withdrew his motion asking for the appointment of a receiver. Judge Robert E. Gentzel said that he had read the bill through and would not appoint a receiver on the basis of the bill. He asked, however, that an answer be filed to the bill in view of the wide public interest involved.—V. 133, p. 1622.

Insurance Co. of North America.—New Building.

With the award to A. L. Hartridge Co., Inc. of a contract for constructing their new office building at John, Cliff and Gold streets, N. Y. City, the Insurance Co. of North America has completed arrangements for another important addition to the New York insurance district. The new building, which is being designed by Shreve, Lamb & Harmon, architects, will be approximately 25 stories high on a plot about 20,000 s. f. in area and will include the latest developments in office building planning and equipment.

The site at present is occupied by a 15-year old 10-story building at 11 Cliff St., the steel framed 7-story building at 99 John St., and by several old 4-story buildings. Wrecking of these buildings will start early in the spring and the project will give employment on the site to a force averaging approximately 300 men until completion which, it is expected, will be prior to April 1933.

The A. L. Hartridge Co., Inc. has within the past two months been awarded the contract for the "Wall Street Journal" building on Broad St., where construction is going on rapidly with steel framework partially complete.—V. 133, p. 2274.

International Cement Corp.—Reduces Dividend.

The directors on Dec. 2 declared a quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the outstanding 636,171 shares of no par value common stock, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15. This compares with quarterly distributions of \$1 per share made from Dec. 31 1923 to and incl. Sept. 30 1931. A 10% stock dividend was also paid on Dec. 31 1924.—V. 133, p. 3637.

International Paper Co.—Considering Newsprint Schedules.

In a letter to its newsprint contract customers, the company states that it confirms previous notice that its standard prices now prevailing will continue for the year 1932 for the respective destinations set forth in its contracts.

The company says further in its letter that it is now carefully considering some revision of its newsprint schedules, but that to-day the situation is not sufficiently clear to enable it to state what, if any, reductions it will make from the prices already announced for 1932.—V. 133, p. 3469.

International Power & Paper Co. of Newfoundland, Ltd.—Earnings.

For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 296.

International Proprietaries, Ltd.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 5 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 65 cents per share on the class A stock, no par value, both payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 25. Like amounts were paid on Sept. 15. An extra distribution of 15 cents per share was made on this issue on Dec. 15 1930 as against 10 cents per share in 1929.—V. 133, p. 1461.

International Shoe Co.—Reduces Wages.

A reduction in wages which will average from 15 to 20% is to be put into effect at once in all the company's plants in the East, the management stated on Nov. 30. It will affect upwards of 6,000 shoe workers employed in Manchester, N. H., Nashua, Claremont, Newport, Merrimack and other points.

Recently the wages of all salaried employees of the company were reduced.—V. 133, p. 132.

Interstate Department Stores, Inc.—October Earnings.

President Leo G. Federman states earnings for October available for common stock were in excess of 40 cents a share, after reserves for inventory depreciation, managers' bonuses and Federal income tax.

Mr. Federman says further that, while November gross sales declined about 10% below last year, he believed this was due to the decrease in the price levels of retail merchandise. Sales for November were, however, approximately equal to those of October, and that, while the final profit figures for November will not be available for several weeks, tentative estimates indicate that profit margins for November will be at least equal to, and possibly slightly greater than, those for October. The company has given extended effect to the expense reduction program instituted some months ago.

The cash position of this company on Oct. 31 was better than it was at the same date last year, and it has gone through the peak season of its purchasing, which comes in October and November, without having borrowed any funds. There is no outstanding indebtedness other than for the ordinary trade accounts, which were less than last year and for the accruals usual to the operation of the business. The working capital was greater than that on Oct. 31 1930, and the ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 4.05 to 1 this year compared to 2.76 to 1 on this date last year.—V. 133, p. 3263.

Interstate Equities Corp.—Control Acquired by Chain & General Equities, Inc.—See latter below.—V. 133, p. 3637.

Investors Corp., Providence, R. I.—Reduces Stated Capital—To Defer Payment of Jan. 1 Divs. on 2d Pref. and Conv. Pref. Stocks.

The stockholders on Nov. 24 approved a proposal to reduce the issued capital stock by reducing the amount of capital represented by the shares of the 1st pref. stock from \$1,960,000 to \$1,000,000, the amount of capital represented by the shares of the 2d pref. stock from \$225,000 to \$60,000, the amount of capital represented by the shares of the conv. pref. stock from \$380,000 to \$80,000, and the amount of capital represented by the shares of the common stock from \$649,370.74 to \$96,716.52, the shares of each of said four classes of stock being without par value. The stockholders also ap-

proved a proposal to authorize the board of directors to employ from time to time the surplus created by such reduction of the issued capital stock for the purpose of making such distributions by way of dividends or otherwise to the stockholders of the corporation and (or) for such other purposes as may be deemed desirable and be permitted by law.

Pres. F. B. Wilcox Nov. 10 stated:

The corporation is at the present time receiving income from its investments sufficient to meet the dividend requirements of the 1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock and conv. pref. stock; but the general and drastic decline in the market prices of securities had on Sept. 30 1931 reduced the value of the corporation's net assets to \$2,464,240. This amount is equivalent to \$127.58 for each of the 19,315 shares of 1st pref. stock outstanding on Sept. 30 1931; and, after allowing \$100 for each share of 1st pref. stock then outstanding, it is equivalent to \$76.11 for each share of the 3,000 shares of the 2d pref. stock and 4,000 shares of the conv. pref. stock outstanding on that date. It is less than the aggregate of the amounts set up in the capital and liquidation reserve accounts of the 1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock and conv. pref. stock.

The directors have been advised that this shrinkage in the value of the corporation's assets renders it illegal to continue the payment of dividends on the 1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock and conv. pref. stock unless the capital represented by the shares of stock of the corporation is reduced. The board is of the opinion that under these circumstances the capital represented by each of the four classes of stock should be reduced so that the income from the corporation's investments may be available for the payment of dividends on the 1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock and conv. pref. stock, and so that the surplus created by the reduction of the capital represented by the shares of the corporation's stock may be available for the payment of dividends on the 1st pref. stock to the extent to which the income from investments is insufficient for that purpose.

Such a reduction of the capital represented by the corporations' stock would not affect the net asset value of any class of its stock; nor would it change the preferences, either as to dividends or in liquidation, of the 1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock or conv. pref. stock.

The capital of the corporation will be decreased by reducing the capital represented by the 1st pref. stock to an amount equivalent to \$50 per share, the capital represented by the 2d pref. stock and the conv. pref. stock to an amount equivalent to \$20 per share, and the capital represented by the common stock to an amount equivalent to \$1 per share.

[The board anticipated that if the proposed reduction of the capital represented by the corporation's stock was effectuated, the payment of the quarterly dividends on the 1st pref. stock can be continued as also, except for the Jan. 1 1932 dividend, the payment of the quarterly dividends on the 2d pref. stock and conv. pref. stock. It will, however, be necessary that payment of the Jan. 1 1932 dividends on the 2d pref. stock and conv. pref. stock should be deferred, for the income between the date of the stockholders' meetings, Nov. 24 and Jan. 1, will not be sufficient for the dividend requirements of the full quarter ending on Jan. 1. It is anticipated that dividends will be resumed on these stocks with the April 1 1932 regular payment, as the current dividend and interest income on an annual basis is in excess of the annual requirements on the 1st pref., 2d pref. and conv. pref. stocks.]—V. 124, p. 3505.

Johns-Manville Corp.—Common Dividend Reduced.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock, payable Jan. 2 1932 to holders of record Dec. 12 1931, and 25c. per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 16 1932 to holders of record Dec. 26 1931. From 1927 to and incl. Oct. 15 1931, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 75c. per share on the common stock.—V. 133, p. 2608.

Jones Bros. of Canada, Ltd.—Dividend Deferred.

The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividend due Dec. 1 on the 6½% cum. s. f. red. conv. preference stock, par \$100. From Dec. 2 1929 to and incl. Sept. 1 1931, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 1½% on this issue.—V. 133, p. 490.

Kinner Airplane & Motor Corp., Ltd.—Earnings.

For income statement for nine months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1134.

Kline Bros. Co.—Sales Increase.

1931—November—1930.	Increase.	1931—11 Mos.—1930.	Increase.
\$506,479	\$501,310	\$5,169	\$4,647,934
—V. 133, p. 3100, 2444.		\$4,029,942	\$617,992

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales Decrease.

1931—Nov.—1930.	Decrease.	1931—11 Mos.—1930.	Decrease.
\$11,220,287	\$12,503,020	\$1,282,733	\$123,612,060
At the end of November 1931, the company had 672 American and 38 Canadian stores, or a total of 710 stores in operation.—V. 133, p. 3100, 2937.		\$126,371,649	\$2,759,589

Lane Bryant, Inc.—Dividend Action Deferred.

A meeting of the directors held Dec. 1 for consideration of the common dividend, was adjourned subject to the call of the President until such time as figures for the fiscal period ended Nov. 30 1931 may be available. The company has paid three quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share on the common stock (Apr. 1, July 1 and Oct. 1) prior to which the stock was on a \$2 annual basis.—V. 133, p. 3264.

Lehman Corp.—Dividend Rate Decreased.

The directors have declared a dividend of 60c. per share on the capital stock for the quarter ending Dec. 31 1931, payable Jan. 5 1932 to holders of record Dec. 21 1931. Quarterly distributions of 75c. per share were made from July 3 1930 to and incl. Oct. 3 1931.—V. 133, p. 2772.

Lerner Stores Corp.—Dividend Omitted.

The directors on Nov. 27 voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock which would have been payable Dec. 16. Distributions at this rate were made from Dec. 16 1929 to and incl. Sept. 16 1931.—V. 133, p. 3101.

Lincoln Building (Lincoln 42d Street Corp.), New York City.—Protective Committee Formed.

Announcement was made Dec. 4 of the formation of a protective committee to represent and protect the interests of holders of certificates of interest in the 1st mtg. 5½% sinking fund gold loan following default in the payment of interest due Dec. 1 1931 on this loan.

Charles F. Batchelder, Executive Vice-President of Chase Harris Forbes Corp., is Chairman of the committee which includes Charles G. Edwards, Douglas Gibbons, Arthur W. Loasby, George Ramsey and William R. Spratt Jr. Holders of certificates of interest are requested to make deposit with The Chase National Bank of the City of New York, trust department, or with Harris Forbes Trust Co., Boston, or Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, sub-depositaries. Philip E. Allen, 60 Cedar St., New York, is Secretary of the committee and Milbank, Tweed Hope & Webb, New York, counsel.—V. 126, p. 3461.

Lincoln Fire Insurance Co. of N. Y.—To Vote on Merger.

The stockholders will vote Dec. 22 on approving an agreement of merger or consolidation of the Chicago Fire & Marine Insurance Co. of Chicago, Ill., with the above corporation.

A. T. Tamblin, President, in a letter to the stockholders, says in part: The financial structure of the Lincoln will be materially improved through this merger. When completed, the Lincoln will have a capital of \$1,000,000, with substantially increased surplus, reserves and total assets. It will place the Lincoln in a position to be on the approved lists for properties controlled by life insurance companies, savings banks, &c., which business is usually of the highest grade and is not, as a general rule, available to companies of less than \$1,000,000 capital.

The Lincoln, when the merger is complete, will have added the valuable agency plan of the Chicago Fire & Marine to our present sources of business, and the resulting combination will give us an agency plan which should make available our share of desirable business throughout the country. Among several opportunities, this merger was chosen in part to secure increasingly diversified sources of business, since the sections of the country in which the merger companies have been operating are naturally complementary. Our reinsurance facilities are such that we shall be

in a strategic position to handle any volume of desirable business available. It is natural that economies through consolidation will result, and the greatest care will be given to the unification of the plants, with the result that substantial savings in operation will follow.

The terms of the agreement, as outlined in the official merger papers, are necessarily on a formula basis since the exact shares exchangeable cannot be determined until the examinations, now in process, fixing the exact contributions of each company, are completed. However, you may be assured that the intrinsic worth of your holdings in the consolidated company will be as great as those you now hold, and the earnings we believe will be enhanced.

Approval of the plan of the merger has been given by the directors and the respective State officials.

[See also Chicago Fire & Marine Insurance Co. of Chicago in V. 133, p. 3634.]—V. 133, p. 3638.

(P.) Lorillard Co.—Resumes Common Dividend.

The directors on Dec. 2 declared a quarterly dividend of 30c. per share on the common stock, no par value, and the usual quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. Record of dividends paid on the common stock since and including 1914 follows:

On Par Value Shs.	1914.	1915.	1916.	1917.	1918.	1919-25.	1926.	1927.
Regular (%)	-----	10	10	12	12	12	12	11
Extra (%)	-----	5	3	5	6	x20	-----	-----

x In stock. y Including 2% paid Oct. 1 in stock dividend certificates.

Note.—The stockholders on Sept. 6 1929 changed the par value of the common stock from \$25 to no par value, one share of the latter being issued in exchange for one share of the former.

The company, in its statement, said in part:

It will be the desire of the directors at the end of each calendar year to pay an extra dividend on the common stock to the extent justified by the earnings of the company.

Bonus Stay Upheld by High Court—Stockholders Restrained from Voting on Proposal for Extra Dividend for Employees.

The New York "Times" Dec. 4 says: The Court of Errors and Appeals at Trenton, N. J., on Dec. 3 sustained Vice-Chancellor Bigelow in restraining a vote by stockholders on an amendment to the by-laws of the P. Lorillard Co., which amendment was designed to authorize a 5% extra dividend annually to officers and employees who are owners of common stock. No opinion was filed by the Court, but a memorandum will be written later.

In his decision, Vice-Chancellor Bigelow wrote that the contemplated bonus would not be a dividend voted by directors of the corporation, but arrived at by mathematical calculation. The Vice-Chancellor also enjoined a vote on a resolution proposing the sale of 250,000 shares of stock to employees at not less than \$10 a share.

The application for the injunction was made by James H. Scott, Jr. of Richmond, Va., and 15 stockholders owning 7,413 common shares with a market value of \$120,000.

All common stockholders would not share in the proposed dividend, Vice-Chancellor Bigelow pointed out, but only a special class of officers and employees of the corporation. The Court finally ruled that in the absence of expressed statutory sanction the corporation could not make a distinction in the rate of dividend to one class of stockholders by designating such proposed dividends as bonuses.—V. 133, p. 3638.

Loudon Packing Co.—Earnings Exceed Dividends.

President Stewart Rose says: "Net income for the first six months (ended Oct. 31) of the current fiscal year exceeded dividend requirements for the period by a substantial margin." [Six months dividend requirements at the annual rate of \$3 per share total \$135,000 on the 90,000 no par value shares of capital stock outstanding.]

"I view the full year's showing with optimism because of the short tomato crop which should result in higher prices for this commodity, and also because of improved demand for tomato products," he said.—V. 133, p. 133.

Lunkenheimer Co., Cincinnati.—Smaller Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 5. Previously, the company paid regular quarterly dividends of 37½ cents per share on this issue.—V. 129, p. 3975.

Mack Trucks, Inc.—Dividend Rate Again Reduced.

The directors on Dec. 1 declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the outstanding common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15. The company paid a dividend of 50c. per share on Sept. 30 last, and made distributions of 75c. per share each on March 31, and on June 30 last, and \$1 per share on Dec. 31 1930. From Oct. 1 1923 to and incl. Sept. 30 1930 the company paid regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 per share, and in addition on Dec. 31 1925 made a 50% stock payment.—V. 133, p. 3101.

(M.) Marsh & Son, Inc.—Omits Dividend.

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend due at this time on the class A stock. Quarterly distributions of \$1 per share were made on this issue on March 2, June 1 and Sept. 1 last.—V. 131, p. 3718.

Mengel Co., Louisville, Ky.—Defers Dividend.

The directors have decided to defer the usual quarterly dividend of 1¼% due Dec. 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last distribution at this rate was made on Sept. 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 3101.

Milwaukee Commercial Investment Co.—Smaller Div.

The directors have declared a dividend of 20c. per share on the common stock and the usual semi-annual dividend of 65c. per share on the pref. stock, both payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 1. Previously, the company made regular semi-annual distributions of 40c. per share on the common stock.

Minnesota & Ontario Paper Co.—Receivership.

C. T. Jaffray of Minneapolis, President of Soo Line, and R. H. M. Robinson of New York have been named new receivers by Federal Judge Molyneux in Minneapolis. They succeed E. W. Bakus, E. W. Decker and Charles Fowler.—V. 133, p. 3471.

Monsanto Chemical Works.—New Directors.

L. F. Nickell and G. Lee Camp have been elected directors, succeeding James H. Becker and Howell W. Murray, resigned.—V. 133, p. 2938.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—Resignation.

F. A. Powdrell, Vice-President and Treasurer, has resigned, effective at the end of the year. Mr. Powdrell said he has had this step in contemplation since September in order that he might devote more time to his large interest in McLellan Stores Co., of which he is Chairman of the executive committee.—V. 133, p. 3638.

Morehead Knitting Co., Harrisburg, Pa.—Omits Div.

The directors have voted to omit the semi-annual dividend ordinarily payable Dec. 1 on the pref. stock. Previously, the company made regular semi-annual distributions of 3% (\$3 per share) on this issue.

(Philip) Morris Consolidated, Inc.—Dividend No. 2.

The directors have declared a dividend of 1¼% (43¼c. per share) on the class A stock, payable Jan. 2 1932 to holders of record Dec. 21 1931. An initial distribution of like amount was made on Oct. 1.—V. 133, p. 1775.

Morris Plan Corp. of America.—Expansion.

The corporation has offered to exchange its stock for that of the Atlantic & Pacific International Corp., a general management investment trust, Walter W. Head, President of the Morris Plan Corp. announced.

Each Atlantic & Pacific preferred share may be exchanged for four Morris plan preferred shares, \$10 par, plus two common shares which had a book value of \$2 a share as of Sept. 30. Dividends on the Morris plan

preferred will be protected by a three-year guaranty reserve fund set up by that corporation. Each share of Atlantic & Pacific class A common stock may be exchanged for one Morris plan common share.

The Morris Plan Corp. has resources of about \$12,500,000, represented by investments in more than 80 Morris plan banks and companies throughout the country and in the Morris Plan Insurance Society. This organization also establishes and services new banks.

The Atlantic & Pacific International Corp. had assets of about \$4,250,000 at the end of 1930. It has a portfolio of general investments.

Mountain Producers Corp.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—A quarterly dividend of 2% (20c. per share) has been declared, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. From July 1 1929 to and incl. Jan. 2 1931, quarterly distributions of 4% (40c. per share) were made, while 20c. per share was paid each of the three succeeding quarters.—V. 132, p. 4074.

Moxie Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for 9 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1931. Assets: Cash \$131,835, Accounts receivable—Trade 331,679, etc. Liabilities: Accounts payable—Trade \$34,239, Unclaimed empties 4,509, etc.

x Represented by 58,500 no par shares. y Represented by 400,000 no par shares.—V. 133, p. 299.

(F. E.) Myers & Bro. Co.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Oct. 31—1931, 1930, 1929. Manufacturing prof. after deducting cost of sales, incl. materials, labor & manufacturing expense \$1,640,345, etc.

Balance Sheet Oct. 31. Assets: Cash, cert. of dep., U. S. Gov. and Municipal bonds \$1,904,963, etc. Liabilities: Accounts payable 1931, 1930, Res. for Fed. inc., etc.

National Club Hotels, Inc.—Omits Dividend.—The directors recently voted to omit the semi-annual dividend of \$- per share due Oct. 15 on the 2nd pref. stock.

National Fabric & Finishing Co.—Directorate and Capitalization Reduced.—At the annual meeting of stockholders the board of directors was reduced from nine to five.

The stockholders voted to reduce capitalization \$512,000 by cancelling 5,120 (par \$100) preferred shares, leaving 1,541 preferred shares outstanding and 30,000 common shares.

National Liberty Insurance Co.—To Reduce Par.—The stockholders will vote Dec. 26 on ratifying a proposal that the par value of the shares be reduced from \$5 to \$2, releasing the balance to surplus account.

National Supply Co. (Del.)—Defers Preferred Dividend.—The directors on Dec. 2 voted to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% due Dec. 31 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100.

Nation-Wide Securities Co.—November Sales Gain.—See United States Electric Light & Power Shares, Inc., below.—V. 133, p. 970.

Neisner Bros., Inc.—November Sales.—1931—November—1930. Decrease. 1931—11 Mos.—1930. Increase.

New Century Casualty Co.—Omits Dividend.—The company recently omitted the semi-annual dividend ordinarily payable about Sept. 15 on the capital stock, par \$50.

New Niquero Sugar Co.—New Plan for Extension of Bonds Presented.—R. A. O. Smith, James H. Post and Frederick de Zaldo, representing the bondholders committee for the outstanding 7% 1st mtg bonds, due Jan. 1 1932 announce that inasmuch as a sufficient amount of the bonds were not deposited for exchange into a new issue of 1st & ref. mtg. 10-year 7 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, the plan and agreement expired by limitation on Nov. 30 1931.

A new agreement, however, has been entered into between the company and the committee, and such bondholders who desire to become parties thereto by depositing their bonds with City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 22 William St., New York, the company proposes to extend the abo. t \$560,000 par value of bonds in the hands of the public to Jan. 1 1937, with interest

at 7% per annum, and, if the plan becomes effective, to surrender \$35,000 principal amount of bonds, heretofore acquired and in the Treasury, for cancellation.

Bonds are required to be deposited on or before Dec. 30 1931, with Jan. 1 1932 coupons attached, in order that the plan and agreement may be declared effective.—V. 133, p. 3102.

Noblitt Sparks Industries, Inc.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 40 cents per share, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 19.

Noranda Mines, Ltd.—Resumes Dividends.—The company has resumed payments on its stock with the declaration of a dividend of 50c. per share, payable in New York funds on Dec. 29 to holders of record Dec. 15.

North Jersey Title Insurance Co.—Dividend Omitted.—The company recently decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Oct. 1 on the capital stock, par \$25.

Oakland Title Insurance & Guaranty Co. (Calif.)—Smaller Dividend.—The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, payable Nov. 25 to holders of record of the same date.

National Pumps Corp.—New Director.—Ira E. Westheimer of Baltimore, Md., has been elected a director, succeeding R. B. Munday, resigned.—V. 133, p. 299.

Paramount Publix Corp.—Company Denies Plans for New Financing—Condition Good.—Adolph Zukor, President, and John Hertz, Chairman of the Finance Committee, issued the following statement Dec. 1 in reply to inquiries from stockholders regarding rumors that the company was having difficulties in meeting maturing obligations for the repurchase at guaranteed prices of stock that had been used in acquiring new property.

The total liability which this company has remaining for the repurchase of its stock amounts to \$6,500,000. \$2,500,000 becomes due on Jan. 2 1932, and is for the repurchase of stock issued for the Great States Theatres, Inc., operating theatres throughout the State of Illinois.

Present bank loans of the company amount to \$3,200,000 and our bank balances at the present time are in excess of \$5,500,000. The company has more than adequate confirmed bank credits to take care of all of its current obligations. Earnings of the company for the first three quarters of this year are approximately \$7,250,000, and our business is running profitably in the fourth quarter.

The company has made no changes in its well-known conservative accounting policies which have, within recent months, been highly commended by both Price, Waterhouse & Co. and Haskins & Sells, certified public accountants.

In our opinion no new financing for the company is necessary, nor is any contemplated.—V. 133, p. 3266.

Pennsylvania Glass Sand Corp.—Bonds Called.—Sixty (\$60,000) 1st mtg. 6% sinking fund bonds due July 1 1932, have been called for payment Jan. 1 next at 105 and interest at any of the following offices of Brown Brothers & Co., 1531 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.; 59 Wall St., N. Y. City, or 60 State St., Boston, Mass.—V. 132, p. 4255.

Peoples National Fire Insurance Co.—Consolidation.—See Baltimore American Insurance Co. above.—V. 132, p. 142.

Perfect Circle Co.—Record Replacement Sales.—October replacement sales through automotive equipment jobbers proved to be the biggest October in the company's history.

In a statement accompanying the sales figures, Lothair Teetor, Vice-President in charge of sales, said: "Our October sales were satisfactory in every degree. November should be approximately as good while there may be a slight seasonal taper in December."

Petroleum Exploration.—Larger Dividend.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the capital stock, par \$25, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Dec. 2.

Pacific Finance Corp. of Calif. (Del.)—New Company Organized to Acquire Investments—Stock Distribution to Be Made.—All investments held by the corporation in Consolidated Steel Corp., Pacific Indemnity Co., Pacific American Fire Insurance Co., Blue Diamond Corp., Ltd., Consolidated Rock Products Co. and other companies of the so-called Phillips group, shortly will be transferred to a newly formed company, Los Angeles Industries, Inc., stock of which will be distributed share for share to present common stockholders of the Finance company.

Pierce Mfg. Co.—Dividend Omitted.—The directors have passed the dividend due to be paid Dec. 1. This is the first occasion since organization in 1892 that such action has been taken.

Plymouth Oil Co.—25c. Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share, payable Dec. 21 to holders of record Dec. 9.

Post Office Square Co., Boston, Mass.—Pays June 1 1929 Interest.—Funds have been deposited with the First National Bank, trustee, for immediate payment of coupon due June 1 1929 on the 6 1/2% gen. & ref. mtg. bonds, due December 1943, George Upton, Treasurer, announces.

Providence Washington Insurance Co.—Dw. Deferred.—The directors have voted to defer action on the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Dec. 28 on the \$10 par value capital stock.

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Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.—Stockholder Asks Receiver.—Mismanagement Alleged—President Brown Minimizes Action—Stockholders Offer New Finance Plan.

Suit for the appointment of a receiver for the corporation was filed Dec. 2 at Baltimore by J. Cookman Boyd, who holds 300 of the 2,400,000 shares of outstanding Class A stock. The suit charges the company with "reckless expenditures" and asks that its officers and agents be restrained from disposing of any assets.

Judge Albert S. J. Owens signed an order giving the company until Dec. 22 to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed.

Alleging that the company cannot meet its maturing obligations, the petition states: "That the present condition of the corporation has been brought about by reckless and willful expenditures and waste of the corporation's assets, by the payment of large and excessive salaries to its officers and employees, and the same has been characterized by woeful incompetence and willful mismanagement on the part of the officers of the corporation in the control and management of its affairs wherein the management has purchased large chain theatres at highly excessive prices, and has done other acts in the management of the corporation at a time when the same were palpably inadvisable and unwise for the best interest of the corporation and of its stockholders, and that unless restrained from further disposing of its assets, and a receiver be appointed to take charge of and manage its affairs, the remaining assets of the corporation will be disposed of or dissipated, to the almost entire loss of the stockholders as well as the creditors."

On learning of the Baltimore suit, Hiram S. Brown issued a statement in which he said:

"We are confident that the charges of mismanagement cannot be sustained. The ability of the corporation to meet its financial requirements will depend on the putting into effect of the refinancing plan which has been submitted to stockholders.

"The bringing of receivership proceedings should emphasize to all stockholders the necessity of forwarding proxies immediately so that the financing plan will be carried out."

Mr. Brown announced that economies which would total \$4,000,000 a year had been put into effect since the company plan was announced.

Corporation Appeals for Proxies.—

An extraordinary meeting of stockholders under the direction of Hiram S. Brown, President, will be held Dec. 10 for consideration of a proposed amendment of the certificate of incorporation. The call for proxies has been sent out by Mr. Brown. The chief purpose of the meeting will be to place in the hands of the management authority to execute a new financing plan, which calls for a three-fourths reduction of outstanding shares of the Class A stock.

In opposition to the management's plan an alternative one drawn by a stockholder's protective committee will be offered.

Stockholders' Committee Presents Plan.—

The stockholders' committee has presented its plan to the corporation, stating that three weeks of investigation had shown that private financing or underwriting of a public offering of securities was impossible on account of the position of the corporation. It asked for guarantees that not more than \$5,600,000 of the planned \$11,600,000 financing would be used for company purposes other than the repayment of \$6,000,000 in gold notes outstanding that expenses be reduced to 75% of operating income, and that a committee of stockholders to supervise such actions on the part of the corporation be approved.

Pledge on Debentures is Asked.

The plan further provides that the management pledge itself not to call for the second payment of subscriptions to the \$11,600,000 of debentures to be issued, if the plan is approved, unless a proportionate share of debentures be called for redemption on the same date. It was explained that this means that stockholders subscribing to the debentures would be assured that the initial payment of \$2.50 would be the full obligation instead of the \$5 announced in the plan. During a talk earlier in the day Mr. Brown had mentioned that it might prove unnecessary to call for the final payment under subscriptions until the company was in position to redeem the debentures.

The stockholders' committee also issued a statement regarding the receivership suit in which they said that they did not regard it in a serious light, but they took the opportunity of calling for proxies.

The committee issued copies of letters to stockholders, which said, in part: "Your committee is unanimous in the opinion that expenses of the corporation can be reduced 25% below its operating income without impairing in any way the efficiency of operation or the quality of production."

"Under the plan as announced but 50% of the total subscription must be paid at the time of subscribing. If the corporation will give the pledges requested by this committee, the committee urgently advises all stockholders to subscribe to the limit permitted by their holdings on the basis of the partial payment plan. The calling for redemption of a sufficient amount of debentures coincident with the call for the final or semi-final payments on the subscriptions to the debentures obviates the necessity of any further payments by the stockholders."

"Your committee feels that it would be possible in a great number of cases to obtain assistance from banks in financing the payment of \$2.50 a share, as in addition to the stock represented by your equity in the corporation you will have a 50% equity in 6% debentures of \$5 face value as collateral."

Savings Are Made in Production.—

President Brown, in an interview with newspaper men Dec. 2, declared that "he did not know where the company was going if the proposed plan of financing failed." He said that he had just returned from Los Angeles, where he had supervised the consolidation of the two producing branches of the company, and that this move would result in an annual saving of about \$2,500,000, and that the consolidation of the separate sales branches would save another \$1,500,000.

Discussing the executive expense of the corporation, he said that, including 8,000 shares of class A stock of the corporation at its present valuation, which he had received as a bonus, he had averaged \$90,000 a year during the three years he had been with the company, but that the next meeting of the board of directors would have before it a recommendation to reduce his salary as well as that of some of the other executives.

He was also sanguine regarding the quality of the future motion picture production of the corporation, and declared that the new plan of financing would carry the company through any period of poor business which might be expected.—V. 133, p. 3473.

Reo Motor Car Co.—November Shipments.—

Month of—	November.	October.
Cars and trucks shipped.....	x736	1,275
x Including 297 passenger cars and 439 commercial cars and trucks.—		

V. 133, p. 3266, 2940.

Republic Automobile Insurance Co. of Detroit.—

Receivership.—The company was placed in receivership Dec. 1 by Judge Leland W. Carr, who a week previous named Insurance Commissioner Charles D. Livingston custodian of the company's affairs. Mr. Livingston was appointed receiver.

The action was taken after George G. Madan, special investigator for the State, testified that the firm is "hopelessly insolvent" and that nothing can be gained by attempting to operate the business with a view of protecting the 55,000 policyholders. With the appointment of a receiver, all policies are cancelled automatically and liquidation of the assets begins.

Reymer & Bros., Inc., Pittsburgh.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of 12½ cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Nov. 16 to holders of record Nov. 6. Previously, quarterly distributions of 25 cents per share were made.

Rheinbe Union.—\$313,000 Bonds to Be Redeemed.—

Dillon, Read & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., fiscal agents for United Steel Works Corp. of Germany, announce that \$313,000 of Rheinbe Union 20-year 7% sinking fund mortgage bonds have been drawn for redemption on Jan. 1, 1932 through the operation of the sinking fund. Payment will be made at par and interest at the offices of Dillon, Read & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. in New York. Payment will also be made, at the option of the holder, in London or Amsterdam at the exchange rate prevailing on the day of presentation.—V. 132, p. 4076.

Rio Grande Oil Co.—Hearing Postponed.—

On motion of counsel representing various interests, Judge Harry A. Holzer in Federal Court at Los Angeles Dec. 3 postponed until Dec. 14 the hearing on an application for receivership in equity for the company.

Milton T. Farmer, attorney representing Interstate Equities Corp., and bearing stipulations from counsel for Barnsdall Oil Co. and Rio Grande, intimated to the court that an agreement may possibly be reached whereby the petition for receivership may be vacated before it comes to trial Dec. 14.

Robert L. Clark, representing Murray Shewitt, New York broker, who holds a Superior Court judgment of \$2,137,500 against the company, concurred in the motion ruled on by the court. Attorney Farmer told the court he hoped to obtain an agreement from Mr. Shewitt's attorney to the filing of an appeal from the Superior Court's judgment without being required to post a \$5,000,000 bond.

"Since filing of the application for receivership, attorneys have conferred, and there are possible adjustments that would make the receivership unnecessary," Attorney Farmer stated.—V. 133, p. 3639.

Rogers-Majestic Corp., Ltd.—Dividends Omitted.—

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividends ordinarily payable about Jan. 1 on the class A and class B stocks, no par value. Previously, the corporation made regular quarterly distributions of 30c. per share on both issues.

President D. H. McDougall states that while the number of sales during the first six months of fiscal year, or to Oct. 1, exceeded the like period last year, demand was for cheaper sets and profits consequently have been reduced. The company expects benefits from new British tariff, which places Canadian radio manufacturers at an advantage over United States companies.—V. 132, p. 4605.

Rossia Insurance Co. of America.—Dividends Omitted.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Jan. 1 on the capital stock, par \$10. From July 1, 1929 to and incl. Oct. 1, 1931, this company made regular quarterly distributions of 55 cents per share.

The First Reinsurance Co. of Hartford, a wholly owned subsidiary, also deferred action on the dividend due at this time on its stock. Previously, quarterly disbursements of 31¼ cents per share were made on this issue.—V. 132, p. 4077.

San Francisco Bay Toll Bridge Co.—To Pay Interest on First Mortgage 6½% Bonds.—

Dillon, Read & Co. announce that the agreement of readjustment dated as of Sept. 1, 1931 in respect of interest and sinking fund on the company's debentures has been carried out, thus making available funds for the payment of the coupons due Nov. 1, 1931 on the 1st mtge. 6½% sinking fund bonds. Coupons should be forwarded through the usual channels for collection.

Under the terms of the agreement of adjustment a revolving credit fund of \$150,000, less the expenses of carrying out the agreement, has been made available to the company during a three-year period as needed, and to supplement the cash resources of the company in case of any deficiencies in 1st mtge. bond interest and sinking fund requirements.—V. 133, p. 2940.

Shubert Theatres Corp.—Receivership Extended.—

An extension of the receivership of the corporation for another six months, or until June 2, 1932, was granted Dec. 2 by Federal Judge Francis G. Caffey. All parties in interest joined in a motion to the court that such procedure be taken in order to give the receivers, Lee Shubert and the Irving Trust Co., an opportunity to work out a reorganization.

The one discordant note of the proceedings came when Arthur Kast, representing a group of debenture holders, attacked the continuance of Lee Shubert as one of the receivers, since the receivers' report showed that Mr. Shubert was acting in a dual capacity, having had transactions with the corporation as a private citizen. William Klein, general counsel for the corporation, denounced Kast for "unworthy and unprecedented insinuations" Judge Caffey, in ruling on the motion, said that the matter would be investigated to decide if there is any necessary conflict of interest in Mr. Shubert's acting as receiver and as an individual.

Independent Audit Suggested.

The court, after hearing the various parties in interest present their cases through attorneys, prefaced his ruling on the extension until June 2 with remarks as to the attitude of the court. "The only interest the court has is to protect and conserve the property and the interests of the various creditors, bondholders, debentureholders and stockholders. Through Mr. Shubert's long career in the theatrical business, and his great familiarity with the details of his company's business, it would appear that his services as one of the receivers are an asset."

The suggestion was made to the court by Charles H. Hyde, representing the "independent" committee of debenture holders, that a thorough-going investigation be made of the company's affairs, involving a possible audit. Judge Caffey stated that there was no apparent irregularity in the method of making entries in the corporation's books, but that he would hear motions at any time for an independent audit.

Represented at the session held in Judge Caffey's chambers were four groups: Two of them committees of debentureholders, one of stockholders, and one of general creditors. No group has yet been formed especially to conserve the interests of the bondholders, although Judge Caffey suggested its formation.

The larger group of debentureholders is represented by Andrew M. Williams, of the firm of Rushmore, Bisbee & Stern. The smaller group, represented by Mr. Hyde, is composed of those who do not think it to their best interests to join in with the larger group, composed mainly of banks which were instrumental in the underwriting of Shubert securities.

The independent protective committee recently sent a letter to the debentureholders asking this co-operation. The committee consists of Edward A. Ducasse, Chairman; Erastus J. Parsons, Henry L. Gotham, Charles H. Hyde, attorney, and Bernard N. Dorn, Secretary.—V. 133, p. 3640.

Solid Carbonic Co.—New Director.—

E. H. de Bronkart of the firm of Fenner, Beane & Ungerleider has been elected a director to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of John Collingwood of Harvey, Fisk & Co.—V. 132, p. 2408.

Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey).—\$30,000,000 of Debentures Called for Payment.—A total of \$30,000,000 of 20-year 5% gold debentures, dated Dec. 15, 1926, have been called for redemption on Feb. 1 next at 102 and int. Payment will be made at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St., N. Y. City.—V. 133, p. 3642.

(L. S.) Starrett Co.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—

A quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share has been declared on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 18. Previously, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 50 cents per share on this issue.—V. 133, p. 976.

Starrett Corp.—Preferred Dividends Deferred.—

The directors have voted to defer the usual quarterly dividends of 1¼% due Jan. 1 on the \$10 and \$50 par value 6% cum. pref. stocks. The last quarterly distributions were made on this issue on Oct. 1, 1931.—V. 133, p. 976.

Swift & Co.—Disposing of Properties.—

Frank R. Warton, Eastern financier and banker, has been appointed to dispose of the inactive and unrelated properties of the company. This in line with its policy of discontinuing many branch plants which are now not in use.—V. 133, p. 3107.

Thatcher Securities Corp.—Liquidating Dividend.—

The directors recently declared a liquidating dividend of \$3.92 per share on the outstanding 263,672 shares of capital stock, par \$1, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record of the same date.—V. 130, p. 3184.

Tobacco Products Corp.—Plan of Reorganization.—

President Frederick K. Morrow, Nov. 30, in a letter to the stockholders, says in substance:

The directors deem it in your best interests to present to you the plan outlined below, for a reorganization of your company, and unanimously

recommends that all the class "A" stock and all the common stock be deposited under the plan as promptly as possible. Percy H. Johnston, Charles S. McCain and Charles H. Sabin have consented to serve as a committee for carrying out the plan in case sufficient of the stock is deposited for the purpose. Practically unanimous consent of the common stock will be required to carry out the plan.

Assets of Tobacco Products Corp.

The company's only assets of importance are:
 (1) A lease agreement with the American Tobacco Co., executed Oct. 26 1923, under which the company and its wholly owned subsidiaries leased all their cigarette and tobacco brands to the American Tobacco Co. for 99 years at an annual rental of \$2,500,000 payable to Tobacco Products Corp. The American Tobacco Co. has the option in the meantime to commute the lease and acquire the brands by paying to Tobacco Products Corp. an amount equal to the cost of an annuity of \$2,500,000 per annum, payable monthly over the unexpired term of the lease, discounted at 7% per annum. The commutation value of the lease on Oct. 31 1931 was \$36,768,055, as shown on the attached balance sheet. Accordingly, of the annual income of \$2,500,000 which Tobacco Products Corp. receives from the lease, a part is by way of amortization of the principal amount which the American Tobacco Co. can at any time pay to terminate the lease and acquire the brands. This amount for the current year is approximately \$5,000, but increases annually until the entire remaining commutation value is amortized through the last yearly payment.

(2) 3,964,310 1/2 shares of common stock of United Cigar Stores Co. of America, of approximately 75% of that company's total outstanding common stock. This stock is carried on the books of Tobacco Products Corp. at \$3.50 per share. The stock has been selling in the market currently at a little more than \$2 per share, giving an aggregate market value for the company's holdings of United Cigar Stores Co. common stock of approximately \$7,928,620.

Tobacco Products Corp. Only a Holding Company.

The Tobacco Products Corp. is accordingly only a holding company for the common stock of United Cigar Stores Co. and for the lease agreement with the American Tobacco Co. Inasmuch as the common stock of United Cigar Stores Co. is not paying dividends at present, the only function which Tobacco Products Corp. performs is to receive the income from the lease to the American Tobacco Co. and to distribute the net amount to Tobacco Products class A stockholders. The Tobacco Products Corp., however, pays to the U. S. Government each year on the income from the lease agreement a tax of approximately \$300,000. It also pays out each year a further considerable sum for the aggregate for franchise taxes, for the transfer and registration of its own stock, and for necessary administrative expenses. To some extent, the income taxes and the other taxes and expenses would seem to be unnecessarily incurred if, as we believe, the continuance of Tobacco Products Corp. in its present form serves no useful purpose.

Capitalization of Tobacco Products Corp.

There are outstanding two classes of stock of Tobacco Products Corp., class A stock consisting of 2,240,462 1/2 shares and common stock consisting of 3,296,652 1/2 shares. The class A stock is preferred as to non-cumulative dividends to the extent of \$1.40 per annum. Both stocks share equally share for share, in the assets of the company on dissolution.

Income and Dividends.

At present the income from the lease to the American Tobacco Co. is sufficient to pay the class A stockholders a regular quarterly dividend of 20c. and last year an extra dividend of 15c., or a total of 95c. for that year. Quarterly dividends of 20c. have been maintained during this year, the last of which was declared payable to stockholders on Nov. 16 1931. If United Cigar Stores Co. is again able to resume dividends on its common stock, Tobacco Products Corp.'s earnings from that source will have to go to pay further dividends to class A stockholders up to \$1.40 per share. Notwithstanding the management of United Cigar Stores Co. is very hopeful of that company's common stock would have to be placed on a dividend basis of approximately 45c. per share before there would be any earnings for distribution to the common stockholders of Tobacco Products Corp.

Market Value and Asset Values.

Class A stock of Tobacco Products Corp. has been selling in the market for about \$9 per share, and the common stock of the company has been selling for about \$3 per share. The aggregate market value of the company's stock is therefore only about \$30,000,000, whereas the intrinsic or market value of its assets as indicated above is almost \$45,000,000. The reasons why the company's stock is selling in the market for less than the company's value are two-fold: its common stock is selling low because of the remote prospect of dividends and the possibility of dissolution without the consent of the class A stock; and the class A stock is selling low for the reason that it continually faces the danger of dissolution.

Impossibility of Distribution Without a Plan.

A simple dissolution of Tobacco Products Corp. might be advantageous for the common stock of the company, but disadvantageous for the class A stock. But dissolution cannot be accomplished by the common stock alone. Presumably the class A stock would not consent to a dissolution of the company or to any distribution of assets unless it is compensated for the perpetual preference which it enjoys over the common stock in respect of the company's earnings. For these reasons any plan to distribute assets of Tobacco Products Corp., in order to obtain the consent of both classes of stock, must treat each class fairly, taking into consideration all factors, moral as well as legal, in determining the rights of each class.

The Plan of Reorganization.

It is proposed that the holders of class A stock of the present company (Tobacco Products Corp. of Virginia) will receive \$10 principal amount of 6 1/2% collateral trust debentures of Tobacco Products Corp. of New Jersey in exchange for each share of class A stock deposited under the plan; and that the holders of common stock of the present company (Tobacco Products Corp. of Virginia) will receive \$4 principal amount of such debentures plus one share of common stock in Tobacco Products Corp. of Delaware in exchange for each share of common stock deposited under the plan.

The present Virginia company will assign to the new New Jersey company its lease agreement with the American Tobacco Co. under which it receives rental payments aggregating \$2,500,000 annually (subject to commutation at the election of the American Tobacco Co.), together with the entire capital stocks of certain subsidiaries of the present Virginia company owning the reversionary interest in the cigarette and tobacco brands covered by the lease, in consideration of which the new New Jersey company will issue its entire capital stock to the new Delaware company and will issue to the stockholders of the present Virginia company \$35,591,235 of 6 1/2% collateral trust debentures of the new New Jersey company, sufficient in amount to make the exchanges under the plan with the holders of all the class A stock and of all the common stock of the present Virginia company. The debentures are to be dated Nov. 1 1931 and to mature Nov. 1 2022, are to be secured by a pledge of the lease agreement and the assigned stocks of the above-mentioned subsidiaries to Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, as trustee, are to be amortized through annual operation of a cumulative sinking fund over the remaining period of the lease, are to be subject to redemption at the principal amount thereof and accrued interest for the purpose of the sinking fund and are to become due and payable forthwith in case of the commutation of the lease by the American Tobacco Co. prior to its maturity. The debentures will be issued in bearer form, registerable as to principal only, in denominations of \$1,000 and \$500, with semi-annual interest coupons attached. In lieu of issuing debentures in smaller denominations, fractional scrip, exchangeable in assembled units for \$1,000 debentures within such time and upon such conditions as the committee may approve, will be issued. Any dividends paid on deposited stock, while such stock is on deposit under the plan, will be distributed by the committee among the holders of certificates of deposit entitled thereto. The debentures delivered under the plan will bear interest from the first day of the calendar month in which the last dividend shall have been paid on class A stock of the present Virginia company.

The present Virginia company will assign to the new Delaware company all its remaining assets (consisting principally of 3,964,310 1/2 shares of common stock of United Cigar Stores Co. of America) in consideration of which the new Delaware company will assume all the liabilities of the present Virginia company, except liabilities under the lease agreement with the American Tobacco Co., and will issue to the stockholders of the present Virginia company the entire amount of its capital stock to be presently outstanding (consisting of 3,296,652 1/2 shares, all of one class). In the course of the reorganization, the present Virginia company will be dissolved. The committee will have full discretion to determine whether or not to declare the plan operative and to determine the conditions upon which it will declare the plan operative, and will have full power to take all steps necessary to carry the plan into effect.

Effect of the Plan.

The class A stockholder who deposits under the plan will receive for each share of class A stock deposited \$10 principal amount of the collateral trust

debentures to be issued under the plan. The common stockholders who deposits under the plan will receive for each share of common stock deposited in addition to \$4 principal amount of the collateral trust debentures, one share of stock of Tobacco Products Corp. of Delaware. Tobacco Products Corp. of Delaware will have outstanding 3,296,652 1/2 shares of stock, all of one class. It will have no liabilities (other than such current liabilities as will be assumed from the present Virginia company), and its assets will consist of (a) 3,964,310 1/2 shares of United Cigar Stores Co. common stock (equal to 1.25 shares of such common stock for each share of the common stock of Tobacco Products Corp. of Delaware outstanding), and (b) the entire capital stock of Tobacco Products Corp. of New Jersey, which company in turn will own the equity in the lease agreement with the American Tobacco Co., after provision for the collateral trust debentures. This equity will have an ever present value of the difference between the commutation value of the lease and the principal amount of the debentures at the time outstanding, and until such commutation will entitle the owner thereof to an annual income by way of rentals from the lease agreement in excess of the service charge on the debentures, of approximately \$175,000 per annum.

Deposits of Stock.

Deposits of stock under the plan should be made not later than Dec. 31 1931 with the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, 11 Broad St., N. Y. City, depository under a deposit agreement dated Nov. 30 1931, against the issue of transferable certificates of deposit of the depository.

Statement of Profit and Loss for 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1931.
 Lease rental, American Tobacco Co. (\$2,500,000 annually) ----- \$2,083,333
 Interest received ----- 3,170
 Miscellaneous income ----- 4,138

Total income ----- \$2,090,641
 Stock transfer and other administrative expenses ----- 32,801
 Amortization of commutation value of Amer. Tobacco Co. lease ----- 4,257
 Deduct—Estimated provision for Federal income tax ----- a115,000

Net profit for the period ----- \$1,938,582
 A Federal income tax would be estimated at \$250,000 were it not for special deductions allowable in 1931.
Statement of Surplus for the 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1931.
 Surplus at Dec. 31 1930 per published report for that year ----- \$2,609,041
 Add—Net profit for 10 months of 1931 per statement of profit and loss above ----- 1,938,583
 Refunds of prior years' Fed. inc. taxes and interest thereon ----- 74,560
 Total ----- \$4,622,183
 Deduct—Reduction of sundry investments to approximate realizable value ----- 76,707
 Adjust. of commutation value of Amer. Tob. Co. lease ----- 13,977
 Divs. on class A stock: Three quarterly divs. at 20c. a share ----- 1,344,241
 Surplus per balance sheet Oct. 31 1931 ----- \$3,187,258

Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1931.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in banks -----	\$544,863	Div. on class A stock, payable Nov. 16 1931 -----	\$448,080
Accounts receivable -----	273,784	Sundry accounts payable -----	1,802
Investments:		Reserve for Fed. income tax -----	194,906
United Cigar Stores Co. common stock -----	x13,875,087	Capital stock & capital surplus:	
Other securities at approx. realizable value -----	5,000	Class A stock (2,240,462 1/2 shares at stated value of \$5 each) -----	11,202,312
Class A stock (directors' qualifying shares) at cost -----	520	Common stock (3,296,652 1/2 shares at stated value of \$5 each) -----	16,483,262
Amer. Tob. Co. lease maturing Nov. 1 2022, at commutation value per the lease -----	36,768,055	Capital surplus as published in last preceding ann. rpt. -----	19,949,687
Total -----	\$51,467,309	Surplus, per statement below -----	3,187,258
		Total -----	\$51,467,309

x 3,964,310 1/2 shares at \$3.50 a share. y \$2,500,000 annually in equal monthly installments.—V. 133, p. 3642.

Todd Shipyards Corp.—Dividend Rate Reduced.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the outstanding 217,679 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable Dec. 21 to holders of record Dec. 5. Previously the company made regular quarterly disbursements of \$1 per share.

The company issued the following statement:

The directors decided upon the action, after careful consideration the probable cash requirements of the next 12 months. The net earnings of the company, if continued during the remaining four months of the fiscal year, at the same rate as that of the first eight months, will amount to approximately \$3 per share. Some increase in business is already apparent, however, and it is hoped that this figure will be exceeded. The company is in sound financial condition. During the last five fiscal years ending March 31 it has earned more in the aggregate, than its dividend requirements. It has no funded debt other than a purchase money mortgage for \$142,500, falling due April 30 1932. No bank loans are outstanding except one for \$700,000. During the last four years it has expended from cash reserve (without borrowings other than those above indicated), approximately \$5,000,000 for new plant and equipment. The earning power of some of these new assets, notably those acquired at New Orleans as of Oct. 1 this year, have naturally not yet been fully reflected in the statement of earnings, although results in this direction are now becoming evident.—V. 133, p. 1939.

Tri-Continental Corp.—Initial Preferred Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the new \$6 cummul. pref. stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 16 (see V. 133, p. 2612, 2942).

Extends Time on Injunction Suit.—Following filing of an amended petition in the suit of Janice Ragovin against the corporation, Judge Samuel K. Dennis of Baltimore Circuit Court on Dec. 1 granted the corporation until Dec. 10 to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not be issued against the plan recently approved by stockholders.—V. 133, p. 3643.

United Chemicals, Inc.—Exchange Offer.—This corporation has deposited with the Guaranty Trust Co., 11,568 shares of 7% pref. stock of Westvaco Chlorine Products Corp. which will be available for exchange for the \$3 pref. stock of United Chemicals, Inc., in the ratio of one-third of a share of Westvaco preferred for each share of United Chemicals pref. stock.

President William B. Thom states that the holding of Westvaco preferred is no longer essential to the company. As of Sept. 26 1931 net assets of United Chemicals at cost were equivalent to \$65.65 a share on the preferred. The dividend was reduced to a \$2 annual rate as of Dec. 1 1931, due to decline in earnings. Westvaco, on the other hand, earned dividend requirements of the preferred 4.4 times in the first nine months of 1931. Its assets at cost were equal to \$291.79 a share for its preferred. Furthermore, by making this exchange stockholders will receive \$2.33 1/2 in dividends against a rate of \$2 on United pref. stock for each share not exchanged. After this exchange it is anticipated that the distribution of Westvaco preferred will be sufficient to warrant application for its listing, and this application probably will be made. The time for exchange is fixed at 12 noon Dec. 31 1931, and certificates of deposit will be issued not later than Jan. 15 1932.

United Chemicals, Inc., was formed in 1929 as a holding company to take over 51% of the preferred and 51% of the common stock of Westvaco Chlorine Products Corp. Since then it has purchased a controlling interest in two smaller chemical companies.—V. 133, p. 3268.

Trustee Standard Shares, Inc.—Sales Increase.—Share sales of Trustee Standard Investment Shares during October were 20% ahead of September. Dwelly, Pearce & Co., sponsors of the trust, recently announced. With the exception of June, September sales had been the largest in any month since formation of the trust in October 1930. In the Philadelphia territory share sales in October were 50% ahead of September and were the largest reported here for any month. Philadel-

phia sales in the first week of November were 40% greater than in the first week of October.—V. 133, p. 2776.

United Merchants & Manufacturers, Inc.—Note Issue.

The company has filed notice of intention to issue \$4,500,000 6% collateral trust notes with the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. The company has \$5,000,000 6% collateral trust notes due Dec. 15, which were extended a year ago. Holders of a large part of the maturing issue, it is stated, have agreed, to an extension in addition to which the company has bought in some of the notes.—V. 132, p. 144.

United States Electric Light & Power Shares, Inc.—34c. Dividend on Series A Shares.

The corporation on Dec. 1 paid a dividend of 34c. per share on the trust certificates, series A. Distributions of 49c. per share were made on June 1 and Sept. 1 last, while 61c. per share was paid on Mar. 1 1931. During 1930 the following distributions were made on the series A trust certificates: Mar. 1, 68c.; June 1, 70c.; Sept. 1, 62c. and Dec. 1, 53c.

November Sales Show Substantial Gains.

Calvin Bullock, sponsor of United States Electric Light & Power Shares (Uselps) and Nation-Wide Securities Co. reports increased sales for these two investment trusts during November 1931 as compared with November 1930 and October 1931. Sales of Uselps were more than 115% greater in November 1931 than in November 1930. Sales of Nation-Wide were 13% greater during the same period.

Renewed public interest in the electric light and power industry is held responsible in good part for the increased sales of Uselps since this trust represents an interest in 44 public utilities.

The increase in the sales of Nation-Wide Securities Co. may reflect the belief among investors that representative common stocks are selling at bargain levels, the sponsor states.

Both of these companies are unit trusts of the cumulative type.—V. 133, p. 3107.

United States Steel Corp.—New Subsidiary.

The Illinois Scully Steel Warehouse Co., a subsidiary, was recently formed as a consolidation of the Illinois Steel Warehouse Co. and Scully Steel & Iron Co. The former management of the two companies will be retained in the new organization. All Chicago warehouse space will be consolidated at 1319 Wabansia Ave., where additional warehouse space will accommodate a greater variety of light and heavy rolled steel products, specialties and machinery. Other warehouses are located at St. Paul and St. Louis.—V. 133, p. 3643.

Universal Cooler Co.—Resumes Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 15c. per share on the class A common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 1. An initial distribution of 12½c. per share was made on July 1 1929; none since.—V. 129, p. 2876.

Vanadium-Alloys Steel Co.—Dividend Omitted.

The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend or dividend payable about Dec. 31 on the no par value common stock. A distribution of 25 cents per share was made on Sept. 30, as compared with 50 cents per share six and nine months ago and \$1 per share previously each quarter.—V. 133, p. 1628.

Van Sweringen Corp.—Offer to Note Holders Extended to Dec. 15—\$2,190,000 Notes Now in Hands of Public.

The corporation announces that as of the close of business on Dec. 1 1931, \$15,000,000 of its five-year 6% gold notes have been retired and cancelled and \$12,810,000 have been acquired by the Van Sweringen interests, leaving outstanding in the hands of the public \$2,190,000 of notes.

In order to give a final opportunity to those who have not availed themselves of the offer of the corporation dated Oct. 29 1931, arrangements have been made with the Van Sweringen interests whereby they have agreed to extend this offer until Dec. 15 1931. No further extension will be made.

Noteholders desiring to avail themselves of the offer should deposit their notes for this purpose with New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. City, with May 1 1932 and all subsequent coupons attached on or before Dec. 15 1931. Letters transmitting such notes to the depository should set forth the name and address of the person in whose name stock is to be issued. Notes so deposited will be purchased and paid for immediately and the stock to be issued to depositing noteholders will be delivered as soon as practicable.—V. 133, p. 3477, 2942.

Vogt Mfg. Corp.—Dividend Rate Reduced.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 15c. per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 2 1932 to holders of record Dec. 10 1931. On July 1 and Oct. 1 last distributions of 25c. per share, as compared with 50c. per share previously each quarter.—V. 132, p. 2793.

Waldorf Systems, Inc.—November Sales.

1931—Nov.—1930.	Increase.	1931—11 Mos.—1930.	Decrease.
\$1,252,070	\$1,226,302	\$25,768	\$14,201,023
			\$14,558,275

—V. 133, p. 2777, 3108.

(Hiram) Walker-Gooderham & Worts, Ltd.—Dividend Rate Again Reduced.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 6½ cents per share on the no par value capital stock, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 28. This compares with quarterly dividends of 25 cents per share paid from June 15 1929 to and incl. March 16 1931 and quarterly distributions of 12½ c. per share on June 15 and Sept. 15 last.

Earnings for Years Ended Aug. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
x Earnings	\$1,060,882	\$2,757,165	\$4,117,668	\$3,442,378
Dividends paid	2,310,000	2,640,000	1,971,249	957,203
Balance, surplus—def	\$1,249,118	\$117,165	\$2,146,419	\$2,485,175
Previous surplus	6,868,479	7,084,174	5,156,283	2,671,107
Total surplus	\$5,619,361	\$7,201,339	\$7,302,702	\$5,156,282
Fed'l tax previous year	279,080	332,859	218,528	
Balance, surplus—	\$5,340,281	\$6,868,480	\$7,084,174	\$5,156,282

x After provision for depreciation, bad and doubtful accounts and contingency, but before Federal taxes.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Aug. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets—				
Cash & call loans	121,526	5,558,363		
Investments	6,179,665	2,226,552		
Accts. receivable	1,184,693	881,365		
Other curr. assets	101,043	157,723		
Inventories	9,692,577	9,959,310		
Prepaid def. chgs.	188,735	196,551		
Plant & equipment	8,478,230	8,464,179		
Other investments	439,215			
Sbs. in cons. co's.	282,181	257,636		
Sbs. in subs. co's.	12,000,000	12,000,000		
Total	38,757,876	39,701,679		
x Represented by 2,640,000 shares.—V. 132, p. 3736.				
Liabilities—				
Bills & accts. payable, incl. Gov. emment tax		562,070	380,528	
Dividend payable		330,000	660,000	
Reserve for deprec. on plant & equipment & conting.	4,589,549	4,186,695		
Capital stock	x27,900,000	27,900,000		
Capital surplus		365,976	365,976	
Surplus account		5,010,282	6,208,479	
Total		38,757,876	39,701,679	

Wrenn Foundry & Pipe Corp.—Smaller Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 30c. per share on the outstanding 182,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. This compares with regular quarterly distributions of 50c. per share made from Jan. 2 1930 to and incl. Oct. 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 1778.

Western Tablet & Stationery Corp.—\$1 Common Div.

The directors on Dec. 2 declared the regular preferred dividend of \$1.75 per share, payable Jan. 1 1932 to holders of record Dec. 21 1931, and also declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, payable Dec. 21 1931 to holders of record Dec. 14 1931. This makes a total dividend of \$2 per share on the common stock paid out of earnings during the fiscal year ended Oct. 31 1931, being the same as the dividends paid on common stock in the two prior years.

From Aug. 1 1929 to and incl. May 1 1931 regular quarterly distributions of 50c. per share were made on the latter issue; none since.—V. 133, p. 305.

Westmoreland, Inc.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 30 cents and the regular quarterly dividend of 30 cents, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. An extra distribution of 80 cents per share was made a year and two years ago.—V. 132, p. 3189.

White Motor Co.—Receives Large Order.

The company has received an order from the City of New York for 774 heavy duty trucks, believed to be the largest single truck order placed by any one since the World War. The order is estimated roughly to amount to over \$2,600,000.

The city is buying the trucks built to its own specifications for use in refuse and garbage collection and for snow removal. Addition of these trucks will increase the fleet of White trucks owned by the city by 1,600.—V. 133, p. 2615.

Whittelsey Manufacturing Co., Bridgeport, Conn.—Sale.

By order of the Superior Court of Fairfield County, Conn., the plant will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on the premises on Dec. 10.—V. 132, p. 3363.

Will-Low Cafeterias, Inc.—Earnings.

	1931.	1930.
Years Ended Sept. 30—		
Sales	\$3,282,896	\$4,010,780
Cost of sales, operating and general expenses	2,888,374	3,615,734
Net profit before providing for deprec. & amort. of leaseholds	\$394,521	\$395,046
Prov. for deprec. of equip. & amort. of leaseh's, &c	80,769	81,176
Other income	Cr.1,485	Cr.2,627
Net profit for the year	\$315,236	\$316,497
Previous surplus	137,620	Dr6,631
State franchise taxes applicable to prior period	4,033	
Dividends paid on preference stock	84,106	168,212
Earned surplus, Sept. 30	\$368,751	\$137,621
Shares common stock outstanding (no par)	101,946	101,420
Earnings per share	\$1.44	\$1.46

Condensed Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Assets—			Notes payable	\$150,000	\$263,255
Cash	\$139,555	\$42,697	Accts. pay. & accr. expenses	148,122	223,750
Accts. receivable	35,276	7,145	Subtenants' lease secur. dep.	158	4,670
Notes receivable	16,816	12,999	Res. for store dev. & contingencies	52,384	49,562
Accr. int. receiv.	1,471	659	Deferred income	1,098	
Inventories	60,613	89,515	Capital stock	x193,553	190,397
Notes rec. & accr. interest	101,292	91,212	Capital surplus	376,741	377,363
Leaseholds & impr	890,522	955,781	Earned surplus	368,751	137,621
Good-will	1	1			
Def. debit items	45,261	46,608			
Total	\$1,290,808	\$1,246,619	Total	\$1,290,808	\$1,246,619

x Represented by 42,053 no par shares preferred stock and 101,946 no par shares common stock.—V. 132, p. 2986.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Sales Off.

Period End. Nov. 30— 1931—Month—1930. 1931—11 Mos.—1930. Sales \$22,004,960 \$24,077,960 \$242,953,226 \$246,962,431 —V. 133, p. 3643.

(Rudolph) Wurlitzer Co., Cincinnati.—Omits Div.

The directors recently voted to omit the monthly dividend or dividend ordinarily is payable about Nov. 25 on the common stock. On Oct. 25 last a monthly distribution of 25c. per share was made on this issue, as compared with regular monthly payments of 50c. per share previously.—V. 133, p. 3269.

Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.—Smaller Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of 25c. per share on the outstanding 486,656 shares of common stock, par \$25, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 14. This compares with quarterly distribution of 50c. per share made from Oct. 1 1930 to and incl. Oct. 1 1931.—V. 133 p. 1141, 3108.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Formation of a new investment commission firm under the name of Holsapple, Safford & Co., which will hold membership in the New York Stock Exchange, was announced on Dec. 1. Partners in the firm, which has opened offices at 59 Cedar St., New York, are Earle T. Holsapple and George Safford, both of whom were formerly associated with Harris, Forbes & Co., and Joseph H. Amy, who will hold the Stock Exchange seat. Mr. Holsapple started his business career with Harris, Forbes & Co. in 1920 and for six years was in charge of their Albany and Troy offices. He was a director of Harris, Forbes & Co. from 1921 until his retirement from the firm at the end of 1929. During the year 1924-25 he was Treasurer of the Bond Club of New York. Mr. Holsapple was one of the organizers and is now Vice-President of the Hartsdale National Bank. Mr. Safford at one time was associated with Jackson & Curtis, and later joined Harris, Forbes & Co. and served as head of their trading department until July 1 of this year. Mr. Amy started as a messenger boy with McDonnell & Co. in 1919 and became a member of the New York Stock Exchange in 1924. He has been associated with De Coppett & Doremus and with Nash & Co. Associated with the new firm will be Derby Farrington, formerly with Lee, Higginson & Co.; H. H. Klein, formerly with Harris, Forbes & Co.; Clifford Moss, and James Hayes.

—The 1931-1932 edition of the "Directory of Directors in the City of New York," having 1,738 pages and containing an alphabetical list of directors or trustees and members of certain important partnerships having New York City addresses, followed by the names of companies with which they are connected, has just been issued. This list, however, is largely limited to those having at least one directorship in a company located in the City of New York capitalized for \$25,000 or over. The second part of the book contains selected lists of corporations in banking and insurance, accompanied in each case by the names of the company's principal officers and directors, trustees and partners, whose names are listed in the directory. The third part of the book contains a list of all companies whose names are found in the directory section, except those listed in the appendix, followed by the names of all the directors, trustees and partners whose names are listed in the directory. This book is a standard publication and has been published continuously since 1895.

—R. A. Dahn & Co., 49 Broadway, N. Y., will continue the municipal bond brokerage business formerly conducted by Dahn & Hunter, with Robert A. Dahn and Percy H. Bates remaining as general partners.

—Edward L. Mansbach and Lewis M. Jaeger, formerly with Martin Weiss & Co., which has been dissolved, announce the formation of the firm of E. L. Mansbach & Co., with offices at 32 Broadway.

—James Talcott, Inc., has been appointed Factor for the Claremont Hosiery Corp., of New York City, selling agents for hosiery manufacturers.

—Charles H. King, formerly with Emanuel & Co., is now in the sales department of Schaumburg, Rebhann & Osborne, 27 William St., New York.

—Bond & Goodwin, Inc., announce that Joseph W. Kennedy, formerly with Chatham Phenix Corp., is now associated with them.

—Martin Weiss has opened offices at 60 Broad Street and will specialize in foreign bonds and unlisted stocks.

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, Dec. 4 1931.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet at 7½ to 8¼c. for Santos 4s and 6½c. for Rio 7s. Fair to good Cucuta, 11½ to 12c.; prime to choice, 12 to 14c.; washed, 12 to 13½c.; Colombian, Ocana, 10½ to 11c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 12 to 13c.; washed, 13¼ to 14c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 12½ to 13c.; Medellin, 14¼ to 15c.; Manizales, 12¼ to 13¼c.; Mexican washed, 15 to 17c.; Ankola, 24 to 34c.; Mandheling, 23 to 32c.; genuine Java, 23 to 24c.; Robusta washed, 7¾ to 8c.; Mocha, 14½ to 15c.; Harrar, 13¼ to 14c.; Abyssinian, 9¼ to 9½c.; Bourbon, 12 to 13c.; San Domingo washed, 14 to 14½c. On Nov. 28 cables from Brazil report that it is generally conceded that at the meeting on Monday, Nov. 30, the proposals to the Coffee Council would be accepted and immediately put into effect. On Nov. 30 cost and freight offers were unchanged to slightly higher. Some prominent shippers did not offer. Santos Bourbon 2-3s for prompt shipment at 8.30 to 8.95c.; 3s at 7.85 to 9¼c.; 3-4s at 7.85 to 8¼c.; 3-5s at 7¼ to 8.05c.; 4-5s at 7.70 to 8.30c.; 5-6s at 7.55 to 7.60c.; 6s at 7.65c.; 7-8s at 7.20 to 7.45c.; Peaberry 4s at 7.35c.; Victoria 7-8s at 5.85c. For December-January shipment from Angra dos Reis Santos 3s offered at 7¾c.

The world's visible supply of coffee not counting the interior warehouse stocks of Brazil was 6,754,684 bags on Dec. 1 1931, according to the New York Exchange against 6,374,431 on Nov. 1 1931. The visible supply on Dec. 1 1930 was 5,014,312. The United States visible supply on Dec. 1 was 2,410,951 against 2,181,436 a month ago and 1,255,571 a year ago. The present United States visible supply includes 339,691 of restricted coffee. On Dec. 1 an Associated Press dispatch from Rio de Janeiro said that delegates of eight coffee states met with a representative of the Federal Government yesterday to consider the condition of the coffee market in secret sessions which will last a week. On Dec. 2 private cables from Rio reiterate early unofficial reports that the increased export tax is likely to be put into effect at any moment. G. Duuring & Zoon cabled monthly statistics as follows: Arrivals of all kinds during November, 894,000, of which Brazilian 575,000 bags. Deliveries during November, 963,000, of which Brazilian 547,000. Stocks in Europe on Dec. 1, 2,201,000 bags. World's against 6,358,000 bags on Nov. 1. On Dec. 2 cost and freight offers for prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2s were held at 8.05c.; 2-3s at 8¼ to 9.30c.; 3s at 8.10 to 8½c.; 3-4s at 7.90 to 8.55c.; 3-5s at 7.80 to 8.05c.; 4-5s at 7¾c. to 7.80c.; 5s at 7¾c.; 5-6s at 7.55 to 7.65c.; 6s at 7½ to 7.55c.; 6-7s at 7.55c.; 7-8s at 7.20c.; Part Bourbon 2s at 8.20c.; 3-4s at 8.00c.; 3-5s at 7.90 to 8.45c.; 5-6s at 7.65c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.20c.; 3-4s at 8.00c.; 4s at 7.85c.; Victoria 7s at 5.90c.; 7-8s at 5.95c. Spot coffee here was quiet and nominally 8c. to 8¼c. for Santos 4s and 6½c. for Rio 7s.

On the 3rd cost and freight offers were unchanged to 15 points lower. The trade was awaiting developments at the Rio convention. Prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s were held at 8.20 to 9.30c.; 3s at 7.90 to 8.30c.; 3-4s at 7.90 to 8.55c.; 3-5s at 7¾ to 8.05c.; 4-5s at 7.70 to 7.80c.; 5s at 7¾c.; 5-6s at 7.55 to 7.65c.; 6s at 7.55c.; 6-7s at 7.55c.; 7-8s at 7.35 to 7.40c. Part Bourbon 3-4s at 8.35c.; 3-5s at 8.45c.; Peaberry 3s at 8 to 8.30c.; 4s at 7.85c.; Victoria 7s at 5.90c., and 7-8s at 5.85c. To-day cost and freight firm offers were unchanged, or else slightly lower to 10 to 15 points higher. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2s were quoted at 8.55c.; 2-3s at 8.20 to 8¾c.; 3s at 7.95c. to 8½c.; 3-4s at 8 to 8.35c.; 3-5s at 7.80 to 8.10c.; 4-5s at 7.70c. to 8½c.; 5-6s at 7.65 to 7.85c.; 6s at 7.55c.; 7-8s at 7.30 to 7.35c.; Peaberry 3s at 8 to 8.20c.; 4s at 7.80 to 8.10c.; boldish bean Santos 3-4s at 8.35c.; Rio 7s at 5.95c.; Victoria 7-8s at 5.90c. On Nov. 28 Rio futures closed 2 points higher with sales of only 4,000 bags. Santos futures ended 3 points lower to 2 higher with sales of 7,000 bags. Trading was small awaiting further advices from Brazil. On Nov. 30 prices advanced 10 to 21 points on reports that an additional export tax from Brazil was expected. The sales of Santos here were 20,250 bags and of Rio 11,500. Cables from Brazil stated that the foreign banks behind the \$100,000,000 loan in 1929 would oppose the destruction of 12,000,000 bags of coffee which is collateral for the loan, but private cables reported

that it was momentarily expected that the Council would announce an additional export tax, which it was supposed here would be used to liquidate the loan. On the 1st prices fell 5 to 8 points in a quiet waiting market.

On the 2d inst. Rio futures here closed 3 to 7 points lower with sales of 7,500 bags and Santos was unchanged to 4 points lower with sales of 8,000 bags. Trading was light pending news from Brazil. If the plan of the National Coffee Council delegates is approved it is probable that about 12,000,000 bags of surplus coffee will be eliminated. Thus far 2,794,000 bags have been destroyed. If it is increased to some 14,800,000 bags the effect on prices might be pronounced. The fly in the amber of the plan for wholesale destruction as proposed by the National Coffee Council is that the 12,000,000 bags which they would destroy are now used as collateral against the 1929 \$100,000,000 loan, and the banks are opposed to its destruction, although they would be guaranteed the proceeds of an additional export tax. On the 3d inst. Rio futures closed 6 to 7 points net higher with sales of 7,750 bags and Santos 5 to 8 up with sales of 5,000 bags. The National Coffee Council was studying the coffee problem in all its aspects and closing public session will be on Dec. 5 at 3 p. m. It is believed that decisive measures bullish in their scope will be taken. To-day Rio cabled the Exchange that the Federal Government of Brazil up to Nov. 30 last paid for 6,593,000 bags coffee valued at 400,000 contos. To-day Rio futures closed 1 point lower to 2 higher with sales of 7,000 bags and Santos 5 to 9 lower with sales of 16,000 bags. Final prices show an advance for the week of 7 to 15 points. To-day Rio cabled the New York Exchange: "Unofficial; although nothing known definite terms of convention agreement, newspapers give impression of unanimity following points: 1st: Autonomy of National Coffee Council. 2d: Purchase and early liquidation of retained stocks by National Coffee Council. 3d: Destruction undetermined of quantity of low grade stocks. 4th: Increase ten shillings tax to 15, of which five towards guarantee 20 million loan. 5th: Suppression of Sao Paulo three shillings tax. 6th: Defense markets on a basis slightly higher than the present levels." This caused covering here and some buying supposed to be for Brazil. Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	6½ @	May	5.58 @ nom
December	5.25 @ nom	July	5.68 @
March	5.45 @	September	5.80 @

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	8½ @	May	7.90 @ 7.91
December	7.55 @ nom	July	8.04 @
March	7.75 @ nom	September	8.16 @

COCOA today ended 8 to 13 points lower with sales of 127 lots. December ended at 4.07c.; March at 4.27c.; May at 4.40 to 4.41c.; July at 4.60 to 4.66c.; September at 4.75c. Final prices are 28 to 30 points lower for the week.

SUGAR.—Spot raws were quoted at one time at 1.25 to 3.25c. with trading light. A cargo sold later on the 27th at 1.25c. for Cuba. Futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of only 10,800 tons. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 29,352 against 16,683 in the previous week and 54,250 in the same week last year; meltings 25,508 tons against 34,953 in the previous week and 53,182 in the same week last year; importers' stocks 69,151 against 69,151 in previous week and 143,243 in the same week last year; refiners' stocks 42,914 against 39,070 in the previous week and 145,907 in the same week last year; total stocks 112,065 against 108,221 in previous week and 289,150 last year. It is stated that Cuba has not sold the entire quota assigned for export to countries other than the United States; that on Nov. 15 there remained 435,000 bags (about 65,000 tons) exclusive of segregated sugars, on which export permits had not been applied for. The National Sugar Export Corp., it seems, called the attention of producers to the fact that export privileges would expire on these sugars if not shipped by Dec. 31 and this led to some selling to Europe. On Nov. 28th London market closed easy and unchanged to ½d. lower. Liverpool was steady and unchanged. On Nov. 30 futures closed unchanged to 3 points off. Spot Cuban raws fell to 1.21 to 3.21c. A cargo of Porto Rico loading this week sold at 3.21c. Cuban interests sold September freely. Trade and commission houses sold. The total transactions for the day were 36,300 tons. California & Hawaiian Sugar Refining Co. announced that retroactive to Nov. 20 in guaranteed territory, including Arkansas and Louisiana its price would be reduced to the basis of 4.45c. less 5c. per 100 pounds on carload shipments regardless of routing and carlot deliveries from warehouses. Here came refined was 4.50c.

On Nov. 30 Havana cabled that the Cuban sugar movement for the week showed exports from the island to be 57,572 tons, arrivals 29,295 tons and stocks 769,583 tons. The exports were to the following points of destination: New York, 18,434; Philadelphia, 7,998; Boston, 8,436;

New Orleans, 29; Savannah, 2,017; Galveston, 1,442; Brunswick, 2,353; interior United States, 94; Uruguay, 14; Nassau, 39; Panama, 61; United Kingdom, 16,655. On Nov. 30 the Sugar Institute, Inc., stated the total melt and total deliveries of 14 United States refiners up to and including the week ended Nov. 21 1931 and same period for 1930 as follows: Melt: 1931, Jan. 1 to Nov. 21, 3,860,000 long tons; 1930, Jan. 1 to Nov. 22, 4,310,000 long tons. Deliveries: 1931, Jan. 1 to Nov. 21, 3,635,000 long tons; 1930, Jan. 1 to Nov. 22 4,115,000 long tons.

On Nov. 30 London opened 1/4 to 1/2d. higher. Liverpool opened unchanged to 1/2d. off. London terminal market at 3:15 p. m. their time was 1/4 to 3/4d. higher than the opening quotations. Raw sugar market, according to private cables, is quiet with sellers asking 6s. 4 1/2d. c.i.f., equivalent at the exchange rate of \$3.45 to 84c. f.o.b. Cuba and possible buyers at 6s. 3d. One cable said the trade and refiners were looking on. On Dec. 1 futures closed unchanged to 3 points higher with sales of 9,450 tons. Covering in December had some effect. Cuba and Europe sold mostly Sept. Large Cuban interests bought. Refined was reduced to 4.40c.; 80,000 bags are said to have sold at 1.20c. c. & f.

On Dec. 1 London opened 1/4d. to 1d. up; Liverpool opened steady and unchanged to 1/2d. higher. British refined advanced 3d. On Dec. 1 private London cables reported small offerings with probable buyers of Cubas at 6s. 6d. c.i.f., or the equivalent of 82c. f.o.b. Cuba, at the current rate of exchange. There have been further sales of British refined to India at 7s. 6d. Some cables say that the details are withheld while others place the quantity sold at from 6,000 to 16,000 tons. "Facts About Sugar" estimate the current U. S. beet sugar production at 962,000 long tons against 1,077,912 long tons last year. On Dec. 1 New Orleans reduced the price of refined to the basis of 4.40c. On Dec. 2 several private cables received from London agree that the quantity of Java sugar sold to British refiners was 70,000 tons, the assumption being that it was Brown sugar as the higher duty on White would militate against their sale to the United Kingdom refiners. F. O. Licht estimates European sugar production without Russia Dec. 1 at 6,100,000 metric tons against 8,621,000 tons last year. On Dec. 2 private London cables said Java had sold sugar to British refiners, but no price is mentioned and there is some differences as to the other details. One report says that 70,000 tons of Whites constituted the quantity sold while another makes it 17,000 tons of Browns. On Dec. 2 details of revisions of Licht's estimate with end of October and last year's comparisons were as follows: Hungary 125,000 tons against 145,000 at the end of October and 234,000 last year; Belgium 220,000 tons against 240,000 end of October and 283,000 last year; Holland 170,000 against 180,000 end of October and 300,000 last year; Poland 525,000 against 560,000 end of October and 792,000 last year; Roumania 55,000 against 65,000 end of October and 162,000 last year; England 290,000 against 315,000 end of October and 484,000 last year; Europe without Russia 6,100,000 against 6,220,000 end of October and 8,631,000 last year; Russia 2,150,000 against 2,150,000 end of October and 2,010,000 last year.

On Dec. 2, the London sugar market opened 3/4 to 1 1/2d. up. Liverpool opened quiet at unchanged to 1/2d. off. British refined was advanced 3d. On the 3rd inst., London cabled: "Market fully steady, raws 6s. 7 1/2d. at exchange rate of \$3.37 equivalent to 87c. per pound f. o. b. The general opinion is that results of the Paris conference will be constructive." New York thinks so, too. The Pennsylvania Sugar Co. issued this on Dec. 2: "The Inter-State Commerce Commission to-day suspended portions increased eastern class freight rates which were to become effective at midnight to-night. We therefore suspend our announcement of Nov. 30 until freight situation becomes clarified." Practically all refiners have taken similar action. On Dec. 3, Willett & Gray said: "Recently there has been business almost daily in Java browns to the United Kingdom and to-day cables say that this recent business figures up close to 70,000 tons, but other cables deny this quantity. Furthermore, sales of English granulated to the United States in cargo lots appear to be on the increase. We know of one cargo of 5,000 tons that has been sold and there was business pending, particularly during the time of the severe drop in the pound sterling, which latter, however, is better to-day." On Dec. 3, London opened at 1/2 to 3/4d. advance. Liverpool opened 1/2d. off to 1/2d. up. Futures on the 2nd inst. ended unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 14,100 tons, though Licht's estimate of the European beet crop was reduced 120,000 tons compared with that at the end of October. The Cuban pool it was stated sold at 1.20c. c. & f. Sales were estimated at 80,000 to 130,000 bags. On the 3rd inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points off. Cuban raws sold at 1.20c. c. & f. Large sales of Java at around 6s. 6d. are said to have been latterly made. The selling here on the 3rd inst. was hedging and liquidation. Commission houses bought March and May. Wall Street sold May and July. Hedge selling of next Dec. was noticed for either European or Japanese account. To-day futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 9,950 tons. Final prices are 2 points higher on Dec. for the week while March and May are down 2 to 3 points. To-day, London and Liverpool opened unchanged to 1/2d. up.

Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial	1.20@	May	1.13@
December	1.10@	July	1.19@
January	1.08@	September	1.24@
March	1.08@ 1.09		

LARD on the spot at one time was weak at 6.75 to 6.85c.; Refined Continent, 6 1/2c.; South America, 7 1/2c.; Brazil, 7 7/8c. On Nov. 28th futures declined 2 to 15 points though hogs advanced 10c.; prime Western, 6.60 to 6.70c.; Refined Continent, 6 3/4c.; South America, 7c.; Brazil, 7 3/4c. On Nov. 30th futures declined 3 to 7 points. Liverpool ended 3d. lower to 9d. higher. On Nov. 30 tallow advanced 1/4c. to 3 1/2c. f.o.b. for extra loose. On Dec. 1st prices fell 1/2c. to 3 3/4c. f.o.b. with estimated sale of 250,000 lbs. Futures on the 1st inst. fell 7 to 12 points with hogs a little lower and western receipts 177,200 against 124,800 last year. Liverpool lard was 1s. to 1s. 9d. higher. Deliveries on Dec. contracts were 100,000 lbs. of lard. Cash markets were weaker. Prime Western 6.40 to 6.50c.; Refined Continent, 6 5/8c.; South America, 6 7/8c.; Brazil, 7 5/8c. On the 2nd inst. prime Western was 6.40 to 6.50c. Futures on that day closed unchanged to 5 points lower. Hogs were unchanged. Western receipts were 153,600 against 102,400 a year ago. Exports from New York were 731,000 lbs. to England and Holland. Contract stocks of lard at Chicago in Nov. showed a decrease of 1,944,745 lbs. making the total 11,285,275 against 6,646,044 on Dec. 1st last year. Contract deliveries were 50,000 lbs. To-day futures ended 5 points lower with grain off. Final prices show a decline for the week of 27 to 35 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	6.02	5.97	5.90	5.90	5.85	5.80
January	6.05	6.00	5.92	5.87	5.82	5.77
May	6.27	6.25	6.15	6.12	6.05	6.00

Season's High and When Made—		Season's Low and When Made—	
December	8.15	July 1 1931	5.65
January	6.87	Nov. 9 1931	5.77
May	6.67	Nov. 14 1931	6.00
		December	5.65
		Dec. 3 1931	5.77
		Dec. 4 1931	6.00

OILS.—Linseed was rather quiet and easier at 7.2c. for carlots cooerage basis. This price, it is said, could be shaded about 2 points on a firm bid. Coconut, Manila Coast tanks, 3 1/2c.; spot N. Y. tanks, 3 3/8 to 4c. Corn, crude, tanks f.o.b. Western mills, 4c. Chinawood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot 7 to 7 1/4c.; tanks, 6 1/4 to 6 3/8c.; Pacific Coast tanks, 5 7/8 to 6c. Soya bean, tank cars f.o.b. Western mills, 3 1/2c.; carlot delivered, N. Y., 5c.; L.C.I., 5 1/2 to 6c. Edible, olive, 1.65 to 2.15c. Lard, prime, 12c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 8 1/4c. Cod, Newfoundland, 28 to 30c. Turpentine, 40 1/4 to 45 3/4c. Rosin, \$3.80 to \$8. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 14 contracts. Crude S. E., 3 3/8c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	4.00@	March	4.54@ 4.60
December	4.14@ 4.25	May	4.67@
January	4.45@	July	4.77@ 4.79

PORK steady; Mess, \$19.50; family, \$19.50; fat back, \$15 to \$17. Ribs, Chicago, cash, 7c.; Beef quiet and steady; Mess, nominal; packet, nominal; family, \$15 to \$17; extra India mess, nominal; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2.25; No. 2, \$4.50; six pounds, South America, \$14; pickled beef tongues, \$65 to \$68. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 14 to 16 lbs., 10 1/2c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 10 3/4c.; pickled bellies, clear, 6 to 12 lbs., 9 1/2c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 16 to 18 lbs., 8 1/2c.; 18 to 20 lbs., 8 1/2c. Butter, lower to higher than extra, 24 1/2 to 31 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 13 1/2 to 18c.; daisies, 14 1/4 to 16 1/4c.; Young American, 12 to 18c. Eggs medium to premium marks, 20 to 40c.

PETROLEUM.—A feature of the week was the advance in bulk gasoline prices of 1/2d. by the Sinclair Refining Co. United States Motor in tank car and Sinclair white gasoline are now quoted at 6 1/2 and 7c. respectively at refinery. Other large companies are expected to meet this advance. Gasoline prices were advanced early in the week by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey 1/2c. throughout its territory with the exception of Delaware, where an advance of 1c. took place. Later an advance of 1/2c. was announced by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Atlantic Refining Co. and the Warner Quinlan Co. These companies are now quoting 6 1/2c. for below 65 octane number, and 7c. for 65 octane and above. The Standard Oil Co. of New York met this increase. Kerosene was firm. The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey advanced its price for 41-43 water white in tank cars at refinery to 6c. thus meeting the increase announced earlier in the week by the Sinclair Co. Consumption is gradually increasing. Domestic heating oils were steady. Grade C bunker fuel oil was in fair demand at 60c. at local refineries.

Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an articles entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

RUBBER.—On Nov. 28 futures closed 3 points lower to 1 point higher. Some think the smallest monthly export this year will be found to have been in Nov. Nov. No. 1 standard contract ended at 4.36c.; March at 4.57c., May at 4.67 to 4.68c.; July at 4.79c.; Sept. at 4.91 to 4.93c.; sales 240 tons; New "A" Dec., 4.38c.; Jan., 4.43c.; sales 10 tons; Old "A" Dec., 4.30c.; sales, 7 1/2c.; Outside prices: Plantation R. S. sheets spot Nov. and Dec., 4 3/8 to 4 1/2c. On Nov. 28, London opened quiet, unchanged to 1/2d. lower and closed quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. decline; Dec., 2 7/8d.; Jan., 2 15-16d.; Jan.-March, 3d.; April-June, 3 1/2d.; July-Sept., 3 5-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 7-16d. Singapore closed steady, and unchanged; Dec., 2 9-16d.; Jan.-March, 2 11-16d.; April-June, 2 3/4d. On Nov. 30, prices fell to a

new low record. They dropped 5 to 7 points. The sales of No. 1 standard were 2,680 tons. No sales of new "A" occurred and only 5 tons of old "A." Three leading tire manufacturers cut prices 5 to 11% on passenger sizes and 9 to 19% on truck sizes. No. 1 standard closed with Dec. 4.30 to 4.32c.; March, 4.50 to 4.53c.; May, 4.62c.; July, 4.72c.; Aug., 4.79c.; Sept., 4.86c.; Oct., 4.95c.; New "A" Dec., 4.30c.; Jan., 4.36c.; Old "A" Dec., 4.30 to 4.40c.; Outside prices: Spot and Dec., 4 5-16 to 4 3/8c.; Jan., 4 5-16 to 4 7-16c.; Jan.-March, 4 3/8c.; April-June, 4 11-16c.; spot first latex thick, 4 3/4c.

On Nov. 30 London opened unchanged to 1-16d. off, and at 2.36 p. m. was quiet, 1-16d. off to 1-16d. up; December, 2 15-16d.; January, 3d. Singapore closed stagnant and unchanged; December, 2 9-16d. Liverpool's stock on Nov. 28 totaled 56,366 tons, an increase of 27 tons for the week. London's stock decrease 1,115 tons to 73,207 tons, against 76,448 tons last year. On Nov. 30 London closed quiet, and unchanged to 1-16d. lower; December, 2 7/8d.; January, 2 15-16d.; January-March, 3d. Akron, Ohio, wired on Dec. 1 that five auto tire companies announced price reduction of 5 to 10% to the lowest levels in their history. They are the Firestone Tire & Rubber, B. F. Goodrich, Seiberling Rubber, Mohawk Tire and Rubber and Master Tire and Rubber Companies. The reductions will affect standard grades of tires but not the second and de luxe lines. Inner tubes will be reduced 15%. In addition to cutting the retail prices on passenger car tires, a cut of 19% wholesale was made in truck tires, partly to eliminate former methods of giving discounts. The Fisk Rubber Co. of Chicopee Falls, Mass., announced a cut of 10% on standard grades of tires and 15% on tubes, in line with reductions announced in Akron. On the 1st inst. 4 1/4c. was touched. It registered a new low. London was 1-16d. higher for some months but did not rise enough to allow for the drop in exchange. Here No. 1 standard closed with December 4.28c.; March, 4.48 to 4.50c.; May, 4.58 to 4.62c.; July, 4.69c.; Sept., 4.83c.; sales, 880 tons; New "A" December, 4.28c.; January, 4.34c.; no sales; old "A" December, 4.20 to 4.30c.; sales, 2 1/2 tons. Outside prices: Spot and December sheets, 4 1/4 to 4 5-16c.; January, 4 5-16 to 4 3/8c.; January-March, 4 7-16c.; April-June, 4 3/8c.

On Dec. 1st London opened unchanged to 1-16d. up and at 2:39 p. m. was quiet; Dec., 2 15-16d.; Jan., 3d. Singapore closed unchanged to 1-16d. up; Dec., 2 5/8d.; Jan.-March, 2 11-16d. Malayan shipments for Nov. totaled 48,012 tons compared with 45,911 tons in October and 41,281 tons in Nov. last year. Recent unofficial estimates were for Malayan shipments of 50,000 tons. On the 2nd inst. prices advanced 1 to 2 points net with sales of 990 tons of No. 1 standard, 20 tons of new "A" and 5 of old "A." Sterling closed at 3.34c. a net rise of 3 cents. No. 1 standard contract closed with Dec., 4.29c. to 4.31c.; March, 4.50 to 4.51c.; May, 4.60 to 4.61c.; July, 4.70c.; Sept., 4.84 to 4.85c.; Oct., 4.93c.; New "A" Dec., 4.36c.; Jan., 4.35c.; Old "A" Dec., 4.20 to 4.30c.; Outside prices: Spot and Dec., 4 1/4 to 4 3/8c.; Jan., 4 5-16 to 4 3/8c.; Jan.-March, 4 7-16c.; spot first latex thick, 4 3/4c. On Dec. 2 London opened unchanged to 1-16d. up; at 2:36 p. m. was quiet, unchanged. Dec., 2 15-16d.; Jan., 3d.; Feb., 3 1-16d. Singapore closed quiet and unchanged; Dec., 2 5/8d. On Dec. 2 London closed unchanged to 1-16d. lower. Dec., 2 15-16d.; Jan., 3d.; Feb., 3 1-16d.

On the 3d inst. prices ended 2 to 10 points higher generally only 2 points; sales of No. 1 standard, 650 tons; Dec. closed at 4.30c.; July at 4.72c.; Sept. at 4.85c.; Oct. at 4.94c.; new "A" Dec., 4.30c.; Jan., 4.36c.; no sales old "A" Dec., 4.30c.; sales, 27 1/2 tons. Spot and Dec., 4 1/4 to 4 3/8c.; Jan., 4 5-16 to 5 3/8c.; Jan.-March, 4 7-16c.; spot, first latex thick, 4 3/4c.; thin pale latex, 4 7/8c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 4 3/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 3 7/8c.; No. 2 amber, 4 3-16c. On Dec. 3 London closed quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. lower; Dec., 2 15-16d.; Jan., 3d.; Feb., 3d.; March, 3 1/8d.; April-June, 3 3-16d.; Singapore closed quiet and unchanged; Dec., 2 5/8d.; Jan.-March, 2 11-16d.; April-June, 2 13-16d. Malayan shipments in November totaled 48,012 tons, against 45,911 in October, and 41,281 in November last year. This included 36,049 to the United States, against 32,872 in October and 22,276 in November last year. To-day prices advanced despite the circulation of December notices. London was firm. Dutch rumors about restriction plans were bullish. No. 1 standard ended to-day 8 to 12 points higher with sales of 132 lots; new "A" was 8 to 12 higher and old "A" was 10 higher with sales of 6 lots of new "A". Final prices show an advance for the week of 1 to 6 points. To-day Singapore closed 1-16d. off; Dec., 2 11-16d.; Jan.-March, 2 3/4d.; April-June, 2 7/8d. London opened quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. up; at 2:36 p. m., at 1-16 to 1/8d. up; Dec., 3d.; Jan., 3 1-16d.; Feb., 3 1/8d.; March, 3 3-16d.; April-June, 3 1/4d. Unofficial estimate of stocks in Great Britain Dec. 5; London 250 tons decrease, Liverpool 550 increase. London's rise was attributed to private cables saying that the Dutch have refused to sell on account of serious restriction rumors. To-day London closed quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. higher; Dec. and Jan., 3d.; Feb., 3 1-16d.; March, 3 3-16d.; April-June, 3 1/4d.; July-Sept., 3 3/8d., and Oct.-Dec., 3 1/8d.

HIDES.—On Nov. 28th prices ended 10 points off to 5 up with sales of 840,000 lbs. Dec. closed at 6.50 to 6.80c.; March at 6.90c.; May at 7.45c.; June at 7.70 to 7.80c. and Sept. at 8.45 to 8.50c. On Nov. 30 a not surprising advance

of 15 to 35 points in an oversold market took place after opening unchanged to 20 points lower. Suddenly offerings fell off and prices shot upward 30 points on Dec. and June from the early low. The sales were 1,160,000 lbs. Spot hides were quiet with supplies accumulating at the Exchange. December closed at 6.85c.; March at 7.10c.; June at 7.95 to 8c. On the 1st inst. prices declined 15 to 35 points with sales of 760,000 lbs. In Nov. prices fell 25 to 105 points with sales in Nov. of 57,800,000 lbs. and for 11 months 605,680,000 lbs., against 343,880,000 during the same time last year. On Dec. 1st sales were reported of 8,000 Nov. frigorifico steers at 8c. City packer and common dry hides were slow of sale. The closing at the Exchange here was with March at 7.05 to 7.10c.; June, 7.90c.; Sept., 8.60 to 8.65c. On the 2nd inst. prices closed 15 to 25 points lower with sales of 800,000 lbs. Dec. closed at 6.60c.; March at 6.87 to 6.90c.; May at 7.40c.; June at 7.65 to 7.70c.; Sept. at 8.45c. Of frigorifico hides 2,500 Oct.-Nov. frigorifico extremes sold at 8c. Chicago packer hides were plentiful, dull and rather weaker it was said. Common hides, Orinocos and Santa Marta, 8c.; Central America, 6c.; Maracaibo, La Guayra Ecuador and Savanillas, 7c.; Native steers and butt brands, 8c.; Colorados, 7 1/2c.; New York City calfskins, 9-12s, 1.40 to 1.50c.; 7-9s, 1 to 1.10c.; 5-7s, 85 to 98c. On the 3rd inst. prices closed 5 points lower to 8 higher with sales of 800,000 lbs. Dec. ended at 6.55c.; March at 6.95 to 7c.; June at 7.65 to 7.75c.; Sept. at 8.40 to 8.43c. Spot hides were weaker; 2,000 frigorifico extremes Nov. sold at 8c.; 1,500 heavy native steers, Dec. at 7 1/2c. new basis. Many await the action of the Paris International Council believing it will have a stimulating effect probably calling for a reduction of the European beet acreage. To-day futures ended 5 points lower to 10 higher with sales of 13 lots; Dec. ended at 6.50c.; March at 7.05c.; May at 7.45c.; June at 7.70c. Final prices are unchanged to 20 points higher for the week.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Sugar trade was active. Pacific tonnage was in fair demand. High coal rates were paid.

CHARTERS.—Grain 27,000 qrs. Sore, December, Mediterranean, basis 12c. Wheat—January 1-20, Gulf, Santos, \$2.45; option Atlantic, range, \$2.35. Tankers—Clean, December, Black Sea-United Kingdom-Continent 7s; clean, December, Black Sea-Baltic Sea, 8s, 6d.; clean, Black Sea, December, Shanghai, 18s.; clean, two ports, Black Sea, January, South Africa, 12s, 9d.; prompt, clean, California, to United Kingdom, 17s, 9d. Sugar—Cuba, second half, December, United Kingdom-Continent 16s, 6d.; Cuba, same position and trade, 15s, 6d. Time—West Indies, prompt, around 80c.; round, Canadian, prompt, \$1.10; West Indies continuation, \$2.90 monthly; same round-trip prompt, 80c.

COAL.—Cold weather with storms helped trade and brought about a more cheerful feeling, but this week opened with milder weather again. The West is doing a somewhat better business favored by more seasonable weather. But retailers are cautious as they are already carrying rather large stocks and have had the wrong sort of weather for any activity in trade during the fall. Smokeless slack is firmer. Illinois, Indiana and Western Kentucky screenings were unchanged. Eastern high volatile slack is rather stronger. The domestic smokeless trade has cut circulars to prices available in the past fortnight. This means a reduction of 50c. on lump to \$2.50, on egg to \$2.75, an average of \$2.25 for stove, small nut or pea \$1.50 and run of mine at \$2. Prices weakened at the East and West with the weather not wintry enough to stimulate buying.

TOBACCO has been in only fair demand at best and at times hardly that could be said. Moderate or small transactions have been the rule, with prices, it seems, about where they were recently. Richmond advices to the "U. S. Tobacco Journal" said: Tobacco sales at South Boston and Petersburg, Va., were heavy throughout the past week. Lemon wrappers sold as high as \$67; mahogany wrappers, \$55, and cutters up to \$46, but not in sufficient quantity to establish average prices. The offerings were 57% leaf, 5% cutters and 38% lugs. Prices on cutters unchanged. First to fifth quality orange lugs sold at 9% lower prices. First to fourth quality lemon lugs averaged 3% higher prices than last week. South Boston sales are 700,000 lbs. behind the sales up to this time last year. At Southside, Va., little change. The average day's sale at Petersburg were 50,000 lbs. at an average price of \$14. Most of the offerings are of commoner grades and bring the usual low prices. The late rains this year apparently made the tobacco crop a difficult one to cure, grade, or market satisfactorily. Added to this has been the general depression, and the decrease in exportation. At Danville, Va., Friday's sales were 753,758 lbs. and sold at an average of \$8.58. Sales of Virginia fire-cured tobacco were very light at Blackstone, Farmville and Lynchburg, Va. At Greenville, N. C., the week's sales were 5,160,754 lbs. at an average of \$9.88. At Oxford and Henderson, N. C., offerings were heavy, principally medium to low grades. In North Carolina 125,498,567 lbs. of producers' tobacco sold in October at an average price of \$9.93, which was \$4.99 less than the average paid for 142,094,665 lbs. in October 1930. According to the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service, 241,701,828 lbs. have been sold in North Carolina this year up to Nov. 1 at an average of \$9.99, against \$13.37 to the like date last year. Havana.—Damage from rains was less than feared. The week's sales were 2,801 bales.

Baltimore.—The economic position of the tobacco growers of Maryland is considered extremely favorable. Two-thirds of the present crop grown in 1930 has been sold and has brought the unprecedented high average of 30 cents. Further

more an unusually large crop was grown this year. Approximately 29,000 hogsheads of 600 to 700 pounds, have been marketed this year. The one-third of the 1930 crop remaining unsold is of the heavy leaf for which demand is reported sluggish. The falling off in demand for the lower grades of Maryland leaf is an unusual situation for in past years France and other European countries usually absorbed this type. During Oct. 1,739 hogsheads or 1,191,280 pounds were sold on the Baltimore market for an average of .2687 cents per pound, according to figures available.

SILVER.—On Nov. 28 futures closed 50 to 70 points lower with sales of 800,000 ounces. Dec. ended at 29.30c.; March at 30c.; May at 30.50c.; Aug. at 30.65 to 30.76c. and Oct. at 30.75c. On Nov. 30 futures closed 30 to 70 points lower after sales of 2,100,000 ounces, ending with Dec. at 28.95 to 29c.; March at 29.50c.; May at 29.98c.; Aug. and Sept., 30c., and Oct., 30.10c. On the 1st inst. futures closed 10 points lower to 20 higher with sales of 850,000 ounces. Dec. ended at 28.80c.; March at 29.70c.; May at 30 to 30.25c.; Aug. at 30.10 to 30.60c. Futures on the 2nd inst. closed 5 points lower to 50 points higher with sales of 975,000 ounces. Dec. closed at 28.91 to 29.30c.; Jan. at 29.15c.; March, 29.80c.; May, 30.21c.; July, 30.45c.; Oct., 30.65c. On the 3rd inst. prices closed 30 points lower to 5 higher with sales of 100,000 ounces. Dec. ended at 28.95 to 29.20c.; March at 29.70 to 30c.; May at 30.20c. To-day futures closed 10 points off to 5 up with sales of 525,000 ounces; Jan. ended at 29.25c.; March at 29.60c.; May at 30.10 to 30.25c.; July at 30.20c. Final prices show a decline on March of 46 points for the week.

COPPER was in better demand for export due to a belief that something will be accomplished in the way of restricting output. The export price was 7c. c.i.f. Hamburg, Havre and London. Domestic buying was very small, but prices were firmer at 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Important Belgian copper interests late last week accepted the proposal outlined to them recently here at a conference of the large producers of the world. This, it is said, will pave the way for revising the rules and regulations of Copper Exporters, Inc., which have been responsible for much dissension in the industry. An important factor too is the decision of the Phelps Dodge Corp. to withdraw from membership in Copper Exporters. This company has issued no public statement but it is understood that it was dissatisfied with the failure of the conference here to agree on a plan of curtailment of the world's output and also on a practical marketing scheme. And, it is said that the Phelps Dodge Corp. is not alone in its stand. Later on export demand fell off and on the 3rd inst. sales were under 200 tons. Domestic business continued small. The export price was unchanged at 7c. c.i.f. European ports and the domestic 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. from custom smelters while mine producers were nominally 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. London on the 3rd inst. fell on standard copper 15s. to £36 12s. 6d. for spot and £37 5s. for futures; sales, 100 tons spot and 700 futures; the bid price of electrolytic dropped £1 to £42 and the asked price fell £2 to £45; at the second session in London spot standard declined 5s. and futures 6s. 3d. on sales of 100 tons spot and 700 futures. There were no sales of standard futures on the National Metal Exchange here on the 3rd inst. and prices were unchanged. To-day futures closed unchanged with sales of 50 tons, December ending at 5.60c.; January at 4.65c.; March at 5.75c.; May at 6c., and July at 6.10c.

TIN.—Spot Straits sold at the lowest price in this market since 1899, when 21.40c. was reached. In 1899 the price was 19 $\frac{7}{8}$ c. Demand was light, however. Sterling exchange was weak at \$3.40. Total American deliveries of tin last month were 3,550 tons, of which 50% were made from Pacific ports. Stocks of tin in this country are 3,006 tons and the amount landing is 4,452 tons making a total in sight here of 7,458 tons. Stocks in warehouses of the United Kingdom at the end of last week were 30,510 tons, a decrease of 40 tons for the week. Straits shipments in November up to Saturday were 5,305 tons. London on the Nov. 30 dropped 15s. at the first session but advanced £1 at the second on standard tin, with sales of 735 tons. Trading on the Metal Exchange here on Nov. 30 was brisk with sales of 26 lots, of which 20 were in the December position. Futures were lower. London on the 3rd inst. dropped 15s. on spot standard to £136 10s.; futures fell 12s. 6d. to £139 7s. 6d.; sales 200 tons spot and 600 futures; Spot Straits declined 15s. to £139. Eastern c.i.f. London ended at £141 12s. 6d. on sales of 100 tons; at the second London session, standard fell 5s on sales of 10 tons spot and 170 tons of futures. On the National Metal Exchange here on 3rd inst. futures declined 5 to 40 points with sales of 10 tons of May at 21.35c.; May closed at 21.20c. To-day futures ended unchanged to 10 points lower with sales of 15 tons; December ended at 20.60c.; January at 20.70c.; March at 20.95c.; May at 21.20 to 21.40c.; July, 21.50c.

LEAD was in fair demand and steady at 3.85c. New York and 3.65c. East St. Louis. Business was better in the Middle West than in the East. In London on the 3rd inst. spot was unchanged at £15 1s. 3d.; futures off 1s. 3d. to £15 3s. 9d.; sales 200 tons spot and 450 futures; at the second session, prices advanced 1s. 3d. on sales of 50 tons of spot and 100 futures.

ZINC was in a little better demand and firmer at 3.15c. East St. Louis. London on the 3rd inst. advanced 1s. 3d.

on spot to £14 8s. 9d.; futures unchanged at £14 17s. 6d.; sales 300 tons spot and 650 futures; at the second session, prices dropped 1s. 3d. on sales of 150 tons spot and 75 futures.

STEEL.—Finished iron was lower. Shapes and plates have recently sold it is stated at 1.50c., Pittsburgh a drop of \$2 per ton from the nominal price which was so long quoted. Bolts and nuts which recently declined in price have latterly to all intents and purposes declined further through increased discounts. Steel strips and cold finished bars are reported lower on sales to auto concerns. In the next few weeks lower prices are expected to be announced on finished steel by something like \$2. In some districts as already stated plates, shapes and bars have been cut \$2.

PIG IRON was quiet though the sales were somewhat larger than expected. Dec. is of course not a month when any decided improvement is expected. Prices in the East have been irregular so much so that it is hard to quote with anything like exactness. Buffalo and Eastern Pennsylvania were quoted at somewhere around \$14.50 to \$15. Pig iron production in Nov. declined 2.8% from Oct., according to the "Iron Age", which places output last month at 1,103,472 gross tons, or 36,782 tons daily, as against 1,173,283 tons the previous month, or a falling off of 1,066 tons daily.

WOOL was firm with a fair demand for some grades. Ohio & Pennsylvania fine delaine, 24c.; fine clothing, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood combing, 24c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood clothing, 21c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ combing, 23 to 24c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ clothing, 21c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ combing, 21 to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Territory clean basis, fine staple, 58 to 60c.; fine medium, French combing, 53 to 55c.; fine medium clothing, 50 to 52c.; $\frac{3}{8}$ -blood staple, 48 to 50c.; $\frac{1}{2}$ -blood, 54 to 56c.; $\frac{1}{4}$ -blood, 42 to 43c.; Texas clean basis, fine 12 months, 55 to 57c.; fine 8 months, 47 to 48c.; fall, 38 to 39c.; Pulled, scoured basis, A super, 48 to 52c.; B, 42 to 45c.; C, 40 to 42c.; Mohair, Original Texas adult, 22 to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Texas Fall kid, 53 to 56c.; Texas spring kid, 43 to 46c.; Australian clean bond 64-70s combing super, 40 to 42c.; 64s combing, 38 to 40c. Boston wired a Government report on Dec. 3 as follows: "Top makers are again taking moderate quantities of 64s and finer western grown wools. Sales to top makers include short French combing wools from Texas, California and Territory States. Eight months' Texas wools bring 45 to 50c. scoured basis, depending upon length of staple. Northern California wools fairly free of defect, bring 47 to 48c. scoured basis, while the short French combing Territory wools in original bags sell at 50 to 52c. scoured basis."

In London on Nov. 27 offerings 10,783 bales. Following the decline in Australia coupled with the large supply available for the present series here, prices were generally 5% below opening rates. Holders were reluctant to meet the lower bids and as a result, withdrawals totaled 3,500 bales, chiefly medium and lower grades. Continental buyers were the chief operators. Details:

Sydney, 683 bales, greasy merinos, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Queensland, 274 bales, scoured merinos, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., greasy, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 11d., Victoria, 835 bales, scoured merinos, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18d., greasy, 10 to 15d., South Australia, 204 bales, scoured merinos, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., greasy, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ d., West Australia, 1,319 bales, scoured merinos, 17 to 18d., greasy, 7 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., New Zealand, 7,442 bales, scoured crossbreds, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., greasy, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., New Zealand slipe ranged from 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on Dec. 1 auctions were resumed. Offerings 11,400 bales; good clearance. Merinos and crossbreds were active. Buying was done chiefly by the Continent. Prices were on a par with Friday levels, although the market was slightly firmer. Details:

Sydney, 2,376 bales, greasy merinos, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Queensland, 1,472 bales, scoured merinos, 16 to 25d., greasy, 8 to 12d., Victoria, 1,818 bales, scoured merinos, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., greasy, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., scoured crossbreds, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., greasy, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; New Zealand, 5,602 bales; greasy merinos, 7 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; greasy crossbreds, 4 to 11d.; Cape, 125 bales; scoured merinos, 14d.; New Zealand slipe ranged from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., latter halfbred lambs. Cape offerings were mostly withdrawn.

In London on Dec. 2 offerings 11,350 bales. Yorkshire continued to buy sparingly and the bulk of the merinos and crossbreds were again secured by the Continent. Compared to Sept. auctions greasy merinos are now unchanged, while scoured merinos are 5% higher. Crossbreds greasy and slipe and fine grades, are 5% above Sept., while medium and inferior grades are unchanged. First offerings of Puntas wools in this series sold to-day at 5% to 10% above Sept. Details:

Sydney, 3,214 bales, greasy merinos, 8 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Queensland, 2,179 bales, scoured merinos, 17 to 21d., greasy, 10 to 13d., Victoria, 1,250 bales, scoured merinos, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., greasy, 11 to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., South Australia, 71 bales, scoured merinos, 8 to 9d., greasy, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Tasmania, 195 bales, greasy merinos, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., New Zealand, 3,071 bales, greasy crossbreds, 5 to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Punta, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., New Zealand slipe ranged from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., latter three-quarter bred lambs.

In London on Dec. 3 offerings 10,148 bales mostly taken by the Continent, though increasing purchases were made by Yorkshire on the recent basis of prices. A good selection of Cape wools met with active competition from Yorkshire and the Continent and the bulk was cleared at prices par to 5% above Sept. levels. Details:

Sydney, 1,584 bales, scoured merinos, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16d., greasy, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Queensland, 307 bales, scoured merinos, 18 to 20d., greasy, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., Victoria, 755 bales, scoured merinos, 17 to 19d., greasy, 9 to 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., West Australia, 1,471 bales, greasy merinos, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., New Zealand, 4,940 bales, scoured merinos, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., greasy, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9d., scoured crossbreds, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., greasy, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., Cape, 1,071 bales, scoured merinos, 12 to 16d., greasy, 5 to 10d., New Zealand slipe ranged from 5 to 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., latter halfbred lambs.

At Geelong, Nov. 27, 23,000 bales were offered and about 95% sold. Compared with the last sales, prices were irregular and weak. Greasy merinos sold up to 22d., greasy merino lambs to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., and greasy comebacks up to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. At Auckland on Nov. 28, 23,000 bales were offered and only 14,000 sold. There was a representative

selection of crossbreds but no merinos. Yorkshire and Continental buying was irregular and there was some Japanese support. Fine and medium grades were wanted, but closed weak. Prices realized: 50-56s, 6½ to 9d.; 48-50s, 5¼ to 7¼d.; 46-48s, 4½ to 6¼d.; 44-46s, 4¼ to 6d.; 40-44s, 3½ to 5½d.; 36-40s, 3½ to 4¼d. In Brisbane, on Nov. 30, an average selection. Large attendance; competition general. Compared with the close of the Sydney sales, spinners' fleece and skirtings in medium to fine wools favored buyers. Other descriptions were unchanged.

On Nov. 30, Bradford, England, cabled the Wool Associates Exchange here: "The fact that London wool prices were below expectation resulted in cheaper offerings of tops. However, finest crossbreds and sixties were scarce and held steady, while deliveries of yarns and cloths were readily taken." In Liverpool on Dec. 3d 13,000 bales of East India carpet wools have been declared for auction at the sale Dec. 15 to Dec. 17.

WOOL TOPS to-day closed unchanged with December, 68.50c.; and other months 67.50c. Boston spot market unchanged at 75c. Roubaix unchanged with sales of 110,000 lbs. Antwerp, ½ to ¾d. higher with sales of 145,000 lbs.

SILK to-day closed 3 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 2,100 bales, Dec. ending at 2.14c.; Jan. at 2.13 to 2.14c.; Feb., 2.15 to 2.16c.; Mar. and April, 2.15c. Final prices are 4 to 5 points lower than a week ago.

COTTON

Friday Night Dec. 4 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 312,183 bales, against 317,628 bales last week and 402,386 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1931, 5,260,821 bales, against 6,091,378 bales for the same period of 1930 showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1931 of 830,557 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	20,751	15,378	28,281	9,077	6,600	6,797	86,884
Texas City						7,243	7,243
Houston	10,412	16,391	20,191	11,477	6,625	26,367	91,463
Corpus Christi	680	926	651	593	268	362	3,480
Beaumont			190				190
New Orleans	18,664	15,061	10,797	9,146	20,903	8,591	83,162
Mobile	10,361	418	5,024	2,003	151	1,515	19,472
Pensacola		652	2,702				3,354
Jacksonville						246	246
Savannah	1,164	1,068	684	447	724	408	4,495
Charleston	2,552		100	1,601	619	777	5,649
Lake Charles	544					2,023	2,567
Wilmington	113	154	31	719	132	124	1,273
Norfolk	310	218	167	317	259	256	1,527
Baltimore			873			305	1,178
Totals this week	65,551	50,266	69,691	35,380	36,281	55,014	312,183

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1931 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Dec. 4.	1931.		1930.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1931.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1930.	1931.	1930.
	Galveston	86,884	1,230,832	49,617	1,008,007	953,404
Texas City	7,243	86,158	3,441	91,492	54,547	55,062
Houston	91,463	2,186,143	78,981	2,261,491	1,673,287	1,508,027
Corpus Christi	3,480	389,987	3,731	549,701	111,163	147,738
Beaumont	190	10,267		14,471		
New Orleans	83,162	582,120	50,856	800,029	810,779	743,280
Gulfport						
Mobile	19,472	201,225	20,630	329,990	245,587	156,666
Pensacola	3,354	48,335	3,998	50,292		
Jacksonville	246	20,357	24	417	15,106	1,284
Savannah	4,495	213,099	20,907	505,249	339,573	290,093
Brunswick		10,357		49,050		
Charleston	5,649	84,366	7,544	229,810	176,966	162,174
Lake Charles	2,567	100,335	6,810	37,053	57,109	
Wilmington	1,273	32,318	3,342	42,170	22,926	24,346
Norfolk	1,527	49,455	5,147	111,007	69,205	96,261
Newport News						
New York				451	225,250	231,670
Boston		321	50	317	9,151	3,069
Baltimore	1,178	15,145	301	10,381	1,381	1,082
Philadelphia		1			5,313	5,176
Totals	312,183	5,260,821	255,569	6,091,378	4,770,747	4,103,631

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	86,884	49,617	73,231	152,717	64,958	125,284
Houston	91,463	78,981	100,918	103,814	75,473	146,244
New Orleans	83,162	50,856	57,506	63,870	55,859	90,370
Mobile	19,472	20,630	12,995	12,137	5,320	12,399
Savannah	4,495	20,907	8,040	12,445	9,665	25,393
Brunswick						
Charleston	5,649	7,544	7,166	4,057	5,656	15,485
Wilmington	1,273	3,342	4,773	6,800	3,049	4,880
Norfolk	1,527	5,147	6,170	11,786	9,214	19,410
Newport News						
All others	18,258	18,545	11,948	21,362	4,494	11,639
Total this wk.	312,183	255,569	282,747	388,988	233,588	451,084
Since Aug. 1.	5,260,821	6,091,378	5,771,889	6,026,843	5,524,258	7,493,196

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 316,239 bales, of which 68,185 were to Great Britain, 18,210 to France, 53,433 to Germany, 16,721 to Italy, nil to Russia, 129,470 to Japan and China and 30,220 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 292,276 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 2,966,973 bales, against 3,319,715 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Dec. 4 1931. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	25,280	4,961	11,689	3,775	—	44,877	9,423	100,005
Houston	20,982	11,635	28,900	6,076	—	49,310	13,107	130,010
Texas City	1,127	713	1,331	—	—	—	346	3,517
Corpus Christi	2,443	—	1,476	—	—	—	3,239	7,158
Beaumont	—	—	—	—	—	—	153	153
New Orleans	—	901	—	4,742	—	11,508	2,324	19,475
Mobile	—	—	119	—	—	—	200	319
Jacksonville	927	—	255	—	—	—	22	1,204
Pensacola	952	—	2,402	—	—	—	—	3,354
Savannah	6,523	—	2,617	—	—	13,549	378	23,067
Charleston	8,784	—	511	—	—	—	28	9,323
Wilmington	—	—	2,084	—	—	—	700	2,784
Norfolk	686	—	672	—	—	—	—	1,358
New York	181	—	—	—	—	—	200	381
Los Angeles	300	—	200	—	—	7,101	100	7,701
San Francisco	—	—	—	—	—	3,125	—	3,125
Lake Charles	—	—	1,177	2,128	—	—	—	3,305
Total	68,185	18,210	53,433	16,721	—	129,470	30,220	316,239
Total 1930	73,961	31,106	69,617	25,510	—	64,755	27,327	292,276
Total 1929	46,522	54,737	89,520	54,492	—	55,056	33,129	333,456

From Aug. 1 1931 to Dec. 4 1931. Exports from—	Exported to—							
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	Total.
Galveston	91,331	24,018	104,290	46,367	—	301,072	94,322	661,400
Houston	119,403	79,498	293,559	96,908	—	408,034	161,240	1,558,642
Texas City	3,752	1,926	10,252	473	—	—	1,331	17,724
Corpus Christi	60,359	9,298	16,487	27,313	—	108,977	27,413	249,847
Beaumont	3,574	310	2,704	—	—	—	971	7,559
New Orleans	29,613	12,414	32,422	43,952	—	107,086	25,205	250,692
Mobile	32,570	550	21,281	1,546	—	87,453	820	144,250
Jacksonville	3,317	—	3,143	—	—	—	12	6,582
Pensacola	8,016	—	39,528	174	—	5,304	300	45,022
Savannah	48,808	111	44,761	450	—	106,016	4,548	204,704
Brunswick	3,764	—	17,906	—	—	—	300	21,970
Charleston	29,005	—	24,699	—	—	4,262	3,721	61,587
Wilmington	—	—	5,676	3,200	—	—	1,458	10,334
Norfolk	14,745	22	4,073	—	—	5,508	42	24,390
New York	182	50	929	—	—	—	986	2,147
Boston	47	—	—	—	—	—	536	583
Baltimore	8	—	—	—	—	—	8	8
Los Angeles	670	50	2,100	—	—	49,476	1,422	53,718
San Francisco	—	—	—	—	—	11,975	251	12,326
Lake Charles	2,416	2,585	10,724	3,363	—	—	6,100	25,188
Total	451,580	130,832	634,534	223,746	—	1,195,793	331,088	2,966,973
Total 1930	640,444	554,289	977,986	232,266	—	29,279	565,373	3,319,715
Total 1929	669,598	460,572	1,001,058	332,761	—	78,015	574,363	3,452,340

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 custom 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 October the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 21,319 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 37,872 bales. For the three months ended Oct. 31 1931 there were 38,556 bales exported, as against 59,549 bales for the three 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:

Dec. 4 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Leaving Stock.	
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	4,500	3,500	7,500	47,000	1,000	63,500	889,904
New Orleans	22,091	2,841	12,593	15,619	3,340	56,484	754,295
Savannah				10,000	200	10,200	329,373
Charleston							176,966
Mobile	15,977			18,522	188	34,687	210,900
Norfolk							69,205
Other ports*	5,000	1,000	4,000	49,000	1,000	60,000	2,115,233
Total 1931	47,568	7,341	24,093	140,141	5,728	224,871	4,545,876
Total 1930	29,786	13,651	15,053	71,549	3,350	133,389	3,970,242
Total 1929	39,757	12,448	22,099	76,755	6,104	157,163	2,381,144

* Estimated. Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a small scale, but, in the main, at steady prices, with the trade demand and the covering offsetting the selling for home and foreign account, such as it was. Holding back at the South keeps down the hedge selling. Declines in stocks and grain the dullness of cotton goods, and the continuance of trade depression tend to keep down prices of cotton. Also the tendency of the crop estimates is to crystalize around 17,200,000 bales. In other words, the Government crop report on Dec. 8 is expected to be bearish, both as to the yield and the ginning to Dec. 1. The net price changes for the week were negligible. Practically there were none at all. To all intents and purposes the market marked time. Manchester has been slow.

On Nov. 28 there was a slight decline at first. Later came a rally that left prices unchanged to 3 points lower on all months except December and January, which were 5 to 7 points net higher. The market acted sold out, if not oversold. It had put such resistance to unfavorable news that it attracted general attention. Day after day, in the teeth of low stock and grain markets, persistent liquidation and dullness and depression in cotton goods, cotton futures had given way grudgingly. It was said that large quantities were wanted on a scale down. There was no great amount of hedge selling. In fact, Southern selling has been rather moderate, if not small, aside from the trading here on New Orleans account. The price was so low that selling was cautious. Liverpool was lower by 15 points than due, with Alexandria off 25 to 48 points. Some early sellers here covered. A good demand for December and January appeared later from spot houses. December and January look cheap to some by comparison with spot cotton at the South. Spot houses which bought December and January sold distant months.

On Nov. 30 prices closed slightly higher, even after a noticeable reaction. The technical position was better.

Stocks and grain advanced. The trade buying was a feature. Shorts covered freely. Offerings fell off. Exports were 110,000 bales. December commitments of one sort or another yet to be filled are said to be large. In Liverpool there was no pressure, with sterling off 13c. Besides the trade, Wall Street and New Orleans bought here. The selling attributed to Liverpool, co-operatives and local traders was well taken. The rise, it is true, was due largely to technical considerations. Political and financial news from Germany was not at all reassuring. Its bonds fell. Spot cotton at the South met, it was said, with little demand from home or foreign mills. Cotton goods on this side were dull, even at remarkably low prices. Manchester's export trade was small, even with sterling down to 3.39 $\frac{1}{4}$, the lowest prices since Great Britain dropped the gold standard on Sept. 21 this year. But there was an undercurrent of resistance to a further decline. Spot houses wanted December and January, and shorts preferred to take profits. It was partly a professional market, but there is a strong prop under it in the shape of a constant trade demand which acts as a buffer against speculative and other selling. One outstanding factor is the smallness of the hedge selling.

On the 1st inst. prices declined some 10 to 15 points on selling by the South, Europe, and supposedly the Japanese, and the final prices showed little net recovery. Yet for a time there was a rally of some 15 points as stock and grain markets rallied sharply. Wall Street, New Orleans and local traders bought. But Liverpool, the Continent and the Far East continued to sell, and in the end the selling force proved the greater. Spot cotton, too, was dull at the South. Cotton goods were quiet. Bossodi estimated the crop at 17,220,000 bales against the Government estimate on Nov. 1 of 16,903,000 and 13,932,000 the harvested crop last year. The ginning was estimated at 14,980,000 bales up to Dec. 1 against 12,837,099 up to the same date last year and 12,853,166 for a like period in 1929. Not that the crop estimate or the ginning had any real effect. The supply is known to be enormous. Some think it has been discounted in the price. There was some talk about the possibility of a controversy over wages in Lancashire and of efforts to bring about enough curtailment to keep production down to easily manageable limits. This wage talk was dropped later. Yet the net decline was limited to 7 to 12 points. The constant trade demand serves as a kind of breakwater. It prevents any actual collapse of prices, though they drift slowly downward and local opinion is largely bearish.

On the 2nd inst. prices opened a trifle lower, but closed a few points higher despite heavy selling attributed to the co-operatives and lower prices for stocks, bonds and wheat. The co-operatives are said to have sold some 15,000 to 20,000 bales of March. Liverpool sold October freely here in closing out the long end of straddles between New York and Liverpool. The Continent also sold, and, so it was understood, did the Japanese. Worth Street was quiet, awaiting the result of efforts to curtail output. Printers and converters were to meet at Greenville, S. C., on the 4th inst., to consider this question. Sterling exchange was very irregular. Spot cotton was quiet. Yet there was a halt on the downward movement of prices, for the position was evidently short. But it was said, not for the first time of late, that there were large buying orders under the market on a scale down. The hedge selling was not large, nor has it been much of the time for weeks past, partly because there is so much holding back at the South by disgruntled growers and dealers.

On the 3rd inst. a better technical position, smaller offerings, covering, and a persistent trade demand caused an advance of 10 points. It was a small market. But the hedge selling was light, and scattered liquidation was easily absorbed. The price does not go down easily, even under the weight of the crop. But in the background there is the persistent holding by the South and its concomitant of very moderate hedge selling. Early in the season the fear of burdensome hedge selling was the bugbear. It was to be very large. And who was to take it? Evidently only the trade and the shorts. No outside speculation seemed likely. And hedge sales did tell for a while. But as the price fell the South began to hold back. It suggested the old saying, "You can lead a horse to the water, but you can't make him drink." In fact, some at the South, it is said, are putting money into cotton rather than buy stocks and bonds. But there is no vigorous speculation. Spot cotton is in less demand. Cotton goods declined, it was said, $\frac{1}{8}$ c. to $3\frac{1}{4}$ c. for 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch 64x60. That was new low ground. Silver was 6/15d. lower in London. Manchester reported the yarn sales below production, and cloths seem as dull there as ever. But on this side, Wall Street and the West covered to some extent. Stocks and grain rallied and the closing of cotton was at about the highest prices of the day.

To-day prices fell nearly as much as they advanced yesterday. Stocks and grain, after rallying early in the day, declined. There was enough selling by commission house interests, Liverpool, Southern and local traders, to more than offset early buying by the trade, Wall Street and New Orleans. The renewal of the decline in stock plainly had a more or less disturbing effect, as it coincided with disturbing news from Germany as to its financial condition, and the possibility that the followers of Hitler may gain control in Germany's affairs. The trade demand fell off. It is true that the weekly statistics were regarded in the main as favorable. The weekly into-sight was smaller. The increase

in the visible supply of American was stated in one report as only 91,000 bales against 172,000 last week and 143,000 last year. The spinners' takings for the week were reported at 315,000 bales against 252,000 last year. It was also said that the demand for print cloths at the late decline of $\frac{1}{8}$ c. was larger. Manchester was dull. The average Cotton Exchange guess on the Government crop estimate to be issued next week was 17,214,000 bales, and one report of the ginning put it at 15,150,000 up to Dec. 1. Charlotte reported trade quiet, and some spinners were advocating a curtailment of 50%. Some think, too, that the technical position was somewhat weakened so far as the floating short interest is concerned. Others believe that there is still a large short account in one direction or another. Closing prices were about at the lowest of the day. Final prices are practically unchanged for the week, showing in some cases a decline of 1 to 2 points, while other months are unchanged, which is certainly not a bad showing. Spot cotton closed at 6.15c. for middling, or the same as a week ago.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Nov. 28 to Dec. 4—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland.....	6.20	6.20	6.10	6.10	6.20	6.15

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS:

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Dec. 4 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1931	6.15c.	1923	36.65c.	1915	12.50c.	1907	11.90c.
1930	10.45c.	1922	25.10c.	1914	7.50c.	1906	11.00c.
1929	17.50c.	1921	17.80c.	1913	13.50c.	1905	12.35c.
1928	20.55c.	1920	16.30c.	1912	12.75c.	1904	8.60c.
1927	19.95c.	1919	39.50c.	1911	9.30c.	1903	12.65c.
1926	12.35c.	1918	28.55c.	1910	15.05c.	1902	8.50c.
1925	20.75c.	1917	29.85c.	1909	14.85c.	1901	8.37c.
1924	23.30c.	1916	20.10c.	1908	9.35c.	1900	10.19c.

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't.	Total.
Saturday	Steady, 5 pts. adv.	Steady	1,250	---	1,250
Monday	Quiet, unchanged	Barely steady	600	---	600
Tuesday	Quiet, 10 pts. dec.	Barely steady	---	11,800	11,800
Wednesday	Steady, unchanged	Steady	950	2,500	3,450
Thursday	Steady, 10 pts. adv.	Steady	500	300	800
Friday	Quiet, 5 pts. dec.	Barely steady	700	---	700
Total week			4,000	14,600	18,600
Since Aug. 1			54,539	50,100	104,639

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Nov. 28.	Monday, Nov. 30.	Tuesday, Dec. 1.	Wednesday, Dec. 2.	Thursday, Dec. 3.	Friday, Dec. 4.
Dec.—						
Range	5.96-6.06	6.00-6.18	5.96-6.08	5.95-6.01	5.95-6.07	5.98-6.07
Closing	6.06	6.07	5.96-5.98	5.99	6.05	5.93-5.99
Jan.—						
Range	6.01-6.11	6.05-6.25	6.00-6.15	6.01-6.07	6.01-6.14	6.05-6.16
Closing	6.11	6.13	6.01-6.03	6.07	6.13-6.14	6.05-6.06
Feb.—						
Range	6.18	6.25-6.25	6.10	6.14	6.21	6.13
Closing	6.18	6.23	6.10	6.14	6.21	6.13
March—						
Range	6.18-6.26	6.23-6.44	6.17-6.32	6.17-6.25	6.18-6.32	6.22-6.34
Closing	6.25-6.26	6.29-6.30	6.19-6.20	6.22-6.23	6.30-6.31	6.22-6.24
April—						
Range	6.32	6.36	6.28	6.31	6.39	6.31
Closing	6.32	6.36	6.28	6.31	6.39	6.31
May—						
Range	6.35-6.43	6.38-6.60	6.34-6.51	6.36-6.42	6.36-6.49	6.39-6.52
Closing	6.40-6.43	6.44-6.45	6.37-6.38	6.41	6.48-6.49	6.40-6.41
June—						
Range	6.50	6.53	6.46	6.50	6.56	6.48
Closing	6.50	6.53	6.46	6.50	6.56	6.48
July—						
Range	6.54-6.61	6.58-6.79	6.52-6.68	6.53-6.60	6.53-6.66	6.55-6.68
Closing	6.60-6.61	6.63	6.56	6.59-6.60	6.64	6.57
Aug.—						
Range	6.68	6.73	6.64	6.67	6.73	6.66
Closing	6.68	6.73	6.64	6.67	6.73	6.66
Sept.—						
Range	6.76	6.82	6.73	6.75	6.81	6.75
Closing	6.76	6.82	6.73	6.75	6.81	6.75
Oct.—						
Range	6.81-6.86	6.84-7.03	6.80-6.96	6.80-6.85	6.79-6.93	6.84-6.93
Closing	6.85-6.86	6.92	6.81-6.82	6.83	6.90	6.84
Nov.—						
Range	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing	---	---	---	---	---	---

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Dec. 4 1931 and since trading began on each option:

Option for	Range for Week.		Range Since Beginning of Option.			
Nov. 1931	---	---	6.25 Nov. 16 1931	9.97 June 22 1931	---	---
Dec. 1931	5.95 Dec. 2	6.18 Nov. 30	5.47 Oct. 8 1931	12.32 Feb. 25 1931	---	---
Jan. 1932	6.00 Dec. 1	6.25 Nov. 30	5.55 Oct. 10 1931	12.42 Feb. 25 1931	---	---
Feb. 1932	6.25 Nov. 30	6.25 Nov. 30	6.25 Nov. 30 1931	6.96 Nov. 10 1931	---	---
Mar. 1932	6.17 Dec. 1	6.44 Nov. 30	5.76 Oct. 8 1931	11.59 Apr. 6 1931	---	---
Apr. 1932	---	---	6.80 Nov. 4 1931	6.99 Nov. 6 1931	---	---
May 1932	6.34 Dec. 1	6.60 Nov. 30	5.96 Oct. 5 1931	11.40 June 27 1931	---	---
June 1932	---	---	6.62 Nov. 23 1931	9.74 July 27 1931	---	---
July 1932	6.62 Dec. 1	6.79 Nov. 30	6.15 Oct. 5 1931	9.15 Aug. 1 1931	---	---
Aug. 1932	---	---	6.67 Nov. 27 1931	7.57 Oct. 20 1931	---	---
Sept. 1932	---	---	7.24 Oct. 17 1931	7.68 Oct. 20 1931	---	---
Oct. 1932	6.79 Dec. 3	7.03 Nov. 30	6.79 Dec. 3 1931	7.67 Nov. 9 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.

Table with columns for Dec. 4, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Stock at Manchester, Total Great Britain, Stock at Hamburg, Stock at Bremen, Stock at Havre, Stock at Rotterdam, Stock at Barcelona, Stock at Genoa, Stock at Ghent, Stock at Antwerp, Total Continental stocks, Total European stocks, India cotton afloat for Europe, American cotton afloat for Europe, Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe, Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, Stock in Bombay, India, Stock in U. S. ports, Stock in U. S. interior towns, U. S. exports to-day, Total visible supply.

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

Table with columns for American, Liverpool stock, Manchester stock, Continental stock, American afloat for Europe, U. S. port stocks, U. S. interior stocks, U. S. exports to-day, Total American, East Indian, Brazil, &c., Liverpool stock, London stock, Continental stock, Indian afloat for Europe, Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat, Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, Stock in Bombay, India, Total East India, &c., Total American, Total visible supply, Middling uplands, Liverpool, Middling uplands, New York, Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool, Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool, Broach, fine, Liverpool, Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.

Continental imports for past week have been 109,000 bales.

The above figures for 1931 show an increase over last week of 69,169 bales, a gain of 640,281 over 1930, an increase of 2,716,288 bales over 1929, and a gain of 2,927,638 bales over 1928.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Table with columns for Movement to Dec. 4 1931, Movement to Dec. 5 1930, Towns, Receipts, Shipments, Stocks. Rows include Ala., Birmingham, Eufula, Montgomery, Selma, Ark., Blytheville, Forrest City, Helena, Hope, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Newport, Pine Bluff, Walnut Ridge, Ga., Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Rome, La., Shreveport, Miss., Clarksdale, Columbus, Greenwood, Meridian, Natchez, Vicksburg, Yazoo City, Mo., St. Louis, N. C., Greensboro, Oklahoma—15 towns*, S. C., Greenville, Tenn., Memphis, Texas, Abilene, Austin, Brenham, Dallas, Paris, Robstown, San Antonio, Texarkana, Waco, Total, 56 towns.

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above totals shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 8,695 bales and are to-night 411,004 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 11,592 bales less than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table with columns for Dec. 4, 1931, 1930. Rows include Shipped, Via St. Louis, Via Mounds, &c., Via Rock Island, Via Louisville, Via Virginia points, Via other routes, &c., Total gross overland, Deduct Shipments—Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c., Between interior towns, Inland, &c., from South, Total to be deducted, Leaving total net overland*.

*Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 21,319 bales, against 32,335 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits a decrease from a year ago of 103,486 bales.

Table with columns for In Sight and Spinners' Takings, Receipts at ports to Dec. 4, Net overland to Dec. 4, Southern consumption to Dec. 4, Total marketed, Interior stocks in excess, Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Nov. 1, Came into sight during week, Total in sight Dec. 4, North, spinn's takings to Dec. 4.

*Decrease.

Table with columns for Movement into sight in previous years, Week—, Bales, Since Aug. 1—, Bales. Rows include 1929—Dec. 6, 1928—Dec. 7, 1927—Dec. 8.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table with columns for Week Ended Dec. 4, Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Norfolk, Baltimore, Augusta, Memphis, Houston, Little Rock, Dallas, Fort Worth.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Dec. 28, Dec. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 2, Dec. 3, Dec. 4. Rows include December, January, February, March, May, June, Juoy, August, September, October, November, December, Options.

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE ELECTS NEW MEMBERS.—Horace M. Benstead of E. Naumburg & Co. of this city; Werner Reinhart of Messrs. Volkart Brothers of Winterthur, Switzerland, and Nathaniel S. Howe of White, Weld & Co. of this city were elected to membership in the New York Cotton Exchange on Dec. 3.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that frequent rains and wet fields delayed picking and deteriorated cotton remaining in the fields.

Memphis, Tenn.—Wet weather interfered with picking. Considerable cotton in the Memphis territory remains to be picked.

Table with columns for Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Rows include Galveston, Tex., Abilene, Tex., Brownsville, Tex., Corpus Christi, Tex., Dallas, Tex., Del Rio, Tex., Houston, Tex., Palestine, Tex., San Antonio, Tex., New Orleans, La., Shreveport, La., Mobile, Ala., Savannah, Ga., Charleston, S. C., Charlotte, N. C., Memphis, Tenn.

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:

	Dec. 4 1931.	Dec. 5 1930.
	Feet.	Feet.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	3.1
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	19.9
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	8.6
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	16.3
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	22.3

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.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations.		
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Aug. 2	49,406	203,157	108,086	743,005	543,948	183,802	36,901	205,146	107,643
23	80,809	250,299	183,768	734,850	559,024	194,262	72,609	265,375	194,213
Sept. 4	126,962	277,852	254,338	725,430	591,795	239,407	117,587	310,623	299,483
11	167,441	362,547	281,579	728,548	648,873	312,297	170,559	419,625	354,469
18	241,800	389,481	316,746	749,994	714,784	422,984	263,246	455,392	427,433
25	322,698	385,693	308,535	811,978	818,124	573,923	384,682	489,033	519,474
Oct. 2	445,906	555,848	437,422	945,683	949,334	726,959	579,611	687,058	590,458
9	517,721	509,927	512,983	1,141,662	1,088,865	881,858	719,706	659,458	667,882
16	519,396	428,079	559,510	1,349,792	1,225,720	1,041,622	727,528	549,934	729,274
23	380,980	441,613	518,799	1,659,483	1,395,237	1,185,728	590,671	611,130	662,905
30	453,232	448,230	503,270	1,750,430	1,503,734	1,305,221	644,179	556,727	622,763
Nov. 6	403,664	397,331	403,514	1,905,108	1,592,117	1,348,324	559,202	485,714	446,617
13	417,118	372,279	350,357	2,052,038	1,684,197	1,409,376	564,048	464,359	411,409
20	402,386	338,371	262,509	1,76,891	1,712,633	1,441,290	527,239	366,807	294,423
27	317,628	298,028	268,195	2,200,307	1,770,725	1,448,310	341,044	356,120	275,215
Dec. 4	312,183	255,569	282,747	2,209,002	1,797,998	1,451,947	320,878	282,842	285,384

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1931 are 6,617,202 bales; in 1930 were 7,327,404 bales, and in 1929 were 6,925,677 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 312,183 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 320,878 bales, stock at interior towns having increased 8,695 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 282,842 bales and for 1929 they were 285,384 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:

Cotton Takings Week and Season.	1931.		1930.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Nov. 27	10191373	6,892,094	9,437,348	5,302,014
Visible supply Aug. 1		8,681,313	400,177	9,650,464
American in sight to Dec. 4	432,197	254,000	76,000	404,000
Bombay receipts to Dec. 3	27,000	116,000	10,000	146,000
Other India ship ts to Dec. 3	3,000	70,000	70,000	678,900
Alexandria receipts to Dec. 2	56,000	224,000	15,000	256,000
Other supply to Dec. 2 *b	10,000			
Total supply	10719570	16,898,407	10008,525	16,437,378
Deduct—				
Visible supply Dec. 4	10260542	10,260,542	9,620,261	9,620,261
Total takings to Dec. 4 a	459,028	6,637,865	388,264	6,817,117
Of which American	349,028	4,767,865	313,264	4,826,217
Of which other	110,000	1,870,000	75,000	1,990,900

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.
 a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,700,000 bales in 1931 and 1,455,000 bales in 1930—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 4,937,865 bales in 1931 and 5,362,117 bales in 1930, of which 3,087,865 bales and 3,371,217 bales American.
 b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all Indian ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Dec. 2. Receipts at—	1931.		1930.		1929.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	27,000	254,000	76,000	404,000	101,000	488,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since Aug. 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1931	2,000	13,000	15,000	6,000	71,000	379,000	456,000	
1930	1,000	10,000	30,000	41,000	56,000	265,000	862,000	
1929	19,000	25,000	44,000	16,000	227,000	277,000	520,000	
Other India—								
1931	1,000	2,000	3,000	35,000	81,000	116,000		
1930	6,000	4,000	10,000	34,000	112,000	146,000		
1929	4,000	8,000	12,000	38,000	195,000	234,000		
Total all—								
1931	1,000	4,000	13,000	18,000	41,000	152,000	379,000	
1930	7,000	14,000	30,000	51,000	90,000	377,000	541,000	
1929	4,000	27,000	25,000	56,000	54,000	423,000	277,000	

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 49,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 33,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 436,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Alexandria, Egypt, Dec. 2.	1931.	1930.	1929.			
Receipts (Cantars)—						
This week	280,000	350,000	200,000			
Since Aug. 1	3,645,898	3,403,870	3,941,714			
Exports (bales)—	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool	13,000	77,765	8,000	53,112	12,000	64,684
To Manchester, &c.		55,821	1,000	45,799	66,674	66,674
To Continent and India	18,000	190,656	19,000	177,086	9,000	171,872
To America	1,000	6,285		2,808	6,000	42,286
Total exports	32,000	330,527	28,000	278,805	27,000	345,516

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Dec. 3 were 280,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 32,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for India is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1931.				1930.			
	32s Cop Twist.	8½ Lb. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'g Up'ds.	32s Cop Twist.	8½ Lb. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'g Up'ds.		
July—	d.	d.	s. d.	d.	d.	s. d.	d.	d.
21	6½ @ 8½	7 2 @ 7 4	3.70	10½ @ 11½	9 3 @ 9 7	6.44		
28	7 @ 8½	7 2 @ 7 4	3.83	10½ @ 11½	9 3 @ 9 7	6.64		
Sept. 4	7 @ 8½	7 2 @ 7 4	3.71	10½ @ 11½	9 2 @ 9 6	6.48		
11	7½ @ 8½	7 2 @ 7 4	3.70	10 @ 11	9 2 @ 9 6	6.30		
18	7 @ 8½	7 2 @ 7 4	3.74	9½ @ 10½	9 2 @ 9 6	6.26		
25	8½ @ 9½	7 6 @ 8 2	5.19	9½ @ 10½	9 2 @ 9 6	5.89		
Oct. 2	8 @ 9½	7 6 @ 8 2	4.31	9½ @ 10½	9 0 @ 9 4	5.76		
9	7½ @ 9½	7 6 @ 8 2	4.56	9½ @ 10½	8 7 @ 9 3	5.54		
16	8 @ 9½	7 6 @ 8 2	4.77	9 @ 10	8 7 @ 9 3	5.73		
23	8 @ 9½	8 0 @ 8 4	4.97	9½ @ 10½	8 6 @ 9 2	6.05		
30	8½ @ 10	8 0 @ 8 4	4.97	9½ @ 10½	8 6 @ 9 2	6.24		
Nov. 6	9 @ 10½	8 0 @ 8 4	5.12	9½ @ 10½	8 6 @ 9 2	6.03		
13	8½ @ 10½	8 0 @ 8 4	5.08	9½ @ 10½	8 6 @ 9 2	5.98		
20	8½ @ 10½	8 0 @ 8 4	4.89	9½ @ 10½	8 6 @ 9 2	5.98		
27	8½ @ 10½	8 0 @ 8 4	4.90	9½ @ 10½	8 6 @ 9 2	5.91		
Dec. 4	8½ @ 10½	8 0 @ 8 4	5.14	9 @ 10	8 6 @ 9 2	5.70		

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

GALVESTON—To Japan—Nov. 25—Hanover, 1,369; Kifuku Maru, 11,902. Nov. 28—Skramstad, 7,331. Dec. 1—Bronxville, 6,457. Dec. 2—Comliebank, 3,458. 30,517	To China—Nov. 25—Hanover, 3,450; Kifuku Maru, 150. Nov. 28—Skramstad, 2,311. Dec. 1—Bronxville, 3,532. Dec. 2—Ferndale, 894; Comliebank, 4,023. Nov. 27—Comedlan, 5,272. Nov. 28—Eglantine, 2,759. Nov. 27—Comedlan, 1,823. Dec. 1—Duesnes, 1,854. Dec. 2—Niceto de Larrinaga, 6,075. 14,360	To Liverpool—Nov. 28—Eglantine, 2,759. Nov. 27—Comedlan, 1,823. Dec. 1—Duesnes, 1,854. Dec. 2—Niceto de Larrinaga, 6,075. 14,957	To Rotterdam—Nov. 27—Georgia, 1,140; Bayou Chico, 237. Nov. 30—West Camak, 251. 1,628	To Bremen—Nov. 27—Bayou Chico, 2,002. Nov. 28—Kersten Miles, 4,950. Nov. 30—Rio Panuco, 2,026. Dec. 2—Karlsruhe, 1,411. 10,389	To Genoa—Nov. 28—Maddalena Odera, 3,675. To Copenhagen—Dec. 2—Cubano, 885. To Naples—Nov. 28—Maddalena Odera, 100. To Gothenburg—Dec. 2—Cubano, 1,300. To Barcelona—Dec. 2—Mar Caribe, 4,108. To Havre—Nov. 30—West Camak, 2,046. To Dunkirk—Nov. 30—West Camak, 919. Dec. 2—Cubano, 1,996. To Ghent—Nov. 30—West Camak, 581. To Antwerp—Nov. 30—West Camak, 94. To India—Dec. 1—Silverpine, 2,127. 2,915	CHARLESTON—To Liverpool—Nov. 27—Atlantian, 1,350. To Manchester—Nov. 27—Atlantian, 7,434. To Bremen—Nov. 30—Tampa, 100. To Hamburg—Nov. 30—Tampa, 411. To Rotterdam—Nov. 30—Tampa, 28. 7,434	HOUSTON—To Liverpool—Nov. 27—Niceto de Larrinaga, 4,010. Nov. 23—Duesnes, 7,968. Nov. 30—Bolivian, 3,203. To Manchester—Nov. 27—Niceto de Larrinaga, 1,433. Nov. 23—Duesnes, 2,789. Nov. 30—Bolivian, 1,579. To Havre—Nov. 27—West Camak, 6,765. Nov. 30—San Diego, 2,849. To Dunkirk—Nov. 27—West Camak, 116. Nov. 28—Cubano, 1,093. Nov. 30—San Diego, 512. To Ghent—Nov. 27—West Camak, 1,933. Nov. 30—San Diego, 300. To Antwerp—Nov. 27—West Camak, 56. Nov. 30—San Diego, 58. To Rotterdam—Nov. 27—West Camak, 77. Nov. 28—Georgia, 1,177. Nov. 30—Bayou Chico, 474; Chr. Sass, 800. Dec. 2—West Moreland, 700. To Genoa—Nov. 27—Maddalena Odera, 2,705. To Japan—Nov. 25—Skramstad, 644. Nov. 27—Bronxville, 2,277. Nov. 30—Silksworth, 3,890; King City, 5,454. Dec. 2—Cape St. Andrew, 6,647; Auska Maru, 5,900. To Bremen—Nov. 28—Rio Panuco, 2,018. Nov. 30—Kersten Miles, 2,427; Karlsruhe, 2,749; Bayou Chico, 2,950. Nov. 25—Gotha, 972; Chr. Sass, 13,375. Dec. 2—West Moreland, 3,049. Nov. 27—Bronxville, 1,679. Nov. 30—Silksworth, 289; King City, 1,897. Nov. 30—Ferndale, 15,356. Dec. 2—Cape St. Andrew, 4,840. To Bordeaux—Nov. 30—San Diego, 300. To Oslo—Nov. 28—Cubano, 200. To Gothenburg—Nov. 28—Cubano, 560. To Norrkoping—Nov. 28—Cubano, 500. To Copenhagen—Nov. 28—Cubano, 400. To Venice—Nov. 30—Lucia C., 2,669. To Trieste—Nov. 30—Lucia C., 702. To Barcelona—Dec. 1—Mar Caribe, 3,428. To India—Dec. 2—Silverpine, 1,004. 24,812	LAKE CHARLES—To Bremen—Nov. 22—Gotha, 517. Nov. 27—Oakman, 660. To Genoa—Nov. 25—Mombalda, 2,128. To Savannah—To Japan—Nov. 28—City of Canton, 4,000. To Liverpool—Dec. 3—Saccarappa, 4,916. To Manchester—Dec. 3—Saccarappa, 1,607. To Bremen—Dec. 3—Tampa, 2,076. To China—Nov. 28—City of Canton, 549. Dec. 2—Tuscaloosa City, 9,000. To Hamburg—Dec. 3—Tampa, 541. To Rotterdam—Dec. 3—Tampa, 378. NORFOLK—To Bremen—Nov. 30—Ansdri, 672. To Manchester—Dec. 3—Nortonian, 636. To Liverpool—Dec. 3—Nortonian, 50. NEW YORK—To Glasgow—Nov. 27—Port Pirie, 181. To Lisbon—Nov. 30—Cyria, 200. 9,549
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	Bales.
NEW ORLEANS—To Oporto—Dec. 27—Sahale, 225	225
To Havre—Nov. 30—Oakwood, 201	201
To Ghent—Nov. 30—Oakwood, 350	350
To Japan—Nov. 27—Comliebank, 3,975	3,975
To Antwerp—Nov. 30—Oakwood, 60	6,575
To China—Nov. 27—Comliebank, 1,785	60
To Dunkirk—Nov. 27—P. N. Damm, 700	4,935
To Rotterdam—Nov. 27—Maasdam, 1,056	700
To Antwerp—Nov. 27—Maasdam, 300	1,156
To Cristobal—Nov. 28—Parismina, 10	300
To Manizales—Nov. 28—Parismina, 45	10
To Genoa—Dec. 2—Hartbridge, 2,850	45
To Lapaz—Nov. 28—Parismina, 100	2,850
To Venice—Nov. 30—Tergeste, 1,592	100
To Trieste—Nov. 30—Tergeste, 300	1,592
To Piraeus—Nov. 30—Tergeste, 78	300
PENSACOLA—To Liverpool—Nov. 28—Dakotian, 652	78
—West Maximus, 300	952
To Bremen—Nov. 30—Gorjistan, 2,402	2,402
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Liverpool—Nov. 27—Bolvia, 1,658	1,658
To Manchester—Nov. 27—Bolvia, 785	785
To Rotterdam—Nov. 27—Bayou Chico, 1,489	1,489
To Bremen—Nov. 27—Bayou Chico, 1,401	1,401
To Hamburg—Nov. 27—Bayou Chico, 75	75
To Ghent—Nov. 27—Bayou Chico, 75	75
To India—Nov. 29—Silverpine, 1,675	1,675
BEAUMONT—To Ghent—Nov. 24—Oakwood, 153	153
SAN FRANCISCO—To Japan—Nov. 24—(?) , 2,400	2,400
To China—Nov. 24—(?) , 725	725
MOBILE—To Piraeus—Nov. 24—Raimund, 200	200
To Hamburg—Nov. 24—Raimund, 119	119
WILMINGTON—To Ghent—Dec. 1—Flour Spar, 700	700
To Bremen—Dec. 1—Flour Spar, 408	408
To Hamburg—Dec. 1—Flour Spar, 676	676
LOS ANGELES—To Manchester—Nov. 23—Pacific Reliance, 300	300
To Antwerp—Nov. 23—Wisconsin, 100	100
To Bremen—Nov. 26—San Francisco, 200	200
To Japan—Nov. 23—Chinese Prince, 500; President Hayes, 2,076	5,951
To China—Nov. 23—President Hayes, 200	200
To China—Nov. 23—President Hayes, 200	200
To Hoover, 850; Silvertak, 100	1,150
TEXAS CITY—To Liverpool—Dec. 1—Duesne, 494	494
To Manchester—Dec. 1—Duesne, 633	633
To Havre—Nov. 30—West Camak, 613	613
To Dunkirk—Nov. 30—West Camak, 100	100
To Ghent—Nov. 30—West Camak, 266	266
To Rotterdam—Nov. 30—West Camak, 80	80
To Bremen—Nov. 27—Bayou Chico, 1,331	1,331
JACKSONVILLE—To Liverpool—Nov. 27—Saccarappa, 702	702
To Manchester—Nov. 27—Saccarappa, 25	225
To Bremen—Nov. 27—Tampa, 255	255
To Rotterdam—Nov. 27—Tampa, 22	22
	316,239

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Barrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

	High Density.	Standard.	Low Density.	High Density.	Standard.	Low Density.	High Density.	Standard.	Low Density.
Liverpool	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.
Manchester	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.
Antwerp	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.
Havre	.31c.	.46c.	.31c.	.46c.	.31c.	.46c.	.31c.	.46c.	.31c.
Rotterdam	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.
Genoa	.40c.	.55c.	.40c.	.55c.	.40c.	.55c.	.40c.	.55c.	.40c.
Oslo	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.
Stockholm	.60c.	.75c.	.60c.	.75c.	.60c.	.75c.	.60c.	.75c.	.60c.
Trieste	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.
Flume	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.
Lisbon	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.
Oporto	.60c.	.75c.	.60c.	.75c.	.60c.	.75c.	.60c.	.75c.	.60c.
Barcelona	.35c.	.50c.	.35c.	.50c.	.35c.	.50c.	.35c.	.50c.	.35c.
Japan	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Shanghai	.40c.	.55c.	.40c.	.55c.	.40c.	.55c.	.40c.	.55c.	.40c.
Bombay	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.
Bremen	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.
Hamburg	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.	.60c.	.45c.
Piraeus	.75c.	.90c.	.75c.	.90c.	.75c.	.90c.	.75c.	.90c.	.75c.
Salonica	.75c.	.90c.	.75c.	.90c.	.75c.	.90c.	.75c.	.90c.	.75c.
Venice	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.	.65c.	.50c.

* Rate is open.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Nov. 13.	Nov. 20.	Nov. 27.	Dec. 4.
Sales of the week				
Of which American				
Sales for export				
Forwarded	60,000	60,000	66,000	62,000
Total stocks	560,000	596,000	632,000	652,000
Of which American	220,000	227,000	258,000	264,000
Total imports	43,000	120,000	111,000	83,000
Of which American	40,000	46,000	69,000	42,000
Amount afloat	305,000	277,000	260,000	279,000
Of which American	158,000	170,000	148,000	175,000

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.	Quiet.	Moderate demand.	Quiet.	More demand.	A fair business doing.	Quiet.
Mid. Upl'ds	4.88d.	4.95d.	5.18d.	5.12d.	5.05d.	5.14d.
Sales						
Futures.	Quiet but stdy., unch'd to 1 pt. adv.	Steady, 4 to 5 pts. advance.	Steady, 3 to 7 pts. advance.	Quiet but stdy., 1 to 4 pts. adv.	Quiet but stdy., 1 to 3 pts. dec.	Steady 5 to 7 pts. advance.
Market, 4 P. M.	Steady, 6 to 8 pts. decline.	Steady, 20 to 23 pts. advance.	Barely stdy unch'd to 1 pt. dec.	Barely stdy to 1 pt. dec.	Quiet, 3 to 5 pts. decline.	Steady 6 to 11 pts. advance.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below

Nov. 28 to Dec. 4.	Sat.		Mon.		Tue.		Wed.		Thurs.		Fri.	
	12.15 p. m.	12.30 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	12.40 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	12.40 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	12.40 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	12.40 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	12.40 p. m.
New Contract	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
November	4.58											
December	4.56	4.64	4.78	4.88	4.78	4.82	4.79	4.75	4.76	4.84	4.87	
January 1932	4.55	4.64	4.78	4.87	4.77	4.81	4.78	4.74	4.75	4.83	4.86	
February	4.55	4.64	4.78	4.87	4.77	4.81	4.78	4.74	4.75	4.82	4.85	
March	4.56	4.64	4.78	4.87	4.77	4.81	4.78	4.74	4.75	4.82	4.85	
April	4.58	4.66	4.79	4.88	4.78	4.82	4.79	4.75	4.76	4.82	4.85	
May	4.62	4.71	4.83	4.89	4.80	4.84	4.80	4.76	4.77	4.83	4.86	
June	4.65	4.73	4.85	4.93	4.82	4.86	4.82	4.77	4.78	4.84	4.87	
July	4.67	4.75	4.87	4.95	4.86	4.88	4.84	4.79	4.80	4.86	4.88	
August	4.69	4.77	4.89	4.97	4.88	4.92	4.87	4.83	4.84	4.89	4.91	
September	4.71	4.80	4.92	4.99	4.91	4.94	4.91	4.85	4.86	4.91	4.93	
October	4.73	4.81	4.93	5.00	4.92	4.95	4.92	4.86	4.87	4.92	4.94	
November												
December		4.83	4.94	5.02	4.93	4.96	4.93	4.88	4.79	4.94	4.95	

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Dec. 4 1931.

FLOUR trade was 5 to 10 points lower late last week. Feed dropped \$1 to \$1.50. Later, with wheat higher, flour prices were advanced, but buyers resisted the rise. On the 2nd inst. prices declined 10c., with wheat off. Mill feed fell 50c. to \$1.25.

WHEAT showed some advance, partly on technical conditions. Many think the decline has gone far enough. Also persistent reports that Russia had been buying Australian wheat, though denied by England, had more or less effect. It was also said that Russia had been canceling sales of the higher grades of wheat. World's shipments fell off noticeably. Domestic mills want wheat. Northwestern markets were relatively strong. Some look for a good export demand when financial conditions in Europe improve. German politics, however, have a more or less disturbing effect. On Nov. 28 prices closed 3/4c. lower to 3/8c. higher, with less offering and the tone better. The technical position was better. A rally was felt to be due. A decline in stocks mattered less than it had on previous days. There seemed to be rather more export inquiry. In Winnipeg better support was reported. Some thought the Canadian Government was buying. Vague rumors had been afloat that the Farm Board was buying. In any case, to some the market acted as though it had been sold out after a drop in three weeks of nearly 20c. Liverpool closed comparatively firm.

On Nov. 30, on an oversold market, and with stocks higher, prices advanced 2 to 3c. Crop advices from Argentina and Europe counted. Large professionals were supposed to be covering freely, especially in July. Liverpool closed 3 1/4 to 3 1/2d. higher. As an offset sterling fell 13 1/4c. to the lowest price seen this year since Sept. 21, i.e., to 3.39 1/4. Export sales were estimated at 600,000 to 800,000 bushels. It was 98 to 105 degrees in Argentina, but Buenos Aires was 1/2 to 3/4c. lower. But world shipments of 12,612,000 bushels were smaller than expected. Russian seeding up to Nov. 10 was said to be 13% under the plan. But mainly the advance was traceable to technical conditions.

On the 1st inst. prices advanced 1 to 1 1/4c. net, largely on rumors that Russia was trying to buy wheat in Australia. That caused an upward rush from the low of the day of 3 1/4 to 3 7/8c., July leading the rise. Early buying was large. The rumor about Russia originated in Berlin, but could not be confirmed. But winter crop reports were bad. The acreage, it is said, will be reduced 15%.

N. C. Murray stated Dec. 1st winter wheat acreage 36,086,000 acres compared with 42,422,000 acres last year, a reduction of 6,336,000 acres or 14.9%; condition 79.4 of normal compared with 86.3 a year ago, and 83.2 the 10-year average. With average conditions in the future this acreage and condition suggests a crop of about 446,000,000 bushels. That is, the crop may be expected to be above or below this amount, according as future conditions are better or worse than average. On only three years in more than 50 years has the Dec. 1 condition of winter wheat been below 80% of normal, namely, in 1922, when condition was 79.5, about the same as now, and the final yield was 12.4 bushels per acre sown in 1921. With condition of 76 and final yield of 12.2 bushels and 1917 with 79.3 and yield 13.1 bushels. The highest of these years would produce 472,000,000 bushels on the estimated acreage sown. Last year's production was 775,000,000 bushels.

With Australia estimating its wheat crop at 170,011,000 bushels, or 42,617,000 bushels under the 1930 crop production, the Department of Agriculture placed world production as reported by 39 countries, excluding Soviet Russia, at 3,283,615,000 bushels, as compared with 3,401,549,000 bushels for the same countries one year ago. The estimates do not include figures for the Argentine, whose crop was 235,960,000 bushels last year; Chili, which last year produced 21,990,000 bushels, and Uruguay, which in 1930 produced 7,997,000 bushels. A cable from Attache Steere at Berlin states that up to Nov. 10 Russia had seeded 92,433,000 acres to all winter grain, or 87% of the Plan for the fall.

On the 2nd inst. prices declined 1 1/4 to 2c. net, with stocks lower and reports of selling apparently by co-operatives and sterling erratic and export business small partly on that account. Liverpool was higher. Buenos Aires was up 1/8 to 1 1/4c. Winnipeg was off 1 1/2 to 2c. Rallies in the end were futile, though buying against bids had some temporary effect. On the 3rd inst. prices advanced 5/8 to 1c., with reports about Russia bullish. Russia, it is insisted, has been buying in Australia and canceling or trying to cancel sales of good grades to Greece. Russia, it seems, bought 500,000 bushels of Australian wheat for shipment to Vladivostok. Most of the Russian shipments latterly have been of poor quality. The total Russian shipments this week were only 984,000 bushels against over 3,000,000 in the same week last year. This is the first week that Russian shipments have fallen below those of the corresponding week last year. Much was made of it.

To-day prices ended 1/2 to 3/4c. lower at Chicago, 3/8c. higher at Winnipeg, and 1/8 to 3/8c. higher at Minneapolis. It was an irregular and nervous market. The highest prices came early in the day, with the cables firmer, undesirable rains in Argentina and Australia, a delay in harvesting in Aus-

tralia, small Russian shipments, Southern Hemisphere shipments smaller than last year, the world's net needs 40,000,000 bushels net more than last year, and what was regarded as a good cash situation. Moreover, stocks for a time were firmer. Later it was another story. The firmness of Liverpool was offset by lower sterling. England denied that Russia had been buying Australian wheat. Rallies did not hold. But the decline was comparatively small. The milling demand was good. The world's shipments this week are expected to be only about 10,500,000 to 11,000,000 bushels. Primary receipts were rather small. Canadian country marketings were smaller than those of a year ago. Parts of Kansas still need rain. Buenos Aires and Liverpool ended 1/4 to 1/2c. higher. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1 1/4 to 2 1/2c. Export sales to-day were estimated at 750,000 bushels, largely Pacific Coast and Manitoba.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT IN NEW YORK

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	54	56 1/4	57 1/2	56	56	59 3/4
May	57 1/4	60	60 3/4	59	59 1/4	59 1/2
July						59 3/4-60

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	69 1/2	73 3/4	75 1/4	73 3/4	73 3/4	73 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	52 1/4	54 3/4	55 3/4	54	54 3/4	53 3/4
March	54 1/4	56 1/4	57 3/4	55 3/4	56 1/4	55 3/4
May	55 3/4	58 1/4	59 3/4	57 3/4	58 1/4	57 3/4
July	54 1/4	57 3/4	58 3/4	56 3/4	57 3/4	56 3/4

Season's High and When Made—			Season's Low and When Made—		
December	69	June 3 1931	December	44 3/4	Oct. 5 1931
March	73	Nov. 9 1931	March	47 1/4	Oct. 5 1931
May	71 3/4	Nov. 9 1931	May	48 3/4	Oct. 5 1931
July	73 3/4	Nov. 7 1931	July	49	Oct. 5 1931

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	57 1/4	59 3/4	60 3/4	59	59 1/4	59 1/2
May	62	63 3/4	64 3/4	62 3/4	63 1/4	63 1/2
July	62 3/4	64 3/4	65 3/4	63 3/4	64 3/4	64 3/4

INDIAN CORN declined 1 or 2c. net under the influence of better weather at times and a fear of larger receipts. On the other hand, the cash demand of late has shown some signs of improving. Some think corn is too low. They are cautious about selling it. On Nov. 28 prices closed unchanged to 1/4c. lower. The tone, on the whole, seemed better. No large trading appeared, but there was less pressure. The country offerings were still small. The shipping sales were 75,000 bushels, and the sample basis was 1/2 to 3/4c. lower, compared with December. Futures, however, showed resistance.

On Nov. 30 prices closed 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c. higher, following wheat. Stop orders were caught on the way up as shorts covered. There were no country offerings. Shipping sales were 72,000 bushels. Selling against offers checked the advance. The United States visible supply increased last week 474,000 bushels to 9,695,000 bushels against 6,964,000 a year ago. On the 1st inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/8c. lower. Shipping sales were 37,600 bushels. Big Chicago professionals sold. At one time prices were off 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c., but a rally came later of 1 to 1 3/8c. Local traders sold all day. Some look for larger receipts at Chicago before long. On the 2nd inst. prices closed 1 5/8 to 2 3/8c. lower, the latter on December. Some leading local traders, it is said, sold corn against purchases of wheat. Liquidation was general. The weather was good. Some expect larger receipts.

On the 3rd inst. prices fell 1c., closing 1/2c. lower to 1/8c. higher. Buying against bids and covering caused the rally. The weather, too, has latterly turned rainy in parts of the belt. To-day prices closed 1/2 to 1c. lower. An early decline was followed by a rally on covering and also with the help of the early rise in wheat. But corn upturns did not last and the ending was weak. The cash demand was rather encouraging. Industries were buying. Chicago reported shipping sales of 145,000 bushels. Charters were made for 200,000 bushels to Buffalo. The disappearance of corn up to Dec. 1 was estimated at 18.3% against 21.6% for the same time last year. This was taken to mean the disappearance of about 489,000,000 bushels against 452,000,000 for the same time last year, when the crop was small. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 to 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	55 3/4	58	57 3/4	54	54 1/2	54

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	37 3/4	39 1/4	39 1/4	36 3/4	36 3/4	36 1/4
March	40 3/4	42 1/4	42 3/4	40 3/4	40 1/4	39 3/4
May	42 3/4	44 1/4	43 3/4	42 3/4	42 3/4	41 3/4
July	44 3/4	45 3/4	45 3/4	44 3/4	44	43 3/4

Season's High and When Made—			Season's Low and When Made—		
December	56 1/2	April 1 1931	December	32 3/4	Oct. 5 1931
March	51 1/4	Nov. 9 1931	March	34 3/4	Oct. 5 1931
May	53 3/4	Nov. 9 1931	May	36 3/4	Oct. 5 1931
July	55	Nov. 9 1931	July	38 3/4	Oct. 7 1931

OATS advanced somewhat, with no pressure to sell, though, on the other hand it is true speculation has remained quiet. Some think, however, that the fundamental situation of oats is rather bullish than otherwise. On Nov. 28 prices closed 1/8c. lower to 1/4c. higher. The trading was mostly local. But if prices could not rise and hold an advance they refused to go down and stay down. On Nov. 30 prices advanced 5/8 to 1c. net, with other grain and some covering. On the 1st inst. prices closed 1/8c. lower to 1/4c. higher. On the 2nd inst. prices closed 1/2c. lower, taking their cue from

corn. On the 3rd inst. prices closed 3/4c. higher on scattered buying and some sympathy with the rally in corn. To-day prices closed unchanged to 1/8c. higher on small trading, and the buying and selling sufficiently balanced to prevent any marked net change. Final prices show a rise for the week of 5/8 to 3/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white	36 3/4-37 1/4	37 3/4-38 3/4	37 3/4-38 3/4	36 3/4-37 1/4	36 3/4-37 1/4	36 3/4-37 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	24	24 3/4	24 3/4	24 1/4	24 3/4	24 3/4
March	26 1/4	27 1/4	27 1/4	26 3/4	27	27
May	25 3/4	26 3/4	26 3/4	26 1/4	26 1/4	26 1/4
July						

Season's High and When Made—			Season's Low and When Made—		
December	34 3/4	June 29 1931	December	20 1/4	Oct. 5 1931
March	31	Nov. 10 1931	March	23 3/4	Oct. 6 1931
May	31 1/4	Nov. 10 1931	May	23	Oct. 5 1931
July	31 1/4	Nov. 10 1931	July	22 3/4	Oct. 5 1931

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	30 1/4	31 3/4	31 3/4	31 1/4	31	31
May	33 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	34 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4

RYE has declined very moderately on only light trading and a continued absence of any export demand for American rye. Now and then some Canadian business with Europe is done, but it is nothing at all stimulating. What rye needs is a sharp foreign demand for domestic grain. On Nov. 28 prices declined 3/8 to 1c. The seaboard was believed to be selling after buying on the previous day. Some export business was reported done in Canadian rye. On Nov. 30 prices advanced 1 1/8 to 2 1/2c. in sympathy with the rise in wheat. About 50,000 bushels of Canadian rye sold for export, it was stated. On the 1st inst. prices closed 1/2 to 1 3/8c. higher. One report was that 3,405,000 acres had been seeded to winter rye against 3,692,000 last year. The condition on Dec. 1 was 82.7 against 82.6 a year ago and a 10-year average of 87.8. On the 2nd inst. prices fell 1 to 1 1/4c., influenced by wheat's decline. On the 3rd inst. prices closed 5/8c. off to 1/8c. up. There was selling of rye against buying of wheat. A small export business in Canadian rye was reported. To-day prices ended 3/8 to 7/8c. lower, with only a little foreign demand and more or less liquidation due to the decline in wheat and stocks. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1/8 to 3/8c., the latter on December.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	41 1/4	43 3/4	44 3/4	42 3/4	42 1/4	41 3/4
March	44 3/4	46 3/4	47 3/4	46 1/4	45 3/4	45 1/4
May	46 1/4	48 3/4	48 3/4	47 1/4	47 3/4	46 1/4
July	46 3/4	48	49 1/4	46 3/4	47	46 1/4

Season's High and When Made—			Season's Low and When Made—		
December	58 3/4	Nov. 6 1931	December	35	Aug. 25 1931
March	62	Nov. 9 1931	March	38	Sept. 3 1931
May	63 1/4	Nov. 9 1931	May	38 3/4	Oct. 5 1931
July	63 3/4	Nov. 9 1931	July	45 3/4	Nov. 28 1931

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN

Wheat—New York—	Oats, New York—
No. 2 red, C.I.F., new	No. 2 white
Manitoba No. 1, f.o.b. N.Y.	No. 3 white
	Rye—No. 2, f.o.b. N.Y.
	Chicago, No. 2
Corn, New York—	Barley—
No. 2 yellow, lake and rail	No. 2, L. & R., N.Y., dom.
No. 3 yellow, lake and rail	Chicago, cash

FLOUR

Spring pat. high protein	Rye flour patents
Spring patents	Seminola, bbl., Nos. 1-2
Clears, first spring	Oats good
Soft winter straights	Corn flour
Hard winter straights	Barley goods—
Hard winter patents	Coarse
Hard winter clears	Fancy pearl, Nos. 2
Fancy Minn. patents	4 and 7
City mills	

For other tables usually given here, see page 3737.

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED DEC. 2.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Dec. 2, follows:

The week was characterized by cold, stormy weather over the western half of the country, and about the middle of the period there was a sharp drop in temperature in the Eastern States. In the latter, however, the period as a whole, was abnormally warm, with the weekly mean temperatures from New England southward to the east Gulf sections averaging from 4 deg. to as much as 13 deg. above normal, as indicated by Chart I. Subnormal temperatures, however, progressed eastward to the Mississippi Valley, while in the more western States the week was unseasonably cold; averaging over considerable areas from 12 deg. to more than 15 deg. subnormal.

In the East the freezing line reached southwestern Virginia, and in the Mississippi Valley as far south as Cairo, Ill., but to the southwest minimum temperatures were well above freezing. A number of stations in the Northwest, and also some higher localities in the Southwest, reported temperatures below zero, with freezing as far south as Yuma, Ariz.; the lowest reported for the week from a first-order station was 12 deg. below zero at Lander, Wyo., on November 29.

Chart II shows that precipitation was substantial to heavy in the southern half of the Ohio Valley and in the lower Mississippi Valley States, extending eastward in the Gulf area to include much of Texas. However, the South-east was again largely missed, and only a few sections had sufficient rainfall to be of material benefit. From northern Virginia northward moderate precipitation occurred, which was helpful to the top soil, but more is needed. Snow was general in Northern States and over practically all of the western half of the country.

Light to moderate falls of snow were general during the week from northern Maryland, the Ohio River, and the lower Missouri Valley northward and northwestward, and also over the western half of the country, except along the Pacific coast. East of the Rocky Mountains the snowfall was mostly light to moderate, generally 2 or 3 inches, though as much as 6 inches occurred in parts of the western Ohio Valley; the western Lake region was largely missed. Some parts of central Montana are blanketed with 16 inches of snow.

The rather general snow cover and cold weather in the great western grazing districts were hard on livestock and there was considerable suffering in some sections, while the continued low temperatures in the south Pacific area have retarded the growth of vegetation; considerable orchard heating was again necessary in California.

The subatantial rains of the week from Ohio River districts southward were very beneficial, and helpful amounts occurred in parts of the drouthy

Southeast, notably in the northern portions of Georgia and South Carolina. In general, however, the area from Virginia southward to Florida continued very deficient in moisture. It was too warm and dry in the latter State for citrus and winter truck, with heavy dropping of fruit. Light to moderate rains or snows from Maryland northward improved the top soil, but the subsoil continues dry in many sections. In the middle and upper Mississippi Valley precipitation during recent weeks has been frequent and heavy, with many places reporting streams bankful and considerable flooding of lowlands.

In the western Cotton Belt frequent rains and wet fields were unfavorable for gathering the remaining outstanding cotton, while the staple deteriorated because of the dampness. It was also unfavorable for gathering corn in the middle and upper Mississippi Valley, and there were further reports of damage to that outstanding. However, in central and northern Iowa the soil has frozen sufficiently to support wagons, and husking was resumed after two weeks' suspension.

SMALL GRAINS.—Winter wheat remains in generally good condition throughout the main belt, except that it is very poor to only poor in western Kansas where further moisture is needed. Growth was slow in some sections, but the beneficial rains of the week in Kentucky and Tennessee materially aided wheat. Light rains were locally helpful in the Southeast, but in Georgia rain is badly needed and more precipitation would be very beneficial in all the dry eastern and southeastern sections. Snows afforded more or less protection in the Pacific Northwest, especially during the cold weather, but some fields are blown bare.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the condition in the different States:

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Rainfall light, except locally beneficial to grain that is up, but little plowing or sowing account dry soil. Good progress in husking corn and preparing tobacco for market. Water supply low in some localities.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Fairly good rains in central and north, with much fog. Very warm, followed by seasonable temperatures, favorable for germinating winter cereals, with plowing and sowing more active. Fall and early winter truck and pastures need much more rain.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Continued warm weather, without any freezing temperatures and very little rain. Drouth remains severe over southern half and only partially relieved over north. Winter cereals need rain badly.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Unseasonably warm and rainless, except light showers on southeast coast. Too warm and dry for citrus, oats, cabbage, and celery; citrus dropping heavily. Water hauled for stock in some instances. Except sirup making, seasonal work suspended in much of central and north.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures decidedly above normal; rain quite general at close and very helpful to growing vegetation locally. Fall plowing progressed fairly well. Sowing oats progressed slowly; some up and looking well. Truck crops, vegetables, ranges, and pastures improved considerably where moisture sufficient; otherwise continue mostly poor and scarce.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Cool at beginning and end of week; otherwise unseasonably warm, with frequent rain. Considerable unpicked cotton damaged in northern delta counties. Corn mostly housed, except in extreme north. Progress of pastures generally good.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Cloudy, with frequent light to moderate showers in most portions. Very little farm work done, except sugar-cane grinding progressed fairly well. Some local plowing and also harvesting remnants of cotton, which are deteriorating in fields. Truck shipments continue.

Texas.—Houston: Moderate temperatures near coast, but cool elsewhere; rain frequent, although more needed in portions of southwest. Unfavorable for picking cotton. Condition of wheat, oats, and pastures mostly good. Weekly progress of truck good, but this crop backward in winter-garden district and lower coast section account previous drouth.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Cold, cloudy, wet week. Field work mostly suspended. Remnants of cotton and corn still in fields damaged by long continued wet weather. Winter grains made slow growth, but condition generally good to excellent.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Killing frosts and freezing temperatures in north stopped growth, but vegetation still green in central and south. Weekly amounts of precipitation varied from less than 1 inch in northwest to over 4 inches in most other portions. Very little cotton picked. Winter crops and truck good to excellent.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Temperatures averaged above normal; light rain first of week of little benefit, but generous rains latter part greatly improved growth of wheat, oats, rye, and barley.

Ohio.—Columbus: Temperatures averaged about normal, and also precipitation, including a 2 to 3-inch snow covering that fell Thursday night and Friday. First half of week highly favorable for outdoor work; all current farm work well in hand. Wheat entering winter in vigorous condition. Livestock in fine shape; feed plentiful.

Indiana.—Indianapolis: Temperatures normal; precipitation favorable for crops, but heavy enough in south to interrupt farm work. Bulk of corn cribbed. Wheat stands and condition continue generally good. Clover and pastures fair to good. Soil moisture much increased.

Illinois.—Springfield: Considerably colder than previous weeks; wet weather again delayed corn husking in central and south. Very little precipitation in north third. Few reports of corn sprouting and down corn damaged. Wheat continues good to excellent.

Iowa.—Des Moines: Cold; snow in central and west. Soil froze sufficiently to support wagons in corn fields in north and central and corn husking resumed; still too soft in extreme south. Some corn fields damaged by overflows, but more damaged by rotting and molding from continued dampness.

Missouri.—Columbia: Nearly normal cold; frequent, general rains and one nearly general snow, but melted quickly. Most rivers in flood or at bankful stages. Considerable corn lost or damaged on bottoms; about half of crop still in fields. Wheat excellent and generally well advanced; fully covering ground in most fields.

Kansas.—Topeka: Cool, with moderate precipitation in practically all parts. Northwest and west snow-covered. Fields too wet for gathering corn in eastern half and not much more than half done. Wheat very good to excellent in eastern half, but very poor to poor in western half; further moisture still needed in southwest.

Nebraska.—Lincoln: Moderately cold; some additional snow slowly melting. Condition of soil excellent and unfrozen. Work largely suspended. Stock good condition.

wear. Yet the public appetite even now has by no means been stimulated to the point of avidity. So-called "distress" sales of such offerings as ties, underwear and gloves are by no means rare, it is reported, and the regular lines of staple goods are at the lowest levels in several years. Whatever the extent to which the current depression is purely psychological there can be no gainsaying the fact that there is a very great deficiency in the public's actual power to buy at this time. That a great diversion of the public holiday appetite from frivolous articles, which traditionally account for such a big proportion of the Christmas trade, has taken place is demonstrated by the fact that coats, suits, sweaters, mufflers, and similar lines are current sales leaders in department stores. In areas which have been the worst sufferers from deflated purchasing power, the volume movement of piece goods and blankets is emphatic. The silk trade, among the worst victims of intensive production, is in a critical position as a result of the loosely knit character of the trade, which makes a program of co-operative regulation of output difficult to effect. The result has been, of course, a progressive whittling of values to a point which has made the debasement of quality a necessary secondary result, and the ominous warning is now being voiced to the trade that silks, which should now be increasing their popularity, particularly as dress fabrics, owing to extremely low prices, are begetting distrust instead, as a result of their poor quality in many instances. This is the evil which has exercised such a bad influence on Rayons as well, though some progress has been made in eradicating it from the latter market.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Insistent pressure on the part of a few large sellers and a greater number of smaller ones to rid themselves of goods which they have overproduced in their policy of cutting overhead to a minimum, continues to result in a progressive demoralization of prices on print cloths. Notwithstanding the withdrawal of a number of leading print cloth selling agents from the market, as far as contracting into the future is concerned, and an evident inclination on the part of buyers to see an end of such an insidiously unsettled market, the practice appears to be as alive as ever. Buyers are expressing themselves with the utmost frankness to the effect that they will buy as little volume of print cloths for future delivery as possible until such time as there is some assurance of a stabler market, and the whole trade, notably manufacturers of finished goods, has been adversely effected by this constant weakening of print cloth prices. Thus there is widespread agitation for the early adoption of general extensive curtailment of print cloths production, 50% being cited as the needed figure, but there seems to be little immediate prospect of engaging the division as a whole to such an arrangement. While conferences are being arranged in the south to study ways and means of dealing with the problem, there is no effective leadership, it is contended, and the possibilities of securing the co-operation of the producers mainly responsible is considered dubious at best. Meanwhile demand for cotton goods generally remains almost uniformly quiet, and the past week has been one of the slowest for some time, especially in gray goods. Reports of concessions of $\frac{1}{8}$ c. in sheetings during the week resulted in no expansion in demand in that connection. More interest was shown in low count constructions, some of which sold fairly well for spot and nearby delivery, than in the higher constructions, which were dull. Print cloths .27 inch 64x60s constructions are quoted at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and 28 inch 64x60s at 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Gray goods 39 inch 68x72s construction are quoted at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. and 39 inch 80x80s at 5c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—There appears to be somewhat more hopefulness in woollens and worsteds markets, as the end of the year approaches. It is reported that retail stocks of winter-weight clothing are dangerously low, as far as the woollens trade is concerned, at any rate, and with cold weather stimulating a materially better movement into consumption at this time a replenishment movement of substantial proportions is expected in overcoatings, with some opportunity to move surplus holdings of other fabrics from primary channels. Mills have already received a scattered amount of small orders for overcoatings though it is expected that demand will continue to be practically restricted to such staples as whitenys, meltons, fleeces, and boucles. With reports that demand for oxford and semi-staple goods is beginning to slacken, it is thought that a better demand for fancies, which have been largely ignored recently, will develop after the turn of the year. The piece goods market continues quiet, but shares, to some extent, expectations of improved activity in the not-too-distant future.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—The linen market is stable in price and relatively well situated as to business. A satisfactory interest in dress goods and suitings has not yet developed for the coming season, but this is in part attributed to the habitual procrastination on the part of buyers which currently characterizes all markets. Meanwhile household linens are a sales feature at retail, with all linen gift items sharing prominently in the holiday demand. Sharp fluctuations in sterling have unsettled the market for burlaps, which have suffered a general suspension of buying, notwithstanding a favorable statistical position. Light weights are quoted at 3.40c., and heavies at 4.55c.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Dec. 4 1931.

While primary markets continue to mark time, more or less, retail activity has been considerably accelerated by more sustained cold weather. With holiday-buying already in process, a feature of the distribution of business at retail is the unwontedly large proportion of apparel which is now being bought for gifts, to the detriment of impractical novelties in other lines of merchandise, and to the benefit of many textiles. While only a moderate volume of re-ordering from manufacturers of textiles has so far resulted, with many observers subscribing to the view that the bulk of retail holiday needs have already been filled, there is an enhanced prospect of a good clean-out of retail stocks of textile products, with a correspondingly better outlook for spring goods, the movement of which has not yet got properly under way. Early substantial replenishment of quick-selling heavy-weight lines is also hoped for if, as a cynical observer deems likely, the trend of temperatures in coming weeks continues to conform to the trend in the security markets. Meanwhile, in distributing channels, much dissatisfaction is being expressed over sales at prices which yield the seller no profit. The depression, it is noted, has resulted in the offering of clothing at retail, which, in point of style, quality and price, is unprecedented in value, especially in men's

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN NOVEMBER.

The State and municipal bond market during November showed little improvement over the inactivity and difficulties that confronted this type of borrowing during the month of October. Sales amounted to \$52,897,653, as compared with \$16,064,410 in October, which last was the smallest total in any corresponding month since 1918. In November 1930 the figure was \$88,682,310. The volume of issues of long-term State and municipal bonds marketed during the eleven months of 1931 has reached \$1,207,336,849, as compared with \$1,300,540,012 during the same period in 1930; \$1,139,822,962 in 1929; \$1,265,355,715 in 1928; \$1,398,557,694 in 1927; \$1,220,179,240 in 1926; \$1,241,650,345 in 1925; \$1,305,270,172 in 1924, and \$949,473,914 in 1923. A comparison of the borrowing during November and the eleven months of each year since 1893 will be found at the conclusion of this article.

The municipal bond market in November acted in the much the same fashion as in October. It will be recalled that in October our records indicated that no less than 80 municipal long-term issues, with a par value of \$29,472,000, had been unsuccessfully offered either because of a lack of tenders, the rejection of the bids submitted as unsatisfactory or the cancellation of proposed awards pending improved conditions. The issues offered without success in November numbered 56, with a par value of \$26,756,210.

Prevailing conditions make it practically impossible for a good many municipalities to market their obligations irrespective of the terms offered. However, certain issues that had previously been ignored by investment bankers, were disposed of during November. Among these were the \$6,728,000 Boston, Mass., bonds, unsuccessfully offered as 3 3/4s on Sept. 23, which were included in an award of \$7,478,000 bonds as 3 3/4s, 4 1/4s and 4 3/4s on Nov. 20; the \$2,860,000 Yonkers, N. Y., bonds, for which no bids were received when twice offered at not to exceed 5% interest in October, but which were sold as \$2,400,000 5s and \$460,000 4 1/2s on Nov. 24, also the \$4,359,000 Jersey City, N. J., bonds, which were sold privately as 5s, at par, after having been offered without success at 4 1/4% on Nov. 6. Details of the foregoing sales are given in a table further along in this article.

In the following table we show the municipal issues which were unsuccessfully offered during November:

ISSUES WHICH FAILED OF SALE.				
Page.	Name.	Int. Rate.	Amount.	Report.
3122	Aiken Co., S. C.	5%	\$60,000	No bids
3285	Allegheny Co., Pa.	4 1/2%	4,200,000	Postponed
3491	Allee, Tex. (2 issues)	5 1/2%	36,000	Postponed
3491	Austin, Tex. (4 issues)	z	475,000	No bids
3656	Bedford Twp., Ohio	5 1/4%	10,000	No bids
3286	Benton Co., Ind.	6%	7,109	No bids
3656	Berlin, N. J.	not exc. 6%	40,000	No bids
3491	Bethlehem and New Scotland S. D.	not exc. 6%	382,500	Bids rejected
3123	Chicago San. Dist., Ill.	4 1/2%	400,000	No bids
3657	Coahoma Co., Miss.	z	160,000	No bids
3817	Cook Co. Forest Preserve Dist., Ill.	4%	500,000	No bids
3286	Delaware Twp., N. J.	6%	475,000	Not sold
3657	Dover, N. H.	4 1/4%	60,000	Bids rejected
3287	Douglas Co., Neb.	z	150,000	Bids rejected
3492	Elmsford, N. Y. (notes)	not exc. 6%	250,000	No bids
3657	Fergus Co., Mont.	not exc. 6%	110,000	Bids rejected
3287	Flint, Mich.	z	690,000	No bids
3657	Fort Lee S. D., N. J.	not exc. 6%	45,000	No bids
3492	Fort Wayne, Ind.	3 3/4%	1,000,000	No bids
3492	Fremont Co., Iowa (notes)	not exc. 5%	20,000	No bids
3657	Garfield, N. J.	not exc. 6%	700,000	No bids
3124	Green Bay, Wis.	4 1/4%	50,000	No bids
3124	Greenville Sewer Dist., S. C.	z	510,000	Bids rejected
3493	Hamilton Co., Iowa	z	41,000	Bids rejected
3493	Harris Co., Tex.	z	1,000,000	Not sold
3658	Hillside Twp., N. J.	not exc. 6%	1,438,000	No bids
3658	Hobart, Ind.	4 1/2%	16,000	No bids
3493	Kansas City, Mo.	4%	900,000	No bids
3658	Kosciusko Co., Ind.	4%	16,900	Not sold
3658	Lake Co., Ohio	6%	62,775	No bids
3658	Las Vegas, Colo.	z	160,000	No bids
3125	Leominster, Mass.	z	30,000	Bids rejected
3658	Lima, Ohio (bond and note issues)	5 and 6%	206,300	No bids
2959	McLennan Co., Tex.	4 1/2%	600,000	Postponed
3289	Meadville, Pa.	z	25,000	No bids
3289	Memphis, Tenn.	not exc. 4 3/4%	270,000	Bids rejected
3659	Middleburg Heights, Ohio.	6%	49,135	No bids
3495	Mobile, Ala.	not exc. 6%	70,000	Bids rejected
3289	Monroe, Mich.	not exc. 6%	54,100	No bids
3495	Narrows, Va.	5%	22,500	Bids rejected
3495	Neptune City, N. J.	not exc. 6%	162,000	No bids
3289	Norristown, Pa.	not exc. 4 1/4%	300,000	No bids
3126	Oakland Co., Mich.	not exc. 6%	1,000,000	No bids
3659	Perth Amboy, N. J. (notes)	not exc. 6%	1,000,000	No bids
3290	Platte, S. Dak.	not exc. 6%	24,000	No bids
3126	Port of Grays Harbor, Wash.	not exc. 4 1/2%	350,000	Cancelled
3660	Pueblo, Colo.	4 1/2%	40,000	Bids rejected
3660	St. Joseph, Mich. (notes)	z	40,000	No bids
3496	San Antonio, Tex.	4 1/2%	2,450,000	No bids
3660	San Francisco (City & Co. of), Cal.	4 1/2%	2,700,000	No bids
3290	Searsville, N. Y.	not exc. 4 1/2%	192,000	No bids
3291	Soldier Valley D. D., Iowa	not exc. 5%	4,700	No bids
3291	Stroudsburg, Pa.	4%	70,000	No bids
3496	Sunflower Co., Miss.	z	210,000	Not sold
3497	Sylvania, Ohio.	6%	32,157	No bids
3497	Tarrant Co. Water Control and Impt. Dist. No. 1, Tex.	not exc. 5%	1,250,000	Not sold
3497	Timblin, Pa.	5%	6,000	No bids
3822	Toledo, Ohio.	6%	2,000,062	Partially sold

Page.	Name.	Int. Rate.	Amount.	Report.
3497	Union Co. S. D. No. 1, Ore.	not exc. 5 1/2%	80,000	No bids
3661	Ventnor City, N. J.	not exc. 6%	625,000	No bids
3661	Wadsworth, Ohio	4 1/2%	72,083	No bids
3661	Waterbury, Conn.	5%	1,090,000	Bids rejected

z Rate of interest was to have been named in bid. a Taxpayers suit to enjoin issuance of the bonds compelled cancellation of proposed award. b Issue was reported sold later to the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., Boston, at a price of 98.67 c It is stated that the contractors will accept the bonds, at par, in payment for the work contemplated. d Rate of interest was increased to 4 1/4% and the issue re-offered for award on Dec. 1. e Of the total of \$2,000,000 bonds offered on Nov. 18, a block of \$1,000,000 was bid for as 5s, at par, and awarded to the National Bank of Commerce, of Houston, and associates, who also obtained a 10-day option on the remaining \$1,000,000 bonds at the same terms. The option was not exercised. f The First National Bank of Kansas City bid a price of par for \$1,800,000 4% bonds, but upon advice of the city manager only one-half of that amount was awarded. g Bonds are being re-offered for award on Dec. 21. h The issues are being re-offered for award on Dec. 8—V. 133, p. 3819. i Issue was withdrawn from the market because of unsettled conditions. j The rejected bid was a price of par for the issue as 5s, submitted by a Memphis banking group. k The unaccepted offer was a price of 94.50 submitted by the American National Bank & Trust Co. of Mobile. l Legal technicality resulted in cancellation of proposed sale. m The rejected bid was a price of 99 offered by Bosworth, Chanute, Loughridge & Co., of Denver. n Absence of bids was attributed to institution of court proceedings seeking to restrain issuance of the bonds. o City Treasurer has been authorized to sell the bonds "over the counter." This procedure was followed in the case of the issue of \$500,000 4 1/2% bonds for which no competitive bids were received on Oct. 13—V. 133, p. 3290. p The bonds were re-offered for award on Nov. 30.

The municipal bond sales of \$1,000,000 or over made during November are reported herewith:

\$7,478,000	Boston, Mass., bonds, consisting of \$3,228,000 3 3/4s, due serially from 1932 to 1951, incl.; \$3,000,000 4 3/4s, due Sept. 1 1931 and optional at par on or after Sept. 1 1951; also \$1,250,000 4 1/4s, due Dec. 1 1976. The bonds were awarded at a price of par to the Guaranty Co. of New York, the National City Co., the Bankers Co. of New York, the Shawmut Corp., and the First Detroit Co., Inc. Public re-offering was made at prices to yield from 4.20 to 4.25%, and announcement made that all of the securities had been distributed by the bankers within an hour following the formal acceptance of subscriptions. Included in the award were the \$6,728,000 bonds unsuccessfully offered as 3 3/4s on Sept. 23—V. 133, p. 2130.
5,494,700	Philadelphia, Pa., bonds of the issue of \$15,000,000 being offered by the City Treasurer "over the counter" as 4 3/4s, at par, were subscribed for during the month of November. These sales, together with the \$3,454,600 made during October, bring the aggregate of disposals up to \$8,949,300. The issue of \$15,000,000 was originally offered on Oct. 26 and the two bids accepted were for only \$2,500,300 of the bonds, as 4 3/4s, at par. Announcement was then made that individual subscriptions would be received for the remaining bonds as 4 3/4s, at a price of par. The bonds mature Oct. 26 1931, but are optional at par and accrued interest in 1951.—V. 133, p. 2961.
5,000,000	Missouri (State of) 4% road bonds, due \$1,000,000 annually from 1948 to 1952, incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by the Guaranty Co. of New York, at a price of 95.14, a basis of about 4.38%. Speedy resale of this issue was effected also, the entire issue having been sold within a day following the award. The yield to investors was 4.25%.
4,359,000	Jersey City, N. J., bonds, comprising three issues, due serially from 1932 to 1969 inclusive, sold privately on Nov. 10 as 5s, at a price of par, to a group composed of the National City Co., the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., and N. W. Harris & Co., Inc., all of New York City. These are the bonds unsuccessfully offered as 4 1/4s on Nov. 6—V. 133, p. 3288.
3,000,000	California (State of) 4% veterans' welfare bonds sold at a price of par to the State Department of Finance. Particulars of the issue have not as yet been obtained.
2,860,000	Yonkers, N. Y., bonds, comprising \$2,400,000 5s and \$460,000 4 1/2s, due serially from 1932 to 1951, incl., awarded on Nov. 24 to a syndicate headed by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., of New York at a price of 100.01, the net interest cost of the financing to the city being about 4.94%. The city had previously offered the issues without success, at not to exceed 5% interest, on two occasions during October.—V. 133, p. 3498.
1,828,920	Minneapolis, Minn., bonds, comprising two issues, due serially from 1932 to 1951, incl., awarded as 4 1/2s to a syndicate headed by the Bankers Co. of New York, at a price of 100.67, a basis of about 4.39%.
1,396,000	Bergen Co., N. J., public improvement bonds sold as 5 1/4s, at a price of par, to George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., and B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Inc., both of New York, jointly. The sale followed the failure of the County to receive a bid for the issue at 4 1/4%, when offered on Nov. 30.
1,200,000	Elizabeth, N. J., tax revenue bonds, due from 1932 to 1935, incl., awarded as 5 1/4s, at a price of par, to a group of local banks.
1,000,000	Harris Co., Tex., road bonds, being part of an issue of \$2,000,000 awarded as 5s, at a price of par, to the National Bank of Commerce, of Houston, and associates. The purchasers also obtained a 10-day option on the remaining \$1,000,000 bonds, as 5s, at par. Due from 1932 to 1961 inclusive.—V. 133, p. 3818.
1,000,000	Oregon (State of) 4 1/4% highway bonds, due \$25,000 annually from 1937 to 1957, incl., were awarded to a syndicate headed by the Continental Illinois Co., Inc., of Chicago, at a price of 99.07, a basis of about 4.29%.
1,000,000	Ramsey Co., Minn., road and bridge bonds, awarded as 4 1/4s to the National City Co., of New York, and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, jointly, at a price of 100.31, a basis of about 4.21%. The bonds mature serially from 1932 to 1951, inclusive.

Temporary note issues disposed during the month of November aggregated \$65,975,000. In this figure we include short-term borrowing of \$22,500,000 by the City of New York. The sharp increase that has occurred in money rates recently is reflected in a comparison of the terms obtained at sales of New York City short-term obligations in November with those of September and the months preceding.

Short term financing during October and November was arranged at interest rates of from 4 to 4 1/2%, whereas similar borrowing in September had been effected at 1 3/8% and 1 1/2%. Loans disposed of during the first seven or eight months of the present year carried an average interest rate of about 2%.

The attention of dealers and individual investors in Canadian municipal bonds during November centred entirely in the offering by the Dominion Government of its \$150,000,000 5% National Service Loan bonds. Announcement was made that public subscriptions would be received commencing with Nov. 23 and were to continue to Dec. 12, at the discretion of the Minister of Finance. Subscribers were offered the choice of investing in bonds to mature in

1936 or in 1941; at a price of 99.25 and accrued interest, yielding about 5.17%, for the 5-year maturity, while the 10-year bonds were offered at 99 and interest, to yield about 5.13%. The offering met with spontaneous success, subscriptions received up to Monday, Nov. 30, having been for approximately \$215,000,000 bonds. This total does not include the \$30,000,000 bonds which Canadian banks agreed to take if it proved necessary. Subscription books were closed on Monday night, Nov. 30 or two weeks earlier than was originally intended. Complete information regarding the purpose of the financing and other details relating thereto will be found in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 28, V. 133, p. 3662.

Aside from the Dominion loan, very little Canadian municipal financing was negotiated during November. The total for the month stands at \$215,130,042, of which three local issues accounted for \$130,042. In October two bond sales brought the aggregate of financing for the month to \$27,000. No United States Island Possession financing was completed in November.

Below we furnish a comparison of all various forms of obligations put out in November during the last five years:

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Perm't loans (U. S.)	52,897,653	88,682,310	84,687,874	171,281,282	101,528,336
*Temp. loans (U. S.)	65,975,000	77,362,500	74,155,000	14,454,425	27,888,000
Canadian—					
Placed in U. S.---	None	2,500,000	9,200,000	1,132,500	14,690,000
Placed in Canada a	215,130,042	2,500,000	17,712,778	3,469,122	48,104,294
General fund bonds (New York City)	None	14,000,000	3,500,000	None	11,000,000
Bds. of U. S. poss'ns	None	None	1,945,000	None	2,800,000
Total	334,002,695	185,044,310	191,200,652	190,337,329	206,010,630

* Includes temporary securities in issued by New York City: \$22,500,000 in Nov. 1931; \$60,000,000 in Nov. 1930; \$52,430,000 in Nov. 1929; \$1,735,000 in Nov. 1928; \$9,150,000 in 1927.

a Includes \$215,000,000 Dominion Government internal loan.

The number of municipalities emitting bonds and the number of separate issues made during November 1931 were 158 and 180, respectively. This contrasts with 170 and 215 for October 1931, and with 249 and 318 for November 1930.

For comparative purposes, we add the following table, showing the aggregate of permanent loans for November and the eleven months for a series of years:

Month of November.	For the 11 Months.	Month of November.	For the 11 Months.
1931	\$52,897,653	1911	\$19,738,613
1930	88,682,310	1910	24,456,351
1929	84,687,874	1909	18,906,555
1928	171,281,282	1908	28,427,304
1927	101,528,336	1907	4,408,381
1926	71,074,222	1906	12,611,550
1925	66,926,289	1905	25,888,207
1924	74,765,203	1904	32,597,509
1923	98,521,514	1903	14,846,375
1922	44,379,484	1902	13,728,493
1921	119,688,617	1901	6,989,144
1920	57,602,117	1900	9,956,685
1919	47,564,840	1899	8,790,489
1918	27,783,332	1898	7,721,284
1917	15,890,626	1897	6,868,775
1916	18,813,239	1896	34,913,894
1915	28,815,595	1895	6,524,901
1914	21,691,126	1894	4,549,580
1913	30,798,635	1893	7,300,770
1912	13,021,999		60,114,709

* Includes \$55,000,000 bonds sold by New York City.

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

NEWS ITEMS

Arkansas.—Assumption of Debt of Street Improvement Districts by State Highway Believed Improbable.—The commissioners of street improvement districts in the State have been advised to disregard temporarily the resolution recently approved by the State Highway Commission, (V. 133, p. 3490) pledging the issuance of certificates of indebtedness representing 100% of the cost of continuations of the State highway system in cities and incorporated towns, according to news reports from Little Rock to the "Wall Street Journal" recently. It is pointed out that the resolution pledged the State Highway Department to meet the principal and interest requirements "out of available funds." It is stated that debts against the department will absorb the anticipated revenue from gasoline taxes and automobile licenses and will leave no surplus for debt service charges on such issues.

Cook County, Ill.—Bonds Ruled Unacceptable for Postal Savings Deposits.—On Nov. 30 the County Board was notified by the Federal Treasury that its bonds would henceforth be banned as investments for the postal savings banks due to the technical default which occurred on June 1 by the county on bond payments, owing to delinquent 1929 tax collections—V. 132, p. 4273. This decision by the Treasury has the effect of making the present financial outlook of the county and its subdivisions even more involved than was formerly the case. A special dispatch from Chicago on Nov. 30 to the New York "Times" reported on the matter as follows:

The acute financial crisis confronting the 131 local governments of Cook County was heightened to-day when the Federal Treasury notified the County Board that its bonds were not acceptable as investments for the postal savings banks, because the county on June 1 technically defaulted on \$1,451,000 of bonds and \$417,000 of interest, a total of \$1,868,000.

With nearly \$19,000,000 in bonds and interest due within 60 days, neither Cook County, the City of Chicago, nor any other governmental unit within the county has been able to sell bonds in any financial market. Nor has any of the local governments been able recently to sell tax-anticipation warrants. Already bankers assert, too much money is tied up in those obligations. In addition, the validity of the tax levies of 1928 and 1929 have been challenged in many lawsuits, thus retarding the collection of taxes.

Mayor Cermak, the City Comptroller, and Cook County officials are predicting payless paydays for thousands of public employees, in addition to the public school teachers, who have received only one month's pay in cash since April.

New Effort Is Launched.

Mayor Cermak to-day appointed a committee of seven prominent business men to launch a campaign like a Liberty loan drive" to raise money for city and school salaries by persuading large property owners to buy city and school tax-anticipation warrants for the tax year of 1930, which are now held by the surplus funds of the city.

While Cook County taxing agencies are on the brink of bankruptcy, the Illinois Legislature is meeting in special session for the purpose of relieving the crisis. The legislators are considering bills recommended by Governor Emmerson's emergency revenue commission, calling for a State income tax, a tax on all forms of tobacco and other levies which it is hoped will produce millions of dollars in additional revenue.

Legislation to relieve Cook County real estate of its tremendous tax burden and replacement of the present Board of Assessment and Review in the county by a single assessor with two assistant reviewers is also being considered.

But with no prospect of actual relief from the projected legislation for months to come, the Treasury notice of the unacceptability of county bonds came as a bombshell. M. J. O'Connor, Assistant Deputy County Comptroller, wrote in reply that there was no actual default. He said that the Chicago banks paid on bonds and interest coupons presented and that the county later by the issuance of refunding bonds repaid the banks.

If insurance companies, savings banks and trusts of several States follow the Treasury lead, the interest rate on county bonds will have to be increased to make them marketable, which in turn will increase taxes. Besides the county default of June, the West Park Board on Nov. 1 defaulted on \$200,000 of bonds and \$68,750 interest.

Forthcoming Obligations.

In the next two months the principal local governments have obligated themselves to pay \$18,716,826 in bonds and interest, distributed by settlement dates as follows:

Due.	By—	Amount.
Dec. 1	Sanitary district	\$1,200,000
Dec. 1	Forest preserves	152,000
Dec. 1	County	392,380
Total due Dec. 1		\$1,744,380
Dec. 15 1931	Forest preserves	131,500
Jan. 1 1932	City	11,779,438
Jan. 1 1932	Sanitary district	1,123,965
Jan. 1 1932	Public schools	708,375
Jan. 1 1932	Forest preserves	653,600
Jan. 1 1932	South parks	35,400
Jan. 1 1932	West parks	255,033
Jan. 1 1932	Lincoln parks	94,725
Total due Jan. 1		\$14,954,536
Jan. 15 1932		927,000
Feb. 1 1932	County	1,186,250
Feb. 1 1932	South parks	245,560
Feb. 1 1932	Public schools	92,000
Feb. 1 1932	Forest preserves	65,600
Total due Feb. 1		\$1,589,410

Grand total due in two months \$18,716,826

Nearly all the local governments have the power to issue refunding bonds. That is what the city is attempting to do, but has found no purchasers to date. But the Comptroller and Mayor are still hopeful that the city will avoid a default.

Interest Payment Made on Bonds.—In connection with the above report the New York "Herald Tribune" of Dec. 2 had the following to say:

"Bond interest due yesterday on obligations of Cook County, Ill. Forest Preserve District and the Chicago Sanitary District was paid punctually, according to banking advices, thus setting at rest some of the rumors recently circulated regarding the financial status of the taxing bodies. Interest payments due amounted to \$152,000 and \$392,280, respectively, while funds also were said to be available for retirement of \$1,200,000 Sanitary District bonds due Dec. 1.

"Notification by the Treasury that Cook County bonds are not acceptable as security for postal savings deposits was regarded by bankers here as a matter of course, owing to the technical default last June on \$1,868,000 bond interest and principal. No loss was suffered by any bondholder, as the Chicago banks offered to buy the maturing securities at par and interest.

"Disposition by Cook County or any of its numerous political subdivisions of further bonds depends, it is maintained here, on the program of relief legislation now before the Illinois Assembly. Passage of the legislation will improve the situation to such a degree, it is said, that sale of a \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000 bond issue for refunding purposes is likely to provide few difficulties."

Cypress Creek Drainage District (P. O. Arkansas City), Ark.—Supreme Court to Review Bond Question.—The following report on the question of priority in defaulted bonds is taken from the "United States Daily" of Dec. 2:

"The Supreme Court of the United States consented on Nov. 30 to review a case involving the priorities of bonds issued by the Cypress Creek Drainage District in Arkansas. A petition for review was granted in the case of Franklin-American Trust Co. v. St. Louis Trust Co. et al., No. 455.

"Four sets of bonds were issued by the district, according to the petition over a period of 11 years in the amount of \$1,800,000. The district became insolvent in 1930 and the income being insufficient to pay all the bonds, a conflict arose as to the priorities of the several issues.

"The District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Arkansas held that all the bonds stood upon a parity. But this ruling was reversed on appeal to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, that court holding that the bond issues were entitled to priority in the order of their dates. A review of this ruling has now been granted by the Supreme Court."

New York City.—Board of Aldermen Finally Adopts \$631,366,297 Budget for 1932.—At a special meeting held on Nov. 30 the Board of Aldermen adopted the 1932 budget of \$631,366,297, just as it had been submitted to that body by the Board of Estimate—V. 133, p. 3122—despite the protests voiced over the huge figure by Comptroller Berry and numerous civic organizations. The chief objection of the Comptroller and his aids was to an item of \$49,000,000 to be devoted to additional subway financing. It is stated that the Finance Committee of the Board had called together the heads of the various city departments and elicited the information that their appropriation figures would not admit of any reductions. The present budget represents an increase of \$10,526,114 over the 1931 figure of \$620,840,183. The budget now goes to Mayor Walker for his signature and then it becomes law.

Denver, Colo.—City Adopts New Policy for Paying Coupons.—Due to the fact that the city has suffered a temporary loss of \$25,997.50 of city funds through the failure of Kountze Bros. in New York City, the city officials on Nov. 25 changed their policy relative to the payment of bond interest. This change is explained in the Denver "Post" of Nov. 26 as follows:

Instead of paying bond interest through a fiscal agent in New York City, where the money forwarded by Denver for interest payments is not protected by surety bond, it will be the policy in the future to name as the city's fiscal agent a Denver bank with a New York City correspondent. In this way all the interest money will be protected by a surety bond and the New York bank paying the interest to the Eastern bondholders will merely draw on the Denver bank for the money as it is required.

Water Bond Funds Deposited in Denver.

The new fiscal policy for Denver has been worked out by Manager of Revenue W. F. McGlone and was put into operation Wednesday when \$286,000 of water department money was deposited in a special account in the United States National Bank to meet Dec. 1 interest on the refunding water bonds. Eastern bondholders will draw their interest through the Chase National Bank of New York City, which will draw the interest money, as it is needed, from the United States National Bank here.

The refunding bonds named the Kountze Bros. bank as the fiscal agent of the city, but as that bank is closed, the city has made this new arrangement so there will be no delay in interest payments.

Metropolitan Transit District (P. O. Boston), Mass.

—Notes Given Legal Rating in New York State.—A ruling was recently made by Attorney General John J. Bennett in response to an inquiry made by Joseph A. Broderick, Superintendent of Banks, that the obligations of this district may be looked upon as eligible for investments by savings banks in this State, as they comply with the provisions contained in paragraph (a) of subdivision 5, Section 239, of the State Banking Law. It is further stated in the ruling of the Attorney General that the district qualifies, on the basis of population and assessed valuation, in the super-legal, no debt limit group, but its indebtedness is reported to be much less than the 12% debt limitation. This district in question is an incorporated municipality, the territory of which embraces the city of Boston and a number of other cities and towns. The ruling is said to have been given with specific reference to the \$23,000,000 2½% notes that were purchased and publicly offered by a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of New York.—V. 133, p. 2960.

North Bergen, N. J.—Renewal of Short-Term Note Debt Approved.

—At a hearing held in the Court of Chancery on Dec. 1 the plan to renew more than \$5,000,000 in defaulted short-term notes held by the closed Steneck Trust Co. of Hoboken, was approved by Vice-Chancellor Buchanan, according to dispatches from Trenton to the "Jersey Observer" of Dec. 2. More than \$8,000,000 of the short-term obligations of this municipality are in default and the Municipal Finance Commission, created by the 1931 Legislature, is assisting in financing them.—V. 133, p. 3285. The newspaper report reads as follows:

The renewal of \$5,000,000 in defaulted short-term notes of North Bergen, held by the closed Steneck Trust Co. of Hoboken, was approved by Vice-Chancellor Buchanan yesterday.

A renewal of a total of \$8,000,000 in short-term notes is being negotiated by the State municipal finance commission, which is assisting North Bergen in the reorganization of its finances and the approval of the Court of Chancery was necessary for the amount held by the Steneck Trust Co.

This approval was sought by Frank H. Smith, State Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, who is liquidating the assets of the trust company. His counsel is Judge Thomas Brown of Hudson County. The Vice-Chancellor ruled that the Banking Commissioner has discussion in the matter and can proceed as he believes best, having in mind at all times the best interests of the depositors.

The notes are to be renewed for one year within a 30-day call provision and interest charges will be paid up to Dec. 15 of this year. It is expected that the short-term issues will be converted into long-term bonds when the market improves.

The assignment of \$196,637.95 in funds of the township in the Steneck Trust to pay interest charges was also approved.

Henry Steneck, President of the bank, was represented by Merritt Lane, who told the court that all other interests are transcended by the rehabilitation of North Bergen.

Attending the hearing were Mayor Julius L. Reich and Township Clerk Walter Beisch, representing North Bergen; Judge Thomas H. Brown, representing Banking Commissioner Smith; Counselor William Stuhler, of Hoboken, representing a committee of depositors; Counselor Merritt Lane, representing Henry C. Steneck; Counselor Thomas Brogan, representing the Griffin estate, the largest individual depositor; Assistant Attorney-General Theodore Backes, representing Attorney-General Stevens; James Dimmock, representing the State Finance Commission, and Arnold Frye, representing Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, New York bond specialists.

Rhode Island.—Special Legislative Session Enacts Relief Bill.

—The special session of the Legislature, called for Nov. 24 by Governor Case—V. 133, p. 3490—on that day passed the bill sponsored by the Governor to permit the borrowing of State funds by municipalities up to 1-10th of 1% of their assessed valuation, without regard to their present borrowing capacity as limited by statute, and then adjourned. This measure is designed to relieve unemployment and is effective only up to June 30 1933. A dispatch from Providence to the "United States Daily" of Nov. 27 reports as follows:

"The Legislature met in special session yesterday, heard the recommendations of Governor Norman S. Case, adopted a bill making them effective, which was signed by the Governor, and the session was adjourned.

"The act creates an unpaid commission consisting of the State Bank Commissioner as Chairman, the Chairman of the Board of Tax Commissioners and the General Treasurer of the State to supervise unemployment relief.

"It gives to cities and towns, without prejudice as to their present borrowing capacity as limited by statute, the additional power to borrow until June 30 1933, up to 1-10th of 1% of their assessed valuation and appropriate \$1,500,000 therefor. Such loans are to bear interest at a rate of 3%.

"The act makes each local director of public aid the disbursing officer, subject to approval of the city council and the State Commission for his program of relief. A limitation of \$15 a week is fixed in the payment for work by a citizen who has resided two years in the State and six months in the city. If no work is available, it is permitted to furnish money or orders for shelter, food, fuel, clothing or other necessities at the rate of \$1 a day for the applicant and 50 cents a day for each dependent, but in no case to exceed \$15 a week per family."

St. Petersburg, Fla.—Protective Committee Announces Second Payment of Coupons.

—It was announced on Nov. 23 by the Bondholders' Protective Committee that they

have received sufficient funds from collections by the city to permit a second payment to each depositor (see V. 133, p. 831), in this instance on account of interest due on deposited securities within the six months' period from Feb. 1 to July 31 1931. The text of this latest statement reads as follows:

To holders of Certificates of Deposit issued under a Deposit Agreement dated March 25 1931, as amended, and

To holders of bonds of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida:

The City of St. Petersburg, Florida, Bondholders' Committee is pleased to announce that funds now in hand resulting from collections from the City are sufficient to permit a payment to each depositor on account of interest due on deposited securities within the six-months period Feb. 1 1931 to July 31 1931, inclusive. The exact amount to be distributed on account of such interest will be announced later.

This payment will be made only to depositors of record with the Committee as of Dec. 15 1931. All holders who have not deposited their bonds are urged to do so without delay if they wish to participate in this distribution. The Committee is acting solely on behalf of the holders of deposited bonds and can assume no responsibility for non-depositors. The Committee now represents the holders of \$17,002,800 par value St. Petersburg bonds and reserves the right to discontinue accepting further deposits at any time without notice.

Bonds for deposit should be delivered or sent by registered mail to the Depository for the Committee, with all unpaid coupons attached, for which appropriate certificates of deposit will be issued. Copies of the Deposit Agreement or other information may be obtained by addressing the Secretary of the Committee.

R. Gordon Campbell,
John S. Harris,
Henry Hart,
Kenneth M. Keefe, Committee.

South San Joaquin Irrigation District (P. O. Manteca), Calif.—Bondholders Urged to Deposit Bonds.

—The following is the text of a notice issued on Nov. 24 by the bondholders' committee to the holders of the bonds of this district, notifying them of a proposed refunding plan and urging them to deposit their bonds before Dec. 20:

To the Holders of Bonds of South San Joaquin Irrigation District:

Conditions prevailing in the South San Joaquin Irrigation District have made it necessary for the district to authorize an issue of refunding bonds. The refunding plan under which bonds will be issued has been approved by the California Districts Securities Commission and by the undersigned Bondholders' Protective Committee which recommends its adoption. Bondholders are invited to deposit their bonds before Dec. 20 1931 with Bank of America N. T. & S. A., 550 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Calif., as depository. Copies of the deposit agreement pursuant to which the refunding will be effected may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the committee. Certificates of deposit will be issued under the agreement for bonds deposited. The district has agreed to pay all of the expenses of the refunding, no part of which will be charged to the depositing bondholders.

Copies of the refunding plan have been mailed to all bondholders whose addresses are on file with the committee. All bondholders who have not received the plan are urged to notify the Secretary of the committee immediately, in order that a copy of the refunding plan may be forwarded to them.

Committee.—Frank Weeden, Chairman, R. M. Fitzgerald, Livingston B. Keplinger, J. Roy Kruse, J. S. Macdonnell, Charles E. MacLean, E. L. Wilhoit, W. L. Temple, Secretary, 485 California St., San Francisco, Calif. Orrock, Palmer & Dahlquist, counsel, Financial Center Bldg., San Francisco, Calif.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ABERDEEN, Grays Harbor County, Wis.—BOND ELECTION.

—It is reported that an election will be held on Dec. 5 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$175,000 in refunding bonds. (This proposal was rejected at an election on Nov. 17—V. 133, p. 3655.)

ADA COUNTY (P. O. Boise), Ida.—MATURITY.

—The \$50,000 issue of tax-anticipation notes that was jointly purchased by the First National Bank of Idaho and the First Security Bank, both of Boise, as 4s at par—V. 133, p. 2628—is due on Jan. 15 1932.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.

—The issue of \$135,000 6% coupon or registered poor relief bonds offered on Nov. 30—V. 133, p. 3285—was not sold, as no bids were received. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1931 and mature \$27,000 annually on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl.

AMARILLO, Potter County, Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.

—The two issues of 4½% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$864,000, offered for sale on Dec. 1—V. 133, p. 3556—were not awarded as all the bids received were rejected. The issues are:

\$461,000 funding bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1932 to 1971, inclusive.
403,000 refunding bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1932 to 1971, inclusive.

AMHERST UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Williamsville), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.

—W. I. Burgess, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 15 for the purchase of \$140,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1934 to 1939 incl.; \$8,000 from 1940 to 1944 incl., and \$10,000 from 1945 to 1951 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and interest (M. & N.) are payable at the Bank of Williamsville, or at the Irving Trust Co., New York. A certified check for \$2,800, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

ANOKA COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Hugo), Minn.—BOND SALE.

—The \$6,000 issue of 5½% coupon semi-ann. refunding bonds offered for sale on Nov. 27—V. 133, p. 3285—was purchased by the First State Bank of Hugo. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due on Dec. 1 1945. There were no other bidders.

ARDSLEY, Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.

—At an election held on Nov. 23 the voters approved of the issuance of \$125,000 sewer bonds. Of the ballots, 135 were in the affirmative and 107 in the negative.

ARKANSAS COUNTY (P. O. De Witt), Ark.—BOND SALE.

—A \$55,000 issue of court house bonds has been purchased by N. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock.

ARKANSAS, State of (P. O. Little Rock)—BOND SALE POSTPONED.

—Special news dispatches from Little Rock on Dec. 2 report that the sale of the five issues of 5% coupon bonds and notes aggregating \$2,864,500, that was scheduled for Dec. 16—V. 133, p. 3491—was postponed by the State Debt Board. It was also stated that next year's offerings will be limited to a single issue.

ASBURY PARK, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.

—A. Grace King, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 8 for the purchase of \$650,000 4½% coupon or registered municipal building bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 15 as follows: \$15,000 from 1932 to 1933 incl.; and \$20,000 from 1934 to 1939 incl. Should the rate of 4½% not be adequate to permit award of the bonds, then a higher interest rate named by the bidder will be considered. The rate, in that case, is to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (June and Dec.) are payable at the City Bank Farmers Trust Co., New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$650,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BONDS OFFERED.

—Sealed bids were received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 4 by B. Graham West, City Comptroller, for the purchase of a \$59,000 issue of 4½% water bonds. Denom.

Savings Bank, Chicago; the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. of New York; the Union Trust Co. and the Fletcher Trust Co., both of Indianapolis, also the Old First National Bank of Fort Wayne, at par plus a premium of \$637, equal to a price of 100.063, a basis of about 4.24%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1931 and mature \$40,000 annually on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1957 incl. Public offering of the securities is being made at prices to yield from 4.00 to 4.10%.

Only one other bid was received at the sale. A syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. of Chicago, bid par plus a premium of \$3,600 for only \$600,000 bonds of the issue.

Financial Statement.

(As officially reported by the City Comptroller on Oct. 19 1931.)

Assessed valuation for taxation, 1930	\$230,573,110
Total debt (this issue included)	2,663,000
Less water debt	\$1,597,000
Net debt	1,066,000
Population, 1930 census, 114,946; 1920 census, 86,549.	

GALESVILLE, Trempealeau County, Wis.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$7,000 issue of water main bonds that was purchased by local banks—V. 133, p. 3657—was sold as 4½s, at par, and mature \$1,000 from Dec. 1 1932 to 1933 incl.

GLADSTONE, Delta County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—The City Council has adopted an ordinance providing for a special election on Jan. 8 to permit the voters to pass upon a proposal calling for the issuance of \$14,000 sewer construction bonds. Issue would bear interest 5%, be dated Feb. 15 1932, and mature \$1,000 annually from 1933 to 1946 inclusive.

GLEN COVE, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The four issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$594,000 scheduled for award on Dec. 9 as stated in—V. 133, p. 3658—are further described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct., and June and Dec.) are payable at the First National Bank, Glen Cove, or at the New York Trust Co., New York, at the option of the holder. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1% and must not exceed 6%. Single rate of interest to apply to all of the bonds. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the offering bid for, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the City. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Continental Bank & Trust Co., of New York, which will certify to the genuineness of signatures and seal thereon. John J. McManus is City Clerk.

Financial Statement.
Indebtedness.

Gross Debt—		
Bonds (outstanding)	\$1,860,000.00	
Floating debt (including temporary bonds outstanding)	101,656.50	\$1,961,656.50
Deductions—		
Water debt	None	
Sinking funds other than for water bonds	None	
Notes in anticipation of collection of taxes	\$24,269.00	24,269.00
Net Debt		\$1,937,387.50

Bonds to be issued:		
Street improvement bonds	\$150,000.00	
Fire equipment bonds	19,000.00	
Glen Cove Creek Impt. bonds	100,000.00	
School bonds, series A	325,000.00	
Floating debt to be funded by such bonds	\$594,000.00	\$777,387.50
		516,612.50
Net Debt, including bonds to be issued		\$2,454,000.00

Assessed Valuations.

Real property, including improvements, 1931	\$28,380,282.00
Personal property, 1931	369,650.00
Special franchises, 1931	337,922.00
Total	\$29,087,854.00
Population.—Census of 1930, 11,430; estimated, 1931, 12,000.	
Tax Rate.—Fiscal year, 1931, local rate, \$26.10 per thousand.	

GENESSEE COUNTY (P. O. Flint), Mich.—FINANCIAL CONDITION OF COUNTY LAUDED.—The "Michigan Investor" of Detroit on Nov. 28 contained the following remarks pertaining to the financial condition of the county, made by Comptroller Joseph Galliver at a recent meeting of the Board of County Supervisors:

"Genessee's financial standing is the best of any Michigan counties. Whereas many counties are issuing emergency bonds, or even defaulting their obligations. Genessee has not only met all its obligations promptly but has purchased back \$116,000 in bonds which would not have matured until spring, and is to retire \$25,000 in road bonds and pay \$74,875 in interest from money now in the bank.

"At present the county has \$746,385 in certificates of deposit; and this, together with cash on hand, savings accounts and other deposits, brings the total of money belonging to the county in banks to a sum well over \$1,000,000."

GENEVA, Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—J. F. Goodman, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 17 for the purchase of \$33,000 4¼% coupon or registered local improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 April 1 from 1932 to 1964, inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and October) payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. A certified check for \$660, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder. Sale of the bonds will be subject to the approval of the common council. Bids to be on prescribed forms.

GONVICK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 21 (P. O. Gonvick), Clearwater County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of refunding bonds is reported to have been purchased by the Northern State Bank of Gonvick, as 5½s, at par.

GREAT FALLS, Cascade County, Mont.—BONDS CALLED.—It is announced by W. P. Wren, City Treasurer, that the following bonds and coupons are called for payment on Jan. 1 1932, on which date interest shall cease:

- Water refunding bond issue of July 1 1913.
- Nos. 1 to 150 of the water filtration bonds issue of July 1 1916.
- Sanitary and storm bond issue of Jan. 1 1919.
- Third St. sewer bond issue of July 1 1930.
- All payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City.
- Water main bond issue of Jan. 1 1920.
- Water construction bond issue of July 1 1930.
- Warrant fund issue of July 1 1931.
- All payable at the National City Bank in New York City.
- Funding bond issue of Jan. 1 1923. Payable at the Irving Trust Co., New York.
- Valeria Way sewer bond issue of July 1 1927. Payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

GREENBURGH (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to William C. Duell, Town Supervisor, will be received until Dec. 10 for the purchase of \$114,000 not to exceed 6% interest bonds and certificates of indebtedness, divided as follows:

- \$100,000 lateral sewer bonds. Bids for this issue will be opened at 3:45 p. m. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1932 to 1964 incl., and \$1,000 in 1965. Interest is payable to the order of the Supervisor, is required. Legal opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished.
- 14,000 Knollwood Water District certificates of indebtedness. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1946 incl. Interest is payable in Jan. and July. A certified check for \$300, payable to the order of the Town, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, will be furnished.

Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1-10th or ¼ of %. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable at the Washington Irving Trust Co., Tarrytown.

GREENVILLE, DURHAM, COXSACKIE, NEW BALTIMORE, CAIRO, COEYMANS, WESTERLOO, RENNELAERVILLE AND NEW SCOTLAND (TOWNS OF) CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Greenville), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Ford Rundell, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids at the office of the Board in Greenville until 2 p. m. on Dec. 11 for the purchase of \$270,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1932; \$7,000 from 1933 to 1951 incl. and \$9,000 from 1952 to 1966 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest (M. & N.) are payable at the National Bank of Cocksackie. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the order of George Vanderbilt, Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement.

Actual valuation of real property (estimated)	\$1,826,872
Assessed valuation, 1930-1931	1,442,052
Debt—	
Bonded debt of the Central School District (this issue)	270,000
Bonded debt outstanding of districts included in the Central School District	Nil
Population, 1931 estimated, 2,000.	

HAMTRAMCK, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Attention is called to the official advertisement on page 3823 of this section dealing with the proposed award on Dec. 15 of \$225,000 4¼% grade separation bonds. Sealed bids will be received up to 4 p. m. on that date by Michael J. Grajewski Jr., City Clerk. Bonds will mature annually on Dec. 15 as follows: \$5,000 from 1932 to 1936 incl.; \$6,000, 1937 to 1941 incl.; \$7,000, 1942 to 1946 incl.; \$8,000, 1947 to 1951 incl.; \$9,000 from 1952 to 1956 incl. and \$10,000 from 1957 to 1961 incl. Interest is to be payable semi-annually. A certified check for 1% of the amount of the bid, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Cost of the printing of the bonds and the legal opinion is to be borne by the successful bidder.

HARRIS COUNTY (P. O. Houston), Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed that the National Bank of Commerce of Houston group, that purchased the \$1,000,000 block of the \$2,000,000 coupon road bonds, as 5s, at par, on Nov. 18—V. 133, p. 3493—did not exercise its option to purchase the remaining \$1,000,000 of bonds.

HARRISON, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$67,000 offered on Nov. 27—V. 133, p. 3493—were awarded as 5s and 5½s to George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, at a price of 100.51, a basis of about 5.25%. The award consisted of:

- \$35,000 memorial building bonds, sold as 5s. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1933, and \$2,000 from 1934 to 1950 incl.
- 32,000 water works system bonds, sold as 5½s. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1964 incl.

Each issue is dated Oct. 1 1931.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Corydon), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,500 4% highway construction bonds offered on Nov. 10—V. 133, p. 3124—were awarded to Andrew Weruert of Corydon, at par plus a premium of \$25, equal to a price of 100.55, a basis of about 3.88%. Dated Nov. 10 1931. Due as follows: \$200 July 15 1933; \$200 Jan. and July 15 from 1934 to 1944 incl.; \$200 Jan. 15 and \$100 July 15 1945.

HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Logan), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,200 issue of coupon bridge bonds offered for sale on Dec. 1—V. 133, p. 3287—was purchased by the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport as 5s, paying a premium of \$92, equal to 100.505. Dated Dec. 1 1931.

The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Bidder—	Premium.
Geo. M. Bechtel & Co.	\$91.00
Wachob-Bender Co.	47.00
Glaspell, Vieth & Duncan	55.00

HARTFORD, Van Buren County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION HELD ILLEGAL.—A circuit court opinion was handed down recently upholding the contention of a group of taxpayers that the election held on March 9, at which an issue of \$48,000 electric light system bonds was approved, was illegal, according to the Nov. 28 issue of the "Michigan Investor" of Detroit. Previous mention of the controversy was made in V. 132, p. 4450.

HAWAII COUNTY (P. O. Hilo), Hawaii.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$400,000 issue of 5% coupon public imp. bonds offered on Dec. 2—V. 133, p. 3124—was not sold as there were no bids received either in New York or in Hawaii, according to report. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Due \$20,000 from Nov. 15 1936 to 1955 inclusive.

HENRYETTA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Henryetta) Okmulgee County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—A \$98,197 issue of school funding bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by the Board of Education. (These bonds have been approved by the Attorney-General.—V. 133, p. 3659.)

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Durant City), Elk County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Smiley Caldwell, Treasurer of the Board of School Directors, will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Dec. 21 for the purchase of \$5,000 5% coupon school bonds. Dated April 1 1931. Due \$1,000 on April 1 from 1947 to 1951 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and Oct. These bonds are part of an issue of \$20,000. A certified check for \$100 must accompany each proposal.

HOBOKEN, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William H. Gilfert, Director of Revenue and Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 10 for the purchase of \$1,975,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

- \$1,500,000 tax revenue bonds of 1931. Due Dec. 2 as follows: \$200,000 in 1932; \$300,000, 1933; \$450,000 in 1934, and \$550,000 in 1935.
- 375,000 tax revenue bonds of 1930. Due Dec. 2 as follows: \$150,000 in 1932 and 1933, and \$75,000 in 1934.
- 100,000 tax revenue bonds of 1929. Due \$50,000 on Dec. 2 in 1932 and 1933.

Each issue is dated Dec. 2 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Separate bids must be made for each issue, which must indicate an individual interest rate for each loan. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1-100th of 1%. Principal and semi-ann. int. (J. & D. 2) are payable at the office of the city Treasurer. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Trust Company of New Jersey, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officers and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

HOLLIDAYS COVE, Hancock County, W. Va.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$30,000 issue of water and sewer bonds that was purchased by the State Sinking Fund—V. 133, p. 3658—was awarded as 5s, and matures \$1,000 annually from April 1 1932 to 1961 incl.

HONOLULU (City and County) Hawaii.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. on Dec. 17 by D. L. Conkling, Treasurer of the city and county for the purchase of a \$350,000 issue of 5% coupon public imp. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Due \$25,000 from Dec. 15 1936 to 1949 incl. Bids will also be received at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. in N. Y. City, at 2 p. m. on said day. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the Treasurer of the city and county, or at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York. The bonds will be certified as to genuineness by the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., and their legality will be passed upon by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. No bids will be accepted for less than par value of the bonds bid for. Unless otherwise stated in the bid, each bid will be understood as an offer for all or any part of the total amount of bonds for which application is made. Bonds will be delivered as may be agreed upon mutually by the purchaser and the Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds for which application is made, payable to the above Treasurer, is required.

HURON, Beadle County, S. Dak.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held on Nov. 24 the voters rejected a proposal to issue \$200,000 in municipal auditorium bonds by a count of 1,117 "for" to 1,696 "against."

INDUSTRY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Vanport), Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—T. P. Normile, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 1.30 p. m. on Dec. 7 for the purchase of \$13,000 5% township bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Interest is payable semi-annually. A certified check for \$260 must accompany each proposal.

JEFFERSON, Marion County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Nov. 27 a \$91,000 issue of 6% refunding, series of 1931 bonds was registered by the State Comptroller. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

KANSAS CITY, Jackson County, Mo.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$900,000 issue of 4% semi-ann. bonds that was awarded at par to the First National Bank of Kansas City—V. 133, p. 3493—is divided as follows: \$300,000, water works, 5th issue; \$50,000, safety zone; \$100,000, public hospital, 5th issue; \$150,000, public auditorium; \$50,000, Brush Creek imp.; \$50,000, sewer, 3d issue; \$100,000, traffic way imp., and \$100,000, park and boulevard imp., 4th issue bonds.

KAUAI COUNTY (P. O. Lihue), Hawaii.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. on Dec. 30 by K. C. Ahana, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$72,000 issue of 5% coupon public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Due on Dec. 15 as follows: \$10,000, 1936 to 1940, and \$11,000 in 1941 and 1942. Bids will also be received at the Bankers Trust Co. in New York City, up to 2 p. m. on said day. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Bankers Trust Co. in New York. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York will be furnished. The Bankers Trust Co. will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officers and the seal impressed thereon. Bids below par cannot be accepted. Unless otherwise stated, each bid will be understood as an offer for all or any part of the total amount of bonds for which application is made. Bonds will be delivered as mutually agreed upon by the purchaser and the Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

KEARNY (P. O. Arlington), Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—William B. Ross, Town Clerk, reports that although no bids were received at the specified time on Dec. 2 when the \$1,500,000 coupon or registered water supply bonds were offered at not to exceed 6% interest—V. 133, p. 3493—a sale was privately arranged later as 5 1/2%, at a price of par, to a group including B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York; Adams & Mueller, of Newark, also Charles P. Dunning, of Newark. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1931 and will mature Dec. 1 as follows: \$30,000 from 1933 to 1942, inclusive; \$40,000 from 1943 to 1954, inclusive, and \$45,000 from 1955 to 1970, inclusive.

Financial Statement (Oct. 1 1931), As Officially Reported.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Bonded indebtedness (Payable from general taxation: Assessment bonds \$813,000.00, General improvement bonds 2,392,000.00, School bonds 2,401,500.00, Water bonds 3,823,000.00), Floating debt (Assessment 400,000.00, General 572,692.94, School 71,200.00, Water 3,515,000.00, Tax anticipation 400,000.00), Gross debt \$14,888,392.94, Funds in hand to offset debt (Sinking funds: School debt \$325,443.32, General debt 321,391.35, Assessment debt 357,813.14, Water debt 27,199.85), Cash on hand (General debt 337,654.78, Assessment debt 33,955.30), Net debt \$13,484,935.20.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Net debt, less water debt \$6,174,135.05; Net debt, less water, assessment & tax anticipation debt 4,952,902.55; Population 1920 census 26,724; 1930 census, 40,720; Taxable assessed valuations (utilities included): 1929 land buildings and personal property 82,984,737; 1930 land buildings and personal property 90,894,423; 1931 land buildings and personal property 91,263,604; Town incorporated, Jan. 17 1899; Tax rate, 1931—\$34.21 per \$1,000 valuation.

No litigation is threatened or pending regarding bonds to be issued. Such bonds are payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property in the town. There has never been any default in the payment of any obligation.

Tax Collections.

Municipalities in New Jersey are held responsible for the collections of all State, county, school and local taxes. That the taxpayers in the town have the resources and meet their tax obligations promptly is shown by the figures following:

Table with 4 columns: Tax Year, Amount Levied, Amt. Unpaid Oct. 1 1931, Percentage Unpaid. Rows for 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931.

KELSO, Cowlitz County, Wash.—INTEREST RATE.—The \$23,000 issue of airport bonds that was purchased at par by the State of Washington (V. 133, p. 2794) bears interest at 4 1/2%.

KING COUNTY (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Jan. 5 by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners for the purchase of a \$500,000 issue of bridge bonds.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Vincennes), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,200 4 1/2% coupon Washington and Vigo Twps. road improvement bonds offered on Nov. 30—V. 133, p. 3493—were awarded at par and accrued interest to the City Securities Corp., of Indianapolis, the only bidder. Dated Oct. 6 1931. Due one bond of \$160 each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—MATURITY.—The \$62,000 4 1/2% gravel road construction bonds awarded on Nov. 25 at a price of par and accrued int. to the Commercial Bank of Crown Point—V. 133, p. 3658—are dated Sept. 15 1931 and mature semi-annually as follows: \$3,100 July 15 1932; \$3,100 Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1941 incl., and \$3,100 Jan. 15 1942.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—NOTE DESCRIPTION.—Sealed bids for the issue of \$800,000 poor relief notes mentioned in V. 133, p. 3493, will be received until 1 p. m. on Dec. 15 by William E. Whitaker, County Auditor. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6%. Notes are dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$10,000. Due \$400,000 on May and Nov. 15 1933. Prin. and int. are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 3%, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford of Indianapolis will be furnished the successful bidder. These notes are being issued in anticipation of taxes to be levied in September 1932, payable in 1933. Taxes payable in equal instalments on May and Nov. 2.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Assessed valuation 1930 \$459,331,530; Assessed valuation 1931 476,616,940; Debt limit 2% of assessed valuation 9,532,338; Total bonded debt (including this issue) 4,613,375; General fund collections, 1930 1,061,177; Population, 1910, 82,864; 1920, 159,957; 1930, 261,325.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1928, 1929, 1930, 1931) and Tax Report. Rows include Taxes levied, Collected, Delinquent.

LEES SUMMIT, Jackson County, Mo.—BOND ELECTION POSTPONED.—It is reported that the election which was originally scheduled for Nov. 10 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$56,000 in electric plant and water works bonds—V. 133, p. 2959—has been postponed until some time in January.

LELAND, Washington County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$15,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-ann. water and light plant bonds is reported to have been purchased by Saunders & Thomas of Memphis. Dated Aug. 1 1931. Legal approval by Benj. H. Charles of St. Louis.

LExINGTON, Middlesex County, Mass.—BID REJECTED.—The single bid received at an offering on Dec. 2 of \$10,000 4% sewer construction notes dated Dec. 1 1931 and payable from 1932 to 1936 incl. was rejected because of a legal provision that two or more bids must be submitted, according to report.

LIMA, Allen County, Ohio.—BOND AND NOTE ISSUES RE-OFFERED.—The following issues of bonds and notes aggregating \$206,300 for which no bids were received on Nov. 20—V. 133, p. 3658—are being re-offered for award at 2 p. m. on Dec. 8. Sealed bids should be addressed to C. H. Churchill, City Auditor: \$150,000 6% sewage disposal notes. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Due Nov. 15 1933.

17,000 5% sewer bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$1,000 Jan. 1 and July 1 from 1932 to 1939 incl., and \$1,000 Jan. 1 1940. 13,000 5% sewer bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1929. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on March 15 and Sept. 15 from 1932 to 1944 incl. 10,000 5% water main bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1925. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1941 incl. 9,000 5% special assessment refunding paving bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1940 incl. 7,300 6% refunding paving bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. One bond for \$1,300, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,300 in 1933 and \$1,000 from 1934 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. is payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. The opinion of Peck, Shaffer & Williams of Cincinnati, as to the validity of the \$150,000 bond issue and the \$7,300 notes will be furnished at the expense of the successful bidder. Legal opinion for the remaining issues will be supplied by the city. A certified check for 2% of the issues bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, is required.

LINCOLN, Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND REPORT CORRECTED.—We are informed by the City Treasurer that a \$500,000 issue of not to exceed 4% semi-ann. water extension bonds was not offered for sale on Dec. 1, as tentatively reported in V. 133, p. 3494.

LOCKPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Will County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—M. W. Taylor, Secretary of the Board of Education, reports that an issue of \$42,000 5% school building bonds has been sold to Glaspell, Veith & Duncan, of Davenport. Due in from 1 to 20 years.

LODGE POLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lodge Pole) Cheyenne County, Neb.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the election held on Nov. 19—V. 133, p. 3288—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$65,000 in school building bonds by a small margin.

LODI SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—T. Francis Butler, District Clerk, informs us that an issue of \$378,800 6% coupon school building construction bonds was awarded on Nov. 30 to A. C. Allyn & Co., of New York, at a price of par. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due in 40 years. Interest is payable in April and Oct.

LODI, Medina County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 5% coupon fire apparatus purchase bonds offered on Nov. 30—V. 133, p. 3494—were awarded at a price of par to the Lodi State Bank, the only bidder. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due \$500 annually on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1940 incl.

LONG BRANCH, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Harold M. West, City Clerk, will be received until Dec. 15 for the purchase of \$300,000 not to exceed 6% interest tax revenue bonds, dated Dec. 2 1931 and due \$100,000 annually from 1932 to 1934 incl.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Adelaide E. Schmitt, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will be received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 21 for the purchase of \$300,000 6% emergency poor relief bonds. Due \$75,000 annually from 1933 to 1936 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (J. & D. 30) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 1% of the amount of the bonds must accompany each proposal. Conditional bids will not be considered. A complete certified transcript of all proceedings, evidencing the regularity and validity of the issuance of said bonds, will be furnished the successful bidder in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 2293-30 of The General Code of Ohio. A complete transcript of all proceedings relative to the issuance of said bonds, up to the date of the sale thereof is now on file in the office of the County Commissioners for inspection by all persons interested.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 6% imp. bonds aggregating \$294,220 offered on Nov. 30—V. 133, p. 3125—were awarded to N. S. Hill & Co. of Cincinnati at par plus a premium of \$4,615.80, equal to a price of 101.56, a basis of about 5.70%: \$189,130 road bonds. Due Nov. 16 as follows: \$19,130 in 1933; \$19,000 from 1934 to 1941 incl., and \$18,000 in 1942. 105,090 road bonds. Due Nov. 16 as follows: \$11,090 in 1933; \$11,060 from 1934 to 1937 incl., and \$10,000 from 1938 to 1942 incl.

The following is an official list of the bids received at the sale, all of which were for the bonds at 6% interest:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, \$105,090 Premium, \$189,130 Premium. Rows include Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati; Magnus & Co., Cincinnati; Heimerdinger, Cincinnati; Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., Toledo; Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo; *N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati.

*Awarded both issues.

MAcLENNAN COUNTY (P. O. Waco) Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$110,000 road bonds is reported to have been purchased recently at par by the First National Bank of Waco.

MADISON, Dane County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—The following issues of 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$230,000, will be offered for sale at public auction by J. W. Fahning, City Clerk, at 2 p. m. on Dec. 9: \$80,000 high school bonds. Due \$4,000 from Dec. 1 1932 to 1951 incl. 50,000 grade crossing elimination bonds. Due \$5,000 from Dec. 1 1932 to 1941. 100,000 street imp. bonds. Due \$10,000 from Dec. 1 1932 to 1941 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. No bid will be considered for less than 95% of par and accrued int. to date of delivery. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will be furnished. The sale is subject to the approval of Common Council and to no petition for referendum on said issues being filed within 30 days from date of recording of the bond proceedings in the bond register in the office of the City Clerk. A certified check for \$500 must accompany the bid.

MAINE (State of), P. O. Augusta.—BOND OFFERING.—W. S. Owen, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on Dec. 10 for the purchase of \$700,000 4% coupon bonds, divided as follows: \$500,000 highway and bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$25,000 annually on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1951 incl. 200,000 Wadsworth bridge bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$10,000 from 1941 to 1945 incl.; \$14,000 from 1946 to 1950 incl., and \$8,000 from 1951 to 1960 incl. Bonds of this issue are redeemable wholly or in part at par and int. on any int. date on and after 10 years from date of issue.

Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1931. Int. is payable semi-annually in June and December. The opinion of the Attorney-General of the State as to the legality of the issues will be furnished the successful bidder. According to the official offering notice, the bonds are an unqualified, direct obligation of the State, and the credit and good faith thereof is pledged for the payment of both prin. and int. The valuation of the State is \$756,860,383 and the bonded debt on Dec. 1 (exclusive of these issues) was \$27,168,300.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Shoals), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,150 4% coupon road improvement bonds offered on Nov. 30—V. 133, p. 3658—were awarded at a price of par to the Union Bank of Logansport, Ind. Dated Nov. 30 1931. Due \$384.38 on May & Nov. 15 from 1933 to 1940 incl. The Marion County Bank also bid a price of par for the issue.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—PROPOSED NOTE AWARD CANCELLED.—Harry Dunn, County Auditor, reports that the order to receive bids on Nov. 30 for the purchase of \$245,000 not to exceed 6% int. poor relief notes—V. 133, p. 3289—was rescinded, owing to an error in the transcript of proceedings.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—BOND REPORT.—It is reported that the \$270,000 issue of coupon or registered street impt. assessment bonds that were offered for sale without success on Nov. 10—V. 133, p. 3289—will probably be offered at private sale up until Dec. 31 1931. Int. rate is not to exceed 4½% at par. Should no bids be received they will probably be offered at public sale on Jan. 5 1932.

MEMPHIS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Memphis), Shelby County, Tenn.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—We are informed by D. C. Miller, City Clerk, that the \$400,000 issue of 6% school notes that was purchased recently at par by the Union Planters National Bank & Trust Co. of Memphis—V. 133, p. 3494—is an obligation of the Board of Education of the Memphis City Schools and not of the city. Due on March 1 1932. There were no other bidders.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Trenton), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 18 for the purchase of \$1,000,000 road, bridge and county building bonds, to mature annually as follows: \$35,000 from 1933 to 1940 incl.; \$40,000 from 1941 to 1948 incl., and \$50,000 from 1949 to 1956 incl.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Celina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis H. Sacher, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 18 for the purchase of \$9,660 road impt. bonds. Rate of int. to be named in bid. Int. is payable semi-annually in March and September.

MER ROUGE, Morehouse Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. public improvement bonds that was offered for sale without success on Oct. 13—V. 133, p. 2795—is reported to have since been sold at par to an undisclosed purchaser. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due \$600 from Oct. 1 1932 to 1951 incl.

MIAMI, Gila County, Ariz.—BOND SALE.—The \$41,000 issue of funding bonds that was offered for sale without success on July 30—V. 133, p. 1648—is now reported to have been purchased by the Old Dominion Bank of Miami, as is at par. Due from July 1 1937 to 1956 incl.

MIAMI COUNTY (P. O. Peru), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4% coupon bonds aggregating \$4,390 offered on Dec. 2—V. 133, p. 3494—were awarded at a price of par to a local investor, the only bidder: \$2,330 Perry Twp. road impt. bonds. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. 2,060 Butler Twp. road impt. bonds. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943. Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1931.

MICHIGAN (State of).—STATE MAY ASSUME \$50,000,000 LOCAL ROAD DEBT.—Howard C. Lawrence, State Treasurer, has advanced the proposal that the State assume the local road and drain bonds outstanding in amount of more than \$50,000,000, according to a report in the Grand Rapids "Press" of Nov. 19, which continued as follows: "In the various counties there are \$33,425,900 of road bonds. Lawrence suggested that the State take over road bonds that could be absorbed in the State trunkline highways system. This would amount to purchase of the roads by the State, as it would assume the bonded indebtedness. The bonds now must be retired by the tax-payers of the district and county in which the roads were constructed."

"In addition to the road bonds, there are outstanding \$18,941,296 of drain bonds, according to a report completed by Lawrence in compliance with a law passed by the last legislature. "A number of counties have neither road nor road bonds outstanding. Wayne has \$9,536,056 road and \$5,186,800 drain; Bay, \$14,000 road and \$57,000 drain; Calhoun, \$322,700 road; Berrien, \$4,750,960 road; Genesee, \$452,750 road and \$95,870 drain; Hillsdale, \$357,500 road; Ionia, \$447,500 road and \$55,900 drain; Oakland, \$7,364,500 road and \$5,096,660 drain; Kent, \$237,720 road; Lenawee, \$349,000 road; Macomb, \$2,950,149 road and \$4,517,900 drain; Monroe, \$82,370 road and \$85,120 drain; Muskegon, \$330,200 road and \$64,000 drain; Saginaw, \$1,106,174 road; Shiawassee, \$103,295 road, and \$60,000 drain; Washtenaw, \$123,000 road and \$2,040,550 drain."

MILAN, Ripley County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees until 4 p. m. on Dec. 19 for the purchase of \$7,000 5% water works plant construction bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$500 Jan. 1 and \$1,000 July 1 from 1946 to 1949 incl., and \$500 Jan. and July 1 1950. Interest is payable semi-ann. in Jan. and July.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Milwaukee), Wis.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 11 a. m. on Dec. 4 by Patrick McManus, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$420,000 issue of 4% coupon metropolitan sewerage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due \$42,000 from Oct. 1 1942 to 1951, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) 1931. Due \$42,000 from Oct. 1 1942 to 1951, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) 1931. Due \$42,000 from Oct. 1 1942 to 1951, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) 1931. Any opinion desired as to the legality and lawful execution of the bonds must be paid for by the purchaser. These bonds are part of the \$840,000 issue originally scheduled for sale on Oct. 9—V. 133, p. 2466. Bonds may be registered as to principal only. (This report corrects that given in V. 133, p. 3659.)

Statement of Bonded Debt Limit Nov. 1 1931.

The bonded debt limit to be computed on the value of all real estate and personal property in the County of Milwaukee as last fixed by the Wisconsin Tax Commission for the year 1931

Percentage of bonded debt limit	\$1,619,906,150.00	5%
Debt limit	\$80,995,307.50	
Bonds Outstanding:		
Bonds for County buildings, (limit 1½% on above valuation)	\$8,097,700.00	
Special assessment bonds—Oak Creek land acquisition	102,000.00	
Bonds for Metropolitan sewerage area	21,958,000.00	
Total bonds outstanding	\$30,157,700.00	
Less sinking funds on hand	450,060.77	
Net bonded debt	\$29,707,639.23	
Corporate purpose notes—dated Sept. 15 1931, due April 1 1932	2,000,000.00	
Land contracts and mortgages payable	323,270.00	
Total net debt as of Nov. 1 1931	\$32,030,909.23	
Gross margin	\$48,964,398.27	
Less authorized for 1931:		
Metropolitan sewerage bonds (of which this issue is a part)	840,000.00	
Special assessment bonds—Honey Creek land acquisition	297,717.78	
	1,137,717.78	
Net margin for further issues in 1931	\$47,826,680.49	

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—LIST OF BIDS.—The following is an official tabulation of the other bids received for the two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,828,920 that were

awarded to a syndicate headed by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, as 4½s, at a price of 100.67, a basis of about 4.39%—V. 133, p. 3658; Bankers Trust Co., Guaranty Co. of N. Y., National City Co., Wells-Dickey Co. and First Securities Corp. of Minnesota, par and a premium of \$1,482, bonds maturing 1932 to 1936 incl., to bear interest at 5%, the balance at 4½%.

First National Bank, New York, N. Y., and The First National Bank of St. Paul, Minn., par and a premium of \$256.05. "First maturing \$1,772,920 bonds to bear interest at 4½%, last maturing \$56,000 to bear interest at 4%.

Bancamerica-Blair Corp.; Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., and Kalman & Co., par and a premium of \$915, bonds maturing 1932 to 1942 to bear interest at 5%, the balance at 4%.

Halsey, Stuart & Co.; First National Old Colony Corp.; Phelps, Fenn & Co.; R. H. Moulton & Co., and The Milwaukee Co., par and a premium of \$640.12, bonds maturing 1932 to 1942 to bear interest at 4½%, the balance at 4¼%.

In addition to the above mentioned bids for all of the bonds offered, one bid was received for the \$1,628,920 Permanent Improvement Bonds only, as follows:

Continental Ill. Co.; Harris Trust & Savings Bank; First Union Trust & Savings Bank; First Detroit Co.; Northern Trust Co.; and First Wisconsin Co., par and a premium of \$80, \$905,920 bonds maturing 1932 to 1939 to bear interest at 5%, the balance of \$723,000 to bear interest at 4¼%.

MISSISSIPPI, State of (P. O. Jackson).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Dec. 21 by the State Bond Commission, at the office of the Governor, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$2,500,000, as follows:

\$1,500,000 hospital bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, payable J. & J. Due on Jan. 1 1952, subject to call by the State at any time after five years from the date thereof. \$500,000 of said bonds shall be designated as series H, \$500,000 as series I, and \$500,000 as series J. These bonds are offered for sale and sold under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapters 115 and 116, Laws of Mississippi of 1926, and Chapter 241, Laws of 1930.

1,000,000 highway bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & J. Due on Jan. 1 1937. \$500,000 of said bonds to be designated as series A and \$500,000 as series B. These bonds are offered for sale and sold under and by virtue of the provisions of House Bill 21, Extra Session of the Legislature, 1931, approved by the Governor.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Split interest bids will not be received, but the bidder may bid on any part or all of said bonds. The right is reserved to reject all bids and to sell at public outcry or private sale. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the State Treasurer, is required.

MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile), Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$160,000 issue of road and bridge bonds offered for sale on Dec. 1—V. 133, p. 3289—was purchased by the Merchants Securities Corp. of Mobile as is, at a price of 95.00, a basis of about 5.48%. Dated June 1 1930. Due from June 1 1933 to 1960 incl.

The \$240,000 issue of not to exceed 4¼% semi-annual road and bridge bonds offered at the same time was not sold as the only bid received, an offer of 80.00, was rejected. Dated June 1 1928. Due from June 1 1938 to 1958.

MONTANA, State of (P. O. Helena).—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—We are informed by Carl E. Kretlow, Chief Clerk, that the sale of the \$274,042 issue of 4% warrants that was recently purchased at par by the State of Montana—V. 133, p. 2795—is a transaction that takes place every month. The State buys the warrants, as they are issued for investment in the School Funds.

MOUNTAIN LAKES, Morris County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Myrtle L. Hillman, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 15 for the purchase of \$185,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered water bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1965 incl.; \$7,000 in 1966 and 1967, and \$6,000 in 1968. Principal and semi-annual interest (January and July) are payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York City. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$185,000. 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 Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Ida L. Christiansen, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 11 for the purchase of \$15,000 not to exceed 5% interest Manz St. Impt. Dist. H-241 bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$1,500 annually from 1932 to 1941 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for \$500 must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit, will be furnished the successful bidder. The bids submitted will be taken at the regular meeting of the city commission on Dec. 14.

NEPTUNE CITY, Monmouth County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The three issues of coupon or registered tax revenue bonds aggregating \$90,000, offered at not to exceed 6% int. on Dec. 2—V. 133, p. 3659—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due on Dec. 1 in 1932, 1933 and 1934.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, recently purchased an issue of \$500,000 5½% tax revenue bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 15 as follows: \$225,000 in 1932; \$180,000 in 1933, and \$95,000 in 1934. Principal and interest are payable at the National Bank of New Jersey in New Brunswick, or at the Chase National Bank, New York. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York. The bonds are being re-offered for general investment at prices to yield 4.75%.

NEWCASTLE, Weston County, Wyo.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently the voters are reported to have approved the issuance of \$20,000 in water bonds.

NEW CASTLE AND MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Chappaqua), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Amy T. Page, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 21 for the purchase of \$26,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1944, incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec.) are payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

NEWTON, Harvey County, Kan.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the special election held on Nov. 24—V. 133, p. 3289—the voters defeated the proposal to issue \$300,000 in gas distribution plant bonds by a count reported to have been 1,520 to 1,167.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—NOTE ISSUES SOLD DURING NOVEMBER.—Temporary note issues to the amount of \$22,500,000 were sold by the city during the month of November, as follows:

Rapid Transit Construction Notes.

Amount.	Maturity.	Int. Rate.	Date Issued.
\$3,000,000	Jan. 26 1932	4¼%	Nov. 16
2,000,000	Nov. 6 1932	4%	Nov. 6
500,000	Feb. 15 1932	4¼%	Nov. 16
100,000	Jan. 26 1932	4¼%	Nov. 16
Water Supply Dept. Notes.			
7,000,000	Jan. 26 1932	4¼%	Nov. 16
3,000,000	Jan. 29 1932	4¼%	Nov. 16
1,500,000	Feb. 15 1932	4¼%	Nov. 16
900,000	Nov. 6 1932	4%	Nov. 6
Dock Dept. Notes.			
100,000	Nov. 6 1932	4%	Nov. 6
100,000	Jan. 26 1932	4¼%	Nov. 16
Tri-Borough Bridge Notes.			
800,000	Jan. 26 1932	4¼%	Nov. 16
Special Revenue Bonds of 1931.			
2,250,000	Nov. 5 1932	4¼%	Nov. 5
Tax Notes of 1931.			
1,250,000	Nov. 5 1932	4¼%	Nov. 5

NORTH PLATTE, Lincoln County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds has been purchased at par by the Omaha National Co. of Omaha. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due on Oct. 1 1941, and optional after 5 years. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Legal approval by Wells, Rose, Stout & Martin of Omaha.

NORTH WILDWOOD, N. J.—PRICE PAID.—M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, paid a price of par and accrued interest for the five issues of 6% tax title and tax revenue bonds aggregating \$175,000 which were sold in September.—V. 133, p. 1649.

OAK PARK (P. O. Flint), Genesee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The First Detroit Co., of Detroit, is reported to have purchased at par and accrued interest an issue of \$22,000 6% refunding bonds, contingent upon its ability to exchange the securities for the issues that are being refunded.

OCEAN COUNTY (P. O. Toms River), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred. G. Bunnell, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 15, from the purchase of \$30,000 6% series A coupon or registered general road bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1934, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and December) are payable at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$30,000. Accrued interest to date of delivery of the bonds to be paid by the successful bidder. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

BOND SALE.—It is reported that the issue of \$236,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered general road bonds offered on Oct. 27, the award of which was postponed pending improved market conditions.—V. 133, p. 2961—was sold on Nov. 17, at a price of par, to the State Sinking Fund Commission

ORANGETOWN COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Orangeburg, R. F. D.), Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William H. Dean, Jr., Clerk of the Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 8:30 p. m. on Dec. 9, for the purchase of \$35,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1933 to 1947, incl., and \$2,000 from 1948 to 1957, 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 December) are payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Pearl River, or at the Irving Trust Co., New York. A certified check for \$700, payable to Eva F. Van Houten, Collector, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

OWOSSO, Shiawassee County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$90,000 general obligation sewer bonds offered at not to exceed 5% interest on Dec. 1—V. 133, p. 3495—were not sold as the only offer received, a price of 94.80 for \$5 by Stranahan, Harris & Co., Inc., of Toledo, was rejected. Private sale of the issue will be effected. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1931 and mature Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1932 to 1935 incl.; \$10,000 in 1936, and \$12,000 from 1937 to 1941 incl.

PADUCAH, McCracken County, Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 7, by W. V. Eaton, City Solicitor, for the purchase of a \$350,000 issue of 5 1/2% funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$5,000, 1932 to 1936; \$10,000, 1937 to 1941; \$15,000, 1942 to 1946 and \$20,000, 1947 to 1956, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Chemical National Bank in New York City. The legal approval of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, will be furnished, the bond forms and legal expenses, other than the Court proceedings, will be taken care of by the bidder. A certified check for \$10,000 must accompany the bid.

PALISADE, Mesa County, Colo.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$43,000 issue of water bonds that was purchased by Joseph D. Grisby & Co. of Pueblo—V. 133, p. 3495—bears interest at 4 1/2% and was awarded at par on Oct. 19. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 15 years.

PARMA (P. O. Cleveland, R. F. D. No. 1), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—OFFERING DATE IS CHANGED.—John H. Thompson, City Clerk, reports that the date of award of the three issues of 6% road improvement bonds aggregating \$184,200, mentioned in V. 133, p. 3495 has been advanced from Dec. 4 to Dec. 7. Principal and interest (April and Oct.) to be payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland.

Financial Statement. Actual value of taxable property (estimated) \$37,000,000. Assessed valuation for taxation (last appraisal, 1930) 27,750,290. General bonded debt 132,981. Special bonded debt (incl. the above issues) 4,203,040. Floating debt 230,328. Cash value of sinking fund held for redemption 61,534. Tax rate per \$1,000, all purposes \$23.60. Population, 1920 Census, 2,345; 1930 Census, 13,899.

PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP (P. O. Boonton), Morris County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$325,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered at 4 1/2% int. on Oct. 8 and withdrawn from the market —V. 133, p. 3486—has since been sold as \$6 to H. L. Allen & Co. of New York. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Although previously offered to mature serially from 1932 to 1971 incl., the maturity has been fixed at Dec. 1 1937. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Irving Trust Co., New York, or the Boonton National Bank. Legal opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York.

PENDLETON, Umatilla County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of flood protection bonds that was voted on Nov. 7—V. 133, p. 3495—is reported to have been sold to local purchasers.

PHILLIPS TOWNSHIP (P. O. Crossville), White County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank of Carmi, has purchased at a price of par an issue of \$5,000 5% road impt. bonds, due as follows: \$1,000 in 1932, and \$2,000 in 1933 and 1934. M. C. Sullivan is Township Clerk.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—BLOCK OF \$500,000 BONDS SOLD.—TEMPORARY LOAN SOLD.—The Estate of Stephen Girard, of Philadelphia, purchased on Nov. 30 a block of \$500,000 4 1/2% bonds, at a price of par. This latest purchase brought the total amount sold to date to \$8,603,500 of the original issue of \$15,000,000. On Nov. 27 the city was obliged to borrow \$1,700,000, at 4 1/2% interest, payable Dec. 31 1931, to meet December payroll requirements. City officials are said to have been unsuccessful in an effort to persuade local banks to purchase a substantial portion of the \$7,000,000 balance of the bonds being publicly offered.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Subscriptions will be received at the office of George E. Kemp, City Treasurer, at par and accrued int. for the purchase of the unsold block of \$6,300,000 4 1/2% bonds of the issue of \$15,000,000 being offered "over the counter." At least 5% of the amount subscribed for must be paid at time of subscription, the remainder to be paid on or before 3 p. m. on Dec. 18. Dated Oct. 26 1931. Due Oct. 26 1931, optional at par and int. on Oct. 26 1951, or at any int. period thereafter, upon 60 days' notice by public advertisement. Previous report of this offering appeared in—V. 133, p. 3659.

PIEDMONT, Calhoun County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. on Dec. 15, by Mayor Geo. P. Haslam, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$2,000 from Jan. 1 1933 to 1942 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the Chase National Bank in New York City. The approving opinion of Storey, Thornkike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston, will be furnished. No bid for less than 95 and accrued interest will be considered. A certified check for \$500, payable to the City, must accompany the bid.

PIQUA, Miami County, Ohio.—RECOUNT SHOWS INCREASED VOTE FOR BOND ISSUE.—A recount of the ballots cast at the general election on Nov. 3 in connection with the proposed issue of \$810,000 in bonds for a municipal light and power plant, showed that the measure had been approved by a vote of 3,068 to 1,570, substantially over the 60% requisite quota, as compared with the result of 2,597 "for" and 1,360 "against," previously announced.—V. 133, p. 3126. The recount, according to report, was demanded by a group of citizens said to represent the Dayton Power & Light Co., which bitterly opposed the bond project.

PLAINVIEW, Hale County, Tex.—PRICE PAID.—The \$80,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual refunding bonds that was purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita—V. 133, p. 678—was awarded at a price of 98.00, a basis of about 5.66%. Due in from 1 to 40 years.

PLEASANT RIDGE, Oakland County, Mich.—REFUNDING BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The State Loan Board, at Lansing, has granted the petition of the village for authority to refund \$18,587 special assessment bonds.

PLYMOUTH, Sheboygan County, Wis.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Nov. 24—V. 133, p. 3659—the voters approved the issuance of \$165,000 in high school building bonds by a count of 1,061 "for" to 131 "against."

POCATELLO, Bannock County, Ida.—BOND NOTICE.—It is reported that all funds deposited with New York banks for the payment of bonds and coupons of this city have been withdrawn and in the future all coupons should be presented at the office of the City Treasurer for payment. The City Treasurer is also said to have stated that when it is ruled that funds on deposit in New York City by municipalities are to be classed as preferred claims in the event of bank failures, then deposits will be made in New York by this city.

PORTO RICO (Government of)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 17 by Brigadier-General F. Le J. Parker, Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, at Room 3040, Munitions Bldg., Washington, D. C., for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 4 1/2% coupon Isabela Irrigation, Series T to U, bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due on July 1 as follows: \$50,000 in 1971 and \$100,000 in 1972. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in gold coin at the Treasury of the United States in Washington, D. C. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the above-named Chief, is required. Special attention is called to the fact that subscriptions are payable on Dec. 30 1931, while interest on the bonds begins on Jan. 1 1932. The official offering notice contains the following information: The issuance of these bonds will be effected in accordance with authority contained in Section 3 of an Act of Congress, approved March 2 1917, entitled "An Act to provide a civil Government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes," as amended by an Act of Congress approved March 4 1927, and in accordance with the authority of the Legislature of Porto Rico as specifically granted in Joint Resolution No. 12, approved July 3 1929.

Under date of Nov. 6 1931 the Attorney-General of the United States rendered an opinion in which he passed upon the legality of the proposed issue of bonds, a copy of which will be furnished to the successful bidder.

Accepted subscriptions will be payable on Wednesday, Dec. 30 1931, at a bank in N. Y. City to be designated by the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, and the bank so designated will make delivery of interim certificates, which will be exchangeable for the definitive bonds at the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, D. C., as soon as the bonds can be prepared.

Porto Rican Statistics. Receipts Insular Government from July 1 1930 to June 30 1931 \$11,054,198. Disbursements Insular Govt. from July 1 1930 to June 30 1931 10,890,329. Cash on hand June 30 1931 553,027. Due from municipalities and school boards on short time loans June 30 1931 1,600. Assessed valuation of property June 30 1931 331,683,530. Imports for the year ended June 30 1931 77,337,410. Exports for the year ended June 30 1931 98,486,834. Total bonded indebtedness Sept. 22 1931 30,903,995. Balance in redemption funds Aug. 31 1931 931,859. *This includes municipal bonds of Porto Rico aggregating \$1,330,500, issued since March 4 1927 to the payment of which the good faith of the people of Porto Rico is pledged, and outstanding temporary loans amounting to \$395,494.54.

PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND ISSUE PLANNED.—The city council has authorized William N. Gableman, Director of Finance and Audit, to seek permission of the bureau of inspection of public offices to issue \$42,000 refunding bonds. Failure of property owners to pay street paving assessments has caused a deficiency of that amount necessary to meet \$208,000 in bonds due in January 1932.

POINT MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fayette County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to the Secretary of the Board of School Directors will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Dec. 14 for the purchase of \$14,000 funding bonds that have been approved by the Department of Internal Affairs of the State.

POMPTON LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas J. Hutton, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 9 for the purchase of \$400,000 4 1/2, 4 1/4 or 5% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1933 to 1938, incl.; \$9,000, 1939 to 1946, incl.; \$10,000, 1947 to 1956, incl., and \$12,000 from 1957 to 1971, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (May and November) 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 \$400,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. The proceedings authorizing the bonds have been approved by W. A. Stevens, Attorney-General of the State.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$221,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. emergency relief bonds offered for sale on Dec. 2—V. 133, p. 3660—was purchased at par by the City Treasurer. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due from Oct. 1 1939 to 1947 incl.

PRINCETON, Mercer County, N. J.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—We are informed that the \$200,000 issue of impt. notes recently purchased by Graham, Parsons & Co. of New York—V. 133, p. 3660—bear interest at 6% and were sold at a price of par. Dated Nov. 6 1931 and due May 6 1932.

PUEBLO, Pueblo County, Colo.—BOND NOTICE.—It is reported that the two issues of 4 1/2% coupon semi-ann. refunding bonds aggregating \$280,000, that were offered for sale without success on Nov. 23—V. 133, p. 3660—are now being offered over the counter to local investors.

RACINE, Racine County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. sewage disposal bonds offered for sale on Dec. 1—V. 133, p. 3660—was awarded to the First Union Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago; for a premium of \$3,002 equal to 102.001, a basis of about 4.34%. Dated July 15 1931. Due from July 15 1949 to 1951. The second highest bid was a premium offer of \$3,001, by Stifel Nicolaus & Co. Third high was Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago, bidding \$1,951 premium.

RADNOR RURAL CENTRALIZED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Radnor), Delaware County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—W. A. Griffiths, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 23 for the purchase of \$102,000 5% school bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due semi-annually as follows: \$3,000 March and Sept. 1 in 1932 and 1933; \$2,000 March and \$3,000 Sept. 1 from 1934 to 1951 incl. Int. is payable semi-annually in March and Sept. Bids for the bonds to bear int. at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal.

RAPID CITY, Pennington County, S. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—An issue of \$175,000 5% sewage disposal plant bonds was offered for sale without success on Nov. 30, according to C. I. Leedy, City Auditor. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 15 1931. Due on Oct. 15 1951, optional after three years. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

RENSELAE COUNTY (P. O. Troy), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William D. Thomas, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 17 for the purchase of \$438,000 not to exceed 5% int. coupon or registered funding bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$20,000 in 1932 and \$22,000 from 1933 to 1951 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & D.) are payable at the Continental Bank & Trust Co., New York. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the aforementioned Trust Com-

pany, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the County officials and the seal impressed thereon. Delivery of the bonds will be made on or shortly after Dec. 22 at the office of the Trust Company. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation (1930):	
Real estate (other than franchises)	\$111,789,074
Special franchises	6,250,514
Personal property	43,100
Total	\$118,082,688
Bonded debt, not including this issue	\$1,981,000
Floating debt (to the reduction of which the proceeds of this issue will be applied)	1,344,516
Population 1930 census	119,781.

ROANOKE RAPIDS SANITARY DISTRICT (P. O. Roanoke Rapids), Halifax County, N. C.—BOND ELECTION.—It was officially reported on Nov. 28 that an election will be held on Jan. 12 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$365,000 in water and sewerage system completion bonds.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—TEMPORARY FINANCING.—C. E. Higgins, City Comptroller, awarded on Dec. 1 the following issues of notes aggregating \$3,000,000 to the Security Trust Co. of Rochester at an int. rate of 4.49%:

- \$1,800,000 tax anticipation (1931) notes.
- 375,000 bridge design and construction notes.
- 360,000 school construction notes.
- 280,000 special local impmt. notes.
- 150,000 municipal building construction notes.
- 20,000 municipal land purchase notes.
- 15,000 municipal equipment notes.

Each issue is dated Dec. 7 1931 and payable on March 14 1932 at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. Legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Security Trust Co., Rochester (successful bidder)	4.49%	\$5.00
Guaranty Company of New York	4.70%	109.00
Barr Bros. & Co., Inc.	5.25%	

ROCHESTER, Olmsted County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon semi-ann. city hall construction bonds offered for sale on Nov. 30—V. 133, p. 3496—was purchased at par by the First Securities Corp. of St. Paul. Dated May 1 1931. Due from Dec. 1 1932 to 1951 incl. There were no other bids received.

ROCKAWAY, Morris County, N. J.—SINKING FUND TO PURCHASE BONDS.—The State highway sinking fund has agreed to purchase \$20,000 5% water bonds of the borough, now held by the First National Bank of Rockway. The bonds are part of an issue of \$100,000, authorized Nov. 16 1926.

ROCKPORT, Aransas County, Tex.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$30,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. refunding bonds that was reported to have been sold—V. 133, p. 3660—was awarded at par. Dated July 1 1931. Due from July 1 1932 to 1961.

ROYAL OAK TOWNSHIP (P. O. Berkley), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Roy Koltz, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Dec. 9 for the purchase of \$15,000 4 1/4% special assessment refunding bonds, to provide funds for the redemption of a similar amount maturing Nov. 15 1931. The new bonds will be dated Nov. 15 1931 and mature \$3,000 on Nov. 15 from 1932 to 1936 incl. Interest is to be payable semiannually. Issue is known as series D of 1931.

RUTHERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—William Hillhouse, District Clerk, reports that an issue of \$88,000 4 1/4% school bonds has been sold at a price of par to the State Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund.

SAC COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Sac City), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,000 issue of school bonds has been purchased recently by the Sac City State Bank as 5s at a price of 98.65, a basis of about 5.31%. Due in five years.

SACRAMENTO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sacramento), Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 28 by Harry W. Hall, County Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,146,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due on July 1 as follows: \$40,000, 1933 to 1936; \$50,000, 1937 to 1940; \$65,000, 1941 to 1944; \$60,000, 1945 to 1948; \$50,000, 1949 to 1952; \$29,000, 1953 and 1954, and \$28,000 in 1955. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in lawful money at the office of the County Treasurer. The approving opinion of Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist of San Francisco, will be furnished the purchaser. These bonds were authorized by the voters on Oct. 6—V. 133, p. 2631. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid. (This report supplements that given in V. 133, p. 3496.)

St. CLAIR SHORES, Macomb County, Mich.—REFUNDING BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The village has received permission of the State Loan Board at Lansing, to refund \$42,000 special assessment water lateral bonds and \$7,000 general obligation water bonds. Failure of the village depository is given as the reason for the necessity of the refunding operation.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—D. J. Campbell, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 12 for the purchase of \$20,575 4 1/4% bonds, divided as follows:

- \$15,278 Madison Twp. road impmt. bonds. Denom. \$763.95. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943 incl.
- 5,297 Liberty Twp. road impmt. bonds. Denom. \$264.85. Due one bond each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943 incl.

Each issue is dated Nov. 1 1931. The above issues were previously offered as 4s on Nov. 27—V. 133, p. 3496—at which time no bids were received.

SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10:30 a. m. on Dec. 9, by Ethel MacDonald, City Recorder, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,000,000 tax anticipation bonds. Dated Jan. 2 1932. Due in 1 year. Bidders are required to furnish all procedure, blank bonds, approving attorney's opinion, to specify interest rate to be charged; all other conditions being equal, the bid to be awarded on the lowest interest rate. A certified check for \$10,000 must accompany the bid.

SAN CLEMENTE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Ana), Orange County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Dec. 15 by J. M. Backs, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due as follows: \$1,000, 1936 to 1945; \$2,000, 1946 to 1955, all incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Legal approval of O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers of Los Angeles will be furnished. A certified check for 3% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

SARANAC LAKE, Franklin County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,000 coupon sewer bonds offered on Nov. 30—V. 133, p. 3660—were purchased as 5s, at a price of par, by the Saranac Lake General Hospital Fund, the only bidder. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1931 and mature \$1,000 on Dec. 1 from 1934 to 1946 incl.

SAVOY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Savoy), Tarrant County, Tex.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$16,000 issue of 5% school bonds that was reported sold—V. 133, p. 3660—was purchased by the State Trust & Savings Bank of Dallas. Dated June 1 1931. Due in 40 years and optional in 10 years.

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Scottsburg), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Floyd Robertson, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 8 for the purchase of \$6,463 6% drainage bonds, to mature annually on Dec. 15 from 1932 to 1941 incl.

SCOTTSVILLE, Allen County, Ky.—BONDS CALLED.—It is announced by Mayor J. L. Henninger that he is calling for payment as of Jan. 1, water works bonds from No. 17 to 41 incl., amounting to \$12,500. The bonds are payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. in N. Y. City.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received by the City Treasurer until Dec. 11, for the purchase of a \$675,000 issue of bridge bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are now informed that the syndicate headed by C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago which purchased a \$2,000,000 block of the \$4,000,000 issue of light and power, series LT-2 bonds on Sept. 11—V. 133, p. 1959—failed to exercise its option on the remaining \$2,000,000 of bonds within the 90-day period.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—We are now informed that the sale of the \$1,000,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. water extension, 1929, series WX-4 bonds, that was tentatively scheduled for Nov. 27—V. 133, p. 2632—was called off.

SEQUIM SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Port Angeles), Clallam County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on Dec. 5 to have the voters pass on the issuance of \$54,000 in school bonds.

SHARON (P. O. New Sharon), Mahaska County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received, according to report, by Max O. Taylor, Town Clerk, until 8 p. m. on Dec. 7, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of water works bonds.

SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Council has adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$5,000 5% special assessment impmt. bonds to be dated Jan. 1 1932 and mature \$500 annually on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1943 incl.

SHELBYVILLE, Bedford County, Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election on Nov. 24—V. 133, p. 3496—the voters approved the issuance of \$40,000 in 5% coupon semi-ann. refunding bonds by a count of 170 "for" to 100 "against." Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due on Dec. 1 1951.

SOMERSET COUNTY (P. O. Somerville), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Chester Van Tine, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 11 for the purchase of \$495,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered public improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1932 to 1936 incl.; \$25,000 from 1937 to 1947 incl., and \$30,000 from 1948 to 1951 incl. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and December) are payable at the office of the Second National Bank, Somerville, or at the Chase National Bank, New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$495,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

SOUTH BEND, Pacific County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Dec. 14, by Chas. H. Mills, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$4,000 issue of impmt. bonds. The interest rate is to be named by the bidder. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

SPRINGFIELD, Clark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Forrest E. Counts, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 14 for the purchase of \$300,000 4% coupon or registered hospital bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$13,000 from 1933 to 1944 incl., and \$12,000 from 1945 to 1956 incl. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 4%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) are payable at the National City Bank, New York. The city will furnish the bonds. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. Transcript of proceedings will be furnished successful bidder and sufficient time allotted to permit examination of same by the attorneys for the bidder. Bids may be made subject to such legal approval. These bonds are part of an issue of \$1,800,000 voted in 1928, outside of the 15-mill limitation.

SPRINGFIELD, Greene County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—A \$200,000 issue of 4 1/4% sewer bonds is reported to have been purchased by Alexander, McArthur & Co. of Kansas City, at a price of 98.50. The second highest bid is stated to have been an offer of 98.33 by Stix & Co. of St. Louis.

STROUDSBURG, Monroe County, Pa.—BONDS TO BE REOFFERED.—J. B. Williams, Borough Solicitor, informs us that the issue of \$70,000 coupon municipal bldg. bonds offered as 4s on Nov. 6, at which time no bids were received—V. 133, p. 3291—may be readvertised for award at a higher rate of int. Mr. Williams states, however, that the Borough is interested in ascertaining the lowest possible rate at which the issue would appeal to investors.

SUPERIOR, Nuckolls County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-ann. sewer bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by Ware, Hall & Co. of Omaha. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due on Nov. 1 1951, optional on or after 1941.

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND AWARD.—O. F. Soule, City Comptroller, reports that the four issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$770,000, offered at not to exceed 5% interest on Dec. 4, were awarded to the Guaranty Co. of New York, as 4.20s, at a price of 100.051, a basis of about 4.19%:

- \$380,000 municipal impmt. bonds. Due \$19,000 annually on Dec. 15 from 1932 to 1951 incl.
- 250,000 school bonds. Due \$14,000 annually on Dec. 15 from 1932 to 1951 incl.
- 80,000 water bonds. Due \$2,000 annually on Dec. 15 from 1932 to 1971 incl.
- 30,000 grade crossing bonds. Due Dec. 15 as follows: \$1,000 from 1932 to 1941 incl., and \$2,000 from 1942 to 1951 incl.

Each issue is dated Dec. 15 1931. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. Legal opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York. Public offering of the obligations is being made at prices to yield 4.05%.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation taxable property	\$388,786,603.00
Actual valuation taxable property (estimated)	500,000,000.00
Assessed valuation real property	373,314,128.00
Assessed valuation special franchises	15,387,200.00
Bonded debt, including above issues	35,895,016.40
Water bonds, included in above (exempt debt)	6,671,250.00
Local improvement bonds, included in above (exempt debt)	4,494,000.00
Tax anticipation loans	2,815,000.00
Local assessment loans	1,252,592.92
Bond anticipation loans	500,000.00
Population, census 1930	209,277

TALLAHATCHIE COUNTY (P. O. Charleston), Miss.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We are informed by the Chancery Clerk that the \$125,000 issue of refunding bonds offered recently—V. 133, p. 3291—has not as yet been sold.

THAYER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60 (P. O. Deshler), Neb.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$40,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-ann. school bonds that was reported sold—V. 133, p. 3497—was purchased at par by Wachob, Bender & Co. of Omaha. Due in from 5 to 30 years.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BONDS PARTIALLY AWARDED.—The BancOhio Securities Co. of Columbus was the successful bidder, at par, of \$504,000 bonds of the ten 6% coupon or registered issues aggregating \$2,000,061.98 offered on Nov. 28—V. 133, p. 3661. The same house obtained a 30-day option on the remainder of the securities. The \$504,000 bonds sold include the following issues:

\$204,000 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.
 100,000 street repair bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due \$20,000 Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl.
 100,000 park and boulevard impt. bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due \$10,000 Nov. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl.
 100,000 refunding street impt. bonds. (Amount offered was \$273,500). Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due Nov. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Anthony Miorin, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 14 for the purchase of \$773,000 4½, 4¼ or 5% coupon or registered bonds divided as follows:
 \$612,000 street improvement bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$30,000 from 1932 to 1949, incl.; \$35,000 in 1950, and \$37,000 in 1951.
 156,000 harbor and dock improvement bonds. Due \$4,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1970, inclusive.
 5,000 fire alarm telegraph system bonds. Due \$500 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1941, inclusive.

Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1931. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec.) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for \$18,000, payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William S. Pugh, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 7 for the purchase of \$162,398.16 not to exceed 5% coupon or registered corporate bonds, divided as follows:
 \$108,923.75 delinquent tax bonds, for the purpose of providing funds to be used in the payment of purchases made by the City at the 1931 tax sale; and to provide funds for the payment of the amount remaining unpaid upon the 1930-1931 county tax for the City. Bonds will be issued in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$923.75. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$28,923.75 in 1932 and \$20,000 from 1933 to 1936 inclusive.

53,474.41 deferred assessment bonds, for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of the sums certified by the City Treasurer remaining unpaid upon local assessments for the construction of assessable local impts. in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 658 of the Laws of 1923. Bonds will be issued in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$474.41. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,474.41 in 1932 and \$9,000 from 1933 to 1937 inclusive.

Each issue is dated Sept. 1 1931. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Bids must be for all of the bonds, accompanied by a certified check for \$3,247.96, payable to the order of the City Comptroller. The favorable opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, as to legality of the bonds will be on file in the office of the City Comptroller before delivery of the bonds. If agreeable to the successful bidder, the two odd bonds, \$923.75 and \$474.41, will be taken at par by the City.

(Financial Statement (Oct. 31 1931).)

Bonded Debt—	
Bonded debt, exclusive of this issue	\$11,636,465.14
Sinking funds and cash	976,658.52
	\$10,659,806.62
Assessed Valuation—	
Assessed valuation of real estate, less exemptions	133,552,873.00
Assessed valuation of special franchises	4,245,312.00
Assessed valuation of personal property	121,500.00
	\$137,919,685.00
Ass'd val. of property purch. with pension money, taxable for schools and highways	367,185.00
	\$138,286,870.00
Valuation of property exempt from taxation	19,264,705.00
	\$157,551,575.00
Water debt -----None	
Population, Federal census, 1910, 74,419; 1920, 94,156; 1930, 101,652.	
City of Utica incorporated, 1832. Bonds: A general obligation of the city. No default in payment of principal or interest. No pending or threatened litigation against the issue, or title of any official to office.	

UNION COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. La Grande), Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$80,000 issue of not to exceed 5½% semi-annual school bonds offered on Nov. 30—V. 133, p. 3497—was not sold as all the bids received were rejected. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Due from Nov. 15 1935 to 1950.

VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Frazer), Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000 issue of coupon school bonds scheduled for sale on Nov. 12, later postponed to Nov. 21—V. 133, p. 3407—was purchased by the State of Montana as 6s at par. There were no other bids received.

VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Vancouver) Clarke County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Dec. 5 in order that the voters may pass on the proposed issuance of \$94,000 in 4½% warrant retirement bonds.
 (This report corrects that given in V. 133, p. 3497.)

VERMILION, Erie County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Village Council recently adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$23,484.95 5% impt. bonds, to be dated Dec. 1 1931 and mature Dec. 1 as follows: \$2,484.95 in 1933; \$3,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl., and \$2,000 from 1939 to 1941 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the Erie County Trust Co., Vermilion.

VERNON ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Vernon), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$44,696.02 issue of 7% street widening bonds has been purchased recently by G. W. Bond & Son of Santa Ana at a price of 110.25, a basis of about 6.96%. Due from 1934 to 1945.

WADSWORTH, Medina County, Ohio.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The issue of \$72,083 4½% special assessment improvement bonds unsuccessfully offered on Nov. 14—V. 133, p. 3661—is being re-offered for award at 12 m. on Dec. 12. Bids should be addressed to Constance Baker, City Clerk. Bonds are dated Nov. 1 1931. One bond for \$1,083, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1933 to 1941 incl., and \$9,083 in 1942. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and Oct. 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 \$720.83 must accompany each proposal.

WALDPOR, Lincoln County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—Of the \$21,000 issue of 6% coupon semi-ann. water bonds offered for sale on Nov. 19—V. 133, p. 3497—a \$10,000 block was purchased by the First National Bank of Toledo (Ore.) at par less int. There were no other bidders.

WALKER COUNTY (P. O. Huntsville), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$385,000 issue of 5% road refunding, series 1931, bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on Nov. 25. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

WARE, Hampshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Ware Trust Co. purchased on Dec. 2 a \$40,000 temporary loan at 3.92% discount basis. The loan is dated Dec. 2 1931 and will mature in March or April of 1932. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

	<i>Discount Basis.</i>
Ware Trust Co. (successful bidder)	3.92%
Blake Bros & Co.	3.95%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	4.47%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.	4.52%

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$39,000 coupon emergency poor relief bonds offered on Nov. 27—V. 133, p. 3291—were awarded as 6s to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, at par plus a premium of \$145.30, equal to a price of 100.37, a basis of about 5.90%. Dated Sept. 15 1931. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$7,000 in 1933, and \$8,000 from 1934 to 1937 incl. Bids were also submitted by Magnus & Co., of Cincinnati, and the Banc Ohio Securities Co., of Columbus.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Pa.—SECURITIES PUBLICLY OFFERED.—Moore, Leonard & Lynch of Pittsburgh are offering for public investment, to yield 5%, a block of \$245,000 5.60% certificates of indebtedness, dated Nov. 2 1931 and due Nov. 2 1933. According to the bankers, a tax has been duly levied and assessed for the payment of the certificates, which are subject to approval of legality by Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay of Pittsburgh. The district is co-extensive with the city of Washington, having a population of approximately 25,000. Total valuation of taxable property exceeds \$26,000,000.

NEW LOANS

\$225,000.00
CITY OF HAMTRAMCK,
MICHIGAN.
GRADE SEPARATION BONDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the City Council of the City of Hamtramck at the office of the City Clerk at 8521 Joseph Campau Avenue in said City up to four o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, the 15th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1931, for the purchase of \$225,000.00 Grade Separation Bonds, being a portion of an issue of \$850,000.00 authorized by a vote of the qualified electors of the City of Hamtramck upon the 9th day of September, 1930, which bonds shall bear interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and mature as follows:

- \$5,000.00 each year December 15, 1932 to 1936, both inclusive,
- \$6,000.00 each year December 15, 1937 to 1941, both inclusive,
- \$7,000.00 each year December 15, 1942 to 1946, both inclusive,
- \$8,000.00 each year December 15, 1947 to 1951, both inclusive,
- \$9,000.00 each year December 15, 1952 to 1956, both inclusive,
- \$10,000.00 each year December 15, 1957 to 1961, both inclusive,

which proposals will be opened by the City Council of the City of Hamtramck at a Regular Meeting to be held in the City Council Chamber at 8521 Joseph Campau Avenue in said City at eight o'clock P. M. on said date.

Full particulars relative to said bonds may be obtained from the City Clerk.
 The cost of printing said bonds and the cost of legal services for examining the abstract of proceedings relative to the issuance of said bonds, together with legal opinion thereon, shall be paid by the successful bidder.

A certified check for one per cent of the amount of the bid, made payable to the City Treasurer of the City of Hamtramck, must accompany each proposal, which check shall be forfeited to the City of Hamtramck in case the bidder awarded said bonds shall refuse or neglect to take up and pay for same according to the accepted proposal therefor, within ten days after being awarded said bonds.

The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive formal defects in bids when deemed for the best interest of the City.

MICHAEL J. GRAJEWSKI, JR.
 City Clerk of the City of Hamtramck.
 Dated: December 1, 1931.

FOREIGN

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NEW LOANS

\$85,000
Borough of Glassport, Pa.
4% COUPON BONDS

The Borough of Glassport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, will receive sealed bids and proposals for the sale of \$85,000.00 Coupon Bonds of said Borough. Said bonds will be of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each and will be dated December 1st, 1931, and will mature as follows: Series A, Nos. 1 to 45, both inclusive, December 1st, 1941.
 Series B, Nos. 46 to 85, both inclusive, December 1st, 1951.

Said bonds will bear interest at the annual rate of 4%, payable June 1st and December 1st of each year and will be sold free of State Tax. Purchaser to pay for the printing of said bonds. All bids must be accompanied by certified check drawn to the order of the Treasurer of said Borough in the sum of \$850.00 and must be in the hands of the Secretary of said Borough not later than

DECEMBER 14th, 1931,
 at 7:00 P. M.,
EASTERN STANDARD TIME.

The bids will be opened in the Borough of Glassport Municipal Building, corner of Monongahela Avenue and Fifth Street, Glassport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Mail bids to N. J. Chaverlini, Secretary, Glassport Municipal Building, Monongahela Ave. & 5th St., Glassport, Pa.

C. A. DAVIS,
 Solicitor for Glassport Borough,
 603 Bowman Building,
 Pittsburgh, Pa.

LIQUIDATION

NOTICE OF LIQUIDATION.

The National Freehold Banking Co. located at Freehold, N. J. is closing its affairs. All note holders and other Creditors of the Association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment.

H. A. SUTPHEN, Cashier.
 Dated Nov. 12, 1931.

WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The three issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$1,090,000 offered on Nov. 25 at which time the city rejected the request of an investment house for a 10-day option on the bonds as 5s, at par—V. 133, p. 3661—are being re-advertised for award at 8 p. m. on Dec. 18. A detailed description of the issues was given in V. 133, p. 3497.

WAYNE, Wayne County, Mich.—\$19,000 BONDS AUTHORIZED.—A resolution has been adopted by the Village Commissioners providing for the issuance of \$19,000 4 1/4 or 5 1/4% one to six year bonds to provide funds for the payment of a like amount maturing within the next 60 days.

WELLSVILLE, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred H. Eckfeld, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 21 for the purchase of \$12,000 5% bonds, divided as follows: \$5,000 judgment bonds. Due \$1,000 Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1937 inclusive. 4,500 emergency poor relief bonds. Due \$1,500 Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1935 inclusive. This issue was previously offered on Nov. 14 at which time no bids were received.—V. 133, p. 3497.

2,500 Boyce Ave. sewer bonds. Due \$500 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl. Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$500. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 1% of the amount of the bonds payable to the order of the City, must accompany each proposal.

WEST CHICAGO, DuPage County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—Harry E. Lynch, City Clerk, reports that at an election held on Nov. 25 the voters approved of the issuance of \$86,000 5% public benefit bonds, by a count of 253 to 174. The bonds are to be dated Nov. 1 1931 and mature \$4,300 annually on Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1951 inclusive.

WESTMONT (P. O. Johnstown), Cambria County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—H. P. Shomo, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 15 for the purchase of \$75,000 4 1/4% funding bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000 in the years 1937, 1939, 1942, 1944, 1946 and 1948, and \$15,000 in 1950. Interest is payable semi-annually in Jan. and July. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. Issue is offered subject to the approval of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY (P. O. Greensburg), Pa.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed award on Dec. 15 of two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$800,000, notice and description of which appeared in V. 133, p. 3661—the following statement has been issued:

Financial Statement (Nov. 25 1931).	
Assessed valuation, realty only	\$156,602,280
Total assessed valuation	167,185,750
Actual value (est.)	700,000,000
Total bonded debt (excluding present bonds)	5,025,000
Floating debt, none; sinking fund, none; tax rate (per \$1,000)	\$8.50
Population (est.)	295,000.

WHEELOCK, Caledonia County, Vt.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles L. Miles, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 16 for the purchase of \$28,000 4 1/4% town bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$400. Due \$1,400 Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1952 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July) are payable at the Citizens Bank & Trust Co., St. Johnsbury.

WILDWOOD, Cape May County, N. J.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The following issues of 5% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$440,000 previously offered on Sept. 8—V. 133, p. 1487—are being re-advertised for award at 2 30 p. m. on Dec. 8. Sealed bids should be addressed to Ralph L. Carll, Director of Revenue and Finance.

\$300,000 Beachfront Park bonds. Due Dec. 8 as follows: \$7,000 from 1933 to 1944 incl., and \$8,000 from 1945 to 1971 inclusive. 140,000 temporary Beachfront bonds. Due Dec. 8 as follows: \$15,000 from 1933 to 1940 incl., and \$20,000 in 1941. Each issue is dated Dec. 8 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 8) are payable at the Marine National Bank, Wildwood. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to Robert J. Kay, City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—OFFERING DATE IS CHANGED.—C. O. Cummings, County Auditor, reports that the date of award of the three issues of 5% road improvement bonds aggregating \$13,400, originally set for Dec. 7—V. 133, p. 3498—has been advanced to Dec. 14.

CANADA (Dominion of).—DOMESTIC LOAN OF \$150,000,000 SUBSTANTIALLY OVERSUBSCRIBED.—Subscription books for the \$150,000,000 5% Dominion of Canada national service bonds were closed on Nov. 30, orders having been received up to that time for about \$65,000,000 bonds in excess of the amount offered, according to reports from Ottawa. The books had been opened on Nov. 23 with the closing date set for on or before Dec. 12. Official estimates on Dec. 3 placed the aggregate subscribed at \$215,000,000. Bids were asked for bonds to mature in 5 or 10 years, priced at 99.25, to yield 5.17% for the short terms, and at 99, to yield 5.13% for the 10-year maturity.—V. 133, p. 3662.

Incomplete figures placed the subscriptions at \$49,724,200 for the 5-year and at \$89,746,500 for the 10-year bonds. The progress of the sales as shown by the cumulative totals for the first five days of the campaign was as follows: Monday (Nov. 23), \$60,000,000; Tuesday, \$71,000,000; Wednesday, \$84,000,000; Thursday, \$101,000,000, while on Friday the total subscribed for had reached \$121,000,000. A dispatch from Ottawa to the Toronto "Globe" of Nov. 30 referred to the oversubscription as follows:

The subscription lists for the National Service Loan will be closed tomorrow (Monday) night. A statement making this announcement was issued this evening by Hon. Edgar N. Rhodes, Acting Minister of Finance.

An oversubscription of the \$150,000,000 asked for by the Dominion is now assured. Applications for the loan poured in with such volume Friday and Saturday that the Government decided to close the books tomorrow night.

Holding the lists open tomorrow will meet the convenience of persons who had been delaying purchase of bonds until the end of the month so that they would not lose November's interest on their withdrawals from savings accounts. It will also provide for those who had actually subscribed subject to payment on Dec. 1.

The widespread response of the public to the loan is received with great satisfaction in financial circles here. The campaign was originally set to extend over three weeks—Nov. 23 to Dec. 12—and with only one week elapsed, the success is assured. Mr. Rhodes's statement follows:

"The Management Committee for the National Service Loan has advised the Government that the response to the loan has been so widespread and generous that an oversubscription is now assured. Under the terms of the official prospectus the amount of bonds to be issued under the loan is \$150,000,000, and the subscription lists will therefore be closed the night of Monday, Nov. 30, notwithstanding the fact that it was contemplated the books would remain open until Dec. 12. The Government has, however, been informed by the Management Committee that it is within the committee's knowledge that many Canadian subscribers have filed or purpose filing applications accompanied by cheques dated Dec. 1, and in order to give all an equal opportunity to participate, the Government has given instruction that such applications be accepted if filed tomorrow, Nov. 30."

DOMINION TO USE ENTIRE \$215,000,000 PROCEEDS.—A dispatch from Ottawa to the New York "Herald Tribune" of Dec. 4 is given herewith:

Total subscriptions for the national service loan amounted to more than \$215,000,000 when the books were closed, it was made known to-night in a statement issued by E. N. Rhodes, Acting Minister of Finance. The Government will accept the full amount subscribed.

"The excess over \$150,000,000," Mr. Rhodes announced, "is to be used for the purpose of redeeming outstanding obligations of the Dominion of Canada in the form of Treasury bills and bonds. Steps already have been taken to put this program into operation and when completed the net increase in the obligations of the Dominion of Canada will be \$150,000,000."

COBOURG, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.—At an election to be held soon the rate payers will pass upon a proposal providing for the issuance of \$295,000 hydro-electric power and water works bonds.

LEVIS, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to L. Lemieux, City Clerk, will be received until 4 p. m. on Dec. 15 for the purchase of \$30,000 5% bonds, dated Jan. 1 1932 and due serially on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1952 incl. Payable at the Banque Canadienne Nationale at Levis, Quebec, or Montreal.

MAGOG, Que.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$65,000 5% improvement bonds for which sealed bids were invited until Nov. 3—V. 133, p. 2632—was not sold. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1931 and mature serially Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1961 inclusive.

MANITOBA (Province of).—LOCAL MUNICIPAL BONDS RE-PURCHASED AT DISCOUNT.—W. C. McKinnell, Supervisor of Municipalities in Manitoba, recently effected a saving of \$6,350 for the municipalities of St. Vital and West Kildonan through the purchase in the market of certain obligations of these places at a price of 65, according to "Financial Post" of Toronto of Dec. 4.

ST. COLOMB DE SILLERY, Que.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$225,000 5% pumping plant construction and aqueduct building bonds offered on Nov. 30—V. 133, p. 3498—was not sold, as no bids were received. The bonds were offered bearing date of Jan. 1 1932 and due on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1972, inclusive.

ST. REMI D'AMHERST, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—E. Des Ormeaux, Secretary-Treasurer, will open bids at 12 m. on Dec. 5 for the purchase of \$8,000 5 1/4% School Commission bonds dated Oct. 1 1931 and due serially in from one to 20 years. Denom. to suit purchaser. Payable at Montreal and St. Remi d'Amherst.

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▮ **BATH, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids addressed to E. P. Shepard, Village Clerk, will be received until Dec. 14 for the purchase of \$7,500 5 1/2% hydro-electric bonds, due annually in from 1 to 20 years. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Principal and interest are payable at the office of the Village Treasurer.

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