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The Financial Situation.

In his annual report the present week the Superintendent of Banking of New York State, Joseph A. Broderick, makes a suggestion that may have considerable merit. He suggests "the formation of some sort of Council of Bankers and Business Men with whom the Superintendent may confer on general banking conditions or on specific matters as to which advice and official support may be helpful." He adds that "It would seem that assistance of the sort mentioned could be furnished by a properly organized Advisory Council, or Commission, which would be in keeping with our present system of State Government."

He lays great stress upon sound management, and that is a feature which cannot be emphasized too much. As one sees bank suspensions occurring on every side and in all parts of the country, and studies, or seeks to study, the causes of the same, one cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that what has been lacking almost uniformly has been sane and sound methods in the management of the afflicted institutions. There may have been other contributing causes, some of them beyond the control of the managers, and these latter on occasions may have been entirely free from blame, but in the great majority of instances, and to an overwhelming extent, what has been lacking has been sound management.

And this being true, it follows that what is needed in the first instance is character in management. Of course a knowledge and understanding of banking principles is also essential and no neophyte should ever be tolerated in the banking business, but character is the fundamental requirement even in that, because in the last analysis he who enters upon the business of banking undertakes a duty of trust—a

relationship of fiduciary to the depositors and of service to the public—and no one with a proper sense of responsibility, in other words, no one having all the essentials of a good character, will enter upon the discharge of such a duty and responsibility unless he is properly and fully qualified for the task.

What is needed is not new law, new legislation, but simply what is inherent in the individual himself. And the remark applies to the subject of branch banking, which has been bulking so large recently; the defect when trouble occurs is not in the absence of authority to establish branches, but the absence alone of the simple quality of sound banking. And that deficiency legislation cannot supply. As stated, it must be inherent in the individual himself. Hasty conclusions are often reached on slender and insufficient facts. But if there is one thing, beyond all other things, which experience has taught in the era of bank failures through which the country has been passing, it is that sound banking is the one solvent of all the country's banking troubles. Banks with branches have failed, hundreds of them; chain banks have failed, and every other kind of banks have made their contribution to the bad banking record for which the last few years will ever be notable, but all methods of banking prove faulty when character is lacking.

Superintendent Broderick does not go into an analysis or discussion of any of these things. He simply lays down certain incontrovertible truths, saying:

"Sound management is still the greatest factor in successful banking. Our real bankers understand that their primary functions are to safeguard their depositors' funds and to finance the legitimate requirements of trade and commerce. So-called progressive ideas and fair-weather practices have been tried and found wanting, and have not stood the test of depression. Recent experiences have shown conclusively that there is no place in our banking institutions for trading or speculative activities, or for the financing or encouraging of such activities. More than ever before, it appears absolutely necessary that there shall be a distinct line of demarcation between deposit and investment banking. It is clear, too, that many of our banking methods and our banking laws are not in keeping with the changing conditions and changing practices.

"The past year has demonstrated more clearly than ever before the interdependence of the vast number of separate units which compose our State system. We realize now, as never before, that no single institution or group can afford to disregard the problems of the others. We must also learn that the same is true in times of rising markets, when some institutions, in their desire to expand and enlarge their profits, depart from sound principles of banking. We must recognize that the practices of such institutions are a responsibility upon the entire banking

community, and that their correction requires the same unity of action with which our banks have met their problems during this period of economic stress."

Mr. Broderick, after quoting the banking law to show that the duties of the Superintendent are essentially executive in nature, goes on to say: "On the other side of the question are many arguments in favor of the formation of some sort of Council of Bankers and Business Men with whom the Superintendent may confer on general banking conditions or on specific matters as to which advice and official support may be helpful. It would seem that assistance of the sort mentioned could be furnished by a properly organized Advisory Council or Commission, which would be in keeping with our present system of State government."

We find ourselves in full accord with this, and, therefore, agree with the Superintendent in his further statement that: "In the future it may be found that certain powers relating to the issuance of general orders may very properly be vested in such a council. At the present time the problem of establishing uniform conservative interest rates is a matter of great importance to general banking conditions. If a council with advisory and certain other duties should be created, the legislature might very well give serious thought to empowering the Superintendent with the consent of two-thirds of such a council, to establish maximum interest rates."

Mr. Broderick makes many other suggestions and recommendations, each of which should have separate consideration at the proper time, but there would appear no reason for taking exception to what he says in arguing in favor of the Advisory Council he has in mind, though in the end much will depend upon how broad the powers and functions to be conferred upon that body are to be. There is the more reason for carefully studying the proposal, inasmuch as Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt in his lengthy annual message, discussing the State and national problems, also gives unqualified support to the proposition. Mr. Roosevelt is not slow in characterizing the financial debauchery of recent years, from the effects of which the country is now so deeply suffering. The fact that he is altogether too sweeping and too all-inclusive in his charges may well be overlooked in view of his earnestness. He says:

"Thoroughly unsound, even if wholly legal, banking practices have been growing for a generation. Many banks became mere bond-selling houses. Many bankers forgot that it was of doubtful ethics to sell their own securities to their depositors and to trust funds for which they themselves were trustees.

"Many billions of securities were sold to the public at prices unjustified even by the expectation that we had reached an immutable millennium, a permanent Utopia. Consolidations, mergers, holding companies, investment trusts were touted in every corner of the land, a pyramiding unequaled since the days of the Mississippi Bubble.

"To-day we recognize the unsoundness and the danger. The bubble has burst with all its rainbow glory. The public has burned its fingers in the flame of wild speculation and has learned now to fear the fire. While it still fears the fire, is the time for us to act."

With the foregoing as his basis, Governor Roosevelt argues that the necessary action to prevent a repetition of our unfortunate experience must come from the Legislature of the State of New York, now

as in the past: "The people, through their representatives, have at all times found it necessary to place curbs and regulations and supervision on those who handle other people's money." What are the necessary requirements for the purpose? Mr. Roosevelt names four of them, and mentions as the first of them Superintendent Broderick's proposition for the creation of an Advisory Council. The four requirements which Governor Roosevelt deems essential are named as follows:

First, we need new laws to give to the Superintendent of Banks and his department the benefit of assistance and advice in meeting a situation which is abnormal and without precedent. The inflexible provisions of our banking law do not permit adequate handling of emergencies. An Advisory Council could provide, under proper restrictions, flexibility with safety. With this I am confident that we can give additional protection to the deposits of millions of our people who are depending on their savings and to the wheels of industry which require banking facilities to meet their payrolls.

Second, unsound practices of the past must be eliminated by law from now on. The ethics of banking need restatement; savings must be managed as savings and not confused with commercial or checking deposits.

Third, there must be revision of the laws relating to the sale of securities to the public. It is time to differentiate between prospects and true values, or at least to tell an unskilled public the whole truth about the contents of what in the past has been a package too often sold only because of the bright colors on its wrapper.

Fourth, we must by law maintain the principle that banks are a definite benefit to the individual community. That is why a concentration of all banking resources and all banking control in one spot or in a few hands is contrary to a sound public policy. We want strong and stable banks, and at the same time each community must be enabled to keep control of its own money within its own borders.

We wish also to commend what Governor Roosevelt has to say regarding the "Problem of the Railroads," for we regard the solution of that problem the most urgent and the most pressing with which the country is confronted at the present time. The Governor says:

PROBLEM OF THE RAILROADS.

"I come now to another problem of the moment over which, unfortunately, the State can have little control. For many generations the greatest of common carriers, the railroads, have formed the backbone of that form of wealth which seeks stable investment. Banks, insurance companies, charities, hospitals, churches, trust funds, all, rightly or wrongly, have placed confidence in the permanence of the underlying mortgages of the railroad. Many people of late have seen the serious effects of a nation-wide depression on railroad traffic. The railroads are heavy sufferers, in addition, from a new competition by great trucks and buses on highways built by the State.

"In view of the fact that the taxes paid by the railroads have helped and are helping to build these highways and that the trucks and buses now use them almost tax-free, a better equalization of taxes is called for in all fairness. I shall ask in my budget message for a tax on heavy motor vehicles commensurate with their use of the costly highways of the State.

"Summing up, therefore, the present situation, in so far as the State can give assistance to credit, to bank deposits, and to the strengthening of the general financial structure, it is incumbent on us

to do everything in our power to protect the present and to rebuild for the future along far sounder lines."

The present week has seen a correction of the exceptional condition in which the Federal Reserve banks of the country found themselves a week ago. It may be recalled that last week the volume of Reserve credit outstanding was increased in amount of no less than \$228,000,000 as measured by the total of the holdings of bills and securities, and that this was after very heavy previous increases, and that every item forming a part of the total of these holdings contributed to the increase. The discount holdings mounted up from \$911,194,000 Dec. 23 to \$1,024,133,000 Dec. 30; the holdings of acceptances increased from \$257,351,000 to \$326,975,000, and the holdings of Government securities rose from \$758,222,000 to \$803,228,000. More than the whole of the increase in the discounts occurred right here in the New York Reserve District, where the volume of the discount holdings jumped from \$236,396,000 Dec. 23 to \$431,827,000 Dec. 30, and where the bill holdings increased from \$74,975,000 to \$160,580,000, and the holdings of United States Government securities increased from \$267,322,000 to \$302,056,000, and where the total of the bill and security holdings in this Reserve District ran up in this single week from \$592,756,000 to \$908,620,000.

The great expansion in Reserve credit outstanding in that week has not yet been adequately explained. The "Monthly Review" of the New York Federal Reserve Bank for Jan. 1 tells us that during December there were the usual demands upon the banks incident to the holiday trade and the year-end, including a demand for approximately \$225,000,000 of currency, fourth quarter income tax collections, and preparations for year-end corporations and bank statements. But the so-called holiday demand for currency has done duty on many occasions in the past, and certainly New York City was not flush with holiday money the present season, and yet, as we have just seen, it was in the New York Federal Reserve District that the sudden heavy discount additions occurred, and here that the heavy offerings of acceptances to the New York Reserve Bank occurred. In the two weeks from Dec. 16 to Dec. 30 the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve banks ran up from \$697,908,000 to \$1,024,133,000, being an addition of \$326,225,000, out of which \$312,283,000 occurred in the New York District. It seems more likely that Treasury financing and the acquisition of unusual amounts of Government securities in connection with the United States Treasury's December program of financing played an important part in swelling the volume of Reserve credit so greatly.

Whatever the cause, the exceptional circumstances responsible for the same have now been eliminated, as evidenced by this week's Federal Reserve statements, which show a contraction in the volume of Reserve credit outstanding even more noteworthy than last week's expansion. In other words, while last week the total of the bill and security holdings mounted from \$1,957,221,000 to \$2,185,216,000, the present week the amount has dropped back to \$1,888,311,000, the contraction falling not far short of \$300,000,000. The discount holdings have diminished during the week from \$1,024,133,000 to \$818,216,000; the bills or acceptances from \$326,975,000 to \$275,306,000; the holdings of Government securities from \$803,228,000 to \$765,945,000, and the holdings of

other securities from \$30,880,000 to \$28,844,000. Of the total contraction of \$296,905,000 for the week, \$278,000,000 occurred in the New York Reserve District, showing again that the bulk of the change occurred here. Notwithstanding this contraction, however, in the volume of Reserve credit outstanding the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation again increased, rising from \$2,613,104,000 to \$2,651,026,000. Gold holdings suffered a slight decrease during the week, dropping from \$2,987,564,000 Dec. 30 to \$2,985,552,000 Jan. 6. Nevertheless, as the deposit liabilities were greatly reduced the ratio of total reserves to deposits and Federal note liabilities combined, which last week had dropped from 64.4% to 61.9%, the present week ran up to 65.5%. The mistake must not be made, however, of supposing that the Reserve banks find themselves in easy circumstances or in a state of liquidation. Quite the reverse is the case. The amount of Federal Reserve notes outstanding is almost a full billion dollars larger than it was 12 months ago, and amounts now (Jan. 6) to \$2,651,026,000 as against \$1,624,898,000 on Jan. 7 1931. It is also \$770,834,000 in excess of what it was when it was at its maximum at the time of the stock market crash in the autumn of 1929, when it totaled only \$1,880,192,000. Moreover, with total deposits now of \$2,169,419,000 the relatively small sum of \$281,108,000 is not tied up in investments or in discounts.

The stock market opened the new year on Saturday last in a gloomy and dismal way, with further heavy declines on Monday, thereby creating a feeling that the situation during 1932 was to be no better than the sad experience in the whole of the preceding period back to the time of the collapse in the autumn of 1929. But the market has since retrieved itself and enjoyed very substantial advances, completely changing the aspect of things and giving the market a decidedly encouraging look which has inspired hope that the long-continued depression may now soon be a thing of the past, though it is proper to say that there may have been nothing more than extensive covering of outstanding short commitments, which, however, might be interpreted as signifying that the bear contingent see brighter things ahead and, accordingly, think it a wise precaution to close out short commitments. What is a real source of encouragement is that the bond market appears at last to be evidencing sustained buying, which is important since the general belief is that no permanent rise in the stock market can be counted upon until the bond market itself gives the cue in moving steadily and persistently towards higher levels.

It was the renewed quite unexpected collapse in the bond market on Saturday and Monday, when bond prices tumbled once more in most serious fashion, that proved so extremely dispiriting. Beginning with Tuesday, however, bond prices sharply recovered and there has been substantial further improvement in prices on every day since then, the cumulative advances for the week being of quite large size. The stock market, after the severe break on Saturday and Monday, touched further low levels the early part of Tuesday, but after that displayed a rallying tendency which left most stocks at the end of that day not much lower than the close on Monday. On Wednesday and Thursday, on the other hand, share properties spurted up with great rapidity, completely altering the entire outlook, as

already stated. On Friday confidence remained unimpaired, and prices moved still higher. Among the dividend reductions and omissions during the week that which attracted most attention was the reduction in the dividend on the common stock of the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe from \$2.50 a share to \$1.50. Thus this premier stock has been reduced from a basis of 10% per annum to only 6%, testifying anew to the shrinkage in railroad revenues.

Among the other dividend reductions may be mentioned that of the Associated Dry Goods Corp., which decided to omit dividends altogether on its common stock; the American Smelting & Refining Co. cut its quar. div. on common to only 12½c. a share; the previous quarterly payment by this company was 37½c. a share, the dividend payable Aug. 1 was 50c. a share, prior to which the company had been paying \$1 a share; the Columbian Carbon Co. made its quar. div. only 75c. a share against \$1 a share at the previous quarterly date and \$1.25 a share prior thereto. The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. reduced its quar. div. on common to 25c. a share, which compares with 75c. a share on May 1 and \$1.25 a share from Aug. 1 1929 to Feb. 1 1931. The United Cigar Stores Co. reduced its quar. div. on the 6% cum. pref. stock from \$1.50 to \$1. Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc., cut its quar. div. on common from 75c. a share to 50c. a share, and the Exchange Buffet Corp. declared only 6¼c. a share on common against 25c. a share paid on Oct. 31 and 37½c. a share paid on previous quarterly dates. The Allis-Chalmers Co. also reduced its dividend. The rate for call loans on the Stock Exchange was twice reduced during the week. On Monday all loans were at 3½%; on Tuesday, after renewals had again been effected, there was a drop in the rate for new loans to 3%, and on Thursday, after renewals had again been put through at 3%, the rate for new loans dropped to 2½%, which also was the rate on Friday for all loans, including renewals.

Trading has been only moderately large. At the half-day session on Saturday last the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 721,990 shares; on Monday they were 1,513,365 shares; on Tuesday, 1,418,619 shares; on Wednesday, 1,837,910 shares; on Thursday, 2,179,369 shares, and on Friday, 1,969,650 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 140,205 shares; on Monday they were 292,240 shares; on Tuesday, 181,602 shares; on Wednesday, 265,550 shares; on Thursday, 302,775 shares, and on Friday, 350,585 shares.

As compared with Thursday of last week, prices are higher all around, due to the recoveries of the last few days. General Electric closed yesterday at 25 against 25 on Thursday of last week; North American at 34⅞ against 33⅞; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 34¾ against 34; Standard Gas & Elec. at 30⅞ against 27¾; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 63 against 60⅞; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 14¼ against 13; Brooklyn Union Gas at 81¾ against 75½ bid; Elec. Power & Light at 12⅞ ex-div. against 10⅞; Public Service of N. J. at 56½ against 54¼; International Harvester at 26 against 24; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 36⅞ against 40⅞; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 33⅞ ex-div. against 33; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 9⅞ against 7⅞; Woolworth at 41¾ against 40; Safeway Stores at 45 against 43⅞; Western Union Telegraph at 40¾ against 38½; American Tel. & Tel. at 120 against 116¾; Int. Tel. & Tel. at 10¾ against 8⅞; American Can at 63¼ against 60; United States Industrial Alcohol at 26⅞

against 26⅞; Commercial Solvents at 9¼ against 8⅞; Shattuck & Co. at 9¾ against 9¾, and Corn Products at 45¼ against 41⅞.

Allied Chemical closed yesterday at 71⅞ against 68⅞ on Thursday of last week; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 54½ against 55½; National Cash Register at 9⅞ against 8⅞; International Nickel at 8⅞ against 7¾; Timken Roller Bearing at 21 against 18¼; Mack Trucks at 14¾ against 14¼; Yellow Truck & Coach at 3¾ against 3⅞; Johns-Manville at 22⅞ against 17⅞; Gillette Safety Razor at 14 against 12⅞; National Dairy Products at 24 against 22⅞; Associated Dry Goods at 6½ against 7¾; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 23⅞ against 22¾; American & Foreign Power at 8⅞ against 7; General American Tank Car at 30⅞ against 31; United Gas Improvement at 19¼ against 18½; National Biscuit at 42 against 40⅞; Coca Cola at 112½ against 107; Continental Can at 36½ against 34½; Eastman Kodak at 81¾ against 82¼; Gold Dust Corp. at 18⅞ ex-div. against 17½; Standard Brands at 13⅞ against 13⅞; Paramount Publix Corp. at 10½ against 7; Kreuger & Toll at 6¾ against 5⅞; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at 26 against 23¼; Drug, Inc., at 52½ against 53¼; Columbian Carbon at 35¾ against 34; Amer. Tobacco at 71 against 69¼; Liggett & Myers class B at 50⅞ against 47⅞; Reynolds Tobacco class B at 36 against 35⅞; Lorillard at 14 against 13, and Tobacco Products class A at 7⅞ against 7.

The steel shares have moved higher with the rest of them. United States Steel closed yesterday at 43⅞ against 38⅞ on Thursday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 21½ against 18¾; Vanadium at 14⅞ against 13¼; Crucible Steel at 21⅞ against 24, and Republic Iron & Steel at 5⅞ against 5. In the auto group Auburn Auto closed yesterday at 140½ against 131 on Thursday of last week; General Motors at 23⅞ against 22⅞; Chrysler at 14⅞ against 14; Nash Motors at 17¾ against 17½; Packard Motors at 5 against 4⅞; Hudson Motor Car at 11¾ against 10⅞, and Hupp Motors at 5½ against 4⅞. In the rubber group Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 16¼ against 19 on Thursday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 5 against 4.

The railroad shares are generally higher. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 20¼ against 18⅞ on Thursday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at 85 against 85; Atlantic Coast Line at 33¼ against 28; Chicago Rock Island at 12⅞ against 9; New York Central at 31⅞ against 29; Baltimore & Ohio at 17¼ against 15¼; New Haven at 24⅞ against 20½; Union Pacific at 75 against 71½; Southern Pacific at 31¼ against 27¾; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 6¼ against 4⅞; Missouri Pacific at 8½ against 7; Southern Railway at 10½ against 7½; Chesapeake & Ohio at 29 against 28⅞; Northern Pacific at 20⅞ against 15⅞, and Great Northern at 22⅞ against 17½.

The oil shares also recorded gains over the previous week. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 29⅞ against 27⅞ on Thursday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at 26⅞ against 25; Atlantic Refining at 10⅞ against 9⅞; Freeport-Texas at 18 against 16½; Sinclair Oil at 6½ against 4¾; Texas Corp. at 13⅞ against 12½; Phillips Petroleum at 5⅞ against 4⅞, and Pure Oil at 4¾ against 4¼.

The copper stocks likewise moved upward with the market. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 11½ against 9⅞ on Thursday of last week; Kenne

cott Copper at $12\frac{3}{8}$ against $11\frac{1}{4}$; Calumet & Hecla at $3\frac{3}{8}$ against $3\frac{1}{8}$; Phelps Dodge at $8\frac{3}{8}$ against 7; American Smelting & Refining at 16 against $18\frac{5}{8}$, and Cerro de Pasco Copper at $13\frac{7}{8}$ against $12\frac{1}{4}$.

Quotations of securities on the Stock Exchanges in London and Paris were generally lower in the first sessions of the new year, but as the week progressed substantial improvement took place. The trading of the year was started on the European markets on Monday, as the New Year's Day closing was extended to include last Saturday. There was little business at first, but as reports were received of the mid-week advance in the New York markets, trading increased at London and Paris and the foreign trend also became favorable. The London market reported exceptional interest in German bonds, owing to rumors that the British and French Governments had reached substantial agreement on a moratorium of reparations payments under the Young Plan. The outlook on the reparations and debt negotiations was, indeed, of primary importance on the London Stock Exchange and the Paris Bourse, as there were few indications of progress in other directions. The Berlin Boerse remains closed under the orders of the Government and the Reichsbank, but unofficial trading is said to be on the increase and a sharp rise in quotations was reported on the basis of the B. I. S. Advisory Committee recommendations on reparations.

The London Stock Exchange was dull and irregular, Monday, owing partly to a decline in sterling exchange and partly to speedy response to the Government's appeal for prompt payment of the new income taxes. The installment due beginning Monday is for nine months, and although the payments proved very burdensome in a great many instances, the response to the request for early payment was reported as extremely satisfactory. British funds were somewhat lower, but German issues advanced sharply. Home rail stocks were given good support, while the industrial list turned soft. In Tuesday's session, German securities again provided the best feature. British Government bonds were off at the opening, but most of the losses were regained. Home rail shares reacted, and industrial stocks also moved lower, with textile issues especially soft owing to the Indian developments. A better tendency in sterling exchange, Wednesday, occasioned a substantial rally in British funds, while further advances also were registered in German bonds. Home rail stocks also were firmer and small advances appeared in the industrial section as well. The international list improved sharply, owing to favorable overnight reports from New York. The advancing tendency was maintained Thursday, British funds showing added strength and German bonds also reflecting excellent support. A long list of gains appeared in the industrial market, but in most cases the rises were not large. Dealings were quiet in London, yesterday, and a slightly irregular tendency was reported.

The Paris Bourse was heavy, Monday, and prices receded drastically under general liquidation. Selling orders from other markets appeared in substantial volume, it was said, and there was little buying interest to offset them. Bank of France shares were off 300 points, and other issues also showed large declines. The trend was reversed Tuesday, with extensive purchases of German bonds the feature of

the market. French stocks were quiet, but gains appeared here also. Prices on the Bourse continued to move forward, Wednesday, with German issues still in heavy demand. The opening was somewhat hesitant, but the market soon began to advance, and it continued the upswing through the remainder of the day. French bank and industrial issues showed sizable gains, it was reported. The favorable tendency was accentuated, Thursday, and the gains were extended in all sections of the list. German bonds resumed their advance and closed at the highest levels of the day. Bank of France shares gained 325 points and other issues also moved forward smartly. After early weakness yesterday the market steadied and changes were small at the close.

The problem of German reparations occasioned numerous informal conferences in European capitals this week, but there is still some uncertainty regarding the date on which representatives of the interested governments will gather at Lausanne to consider the report of the B. I. S. Advisory Committee. The British proposal for a conference beginning Jan. 18 was accepted late last week by the French, German, Belgian, Italian and Greek Governments. Britain and France took a further step Monday, when a suggestion was made to President Motta of Switzerland for the meeting at Lausanne during the latter half of this month. Uncertainty regarding the date has again arisen, however, owing to the death, Wednesday, of the French War Minister, Andre Maginot. Extensive changes in the French Cabinet are now forecast, and these, a Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" states, "will almost inevitably cause a delay in the opening of the proposed Lausanne conference."

British policy with respect to reparations was discussed at a Cabinet meeting in London on Thursday, and it was announced thereafter that Neville Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary, will head the British delegation at Lausanne. As a result of the meeting it was established that the British Cabinet will pursue the policy of reaching an agreement with France as a preliminary to a successful conference, reports said. In a London dispatch to the "Times" it was indicated that the French desire for maintaining the integrity of the Young Plan probably will not be challenged by Britain, although considerable weight is likely to be laid by London on the necessity of restoring world confidence in Germany's economic stability. In Berlin active preparations were carried on this week for the reparations meeting, and it was indicated that Chancellor Bruening is likely to make a stand for "no more tribute payments." Some comment was occasioned in the German capital by an unexpected visit of Walter E. Edge, United States Ambassador to France, to Berlin, in order to confer with Frederic M. Sackett, diplomatic representative of the United States in the German capital. Mr. Edge arrived in Berlin, Monday, and he returned to Paris Wednesday. It was disclosed in Paris, Wednesday, that conferences on the problem had taken place the previous evening between Premier Pierre Laval and Leopold von Hoesch, the German Ambassador. No indication was available of the trend of these diplomatic discussions.

Preparations are quickly being completed in all countries for the World Disarmament Conference

which is scheduled to begin at Geneva Feb. 2. The American delegation, as disclosed in its entirety last week, will consist of Ambassador Charles G. Dawes, Chairman; Senator Claude Swanson, Ambassador Hugh S. Gibson, Norman H. Davis, and Dr. Mary Emma Woolley. They will be assisted by numerous advisers and aides. General Dawes returned to Washington, Tuesday, and all the members of the American delegation thereupon conferred with President Hoover and Secretary of State Stimson regarding the position to be taken at the meeting. Secretary Stimson appeared before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Wednesday, to urge the passage of legislation providing funds for the expenses of the delegation. "The influence of this country, while quiet, will be most important," he said. "It has been evident for a long time that energetic steps should be taken to bring about a plan for disarmament." Sir John Simon, Foreign Secretary in the British Cabinet, alluded to the importance of the conference Tuesday, a London dispatch to the United Press said. The attitudes of the nations to the conference, he said, are "not so much the expressions of personal judgments of individuals as the embodiment of widespread and sensitive general judgment on the part of entire populations." Disarmament was earnestly advocated by President Paul von Hindenburg, of Germany, in a New Year's greeting to the diplomatic corps in Berlin. It would be disastrous for the world, he said, if the expectations for disarmament are disappointed again.

There were several reflections this week of the serious political and economic situation still prevalent in Germany. Of foremost interest was a meeting, Thursday, at which Chancellor Bruening and Defense Minister Wilhelm Groener discussed with Adolph Hitler, the leader of the National Socialists, the prolongation of President Paul von Hindenburg's term of office, which expires May 5. "It is understood," a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" said, "that the 84-year-old President has consented to remain in office for a short period beyond the expiration of his six-year term provided that all parties vote in the Reichstag for the necessary alteration of the Constitution, which requires a two-thirds majority." The Chancellor also conferred with leaders of other parties on this point. Some encouraging words regarding the plight of Germany were spoken in a radio address by the venerable President of the country late last week. In characteristically frank and hearty fashion, the old Field Marshal admonished the German millions to "see it through" despite the sacrifices of the past and those yet to come. "The magnitude of the sacrifices gives us a right to claim from other nations that they must not impose requirements upon us impossible of fulfillment, and thus stand in the way of our recovery," he said.

Extension of the Japanese occupation of Manchuria to the Great Wall of China has followed, this week, the capture of the key city of Chinchow, which rendered the control of the territory complete in any case, from a military viewpoint. There have been rumors that the Japanese army leaders may extend their drive into China proper and take the cities of Peiping and Tientsin, but such reports may be doubted in view of the alarm that would be aroused in all countries if the step were taken. The measures

already taken by the Japanese in their self-appointed task of suppressing banditry in Manchuria are apparently to be the subject of a protracted diplomatic debate. It was indicated by the State Department in Washington, Thursday, that the United States will adhere to its rights under the various international covenants applicable in the Manchurian affair. These include specifically the Nine-Power Treaty and the Kellogg-Briand pact outlawing war as an instrument of national policy. A notification to this effect was dispatched to Tokio two days ago, as part of a concerted international effort, in which the Governments of Great Britain, France and Italy also are expected to join.

An unfortunate incident at Mukden, last Sunday, which involved Culver B. Chamberlain, a United States Consular official, has served to becloud the Manchurian issue to a degree. Mr. Chamberlain, who is the American Consul at Harbin, Manchuria, passed through Mukden while proceeding to his post. On his journey to the railway station, at 6:30 in the morning, in a motor car flying the American flag, he was stopped and questioned by Japanese guards. A misunderstanding arose, and as a consequence he was severely beaten by the Japanese interpreter and the guards before being allowed to return to the American consulate in Mukden. An official Japanese apology was immediately transmitted through the Japanese Consulate in Mukden, but Secretary of State Stimson made known Monday that this was not considered sufficient, and that he had protested vigorously against the attack to Katsuji Debuchi, the Japanese Ambassador in Washington. In a statement issued by the Department of State, it was remarked that Mr. Chamberlain "was stopped by three Japanese soldiers to whom he identified himself by card and passport." He was attacked, however, "without justification," the statement said, and his face was badly bruised, although he was otherwise uninjured. Further apologies were tendered at Mukden, Monday, and on the following day Ambassador Debuchi called on Secretary Stimson and expressed the "sincere regret" of the Tokio Government regarding the incident.

All the Chinese troops in Chinchow having been withdrawn by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, the deposed War Lord of Manchuria, Japanese forces quickly extended their advance, and a small force entered the city early last Saturday. It was promptly made apparent that this would not terminate the movement, as two armored trains manned by Japanese troops moved south from Chinchow Sunday toward Shanhaikwan, where the Great Wall dividing Manchuria and China proper comes down to the sea. This city, 113 miles beyond Chinchow, was entered by the Japanese Thursday, according to an Associated Press report from Tientsin. As the Japanese entered the city they posted proclamations saying the occupation was "necessary," the dispatch said. The Foreign Office in Tokio announced, Monday, that the necessity for maintaining peace and order in Manchuria will make it impossible to withdraw troops from that area "for some time to come." Unless serious disturbances occur at points beyond the Great Wall of China, Japanese forces will not cross that border line, it was added.

The Chinese Government at Nanking continued to confine itself, in this situation, to diplomatic protests. In a communication transmitted to the League Secretariat at Geneva, Monday, China re-

minded the League Council of its December resolution enjoining both parties not to aggravate matters, and informed the League body of the recent developments at Chinchow. Hopes were expressed that the Council "immediately will take effective measures to prevent aggravation of the present serious situation." The League itself, Geneva reports said, probably will confine itself to a policy of passive resistance to the extension and consolidation of Japanese power throughout Manchuria. Efforts would be made, an official was credited with saying late last week, to "keep the issue open and gain time for Japan to realize the adventure has not been worth the candle and a civilian reaction against the military has set in." The League proceeded with its selection of a Manchurian inquiry commission, as provided for last month. Lord Lytton, of Britain, will head the group, it was indicated Tuesday, while other members will be Major-General Frank R. McCoy of the United States, General Henri Edouard Claudel of France, Dr. Heinrich Schnee of Germany, and Count A. Aldovrandi of Italy. Little was said in Moscow regarding the developments, notwithstanding the Russian interest in the Chinese Eastern Railway, which crosses Northern Manchuria. Some concern was expressed Wednesday regarding a reported riot of White Guard elements at Harbin, as it was believed such reports might be the prelude to Japanese occupation of that town. No change in Soviet policy was considered likely, however, unless direct injury were inflicted upon Soviet nationals or interests, a Moscow dispatch to the New York "Times" said.

The American notification to Japan, invoking the specific provisions of the Nine-Power Treaty and the Kellogg-Briand pact, was made public in Washington yesterday. The communication was brief, and the identic text was sent also to China. "With the recent military operations about Chinchow, the last remaining administrative authority of the Government of the Chinese Republic in South Manchuria, as it existed prior to Sept. 18 1931, has been destroyed," Secretary Stimson said. "The American Government continues confident that the work of the neutral commission recently authorized by the Council of the League of Nations will facilitate an ultimate solution of the difficulties now existing between China and Japan. But in view of the present situation and of its own rights and obligations therein, the American Government deems it to be its duty to notify both the Imperial Japanese Government and the Government of the Chinese Republic that it cannot admit the legality of any situation de facto, nor does it intend to recognize any treaty or agreement entered into between those Governments, or agents thereof, which may impair the treaty rights of the United States or its citizens in China, including those which relate to the sovereignty, the independence, or the territorial and administrative integrity of the Republic of China, or to the international policy relative to China, commonly known as the Open Door policy; and that it does not intend to recognize any situation, treaty or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary to the covenants and obligations of the Pact of Paris of Aug. 27 1928, to which treaty both China and Japan, as well as the United States, are parties."

Whether the British, French and Italian Governments would make similar representations to Tokio was not made clear at Washington, Thursday. Doubt was expressed in some quarters, dispatches

indicated, whether the full force of the Nine-Power Treaty, with its enunciation of the Open Door policy, would be invoked in all instances. "It is plainly the preference of some interested nations to rely on the Kellogg-Briand pact and its more general expressions of principles in favor of peaceful settlement of disputes," a Washington report to the New York "Herald Tribune" said. A protest to Tokio in a matter of purely British concern was made Thursday by Sir Francis Lindley, British Ambassador to Japan. This concerned the holding by the Japanese army of revenues of the British-built Peiping-Mukden Railway, deposited in Mukden banks. It was stated by Foreign Office officials in Tokio, the same day, that the funds will be released as soon as possible. The officials stated further that Japan has no intention of controlling the Peiping-Mukden line.

Renewal of the civil disobedience campaign in India was ordered Monday by Mahatma Gandhi and his associates of the All-India National Congress, and the country is thus plunged for the third time since the World War into a struggle against British rule that loses little in severity because of its apparently non-violent nature. The decision to renew the campaign followed a hasty exchange of messages between Mr. Gandhi and the Viceroy, Lord Willingdon, regarding the repressive ordinances which were passed while the Indian leader was returning from the Round Table Conference in London. These negotiations proving entirely unsuccessful, arrest of Mr. Gandhi was ordered by the Delhi Government late last Sunday, and the order was executed early Monday morning. Numerous lieutenants and aides of the Mahatma in the Nationalist movement also were imprisoned, as the Government took prompt and vigorous steps to keep down disorder. Although it is recognized that serious trouble may develop as a result of these incidents, it is considered noteworthy that there has been nothing like the widespread disorder which followed Mr. Gandhi's arrest on May 5 1930. The London Government announced, Monday, that it was determined to proceed with its policy of Constitutional progress in India, notwithstanding the renewal of the campaign and the arrest of Mr. Gandhi.

When Mr. Gandhi arrived at Bombay, Dec. 21, he concerned himself immediately with the restrictive measures and appealed to Lord Willingdon to repeal them. The ordinances made applicable in Bengal and other areas measures that had previously been taken only in the Northwest Frontier Province. Mr. Gandhi urged the All-India Congress late last week to co-operate with the British Government only if the ordinances were repealed, and by this step he made himself liable to arrest under one of the acts. The Indian leader appealed to the Viceroy for an interview regarding the measures, and the latter replied Jan. 1 with a lengthy statement refusing to discuss the ordinances and listing numerous specific instances of anti-governmental movements against which the measures were directed. A further message containing proposed terms of settlement was sent by Mahatma Gandhi last Saturday. In reply, however, Lord Willingdon stated the same day that "no government consistent with the discharge of their responsibilities can be subject to the conditions sought to be imposed under the menace of unlawful action by any political organization, nor can the Government of India accept the position implied in

your telegram that their policy should be dependent on the judgment of yourself as to the necessity of measures which the Government have taken after most careful and thorough consideration of the facts and after all other possible remedies had been exhausted."

After receipt of this message the Mahatma awaited arrest in his tent. "The nation must respond to the Government's challenge," he said. "It is to be hoped, however, that while people of all creeds and classes will courageously and in all humility go through the fiery ordeal, considering no price too dear and no sufferings too great, they will observe the strictest non-violence in word, thought and deed." He also issued a "farewell message" to the United States, in which he remarked that "on the eve of embarking on what promises to be a deadly struggle, I shall expect my numerous American friends to watch its career and use the influence of a great nation for the sake of oppressed humanity." To his disciples he said he would urge the people "not to be angry with the administration, as it is not easy for the British to shed a habit handed down from generation to generation." A few hours later Mr. Gandhi was again arrested and rushed to Poona, 75 miles from Bombay, where he was placed in Yeroda prison. Vallabhai Patel, President of the All-India Congress, was arrested at the same time and also imprisoned at Poona.

A hartal, or day of mourning, was declared throughout India and Burma by the Nationalists, Monday, in protest against Mahatma Gandhi's arrest. The first casualties of the new movement were reported at Allahabad the same day, two persons being killed and about 20 injured when an All-India Congress procession was dispersed by the police. Eighteen Congress party leaders were arrested. The Government took immediate steps to suppress the civil disobedience campaign, issuing a series of four new ordinances which were described in a dispatch to the New York "Times" as constituting "iron-clad repression." The measures, it was said, declare the Congress party an illegal organization. "Peaceful picketing will henceforth be an offense leading to arrest," the dispatch continued. "The stern repressive ordinances hitherto applicable only to the United Provinces and the Northwest Frontier Province will be extended from Cape Comorin to the Himalayas."

The Congress party countered by establishing 270 emergency "war councils" to supervise a complete boycott of British goods. A final message from Mahatma Gandhi was circulated in which the Indian people were urged to spin their own cloth, to discard narcotics and intoxicating liquors, and to avoid violence. "Begin by hartals, then by civil disobedience," Mr. Gandhi said. "Disobey orders, except when a breach of the peace may be apprehended. Defy all orders calculated to crush the national spirit or to crush the Congress. When leaders are arrested, individuals must become leaders. Maintain the spirit of civil defiance. The handicaps imposed by internal dissensions and opposition among the Indians themselves will dissolve in the fire of suffering without hatred." The lines of the struggle continued to tighten this week, and a further deplorable incident was reported Wednesday at Benares, where the police fired into a crowd, killing one man, when a gathering occurred in defiance of orders and the people refused to disperse.

A series of admirable resolutions was adopted by the central banking representatives of five South American countries at a financial conference in Lima, Peru, which ended Dec. 12 last. The central banks represented were those of Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. There were also present a number of observers and advisers sent by the Federal Reserve System of the United States, among them Professor Edwin W. Kemmerer of Princeton University. Copies of the resolutions adopted were received here late last week, and they indicate that the delegates made a direct, if somewhat tentative, approach to some of the outstanding problems with which the central banks concerned are now faced. Of particular interest at this time is a resolution of the bankers reaffirming their faith in the gold standard and holding that it is "still the most practicable, despite its many deficiencies." It was declared, moreover, that a favorable view would be taken of "all reasonable efforts on the part of the central banks of the world and of the Bank for International Settlements to co-operate in the work of perfecting the gold standard and of making it a more stable standard or measure of value."

It was anticipated that the conference would develop a unified plan whereunder temporary credits might be requested by the respective banks from the Federal Reserve banks. A resolution said "the possibility of entering into negotiations for obtaining such credits" as deserves the attention of "the central banks of these and other countries, and of the Bank for International Settlements, for the purpose of furthering the cause of central bank co-operation and international monetary stability, which institutions of this class should foster." It was recommended, in addition, that the central banks "co-operate in the study of new mechanisms for providing intermediate credits for productive purposes with maturities of one to three years; and in stimulating the centralization and mobilization of the demand for such credits in the borrowing countries and the mobilization of the supply of such credit in the lending countries." Such intermediate credits should be granted especially for the financing of exportable products, it was held, since they "should constitute a useful and constructive part of any plan for aiding these debtor countries in fulfillment of their international financial obligation."

There were also several resolutions relating to the financing of the governments of the five Latin American countries. The several regimes were requested to refrain from borrowing at the banks and thus avoid inflation of the currency. The resolution covering this point emphasized "the desirability of maintaining at all times budgetary equilibrium, in order that the Government may not find it necessary to seek credits through recourse to the central banks, a development which usually results in inflation of the circulating medium." It was suggested also that guarantees be given against political interference with central bank policy. Likewise interesting, in view of its possible application at the present time, was a resolution recommending that any central bank having part of its legal reserves in a country which suspends the gold standard should, at the earliest possible moment after the suspension, convert its reserves into gold or its equivalent, taking the loss which may be involved, and re-establishing its reserves completely on a gold basis. It was stated on "high authority" in Santiago, Chile, Thursday,

an Associated Press dispatch said, that the central banks of the five countries plan to undertake immediately the withdrawal of the gold deposits on reserve in London for transfer to a gold standard country, probably the United States. In other respects, also, action in line with the resolutions is forecast.

More than passing importance attaches to a conference of trade experts from some of the leading Latin American countries, which was started at Montevideo, Dec. 15, on the invitation of the Uruguayan Government. As a result of the discussions a bi-lateral trade agreement between Brazil and Uruguay has already been negotiated, signatures being attached last Saturday. Additional conferences are already scheduled, and it appears likely that similar bi-lateral agreements will be reached by other governments of Latin America.* This movement is apparently a spontaneous South American counterpart to the various abortive European efforts to foster trade by means of customs unions and regional trade agreements. All such attempts, whether European or South American, may well be interpreted as efforts to surmount the intolerably high tariff barriers that have been erected in recent years.

The Montevideo conference was attended by representatives of the Argentine, Brazilian and Uruguayan Governments, who assembled with the avowed object of establishing some sort of regional customs union. President Gabriel Terra of Uruguay, who opened the meeting, declared that its aim would be a freer interchange of goods among the three countries, by means of the practical application of the principles of co-operation. He gave to the gathering the key-note of an "economic Pan-Americanism." After almost two weeks of negotiations the Argentine delegation returned to Buenos Aires, on the plea that the time is not yet ripe for the organization of a united economic front by the three nations. The difficulties, it appears, related mainly to the meat export program, Argentina objecting to the Uruguayan proposals for the establishment of State-owned packing plants, concerted advertising abroad and united action toward development of new markets.

The Brazilian and Uruguayan representatives, however, signed a draft agreement Jan. 2 which provides for a limited free trade policy on certain specified articles, a reduction of tariffs elsewhere, and a simplification of customs, consular and sanitary regulations. The Brazilian delegation has been instructed to proceed to Buenos Aires to negotiate a similar pact with Argentina, dispatches from Montevideo stated. Extension of the principle in other directions also is possible, as the Paraguayan Government has approached the Uruguayan foreign office, suggesting a bi-lateral trade agreement and expressing regret that it was not included in the original conference. There is already apparent, moreover, a movement for a conference along the same lines between Argentina and Chile, a Montevideo dispatch of Jan. 2 to the New York "Times" indicates.

There have been no changes in central bank rates the present week. Rates are 8% in Austria and Hungary; 7% in Germany, Portugal and Italy; 6½% in Spain and Ireland; 6% in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Danzig and Czechoslovakia, and in Eng-

land; 3% in Holland; 2½% in Belgium, and 2½% in France and Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills on Friday were 5½@5¾% as against 5⅝@5⅞ on Thursday of last week, and 5 9-16@6% for three months' bills as against 5⅞@6¼% on Thursday of last week. Money on call in London on Friday was 3½%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 1⅞%, and in Switzerland at 1¾%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Jan. 6 shows a loss of £24,091 in gold holdings, bringing the total of the item down to £121,324,630, in comparison with £146,557,914 a year ago. Circulation contracted £1,291,000 and so reserves increased £1,267,000. Public deposits rose £7,948,000, while other deposits fell off £46,411,743. Of the latter amount £44,573,942 was to bankers' accounts and £1,837,801 was to other accounts. The reserve ratio increased from 18.45% a week ago to 24.60% now. A year ago the ratio was 37.31%. Loans on Government securities decreased £30,450,000 and those on other securities £9,215,009. The latter consists of discounts and advances and securities which fell off £7,391,642 and £1,823,367 respectively. The discount rate is unchanged at 6%. Below we show a comparison of the different items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1932. Jan. 6.	1931. Jan. 7.	1930. Jan. 8.	1929. Jan. 9.	1928. Jan. 11.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	362,860,000	363,504,599	362,921,772	369,517,787	135,933,585
Public deposits	15,680,000	13,206,470	17,210,657	10,994,607	14,853,638
Other deposits	120,327,070	102,167,891	111,275,367	104,304,663	110,060,585
Bankers' accounts	81,823,788	68,874,566	75,701,298	67,491,247	-----
Other accounts.....	38,503,282	33,293,325	35,574,069	36,813,416	-----
Government securities	64,890,906	53,081,247	69,885,855	57,736,855	39,628,992
Other securities.....	55,688,457	37,270,156	30,366,704	30,655,786	64,504,322
Disct. & advances	19,898,960	14,357,675	15,081,971	14,686,357	-----
Securities.....	35,789,497	22,912,481	15,284,733	15,969,429	-----
Res've notes & coin.....	33,464,000	43,053,315	46,293,097	44,961,493	38,817,964
Coin and bullion.....	121,324,630	146,557,914	149,214,869	154,479,280	155,001,549
Proportion of res've to liabilities.....	24.60%	37.31%	36.02%	38%	31%
Bank rate.....	6%	3%	5%	4½%	4½%

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

The Bank of France, in its weekly statement dated Dec. 31, shows a further increase in gold holdings, this time of 382,865,456 francs. Total gold holdings now stand at 68,863,039,681 francs, as compared with 53,736,958,426 francs a year ago, and 42,433,625,382 francs the year before. A decrease appears in credit balances abroad of 686,000,000 francs, while bills bought abroad rose 297,000,000 francs. Notes in circulation reveal a large gain, namely 2,178,000,000 francs. The aggregate of circulation is now 85,724,000,000 francs, which compares with 78,937,582,475 francs last year and 70,288,003,860 francs the year before. French commercial bills discounted and advances against securities increased 320,000,000 francs and 13,000,000 francs, while creditor current accounts declined 1,431,000,000 francs. Proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities is now 60.51%, in comparison with 60.57% last week and 52.87% last year. A comparison of the various items for three years is furnished below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week. Francs.	Dec. 31 1931. Francs.	Status as of Jan. 2 1931. Francs.	Jan. 3 1930. Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	382,865,456	68,863,039,681	53,736,958,426	42,433,625,382
Credit bal. abr'd.....Dec.	686,000,000	12,354,000,000	7,226,387,687	7,098,820,623
a French commer'l bills discounted.....Inc.	320,000,000	7,390,000,000	7,430,255,110	7,912,985,825
b Bills bought abr'd.....Inc.	297,000,000	8,757,000,000	19,388,568,811	18,698,108,185
Adv. agt. secur. ....Inc.	13,000,000	2,729,000,000	3,114,874,565	2,688,760,293
Note circulation.....Inc.	2,178,000,000	85,724,000,000	78,937,582,475	70,288,003,860
Cred. curr. acct. ....Dec.	1,431,000,000	28,080,000,000	22,701,921,767	18,189,583,164
Proport. of gold on hand to sight lia- bilities.....Dec.	.06%	60.51%	52.87%	47.96%

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

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the last quarter of December recorded a loss in gold and bullion of 931,000 marks. The total gold now stands at 983,955,000 marks, which compares with 2,215,781,000 marks at the same period a year ago and 2,283,116,000 marks two years ago. Reserves in foreign currency and bills of exchange and checks showed increases of 2,482,000 marks and 446,617,000 marks, while the item of deposits abroad remains unchanged. Decreases appeared in silver and other coin of 86,284,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 4,854,000 marks and in other liabilities of 8,614,000 marks. Notes in circulation rose 263,645,000 marks, raising the total of the item up to 4,775,776,000 marks. Total circulation last year was 4,778,259,000 marks and the year before 5,043,677,000 marks. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation decreased from 25.6% last week to 24.2% now. The same item a year ago was 56.2%. The items of advances, investments, other assets and other daily maturing obligations showed increases of 68,317,000 marks, 57,782,000 marks, 120,132,000 marks and 348,230,000 marks, respectively. Below we furnish a comparison of the different items for three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.		Dec. 31 1931.	Dec. 31 1930.	Dec. 31 1929
Assets—		Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion.....Dec.	931,000	983,955,000	2,215,781,000	2,283,116,000
Of which depos. abr'd.	Unchanged	126,600,000	222,017,000	149,788,000
Res'v in for'n curr...Inc.	2,482,000	172,298,000	469,243,000	403,227,000
Bills of exch. & checksInc.	446,617,000	4,241,914,000	2,571,566,000	3,226,643,000
Silver and other coin...Dec.	86,284,000	81,515,000	136,868,000	89,111,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bksDec.	4,854,000	2,068,000	3,990,000	3,979,000
Advances.....Inc.	68,317,000	244,633,000	256,013,000	204,648,000
Investments.....Inc.	57,782,000	160,682,000	102,454,000	92,469,000
Other assets.....Inc.	120,132,000	981,409,000	496,658,000	563,167,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation...Inc.	263,645,000	4,775,776,000	4,778,259,000	5,043,677,000
Oth. daily matur. obligInc.	348,230,000	754,870,000	651,819,000	755,170,000
Other liabilities.....Dec.	8,614,000	867,725,000	328,568,000	193,209,000
Propor. of gold & for'n curr. to note circ'nDec.	1.4%	24.2%	56.2%	53.3%

With the year-end monetary turnover accomplished, rates for funds tended to ease this week. The supply increased steadily as the week progressed, but demand remained small. Call loans on the New York Stock Exchange were 3½% Monday, with a few offerings noted in the unofficial street market at a concession of ¼%, or a rate of 3¼%. Renewals Tuesday were again arranged at 3½%, but new loans dropped to 3%, while in the street market some accommodation was arranged at 2¾%. The official rate was 3% all of Wednesday, while in the outside market funds were offered as low as 2½%. The downward tendency was again apparent Thursday, and the official renewal rate of 3% gave way to a 2½% charge for new loans. Yesterday's official dealings were at 2½% throughout, and offerings were reported in the street market at 2%. Time loans were unchanged. The two regular compilations of brokers loans were both published this week, and further sharp declines were disclosed. The New York Stock Exchange tabulation for the entire month of December reflected a decrease of \$142,992,095, while the Federal Reserve Bank of New York statement showed a decline of \$23,000,000 for the week ended Wednesday night. Gold movements for the week to Wednesday night, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank, consisted of imports of \$5,415,000 and exports of \$5,688,000. There was also a net increase of \$1,689,000 in the stock of the metal held earmarked for foreign account.

Dealing in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 3½% was the rate on Monday for both new loans and renewals. On Tuesday, after renewals had been put through at 3½% the rate on new loans was reduced to 3%. On Wednesday all loans were at 3%, including renewals. On Thursday, after renewals had again been effected at 3%, the rate for new loans declined to 2½%. On Friday, all loans were at 2½%. The 2½% rate was the lowest call loan rate on the Stock Exchange since Dec. 18. There has been no change in the time money market this week, there having been practically no demand for this class of accommodation. Rates are unchanged at 3@4% for all dates. These quotations are nominal, however, as each transaction is given special attention. The demand for prime commercial paper has shown a slight improvement this week, but the supply of paper has proved inadequate to meet the daily requirements. Rates are unchanged. Quotations for choice names of four to six months' maturity are 3¾@4¼%. Names less well known are 4½%. On some very high class 90-day paper occasional transactions at 3½% continued to be noted.

The market for prime bankers' acceptances was moderately strong the early part of the week, but eased off on Thursday and Friday due to the continued scarcity of paper. 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 3⅛% on maturities of 46 to 90 days. The Federal Reserve banks show a falling off this week in their holdings of acceptances, the total having dropped from \$326,975,000 to \$275,306,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents further increased from \$248,529,000 to \$269,544,000. Open market rates for acceptances are as follows:

SPOT DELIVERY						
	-180 Days-		-150 Days-		-120 Days-	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾	3¾	3
-90 Days-						
	Bid.	Asked.	-60 Days-		-30 Days-	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	3¾	3	3¾	3	3¾	3
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.						
Eligible member banks.....						3¼ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....						3¼ 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 Jan. 8.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	3¼	Oct. 17 1931	3¼
New York.....	3¼	Oct. 16 1931	2½
Philadelphia.....	3¼	Oct. 22 1931	3
Cleveland.....	3¼	Oct. 24 1931	3
Richmond.....	4	Oct. 20 1931	3
Atlanta.....	3¼	Nov. 14 1931	3
Chicago.....	3¼	Oct. 17 1931	2½
St. Louis.....	3¼	Oct. 22 1931	2½
Minneapolis.....	3¼	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City.....	3¼	Oct. 23 1931	3
Dallas.....	4	Oct. 21 1931	3
San Francisco.....	3¼	Oct. 21 1931	2½

Sterling exchange is dull and inactive, with rates fluctuating within reasonably narrow limits not withstanding that wide fluctuations are to be expected when so important a currency as sterling is off the

gold basis. The inactivity is attributable in large measure to the usual let-down in markets around the New Year holidays. On Thursday the market gave signs of increasing activity and better sentiment was displayed. The range this week has been from 3.34 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3.41 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills, compared with 3.37 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 3.43 $\frac{1}{2}$ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 3.35 to 3.41 $\frac{1}{2}$, compared with 3.38 to 3.44 last week. Under present conditions of world-wide depression and mistrust of financial trends, it is difficult to forecast the course of sterling exchange. Under normal conditions all factors should favor firmer sterling from now until about the middle of August. The underlying influences affecting sterling exchange are, of course, unaltered since suspension of the gold standard by England on Sept. 21. A feeling of increased confidence has been engendered in the market since publication on Dec. 24 of the report of the Basle committee of experts. In foreign exchange circles it is generally believed that a compromise will be reached whereby an extension of the moratorium on reparations will be granted for at least two years beginning July 1.

Sterling continues to gain some support through the large movement of gold from India to the London open market. Thus far at least renewal of disturbances in India has not affected sterling adversely, but the belief is entertained that if the difficulties in India increase the pound will suffer more or less and to a degree which may largely offset seasonal factors which might be expected to lend firmness to the rates during the next three months. When the tourist season opens sterling should then have very strong support.

There is much speculation in banking circles regarding the probable action which may be taken by the Bank of England on Jan. 31 with respect to the fiduciary issue. Since Aug. 1 the fiduciary issue has been held at £275,000,000 and there is some disposition to believe that the issue may be increased on Jan. 31 to permit repayments in gold of whatever amount the Bank of England may then owe the Bank of France and the Federal Reserve Banks. Most New York bankers, it would seem, are strongly of the opinion that the Bank of England will not seek to increase the fiduciary issue. There is some evidence that the Bank has been accumulating dollar balances in the form of bills with which to meet the indebtedness. Gold continues to sell at a premium in the London open market and is generally taken for Continental account. The price this week seems to have ranged from 120s. 4d. to 122s. 9d. This week the Bank of England shows a decrease in gold holdings of £24,091, total gold holdings standing at £121,324,630, the lowest since 1920. Present holdings compare with £146,557,914 a year ago. On July 8 the gold holdings of the Bank of England stood at £165,810,946.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended Jan. 6, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$5,415,000, of which \$3,515,000 came from Argentina, \$793,000 from India, \$655,000 from Cuba, \$155,000 from Mexico and \$297,000 chiefly from Latin American countries. Exports totaled \$5,688,000, of which \$2,569,000 was shipped to Belgium, \$2,130,000 to France, \$595,000 to Holland, \$255,000 to Switzerland, and \$139,000 chiefly to other European countries. The Reserve Bank reported an increase of \$1,689,000 in gold earmarked

for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Jan. 6 was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, DEC. 31-JAN. 6, INCL.

Imports.		Exports.	
\$3,515,000 from Argentina		\$2,569,000 to Belgium	
793,000 from India		2,130,000 to France	
655,000 from Cuba		595,000 to Holland	
155,000 from Mexico		255,000 to Switzerland	
297,000 chiefly from Latin American countries		139,000 chiefly to other European countries	
\$5,415,000 total		\$5,688,000 total	

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.
Increase: \$1,689 000

On Thursday gold imports were \$289,800, of which \$217,200 came from India and \$72,600 from Straits Settlements. There were no exports of the metal or change in gold earmarked for foreign account. Yesterday gold exports amounted to \$4,197,000, of which \$4,000,000 was shipped to France, \$100,000 to Holland and \$97,000 to England. There were no imports but there was a decrease of \$1,300,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. During the week approximately \$10,239,000 of gold has been received at San Francisco, of which \$10,067,000 came from Japan and \$172,000 came from China.

Canadian exchange continues at a severe discount although the disparity is less than a few weeks ago. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at a discount of 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ % on Monday at 15 $\frac{7}{8}$ %, on Tuesday at 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ %, on Wednesday at 15 5-16%, on Thursday at 15 $\frac{3}{8}$ % and on Friday at 15 $\frac{5}{8}$ %.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was steady in a nominal market. Bankers' sight was 3.39 $\frac{1}{4}$ @3.40 $\frac{1}{2}$; cable transfers 3.39 $\frac{3}{4}$ @3.40 $\frac{3}{4}$. On Monday sterling was under pressure. The range was 3.36 $\frac{1}{2}$ @3.37 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 3.36 $\frac{7}{8}$ @3.38 for cable transfers. On Tuesday exchange continued under pressure. Bankers' sight was 3.35 $\frac{3}{4}$ @3.36 $\frac{3}{4}$; cable transfers 3.36 $\frac{1}{4}$ @3.37 $\frac{1}{4}$. On Wednesday the market was quiet and easier. The range was 3.34 $\frac{3}{4}$ @3.36 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 3.35@3.36 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. On Thursday the market continued dull but was higher. The range was 3.38 $\frac{1}{4}$ @3.40 for bankers' sight and 3.38 $\frac{1}{2}$ @3.40 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was still firmer, the range was 3.39 $\frac{1}{2}$ @3.41 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 3.39 $\frac{3}{4}$ @3.41 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 3.40 for demand and 3.40 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3.39; 60-day bills at 3.35; 90-day bills at 3.33 $\frac{1}{2}$; documents for payment (60 days) at 3.35, and seven day grain bills at 3.38 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3.39.

Exchange on the Continental countries continues in all important respects to follow the trends which developed after the German crisis in June and the British crisis in September. All the Continental currencies have been exceptionally quiet during the past few weeks, but there are now signs of greater activity. French francs and Belgian belgas are the firmest of the Continentals. Francs have fluctuated rather widely during the week as on every sign of demand the rate showed a strong upward tendency. Various recent reports to the effect that French banks have been selling sterling balances are firmly denied in official quarters in London, where it is positively asserted that the French banks are not launching an attack on the pound by withdrawing balances, and it is asserted that since Great Britain abandoned the

gold standard the attitude of the French banking authorities toward sterling has been friendly and helpful and that there is no indication of any likelihood of a change. In Monday's trading French francs advanced sharply to 3.93 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers, bringing the rate at once to a point at which gold exports might be expected from New York to Paris on a straight exchange basis. The Bank of France statement for Dec. 31 shows the exceptionally heavy increase of 382,865,456 francs in gold holdings. This follows upon a sharp increase of 417,477,969 francs during the week ended Dec. 24. The Bank of France gold holdings are now at record high level of 68,863,039,681 francs, which compares with 53,736,958,426 on Jan. 2 1931 and with 28,935,000,000 francs in June 1928 following stabilization of the unit. The greater part of the recent increases in the Bank of France gold holdings has been due to purchases of gold by French interests in the London open market. French individuals and banks then disposed of this gold to the Bank of France.

The quotation for German marks is of course largely nominal as there is no free exchange market in the German center. Exchange and all financial transactions are under strict governmental control. The feeling with regard to the German situation continues to be somewhat mixed. The report of the Basle committee on Dec. 24 was extremely helpful to the German financial situation, and it is now generally believed that the European countries will agree upon a prolongation of the moratorium for at least two years. On the other hand, confidence in banking circles is somewhat chilled by the political situation in Germany. It is pointed out that President von Hindenburg's term of office expires in the spring, and uneasiness is felt regarding the choice of his successor in view of the impressive gain in strength made by the radical "Nazis" under the leadership of Adolph Hitler. It is believed in banking circles that German domestic problems will be solved satisfactorily if the present Bruening Government continues in power. Were President von Hindenburg to retire at this time, it is felt that a sharp fight would result between the "Nazis" and the Social Democrats, the two largest political parties. The hope is generally expressed that von Hindenburg will seek, if not a full term, at least an extension sufficient to carry out the Bruening policies. The Reichsbank statement for the week ended Dec. 31 shows a reduction of 931,000 marks in gold holdings, the total standing at 983,955,000 marks, which compares with 2,215,781,000 marks a year ago.

Exchange on Belgium fluctuates within narrow limits. A special dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" from Brussels on Monday said:

"Inquiry at the National Bank of Belgium brings forth the strongest denials to the rumors recently current that Belgium is contemplating an abandonment of the gold standard. The bank officials point out that Belgium has no important credits tied up in Germany, Russia or mid-Europe, except for purely trade credits. These credits, particularly those with Germany, are fully balanced by similar credits on foreign sales in Belgium. Furthermore, the gold cover against the country's monetary circulation amounts to 67%, or among the highest to be found in the world.

"The finance commission of the Chamber of Representatives has recently come forth in favor of the abandonment of the Belga and in favor of making all

transactions in terms of the money termed 'le franc belge' or the Belgium franc. The latter is worth one-fifth of the Belga and in recent years has been relegated to internal circulation only. Despite certain confusion that has arisen in the use of the Belga for external payments, it is generally considered that this money will continue to be employed yet for awhile—that many more important problems are pressing for immediate Government attention."

The London check rate on Paris closed at 86.87 on Friday of this week, against 84.56 on Thursday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at 3.91 13-16, against 3.92 $\frac{3}{8}$ on Thursday of last week; cable transfers at 3.91 15-16, against 3.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ and commercial sight bills at 3.91 13-16, against 3.92 $\frac{3}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.88 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 13.89 for cable transfers, against 13.89 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.90. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.73 for bankers' sight bills and 23.75 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.73 and 23.75. Italian lire closed at 5.07 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.08 for cable transfers, against 5.08 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 5.09. Austrian schillings closed at 14.12, against 14.12; exchange on Czechoslovakia at 2.96 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 2.96 $\frac{1}{2}$; on Bucharest at 0.59 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 0.59 $\frac{1}{2}$; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25, and on Finland at 1.55, against 1.55. Greek exchange closed at 1.28 $\frac{5}{8}$ 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 displays much the same trend which has developed since the Berlin and London crises earlier in the year. All the units are extremely dull at this juncture. The Scandinavian currencies have fluctuated rather widely in a very thin market, following closely the variations in sterling exchange. Swiss francs have been lower this week, having dropped from 19.53 to 19.47, compared with par of 19.30. There has been a steady flow of small amounts of gold from New York to Switzerland for some months past, although the Swiss National Bank seems to be averse to increasing Swiss gold holdings. There has also been a steady flow of small amounts of gold from New York to Holland, as well as to other European countries whose exchanges are below the gold shipping point from New York to Europe. These gold shipments are, of course, not made on an exchange basis, but indicate the lack of confidence on the part of Europeans toward the banking and financial situation everywhere. One banker characterized the movement as "barter of paper for gold." In their words, Dutch and other European investors in this market have ordered the sale of their securities and have specified that the proceeds be converted into gold and shipped home. Such transactions would, of course, be rare in normal times, but at present they furnish an indication of the uncertainty which still prevails in Europe. Guilders have been ruling frequently so low that an outward movement of gold from Amsterdam to New York was to be expected rather than the contrary movement which has been under way. While some Dutch investors have doubtless been selling securities, the market reports that there is also a contrary buying movement by Amsterdam investors. Guilders have frequently shown a tendency to dip, since England suspended gold payments in September, but have recovered

sharply each time just before reaching the actual gold point. These declines have been ascribed to the operations of foreign speculators who claim to see the possibility that Holland may follow the example of Great Britain and abandon gold. The belief that Holland might be forced to abandon gold payments is based largely upon the competitive position of the Dutch East Indies, which are facing stronger competition in the Far Eastern markets due to the depreciation in sterling and yen. On the other hand, the contention is gaining strength in Amsterdam that whatever stimulus may come to the export trade from depreciated exchange will not prove permanent. It has been frequently and emphatically asserted in official quarters in Holland that the country will maintain the gold standard. Amsterdam is in the strongest gold position in recent years. On Dec. 14, the Netherlands Bank reported gold holdings of fl.906,966,979, compared with fl.426,193,561 a year ago. Notes in circulation amount to fl.1,016,813,085, compared with fl.818,416,895, leaving an available metallic surplus of fl.441,960,101, against fl.105,900,437.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.07, against 40.11 on Thursday of last week; cable transfers at 40.08, against 40.12 and commercial sight bills at 39.75, against 39.80. Swiss francs closed at 19.46½ for checks and at 19.47 for cable transfers against 19.52½ and 19.53. Copenhagen checks finished at 18.70 and cable transfers at 18.75, against 18.70 and 18.75. Checks on Sweden closed at 19.00 and cable transfers at 19.05, against 18.90 and 18.95, while checks on Norway finished at 18.60 and cable transfers at 18.65, against 18.55 and 18.60. Spanish pesetas closed at 8.44 for bankers' sight bills and at 8.44½ for cable transfers, against 8.45½ and 8.46.

Exchange on the South American countries is practically at a standstill, due in some measure to the decrease in business activity which usually develops around Christmas and New Year's in the Latin countries. The chief reason, however, is the fact that exchange operations in these countries are hampered through governmental restrictions on financial activities and through the moratoria which are generally in effect throughout the South American countries. All exchange quotations of these countries must be regarded as purely nominal.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 25 15-16 for bankers' sight bills, against 25 15-16 on Thursday 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 12½, against 12½. Peru is nominally quoted 27.81 against 27.81.

Exchange on the Far Eastern countries shows no new developments since the suspension of gold by Japan in December. The silver currencies have latterly been weaker owing to some recession in the price of silver, which yesterday was quoted at around 30½ cents per ounce. The Indian rupee is showing a decided tendency to sag. The rupee has fluctuated rather widely since the abandonment of gold by Great Britain in September. At present exchange on India is adversely affected by the renewal of political agitation. Japanese yen show a softer undertone and as has been the case since the

suspension of gold payments by Japan, the unit fluctuates rather widely.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 36½, against 35¼ on Thursday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 24⅞@25 1-16 against 25 5-16@25⅞; Shanghai at 32 13-16@32⅞ against 33½; Manila at 49⅝ against 49⅞; Singapore at 40⅜ against 41⅞; Bombay at 25⅝ against 25⅞, and Calcutta at 25⅝ against 25⅞.

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, JAN. 2 1932 TO JAN. 8 1932, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Jan. 2.	Jan. 4.	Jan. 5.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 7.	Jan. 8.
EUROPE—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Austria, schilling.....	.1395214	.139581	.139581	.139517	.139568	.139400
Belgium, belga.....	.1389394	.139023	.139023	.139057	.138986	.138878
Bulgaria, lev.....	.0071500	.007150	.007150	.007150	.007150	.007180
Czechoslovakia, krone.....	.0296276	.029626	.029626	.029628	.029625	.029629
Denmark, krone.....	.1879352	.186735	.186111	.185705	.186658	.187656
England, pound.....						
Finland, marka.....	3.4020166	3.375059	3.363750	3.353750	3.386064	3.402321
France, franc.....	.0157750	.015787	.015600	.015412	.015287	.015459
Germany, reichsmark.....	.0392592	.039292	.039286	.039266	.039219	.039184
Greece, drachma.....	.2374450	.237085	.236750	.237095	.237275	.237325
Holland, guilder.....	.0128848	.012872	.012879	.012868	.012877	.012874
Hungary, pengo.....	.4007975	.401887	.401610	.401680	.401150	.400684
Italy, lira.....	.1745666	.174514	.174614	.174516	.174500	.174550
Norway, krone.....	.0508119	.050679	.050690	.050848	.050870	.050799
Poland, zloty.....	.1865529	.185382	.184458	.184200	.185205	.186117
Portugal, escudo.....	.1119416	.111931	.112007	.111875	.111917	.111878
Rumania, leu.....	.0315000	.031500	.031375	.031500	.031375	.031425
Sweden, krona.....	.0059587	.005951	.005948	.005959	.005954	.005947
Switzerland, franc.....	.0844275	.084462	.084340	.084315	.084312	.084360
Mexican dollar.....	.1899294	.190050	.190452	.190105	.190793	.190425
Yugoslavia, dinar.....	.1951150	.195192	.195147	.195185	.195037	.194899
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael.....	.3466666	.346250	.343333	.340833	.335625	.339791
Hankow tael.....	.3371875	.336875	.333750	.330312	.324843	.328906
Shanghai tael.....	.3316428	.330714	.328541	.326250	.320312	.323854
Tientsin tael.....	.3483333	.347916	.345000	.342500	.337291	.341458
Hong Kong dollar.....	.2507500	.250267	.248958	.247708	.244583	.246250
Tientsin or Peiyang dollar.....	.2387500	.239375	.236875	.235000	.229687	.233750
Yuan dollar.....	.2433333	.244166	.240833	.239166	.235416	.240833
India, rupee.....	.2400000	.240833	.237500	.235833	.232083	.237500
Japan, yen.....	.2564583	.254791	.253958	.252908	.254791	.256666
Singapore (S.S.) dollar.....	.3475000	.349765	.349218	.350000	.352312	.358375
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar.....	.3937500	.391250	.391250	.391250	.392500	.396250
Cuba, peso.....	.8380147	.844044	.840514	.847867	.846397	.840625
Mexico, peso (silver).....	.9993000	.999375	.999375	.999300	.999250	.999300
Newfoundland, dollar.....	.3922500	.394066	.389133	.389560	.391250	.394500
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold).....	.8370000	.841000	.838500	.848600	.844250	.838000
Brazil, milreis.....	.5859620	.584835	.583117	.583066	.582332	.581879
Chile, peso.....	.0621062	.061807	.061731	.061143	.061456	.061556
Uruguay, peso.....	.1205000	.120500	.120500	.120500	.120500	.120500
Colombia, peso.....	.4460000	.445166	.444333	.445166	.445166	.445166
Peru, sol.....	.9657000	.965700	.965700	.965700	.965700	.965700

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

Banks of	Jan. 7 1932.			Jan. 6 1931.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England.....	£ 121,324,630	£ 121,324,630	£ 242,649,260	£ 146,557,914	£ 146,557,914	£ 293,115,828
France.....	550,904,317	550,904,317	1,101,808,634	429,895,667	429,895,667	859,791,334
Germany.....	42,867,750	994,600	43,862,350	99,679,000	994,600	100,673,600
Spain.....	89,879,000	20,339,000	110,218,000	97,563,000	23,041,000	120,604,000
Italy.....	60,848,000	60,848,000	121,696,000	57,275,000	57,275,000	114,550,000
Netherlands.....	74,880,000	2,325,000	77,205,000	35,513,000	2,014,000	37,527,000
Nat. Belg.....	72,946,000	72,946,000	145,892,000	38,292,000	38,292,000	76,584,000
Switzerland.....	61,042,000	61,042,000	122,084,000	25,609,000	25,609,000	51,218,000
Sweden.....	11,433,000	11,433,000	22,866,000	13,381,000	13,381,000	26,762,000
Denmark.....	8,015,000	8,015,000	16,030,000	9,560,000	9,560,000	19,120,000
Norway.....	6,559,000	6,559,000	13,118,000	8,135,000	8,135,000	16,270,000
Total week 1100698 697	24,158,600	1124857 297	25,283,457	31,049,600	992,510 181	32,042,110
Prev. week 1098411 415	24,026,600	1122438 015	25,159,038	31,155,600	992,372 842	32,148,000

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 £0,000,000. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

A Clouded Outlook for Disarmament.

Speaking on Wednesday before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs in support of a measure appropriating \$450,000 for the expenses of the United States delegation to the disarmament conference at Geneva, Secretary of State Stimson undertook to impress upon the Committee the contention that the condition with which the conference is expected to deal "is responsible in large part for the instability

of the present world," and particularly of Europe. The "very rigid disarmament" which was imposed upon Germany by the Versailles treaty was supported by the United States, he said, "because we said or felt that such would be the first step in general disarmament of the entire world." What has happened, however, is that Germany and its former allies "now exist in a condition of comparative disarmament, practical disarmament, in the centre of Europe, and they are surrounded by a group of other nations which have not disarmed but, on the contrary, they have rather increased their armaments in many respects." The Geneva conference, he declared, was not a "snapshot," but the result of years of effort to bring about the kind of disarmament that was hoped for, and unless something is done in that direction the depression that now prevails throughout the world will be continued and deepened. "In other words," he said, "this is not really a conference on technical disarmament. It involves far more than the original anticipation. It involves the hopes of the world not only for peace but also for those foundations of peace upon which good relations and peace are constructed."

There can be no doubt that the glaring disparity in armaments between Germany and its neighbors to which Mr. Stimson referred has had a great deal to do with the feeling of political instability and anxiety which exists almost everywhere in Europe, and that there can be no real feeling of security so long as such disparity continues. Unfortunately, a look at certain world conditions makes it difficult to share Mr. Stimson's hope that something of importance may come out of the Geneva parley. The day before Mr. Stimson made his plea before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs his Cabinet colleague, Mr. Adams, Secretary of the Navy, appeared before the House Committee on Naval Affairs in support of the Vinson bill, the purpose of which is to bring the American Navy, in the course of the next ten years, up to the strength provided for in the London naval treaty. The bill calls for the construction of 120 vessels, comprising aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers and submarines, to an aggregate of 303,240 tons, at an ultimate cost of \$616,250,000. "There is no question in my mind," Secretary Adams told the committee, "but that we should build up to the limits allowed by the London treaty." Asked whether Mr. Hoover also favored building up to treaty strength, Mr. Adams replied that he was not authorized to speak for the President, and when asked whether Mr. Hoover approved of the Vinson bill he answered that the President "scarcely could have approved a piece of legislation that he had not as yet seen." On Wednesday, however, when charged by Representative McClintic of Oklahoma with a breach of good faith toward the President, Mr. Adams assured the committee that he knew of no difference between his own testimony and the attitude of the President, and that he appeared before the committee with the President's knowledge.

Whether the Vinson bill involves any radical departure from the positions which the Administration has assumed hitherto, or whether, if we are to have a navy at all, it is the better policy to have one of the dimensions which the London treaty contemplates, are questions which it is not necessary now to discuss. The point is that any large plan of naval construction, brought forward on the eve of an inter-

national disarmament conference, is not likely to have a happy effect on the conference. The fact that the Vinson bill contemplates replacement rather than out and out tonnage increase does not modify the effect of the proposal, for what is intended is an actual increase in the fighting strength of the navy. The spectacle of two members of the American Cabinet appearing before committees of Congress, one to champion a ten-year program of naval building and the other to plead for general disarmament as the great hope of saving Europe and the world, is not calculated to strengthen the hands or clarify the minds of the American delegates who, if Congress appropriates the necessary money, will shortly depart for Geneva. The other nations represented at the conference may well feel that if the United States, the country which least of all need be influenced by fear of attack, can afford to go in for rebuilding its navy when the Treasury deficit is running into the billions, other countries in which apprehension is more acute need not hasten to reduce their own war establishments.

If newspaper reports from Washington are to be believed, the policy which the American delegation will be expected to follow will be one of "straddle." The Washington correspondent of the New York "Times," writing on Jan. 1, reported that the recommendations on policy submitted to Secretary Stimson by technical advisers, and "probably" to be "adopted in large part, if not completely, by the Administration in formulating the instructions to the delegation," include among other things the abandonment by the United States of its previous opposition to budgetary limitation of armaments, and acceptance of "a combination of direct and budgetary limitation as a basic principle." As Europe has been inclined strongly to favor budgetary limitation, the new American position, if it is maintained, amounts to a compromise. "Air armaments," the same correspondent continues, "are dealt with somewhat inconclusively" in the recommendations, "as a result largely of the difficulties of making concrete suggestions for limiting this new military arm and of the practical obstacles in applying military rules to commercial aviation." The technical experts further suggest that "it would be a waste of time to attempt direct limitation of the number of rifles or the amount of ammunition permitted a government at any one time, since it is felt that in practice these would be limited as effective equipment by the number of men under arms." The Washington correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," in discussing these various recommendations on Jan. 2, added the information that while "an explicit program designed to guide American policy" at the conference had been completed, "it was generally understood that the United States does not intend to initiate proposals."

This, for the moment, is the uncertain American attitude in the case. In Europe, while preparations for the conference, in the designation of imposing delegations, are actively going on, the outlook for positive and harmonious action is far from encouraging. The New Year's Day speech of President von Hindenburg, in which he called for equality of treatment of Germany in the matter of armaments, has been strongly criticized by the Paris press as embodying demands which impede the work of the conference at the same time that they negative the work of the Paris peace treaty. Great Britain, it was re-

ported on Monday, will renew at Geneva its demands for a reduction in the size of battleships, the limitation of cruisers to 8,000 tons, and the abolition of the submarine, although the first two of these proposals, it will be remembered, was strongly opposed by the United States in previous discussions of disarmament, and the latter met invincible resistance from France. The German Minister of Defense, Dr. Wilhelm Groener, in a statement made public on Wednesday, declared that not only would Germany "advocate with all energy" at the coming conference both "its right to equal treatment and equal security" and "the fulfillment of the peace hope of the nations for general disarmament," but that it would also refuse to recognize as a basis for the conference the draft agreement drawn up by the Preparatory Commission of the League last year, on the ground that it "does not conform to the principle of equality of rights." If, as is rumored, the French Ministry is reconstructed in consequence of the sickness of M. Briand and the death of M. Maginot, Minister of War, the attitude of France at the conference may be materially altered.

To these evidences of half-heartedness, uncertainty and opposing views is to be added the practical effect of the continuance of the Sino-Japanese conflict in discouraging reliance upon peaceful means of settling acute international disputes. Whatever the ultimate plans of Japan in Manchuria may turn out to be, there seems no reason to doubt that Japan proposes to clean Chinese troops and bandits out of that province, or that, having done so, government and administration will pass under Japanese control. To what extent, if at all, a Japanese occupation would trench upon the treaty rights of other Powers in Manchuria or China is not clear, but there are indications that the progress of Japanese arms is being watched with some anxiety in this country and in Europe. A Washington dispatch on Thursday reported that "definite action" had been decided upon in conferences between Secretary Stimson and the British, French and Italian ambassadors, but instead of the expected joint action, Mr. Stimson later made public the text of identic notes which had been dispatched to China and Japan, representing action by the United States alone. The notes declared that the American Government "cannot admit the legality of any situation de facto, nor does it intend to recognize any treaty or agreement entered into between" China and Japan "or agents thereof, which may impair the treaty rights of the United States or its citizens in China, including those which relate to the sovereignty, the independence, or the territorial and administrative integrity of the Republic of China," or to the policy of the open door. A statement accompanying the notes made clear that the declaration just quoted had reference to the Nine-Power Treaty. The notes further announced that the United States "does not intend to recognize any situation, treaty or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary" to the Paris anti-war pact. The only response of the other Powers to the American statement, at the time this article was written, was an announcement by the French Foreign Office, on Friday, that France did not contemplate similar action.

The Manchurian imbroglio has a direct bearing upon the disarmament conference, not only because of the threat of war which any such controversy always holds, but also because of the position in which

it has left the League of Nations. In a remarkable dispatch from Geneva on Jan. 1, the correspondent of the New York "Times" quoted a spokesman for the League as saying that the policy of the League regarding the extension and consolidation of Japanese power in Manchuria would probably now be one of "passive resistance," and that Washington was expected to follow the same course. "Although a passive policy," the spokesman was quoted as saying, "no doubt is unheroic and the immediate effect from the viewpoint of prestige undoubtedly will be hurtful to Washington and even more to Geneva, yet it is the best of a bad bargain and it does have fair possibilities of success in the long run. . . . We are thus able to keep the issue open." The spokesman agreed, the correspondent continued, "that a passive policy has the defect that it not only cannot succeed in time to help the disarmament conference, but it will make the peace organization appear in the worst light just when it needs to appear in the best, in order to persuade the Powers to limit their arms. His answer is that it cannot be helped, since the League is unable to go farther than its great Powers and the United States will go."

What has been said only goes to show that a postponement of the conference would, under the circumstances, be a wise step. What with a huge naval building program energetically urged in Congress, uncertain instructions with important reservations for the American delegation, sharply opposed demands by European governments, an ominous situation in Manchuria, and the League admittedly in contempt, the prospect of agreement among the nations regarding any phase of armament reduction or limitation seems slight. If there is any wide popular demand for disarmament in any country, even in those in which the financial burden is heaviest, the demand is extremely hard to discern; the demand, such as it is, appears rather as a protest against unequal treatment of Germany and its former allies, or as a criticism of the armament of another Power rather than of one's own. It would be better in every way for the cause of peace that the question should not be debated at all, than that it should be debated without result.

What Bankers Say of Themselves.

FIFTH (AND FINAL) ARTICLE.

In four preceding articles attempt has been made to review in comprehensible fashion the position taken by the Federal Reserve banks about the development of their business during recent years. A sketch has been afforded of their discount and open market policies, and of their attitude toward the acceptance market as well as toward the question of trading in Government bonds and Treasury certificates.

Since this series of articles was begun, the Senate Subcommittee on Banking and Currency has issued a further study of matters closely akin to those herein previously reviewed. Part VII of the "hearings" before the Subcommittee furnishes a summarized statement of the returns made by a select body of large banks in answer to questionnaires addressed to them with reference to their practices and the condition of associated enterprises of the sort now generally known as "security affiliates." In the present review effort will be made to outline what bankers thus say of themselves, as it is summarized and presented by the Subcommittee. It appears that the latter body, having originally undertaken not to publish the return of any individual bank, or bank affiliate, or to issue statements that would identify

such return, has adopted the plan of presenting the information derived from the questionnaires in tabular form, in which is set forth the salient facts relating chiefly to the investment side of the banking business.

TENDENCY OF COMMERCIAL BANKS TO GO INTO INVESTMENT BUSINESS.

As is well known to most banking observers, the striking development of American banking, perhaps of all banking, since the close of the war, has been the tendency on the part of banks formerly known as "commercial," to go into the investment side of the business, and to make their profits from their dealings in bonds and other securities, rather than from the management of the credits of the community. But this has not been all. Due to the more or less rigid control exercised over the doings of the banks by the Government, through its banking legislation, bankers have called in the aid of capable lawyers to assist in the process of finding a means of unlocking the security markets to them without overt violation of the law. The result has been the development of the security affiliate system which has tended, for some years past, to become an unlicensed and unrestrained medium of speculation in underwriting, initiating, trading, and distributing bonds and stocks, with the aid derived from the "parent" institution through loans granted by such institution for these purposes.

CHARACTER OF THE COLLATERAL FOR SECURITY LOANS.

Manifestly, several questions of considerable significance have been faced by the Committee in this inquiry, among them the queries: (1) Have these changes resulted in a large or dangerous overgrowth of such security loans and investments? (2) For what purposes have the loans been chiefly made? (3) In what position does the change of banking methods leave the banking community? (4) Is there a real danger of illiquidity to the banks growing out of the changes thus noted?

What has actually been the alteration of bank position that has been brought about of recent years? As to this, the Committee prints a table showing security loans for reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System, as follows:

Date.	Number of banks.	Secured by United States Government bonds.	Secured by other stocks and bonds.	Total of security loans.
Aug. 15 1919	769	\$1,319,521,000	\$2,945,970,000	\$4,265,491,000
Dec. 26 1919	798	1,020,359,000	3,300,331,000	4,320,690,000
Dec. 31 1920	820	908,722,000	3,173,823,000	4,082,545,000
Dec. 23 1921	806	512,520,000	3,165,481,000	3,678,001,000
Dec. 27 1922	782	290,261,000	3,774,775,000	4,065,036,000
Dec. 26 1923	764	228,365,000	3,857,662,000	4,086,027,000
Dec. 31 1924	737	194,974,000	4,667,760,000	4,862,734,000
Dec. 30 1925	719	170,107,000	5,759,678,000	5,929,785,000
Dec. 29 1926	688	144,075,000	5,708,092,000	5,852,167,000
Dec. 28 1927	657	128,253,000	6,587,067,000	6,715,320,000
Dec. 26 1928	626	109,239,000	7,023,487,000	7,132,726,000
Dec. 31 1929	---	8,304,000,000	8,304,000,000	8,304,000,000
Dec. 31 1930	---	7,814,000,000	7,814,000,000	7,814,000,000

"It will be seen from the statistics of security loans of reporting member banks presented above that such advances rose more than 100% from 1921 to 1929. This is a truer picture of the extent of the growth in security loans than that furnished by the reports of all banks to the comptroller, because of the changes in classification that have occurred in the latter data."

And again:

"The expansion of security loans during the decade 1921-1930 was a nation-wide phenomenon. This is proved by the statements of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System, as divided by districts."

INCREASE IN SECURITY LOANS OF REPORTING MEMBER BANKS BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.

Federal Reserve District.	Jan. 7 1921.	Jan. 8 1930.	Increase %
Boston	\$241,000,000	\$533,000,000	121
New York	1,743,000,000	3,488,000,000	100
Philadelphia	274,000,000	505,000,000	84
Cleveland	404,000,000	740,000,000	83
Richmond	142,000,000	189,000,000	40
Atlanta	86,000,000	152,000,000	77
Chicago	542,000,000	1,247,000,000	29
St. Louis	150,000,000	251,000,000	67
Minneapolis	53,000,000	86,000,000	62
Kansas City	104,000,000	127,000,000	22
Dallas	50,000,000	113,000,000	126
San Francisco	187,000,000	435,000,000	133
Total	\$3,976,000,000	\$7,886,000,000	98

Marketability, always a severe test in such loans, was investigated, with the following results for a group of large institutions:

CHARACTER AND MARKETABILITY OF COLLATERAL OF SECURITY LOANS—NEW YORK CITY BANKS.

Bank.	Loans on stocks and bonds.	Per cent of collateral consisting of stocks.	Per cent of collateral in listed securities.	Per cent of collateral without active markets.
No. 1	\$823,000,000	59	63	16
No. 2	525,000,000	80	68	3
No. 3	311,000,000	63	69	3.3
No. 4	310,000,000	87	89	3.6
No. 5	231,000,000	87	80	3.7
No. 6	217,000,000	86	76	2.4
No. 7	138,000,000	80	70	15
No. 8	110,000,000	86	96	2.5
No. 9	105,000,000	80	70	4
No. 10	104,000,000	90	95	6
No. 11	95,000,000	90	90	3
No. 12	89,000,000	75	71	4
No. 13	63,000,000	75	86	3.3
No. 14	33,000,000	95	90	5
No. 15	31,000,000	90	90	1
No. 16	16,000,000	80	95	2
No. 17	15,000,000	60	83	5
Total, 17 banks	\$3,216,000,000	76	78	7

BANKS OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK CITY.

Bank.	State in which located.	Loans on stocks and bonds.	Per cent of collateral consisting of stocks.	Per cent of collateral in listed securities.	Per cent of collateral without active markets.
No. 1	Massachusetts	\$169,000,000	77	73	7.6
No. 2	Massachusetts	59,000,000	90	85	5
No. 3	Massachusetts	12,000,000	82	75	2
No. 4	Rhode Island	28,000,000	85	85	5
No. 5	New York	82,000,000	90	85	10.8
No. 6	Pennsylvania	56,000,000	92	95	(a)
No. 7	Pennsylvania	30,000,000	82	70	3.5
No. 8	Ohio	113,000,000	77	64	8
No. 9	Illinois	548,000,000	75	90	10
No. 10	Illinois	54,000,000	50	60	25
No. 11	Michigan	47,000,000	90	98	10
No. 12	Michigan	7,000,000	89	66	1
No. 13	Minnesota	28,000,000	78	100	.03
No. 14	Minnesota	16,000,000	90	70	15
No. 15	Minnesota	11,000,000	44	58	2
No. 16	Missouri	59,000,000	60	80	15
No. 17	Nebraska	1,000,000	60	95	1
No. 18	California	91,000,000	87	83	10
No. 19	California	39,000,000	100	90	--
No. 20	California	32,000,000	67	85	5
No. 21	California	21,000,000	70	75	7
No. 22	California	20,000,000	70	99	1
No. 23	Washington	1,000,000	38	64	36
Tot. 23 banks		\$1,524,000,000	77	54	10

a Negligible.

DO BUSINESS MEN NOW COLLATERAL THEIR LOANS WITH SECURITIES INSTEAD OF BORROWING ON THEIR CREDIT AND PAPER.

Of recent years there has been a widespread effort on the part of many banks and bankers, and, indeed, of many Reserve bankers, to make out a case for the security loan as a "new" method of financing business, hence one desirable from the purely business standpoint. The argument in this regard usually states that it is growing customary for business men to collateral their loans with securities, rather than to resort to the "old" method of presenting a statement and receiving, on the strength of it, a "straight" loan. In order to ascertain the facts on these points the Committee inquired:

What proportion of loans on stocks and bonds reported by you at the last condition call was made by the borrowers, in your opinion, for direct commercial, industrial or agricultural use?

What proportion of such loans was made, in your opinion, for the sole purpose of carrying securities?

The replies show that: "As would be expected, a number of banks had no data for forming an opinion on this subject. Of the institutions answering the questionnaire, however, 56% (10 out of 18) in New York City and 84% (41 out of 49) elsewhere were able to give replies. In a majority of cases the reply was given in approximate form, indicating that the division was based upon empirical approximation. In other cases the division was more exact, at times given in percentages carried to two decimal places, indicating that notations on loan cards or other devices were being habitually used by many banks to indicate the purposes of security loans. Such action by some institutions, therefore, points to the general possibility of all banks securing at least approximate information from customers as to the purposes of security collateral loans. Loans to brokers and dealers in securities can, of course, be considered as advanced entirely for the purpose of carrying securities for investment or speculative purposes, although the advance in many cases is planned as a temporary one pending distribution of a block of stocks or bonds to customers. The replies to the questionnaire in some cases covered the September 24 1930 call date, and in others that of Dec. 31 1930."

In tabulated form, the purposes of security loans are exhibited substantially as follows:

PURPOSES OF SECURITY LOANS—NEW YORK CITY BANKS.

Bank.	Loans on stocks and bonds.	Proportion for commercial, industrial or agricultural use.	Proportion for the sole purpose of carrying securities	Bank.	Loans on stocks and bonds.	Proportion for commercial, industrial or agricultural use.	Proportion for the sole purpose of carrying securities
No. 1.	\$223,000,000	a20	a86	No. 6.	\$138,000,000	%	%
No. 2.	525,000,000	a5	a95	No. 7.	110,000,000	2.03	a50
No. 3b.	311,000,000	a40	a60	No. 8.	105,000,000	a7.5	a75
No. 4.	231,000,000	57.1	42.9	No. 9.	104,000,000	a2	a98
No. 5.	217,000,000	c15.3	84.7	No. 10.	33,000,000	10	90

a Designated as an estimate, approximation, or belief. b For head office and larger domestic branch, given as 43.5 and 56.5, based on undivided analysis of loans. c Including consumptive loans.

The summary of replies on the purposes of security loans from banks outside New York City were as follows:

PURPOSES OF SECURITY LOANS—BANKS OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK CITY.

Bank.	State in which located.	Loans on stocks and bonds.	Proportion for commercial, industrial or agricultural use	Proportion for the sole purpose of carrying securities.
No. 1.	Massachusetts	\$169,000,000	a20	%
No. 2.	Rhode Island	28,000,000	a10	a65 2-3
No. 3.	New York	82,000,000	9.7	a85
No. 4.	Ohio	113,000,000	b	90.3
No. 5.	Ohio	36,000,000	b	36.49
No. 6.	Illinois	548,000,000	a23	a100
No. 7.	Illinois	54,000,000	a5	a77
No. 8.	Michigan	47,000,000	a0	a95
No. 9.	Michigan	7,000,000	a40	a100
No. 10.	Minnesota	28,000,000	a9.2	a60
No. 11.	Minnesota	16,000,000	25	a84
No. 12.	Minnesota	11,000,000	a90	65
No. 13.	Missouri	59,000,000	10	a10
No. 14.	Nebraska	1,000,000	17	90
No. 15.	California	159,000,000	30	83
No. 16.	California	91,000,000	9.846	70
No. 17.	California	32,000,000	35	80.266
No. 18.	California	21,000,000	10	50
No. 19.	California	20,000,000	20	90
No. 20.	Washington	1,000,000	26	80

a Designated as an estimate, approximation or belief. b Very small percentage.

"The two conclusions indicated in a general way by the above tables are that first, in the majority of cases which reported, much the larger part of security loans were not made for commercial, industrial or agricultural uses, but rather for the purpose of carrying securities; and secondly, that a few banks find it feasible to separate such loans according to purpose with considerable nicety, while a great many others are able to make a rough division without any apparent difficulty."

The hollowness of the "new era" claim about the conversion of "business" loans into secured loans needs no further exposition.

THE LOANS MADE TO AND THROUGH SECURITY AFFILIATES.

Utmost importance is, of course, assignable to the facts as to loans made to and through security affiliates. On this point there has been much misapprehension inasmuch as it has been carelessly assumed by many that such affiliates followed the same general policies. The fact is that there is as great a variation of method and management in this particular as there is among banks themselves. The Committee brings out this aspect of the case in replies to a question regarding the percentage of total loans represented by security loans, the answers to which are summarized as follows:

LOANS TO SECURITY AFFILIATES—NEW YORK CITY BANKS.

Bank.	Loans to affiliates, Dec. 31 1930.			Maximum loans to affiliates during year.	
	Amount.	Per cent of total security loans.	Per cent of capital and surplus.	Amount.	Date.
No. 1.	\$28,820,000	3.5	9.7	\$28,820,000	1930
No. 2.	None.			18,100,000	1927
No. 3.	None.			31,296,849	1927
No. 4.	4,799,600	1.5	2	25,504,966	1930
No. 5.	4,300,000	3.1	5.1	5,500,000	1930
No. 6.	24,650,000	22.3	20.3	25,020,000	1929
No. 7.	2,250,000	2.2	8.9	4,545,000	1930
No. 8.	3,000,000	3.4	4.1	7,100,000	1929
No. 9.	None.			825,000	1929
No. 10.	207,000	1.3	5.2	400,000	1930

Out of 18 banks answering questionnaires in New York City, it is pointed out, only seven had collateral loans outstanding to their affiliates at the end of 1930. Several that

had had large credits advanced to affiliated security corporations previously had liquidated them by that time. With one exception, we are told, the New York City banks showed moderate commitments in this respect at the close of 1930 relative to their total security loans.

LOANS TO SECURITY AFFILIATES, BANKS OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK.

Bank.	State in which located.	Loans to affiliates, Dec. 31 1930.a			Maximum loans to affiliates.	
		Amount.	Per cent of total security loans.	Per cent of capital and surplus.	Amount.	Date.
No. 1.	Massachusetts	None.			\$7,985,000	1930
No. 2.	Massachusetts	\$1,000,000	1.7	3.3	2,600,000	1927
No. 3.	New York	None.			4,700,000	1929
No. 4.	Ohio	3,200,000	2.8		4,120,000	1930
No. 5.	Ohio	575,000	1.6	6.8	1,021,000	1930
No. 6.	Illinois	14,100,000	2.6	10.1	21,000,000	1930
No. 7.	Illinois	2,696,000	5.0	13.5	4,920,000	1929
No. 8.	Michigan	1,344,472	3.5	12.2	6,788,264	1930
No. 9.	Minnesota	166,000	1.0	2.4	394,650	1928
No. 10.	Minnesota	937,266	8.7	8.5	937,266	1930
No. 11.	Missouri	550,000	0.9	2.2	1,500,000	1926
No. 12.	California	380,000	1.9	4.5	600,000	1930

a In a few cases, the data are as of Sept. 24 1930.

Out of 25 representative out-of-town banks answering the question, the Committee says, only 12 reported having made collateral loans to affiliates within the last few years, and but 10 had such loans outstanding at the end of 1930. "In general, it will be seen that several out-of-town banks had a substantial part of their capital and surplus advanced as loans to affiliates. The practice is not, therefore, as some suppose, restricted entirely to the largest cities."

THE GRAND AGGREGATE OF BROKERS LOANS.

The results of this inquiry throw rather more light also upon the subject of brokers' loans, their totals, and sources, than has hitherto been available. First of all, of course, the total figures representing these loans need to be recalled, as follows:

TOTAL BROKERS LOANS.

[Sources: Weekly brokers' loan report Federal Reserve Bank of New York, member bank call report, Federal Reserve Board, and monthly report on members borrowings New York Stock Exchange].

Date.	By and through New York banks.		From private banks, brokers, etc., to New York Stock Exchange members.	To brokers outside of New York by out-of-town member banks.	Total.
	Bank account.	Others.a			
Oct. 1928	\$1,807,000,000	\$2,835,000,000	\$866,000,000	\$805,000,000	\$6,313,000,000
Jan. 1929	2,008,000,000	3,346,000,000	1,071,000,000	925,000,000	7,350,000,000
Oct. 1929	1,860,000,000	4,944,000,000	1,472,000,000	893,000,000	9,169,000,000

a As shown above, loans made for "out-of-town banks" are divided in such a manner as to include loans made by non-member banks with the "others."

These figures should now be studied in the light of other data showing the percentage of total of security loans which went to brokers. The results may be consolidated as follows:

Percentage of All Security Loans Advanced to Brokers, All Member Banks.	
Banks in—	
New York City	41
Chicago	34
Other reserve cities	14
Country	5
Average, all	23

The Committee says that brokers' loans of all kinds constituted 50% of all security loans, including both bank and other sources, in October 1928. A year later, at the peak of the stock market inflation, they constituted 53% of the total. In June 1931 the proportion was reduced, however, to 22%.

SOURCES OF BROKERS LOANS.

Finally, it is worth while to study carefully the facts as to sources of brokers' loans, and thus to ascertain from what sources the funds were ultimately drawn. This analysis is presented, as follows, for a specified select group of banks:

SOURCES OF BROKERS' LOANS FOR THE ACCOUNT OF OTHERS.

Bank.	Highest amount handled, 1929.	Per cent from business corporations.	Per cent from investment trusts.	Per cent from individuals.	Per cent from foreign banks.	Per cent from other foreign sources.
No. 1.	\$757,000,000	a68	--	11	19	2
No. 2.	631,000,000	49	16	30	3	2
No. 3.	437,000,000	56	2	33	2	1
No. 4.	360,000,000	57	18	23	1	1
No. 5.	b241,000,000	42	7	4	0.1	1
No. 6.	153,000,000	73	0.1	17	8	3
No. 7.	97,000,000	63	4	15	1	0
Tot. (7 banks)	\$2,676,000,000	58	8	18	7.5	2

a Includes investment trusts. b Includes loans from out-of-town banks of unstated amount.

CHEAP MONEY POLICY OF FEDERAL RESERVE THE CAUSE—
GREED OF LARGE BUSINESS HOUSES.

The data thus provided furnish, with the auxiliary and detailed tables, material for the more complete study of brokers' loans and suggest the real causes which lay at the root of the vast brokers' loan movement of the years before 1929. These stand out clearly as the cheap money policy of Reserve banks, their practice of systematically feeding the stock market with funds until it became so powerful it no longer heeded the dictates of its keeper and mentor, and the dangerous greed of large business houses provided with funds which they had been able to get from the public (in part by issuing non-dividend stock or often at a merely nominal cost in interest or dividend charges), and which they now sought to place in position to reap harvest from the speculative propensities of the rank and file of that same public.

HOW BANKS HAVE FARED WITH THEIR VENTURE INTO
INVESTMENT BANKING.

As to the question how banks have fared with their "flyer" in investment banking, there are two elements to be noted. One is the question how they have come out with their direct investments, the other the problem how they have succeeded in their ventures through security affiliates. As the first of these points, we can, with available space, cite merely two brief tables showing in one case the trend of bank securities, as follows:

INCREASE IN INVESTMENTS OF ALL COMMERCIAL BANKS, BY
TYPES OF SECURITIES—1921-1930.

Type of security.	1921.		1930.	
	Amount.	Per cent of total.	Amount.	Per cent of total.
U. S. Government bonds.....	\$2,924,000,000	35	\$3,614,000,000	26
State, county & municipal bonds	722,000,000	9	1,221,000,000	10
Railroad & public utility bonds.	1,396,000,000	17	1,968,000,000	15
Other bonds, stocks.....	3,364,000,000	39	6,869,000,000	49
Total.....	\$8,406,000,000	100	\$13,672,000,000	100

The other table shows the net earnings and losses on securities, as follows:

EARNINGS AND LOSSES OF ALL MEMBER BANKS.

Year.	Net earnings and recoveries.	All losses.	Losses on stocks, bonds, &c.	Percentage of losses on stocks, bonds, &c., to all losses.
1926.....	\$639,013,000	\$207,520,000	\$35,909,000	17
1927.....	655,702,000	208,693,000	37,284,000	18
1928.....	721,082,000	217,194,000	45,293,000	21
1929.....	851,987,000	295,473,000	95,465,000	32
1930.....	691,816,000	365,311,000	109,928,000	--

HOW SECURITY AFFILIATES FARED.

One other topic remains for consideration—the situation as to security affiliates. On this point the Committee affords the following consolidated statement exhibiting the situation as reported by a group of large representative banks possessed of such security affiliates:

RESULTS OF OPERATION OF SECURITY AFFILIATES, 1930.

Bank.	Reported earnings.	Approximate decline in market value of portfolio for year.	Bank.	Reported earnings.	Approximate decline in market value of portfolio for year.
No. 1.....	\$8,989,628	x\$12,500,000	No. 8.....	\$133,593	\$4,000,000
No. 2.....	2,380,691	x12,500,000	No. 9.....	2,018,956	10,000,000
No. 3.....	5,032,968	29,562,330	No. 10.....	2,289,011	2,500,000
No. 4.....	1,249,517	4,608,835	No. 11.....	369,127	1,500,000
No. 5.....	1,067,922	(y)	No. 12.....	224,210	1,200,000
No. 6.....	3,099,902	13,235,000	No. 13.....	133,874	45,239
No. 7.....	44,569	851,000	No. 14.....	10,944	950,000

x Several large holdings having no markets not included in computation. y Book kept on market-value basis.

In closing this review it is worth while to call attention to one further point—the extent to which security affiliates rely on their own capital. This is set forth from the questionnaires as follows:

SOURCES OF FUNDS OF SECURITY AFFILIATES END OF 1930.

Bank.	Capital and borrowed funds of affiliate.	Capital and surplus: percentage of total.	Borrowed funds percentage of total.
No. 1.....	\$137,414,000	79	21
No. 2.....	93,467,000	76	24
No. 3.....	61,370,000	36	64
No. 4.....	34,341,000	83	17
No. 5.....	17,792,000	39	61
No. 6.....	23,291,000	76	24
No. 7.....	35,015,000	66	34
No. 8.....	23,140,000	38	62
No. 9.....	60,939,000	43	57
No. 10.....	41,440,000	53	47
No. 11.....	6,955,000	96	4
Total, 11 banks.....	\$535,164,000	64	36

THE FAULT THAT OF FEDERAL RESERVE POLICY.

Our survey of the Federal Reserve banking situation, and of that phase of commercial banking which is closest to Federal Reserve banking—that of security operations—is now complete. It has merely followed the facts as set forth in the publications of the Subcommittee on Banking and Currency; and that setting forth (as already stated) is merely the setting forth afforded by both classes of banks in their own language and own statistics, as nearly as possible.

The showing reveals our commercial banking system at the close of the greatest debauch of speculation—of bank speculation—in modern times. It reveals a banking system supposed to serve the industrial and commercial community drained and depleted by losses due to depreciation of securities the banks should never have held, and endangered by the vast extent of the frozen assets represented by bond investments for which there is not and could not be any market. It indicates the position of a central banking system devoting itself almost wholly to a study of security conditions, operating heavily in those of the Government, practically converting that type of paper which had been thought of as most liquid—the bankers' acceptances—into a bond of uncertain maturity, gauging its interest and discount rates primarily by stock market conditions, regarding itself as performing the function of spreading "contentment" throughout the nation by stock market stimulation, but at last obliged to recognize its failure. It depicts the central banking system of the United States as inexpertly tinkering with the credits of foreign central banking enterprises, and succeeding only in tying up a goodly percentage of the reserve funds of the country in so-called short-term loans to foreign institutions.

The picture is worth dwelling upon. No thoughtful citizen can fail to be impressed by it. From him and from his decision alone will come the answer of the community, whatever it may be, with reference to the future. Will he call for a really "new era" in banking management, or shall those who have broken down and misused the present system continue along the familiar lines of their policy?

The Course of the Bond Market.

The current week has been marked by greater activity in the bond market, and a more sharply rising trend of prices, than has been exhibited in many weeks. With the strength shown at the market's close on Friday, we have witnessed a higher level of prices than has been seen since Nov. 27. The present rally began on Dec. 17, and has been irregularly continuous since that date, though with a sharp break last Saturday and Monday, from which a quick recovery occurred.

Comparative strength in the bond market can be ascribed to several very important factors. Among the principal causes was the better sentiment with regard to railroad obligations, based chiefly on hopes of acceptance of a voluntary wage cut by carrier employees. Optimism is also being expressed in a practical manner as to the results that will be achieved by the proposed Reconstruction Finance Corporation as well as by the Railroad Credit Corporation. Sentiment abroad has likewise been much more cheerful since the holidays, due to rumored agreement between England and France with regard to an extension of the moratorium.

Friday's rally was marked by some unexpectedly large advances, while average prices mounted most rapidly in the case of bonds in the lower-rated classes. Railroad bonds rated Baa by Moody's Investors Service scored large gains, and foreign bonds in the same rating class also recorded largest price increases.

As contrasted with a week ago, most important percentage improvement has been shown by the Baa domestic issues, but these still reveal the poorest comparison with figures of January 1931. Continuing the contrast with the 1931 computations, the average railroad yield is up 45%, that of the industrials is 36% higher, and the utility return is 21% above that of last year because of the low level of values still prevailing. As we have previously pointed out, declining prices

in the 1931 bond market were least evidenced by the utility group.

The usual tables are given below:

MOODY'S BOND PRICES.

1932 Daily Averages.	All 120 Domestic.	120 Domestic by Ratings.				120 Domestic by Groups.		
		Aaa.	Aa.	A.	Baa.	RR.	P. U.	Indus.
Jan. 8	72.26	85.05	76.81	74.28	59.87	59.47	80.77	77.83
7	71.09	84.48	76.47	73.14	58.16	58.02	80.30	76.96
6	69.68	83.78	75.46	71.84	56.29	56.26	79.25	75.94
5	68.85	83.78	74.59	71.03	55.08	55.16	78.67	75.32
4	68.76	83.78	74.38	70.85	55.19	54.95	78.67	75.48
2	69.22	83.92	75.13	71.03	55.59	55.23	79.48	75.55
1931 Weekly								
Dec. 31	68.49	82.82	74.27	70.49	55.08	54.80	78.56	74.87
24	68.27	82.82	74.70	70.76	54.08	53.89	78.33	75.32
18	65.29	81.22	73.20	66.35	50.97	50.04	75.37	74.11
11	66.89	83.54	76.11	67.49	51.77	49.81	78.23	76.80
4	69.50	84.76	78.77	70.67	54.40	51.91	81.25	78.96
Nov. 27	72.65	87.06	81.30	73.69	57.97	55.59	83.58	81.21
20	75.17	88.57	83.19	75.95	61.54	59.46	85.36	82.22
13	77.55	89.62	85.02	77.98	64.80	63.02	87.08	83.27
6	76.56	88.26	83.97	77.17	63.93	61.59	86.41	82.56

MOODY'S BOND YIELD AVERAGES.
(Based on closing prices)

1932 Daily Averages.	All 120 Domestic.	120 Domestic by Ratings.				120 Domestic by Groups.			40 Foreign.
		Aaa.	Aa.	A.	Baa.	RR.	P. U.	Indus.	
Jan. 8	6.94	5.18	6.17	7.12	9.30	7.38	6.12	7.34	13.85
7	7.06	5.22	6.20	7.24	9.57	7.56	6.16	7.45	14.06
6	7.21	5.27	6.29	7.38	9.88	7.70	6.25	7.58	14.49
5	7.30	5.27	6.37	7.47	10.09	7.94	6.30	7.66	15.05
4	7.31	5.27	6.39	7.49	10.07	7.97	6.30	7.64	15.22
2	7.26	5.26	6.32	7.47	10.00	7.93	6.23	7.63	15.68
1931 Weekly									
Dec. 31	7.34	5.34	6.40	7.53	10.09	7.99	6.31	7.72	16.01
24	7.37	5.34	6.36	7.50	10.27	8.12	6.33	7.66	16.48
18	7.71	5.46	6.50	8.02	10.87	8.72	6.60	7.82	16.18
11	7.52	5.28	6.23	7.88	10.71	8.76	6.34	7.47	14.52
4	7.23	5.20	6.00	7.51	10.21	8.42	6.08	7.20	13.75
Nov. 27	6.90	5.04	5.79	7.18	9.60	7.88	5.89	6.93	12.23
20	6.65	4.94	5.64	6.95	9.05	7.38	5.75	6.81	11.60
13	6.43	4.87	5.50	6.75	8.59	6.97	5.62	6.69	11.11
6	6.52	4.96	5.58	6.83	8.71	7.13	5.67	6.77	10.75
Yr. Ago.									
Jan. 7 '31	5.18	4.41	4.70	5.21	6.40	5.09	5.06	5.39	7.14

Superintendent of Banks Broderick in Annual Report Would Vest Certain Powers in Council or Commission—Sees Need of Establishing Uniform Interest Rates.

In his annual report, presented Jan. 6, to the Governor and Legislature, Joseph A. Broderick, New York State Superintendent of Banks, refers to the recommendations in his report of a year ago, with respect to amending the State Banking Law, and says:

It is apparent that consideration might well be given to a general revision of the Banking Law with a view to simplifying its requirements and effecting a restatement of its provisions in clear and concise terms and we so stated in our last annual report. However, we believe the task a difficult one and one that would require months of constant labor by a commission free of the burden of other duties and responsibilities. We recommend, therefore, that consideration be given to the creation of a commission that will be charged with the duty of preparing for submission to the Governor and the Legislature a general revision of the Banking Law as contemplated.

Superintendent Broderick also says:

If the State is to regulate and supervise the business of its banking institutions, it must do so by defining, as far as compatible with the public good, the business in which those institutions may engage. In addition to such laws, the State must vest in the Superintendent power with which he can enforce department orders. This does not mean that greater authority than he now has should be given the Superintendent, but rather that he be provided with certain intermediate powers with which he may correct unsound practices without resorting to the drastic step of closing an offending institution.

The fact that in fair weather and rising markets, our law has seemed to serve our needs, is no reason why we should now congratulate ourselves upon the past and without further study, assume that the same code may be relied upon to direct us indefinitely through all fields of business, without regard to constantly changing conditions and practices.

It is pointed out in the report that "much has been said during the past few months with respect to providing a council or commission to assume all or part of the duties of the Superintendent of Banks." The report goes on to say:

In considering legislation to provide for such commission, it should be borne in mind that the duties of the Superintendent are essentially executive in nature. To use the words of Sec. 10 of the Banking Law, "There shall continue to be in the State government a banking department charged with the execution of the laws relating to the . . . corporations to which this chapter is applicable. The head of the department shall be the Superintendent of Banks." Commissions vested with the power to formulate general rules to apply to particular lines of business, such as public service commissions, have a very proper place in our form of government. Such functions, however, are of a legislative nature and we believe that we should give very serious thought to the subject before vesting functions of an executive character in such a commission.

On the other side of the question are many arguments in favor of the formation of some sort of council of bankers and business men with whom the Superintendent may confer on general banking conditions or on specific matters as to which advice and official support may be helpful. It would seem that assistance of the sort mentioned could be furnished by a properly organized advisory council or commission, which would be in keeping with our present system of State government.

In the future it may be found that certain powers relating to the issuance of general orders may very properly be vested in such a council. At the

present time the problem of establishing uniform conservative interest rates is a matter of great importance to general banking conditions. If a council with advisory and certain other duties should be created, the Legislature might very well give serious thought to empowering the Superintendent with the consent of two-thirds of such a council, to establish maximum interest rates.

The question of providing for such a council or commission is being carefully considered by the Joint Legislative Banking Commission and we are confident that that body in making its recommendation will take full cognizance of the facts and considerations above mentioned.

Other legislation proposed in the report for the consideration of the Legislature includes the following:

General.

To provide for the segregation of so-called thrift accounts in commercial banks and trust companies and to place restrictions on the investment of such funds. Such a bill should apply generally throughout the State, but its application should be effected gradually over a period of five years.

To permit prompt mergers of banking institutions in case of emergency or when necessary to protect the interests of depositors and shareholders, by providing that with the approval of the Superintendent of Banks, the board of directors of any two or more banking institutions may merge such institutions under an agreement which would protect and preserve the equities of the respective stockholders.

To limit the amount of the funds of any banking institution that may be deposited with any other banking institution.

To require banks and trust companies to maintain reserves against time deposits.

To omit foreign exchange balances credited to a banking institution from the items that may be deducted from the total deposits of such banking institution in arriving at the aggregate demand deposits, thereof, against which reserves are required to be maintained.

To limit the aggregate amount of funds which a banking institution may invest in the stock, convertible bonds or other obligations of other corporations.

To prohibit banks and trust companies from accepting deposits of less than \$2,000 repayable in foreign exchange.

To limit the amount which banks and trust companies may invest in bank buildings, such restriction to apply only to future investments.

Noting that Superintendent Broderick's proposals for changes in the Banking Law show little changes from those advanced last year following the collapse of the Bank of United States, the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 7 said:

At that time he demanded, and to-day he renewed his demands, that shares of banks and their affiliates be represented by different stock certificates, that the Banking Superintendent in case of emergency be permitted with the boards of directors to merge two banks without calling for vote by stockholders, that thrift accounts and commercial deposits in commercial banks be segregated as well as other demands.

Last year strong banking opposition against Mr. Broderick's proposals developed. The Merchants' Association went on record against most of his proposals. The Legislature referred his bills to committee.

Two Sets of Bills.

As predicted in the "Journal of Commerce," two sets of bills for changes in the banking laws will be submitted to the Legislature during the present session. In addition to those submitted by the Banking Department there will be another set offered by the Cheney Committee, which held a set of meetings throughout the State during the past few months. The principal recommendations of the Cheney Committee will be to form a State banking commission controlled by bankers to advise on all new legislation and to change the rules regarding legal investments for savings banks.

The Superintendent's report, submitted this week, in addition to the legislation indicated above, also suggested further amendments as follows:

Departmental.

To permit the Superintendent to remove from office, officers or directors of banking institutions who have been guilty of persistent violations of the Banking Law, or of a continuance of unsafe and unsound policies and practices. Such bill, however, might permit a board of directors upon a two-thirds vote to reinstate any officers or directors so removed.

To permit the Superintendent, in his discretion, to omit one examination in any year of a bank or trust company which is a member of the New York Clearing House Association and to accept in lieu thereof a report of examination made by such Association during that year.

To permit the Superintendent to compel an institution to charge off bad and doubtful assets and (or) set up adequate reserves. Such a bill might permit a board of directors by a two-thirds vote to over-ride such an order.

To permit the Superintendent to require a bank or trust company to furnish appraisals of any real estate in which such institution may have financial interest.

Affiliated Corporations.

To provide that the stock of all banks and trust companies and other corporations subject to the supervision of the Banking Department be evidenced by individual certificates of stock, which shall not be coupled with the stock of any other corporation.

To limit to 10% of capital and surplus the amount which any bank or trust company may be interested in all affiliated corporations by way of loans, investments in stock or obligations and loans to others secured by stock or obligations of such affiliated corporations. Additional loans in conservative amounts might be permitted provided they are secured with high grade collateral having a margin of value well above the amount of the loan.

To provide that an officer of a banking institution shall not be permitted to become an officer of any corporation engaged primarily in the business of buying and selling securities.

Directors and Officers.

To require directors who are obligated upon loans to their own institution to file financial statements at least once in each year and at such other times as the Superintendent may require.

To further restrict the loans which an institution may make to its directors.

To prohibit an officer of a bank or trust company from borrowing from the institution by which he is employed.

To change the period within which directors' examinations are to be made, to provide for such examinations at least once in each six-months'

period. The scope of such examinations to include a review of all loans in excess of 1/2 of 1% of the capital and surplus of such institution, including all extensions of credit to affiliated or subsidiary companies.

To permit the directors of an institution to rescind officers' contracts of employment.

To reduce the maximum number of directors which banks and trust companies may have and to permit such institutions to form advisory directorates, the members of which would have only such duties as might be set forth in the by-laws.

Investment Companies.

The business of certain types of corporations organized pursuant to the investment section is of such a nature that it is impossible of examination and supervision by this Department. These corporations do not engage in a general deposit business, but instead are engaged in the exercise of powers of a general business nature. In most of our States, corporations of this type are organized under the general business laws and we recommend that provision be made to exclude these corporations from the supervision of the Banking Department and that provision be made whereby they will be able to continue to operate under the general business laws of the State.

Savings Banks.

To permit savings banks with the approval of the Superintendent to establish and maintain deposit and withdrawal stations limiting the location thereof to the county in which the principal office is located.

To permit a savings bank to change the location of a place of business acquired by merger.

To permit the payment of extra dividends above the basic rate when earnings and surplus permit.

Savings and Loan Associations.

To provide for the transfer each year to guaranty fund of a larger portion of the earnings of a savings and loan association and to require a more adequate guaranty fund.

To provide for yearly examinations of such institutions by the board of directors and such examinations at least once in each two years to include a verification of share liabilities.

The report also deals with the liquidations during the year incident to bank closings, and says in part:

LIQUIDATIONS.

One of the greatest problems with which this Department has ever been confronted arose this year from the necessity for releasing funds and credit from closed institutions with all possible speed. Our State is unaccustomed to bank closings and consequently the means which we have today to meet such conditions are those which have been in existence for decades in the past. The Banking Law relating to liquidation of closed institutions by the Superintendent as it now stands places legal encumbrances on liquidation procedure which are deterrent to a prompt distribution of funds to depositors. We believe that serious consideration might well be given to the creation of some reconstructive method of dealing with the assets of closed banks, which will provide for prompt partial payments to depositors and for the realization upon assets at opportune times as a substitute for forced liquidations with their consequent depreciation of assets, delays in collections and delays in payment of dividends.

Utilizing the means at our command, we did succeed, however, in achieving the best possible results, accomplished partly through means of reorganization, partly through the assistance of other banking institutions but chiefly through liquidation by our own organization. We have been able this year to pay to depositors \$91,904,893 and to release credit in other forms of \$79,185,821, making a total of \$171,090,714. We believe these results are without parallel in the history of banking in this country.

We were assisted in speeding funds on their way to depositors by the amendments to the Banking Law in relation to the time required for filing proofs of claim which were adopted at the 1931 session of the Legislature. By reason of these amendments it has been possible for us to pay a dividend in less time than it was hitherto possible to carry out the procedure for filing claims.

Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. depositors were paid in full when the Mercantile Bank & Trust Co. opened for business, assuming all of the liabilities of the former.

World Exchange Bank depositors were paid in full, chiefly through liquidation and partly through the sale of the remaining assets to a private corporation.

A plan for reorganization of the Ontario County Trust Co., Canandaigua, N. Y., which will result in the realization of greatest benefit to its depositors, has been approved and will, it is hoped, be effected shortly.

Directors of the Federation Bank & Trust Co. have proposed a plan of reorganization for that institution which, although in the stage of development, has been well received in many quarters. That plan, too, should realize for depositors benefits that could not be equalled under a forced liquidation.

American Union Bank, Bank of Europe Trust Co., Globe Bank & Trust Co., International-Madison Bank & Trust Co. and Times Square Trust Co. depositors have had released to them one-half the amount of their approved claims. The Manufacturers Trust Co. has acquired the assets of each institution by purchase from the Superintendent and further funds will be made available to depositors of the closed banks as they are realized.

Many suggestions have been received for the reorganization or liquidation of Bank of United States but until recently no concrete proposition or plan has been submitted to us. . . .

At the present time there is in process of development a plan for the liquidation of the Bank of United States, proposed by Samuel Untermyer. This plan provides that the assets of the bank shall be in effect sold to a liquidation corporation which shall have a satisfactory personnel of officers and directors and cash capital of at least \$8,000,000, which will be security for the corporation's obligation to pay the depositors in full. The plan provides that at least \$3,000,000 of this capital shall be subscribed by the former directors and that at least \$5,000,000 of the capital shall be subscribed by stockholders of the Bank of United States. The realization of this plan depends upon the raising of cash capital of at least \$8,000,000 and upon the designation of a group of satisfactory persons who will serve as directors and officers of the liquidation corporation.

In the meantime, while these plans have been under consideration, liquidation has proceeded in an orderly manner with the purpose of releasing funds to depositors as quickly as possible. The first dividend payment of 30% was made to depositors on Sept. 1 1931, representing a distribution of \$41,013,970.13 and a second dividend of 15% was paid on Dec. 21 1931, representing a disbursement of \$20,165,313.35, making an aggregate of \$61,219,283.48.

Of the 32 banks and trust companies closed during the last 13 months, payments have been made to the depositors of 13 institutions. Moreover, pre-closing borrowings of all closed institutions have been paid off thus

releasing that credit for use elsewhere. Also, offsets of a considerable sum have been made with respect to borrower-depositors accounts, thus reducing amounts due to depositors by an equivalent contraction of credit. To the extent that these borrowers were able to obtain banking accommodations elsewhere, this has meant, likewise, a release of credit. Thus, during the year, the total funds paid to depositors and other creditors amounted to \$127,016,501 and credits otherwise made available amounted to \$43,212,374, making a total of \$170,228,875.

The Citizens Bank of Griffin Corners, Fleischmanns, N. Y., was closed on July 18 1929, and its liquidation completed on May 5 1930, in accordance with a contract entered into by and between the Superintendent and the First National Bank of Fleischmanns, Fleischmanns, N. Y., dated May 1 1930, and approved by the Supreme Court of the State of New York. According to the terms of this contract, the First National Bank agreed to purchase the assets of the Citizens Bank of Griffin Corners and pay to its depositors and other creditors the full amount of their approved claims.

The report also said:

In the past years a salient defect of our system has been its failure to provide a proper check upon the issuance of new charters, with the result that some communities have been supplied with more banks than business conditions have justified. The results have been most unsatisfactory and while no new bank or trust company charter has been issued during the past year and only six since September 1929, we cannot emphasize too strongly the duty which rests with our bankers to use the persuasive powers which they have to prevent the wholesale issuance of charters in years to come. This duty, like that of correcting bad practices, requires cooperation and an interchange of views which can best be accomplished through the medium of voluntary membership associations.

The problem of investments has been one of increasing importance, especially to banks in rural sections where a reduction in commodity and trade financing during the past few years has been accompanied by increased security investments. Recognizing this trend, we have constantly emphasized the need for more careful diversification, for increasing the percentage of high grade short term maturities, and for sound investment advisory service. The effort to maintain high interest rates has also had unhealthy effect upon investment policies by resulting in the purchase of high yield bonds without sufficient regard to underlying security. . . .

In the past this department has gone on record many times in opposition to the formation of corporations by our banks to engage in functions forbidden the banks themselves. In pursuance of this principle we recommended and sponsored bills at the last session of the Legislature calculated to divorce such corporations from our banks and trust companies. Events of the past year emphasize more strongly than ever before that these corporations have no legitimate place in our commercial banking system and it is to be hoped that in the future legislation will be adopted which will either strictly limit their activities or prohibit their future use.

Bill Introduced in New York Legislature Proposes Creation of Banking Board of Nine Proposed by Cheney Commission—Another Makes Present Investments of Savings Banks Eligible Until April 1 1933.

Two emergency banking bills were among the first measures to be introduced in the opening session of the 1932 Legislature on Jan. 6, said an Albany dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune," which continued:

The measures, by the joint Legislative Committee on Banking, were advanced to third reading without objection from the Democratic side.

One would create a State Banking Board of nine members, of which the Superintendent of Banks would be chairman, and the other would provide that bonds eligible on Jan. 1 1931 as yesterday's investments for savings banks would continue to be legal investment for such banks until April 1 1933.

In effect, the latter bill would declare a moratorium on the provision of the Banking Law, which requires that bonds to be eligible as savings bank investments must represent earnings of 1 1/2 times their interest for five of the last six years.

The only exception to the moratorium provision under the bill introduced to-day would be bonds on which there has been a default in the payment of interest in 1931.

Senator Henry G. Schackno, Bronx Democrat, served notice that he would oppose the measure which would create a State Banking Board. This opposition was regarded as indicative of an intention of the Democratic minority to sponsor a bill embodying the recommendations of State Banking Superintendent Joseph A. Broderick, who, in his annual report which was submitted to the Legislature to-day, urged the creation of an Advisory Council.

The Banking Board which the joint committee's bill would create would have more than mere advisory powers. Superintendent Broderick recommended that "if a council with advisory and certain other duties should be created the Legislature might very well give serious thought to empowering the Superintendent, with consent of two-thirds of such a council, to establish maximum interest rates."

As bearing on the new legislation offered in the Legislature on Jan. 6, Albany advices Jan. 5 to the New York "Times" said:

Establishment of a State Banking Board and investment relief for securities hit by depression will be sought on the opening of the Legislature to-morrow by the Joint Banking Committee as the first step in a program of banking law revision in the State.

At a meeting here to-day the Commission, headed by Senator Nelson W. Cheney, of Erie, made preparations to introduce the two measures to carry recommendations resulting from a study begun last summer.

In a statement outlining the bills, Senator Cheney and Parton Swift, counsel for the Commission, said:

"One bill provides for the creation of a State Banking Board of nine members, with broad, general powers. The Committee is of the opinion that the creation of this Board will accomplish every purpose sought to be accomplished by the very large number of banking bills which have been introduced in the Legislature in the past two sessions.

"Under the bill, which will be introduced on Wednesday, the Board would consist of nine members, four representing the public, four representing banking institutions, the ninth member being the Superintendent of Banking himself, who would act as chairman.

"The four members representing the public would be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member would

serve until March 1 1933; two until March 1 1934, and one until March 1 1935. Thereafter each member would serve for three years.

"Of the four members representing banking institutions one must be an officer of a New York City State bank or trust company having resources of at least \$150,000,000. The second would be an officer of a State bank or trust company from the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth or Ninth Judicial District, or, roughly speaking, the territory in New York State east of Syracuse.

"A third member would be an officer of a State bank or trust company coming from the Seventh or Eighth Judicial District, or the western section of the State, and the fourth member would be a representative of a savings bank from any part of the State.

"The representatives of the banking institutions would also be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. The bill provides, however, before the Governor may make his appointments the Superintendent of Banks must submit to him a list of names submitted to the Superintendent by various banking groups.

"The members of the Board would receive no salary, but would be paid their actual expenses while attending meetings. Meetings would be held at such times as the Board itself might fix.

"The Board would have power by a majority vote to make, alter and amend rules not inconsistent with law for the following purposes:

"1. For regulating the methods and standards to be used in making bank examinations.

"2. For defining what is an unsafe manner of conducting the business of the corporations and persons to whom the Banking Law applies.

"3. For defining what is a safe or unsafe condition for transacting business for such corporations and persons.

"4. For establishing safe and sound methods of banking throughout the State and safeguarding the interests of depositors and stockholders generally in times of emergency.

"Under the bill the Superintendent of Banks would have power to deny any application for a new bank charter, but no new bank charter could be issued without a majority vote of the Board.

"The second bill is an emergency bill, amending the section of the Law which defines legal investments for savings banks and trustees.

"Under the present law, before the bond or a railroad is a legal investment for a savings bank or a trustee, the corporation issuing the security must have earned 1½ times its fixed charges for five out of six years before the investment is made, must have met other financial requirements over the same period of time and must have earned its fixed charges in the year immediately preceding the investment.

"The amendment provides that in making these calculations the year 1931 shall not be considered, if 1931 earnings would render the bond illegal under the present law."

Assemblyman Streit, Democrat, of New York, announced that he had ready for introduction a bill to strike at "stock racketeers" which would create a State Securities Commission consisting of the Attorney-General, the Secretary of State and a chairman appointed by the Governor.

The measure would require complete statements describing securities before they could be sold in the State and would prescribe strict penalties for false or inaccurate statements.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Jan. 8 1932.

Trade has been quiet in most lines whether retail, jobbing or wholesale. Here in the East it has been too warm with temperatures in New York as high as 57 degrees on Jan. 7. Rough weather has prevailed in parts of the West and Southwest with big rains and snow storms, accompanied by rather low temperatures. The rains and snows were good for the wheat crop but bad for trade. Special sales in the post-holiday period have not been attended with satisfactory results. Retail stocks of merchandise throughout the country are believed to be down to a low stage, but this fact does not help the wholesale trade. The buying is cautious. Pretty much everybody is waiting to see. One bright spot in the business world of the United States was the rising stock and bond markets for three days in succession. The grain markets too have been very well sustained. And at one time a good export business in wheat was reported, mostly, however, Canadian wheat via the Pacific Ocean. But the tone in the wheat market is more confident. It is believed that Europe will have to buy wheat from the United States on a larger scale even, though Argentine and Australia are beginning to compete for the European market. At the present time Canada is doing the export business on this side of the water. But the turn to the United States is expected to come later. Corn has declined only slightly, despite increased country offerings of late and the dullness of the cash trade. Many farmers are still holding their corn crops. A mild fall and winter has had a tendency to increase the farm supplies of such grain as corn and oats. What the corn market needs most is a vigorous cash demand. Other grain has shown little change. The export demand for American rye is disappointing but the price of this grain to-day was about the same as a week ago. The rise in the stock market has tended to steady all grain prices. Provisions have again declined, lard falling some 22 points and is the cheapest for many years past. Cotton has advanced slightly because of the incessant trade demand for domestic and Far Eastern account. One circumstance which attracted not a little attention was a sharp advance in cotton at Bremen which was taken to mean that Continental cotton interests are not apprehensive that any debenture legislation will be enacted in the United States. It would be contrary to interests of the European trade. The South continues to hold cotton off the market, and hedge selling has been very small except for one day when accumulation of hedge orders over the holidays had some passing effect. Worth Street has been in the main quiet, though some constructions of print cloths have sold on a fair scale. At Manchester business has been dull. The foreign news does not help it, especially the political disturbance in India and the war news from China. Rubber has declined only slightly and may perhaps be near the point of a stabilized price. Hides have declined only 10 points net. Cocoa is off 22 points. Silk is up 1 to 3 points. Silver declined 5 to 10 points. Coffee has not changed much. The trading has been light pending further developments and there is a net decline for the week of 1 to 7 points. New Orleans has been selling here for hedge account to some extent. Brazil reports that

primary prices are firm at about a cent over the New York spot parity for Santos 4s. Sugar futures have dropped 6 to 7 points as the Paris conference was a bit of a disappointment to not a few and what is quite as much to the point the grinding of cane in Cuba will begin on the 15th inst. The uncertainty as to what will finally be done in Paris about sugar regulation is a disturbing factor. The sessions will not be resumed until some time in February. Meanwhile there has been some hedge selling against purchases of Cuban and Philippine sugar.

In some parts of the country where heavy storms have prevailed winter apparel has been in better demand. With the turnover in general very slow, retail failures in this country were much larger than in the previous week. Collections have been slow, and this fact is a serious drawback in many lines of business. The effect of widespread unemployment is seen in the lessened demand for working clothes. In Boston the leather trade is quiet, but the sales of shoes are about equal to those of a year ago. There is not much doing in suit and dress manufacturing, as it is between seasons. Wool has been quiet and about steady. The wholesale jewelry trade was plainly hit by the dullness of the times in 1931, when the sales were noticeably less than those of 1930. With retail failures large, there is also some increase in the failures among wholesale and jobbing concerns. Many banks failed in the Carolinas. Building is slow, as usual at this time of the year, and steel remains quiet, with auto companies buying very little, so that prices are hardly tested, though on the surface they seem as a rule comparatively steady. The rainy weather here and at the West has caused increased sales of rubber and other footwear. The automobile trade is slow, and there are no indications of any considerable increase in output. It might perhaps be said that the automobile trade is marking time awaiting further developments, though here and there some new models are being brought out. Kerosene prices have been very firm and furnace oils have sold well. Gasoline stocks are increasing. Petroleum is unsettled. On the Pacific Coast many of the lumber mills have closed down completely. Seattle reports about the lumber trade are more cheerful, but the tone in that branch of business, to say the least, is not optimistic as a rule at this time. Copper has advanced. In Pittsburgh the plate glass business is generally dull, though there is a fair demand for table glass. The coal trade here in the East has been fairly good. It would have been much better but for the mild weather. In this city retail trade in general merchandise is not equal, as a rule, to that of a year ago, nor are collections as good as then.

On Jan. 2 prices in the New York Stock market declined 2 to 4 points on some leading issues. The stocks which declined the most were Auburn, 6 points; Western Union, 4½; American Telephone and du Pont, 4¼; Eastman, 3¼, and Coca Cola 3½. General Motors fell 1¼, and Chrysler 1. One bright spot was the advance in U. S. Government bonds. For that matter, bonds in general, though somewhat irregular, held up well. French, Dutch and Italian bonds advanced. On the other hand, German Government 7s declined 5 points and 5½s, 2. The principal commodity

markets were closed. On the 4th inst. stocks and bonds were lower on smaller transactions; that is, 1,513,365 shares of stocks. Stocks fell in some cases 1 to 6 points. Commodities were also lower; i.e., wheat, $1\frac{1}{2}c$; cotton, 20 to 22 points; rubber, 35 to 38 points; sugar, 6 to 7 points; hides, 20 to 30, and some others also declined. Amer. Tel. & Tel. was the lowest in 11 years. Consolidated Gas and Western Union went to the lowest on record. Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit was the lowest in eight years. Allis-Chalmers on its face touched a new low for all time. General Electric, also the surface, was the lowest in some 35 years. Westinghouse was the lowest in more than two decades. Industrial stocks sank to new lows. They included J. I. Case, du Pont, General Motors, Sears Roebuck, United States Steel, Baltimore & Ohio, Missouri Pacific and Southern Pacific, as well as Union Pacific, Air Reduction, Allied Chemical, American Can, American Smelting and Bethlehem Steel. Short selling in some of these stocks has recently been reported very large. Shorts seem glad to cover as apparently certain pools let go. Yet the trading was, as already stated, far from large. To some this suggested that liquidation was less pressing. They were hopeful that the time was not distant when "long" selling would be seen to have finally spent its force. In bonds, not a few railroad issues lost last week's rise. United States Government issues fell 5-32 to 1 28-32. Foreign bonds advanced, led by German issues, with a rise of $1\frac{3}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ points. French Government issues declined a fraction. It was not a cheerful day. Stocks were again under a cloud.

On the 5th inst. prices declined early in a small market owing partly to the suspension of Gurnett & Co. with extensive New England connections and a dividend reduction by the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co. to \$1.50 on the common stock, a cut of \$1 compared with what has been paid quarterly since 1928. But any bearish news was offset by a lack of a severe pressure. Rallies came later. What struck observant people, was this resistance of the market to such pressure as existed and the evidences of larger buying by prominent operators and what is more to the point, by the outside public. The rallies were not due solely to covering. And in the nature of things, liquidation cannot go on forever. On the 6th inst. stocks suddenly came to the right about and advanced 3 to 6 points and German bonds 1 to 10 with grain higher and covering in stocks on a larger scale. German bonds rose co-incidentally with rumors that both France and England were disposed to ease the terms of reparation payments. It was even rumored at one time that England and France favored granting Germany a three-year moratorium. On the 7th inst. stocks advanced again, this time 1 to 5 points, railroad bonds in many cases, 2 to 6, and foreign issues 2 to 8. The atmosphere at home and abroad seemed more cheerful. Hope was in the air. International politics seemed to be more promising. In this respect the recent rise in German bonds was in some sense a barometer. To-day stocks advanced 1 to 3 points. Preferred stocks advanced 1 to 5 points or more in striking contrast with the depression in such stocks at one time towards the close of 1931. But United States Steel, com. led the way upward among the popular stocks with a rise of $2\frac{5}{8}$, ending at near the high point of the day, which showed an advance of 3 points.

Charlotte, N. C. wired to-day: "With the passing of the Christmas holidays, cotton manufacturing plants in the Carolinas have resumed operation, many of them operating double shifts. Between Greensboro, N. C. and Greenville, S. C. the section of greatest density of mills, a large number of mills are reported lighted up at night and in full operation. Many mills report an improved demand."

Greenville, S. C. wired that "business as usual" was the slogan over South Carolina following the closing of 46 banks in various parts of the State, including one in this city, and two others in the county. Deposits exceeded withdrawals at local banks during the day, and it was generally predicted that the shock of the bank closings will have become negligible by the first of the week. The Piedmont section, where the textile industry is located, is not so hard hit as the remainder of the State, as is shown by the fact that branches of the People's State Bank in Greenville, Anderson, Greet, Abbeville and Clemson College were in excellent condition. Because comparatively few textile accounts were handled by the closed banks, the mill situation will not, except in a general way, be affected by the closings, it is pointed out. The local branch of the People's State Bank had approximately \$1,500,000 on deposit when it closed Saturday for

30 days. Smaller sums were carried in most of the other closed banks.

Montgomery Ward & Co.'s December sales for December show a decline of 23.6% from the total for the same month last year. Receipts were \$21,899,269 in December, against \$28,672,184 in December last year. For the entire year 1931 the company transacted a volume of \$219,361,585, against \$272,319,625 for 1930, showing a decrease of 19.4%. The S. S. Kresge Co. at the close of December reported sales for that month of \$22,173,414 a decline of 7.5% from the total of \$23,982,054 for December 1930. Sales for the 12 months aggregated \$145,785,474, against \$150,353,703 last year, a loss of 3%. Chicago wired that Sears, Roebuck Co. reported for four weeks ended Dec. 31 sales of \$33,167,501, against \$39,075,133 in the corresponding period of 1930, a decrease of 15.1%.

Manchester cabled that in textiles a variety of useful orders were booked despite the uncertainties prevailing and the holiday season. Political developments in India caused anxiety and are being watched carefully. In cotton yarns deliveries on old contracts are being taken freely but new business was small. The political situation later became tense with a large number of arrests and imprisonments, including Ghandi himself. Amsterdam wirelessly the "Times" that riots at Enschede, Holland, in connection with the walkout of the textile industry caused the police to charge the strikers. A wage reduction of 5% in the woolen and cotton mills was reported to have gone into effect this week without trouble.

Lawrence, Mass., wired that the Pacific Mills of that city will not be forced to abandon that center as operatives have learned that it is possible for the mills to get the work done more cheaply outside of the city and are more reasonable. That has encouraged the managers to make a further attempt to meet conditions and continue their operations instead of moving elsewhere. Ware, Mass., wired that the Ware Woolen Co. has received sufficient orders to bring about an immediate resumption of activity and it is hoped that production will be resumed on a full-time schedule.

Charleston, N. C., wired that the People's State Bank of that city, with 44 branches in 41 towns, and one of the oldest banks in the State, has turned its affairs over to the State Bank Examiner, pending reorganization. Washington wired Jan. 6: "Production of boots and shoes in November totaled 18,470,065 pairs, against 25,380,808 in October and 18,941,199 in November 1930, the Department of Commerce announced. For the 11 months, output was 296,636,157, compared with 286,632,267 a year ago, an increase of 3.5%." Manila cabled the New York "Times": "The Big Wedge Mining Co. reports one of the most sensational gold strikes in the Philippine history with samples of ore running as high as \$3,000 to the ton."

New Orleans wired Jan. 3 that although last year witnessed the lowest prices for cotton in more than a generation, it ended with a fairly cheerful feeling and a belief that higher prices in 1932 would result from a radical cut in acreage, a reduced cost of production and the holding off the market of more than 7,000,000 bales of the current supply, adding that with a short crop next season, it is believed the world's surplus of cotton will drop to workable proportions and in anticipation of this result, there has been a good investment demand for spot cotton, not only from spinners, both domestic and foreign but from large traders as well.

Fertilizer sales in eight cotton-growing States, as represented by fertilizer tag sales, during December, totaled 18,000 tons, compared with 24,000 in the same month last year, 31,000 two years ago, and 57,000 three years ago, according to advices to the New York Cotton Exchange Service.

The temperatures on the 3rd inst. here were 35 to 40 degrees. Boston had 28 to 34, Chicago 26, Cincinnati 34 to 42, Cleveland 32 to 36, Detroit 34 to 38, Kansas City 22 to 34, Milwaukee 26 to 28, Minneapolis 2 to 22, Montreal 24 to 30, Omaha 12 to 20, Philadelphia 42 to 46, Portland, Me., 26 to 32, Winnipeg zero to 18 above. On the 6th inst. it rained here all day and the temperatures were mild, 47 to 54. Chicago on the 5th inst. had 40 to 50 degrees, Cleveland 42 to 56, Cincinnati 48 to 58, Kansas City 20 to 40, St. Paul 24 to 30, St. Louis 38 to 54, Winnipeg 12 to 28. High rains swept from the lower Mississippi Valley over to the Atlantic States. On the 6th inst. there were heavy snow and rain storms over the plains area from the Rocky Mountains to the Mississippi Valley which disrupted traffic.

The New York report said that the whole of the North-eastern and Central States was covered by the storm, the center of which was over northern Michigan. The warm, wet spell was to continue until Thursday night, the Bureau predicted, when the weather would turn colder. On the 7th inst. the temperatures here were 45 to 57 degrees, the average being 53, against 31 on the same date for 46 years past. Chicago had 30 to 34, Cleveland 32 to 44, Kansas City 22 to 24, Cincinnati 28 to 46 and Boston 54 to 56.

To-day it was 36 to 43 degrees and the forecast with rain and at times sleet, mostly rain all day. The week has been abnormally warm in the East, though cold in parts of the West and Northwest. St. Paul yesterday had 4 to 16 degrees, Kansas City 18 to 24 and Winnipeg 2 to 14. Much rain has fallen in the Southwest. Thus far the winter on the Atlantic seaboard has been mild. Curiously enough, Moscow reports that the winter in Russia has been the warmest in many years. The snow in Moscow is melting rapidly. On the 6th inst. rains occurred, with flooded rivers in England, France, Germany and Czechoslovakia. Winds reached gale force in England and Wales. In the Dutch East Indies a hurricane disrupted communications.

National Fertilizer Association Finds Wholesale Prices Steady During Week Ended Jan. 2.

During the week ended Jan. 2 the wholesale price index of the National Fertilizer Association, based on 476 commodity prices, showed no change. During the preceding week the index advanced one fractional point, while two weeks ago the index declined three fractional points. While the index number for wholesale prices has been steady during the last two weeks, it should be remembered these were holiday weeks and that wholesale trade was very inactive. The latest index number is 65.1. A month ago the index number was 66.0, while at this time last year it was 78.8. The index number 100 represents the average for the three years 1926-1928. Based on 1913 as 100, the index number is 91.0. The Association further reports Jan. 4:

Seven of the 14 groups constituting the index were active during the latest week. Three groups advanced, while four groups declined. The advancing groups were textiles, foods and grains, feeds and livestock. None of the groups advanced as much as 1%. The declining groups were fats and oils, metals, building materials, and fertilizer materials. The decline in the group of fats and oils amounted to almost three full points, due to lower prices for lard, butter and tallow.

Advances were made in the prices for 14 commodities, while declines were shown in the prices for 17 commodities during the latest week. Higher prices were noted for cotton, corn, cattle, light-weight hogs, apples, sugar, flour, turpentine and rubber. Lower prices were shown for lard, butter, corn oil, tallow, eggs, heavy-weight hogs, finished steel, copper, tin, silver, silk and cottonseed meal.

The index number and comparative weight for each of the 14 groups are shown in the table below:

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

Per Cent Each Group Bears to the Total Index.	Group.	Latest Week Jan. 2 1932.	Preceding Week.	Month Ago.	Year Ago.
23.2	Foods.....	68.4	68.1	70.7	83.7
16.0	Fuel.....	58.7	58.7	59.9	75.0
12.8	Grains, feeds and livestock.....	51.1	50.8	51.0	73.8
10.1	Textiles.....	49.7	49.5	49.9	65.4
8.5	Miscellaneous commodities.....	66.6	66.6	66.5	74.9
6.7	Automobiles.....	89.1	89.1	89.3	89.4
6.6	Building materials.....	73.3	73.4	74.0	84.4
6.2	Metals.....	73.6	74.4	74.1	82.3
4.0	House furnishings.....	84.3	84.3	84.4	96.6
3.8	Fats and oils.....	53.2	55.3	55.6	63.4
1.0	Chemicals and drugs.....	88.9	88.9	88.6	94.6
0.4	Fertilizer materials.....	70.3	70.4	70.5	93.9
0.4	Mixed fertilizer.....	79.6	79.6	80.2	93.5
0.3	Agricultural implements.....	92.7	92.7	93.0	95.6
100.0	All groups combined.....	65.1	65.1	66.0	78.8

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Shows Heavy Decline for Years 1930 and 1931.

Complete reports for the year show that 37,272,371 cars were loaded with revenue freight in 1931, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on Jan. 6. This was a reduction of 8,605,603 cars, or 18.8% under the number loaded in 1930 and a reduction of 15,555,554 cars or 29.4% under 1929.

Total loadings by commodities in 1931 compared with 1930 follow:

	1931.	1930.
Grain and grain products.....	2,030,779	2,265,400
Live stock.....	1,165,404	1,285,153
Coal.....	6,531,428	7,927,035
Coke.....	327,462	487,841
Forest products.....	1,483,312	2,369,319
Ore.....	877,105	1,661,659
Merchandise less than carload lot freight.....	10,965,089	12,200,534
Miscellaneous.....	13,891,792	17,681,033

For the week ended on Dec. 26, loading of revenue freight amounted to 441,589 cars, a decrease, due to the Christmas holidays, of 140,144 cars compared with the preceding week. It also was a decrease of 94,703 cars compared with the corresponding week in 1930 and a decrease of 197,800 cars under the same week in 1929.

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of Dec. 26 totaled 145,887 cars, a decrease of 46,914 cars below the preceding week, 29,311 cars under the corresponding week in 1930 and 76,312 cars under the same week in 1929.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight totaled 150,441 cars, a decrease of 41,301 cars below the preceding week, 16,290 cars below the corresponding week in 1930 and 36,808 cars under the same week in 1929.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 20,514 cars, 7,898 cars below the preceding week, 6,153 cars below the corresponding week in 1930 and 11,070 cars below the same week in 1929. In the Western Districts alone, grain and grain products loading for the week ended on Dec. 26 totaled 13,128 cars, a decrease of 5,701 cars below the same week the year before.

Forest products loading totaled 13,707 cars, 4,378 cars below the preceding week, 6,988 cars under the same week in 1930 and 14,130 cars below the corresponding week in 1929.

Ore loading amounted to 3,605 cars, a decrease of 618 cars under the week before, 676 cars under the corresponding week in 1930, and 2,802 cars under the same week in 1929.

Coal loading amounted to 89,644 cars, 30,168 cars below the preceding week, 27,813 cars below the corresponding week in 1930 and 46,306 cars under the same week in 1929.

Coke loading amounted to 4,352 cars, 1,166 cars below the preceding week, 3,286 cars below the same week in 1930 and 6,591 cars below the same week in 1929.

Live stock loading amounted to 13,439 cars, a decrease of 7,701 cars below the preceding week, 4,186 cars below the same week in 1930, and 3,781 cars below the same week in 1929. In the Western Districts alone, loading of live stock for the week of Dec. 26 totaled 10,148 cars, a decrease of 3,325 cars compared with the same week in 1930.

All districts reported reductions in the total loading of all commodities, compared not only with the same week in 1930 but also with the same week in 1929.

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

	1931.	1930.	1929.
Five weeks in January.....	3,490,542	4,246,552	4,518,609
Four weeks in February.....	2,835,680	3,506,899	3,797,183
Four weeks in March.....	2,939,817	3,515,733	3,837,736
Four weeks in April.....	2,855,719	3,618,900	3,989,142
Five weeks in May.....	3,736,477	4,693,449	5,182,402
Four weeks in June.....	2,991,740	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	4,642,289
Five weeks in October.....	3,813,456	4,751,349	5,751,645
Four weeks in November.....	2,619,705	3,191,342	3,817,920
Four weeks in December.....	2,273,222	2,781,582	3,338,534
Total.....	37,272,371	45,877,974	52,827,925

The foregoing, as noted, cover total loadings by the railroads of the United States for the week ended Dec. 26. 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 Dec. 19. During the latter period only 17 roads showed increases over the corresponding week last year, the most important of which was the New York Ontario & Western Ry., Pere Marquette Ry., Florida East Coast Ry., Ft. Worth & Denver City Ry., Western Pacific RR. and St. Louis Southwestern Ry.

REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED AND RECEIVED FROM CONNECTIONS (NUMBER OF CARS)—WEEK ENDED DEC. 19

Railroads.	Total Revenue Freight Loaded.			Total Loads Received from Connections.	
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.
Eastern District—					
Group A—					
Bangor & Aroostook.....	1,636	1,749	2,068	270	298
Boston & Albany.....	3,283	3,617	3,532	5,184	5,624
Boston & Maine.....	8,190	9,330	10,718	10,147	11,043
Central Vermont.....	619	784	808	2,495	2,994
Maine Central.....	2,665	3,621	3,928	2,215	2,738
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford.....	11,358	12,537	14,422	12,223	12,720
Rutland.....	595	551	655	1,009	1,013
Total.....	28,286	32,189	36,131	33,543	36,330
Group B—					
Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh.....	2,770	3,896	5,072	1,020	955
Delaware & Hudson.....	4,836	7,914	9,317	6,843	7,473
Delaware Lackawanna & West.....	7,822	10,069	11,925	5,794	5,488
Erie.....	10,792	13,291	15,616	12,149	14,674
Lehigh & Hudson River.....	150	165	236	1,888	2,257
Lehigh & New England.....	1,427	1,806	1,626	928	1,169
Lehigh Valley.....	7,544	9,290	10,766	6,579	7,347
Montour.....	1,545	2,047	2,145	29	46
New York Central.....	18,982	23,700	26,204	25,354	31,858
New York Ontario & Western.....	2,085	1,246	1,862	1,910	2,274
Pittsburgh & Shawmut.....	460	666	950	23	22
Pitts. Shawmut & Northern.....	349	424	541	205	282
Ulster & Delaware.....	42	37	43	50	86
Total.....	58,784	74,551	86,303	62,772	73,931
Group C—					
Ann Arbor.....	551	471	468	982	1,324
Chicago, Ind. & Louisville.....	1,652	2,013	2,039	1,762	2,379
C. C. C. & St. Louis.....	8,168	9,707	11,190	10,164	12,577
Central Indiana.....	39	64	74	152	79
Detroit & Mackinac.....	195	288	306	98	117
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line.....	251	200	244	2,578	2,846
Detroit, Toledo & Ironton.....	1,168	1,674	2,271	1,266	1,762
Grand Trunk Western.....	2,831	3,336	3,493	6,546	7,125
Michigan Central.....	5,414	6,370	6,492	6,599	9,403
Monongahela.....	3,872	4,783	6,443	157	241
New York, Chicago & St. Louis.....	4,247	4,693	4,978	7,934	9,972
Pere Marquette.....	4,267	3,871	4,759	4,338	4,384
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie.....	3,040	4,316	6,592	4,479	6,141
Pittsburgh & West Virginia.....	815	1,281	1,252	635	581
Wabash.....	5,223	5,961	5,752	7,006	8,385
Wheeling & Lake Erie.....	2,503	2,783	3,591	1,918	2,456
Total.....	44,216	51,811	59,944	58,614	69,772
Grand total Eastern District.....	131,286	158,551	182,378	154,929	180,033

Railroads.	Total Revenue Freight Loaded.			Total Loads Received from Connections.	
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.
Allegheny District—					
Baltimore & Ohio	22,414	27,903	34,229	12,395	15,594
Bessemer & Lake Erie	923	1,286	2,277	936	1,768
Buffalo & Susquehanna	566	614	678	140	145
Buffalo Creek & Gauley	139	247	202	8	8
Central RR. of New Jersey	5,897	8,147	11,174	10,574	12,961
Cornwall	39	2	498	19	14
Cumberland & Pennsylvania	400	547	545	19	17
Ligonier Valley	215	163	280	17	20
Long Island	1,205	1,425	1,153	3,337	3,700
Pennsylvania System	59,222	70,016	87,704	32,215	37,657
Reading Co.	13,233	16,346	20,080	16,336	20,518
Union (Pittsburgh)	5,217	8,322	11,507	1,117	1,631
West Virginia Northern	60	78	67	0	2
Western Maryland	2,991	3,642	4,481	4,121	4,670
Total	112,521	138,738	174,875	81,279	98,775
Poconantas District—					
Chesapeake & Ohio	18,134	22,080	27,978	4,970	6,660
Norfolk & Western	14,805	17,561	24,137	3,119	4,604
Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line	684	711	871	1,269	1,876
Virginian	3,043	3,908	4,710	313	390
Total	36,666	44,260	57,696	9,671	13,530
Southern District—					
Group A—					
Atlantic Coast Line	9,599	10,994	13,044	4,263	5,401
Clinchfield	1,144	1,360	1,532	1,089	1,376
Charleston & Western Carolina	407	542	678	692	980
Durham & Southern	146	182	183	307	359
Gainesville Midland	58	79	110	85	138
Norfolk Southern	1,697	2,031	2,295	1,067	1,334
Piedmont & Northern	506	485	501	768	950
Richmond, Fred. & Potomac	369	391	546	3,937	3,654
Seaboard Air Line	7,611	9,225	11,067	3,211	3,685
Southern System	19,516	23,309	27,313	10,805	12,841
Winston-Salem Southbound	170	175	196	828	929
Total	41,223	48,773	57,465	27,052	31,647
Group B—					
Alabama, Tenn. & Northern	232	199	249	136	198
Atlanta, Birmingham & Coast	638	765	988	802	777
Atl. & W. P.—West RR. of Ala.	637	749	914	877	1,384
Central of Georgia	3,190	3,787	4,633	2,294	2,240
Columbus & Greenville	264	305	518	192	298
Florida East Coast	1,112	1,056	1,196	607	722
Georgia	834	956	1,261	1,168	1,109
Georgia & Florida	340	402	449	373	294
Gulf Mobile & Northern	773	994	1,262	672	940
Illinois Central System	19,058	24,144	27,492	8,451	10,247
Louisville & Nashville	16,617	22,894	28,029	3,521	4,632
Macon, Dublin & Savannah	117	101	182	403	410
Mississippi Central	126	240	367	206	296
Mobile & Ohio	1,969	2,375	2,909	956	1,322
Nashville, Chattanooga & St. L.	2,388	2,836	3,378	1,828	2,433
New Orleans-Great Northern	633	725	817	238	345
Tennessee Central	513	667	588	467	597
Total	49,441	63,195	75,252	23,191	28,184
Grand total Southern Dist.	90,664	111,968	132,717	50,243	59,831
Northwestern District—					
Belt Ry. of Chicago	939	1,224	1,433	1,113	1,613
Chicago & North Western	13,670	16,261	19,470	8,100	9,123
Chicago Great Western	2,569	2,682	3,120	2,331	2,406
Chic. Milw. St. Paul & Pacific	18,167	21,279	24,605	6,381	7,155
Chic. St. Paul, Minn. & Omaha	3,516	4,692	6,197	2,492	2,934
Duluth, Missabe & Northern	388	659	976	91	75
Duluth, South Shore & Atlantic	444	898	1,302	366	456
Elgin, Joliet & Eastern	3,274	5,054	6,158	4,148	7,217
Ft. Dodge, Des. M. & Southern	249	297	358	154	212
Great Northern	7,575	10,124	10,733	1,677	1,853
Green Bay & Western	507	529	633	348	523
Minnesota & St. Louis	1,777	2,395	2,378	1,178	1,326
Minn. St. Paul & S. S. Marle.	4,533	5,402	6,732	1,617	1,890
Northern Pacific	8,427	11,520	11,714	1,850	2,228
Spokane, Portland & Seattle	716	968	1,215	868	1,027
Total	66,751	83,984	97,324	32,744	40,238
Central Western District—					
Atch. Top. & Santa Fe System	20,305	25,235	27,876	3,906	5,103
Bingham & Garfield	224	288	330	39	48
Chicago & Alton (Alton)	3,090	3,460	3,788	1,732	2,559
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	15,922	22,067	23,230	5,114	6,992
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	12,945	14,181	16,254	5,955	7,739
Chicago & Eastern Illinois	2,731	3,167	3,744	1,870	2,299
Colorado & Southern	1,699	2,086	2,464	780	1,193
Denver & Rio Grande Western	3,189	4,141	4,487	1,780	1,806
Denver & Salt Lake	432	624	866	5	14
Fort Worth & Denver City	1,693	1,485	1,811	929	1,072
Northwestern Pacific	388	636	669	184	272
Peoria & Pekin Union	96	147	213	79	72
S. P. (Pacific)	12,670	17,064	20,337	3,250	3,529
St. Joseph & Grand Island	241	320	362	207	187
Toledo, Peoria & Western	231	262	282	652	730
Union Pacific System	13,307	16,594	17,883	6,045	6,478
Utah	1,137	1,046	1,067	12	9
Western Pacific	1,503	1,473	1,660	1,232	1,049
Total	91,803	114,226	127,353	33,831	41,151
Southwest District—					
Alton & Southern	130	173	296	2,362	2,618
Burlington-Rock Island	119	259	287	523	388
Fort Smith & Western	278	324	426	86	167
Gulf Coast Lines	2,083	2,276	2,601	1,134	1,690
Houston & Brazos Valley	113	368	352	32	54
International-Great Northern	1,489	1,950	1,710	1,829	2,245
Kansas, Oklahoma & Gulf	259	333	451	825	1,147
Kansas City Southern	1,625	2,168	2,251	528	2,055
Louisiana & Arkansas	1,236	1,262	1,695	1,196	1,119
Litchfield & Madison	254	339	389	372	609
Midland Valley	850	843	1,148	273	287
Missouri & North Arkansas	49	122	101	617	607
Missouri-Kansas-Texas Lines	5,158	5,552	6,360	2,183	2,502
Missouri Pacific	14,472	17,643	19,879	6,211	8,524
Natches & Southern	43	43	48	123	27
Quanaah Acme & Pacific	93	89	137	86	99
St. Louis-San Francisco	8,385	9,652	11,655	2,668	3,531
St. Louis Southwestern	2,291	2,215	2,534	1,078	1,595
San Antonio, Uvalde & Gulf	446	643	414	196	547
Southern Pac. in Texas & La.	6,269	7,682	8,970	2,137	3,495
Texas & Pacific	4,795	6,251	6,926	3,045	3,573
Terminal RR. Assn. of St. Louis	1,577	1,876	1,852	2,222	3,031
Weatherford. Min. Wells & Nor.	28	45	50	38	40
Total	52,042	62,138	70,432	30,794	39,948

National City Bank In Viewing Business Situation
Comments on Proposed Creation of Reconstruction
Finance Corporation—Looks for Its Support to
Railway Situation—Wage Reductions as Necessary
to Roads as Loans—Reparations and Government
Debts Seen as Depressing Influence on Business.

The National City Bank of New York in its monthly survey of conditions, issued Jan. 4, states that "it cannot be doubted that reparations and government debts have become the most depressing influence upon the business situation." The bank further says:

The conditions in Germany afford little reason to believe that the Treasury will have any funds with which to pay reparations or that any government which attempts to pay reparations in the present state of the country will survive an election. We shall not undertake to say what nations will or will not make payments to the United States in case they receive none from Germany, but hold the opinion that all of the allied countries should, in such adjustments as are found necessary, bear their portion of the burden; and that this country will gain by an attitude of reasonable co-operation and compromise in a time of such universal distress.

It is in order also to say that the sums involved in the annual payments on these debts are small for the countries that are involved in comparison with the cost of present economic conditions. The total payment to the United States of about \$250,000,000 a year is a truly insignificant figure in comparison with the shrinkage in the earnings of the industries of this country or the wage losses of the workers, or even the sums raised for unemployment relief.

The supreme question of the time is not whether the debts shall be collected or not collected, but how this country may co-operate with other countries in restoring industry and normal living conditions for the American people.

As to general business conditions the bank says in part:

The closing month of 1931 has brought little change in the character of the trade news, and the problems that have been to the fore have been such as to make it another period of anxiety and strain for the American business men. The public mind has been occupied with the difficulties of the railways and of Germany, among other consequences of the depression; and the fall in prices of bonds, stocks and commodities to new low levels during the month was decidedly depressing, coming as it did after a turn for the better in the first half of November had aroused hopes that the way to recovery was opening up.

To its credit the country has met the strain of this trying period with composure. There has been no such epidemic fear for the safety of bank deposits as appeared in the early days of October, and no such clamor for currency. * * *

It is undoubtedly more than a coincidence that in both 1930 and 1931 the low point in the general business situation and in the markets was reached toward the end of the year. In basic industry December is always a slow month, with shutdowns common for holiday and inventory purposes, and the trade figures are seldom of a stimulating nature. In a depression year it is likewise a month of selling goods to reduce inventories, and of selling securities and commodities to establish losses.

With reference to President Hoover's program to bring about economic recovery, the bank comments in part as follows:

The principal feature of the program is the creation of a Reconstruction Finance Corporation to furnish necessary credit otherwise unobtainable under existing conditions, and to protect against "further paralyzing influences and shocks." A bill for the establishment of this Corporation has been promptly introduced into Congress, and its passage in January is predicted. It will give support, among others, to the railway situation, which through its effect on the bond market constituted in December a national emergency; and it appears likely that early in the new year the plight of the railways will be relieved in a threefold manner: through rate increases already authorized, the proceeds to be loaned to the weak roads, through wage reductions, and through loans by the proposed Corporation to roads having maturing debts to meet which it is not practicable to refund in the present bond market. It is certain that nothing could be more helpful in the domestic situation than measures enabling the railroads to overcome their temporary difficulties.

The purpose of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is to bolster private credit by a movable pool of public credit, in order to preserve the liquidity of solvent institutions and to prevent the loss and demoralization that would result from unnecessary foreclosures forced by temporary conditions. There is room for dispute as to the limits within which the Corporation should function, but the general proposition is one suitable to the emergency. Technical argument as to the inflation that may be involved, in case part of the Corporation's funds come in last analysis from the Reserve Banks, seems beside the point. The situation is that going concerns, very important in the business activities of the country, need more credit than it is practicable to obtain through the usual channels under present conditions.

A necessary qualification is that the ability to borrow should relieve no one from the need of reducing costs and making the other readjustments required by the depression. Wage reductions that will help the railroads to balance their outgo and income are as necessary in this reconstruction program as loans to them. We could not view with complacency efforts to stimulate building for example, through expansion of credit unless they should be accompanied by continuing reduction in building costs.

Secretary of Commerce Lamont Says Liquidation Has
Run Course—Natural Up-Building Forces Taking
Hold—National Credit Corporation Seen As Aiding
Situation.

Viewing conditions under date of Jan. 1 Secretary of Commerce Robert P. Lamont states that "on the whole, evidences are accumulating that liquidation has largely run its course and that the natural up-building forces are beginning to take hold. The very extent and nature of the decline" he says "have forced drastic readjustments which are serving as correctives and are aiding in the restoration of equilibrium."

Secretary Lamont further says that "the establishment of the National Credit Corporation and the proposal by the President of other measures for financial relief have already tended to check needless liquidation and to arrest hoarding. . . . Present difficulties, formidable as they may be, are temporary, and the recuperative powers of our country, stimulated by this constructive program, are sufficient to contribute in large measure to the restoration of world prosperity."

We give herewith Secretary Lamont's statement in full:

Business has continued under the influence of the world-wide economic depression, which has deepened and broadened in the past year chiefly because of foreign influences. Most of our domestic difficulties could have been corrected prior to this time had it not been for the destructive effect upon our own economy of a series of financial crises abroad. In the early months of the year we made distinct recuperative progress resulting in an upturn of more than seasonal proportions in industrial output, accompanied by increased employment and improvement in security markets.

Gains in Principal Industries.

Gains in the principal industries producing consumers' goods were pronounced, and these were subsequently held to a greater extent than were those in the heavy industries. This expansive movement, however, was stopped by the crisis which developed in Central Europe in May and June. That crisis created apprehension and fear in the United States which resulted in currency withdrawals and bank failures, besides reversing the upward trend of industry and commerce.

The year's postponement of intergovernmental debt payments at the initiative of the United States prevented impending catastrophe, and the situation was further relieved by the agreement by which Germany's short-term obligations were extended to the end of a six-month period—also at American initiative.

The favorable effect of these agreements upon world business were vitiated by lack of co-operation in Europe, which resulted in the crisis, culminating in September in the suspension of gold payments by Great Britain and later by other European countries. The fear and apprehension caused by this crisis both abroad and at home resulted in enormously increased hoarding and domestic bank failures, and unprecedented withdrawals of gold from the United States by other nations fearful of a repetition of the British action. A financial crisis rapidly developed in the United States which was again arrested on Oct. 6 by the action of the President in creating the National Credit Corporation and by other economic measures initiated at that time.

Commodity Prices.

Commodity prices in the United States have shown encouraging steadiness during the past few months. The rapid decline of wholesale prices since 1929 which had extended to 29% was halted in June. Since then we have had a saw-tooth movement with the general index varying less than 3%, which suggests that the force of the decline has been spent. With prices practically at 1913 levels the outlook now appears more encouraging than at any time since the acute weakness developed two years ago. Current price levels for raw materials are acting positively to reduce production induced by war demands and to bring about a better balance between production and consumption.

Following the drouth which affected a large part of the country in 1930, the composite crop yield advanced to normal in 1931 and production of the most important crops has been above average. Food and feed crops have been adequate. However, the low level of prices of farm products has further impaired the purchasing power of this section of our population. Increases in the prices of major farm products in the last quarter, although not fully held, have injected a more hopeful element into the situation at the year-end.

Industrial production has declined substantially below 1930 levels. The drop in the Federal Reserve Board's production index amounted to about 16% compared with a decline of 18% from 1929 to 1930. Industrial production for the past year, nevertheless, was one-fourth higher than in 1921 which marked the bottom of the post-war depression.

Loss in Railroad Revenues.

Freight car loadings declined approximately 18% below 1930, and resulted in a sharp diminution of railroad revenues. To strengthen the position of the roads, the Inter-State Commerce Commission has authorized the imposition of certain temporary rate increases.

Dollar volume of department store sales was 11% below the preceding year, largely due to the lower price level. Sales of the leading chain stores and mail-order houses were 6% less in dollar volume than in 1930. However, this year's total includes some new outlets. Department store stocks have been reduced by 17% since 1929 and, in fact, conservative buying practices have resulted in a substantial reduction of stocks of most manufactured goods—which are currently about 11% below a year ago.

Efforts by both private and governmental interests to alleviate unemployment has continued, in the latter case particularly through the medium of public works construction. The number employed on Federal construction has more than doubled in the past two years, and each month since 1929 has shown an increase over the same month of the preceding year. The year was marked by a continued absence of industrial disputes which have characterized previous depressions, and labor relations have been marked by a spirit of co-operation.

Unemployment.

Recent statistics indicate an unemployment total for the United States of about 6% and for Germany, nearly 8%.

Construction.

Construction underwent a sharp contraction in 1931, a continuation of the decline which commenced in 1929. Nevertheless, the programs of both national and local governments were pushed with vigor. Federal Government expenditures during 1931 increased by about two-thirds over the total for 1930, and the average monthly contract awards for public works and utility construction, as reported by the F. W. Dodge Corporation, were not far below the average for the period 1925-1929. Compared with 1930, total contract awards declined 30%, with residential and public works and utility construction off 25% and 28%, respectively.

Foreign Trade.

In foreign trade, preliminary estimates indicate a decline in quantity during 1931 of 18 to 20% in exports and of about 10% in imports com-

pared with an indicated drop of 16% in our industrial output. Exports, on a quantity basis, were about one-third less than in 1929, but that our purchases abroad have continued relatively large is indicated by a drop of only one-fourth in the quantity of our imports in the same period. Of this same basis, our imports in 1931 were at the level of 1924 while our exports were about the same as in 1922. With wholesale prices back to 1913 levels, the value of our manufactured exports was 50% greater than in that year.

Security Markets.

Security markets reflected the improved tone of business in the early months of the year, the gains being more pronounced in stocks than in bonds. The weakness in the bond list has been an important retarding influence, since it has made difficult the flotation of new issues, except those of the highest grade, and has had important repercussions on the banking situation through the depreciation of investment portfolios. Prices of foreign bonds, which were absorbed in large quantities in the years prior to 1929, were adversely affected by the swift developments abroad and there has been a very great shrinkage in the market value of our foreign holdings, especially during recent months.

Bank Suspensions.

Bank suspensions, particularly among the smaller banks, have been numerous and widespread, and although they involved only a small percentage of the total deposits, nevertheless the effect upon depositors and upon business in communities affected was serious. Since the end of October, however, the volume of hoarded money has shown no further increase and there has been some return flow to the banks.

Liquidation Largely Run Course.

On the whole, evidences are accumulating that liquidation has largely run its course and that the natural up-building forces are beginning to take hold. The very extent and nature of the decline have forced drastic readjustments which are serving as correctives and are aiding in the restoration of equilibrium. Had it not been for the repeated shocks from abroad the United States would have already experienced substantial improvement.

National Credit Corporation.

The establishment of the National Credit Corporation and the proposal by the President of other measures for financial relief have already tended to check needless liquidation and to arrest hoarding. Prompt enactment of these latter proposals by Congress will strengthen basic elements of our economic structure, will enable us to withstand any possible additional shocks from Europe, and will put us in a position to begin our own independent economic recovery. Present difficulties, formidable as they may be, are temporary, and the recuperative powers of our country, stimulated by this constructive program, are sufficient to contribute in large measure to the restoration of world prosperity.

Fertilizer Sales in Eight Cotton-Growing States in December Totalled 18,000 Tons, Compared With 24,000 in Same Month in 1930.

Fertilizer sales in eight cotton-growing States, as represented by fertilizer tag sales, during December totalled 18,000 tons, compared with 24,000 in the same month last year, 31,000 two years ago and 57,000 three years ago, according to advices to the New York Cotton Exchange Service.

Production of Electric Power for Public Use in the United States Showed a Decline of 4% in November 1931 As Compared with the Corresponding Month in the Preceding Year.

According to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey, output of electricity for public use in the United States amounted in November 1931 to 7,382,890,000 kwh., a decrease of 4%, as compared with the same month in 1930, when output totalled approximately 7,692,979,000 kwh. Of the figure for November 1931 there were produced by fuels 5,292,248,000 kwh. and by water power 2,090,642,000 kwh. The Survey's statement follows:

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

Division.	Total by Fuels and Water Power.			Change in Output from Previous Year.	
	Sept. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Nov. 1931.	October.	Nov.
New England.....	525,706,000	555,706,000	511,694,000	-3%	-5%
Middle Atlantic....	2,001,661,000	2,131,085,000	2,078,117,000	-3%	-2%
East North Central.	1,640,376,000	1,703,204,000	1,659,127,000	-11%	-7%
West North Central.	491,866,000	512,272,000	484,299,000	-1%	-----
South Atlantic....	837,811,000	880,966,000	808,478,000	+1%	+2%
East South Central.	327,615,000	296,955,000	277,867,000	-14%	-13%
West South Central.	414,832,000	412,168,000	389,938,000	-3%	-1%
Mountain.....	259,292,000	248,595,000	239,115,000	-18%	-16%
Pacific.....	1,033,169,000	1,000,296,000	934,255,000	-7%	-6%
Total for U. S....	7,532,328,000	7,741,247,000	7,382,890,000	-6%	-4%

The average daily production of electricity for public use in the United States for November was 246,100,000 kwh., about 1% less than the daily output for October.

The total production of electricity for public use in the United States in 1931, as estimated from the production from January to November, is about 91,650,000,000 kwh., about 4½% less than that for 1930. The production of electricity in 1930 was 1½% less than in 1929. The average annual increase in production of electricity for public use from 1919 to 1929 was about 10%.

The production of electricity by the use of water power in 1931 is estimated to be about 30,000,000,000 kwh., about one-third of the total production for the year. The production of electricity by the use of water power in 1927 was practically the same as in 1931, but in 1931 the capacity of water wheels in public utility power plants was about one-third more than in 1927. These figures indicate in a general way the effect of the drouth on the production of electricity by water power plants. It is of

interest to note, however, that in spite of the continuation of drouth conditions during 1931 the production of electricity by the use of waterpower was still about one-third of the total output.

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

	1930.		1931.		Produced by Water Power.	
	Kw. Hours.	Kw. Hours.	1931 Under 1930.	1930 Under 1929.	1930.	1931.
January	8,663,206,000	7,946,776,000	8%	a5%	34%	30%
February	7,626,574,000	7,159,882,000	6%	a3%	36%	30%
March	8,186,894,000	7,875,967,000	4%	a2%	40%	34%
April	8,018,769,000	7,643,276,000	5%	a2%	41%	41%
May	8,063,776,000	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	7,532,328,000	3%	3%	29%	29%
October	8,195,499,000	7,741,247,000	6%	6%	28%	26%
November	7,692,979,000	7,382,890,000	4%	7%	29%	28%
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 kwh. or more per month, engaged in generating electricity for public use, including central stations, both commercial and municipal, electric railway plants, plants operated by steam railroads generating electricity for traction, Bureau of Reclamation plants, public works plants and that part of the output of manufacturing plants which is sold for public use. The output of central stations, electric railway and public works plants represents about 98% of the total of all types of plants. The output as published by the National Electric Light Association and the "Electrical World" includes the output of central stations only. Reports are received from plants representing over 95% of the total capacity. The output of those plants which do not submit reports is estimated; therefore, the figures of output and fuel consumption as reported in the accompanying tables are on a 100% basis.

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

Electric Output in the United States During the Year 1931 Showed a Decline of 4.2% as Compared with the Previous Year—December 1931 Production 4.3% Below That of Same Month in 1930.

The production of electricity by the electric light and power industry of the United States for the week ended Saturday, Jan. 2 1932, was 1,523,652,000 kwh., according to the National Electric Light Association. The Atlantic seaboard shows a decrease of 1.7% from the corresponding week last year and New England, taken alone, shows a decrease of 2.0%. The central industrial region, outlined by Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Milwaukee, registers, as a whole, a decrease of 7.0%, while the Chicago district, alone, shows a decrease of 4.4%. The Pacific Coast shows a decline of 7.0% below last year.

Production of electricity during the month of December 1931 is estimated at 7,240,000,000 kwh., a decrease of 4.3% as compared with the corresponding period in 1930 when output totaled 7,566,601,000 kwh.

Output of electricity during the calendar year 1931, according to preliminary figures, is estimated at 85,700,000,000 kwh. as compared with 89,467,099,000 kwh., or a decrease of 4.2%.

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.
1931—					
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	1,896,259,000	1,604,000,000	---
Sept. 19	1,662,660,000	1,722,059,000	1,792,131,000	1,614,000,000	3.4%
Sept. 26	1,660,204,000	1,714,201,000	1,777,854,000	1,623,000,000	3.2%
Oct. 3	1,645,587,000	1,711,123,000	1,819,276,000	1,637,000,000	3.8%
Oct. 10	1,653,369,000	1,723,876,000	1,806,403,000	1,661,000,000	4.1%
Oct. 17	1,656,051,000	1,729,377,000	1,798,633,000	1,665,000,000	4.2%
Oct. 24	1,646,531,000	1,747,353,000	1,824,160,000	1,678,000,000	5.8%
Oct. 31	1,651,792,000	1,741,295,000	1,815,749,000	1,688,000,000	5.1%
Nov. 7	1,628,147,000	1,728,210,000	1,798,164,000	1,697,000,000	5.8%
Nov. 14	1,623,151,000	1,712,727,000	1,793,584,000	1,696,000,000	5.2%
Nov. 21	1,655,051,000	1,721,501,000	1,818,169,000	1,701,000,000	3.9%
Nov. 28	1,599,900,000	1,671,787,000	1,718,002,000	1,619,000,000	4.3%
Dec. 5	1,671,466,000	1,746,934,000	1,806,225,000	1,706,000,000	4.3%
Dec. 12	1,671,717,000	1,748,109,000	1,840,883,000	1,716,000,000	4.4%
Dec. 19	1,675,653,000	1,769,944,000	1,860,021,000	1,710,000,000	5.3%
Dec. 26	1,564,652,000	1,617,212,000	1,637,683,000	1,527,000,000	3.3%
1932—					
Jan. 2	1,523,652,000	1,597,454,000	1,680,289,000	1,542,000,000	4.6%
Months.					
January	7,439,888,000	8,021,749,000	7,585,334,000	6,637,064,000	7.3%
February	6,705,564,000	7,066,788,000	6,850,855,000	6,289,337,000	5.1%
March	7,381,004,000	7,580,335,000	7,380,263,000	6,632,542,000	2.6%
April	7,193,691,000	7,416,191,000	7,285,359,000	6,256,581,000	3.0%
May	7,183,341,000	7,494,807,000	7,486,635,000	6,552,575,000	4.2%
June	7,057,029,000	7,239,697,000	7,220,279,000	6,454,379,000	2.5%
July	7,222,869,000	7,368,730,000	7,484,727,000	6,570,110,000	1.9%
August	7,144,840,000	7,391,196,000	7,773,873,000	6,944,976,000	3.3%
September	7,042,783,000	7,337,106,000	7,523,395,000	6,724,148,000	4.0%
October	7,256,279,000	7,718,787,000	8,133,485,000	7,360,489,000	6.0%
November	7,830,000,000	7,270,112,000	7,681,822,000	7,174,145,000	6.1%
December	7,240,000,000	7,566,601,000	7,871,121,000	7,233,488,000	4.3%
Total year	85,700,000,000	89,467,099,000	90,277,153,000	80,829,833,000	4.2%

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

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%.

"Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The "Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices continued its fall to 95.5 on Jan. 5, compared with 95.9 the week before, 96.5 two weeks previous and 115.6 on Jan. 6 1931. The "Annalist" continues as follows:

The general trend was largely obscured by the usual seasonal decline in two of the minor commodities, butter and eggs, which dominated the week. Had these remained steady, the index would now stand at 96.0, an increase of 0.1 for the week instead of an actual loss of 0.4. The week's decline may therefore be regarded as without particular significance.

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

	Jan. 5 1932.	Dec. 29 1931.	Jan. 6 1931.
Farm products	82.3	82.2	103.3
Food products	98.9	100.8	120.9
Textile products	79.7	*79.7	105.8
Fuels	123.8	123.8	142.1
Metals	98.1	98.2	106.1
Building materials	109.0	109.4	127.1
Chemicals	96.8	97.0	101.0
Miscellaneous	86.9	86.8	89.1
All commodities	95.5	95.9	115.6

* Revised.

New York Federal Reserve Bank on Production and Trade in 1931—Reduction of About 13% from 1930, and 25% from 1929.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York "as a result of the continued decline in business through the second year, this Bank's estimate of the total volume of production and trade for 1931 indicates a reduction of about 13% from 1930 and about 25% from the peak year of 1929." In its "Monthly Review" dated Jan. 1, the Bank continues:

This estimate is based on a compilation of all the principal data available at this time relating to production and trade—in all about 180 series. The 1931 annual figure for each series was obtained by taking actual figures so far as possible, usually for the first 11 months of the year, and adding to them estimated figures for the remainder of the year. The various series have been weighted so that they would be represented according to their relative importance in the group averages and in the composite.

As is indicated in the accompanying diagram, which is drawn on a ratio scale to show the comparative rate of increase or decrease from year to year, the estimated percentage decline in the volume of production and trade during 1931 is virtually the same as the recession that occurred in 1930 from the 1929 volume. The diagram also indicates that the estimated volume of production and trade during 1931 was the smallest for any year since 1922, notwithstanding the growth in the population and in the productive capacity of the country during the intervening nine years.

All groups of production and trade series were below the 1930 level, with the exception of crops. In this category, the production of principal agricultural commodities, exclusive of live stock and dairy products was about 10% larger than in the previous year. The output of foods showed a much smaller decline from 1930 than did aggregate production and trade, and series reflecting general trade showed less than the average decrease. The outstanding large reductions in volume between 1930 and 1931 came in the more basic groups, such as those representing the production of minerals and metals, and construction activity and the output of building materials. The group of manufactures also showed a somewhat larger drop than the composite of all series of production and trade.

	% Change 1931 from 1930.	% Change 1931 from 1930.
Manufactures—		
Wool mill activity	+10	
Boots and shoes	+3	
Silk consumption	+2	
Cotton consumption	+1	
Gasoline	-1	
Electric power production	-4	
Pneumatic tires	-4	
Tobacco products	-5	
Paper, total	-11	
Automobiles, trucks	-23	
Automobiles, pass. cars	-31	
Locomotives, shipments	-80	
Freight cars, shipments	-88	
Group average	-16	
Minerals and Metals		
Crude petroleum	-5	
Anthracite coal	-15	
Bituminous coal	-18	
Copper	-26	
Lead	-30	
Steel ingots	-37	
Silver	-38	
Zinc	-40	
Pig iron	-41	
Group average	-25	
Trade—		
Coffee imports	+10	
Raw silk imports	+9	
Crude rubber imports	-4	
Raw cotton exports	-4	
Department store sales	-10	
Newspaper advertising	-10	
Car loadings, mdse. and misc.	-17	
Wholesale trade	-19	
Grain exports	-20	
Car loadings, other	-23	
Magazine advertising	-23	
Auto exports	-44	
Group average	-11	
Crops—		
Peaches	+44	
Apples	+36	
Corn	+24	
Cottonseed	+22	
Cotton	+21	
Strawberries	+17	
Potatoes	+13	
Wheat	+4	
Hay	+1	
Tobacco	-2	
Oranges	-7	
Oats	-13	
Tomatoes	-33	
Barley	-35	
Grapes	-35	
Group average	+10	
Foods—		
Sheep slaughtered	+8	
Butter	+4	
Calves slaughtered	+3	
Lard	+2	
Poultry receipts	+2	
Swine slaughtered	0	
Meat	0	
Egg receipts	0	
Cattle slaughtered	-1	
Wheat flour	-7	
Cheese receipts	-8	
Sugar meltings	-10	
Fish	-23	
Group average	-4	
Bldg. Materials & Construct'n		
Concrete pavements	-10	
Cement	-22	
Building contracts	-26	
Lumber	-35	
Face brick	-35	
Group average	-27	
Average of 182 series	-13	

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

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

Christmas trade in New York and vicinity, as reflected by the sales of the principal department stores from Dec. 1 to 24 incl., was about 7 1/2% smaller than a year previous, a figure which compares favorably with the

records for the preceding autumn months. A further decline in the primary distribution of goods, however, was indicated by a more than seasonal decline in the movement of merchandise and miscellaneous freight over the railroads during the first three weeks of the month.

In November, this bank's adjusted indexes of business activity and of the distribution of goods generally showed further reductions. Car loadings both of merchandise and miscellaneous freight and of the bulk commodities declined more than seasonally, as did bank debits in 140 centers outside of New York City. Department store sales in this district and in the country as a whole showed somewhat less than the usual increase in November, and chain store sales were also moderately reduced, after seasonal adjustment. Declines occurred also in the adjusted indexes of postal receipts and of advertising. The amount of life insurance sold increased, however, and business failures rose less than seasonally from October to November, although the actual number was the largest for any November on record.

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

	Nov. 1930.	Sept. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Nov. 1931.
<i>Primary Distribution—</i>				
Car loadings, merchandise and miscellaneous.....	80	67	67	66
Car loadings, other.....	78	62	63	60
Exports.....	75	56	56	57p
Imports.....	90	76	74	75p
Waterways traffic.....	81	56	55	—
Wholesale trade.....	91	85	80	—
<i>Distribution to Consumer—</i>				
Department store sales, 2nd District.....	95	85	91r	89
Chain grocery sales.....	59	83	82	80
Other chain store sales.....	92	86	84	82
Mail order house sales.....	84	77	72	69p
Advertising.....	80	74	72	70
Gasoline consumption.....	90	84	82	77
Automobile registrations.....	52	45	35p	—
<i>General Business Activity—</i>				
Bank debits, outside of New York City.....	87	79	77r	70
Velocity of bank deposits, outside of N. Y. City.....	75	77	74r	56
Velocity of bank deposits, New York City.....	94	85	88	81
Shares sold on N. Y. Stock Exchange.....	87	84	80	62
Life insurance paid for.....	140	141	115	94
Postal receipts.....	93	88	90	100
Electric power.....	87	82	79	77
Employment in the United States.....	89	83	79p	70
Business failures.....	83	74	72	71
Building contracts.....	102	108	113	107
New corporations formed in N. Y. State.....	63	56	50	38
Real estate transfers.....	83	86	88	85
General price level*.....	59	51	51	—
Composite index of wages*.....	161	147	144r	144
Cost of living*.....	219	213	208	206
	161	148	146	144

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

Shippers Estimate that Approximately 5,241,746 Freight Cars Will Be Required to Handle Commodity Shipments in First Quarter of 1932—Represents 6.6% Below Same Period in 1931.

Shippers of the country, through estimates submitted to the Shippers' Regional Advisory boards and made public Jan. 4 by the Boards, anticipate that carload shipments of the 29 principal commodities in the first quarter of 1932 (the months of January, February and March) will be approximately 5,241,746 cars, a reduction of 370,415 cars, or 6.6%, below the corresponding period in 1931. Announcement to this effect was made by the American Railway Association, which further said:

These estimates are furnished quarterly to the Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards, which cover the entire United States, by the Commodity Committees of the various Boards. They are based on the best information obtainable by those committees at the present time. The Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards have a membership of approximately 16,000 persons representing every section of the United States and virtually every industry, including agriculture, to be found in this country.

The estimate by each Board as to what freight loadings by cars are anticipated for the 29 principal commodities in the first quarter of the year, compared with the corresponding period in 1931 and the percentage of increase or decrease follows:

	Actual 1931.	Estimated 1932.	Per Cent of Increase or Decrease.
Atlantic States.....	637,494	611,289	4.1 Decrease
Central Western.....	271,171	231,536	14.6 "
Pacific Coast.....	204,016	192,906	5.4 "
Pacific Northwest.....	160,902	153,369	4.7 "
Great Lakes.....	304,808	289,114	5.1 "
Ohio Valley.....	625,789	612,365	2.1 "
Mid-West.....	1,000,616	911,558	8.9 "
Northwest.....	191,868	157,121	18.1 "
Trans-Missouri-Kansas.....	336,012	326,300	2.9 "
Southeast.....	631,326	596,356	5.5 "
New England.....	141,498	125,770	11.1 "
Allegheny.....	717,353	643,238	10.3 "
Southwest.....	389,308	390,824	.4 Increase
Total.....	5,612,161	5,241,746	6.6 Decrease

In making the compilation, each Board estimated what freight car requirements would be for the principal industries found in the territory covered by that Board. On the basis of this information, it is estimated that of the 29 commodities, increases in transportation requirements will develop for five, as follows: Cotton seed and products, except oil; fresh fruits other than citrus; petroleum and petroleum products; automobiles, trucks and parts; and chemicals and explosives.

Commodities for which a decrease is estimated totaled 23, as follows:

- Grain.
- Flour, meal and other mill products.
- Hay, straw and alfalfa.
- Citrus fruits.
- Potatoes.
- Other fresh vegetables.
- Live stock.
- Poultry and dairy products.
- Coal and coke.
- Ore and concentrates.
- Gravel, sand and stone.
- Salt.
- Lumber and forest products.
- Sugar, syrup and molasses.
- Iron and steel.

- Machinery and boilers.
- Cement.
- Brick and clay products.
- Lime and plaster.
- Agricultural implements and vehicles other than automobiles.
- Paper, paperboard and prepared roofing.
- Fertilizers of all kinds, and
- Canned goods.

The estimate for cotton is the same as actual loadings during the first quarter of 1931.

The estimate in detail as to what transportation requirements are anticipated for the various commodities in the first quarter of 1932 compared with the same period in 1931 follows:

Commodity.	Carloadings.		Estim'd. Increase %	Decrease %
	Actual. 1931.	Estimated. 1932.		
Grain, all.....	296,233	257,294	--	13.1
Flour, meal and other mill products.....	227,669	222,837	--	2.1
Hay, straw and alfalfa.....	54,703	48,123	--	12.0
Cotton.....	40,367	40,368	--	--
Cotton seed & products, except oil.....	36,884	40,212	9.0	--
Citrus fruits.....	51,632	47,342	--	8.3
Other fresh fruits.....	48,275	54,947	13.8	--
Potatoes.....	67,863	63,259	--	6.8
Other fresh vegetables.....	71,097	66,653	--	6.3
Live stock.....	280,260	278,883	--	.5
Poultry and dairy products.....	38,081	36,525	--	4.1
Coal and coke.....	2,088,414	1,970,859	--	5.6
Ore and concentrates.....	76,866	67,894	--	11.7
Gravel, sand and stone.....	250,934	221,472	--	11.7
Salt.....	28,481	27,407	--	3.8
Lumber and forest products.....	477,060	430,807	--	9.9
Petroleum and petroleum products.....	508,409	510,608	.4	--
Sugar, syrup and molasses.....	37,759	36,113	--	4.4
Iron and steel.....	312,745	273,716	--	12.5
Machinery and boilers.....	31,245	26,577	--	14.9
Cement.....	78,267	67,100	--	14.3
Brick and clay products.....	70,990	62,918	--	11.4
Lime and plaster.....	32,110	27,918	--	13.1
<i>Agricultural implements & vehicles, other than automobiles.....</i>				
	21,531	12,973	--	39.7
Automobiles, trucks and parts.....	125,619	127,556	1.5	--
Fertilizers, all kinds.....	111,554	86,018	--	22.9
Paper, paperboard & prepared roofing.....	78,283	69,630	--	11.1
Chemicals and explosives.....	22,115	22,599	2.2	--
Canned goods: All canned food products, (including catsup, jams, jellies, olives, pickles, preserve, &c.).....	45,815	43,078	--	6.0
Total for all commodities.....	5,612,161	5,241,746	--	6.6

Executive Manager of National Association of Credit Men Notes Seven Favorable Developments in Business at Turn of Year.

Seven factors that augur more favorable days for business during 1932, are presented by Henry H. Heimann, Executive Manager of the National Association of Credit Men, in his monthly review of business sent to the Association's members on Jan. 4. The items listed include:

1. Old inventories.
2. Signs of strong resistance to further deflation.
3. Improvement in the banking situation.
4. Co-operative spirit between labor and management.
5. Improved retail buying.
6. Checking of the decline in the bond market.
7. Greater efficiency throughout all industry.

Mr. Heimann says:

There are many fundamental factors which portend favorably as we approach the new year. Inventories are at a low point. Raw materials have been rather thoroughly liquidated, and begin to show signs of strong resistance to further deflation.

Our banking situation, though far from what might be hoped for, is nevertheless improved over several months ago, and there is a returning measure of confidence that is very vitally necessary to an emergence from the present situation.

Throughout all these trying times we have had no serious strikes. The co-operative attitude of railroad labor and railroad management is most encouraging.

Our national banking system, the Federal Reserve System, is unusually sound. The formation of the National Credit Corporation and the extension of assistance to the Federal Land bank system were very constructive moves. In addition, there is the proposed formation of a corporation for the rediscounting of real estate paper. The railroad situation, with respect to securities, is in the minds of all of our leaders, and undoubtedly something constructive will develop that will be of assistance.

Retail buying has shown some improvement, and even though it has not been all that might have been expected, it is a slight indication of the fact that consumption has constantly run ahead of production. This is a healthy condition and one that can not help but assert itself beneficially in time. The buying power of this nation is still rather high and it remains only for a measure of confidence to set it in motion.

Finally, there is the factor of a more efficient operation of industry. Instead of waiting for a return of prosperity, industrialists have set in motion economies and developed a degree of efficiency in operation which will prove a powerful influence in developing a return to normal conditions.

Decline Shown in New York Building Plans—Total of \$293,000,000 for 1931 Is \$57,000,000 Below 1930—Chief Drop in Manhattan—Gains in Bronx and Staten Island.

Building plans filed in New York City during 1931 totaled approximately \$293,000,000, a decline of \$57,000,000 from the 1930 total of \$350,000,000, according to a survey of figures in the Building Bureaus of the five boroughs on Dec. 31. The New York "Times" of Jan. 1 in indicating this, went on to say:

The loss was attributable chiefly to the drop of \$60,000,000 in plans filed in Manhattan. Brooklyn and Queens showed totals about even with the previous year's figures, while the Bronx and Staten Island registered gains due largely to the heavy amount of residential construction.

The tentative total of plans filed in Manhattan, as announced by Samuel Fassler, Superintendent of Buildings was \$106,640,000, as compared with \$166,000,000 in 1930. For class A multiple dwellings the cost was estimated at \$15,570,000, against \$57,471,000 in the previous 12 months. There were 230 building projects in the 209 plans filed last year.

Brooklyn Alterations Gain.

In Brooklyn plans or new buildings have been slightly behind the 1930 figures, and indications are that the total estimated cost of new structures there will show a slight drop from the \$60,000,000 listed in 1930, and will aggregate about \$57,000,000. Alteration plans, however, have been above 1930, and will help to bring the total for all Brooklyn permits close to the previous year's figures.

In Queens the total in round figures was about \$70,000,000, although the exact figures have not yet been compiled. The cost is almost exactly the same as in 1930 and the list includes housing projects to accommodate more than 12,000 families.

In the Bronx a gain of about \$3,000,000 was recorded, according to Patrick J. Reville, Superintendent of Buildings. The total was \$51,544,377, against \$48,912,559 for 1930. Of this amount \$28,853,000 was for multi-family houses.

For Staten Island the total was \$7,409,265, with 3,209 plans, including alterations, and involving some 2,800 new structures, mostly private homes and garages.

Bronx Classified Totals.

The Bronx was the only borough in which classified totals had been compiled yesterday. Mr. Reville reported the following figures, with comparisons with 1930:

	1931.	1930.
Plans	1,044	1,032
Buildings	1,821	1,712
Cost	\$51,544,377	\$48,912,559
Tenements	180	130
Families	7,340	6,111
Tenement cost	\$28,853,000	\$23,064,500
Dwellings	1,031	776
Families	1,197	901
Dwelling cost	\$7,084,452	\$5,684,400

The gain, Mr. Reville pointed out, was even larger than the figures indicated, due to the lower unit cost of construction work prevailing during 1931 as compared with 1930.

Office-Building Status—National Estimate of Existing Rentals Reported as 82% of Capacity.

Office buildings, which make up one of the nation's five greatest industries, employing more than \$7,000,000,000 of capital, are rented to about 82% of capacity at the present time, reports Charles F. Palmer of Atlanta, Ga., President of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers. Noting this the New York "Times" of Dec. 27, quoted Mr. Palmer as follows:

"Statistical analysis compiled three times each year for the last decade by the National Association of Building Owners and Managers have given the exact status of the industry," states Mr. Palmer. "The periodical figures for the latter part of 1931 show that vacancies are still increasing, but the curve is less abrupt than that from May 1930 to May 1931. Also fewer tenants are condensing their use of space. There is less contraction.

"As office buildings house a complete section of all business, and as the National Association includes practically all the largest structures on this continent, it is logical to assume that business is near to bedrock and that better days are not so far ahead.

"Increased vacancies have forced the scrutiny of the tax bill, and owners are seeing to it that loose methods in the city expenditure shall come to a halt. They are giving of their time for friendly co-operation with the city fathers, and some real savings are being made."

Conditions in Cleveland Federal Reserve District Changed Slightly During December—Wholesale and Retail Trade Conditions—Rubber and Tire Industry.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland reports that "favorable developments in the past month have been offset by unfavorable ones, and conditions in the Fourth (Cleveland) District in December were little changed from a month ago. Christmas buying dominated the retail field, but preliminary figures indicate that sales in the first half of December were off about as much from the corresponding period of 1930 as they were in the first 11 months." The Bank, in its Jan. 1 "Monthly Business Review," adds:

The number of bank suspensions increased slightly in the latter half of December and in the entire month totaled 17, compared with nine in November. The demand for currency, though it increased in the first three weeks of December, was not up to seasonal proportions.

Failure of the automobile industry to expand production at more than a very moderate rate from the exceedingly low level touched in late November, caused steel mills and parts and accessory plants to curtail production after fulfilling the very moderate automotive requirements for new model production. Steel production made a new low for this depression at 24% of capacity in mid-December, though local mills were operating at slightly higher-than-average rates.

Tire production expanded in November, contrary to seasonal movements of past years. Rubber consumption increased 3% and employment showed no change, both in contrast to a reduction in past years.

Life insurance sales in November in Ohio and Pennsylvania were slightly ahead of the same month of 1930, but were off 15% in the first 11 months. Commercial failures were 13% more numerous in November than in the corresponding month of 1930, while in the first 11 months an increase of 15% was reported.

Conditions in retail and wholesale trade are indicated as follows by the Bank:

The dollar value of retail sales at 56 department stores in the Fourth District in November was 17.5% smaller than in the corresponding month of 1930, and the falling-off in the 11-month period from the same interval of the preceding year was 12.4%. "Fairchild's" index of prices at depart-

ment stores in the entire country, which has been computed since January 1931, was 15% lower on Dec. 1 than in January.

The seasonally adjusted index of daily average sales was slightly higher in November than in October, still it was much below other years.

Preliminary reports on Christmas buying indicate that dollar sales are behind 1930 in about the same amount as in earlier periods of 1931. Unusually warm weather has retarded sales of seasonable clothing, shoes, &c.

The dollar value of retail stocks on Dec. 1 was slightly higher than a month earlier, but the expansion was smaller than seasonal. Compared with a year ago, the value of stocks at retail was off 16%.

Collections fell off slightly, and the percentage of accounts receivable at the beginning of the month which were collected in November was 11% under the same period of 1930.

Furniture and wearing apparel store sales showed a greater decline in November, compared with a year ago, than did department store sales.

Chain grocery sales, on a unit basis, were 9% smaller in November, and down 5% in the first 11 months, compared with similar periods of 1930. Chain drug sales were off 8% and 4% in November and the first 11 months, respectively.

Wholesale trade, based on figures from four reporting lines, was 23% smaller in November than a year ago. Wholesale grocery sales were off 22%, drugs 17%, hardware 23%, and dry goods 30%.

The "Review" reports conditions in the rubber and tire industry as follows:

Replacement tire sales in November were at a higher rate than in October, according to reports from Akron manufacturers, and employment at 26 reporting concerns did not show the falling off that has been experienced in former years. It was, however, 11% below last year, and the average reduction in the first 11 months from the same period of 1930 was 22%. The very sharp reduction in automobile production in November affected demand for original tires, and offset, in part, the increase in replacement tire sales.

Crude rubber consumption in November was 3% ahead of October, compared with an average seasonal decline of about 8% for the period in past years. At 22,943 tons, it compared with 23,479 in November 1930, a reduction of 2.3%.

The latest figures of the Rubber Manufacturers' Association reveal that output in October was 6% under September, but 17% below a year ago. In the 10-month period production was down about 4% from the same interval of 1930. Stocks are 15% smaller than a year ago. Sales have kept ahead of production during most of the year, but shipments in October dropped 28% from September. The falling off was greater than the decline in production, and stocks increased 1.7% in the latest month.

Tire prices were lowered 5% to 19%, depending on type, in early December, the first revision so far this year, despite the fact that raw cotton prices are down 25% and crude rubber 40% in the past year. Labor costs, which constitute the major portion of tire manufacturing expense, have been reduced about 10%.

Imports of crude rubber in November, at 43,733 tons, were nearly twice consumption in the month and compared with 31,765 tons in November 1930. Domestic stocks consequently increased 7% in the month, and, at 292,493 long tons, were 54% above 12 months ago. If crude rubber afloat to the United States be included, total crude rubber stocks amount to 369,936 tons, or over 16 months' supply at the current rate of consumption.

Crude rubber prices in the third week of December had advanced from the all-time low of slightly above four cents a pound, but at 4½c. were just about half as high as in December 1930.

Dividends of \$500,000,000 Paid by Building and Loan Associations Since They Began.

The following is from the New York "Times" of Jan. 3:

By the beginning of his year, the building and loan associations of the country had paid out during their history dividends of about \$500,000,000, according to the United States Building and Loan League, which has computed that in 1931 the percentage of safety of 12,000,000 shareholders' investments in the associations increased 0.16% over 1930, when it stood at 99.89% in the first half of last year.

"Building and loan safety was maintained last year largely because loans made by the associations are amortized," says H. F. Cellarius, Secretary-Treasurer of the League, who compiled the figures. "This plan gives them a contractual income such as no other financial institution has, since payments on loans cause a steady flow of money into the associations month in and month out. In a deplorably large number of cases community funds have been tied up by adverse conditions in other financial institutions, and in many cases the funds for an association's normal daily activities were included in the tie-up. In spite of this, investments in our associations have continued to be worth one hundred cents on the dollar paid in.

"Safety of these investments was 99.89% in 1929 and 99.9929% in 1928. "Thirty-three States and the District of Columbia had no liquidations of any association during the first half of 1931. This compares with 34 States and the District of Columbia having no liquidation in 1930. Twenty-six States reporting as of July 1 the past year had not had a single liquidation of an Association during the past 2½-year period, including the whole depression phase.

"Of the total assets of nearly \$9,000,000,000, 99.5% were absolutely unaffected by any liquidations reported for the first half of 1931. Even in the case of the 0.5% of assets affected by adverse conditions in 1931, the loss will be only a small portion of such assets.

"The improvement in conditions in 1931 over 1930 shows that our associations are not only standing their ground but actually fulfilling the predictions made by many business leaders that we would lead the way to recovery. We may expect recovery to be based upon savings which have suffered no depreciation and which have earned steady dividends throughout the depression phase from which we are now emerging. The nine billion in the building and loan associations represent that basic kind of capital."

Further Recession Noted in Business Activity During November in Boston Federal Reserve District.

In its Jan. 1 "Monthly Review" the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston reports conditions in the First District as follows:

During November there was a further recession in the general level of business activity in New England which brought the aggregate to the lowest point of the year. The decline in industrial activity in this district, after adjustments have been made for the customary seasonal changes, was more pronounced between September and October than it was between October and November. Production of boots and shoes in New England in Novem-

ber declined from October by more than the usual seasonal amount, and has shown a sharp contraction in activity since August. During the first 11 months of 1931, however, total production of boots and shoes in this district was more than 6% larger than in the corresponding period of a year ago. One division of the textile industry in this district reported a curtailed volume of activity during the entire year, with the highest amount of raw cotton consumed in any month of 1931 being only 71% of the average month of 1923-24-25, while in November the consumption was about 41%. The cotton textile industry, therefore, operated during the first 11 months at an unusually low level. On the other hand, wool consumption by New England mills increased considerably during the first seven months of 1931, and then decreased month by month through November, so that, although the volume of raw wool used in November was the smallest for any month in 1931, nevertheless, the activity during the first 11 months considerably exceeded that during the corresponding period in 1930. The building industry in this district in November continued to reflect the quiet conditions which characterized the entire year, and the value of total contracts awarded in New England during November was about 24% less than in that month in 1930. The volume (square feet) of residential contracts awarded, adjusted for usual seasonal influence, dropped to approximately 47% of the average month of 1923-24-25, while the volume of commercial and industrial building increased slightly, but in November was only about 39% of the 1923-24-25 average. Carloadings of merchandise, l.c.l., and miscellaneous freight in New England during November were the lowest of any post-war month, although there has not been much variation from month to month during 1931. The amount of new ordinary life insurance written in New England during November was 6.1% less than in November 1930, and during the first 11 months the amount was 6.4% less than in the corresponding period a year ago. The number of commercial failures in November in this district was 10% higher than a year ago, with total liabilities of commercial failures 17.7% greater than in 1930. Sales of New England reporting retail establishments during November were about 14% less than in that month a year ago, and for 11 months were 8% less.

Holiday Lumber Production Exceedingly Low.

Production of lumber reached the lowest point in years in the New Year Holiday week. Orders for the week (ended Jan. 2) exceeded the cut by approximately 42%, about a third less than a year ago, it is indicated in telegraphic reports from 763 leading hardwood and softwood mills to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. Shipments of these mills were 69% above their production which amounted to but 78,073,000 feet. A week earlier 780 mills reported orders 43% above and shipments 39% above a cut of 81,517,000 feet. Comparison by identical mill figures for the latest week with the equivalent period a year ago shows—for softwoods, 440 mills, production 39% less, shipments 25% less and orders 31% less than for the week a year ago; for hardwoods, 188 mills, production 23% below, shipments 6% above, and orders 7% below the volume for the week last year.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Jan. 2 1932 by 548 softwood mills totaled 99,971,000 feet, or 41% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 119,465,000 feet, or 68% above production. Production was 71,127,000 feet.

Reports from 232 hardwood mills give new business as 10,970,000 feet, or 58% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 12,826,000 feet, or 85% above production. Production was 6,946,000 feet. The Association's statement also shows:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 482 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 474,042,000 feet on Jan. 2 1932, 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 480 softwood mills on Jan. 3 1931 of 724,727,000 feet, the equivalent of 15 days' production.

The 408 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 455,820,000 feet on 2 1932, or the equivalent of 10 days' average production, as compared with 708,997,000 feet, or the equivalent of 16 days' average production, on similar date a year ago. Last week's production of 440 identical softwood mills was 66,425,000 feet, and a year ago it was 109,202,000 feet; shipments were respectively 113,486,000 feet and 152,040,000; and orders received 95,813,000 feet and 139,520,000. In the case of hardwoods, 188 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 5,898,000 feet and 8,760,000; shipments, 11,118,000 feet and 10,517,000; and orders 9,259,000 feet and 9,973,000 feet.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for 224 mills reporting for the week ended Jan. 2:

NEW BUSINESS.		UNSHIPPED ORDERS.		SHIPMENTS.	
Feet.		Feet.		Feet.	
Domestic cargo delivery	23,381,000	Domestic cargo delivery	124,679,000	Coastwise and intercoastal	28,725,000
Export	8,276,000	Foreign	65,082,000	Export	18,450,000
Rail	17,468,000	Rail	55,883,000	Rail	14,229,000
Local	6,063,000			Local	6,063,000
Total	55,188,000	Total	245,644,000	Total	67,466,000

Production for the week was 42,519,000 feet. For the year to Dec. 26, 171 identical mills reported orders 0.8% above production, and shipments were 4.9% above production. The same number of mills showed a decrease in inventories of 11.3% on Dec. 26, as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 102 mills reporting, shipments were 58% above production, and orders 31% above production and 17% below shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 17,304,000 feet, (previous week 14,469,000 at 110 mills); shipments 20,832,000 feet, (previous week 12,180,000); and production 13,223,000 feet, (previous week 10,939,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 95 mills were 49,564,000 feet. The 99 identical mills reported

a decrease in production of 57%, and in new business a decrease of 41%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

The Western Pine Association, of Portland, Ore., reported production from 123 mills as 10,370,000 feet, shipments 24,061,000 and new business 22,435,000. The 94 identical mills reported a decrease of 49% in production and a 28% decrease in new business, compared with the same week last year.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers of Minneapolis, Minn., reported no production from 7 mills, shipments 1,089,000 feet and new business 675,000 feet. The same number of mills reported new business 64% less than for the same week a year ago.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 17 mills as 556,000 feet, shipments 570,000 and orders 378,000. The 14 identical mills reported new business 66% less than for the same week of 1931.

The North Carolina Pine Association, of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 75 mills as 4,459,000 feet, shipments 5,447,000 and new business 3,991,000. The 35 identical mills reported a decrease of 18% in production and a decrease of 20% in new business, compared with the same week a year ago.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 215 mills as 6,547,000 feet, shipments 11,693,000 and new business 10,130,000. The 174 identical mills reported a 24% decrease in production and an 8% decrease in new business, compared with the corresponding week last year.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Association, of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 17 mills as 399,000 feet, shipments 1,133,000 and orders 840,000. The 14 identical mills reported production 74% less, while new business was the same as last year, for the corresponding week.

We also give below the report of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association for the week ended Dec. 26 1931:

Low lumber production during the Christmas holiday period largely accounted for a 43% excess of new business over the cut during the week ended Dec. 26, as indicated in telegraphic reports from 747 leading hardwood and softwood mills to the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. Production of these mills amounted to but 81,243,000 feet. Shipments exceeded this figure by 39%. A week earlier 775 mills reported orders 30% above and shipments 8% above a cut of 119,234,000 feet. Comparison by identical mill figures for the latest week with the equivalent period a year ago shows—for softwoods, 444 mills, production 27% less, shipments 29% less and orders 23% less than for the week in 1930; for hardwoods 177 mills, production 37% below, shipments 7% above and orders 18% below the volume for the week a year ago.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Dec. 26 1931, by 557 softwood mills totaled 101,055,000 feet, or 43% above the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 98,308,000 feet, or 39% above production. Production was 70,696,000 feet.

Reports from 209 hardwood mills give new business as 15,056,000 feet, or 43% above production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 14,887,000 feet, or 41% above production. Production was 10,547,000 feet.

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 486 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 500,990,000 feet, on Dec. 26 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 486 softwood mills on Dec. 27 1930, of 743,763,000 feet, the equivalent of 15 days' production.

The 412 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 475,103,000 feet on Dec. 26 1931, or the equivalent of 10 days' average production, as compared with 732,189,000 feet, or the equivalent of 16 days' average production, on similar date a year ago. Last week's production of 444 identical softwood mills was 66,501,000 feet, and a year ago it was 91,516,000 feet; shipments were respectively 93,150,000 feet and 131,822,000; and orders received 97,118,000 feet and 126,480,000 feet. In the case of hardwoods, 177 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 10,136,000 feet and 16,006,000; shipments 13,656,000 feet and 12,705,000; and orders 13,924,000 feet and 17,025,000 feet.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. wired from Seattle the following new business, shipments and unfilled orders for 224 mills reporting for the week ended December 26:

NEW BUSINESS.		UNSHIPPED ORDERS.		SHIPMENTS.	
Feet.		Feet.		Feet.	
Domestic cargo delivery	26,731,000	Domestic cargo delivery	133,434,000	Coastwise and intercoastal	25,629,000
Export	10,412,000	Foreign	75,370,000	Export	11,512,000
Rail	15,844,000	Rail	52,920,000	Rail	15,317,000
Local	5,104,000			Local	5,104,000
Total	58,091,000	Total	261,724,000	Total	57,561,000

Production for the week was 45,230,000 feet. For the year to Dec. 19, 171 identical mills reported orders 0.5% above production, and shipments were 4.7% above production. The same number of mills showed a decrease in inventories of 10.5% on Dec. 19, as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 110 mills reporting, shipments were 11% above production, and orders 32% above production and 19% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 14,469,000 feet, (previous week 17,640,000 at 108 mills); shipments 12,180,000 feet, (previous week 17,094,000); and production 10,939,000 feet, (previous week 20,891,000). Orders on hand at the end of the week at 100 mills were 57,183,000 feet. The 105 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 39%, and in new business a decrease of 37%, as compared with the same week a year ago.

The Western Pine Association, of Portland, Ore., reported production from 122 mills as 10,789,000 feet, shipments 22,213,000 and new business 22,055,000 feet. The 92 identical mills reported production 48% less and orders 37% less than for the same week last year.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers, of Minneapolis, Minn., reported no production from 7 mills, shipments 858,000 feet and new business 1,354,000 feet. The same number of mills reported a decrease of 21% in orders, compared with the same week of 1930.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Assn., of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 19 mills as 357,000 feet, shipments 471,000 and orders 420,000. The 14 identical mills reported production 69% less and new business 42% less than for the same week last year.

The North Carolina Pine Association, of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 75 mills as 3,372,000 feet, shipments 5,025,000 and new business 4,666,000. The 35 identical mills reported a 48% decrease in production and a 34% increase in orders compared with the corresponding week of 1930.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute, of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 190 mills as 10,188,000 feet, shipments 13,799,000 and new business 13,375,000. The 163 identical mills reported production 32% less and orders 4% more than for the same week a year ago.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers Assn., of Oshkosh Wis., reported production from 19 mills as 359,000 feet., shipments 1,088,000 and orders 1,681,000. The 14 identical mills reported a 77% decrease in production and a 70% decrease in orders, compared with the same week of 1930.

Further Decline in Trade and Industrial Activities in St. Louis Federal Reserve District During November Ascribed Due to Extreme Conservatism.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas reveals that extreme conservatism in purchasing of commodities by the general public, merchants and other groups of consumers was reflected in a further recession in trade and industrial activities in the Eighth (St. Louis) Federal Reserve District during the past 30 days. With the single exception of dry goods, all wholesaling and jobbing lines investigated by this bank showed a smaller volume of dollar sales in November than for the preceding month, and without exception decreases were recorded as compared with November 1930, and the average for the month during the past eight years. The Bank in its Dec. 30 "Monthly Review" continues:

Relatively a better exhibit was made by distribution than production, the rate of operations at manufacturing plants as a whole being slightly below that of the preceding month, and considerably less than during the corresponding period last year. In the chief industrial centers the reduced rate of manufacturing activity was reflected in a further increase of the number of idle workers during November and early December, offset partly, however, by a gain in clerical employment at retail establishments incident to the holiday trade.

The trend of commodity values continued downward, with a number of important classifications reaching new lows on the present retrograde movement. This served to emphasize caution in the matter of purchasing, particularly of raw materials for future requirements. Producers and distributors of pig iron, finished iron and steel products, non-ferrous metals, lumber, and a number of other important commodities report ordering for first quarter of the new year in smaller volume than any similar period in recent times. The same attitude prevails in lines for ordinary consumption, purchasing being confined largely to only enough merchandise for immediate or nearby requirements. This policy has resulted in generally small inventories, both in the hands of manufacturers and merchants. While as compared with last year average sales volume has declined heavily, the lower range of prices prevailing now accounts for a considerable part of the decrease. It thus becomes evident that the unit volume of distribution makes a much more favorable showing than the dollar volume, also that large quantities of merchandise continue to flow through distributive channels.

As had been the case since early fall, the unusually high temperatures prevailing throughout this region have seriously interfered with the movement of seasonal merchandise, particularly fuel, heavy wearing apparel and heating apparatus. November production of bituminous coal in fields of the district was substantially below the average for that month during the past decade. Christmas holiday shopping got a later start than usual, and during November and the first week of December failed to gain the expected momentum. In both the large centers of population and smaller communities, demand centers chiefly in cheap-priced merchandise. Since the first week of December considerable improvement has developed in purchasing of holiday goods, a number of important interests reporting volume comparing favorably with a year ago.

Reversing the usual seasonal trend, the volume of retail trade in November as reflected in sales of department stores in leading cities of the district, was 4% smaller than in October. The November total fell 10.4% below that of a year ago, and for the first 11 months this year a decrease of 12.7% was shown as compared with the same period in 1930. Combined sales during November of all wholesaling and jobbing firms reporting to this bank were 4.6% smaller than in the preceding month, and approximately 8% less than for the same month in 1930; for the first 11 months this year the aggregate was 15.6% below that for the same period in 1930. The value of permits issued for new buildings in the five largest cities of the district in November was 64% and 60% smaller, respectively, than a month and a year earlier. Construction contracts let in the Eighth District in November were one-fifth smaller than the low October total, and 61% less than in November, 1930. Debits to checking accounts in November fell 16% below October, and 22% below the November 1930, total; for the first 11 months this year the aggregate was 21% smaller than for the same period in 1930. The amount of savings accounts held by selected banks decreased slightly between Nov. 4 and Dec. 2, and on the latter date was about 5% smaller than on Dec. 3 1930.

According to officials of railroads operating in this region, freight traffic handled continued the downward trend of recent months, and the November total fell substantially below that of the corresponding period in 1930 and 1929. There was a particularly heavy decrease in merchandise and miscellaneous freight. As was the case during the preceding month, the movement of coal, coke and other fuels was held down by the unusually mild weather and was in considerably less than the seasonal volume. For the country as a whole, loadings, of revenue freight for the first 48 weeks this year, or to Nov. 28, totaled 34,999,149 cars, against 43,096,392 cars for the corresponding period in 1930 and 49,489,591 cars in 1929. The St. Louis Terminal Railway Association, which handles interchanges for 28 connecting lines, interchanged 132,895 loads in November, against 144,833 loads in October, and 166,395 loads in November 1930. During the first nine days of December the interchange amounted to 40,976 loads, which compares with 46,993 loads during the same period in November and 47,235 loads during the first nine days of December last year. Passenger traffic of the reporting lines in November decreased 26% as compared with the same month in 1930. Estimated tonnage of the Federal Barge Line between St. Louis and New Orleans in November was 86,400 tons, against 104,873 tons in October, and 83,000 tons in November 1930.

Little change in the general trend, noted during the past several months, was reflected in reports relative to collections. Considerable irregularity and spottiness exists, both with reference to the several lines and different localities. For the most part wholesalers in the chief distributing centers reported early December settlements in considerable volume, a number of important interests indicating better results than a year ago. The rela-

tively small inventories of retail merchants and the policy of hand-to-mouth buying lend themselves to prompt defraying of bills. In the clothing line there were complaints of backwardness, and the same was true of building materials and some of the other heavier classifications. Country retailers report moderate betterment in collections as contrasted with earlier in the season. There has been considerable liquidation in the tobacco and rice areas, also in parts of the typical cotton sections, though the disposition of producers to hold their stocks for higher prices is still holding down payments as a whole in the country. Questionnaires addressed to representative interests in the several lines scattered through the district show the following results:

	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.
November 1931-----	0%	18.5%	67.5%	14.0%
October 1931-----	0	21.1	56.4	22.5
November 1930-----	0	10.0	65.0	35.0

Commercial failures in the Eighth Federal Reserve District in November, according to Dun's numbered 117, involving liabilities of \$3,357,116, against 126 failures in October with liabilities of \$2,497,736, and 92 defaults for a total of \$3,870,162 in November 1930.

Declining Automobile Production in November and the Eleven Months.

November factory sales of automobiles manufactured in the United States (including foreign assemblies from parts made in the United States and reported as complete units or vehicles), based on data submitted to the Bureau of the Census, consisted of 68,867 vehicles, of which 48,185 were passenger cars, 19,683 trucks, and 999 taxicabs, as compared with 80,142 vehicles in October 1931, 136,754 vehicles in November 1930, and 217,573 in November 1929. For the eleven months to Nov. 30, the output of vehicles was only 2,268,197 in 1931 against 3,200,285 in 1930, and 5,238,413 in 1929.

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

NUMBER OF VEHICLES.

	United States.				Canada.		
	Total.	Passenger Cars.	Trucks.	Taxicabs.	Total.	Passenger Cars.	Trucks.
1929—							
January-----	401,037	345,545	53,428	2,064	21,501	17,164	4,337
February-----	466,418	404,063	60,247	2,108	31,287	25,584	5,703
March-----	585,455	511,577	71,789	2,079	40,621	32,833	7,788
April-----	621,910	525,878	84,346	1,686	41,901	34,392	7,509
May-----	604,691	514,863	88,510	1,318	31,559	25,129	6,430
June-----	545,932	451,371	93,183	1,378	21,492	16,511	4,981
July-----	600,840	424,044	74,842	1,054	17,461	13,600	3,861
August-----	498,628	440,780	56,808	1,040	14,214	11,037	3,177
September-----	415,912	363,471	51,576	865	13,817	10,710	3,107
October-----	380,017	318,462	60,687	868	14,523	8,975	5,548
November-----	217,573	167,846	48,081	1,646	9,424	7,137	2,287
Tot. (11 mos.)	5,238,413	4,478,800	743,507	16,106	257,800	203,072	54,728
December-----	120,007	91,011	27,513	1,483	5,495	4,426	1,069
Total (year)	5,358,420	4,569,811	771,020	17,589	263,295	207,498	55,797
1930—							
January-----	273,221	232,848	39,406	967	10,388	8,856	1,532
February-----	330,414	279,165	50,398	851	15,548	13,021	2,527
March-----	396,388	329,501	65,466	1,421	20,730	17,165	3,565
April-----	444,024	372,446	71,092	486	24,257	20,872	3,385
May-----	420,027	360,928	58,659	440	24,672	21,251	3,421
June-----	334,506	285,473	48,570	463	15,090	12,194	2,896
July-----	265,533	221,829	43,328	376	10,188	8,556	1,632
August-----	224,368	183,532	40,450	386	9,792	6,946	2,846
September-----	154,401	113,226	40,223	930	7,957	5,623	2,334
October-----	154,401	113,226	40,223	930	7,957	5,623	2,334
November-----	136,754	100,532	35,613	609	5,407	3,527	1,880
Tot. (11 mos.)	3,200,285	2,654,976	537,798	7,511	148,570	121,217	27,353
December-----	155,701	120,833	33,443	1,425	5,622	4,225	1,397
Total (year)	3,355,986	2,775,809	571,241	8,936	154,192	125,442	28,750
1931—							
January-----	171,848	137,805	33,531	512	6,496	4,552	1,944
February-----	219,940	179,890	39,521	529	9,871	7,529	2,342
March-----	276,405	230,834	45,161	410	12,963	10,483	2,510
April-----	336,939	286,252	50,022	665	17,159	14,043	3,116
May-----	317,163	271,135	45,888	340	12,738	10,621	2,117
June-----	250,640	210,036	40,244	360	6,835	5,583	1,252
July-----	218,490	183,993	34,317	180	4,224	3,151	1,099
August-----	187,197	155,321	31,772	104	4,540	3,426	1,118
September-----	140,566	109,087	31,338	141	2,646	2,108	538
October-----	80,142	57,764	21,727	651	1,440	761	679
November-----	68,867	48,185	19,683	999	1,247	812	435
Tot. (11 mos.)	2,268,197	1,870,302	393,004	4,891	80,189	63,069	17,120

x Includes only factory-bull taxicabs, and not private passenger cars converted into vehicles for hire.

State Automobile Association Moves to Avert Increase in Motor Tax in New York State.

Press advices from Albany, Jan. 1, said:

Having served largest tax paying groups in the Legislature that motorists will regard any increase in taxation as discriminatory, unjust and unwarranted, the State Automobile Association is circulating petitions among the fifty-two affiliated clubs in opposition to any increased tax.

"The total per vehicle tax in New York State is \$30.03, including chauffeurs' and operators' fees and this amounts to 6% annually on a fair average valuation of \$500 per car," Frank J. Smith of Rochester, Chairman of the association's legislative committee, said to-day.

Demand for Merchandise in Dallas Federal Reserve District Steady but Moderate During November.

In summarizing business conditions in the Eleventh (Dallas) Federal Reserve District, the Federal Reserve Bank of that place in its Jan. 1 "Monthly Business Review" state that "a steady though moderate demand for merchandise in both wholesale and retail channels was in evidence in the Eleventh District during the past month." The Bank continues:

Sales of department stores in larger cities reflected the usual seasonal decrease as compared to the previous month, and were 22% below those in November 1930. This latter decrease, however, was smaller than in either of the two preceding months. In wholesale channels, distribution generally continued to show an improvement. In most reporting lines the decline in sales as compared to the previous month was considerably less than seasonal, and comparisons with the corresponding month a year ago were the most favorable reported in several months. While purchases at wholesale are being made in small lots, the sustained consumer demand has necessitated retailers making frequent reorders to replenish stocks. Debits to individual accounts at banks in principal cities were 21% smaller than in October, and 22% below November 1930.

The number of commercial failures in this district during November, while higher than a year ago, reflected a noticeable decline from the preceding month. The indebtedness of defaulting firms was in smaller volume than in either the previous month or the corresponding month of 1930.

Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks, after reaching a peak at \$26,068,000 early in November, reflected a gradual decline during the subsequent six weeks and stood at \$19,650,000 on Dec. 15. The latter figure, however, was considerably larger than that on the corresponding date of 1930. The combined net demand and time deposits of member banks averaged \$687,698,000 during November, as compared to \$689,838,000 in October, and \$827,987,000 in November a year ago. The loans, investments and deposits of banks in larger cities reflected a decline between Nov. 11 and Dec. 9. Subscriptions to the Treasury notes and certificates of indebtedness issued on Dec. 15 totaled \$43,332,900, and allotments to the extent of \$37,447,200 were made.

The heavy general rains during the past 30 days were very beneficial to the agricultural and livestock industries. Moisture conditions throughout the district are now favorable and livestock ranges have shown a noticeable improvement. Small grains have responded to the better moisture conditions and favorable weather, and are now reported to be in satisfactory condition. Livestock generally are going into the winter in good shape.

The valuation of building permits issued at principal cities was 18% less than in October, and 23% below November 1930; yet the latter comparison was, with one exception, the most favorable shown for the current year. The production and shipments of cement reflected a decline as compared to both the previous month and the corresponding month last year.

We also quote from the "Review" the following details as to wholesale and retail trade:

Wholesale Trade.

While the month of November witnessed a seasonal slackening in the demand for merchandise at wholesale in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, sales in all lines except farm implements reflected less than the usual seasonal recession, and comparisons with the corresponding month a year ago were better than had been registered in several months. As compared to the same period in 1930, cumulative sales from July 1 to Nov. 30 of the current year reflected decreases ranging from 16.2% in the case of groceries to 51.9% in the case of farm implements. Purchasing continues on a moderate scale and most orders are made for replacement purposes, as retailers are keeping purchases closely aligned to consumer demand, and are desirous of closing the year with low inventories. On Nov. 30, stocks showed declines from a year ago varying from 8.2% to 39.9%. While the collection of current accounts has been rather active, seasonal declines were reflected in the November collections of all lines except dry goods.

For the first time in any month since June 1929, the sales of wholesale dry goods firms in this district during November reflected a slight increase as compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. The comparison with the preceding month showed a decline of 14.5%, which is much less than the recession that usually occurs in November. Late reports indicate that buying during the first half of December has been holding up fairly well. Total distribution during the months from July to November, inclusive, was 24.1% below the volume of the same period in 1930. Stocks on hand were reduced 20.1% during November. Collections were on practically the same scale as in October.

The business of reporting wholesale hardware firms in November showed a decline of 5.2% from October, which is less than the usual seasonal amount. As compared to the corresponding month last year, there was a reduction of 26.5%, whereas in October the like decrease amounted to 37.5%. In view of these figures, it appears that the volume of distribution is not only holding well up to recent levels, but is showing some tendency toward improvement. Average sales from July 1 to November 30 were 31.8% less than a year ago. Collections declined only slightly during the month.

Reports from wholesale drug firms in this district indicate that business during November held up slightly better than is usually the case in that month. Sales decreased 7.6% as compared to the previous month, and were 16.2% under the volume of the corresponding month last year, showing practically the same comparison as was shown in October. Inventories were reduced 5.8% during the month. November collections were in somewhat smaller volume than in the preceding month.

While the demand for groceries in wholesale channels during November was 5.4% less than in the previous month, the decrease was smaller than is usual at this season. The slight decline was all the more favorable in view of the fact that it followed the contrary-to-seasonal increase which occurred in October. November sales were only 8.2% less than in the same month last year, this being the best comparison that has been recorded since September a year ago. Collections reflected a largely seasonal decline of 9.2%.

A reduction of 49.5% was reflected in the business of wholesale farm implement firms during November as compared to the previous month. Sales fell 81.0% below the level of November 1930, the small scale buying being due largely to the reduced purchasing power of farmers caused by low prices of agricultural products. For the period between July 1 and Nov. 30, the volume of distribution this year was on a scale 51.9% below that of the same period last year. After showing two seasonal monthly increases, the volume of collections declined in November.

Retail Trade.

The distribution of merchandise at department stores in leading cities of the Eleventh District reflected the usual seasonal decline during Novem-

ber, but the comparison with the corresponding month of 1930 was more favorable than in either of the two preceding months. Sales of merchandise were 8.5% below those in October, and 21.8% less than in the corresponding month of 1930. The latter figure compares with a decline of 23.4% in October and 26.7% in September. Distribution during the first 11 months of 1931 showed a decline of 16% as compared to the same period of 1930. According to reports, holiday trade during the first half of December ranged from fair to good, with practical commodities in greater demand than novelties.

Stocks of merchandise on hand at the close of November reflected a decline of 2.8% as compared to those a month earlier, and continued 21.4% below the same date a year ago. The rate of stock turnover during the 11 months from Jan. 1 through Nov. 30 1931, was 2.59, as against 2.66 in the same period of the previous year.

November collections remained on the same level as those a month earlier, but showed a decline from a year ago. The ratio of collections to accounts outstanding on Nov. 1 was 32.0% as compared to 34.4% in November 1930.

Production of Flour Continues Lower.

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

PRODUCTION OF FLOUR (NUMBER OF BARRELS).

	Production 5 Weeks Ended Jan. 2 1932.	Production Same Period Year Ago.	Cumulative Production Since June 30 1931.	Cumulative Production Same Period 1930.
Northwest.....	1,407,833	1,838,707	10,309,858	12,463,313
Southwest.....	2,154,116	2,288,772	13,352,970	13,708,450
Lake Central and Southern.....	1,904,627	2,286,185	12,391,070	13,707,022
Pacific Coast.....	437,874	406,028	2,247,105	2,421,831
Grand total.....	5,904,450	6,819,692	38,301,003	42,300,616

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

Argentine Wheat Estimated at 218,623,000 Bushels, Against 235,000,000 a Year Ago.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 5: Argentina's new wheat crop is estimated at 218,623,000 bushels, compared with 235,000,000 a year ago and 162,575,000 two years ago, making it certain that Argentina will be a more important factor in the world wheat market during 1932 than was thought two months ago. From the distribution of the three preceding crops, as shown by the following table, that of the present one and its effect on world exports may be fairly estimated:

	Crop Year Beginning Jan. 1—			
	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Production.....	218,623,000	235,960,000	162,578,000	349,051,000
Carry-over Jan. 1.....	-----	15,472,000	25,679,000	12,746,000
Total supply Jan. 1.....	-----	251,432,000	188,255,000	361,797,000
Domestic consumption.....	-----	93,328,000	85,979,000	85,979,000
Balance for export.....	-----	158,104,000	102,276,000	275,818,000

Allowing for an average domestic use, crop and carry-over on Jan. 1 1932 should give an exportable surplus of 140,000,000 bushels.

Monthly shipments from Argentina for past three years are given in bushels:

	1931.	1930.	1929.
January.....	10,946,000	12,721,000	22,607,000
February.....	17,614,000	11,336,000	27,541,000
March.....	13,411,000	10,037,000	29,861,000
April.....	17,609,000	10,806,000	22,381,000
May.....	21,001,000	8,555,000	24,218,000
June.....	16,658,000	9,881,000	25,391,000
July.....	7,738,000	3,989,000	14,463,000
August.....	*5,372,000	*3,728,000	25,292,000
September.....	*6,940,000	*3,755,000	19,834,000
October.....	*5,572,000	*4,124,000	17,322,000
November.....	*5,779,000	*2,912,000	8,308,000
Balance Dec. 1.....	29,464,000	20,431,000	38,600,000
Exports, December.....	-----	*4,964,000	12,712,000

* Trade estimates. All other figures from Department of Agriculture.

Cotton Crop of Argentina Estimated at 105,000 Bales, According to Advices to New York Cotton Exchange Service.

The current cotton crop of Argentina is estimated at 105,000 bales of 500 pounds each, compared with 133,000 last season, and the current crop of Paraguay is estimated at 15,000 bales against 20,000 last season, according to a cable from trade sources to the New York Cotton Exchange Service.

Selling Price of American Cotton Compared With That of Indian Cotton.

American cotton is selling much below the average of past relationships with Indian cotton, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. As a result, foreign spinners, in Europe and the Orient, are showing a pronounced tendency to revert to a larger relative use of the American staple. The Exchange Service on Jan. 5 said:

A rough indication of comparative prices of American and Indian cottons, afforded by the prices of middling seven-eighths-inch American cotton and fine Oomra Indian cotton, both on the spot at Liverpool. At the present time, the price of fine Oomra Indian is equal to 91.5% of the price of middling American, compared with 70.6% a year ago, 74.7%, two years ago, 78.9% three years ago, 82.7% four years ago, and 90.5% five years ago. It will be recalled that five years ago the relatively high price of Indian cotton resulted in foreign spinners giving from 10% to 15% more to American cotton to the extent of hundreds of thousands of bales.

Imports of Raw Silk Increased in 1931—Approximate Deliveries to American Mills Also Higher for the Year—December Figures Below Those for Preceding Month.

According to the Silk Association of America, Inc., imports of raw silk declined from 67,999 bales in November 1931 to 50,617 bales in December 1931. The latter figure also compares with 64,616 bales in the corresponding month in 1930. Approximate deliveries to American mills totaled 48,432 bales in December 1931 as against 50,645 bales in the preceding month and 55,424 bales in December 1930.

During the calendar year 1931 raw silk imports totaled 605,919 bales, an increase of 56,035 bales, or 10.2% over the preceding year. Deliveries to American mills amounted to 594,889 bales, an increase of 12,663 bales, or 2.2%, over 1930. Stocks at warehouses on Dec. 31 1931 were 69,460 bales, as compared with 58,430 bales on Dec. 31 1930 and 67,275 bales on Nov. 30 1931. The Association, in its statement, shows:

RAW SILK IN STORAGE JAN. 1 1932.

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

Figures in Bales.	European.	Japan.	All Other.	Total.
In storage, Dec. 1 1931.....	2,453	57,475	7,347	67,275
Imports, month of December 1931 x.....	2,426	45,040	3,151	50,617
Total available during December.....	4,879	102,515	10,498	117,892
In storage, Jan. 1 1932 z.....	2,272	60,532	6,656	69,460
Approximate deliveries to American mills during December 1931 y.....	2,607	41,983	3,842	48,432

SUMMARY.

	Imports During the Month.x			Storage at End of Month.z		
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1931.	1930.	1929.
January.....	49,294	43,175	58,384	51,814	76,264	49,943
February.....	47,827	42,234	43,278	45,399	68,646	46,993
March.....	57,391	39,990	48,103	47,407	57,773	45,218
April.....	29,446	37,515	47,762	35,497	53,704	39,128
May.....	42,264	22,596	49,894	32,688	35,477	39,895
June.....	46,825	22,369	54,081	37,352	28,450	47,425
July.....	37,315	47,063	46,795	29,921	35,565	42,596
August.....	58,411	51,147	65,516	41,878	44,978	48,440
September.....	48,040	58,292	59,970	36,099	47,621	55,104
October.....	70,490	65,594	66,514	49,921	51,278	64,12
November.....	67,999	55,293	62,885	67,275	49,238	76,45
December.....	50,617	64,616	58,479	69,460	58,430	90,772
Total.....	605,919	549,884	661,611	-----	-----	-----
Average monthly.....	50,493	45,824	55,134	45,393	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	25,000
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.....	48,432	55,424	44,159	52,700	35,600	38,000
Total.....	594,889	582,226	619,747	-----	-----	-----
Average monthly.....	49,574	48,519	51,646	40,858	30,233	34,383

x Covered by European manifests 52 to 56, incl.; Asiatic manifests 261 to 277, incl. y Includes re-exports. z Includes 8 bales held at terminals at end of month. Stocks in warehouses include National Raw Silk Exchange certified stocks, 7,100 bales.

Childs Reduces Wages.

The following is from the New York "Evening Post" of Dec. 31:

A general reduction in wages and salaries, applying to all employees and ranging from 10 to 25%, will become effective to-morrow in the Childs Company and its subsidiaries. All wage roll employees will be reduced 10% and salary roll employees will receive cuts of from 10% to 25% according to the amount of salary being received with the highest paid taking the most severe reduction.

10% Cut in Salaries Announced by James A. Hearn & Co.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 30 said:

James A. Hearn & Co., effective Jan. 4 1932, will reduce by 10% all salaries above \$1,500 annually. Firm also rescinds all scheduled one-week winter vacations.

Petroleum and Its Products—Magnolia Adopts Gravity Basis in Mid-Continent Purchasing—Martial Law to Continue During January, Sterling Announces—One-Day Shutdown Strengthens Crude.

The firmer status of the crude oil situation was recognized yesterday in the action of the Magnolia Petroleum Co., Mid-Continent buying subsidiary of Socony-Vacuum, in adopting the gravity basis of purchase of crude in their territory. This basis, as compared with the flat price postings, puts a premium on the better grades.

Hearings at Houston to determine the possible discontinuance of martial law in the East Texas fields and a consequent

return to more unrestrained production, will have no immediate effect, Governor Ross Sterling declared yesterday. He stated that martial law under his direction would continue for "at least two weeks" and intimated that he would go to extremes to continue this form of supervised curtailment which has met with such success since invoked by him last summer.

Production leaders declare that if the East Texas martial rule is continued, crude prices will move upwards by spring. Prices in Kansas, Oklahoma, north, central and east central Texas, north Louisiana, Arkansas and similar areas now range from 52c. for below 28 gravity, to 85c. for 40 and above, with a 3c. differential for the last 13 grades.

Oklahoma City operators a few days ago petitioned the State Corporation Commission to reduce daily allowable in that field by 40,000 barrels, making the new allowable output 120,000 barrels per day. They hold that this reduction would meet the present demand and serve to still further stabilize the market.

The situation in East Texas is further emphasized by the fact that about 650 new wells are being drilled, and that their completion will, within the next few weeks, bring the total number of producers to nearly 4,400. With this in mind, it is probable that the present per well allowable of 100 barrels daily will have to be further reduced to restrict the field's production within its designated limits.

The matter of the suits filed against all of the major companies operating in Texas, charging alleged violations of anti-trust laws, was featured this week by the announced failure of State Attorney-General Allred of Texas to obtain service on the Standard Oil companies of New York, New Jersey and California, and has placed those companies temporarily out of the court scene. Allred seeks assessment of fines against the companies, and their ouster from Texas. The case, however, faces delay as Allred has already requested postponement until Jan. 18 and it is probable that at that time the suits will be put off until the next term of District Court at Austin.

Opening of a new oil area in Texas took place this week when Victoria County's first oil well was completed. It was the Texas Company's No. 3 McFaddin, which was drilled in for a daily flow of 500 barrels of high gravity oil. This is 3 1/2 miles east of northern Refugio County, where a new field was opened several weeks ago.

Price changes follow:

Jan. 8.—Magnolia Petroleum Co., Mid-Continent buying subsidiary for Socony-Vacuum, adopts gravity basis of purchasing Mid-Continent crude.

Prices of Typical Crudes per Barrel at Wells.

(All gravities where A. P. I. degrees are not shown.)

Bradford, Pa.....	\$1.85	Eldorado, Ark., 40.....	\$0.63
Corning, Pa.....	.80	Rusk, Texas, 40 and over.....	.68
Illinois.....	.80	Salt Creek, Wyo., 40 and over.....	.85
Western Kentucky.....	.75	Darst Creek.....	.60
Midcontinent, Okla., 40 and above.....	.85	Sunburst, Mont.....	1.05
Hutchinson, Texas, 40 and over.....	.66	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 40 and over.....	.75
Splintleop, Texas, 40 and over.....	.79	Huntington, Calif., 26.....	.72
Winkler, Texas.....	.71	Petrolia, Canada.....	1.75
Smackover, Ark., 24 and over.....	.55		

REFINED PRODUCTS—GASOLINE MARKETS IMPROVE AS CURTAILED RUNS TO STILLTS SHOW EFFECT—KEROSENE ACTIVE AT 6 CENTS LEVEL—LOCAL U. S. MOTOR SALES EASIER.

Gasoline markets throughout the country, with the exception of the Eastern seaboard, show a strengthening tendency as a result of curtailed runs of crudes to stills, reports from the West indicate. The tank car gasoline market in inland Texas and the Mid-Continent shows signs of an upward price movement, based on the cut in refining operations. It is believed in Tulsa that the bottom for gasoline prices was reached early this week when U. S. Motor gasoline, below 57 octane, was moving at 2 1/2c. to 2 3/4c. a gallon, and that despite seasonal declines in consumption the reduced output will more than offset this influence and support price advances.

In the New York territory bulk gasoline continues easy, with posted prices unchanged, but with smaller companies accepting business on U. S. Motor at 5 1/2c. tank car, a full cent below the general postings. Some factors believe that the larger distributors will be forced to recognize this competition by lowering posted prices, while others hold that continued curtailment of crude and refining operations will counteract this movement. Only one change of importance was announced during the week, and this was a cut of 1c. per gallon in the tank wagon gasoline price in Ashland County, Ohio, posted by the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio. This reduction brought Ashland County 1c. below the State-wide structure of 21c. for Sohio ethyl and 18c. for X70, service stations.

Chicago reports that continued cold weather has influenced buying considerably and that jobbers are avoiding heavy commitments at this time. Reports current in that territory of impending reductions in crude prices were not sustained, as continued progress is being made in curtailment of output by means of a one-day shutdown each week.

Domestic heating oils are moving into consumption steadily, with prices on a firm basis. Grade C bunker fuel oil is more active than it has been for several weeks, and the price is firm at 60c. a barrel, refinery. Diesel demand is quiet, but the market holds steady at \$1.30 per barrel, refinery.

Kerosene is now one of the strong corners of the refined market. Buying is on a large scale, and while there have been no price changes as yet, it is understood in the trade that the present 6c. per gallon, tank car, price for 41-43 water white may be advanced shortly.

Price changes follow:

Jan. 4.—Standard Oil Co. of Ohio announces 1c. reduction in tank wagon gasoline prices in Ashland County only. New prices at service stations are 1c. below Statewide structure of 21c. for Sohio and 18c. for X70.

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	New York-----	New Orleans, ex. \$0.05-05¼
Stand. Oil, N. J. \$0.06¼	Colonial-Beacon \$0.06	Arkansas----- .04-04¼
Stand. Oil, N. Y. 0.06¼	Crew Levick----- .06¼	California----- .05-07
Tide Water Oil Co .06	z Texas----- .06	Los Angeles, ex. .04¼-07
Richfield Oil (Cal) .06¼	Gulf----- .06	Gulf Ports----- .05-05¼
Warner-Culm. Co .06¼	Continental----- .06	Tulsa----- .04¼-05
Pan-Am. Pet. Co. .06	Republic Oil----- .06	Pennsylvania----- .05¼
Shell Eastern Pet .06	Chicago----- .03¼-04	
	z "Texaco" is .07.	

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York----- \$143	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----- .148	Houston----- .13	San Francisco----- .17
Chicago----- .15	Jacksonville----- .19	St. Louis----- .129

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

N. Y. (Bayonne) \$0.05¼-06	Chicago \$0.02¼-03¼	New Orleans, ex. \$0.03¼
North Texas .03	Los Ang., ex. .04¼-06	Tulsa .04¼-03¼

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	California 27 plus D	Gulf Coast "C"----- \$0.55-.65
Bunker "C"----- \$0.60	\$0.75-1.00	Chicago 18-22 D. .42¼-.50
Diesel 28-30 D----- 1.30	New Orleans "C"----- .55	

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	Chicago-----	Tulsa-----
28 D plus----- \$0.03¼-04	32-36 D Ind. \$0.1¼-02	32-36 D Ind. \$0.1¼-02

Imports of Petroleum at Principal United States Ports Higher in December.

According to figures collected by the American Petroleum Institute, imports of petroleum (crude and refined oils) at the principal ports for the month of December 1931, totaled 7,164,000 barrels, a daily average of 231,097 barrels, compared with 5,628,000 barrels, a daily average of 187,600 barrels for the month of November 1931. The Institute also reports as follows:

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

Month—	Dec. 1931.	Nov. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Sept. 1931.
<i>At Atlantic Coast Ports—</i>				
Baltimore-----	628,000	619,000	1,665,000	812,000
Boston-----	521,000	223,000	449,000	218,000
New York-----	3,776,000	2,604,000	3,124,000	3,159,000
Philadelphia-----	981,000	668,000	829,000	603,000
Others-----	1,062,000	939,000	1,260,000	689,000
Total-----	6,968,000	5,053,000	7,327,000	5,481,000
Daily average-----	224,774	168,433	236,355	182,700
<i>At Gulf Coast Ports—</i>				
Galveston District-----	61,000	118,000	189,000	145,000
New Orleans & Baton Rouge-----	135,000	325,000	213,000	250,000
Port Arthur & Sabine district-----	-----	91,000	65,000	-----
Tampa-----	-----	41,000	57,000	-----
Total-----	196,000	575,000	524,000	395,000
Daily average-----	6,233	19,167	16,903	13,166
<i>At all United States Ports-----</i>				
Total-----	7,164,000	5,628,000	7,851,000	5,876,000
Daily average-----	231,097	187,600	253,258	195,866

DISTRIBUTION OF TOTAL IMPORTS. (Barrels of 42 gallons)

Month—	Dec. 1931.	Nov. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Sept. 1931.
Crude-----	4,165,000	3,232,000	4,215,000	2,795,000
Gasoline-----	834,000	530,000	1,045,000	1,012,000
Gas oil-----	129,000	92,000	63,000	24,000
Fuel oil-----	2,036,000	1,774,000	2,528,000	2,045,000
Total-----	7,164,000	5,628,000	7,851,000	5,876,000

a Revised.

Bulk Terminal Stocks of Gasoline Increase—Gasoline in Transit Falls Off.

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

It should be borne definitely in mind that comparable quantities of gasoline have always existed at similar locations as an integral part of the system of distribution necessary to deliver gasoline from the points of manufacture to the ultimate consumer. While it might appear to some that these quantities represent newly found stocks of this product, the industry itself and

those closely connected with it have always generally known of their existence. The report for the week ended Aug. 22 1931 was the first time that definite statistics had ever been presented covering the amount of such stocks. The publication of this information is in line with the Institute's policy to collect and publish in the aggregate statistical information of interest and value to the petroleum industry.

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

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

District.	Gasoline at "Bulk Terminals."			Gasoline "In Transit."		
	Figures End of Week.					
	Jan. 2 1932.	Dec. 26 1931.	Jan. 3 1931.	Jan. 2 1932.	Dec. 26 1931.	Jan. 3 1931.
East Coast-----	7,355,000	6,883,000	7,373,000	1,598,000	1,634,000	1,977,000
Appalachian-----	317,000	338,000	397,000	-----	-----	-----
Ind., Ill., Ky-----	2,955,000	2,949,000	1,919,000	-----	47,000	-----
Okla., Kans., Mo.-----	654,000	390,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Texas-----	230,000	216,000	194,000	18,000	-----	-----
Louisiana-Arkans-----	424,000	366,000	426,000	10,000	-----	16,000
Rocky Mountain-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total east of Calif.-----	11,935,000	11,140,000	10,309,000	1,626,000	1,681,000	1,993,000
Texas Gulf-----	204,000	182,000	166,000	18,000	-----	-----
Louisiana Gulf-----	341,000	318,000	391,000	-----	-----	16,000

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

Reports compiled by the American Petroleum Institute for the week ended Jan. 2 1932, 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 2,207,700 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 37,989,000 barrels of gasoline and 132,477,000 barrels of gas and fuel oil. Reports received on the production of gasoline by the cracking process indicate that companies owning 95.6% of the potential charging capacity of all cracking units manufactured 3,214,000 barrels of cracked gasoline during the week. The complete report for the week ended Jan. 2 1932 follows:

CRUDE RUNS TO STILL, GASOLINE STOCKS AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED JAN. 2 1932. (Figures in Barrels of 42 Gallons)

District.	Per Cent Potential Capacity Report- ing.	Crude Runs to Stills.	Per Cent of Total Capacity Report.	a Gasoline Stocks.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast-----	100.0	3,236,000	73.0	4,478,000	8,038,000
Appalachian-----	91.8	526,000	54.7	1,326,000	1,581,000
Ind., Illinois, Kentucky-----	98.9	2,049,000	67.8	4,416,000	5,519,000
Okla., Kans., Missouri-----	89.6	1,472,000	48.3	3,311,000	4,279,000
Texas-----	91.3	3,642,000	68.0	7,967,000	11,504,000
Louisiana-Arkansas-----	98.9	1,180,000	73.1	1,347,000	4,343,000
Rocky Mountain-----	89.4	222,000	22.0	1,736,000	737,000
California-----	97.1	3,127,000	50.3	13,408,000	96,476,000
Total week Jan. 2-----	95.2	15,454,000	60.2	37,989,000	132,477,000
Daily average-----	-----	2,207,700	-----	-----	-----
Total week Dec. 26-----	95.2	15,666,000	61.1	37,199,000	132,541,000
Daily average-----	-----	2,238,000	-----	-----	-----
Total Jan. 3 1931-----	95.7	14,667,000	58.7	38,380,000	136,224,000
Daily average-----	-----	2,095,300	-----	-----	-----
c Texas Gulf Coast-----	99.8	2,930,000	78.8	6,178,000	8,517,000
c Louisiana Gulf Coast-----	100.0	810,000	78.4	1,219,000	3,515,000

a In all the refining districts indicated except California, figures in this column represent gasoline stocks at refineries. In California they represent the total inventory of finished gasoline and engine distillate held by reporting companies wherever located within continental United States (stocks at refineries, water terminals and all sales distributing stations, including products in transit thereto). b Revised in Indiana-Illinois district, due to transfer to "bulk terminals" of stocks previously reported as "at refineries." c Included above in table for week ended Jan. 2 1932.

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."

Natural Gasoline Output Continued to Increase in November 1931.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of natural gasoline continued to increase in November 1931, when the daily average output rose to 4,770,000 gallons from 4,530,000 gallons daily in October. The major part of the gain in output in November was recorded in the Oklahoma City and Seminole fields, which were operated throughout the month, and at Kettleman Hills. Stocks of natural gasoline at plants, which had declined steadily since April, increased from 21,993,000 gallons on Nov. 1 to 26,924,000 gallons on Nov. 30 1931. November marked the first month in a considerable period in which the supply of natural gasoline has exceeded the demand. The Bureau shows:

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GASOLINE (THOUSANDS OF GALLONS).

	Production.				Stocks End of Mo.	
	Nov. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Nov. 1930.	Jan.-Nov. 1931.	Nov. 1931.	Oct. 1931.
	Appalachian.....	6,100	5,900	7,600	66,000	2,203	1,957
Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana.....	900	1,100	1,100	8,900	256	243
Oklahoma.....	36,900	31,300	42,600	406,000	7,071	5,468
Kansas.....	2,400	2,400	3,100	27,300	414	422
Texas.....	33,000	34,900	44,000	392,900	8,070	5,460
Louisiana.....	4,900	4,600	5,000	49,200	1,008	868
Arkansas.....	1,900	2,000	2,500	25,000	237	161
Rocky Mountain.....	5,700	6,100	5,700	62,800	693	608
California.....	51,200	52,400	69,700	620,500	6,972	6,806
Total.....	143,000	140,500	181,300	1,658,600	26,924	21,993
Daily average.....	4,770	4,530	6,040	4,970	---	---
Total (thousands of bbls.).....	3,405	3,345	4,317	39,490	641	524
Daily average.....	114	108	144	118	---	---

Receipts of California Oil at Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports Increased in December.

Receipts of California oil (crude and refined) at Atlantic and Gulf Coast Ports for the month of December, totaled 1,496,000 barrels, a daily average of 48,258 barrels, compared with 1,162,000 barrels, a daily average of 38,733 barrels for the month of November 1931, according to the American Petroleum Institute, which further reports as follows:

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

Month—	Dec. 1931.	Nov. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Sept. 1931.
<i>At Atlantic Coast Ports—</i>				
Baltimore.....	98,000	30,000	73,000	128,000
Boston.....	---	---	35,000	110,000
New York.....	697,000	684,000	598,000	388,000
Philadelphia.....	274,000	347,000	518,000	141,000
Others.....	187,000	---	289,000	221,000
Total.....	1,256,000	1,061,000	1,513,000	988,000
Daily average.....	40,516	35,367	48,806	32,933
<i>At Gulf Coast Ports—</i>				
Total.....	240,000	101,000	103,000	207,000
Daily average.....	7,742	3,366	3,323	6,900
<i>At Atlantic & Gulf Coast Ports—</i>				
Total.....	1,496,000	1,162,000	1,616,000	1,195,000
Daily average.....	48,258	38,733	52,129	39,833

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

Month—	Dec. 1931.	Nov. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Sept. 1931.
<i>At Atlantic Coast Ports—</i>				
Gasoline.....	1,161,000	963,000	1,513,000	704,000
Fuel oil.....	95,000	95,000	---	284,000
Lubricants.....	---	3,000	---	---
Total.....	1,256,000	1,061,000	1,513,000	988,000
<i>At Gulf Coast Ports—</i>				
Gasoline.....	240,000	101,000	103,000	177,000
Kerosene.....	---	---	---	30,000
Total.....	240,000	101,000	103,000	207,000

Production of Crude Petroleum in the United States in November 1931 Showed an Increase of 4,894,000 Barrels Over the Same Month in the Preceding Year—Inventories Higher.

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during November 1931 amounted to 72,851,000 barrels, a daily average of 2,428,000 barrels. Compared with October, this represents a decline in total output, but a gain of 71,000 barrels in daily average production. The Bureau further goes on to say:

Declines in output were recorded in the majority of the producing fields in November 1931, but these were compensated by increases in the Oklahoma City and Seminole districts, both of which were allowed to produce throughout the month. Daily average output in Texas, the leading producing State, fell from 999,000 barrels in October to 977,000 barrels in November, largely the result of a decline in the East Texas field. Production in California showed a small decline in November, falling from 505,000 barrels daily in October to 500,000 barrels daily in November.

The trend in crude storage was reversed in November 1931, when there was a net increase in stocks, the first since February 1930. Total stocks of crude petroleum, including fuel oil in California, rose from 462,000,000 barrels on hand Nov. 1 to 463,079,000 barrels Nov. 30. The major portion of this gain in stocks occurred in the Mid-Continent district.

Daily average runs to stills of crude petroleum in November 1931 amounted to 2,379,000 barrels, compared with an average of 2,441,000 barrels in October and with 2,344,000 barrels a year ago.

Production of motor fuel continued to decline and amounted to 1,205,000 barrels daily in November, compared with a daily average of 1,245,000 barrels in October. Imports of gasoline in November amounted to approximately half the October total. Daily average exports of motor fuel increased, the first gain since July. The indicated domestic demand for motor fuel in November totaled 30,640,000 barrels, a daily average of 1,021,000 barrels. This compares with a daily average of 1,131,000 barrels the previous month and is less than 1% below the daily average of November a year ago. Stocks of motor fuel on Nov. 30 amounted to 38,696,000 barrels, a gain of 2,340,000 barrels during the month. At the current rate of domestic demand, these stocks represent 34 days' supply, compared with 29 days' supply on hand a month ago and 34 days' supply on hand a year ago.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from schedules of 357 refineries, with an aggregate daily recorded crude-oil capacity of 3,745,660 barrels, covering, as far as the Bureau is able to determine, all operations during November 1931. These refineries operated during November at

64% of their recorded capacity given above, as compared with 357 refineries operating at 65% of their capacity in October.

SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF ALL OILS.

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

	Nov. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Nov. 1930.	Jan.-Nov. 1931.	Jan.-Nov. 1930.
<i>New Supply—</i>					
Domestic production:					
Crude petroleum.....	72,851	73,079	67,957	777,101	831,039
Daily average.....	2,428	2,357	2,265	2,327	2,488
Natural gasoline.....	3,405	3,345	4,317	39,490	48,860
Benzol.....	135	142	187	1,799	2,506
Total production.....	76,391	76,566	72,461	818,387	881,905
Daily average.....	2,646	2,470	2,415	2,450	2,640
Imports:					
Crude petroleum.....	3,604	4,106	4,467	42,935	57,402
Refined products.....	2,579	3,939	2,807	35,929	40,179
Total new supply, all oils.....	82,574	84,611	79,735	897,251	979,486
Daily average.....	2,752	2,729	2,658	2,686	2,933
Increase in stocks, all oils.....	2,762	a6,339	a2,504	a49,533	a17,623
<i>Demand—</i>					
Total demand.....	79,812	90,950	82,239	946,784	997,109
Daily average.....	2,660	2,934	2,741	2,835	2,985
Exports:					
Crude petroleum.....	2,449	2,389	1,765	24,475	22,366
Refined products.....	8,068	8,057	7,768	92,867	123,066
Domestic demand.....	69,295	80,504	72,706	829,442	851,677
Daily average.....	2,310	2,597	2,424	2,483	2,550
Excess of daily average domestic production over domes. demand.....	236	b127	b9	b33	90
<i>Stocks (End of Month)—</i>					
Crude petroleum:					
East of California.....	327,138	326,106	373,296	327,138	373,296
California.....	135,941	135,894	143,725	135,941	143,725
Total crude.....	463,079	462,000	517,021	463,079	517,021
Natural gasoline.....	2,586	2,577	2,380	2,586	2,380
Refined products.....	153,273	151,599	152,473	153,273	152,473
Grand total stocks, all oils.....	618,938	616,176	671,874	618,938	671,874
Days' supply.....	233	210	245	218	225
Bunker oil (included above in domestic demand).....	3,062	3,643	3,794	40,269	46,905

a Decrease. b Deficiency. c Includes residual fuel oils.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY STATES.

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

	November 1931.		October 1931.		Jan.-Nov. 1931.	Jan.-Nov. 1930.a
	Total.	Daily Av.	Total.	Daily Av.		
Arkansas.....	1,041	35	1,093	36	13,872	18,159
California.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Kettleman Hills.....	1,800	60	1,856	60	15,693	5,497
Long Beach.....	2,263	75	2,363	76	27,802	33,686
Santa Fe Springs.....	1,873	62	1,896	61	22,303	41,588
Natural Gasoline.....	9,062	303	9,537	308	107,471	128,822
Total California.....	14,998	500	15,652	505	173,269	209,593
Colorado.....	115	4	143	5	1,424	1,518
Illinois.....	429	14	441	14	4,578	5,330
Indiana—Southwestern.....	64	2	67	2	734	783
Northeastern.....	---	---	---	---	35	50
Total Indiana.....	67	2	70	2	769	928
Kansas.....	3,063	102	3,122	101	33,702	38,439
Kentucky.....	602	20	592	19	5,886	6,848
Louisiana—Gulf Coast.....	932	31	994	32	8,648	7,791
Rest of State.....	845	28	902	29	11,436	13,351
Total Louisiana.....	1,777	59	1,896	61	20,084	21,142
Michigan.....	425	14	406	13	3,315	3,644
Montana.....	192	6	247	8	2,653	3,071
New Mexico.....	1,324	44	1,355	43	13,916	8,971
New York.....	291	10	324	10	3,093	3,385
Ohio—Central & Eastern.....	322	10	355	12	3,868	4,766
Northwestern.....	78	3	96	3	1,016	1,216
Total Ohio.....	400	13	451	15	4,884	5,982
Oklahoma—Okla. City.....	5,359	179	3,631	117	42,061	31,994
Seminole.....	4,538	151	2,970	96	43,812	62,084
Rest of State.....	6,360	212	7,016	226	78,249	107,402
Total Oklahoma.....	16,257	542	13,617	439	163,822	201,480
Pennsylvania.....	1,072	36	1,201	39	10,686	11,891
Tennessee.....	1	---	---	---	6	19
Texas—Gulf Coast.....	3,592	120	3,633	117	44,686	56,410
East Texas.....	12,019	401	12,825	414	96,900	---
West Texas.....	6,021	201	6,145	198	72,986	101,113
Rest of State.....	7,665	255	8,373	270	88,828	111,976
Total Texas.....	29,297	977	30,976	999	303,400	269,499
West Virginia.....	352	12	415	13	4,090	4,689
Wyoming—Salt Creek.....	664	22	695	22	8,153	9,672
Rest of State.....	484	16	403	13	5,499	6,777
Total Wyoming.....	1,148	38	1,098	35	13,652	16,449
U. S. total.....	72,851	2,428	73,079	2,357	777,101	831,039

a Includes Alaska and Utah.

NUMBER OF WELLS COMPLETED IN THE UNITED STATES.a

	November 1931.	October 1931.	November 1930.	Jan.-Nov. 1931.	Jan.-Nov. 1930.
Oil.....	874	705	657	6,004	11,100
Gas.....	161	142	231	1,798	2,591
Dry.....	253	199	494	3,430	6,249
Total.....	1,288	1,046	1,382	11,232	19,940

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

Crude Oil Output in the United States Falls Off During the Week Ended Jan. 2 1932, But Continues Higher Than in Corresponding Period a Year Ago.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Jan. 2 1932, was 2,209,100 barrels, as compared with 2,292,900 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 83,800 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended Jan. 3 1931 of 2,082,100 barrels daily, the current figure represents an increase of 127,000 barrels per day. The daily average production East of California for the week ended Jan. 2 1932 was 1,709,400 barrels, as compared with 1,793,300 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 83,900 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production, by districts:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS).

Weeks Ended—	Jan. 2 '32.	Dec. 26 '31.	Dec. 19 '31.	Jan. 3 '32.
Oklahoma	493,300	534,950	545,350	448,000
Kansas	103,150	105,550	107,800	108,300
Panhandle Texas	49,800	51,750	52,600	54,000
North Texas	50,050	54,350	55,500	58,300
West Central Texas	24,150	26,250	26,600	28,000
West Texas	172,950	175,600	197,500	235,850
East Central Texas	50,950	50,300	56,850	40,850
East Texas	290,900	316,000	307,050	—
Southwest Texas	52,100	27,550	27,900	41,750
North Louisiana	27,800	55,200	58,250	77,300
Arkansas	33,700	33,050	34,250	49,750
Coastal Texas	114,700	115,700	120,000	158,400
Coastal Louisiana	29,850	29,700	33,650	27,850
Eastern (not incl. Michigan)	107,950	108,250	110,050	103,750
Michigan	17,100	16,250	14,150	9,550
Wyoming	37,350	37,800	38,350	48,550
Montana	6,500	7,800	7,800	7,600
Colorado	3,850	4,000	3,950	4,150
New Mexico	43,250	43,250	43,500	41,750
California	499,700	499,600	509,200	537,500
Total	2,209,100	2,292,900	2,430,300	2,082,100

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 Jan. 2 1932 was 1,348,850 barrels, as compared with 1,430,550 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 81,700 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover (Arkansas) heavy oil, was 1,325,900 barrels, as compared with 1,408,750 barrels, a decrease of 82,850 barrels.

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

—Week Ended—	Jan. 2.	Dec. 26.	—Week Ended—	Jan. 2.	Dec. 26.
Oklahoma—			Southwest Texas—		
Bowlegs	12,850	14,050	Chapmann-Abbot	1,800	1,800
Bristow-Slek	11,900	11,800	Darst Creek	14,050	17,250
Burbank	11,800	11,800	Lull	7,350	7,400
Carr City	21,700	22,050	Salt Flat	8,650	8,400
Earlsboro	14,550	16,350	North Louisiana—		
East Earlsboro	16,000	16,050	Sarepta-Carterville	800	800
South Earlsboro	5,800	5,200	Zwolle	5,100	4,750
Konawa	6,600	6,400	Arkansas		
Little River	19,900	20,800	Smackover, light	3,000	2,900
East Little River	2,300	2,350	Smackover, heavy	22,950	21,800
Maud	1,950	1,900	Coastal Texas—		
Mission	7,300	9,500	Barbers Hill	19,000	20,100
Oklahoma City	137,150	171,050	Raccoon Bend	4,800	4,700
St. Louis	19,850	20,000	Refugio County	13,300	14,150
Searight	3,650	4,000	Sugarland	9,600	9,500
Seminole	12,850	12,650	Coastal Louisiana—		
East Seminole	1,200	1,350	East Hackberry	7,400	6,900
Kansas—			Old Hackberry	600	600
Rita	13,650	16,700	Wyoming—		
Sedgwick County	16,650	15,650	Salt Creek	21,750	21,950
Voshell	9,950	10,150	Montana—		
Panhandle Texas—			Kevin-Sunburst	3,350	4,800
Gray County	32,250	33,050	New Mexico—		
Hutchinson County	10,950	11,450	Hobbs High	37,200	37,200
North Texas—			Balance Lea County	4,000	4,000
Archer County	11,200	11,700	California—		
North Young County	6,400	6,800	Elwood-Goleta	16,600	16,000
Wilbarger County	10,000	11,400	Huntington Beach	23,000	22,700
West Central Texas—			Inglewood	13,600	13,600
South Young County	3,700	4,500	Kettleman Hills	58,700	59,500
West Texas—			Long Beach	48,200	49,300
Crane and Upton Cos.	19,500	19,650	Midway-Sunset	76,000	76,800
Ector County	5,500	5,550	Playa Del Rey	22,000	22,000
Howard County	22,400	23,400	Santa Fe Springs	64,400	63,000
Reagan County	23,800	24,800	Salt Beach	13,000	13,000
Winkler County	32,000	32,000	Ventura Avenue	42,300	41,500
Yates	66,800	66,900	Pennsylvania Grade—		
Balance Pecos County	1,800	1,900	Allegheny	9,050	7,600
East Central Texas—			Bradford	26,900	26,550
Van Zandt County	44,350	43,700	Kane to Butler	6,850	6,950
East Texas—			Southeastern Ohio	5,650	6,150
Rusk County-Joiner	97,700	106,500	Southwestern Penna.	3,350	3,150
Kilgore	92,100	104,450	West Virginia	12,650	13,250
Gregg Co.-Longview	101,100	105,050			

Export Pact Lifts Price of Copper—Quotation of 7½ Cents a Pound Accelerates Volume of Shipping Demand.

From the New York "Evening Post" of last night (Jan. 8) we take the following:

Approval by directors of Copper Exporters, Inc., of revised marketing rules resulted to-day in strengthening of domestic prices for the red metal, marketers lifting quotations to 7½ cents a pound from 7¼.

In the export division, sales of copper this morning registered improvement, with estimates placing total engaged for shipment abroad so far to-day at close to 1,200,000 pounds, at 7½c. a pound, c. i. f., European ports.

Directors of Copper Exporters approved the new regulations yesterday and a meeting of members of the organization was called for this afternoon to pass on the changes. After members have approved, the regulations will be filed with the Federal Trade Commission.

The most important changes are understood to be provision that the export price must be based on the domestic price established by actual sales of custom smelters, allowing individual members to sell copper abroad below Copper Exporters' price at their wish and inclusion of fire-refined copper under control of Copper Exporters along with electrolytic.

For several months last summer and fall, the export price of copper was above parity with the domestic quotation. That led to dissatisfaction and a demand for a change in Copper Exporters' practices in fixing the foreign price.

Cables on the copper curtailment agreement, which became effective Jan. 1, say London understands there will be less than half a cent difference in the price of copper anywhere in the world at a given moment and that efforts to extend uses and increase consumption of copper will be redoubled.

In connection with the agreement, the mill of Mufulira Copper Mines, Ltd., in South Africa, with a capacity of 80,000,000 pounds a year, will not go into operation for about a year. Meanwhile, Roan Antelope will produce about two-thirds of Mufulira's quota, and Rhokana the rest. Overhead expenses will be saved through that arrangement. Mufulira is nearly two-thirds owned by Rhodesian Selection Trust and nearly one-third by Rhokana Corporation.

The Non-Ferrous Metals.

The year 1932 was started during the current market week, but sellers of metals noticed no change in consumptive demand, reports "Metal and Minerals Markets." All the non-ferrous metal markets were extremely dull. Copper producers continued to quote their metal at 7¼c., delivered

Connecticut, in spite of the lack of buying interest. The custom smelters are under no particular pressure to sell and the price seems steady.

Lead sales, though small, were all put through at unchanged prices. Zinc, tin, and silver prices eased off somewhat, the last-named dropping below the 30c. level. Among the minor metals, the only change in price was a drop of about ¼c. to a 6c. basis for antimony. Quicksilver may still be had in round lots for \$65 a flask.

Even though demand for copper at 7½c. a pound, delivered Connecticut, seems virtually non-existent, sellers are convinced that nothing is to be gained for the present by cutting prices and are uniformly maintaining the level established more than two weeks ago. The custom smelters, who, in the past, have been the first to cut prices because of the necessity for disposing of their output, appear as anxious as the larger producers to see the price remain firm. This is particularly true as they are likely to obtain priority in the foreign market through the new marketing policy of copper exporters, now being arranged. In fact, since the first of the year they have actually obtained such priority.

Details of the new marketing policy have not yet been completed, and meetings of the leading producers are still being held regularly. However, there seems little doubt that the custom smelters will be given every chance to dispose of their intake and thus take the pressure off the domestic market. It is believed that about 12,000 tons of copper monthly represents the present custom intake and, since both domestic and foreign markets will now be available to absorb this total, it should no longer be so important a factor in determining the price as it has been in the past.

Production and Shipments of Slab Zinc Declined During 1931.

According to the American Zinc Institute, Inc., production of slab zinc during the month of December 1931 totaled 21,965 short tons. This compares with 20,526 tons produced during the preceding month and 32,733 tons in the corresponding month in 1930. Shipments amounted to 23,005 tons of slab zinc during December 1931, as against 34,254 tons in the same month in the previous year and 20,327 tons in November 1931.

Production of slab zinc in the calendar year 1931 totaled 301,073 short tons, as compared with 504,463 tons in the preceding year and 631,601 tons in 1929. Shipments amounted to 314,866 short tons in 1931 as against 436,275 tons in 1930 and 602,601 tons in 1929. The Institute's statement follows:

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

Month.	Produced During Month.	Shipped During Month.	Stock at End of Month.	x Shipped for Export.	Retorts Operating End of Month.	Unfilled Orders End of Month.	Daily Aeer. Prod.
1929.							
January	50,862	50,234	47,058	1,551	63,698	58,726	1,641
February	48,057	52,395	42,720	1,014	68,127	59,610	1,716
March	55,107	58,463	39,364	1,025	68,015	76,995	1,778
April	55,203	58,334	36,233	1,227	70,455	55,571	1,840
May	57,475	58,226	35,482	690	70,533	42,883	1,854
June	52,532	49,182	38,832	235	69,703	36,127	1,751
July	54,447	47,943	45,336	185	69,911	32,031	1,756
August	55,708	51,980	49,064	185	59,408	24,283	1,797
September	51,994	47,202	53,856	123	69,468	20,270	1,733
October	54,513	48,777	59,592	67	67,636	14,844	1,758
November	48,411	43,143	64,855	39	65,723	11,872	1,614
December	47,292	36,717	75,430	11	57,999	18,585	1,526
Total	631,601	602,601		6,352			
1930.							
January	52,010	40,704	86,736	20	59,457	39,017	1,678
February	44,628	41,296	90,068	6	57,929	32,962	1,594
March	48,119	41,820	96,367	17	61,000	29,330	1,552
April	44,435	40,597	100,205	26	60,038	29,203	1,481
May	44,556	38,681	106,080	31	52,072	30,515	1,437
June	43,458	36,448	113,090	37	52,428	28,979	1,449
July	40,023	35,389	117,724	31	46,030	34,135	1,291
August	41,012	31,901	126,835	17	60,404	28,972	1,323
September	40,470	32,470	134,835	11	44,974	27,108	1,349
October	40,922	32,430	143,327	0	41,004	29,510	1,320
November	32,097	30,285	145,139	0	37,492	24,481	1,070
December	32,733	34,254	143,618	0	33,640	26,651	1,056
Total	504,463	436,275		196			
1931.							
January	32,522	31,064	145,076	1	35,635	30,251	1,049
February	29,662	30,249	144,339	0	35,518	33,453	1,056
March	30,328	35,224	141,493	0	34,221	31,216	1,043
April	29,137	27,418	143,212	0	29,072	36,150	971
May	25,688	25,851	143,049	20	23,024	31,146	829
June	23,483	27,604	138,928	0	21,422	33,086	783
July	21,365	28,460	131,833	20	21,666	24,815	689
August	21,467	28,599	129,701	0	21,705	20,503	692
September	21,356	20,902	130,155	0	22,817	15,388	712
October	21,674	21,163	130,666	0	23,774	18,365	699
November	20,526	20,327	130,865	0	21,228	21,355	684
December	21,965	23,005	129,825	0	22,275	18,273	709
Total	301,073	314,866		41	18,273		

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

	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July.	June.	May.	April.
1931	20,623	20,645	22,209	22,512	20,540	20,320	22,298	23,032	29,105
1930	35,190	35,825	43,745	47,415	48,575	44,646	52,440	52,004	50,261

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

Steel Ingot Production Lowest Since August, 1921.

The American Iron & Steel Institute in its latest monthly report of steel ingot production estimates the output of all companies during December at only 1,302,399 tons, which is 291,285 tons less than in the previous month, when the production was placed at 1,593,684. In December 1930, 1,979,547 tons were produced. The output for the year 1931 was 24,900,195 tons, as compared with 39,286,287 tons in 1930 and 54,312,279 tons in 1929. Average daily

output in December 1931, in which month there were 26 working days, was 50,092 tons, while in December 1930, with the same number of working days, production averaged 76,136 tons. For the 25 working days in November 1931, daily output approximated 63,747 tons.

The figures for December 1931 are the lowest since August 1921, when the monthly production totaled 1,300,199 tons and the average daily output was 48,156 tons.

Below we show the statement given out by the Institute, which contains the monthly figures back to January 1930:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF STEEL INGOTS, JANUARY 1930 TO DECEMBER 1931—GROSS TONS.
Reported by companies which made 95.21% of the open-hearth and Bessemer steel ingot production in 1930.

Months	Open-Hearth	Bessemer	Monthly Output Companies Reporting	Calculated Monthly Output All Companies	No. of Working Days	Approx. Daily Output All Cos.	Per Cent. Operation
1930							
Jan.	3,157,761	441,572	3,599,333	3,778,235	27	139,935	69.89
Feb.	3,335,428	508,618	3,844,046	4,035,111	24	168,130	83.98
March	3,513,269	539,616	4,052,885	4,254,331	26	163,628	81.73
April	3,405,671	509,234	3,914,905	4,109,492	26	158,057	78.95
May	3,265,353	528,968	3,794,321	3,982,915	27	147,515	73.63
June	2,849,079	407,586	3,256,665	3,418,535	25	136,741	68.30
July	2,430,128	353,723	2,783,851	2,922,220	26	112,393	56.14
August	2,275,910	374,467	2,650,377	2,840,379	26	109,245	54.56
Sept.	2,165,341	399,704	2,565,045	2,692,539	27	99,724	49.81
Oct.	1,807,133	300,337	2,107,470	2,212,220	25	88,489	44.20
Nov.	1,659,026	226,788	1,885,814	1,979,547	26	76,136	38.03
Dec.							
Total	32,405,466	5,020,588	37,426,054	39,286,287	311	126,322	63.09
1931							
Jan.	2,044,298	296,620	2,340,918	2,458,689	27	91,063	42.86
Feb.	2,085,529	296,974	2,382,503	2,502,366	24	104,265	49.08
March	2,275,404	316,668	2,592,072	2,722,479	26	104,711	49.29
April	2,083,833	301,639	2,385,472	2,505,485	26	96,365	45.36
May	1,730,109	246,365	1,976,474	2,075,910	26	79,843	37.58
June	1,570,776	225,030	1,795,806	1,886,153	26	72,544	34.15
July	1,462,720	174,380	1,637,100	1,719,462	26	66,133	31.13
August	1,274,321	199,151	1,473,472	1,547,602	26	59,523	28.02
Sept.	1,320,158	195,943	1,516,101	1,592,376	27	58,977	27.76
Oct.	1,276,906	240,441	1,517,347	1,593,684	25	63,747	30.01
Nov.	1,069,468	170,546	1,240,014	1,302,399	26	50,092	23.58
Dec.							
Total	20,697,582	3,009,594	23,707,176	24,900,195	311	80,065	37.69

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

Steel Output Improves Slowly—New All-Time Low Price for Steel Scrap.

Steel ingot production has recovered slightly from the low point of the last two weeks of December, now being estimated at 24%, reports the "Iron Age" of Jan. 7. In the corresponding week of 1931 the rate was 41%. The "Age" also states:

The Pittsburgh and Chicago districts are only at 20%, but Cleveland continues at 32%, the Wheeling rate has risen sharply to 40%, and the Birmingham district, aided by the resumption of the Ensley rail mill, is at 50%. A minor improvement has occurred in eastern Pennsylvania.

Year-end orders for January shipment were meager, steel companies having accumulated scarcely any backlogs. An unsettled price situation, coupled with discouraging fundamental conditions, has contributed in no small measure to hesitancy among steel consumers and distributors in placing January replenishment orders.

Notwithstanding the slow start of the new year, it is expected that steel operations will continue to gain moderately during January, with the possibility that February will reflect the usual seasonal rise more than this month.

Automobile and farm machinery manufacturers are increasing their schedules gradually and men are being called back to railroad shops for repair work, while industry generally has existed so long on a starvation basis that some buying for stock is held to be a possibility if price declines are checked.

Whether price strengthening can be brought about in advance of a gain in volume of business remains to be seen, but Chicago mills are making a move in that direction, having taken a firm stand for 1.70c. a lb. on plates, shapes and bars, a \$2 a ton increase over prices that have recently represented sales in that district. The Illinois Steel Co. on Tuesday announced the higher price, following like action by the and Steel Co. last week. Sheet makers have also stiffened their quotations on some grades in that territory.

Meanwhile, further concessions of \$2 a ton on automobile body sheets have been made, and cold-rolled strip steel and fender stock have weakened at Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

Pig iron production figures for December add emphasis to what is already known of the sharp curtailment in activity last month. The daily average of 31,625 tons and the month's total of 980,376 tons make new low records for the past 10 years. Excepting July and August, 1921, the daily output was the smallest since November 1900.

Furnaces in blast on Jan. 1 were 56, a net loss of 11 from the 67 in service at the beginning of December. The year-end figure is by far the lowest of this century and probably below that of any time since the summer of 1894. The 56 furnaces active on Jan. 1 were making iron at a rate of 29,365 tons a day, compared with 35,810 tons on Dec. 1. Several furnaces that were banked last month are, however, scheduled to resume production shortly.

December output of automobiles in the United States and Canada was about 110,000 units, a gain of about 40,000 over that of November. A further increase to between 125,000 and 150,000 is indicated for January, with the first quarter estimated at 500,000 to 550,000 units, against 697,449 in the corresponding period last year. Ford is not expected to attain volume production of the new eight-cylinder model until February.

Building construction, as reflected by structural steel lettings, is at the between-seasons low point. Only 6,000 tons was awarded in the week, and new inquiries were negligible. Considerable work, however, is pending on which action is expected soon, as, for example, 22,000 tons at Chicago.

Steel companies will make formal protest to the railroads regarding the new freight rates effective Jan. 4. Confusion has resulted from the advances on finished steel, which produce unwieldy fractions sometimes running into

four decimals, such, for example, as the rate from Bethlehem, Pa., to New York, which becomes 1.6775c. a lb. On pig iron the rate was fixed at 12c. a net ton, whereas that commodity is sold in gross tons, making the charge 13.44c. a ton on that basis. The Ohio Railway Commission has already ruled that 12c. a gross ton shall apply on intrastate shipments, and an effort will be made toward the adoption of the same ruling on inter-State movements.

A further objection of the steel companies is on the iron ore rate, which originally was \$3 maximum per car, but on request of the carriers was changed by the I.-S. C. Commission to 6c. a net ton. As the average ore shipment is 65 gross tons, the increase that will be levied is a great deal more than was contemplated in the original decision of the Commission.

Heavy melting steel scrap has made another all-time low, the "Iron Age" composite price having declined to \$8.47 from \$8.50 a week ago. A comparative table shows:

Finished Steel.		Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and sheets. These products make 87% of the United States output.	
Jan. 4 1932, 2.052c. a Lb.	2.052c.	High.	Low.
One week ago	2.052c.	2.142c. Jan. 13	2.052c. Dec. 29
One month ago	2.095c.	2.362c. Jan. 7	2.121c. Dec. 5
One year ago	2.121c.	2.412c. Apr. 2	2.362c. Oct. 25
		2.391c. Dec. 11	2.314c. Jan. 3
		2.453c. Jan. 4	2.293c. Oct. 25
		2.453c. Jan. 5	2.403c. May 18
		2.560c. Jan. 6	2.390c. Aug. 18

Pig Iron.		Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.	
Jan. 4 1932, \$14.79 a Gross Ton.	\$14.79	High.	Low.
One week ago	\$14.79	\$15.90 Jan. 6	\$14.79 Dec. 15
One month ago	14.96	18.21 Jan. 7	15.90 Dec. 16
One year ago	15.90	18.71 May 14	18.21 Dec. 17
		18.59 Nov. 27	17.04 July 24
		19.71 Jan. 4	17.54 Nov. 1
		21.54 Jan. 5	19.46 July 13
		22.50 Jan. 13	18.96 July 7

Steel Scrap.		Based on heavy melting steel quotations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.	
Jan. 4 1932, \$8.47 a Gross Ton.	\$8.50	High.	Low.
One week ago	\$8.50	\$11.33 Jan. 6	\$8.50 Dec. 29
One month ago	8.58	15.00 Feb. 18	11.25 Dec. 9
One year ago	11.33	17.58 Jan. 29	14.08 Dec. 3
		16.50 Dec. 31	13.08 July 2
		15.25 Jan. 11	13.08 Nov. 22
		17.25 Jan. 5	14.00 June 1
		20.83 Jan. 13	15.08 May 2

Iron and steel markets are emerging from the holiday lull without any measurable clarification in demand or prices, says "Steel," of Jan. 4. The automotive industry is awaiting the verdict of the January shows; railroads are withholding track material releases pending a decision on wages; building activity is good, considering the season, but pipe business is being deferred by the formulation of municipal budgets and financing for projected long-distance lines. "Steel" further adds:

Steelworks operations have snapped back practically to the level prior to the Christmas shutdown, ranging between 20 and 24% in the week ended Jan. 2, compared with 15-20% in the week ended Dec. 26. A further slight gain is indicated for the week beginning Jan. 4, but rarely have steel producers entered a first quarter with so little tangible business on books. In few instances have consumers anticipated requirements to forestall increases in freight rates effective Jan. 4.

Because prices are unsettled and buyers are disposed to wait, producers are not pressing for contracts. Further weakness has developed in semi-finished steel; in galvanized and No. 10 blue annealed sheets; in hot-strip and hot-rolled steel bars, and in pig iron at Buffalo. "Steel's" single price composite, therefore, is down 20 cents to \$29.96 and the finished steel composite is off 40 cents to \$47.12. However, definite measures to stabilize steel prices now are being undertaken.

Concrete reinforcing bar awards are unusually heavy at 13,600 tons, due to an award of 9,000 tons by Minnesota for highway work, to the Minnesota Steel Co. Structural steel awards for the week total 17,100 tons, compared with 45,520 tons a week ago. It now develops the 70,000 boxes of tin plate to be purchased by an American packer for delivery in Argentina may be placed with an American mill. The Erie railroad has definitely inquired for 1932 rail requirements, estimated at 40,000 tons.

Climaxing an unsatisfactory year, an estimate of pig-iron production for December places the daily rate at 31,694 gross tons, a decline of 13.7% from 36,727 tons in November. Output of coke pig iron for 1931 totals 18,265,155 tons, contrasted with 31,441,488 tons in 1930. A net loss of 10 stacks leaves only 57 in blast Dec. 31, a smaller number than at the bottom of the depression in 1921.

Since the beginning of the current week there have been resummptions of steel operations in various districts which should result in a rather good gain for the current week, unless there are some shut-downs between now and next Monday (Jan. 11), and these are not looked for, stated the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 6, which also went on to say:

Steel ingot production during the week ended Jan. 4 still was under the holiday influence, as many companies curtailed over New Year's day because of inventory taking and other factors. According to the compilation of Dow, Jones & Co., Inc., the average was slightly under 22% of theoretical capacity, compared with a fraction above 20% in the preceding Christmas week, and a shade below 24% two weeks ago, the final full period for operations.

Independent steel companies recorded a larger gain than U. S. Steel, and are estimated at about 21 1/2%, contrasted with 18 1/2% in the previous week and 23% two weeks ago. U. S. Steel shows a fractional increase to a shade above 22% against 22% in the week before, and 25% two weeks ago.

In the corresponding week a year ago, the average was 36%, with U. S. Steel at 41% and independents around 32%. For the like period of 1930 the average was 59%, U. S. Steel being nearly 61% and independents 58%. In the first week of 1929 the average was nearly 84%, with U. S. Steel at 87% and independents slightly above 81%, while in the similar week of 1928 the average was about 70%, U. S. Steel showing a range of 73% to 75%, with independents at 67% to 68%.

December Output of Pig Iron Makes New Low Record for Past Ten Years.

Production of coke pig iron in December 1931 amounted to 980,376 gross tons, an average of 31,625 tons daily, according to returns gathered by telegraph and telephone by the "Iron Age." This compares with 1,103,472 tons in November and a daily average of 36,782 tons. The "Age" further goes on to say:

Both the daily average and the month's total make new low records for the past ten years. The most recent lower totals were those for August 1921 at 954,193 tons for the month and a daily average of 30,780 tons. Except for Aug. 21 and July 1921, it is necessary to go back to November 1900 to find a lower average daily rate.

Furnaces in operation Dec. 1, at 67, were already lower than the number of stacks in blast at the bottom of the 1921 depression, that being 69 on Aug. 1. A net December loss of 11 furnaces, however, has now reduced the figure to 56, which is by far the lowest of the 20th Century, and probably below that of any time since the summer of 1894. The 56 furnaces now blowing are making iron at a daily rate of 29,365 tons, compared with 35,810 tons a month earlier for 67 furnaces.

Three furnaces were blown in during December and 14 were blown out. All three furnaces going into action were United States Steel Corp. stacks; that corporation put four furnaces out. Independent steel companies lost eight furnaces with none going in, and two merchant stacks went out and none in. The three furnaces going in include No. 1 at the Clairton plant of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Pittsburgh district, and Nos. 3 and 6 of the Tennessee company at the Ensley plant in Alabama.

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

	Pig Iron <i>x</i>		Ferromanganese <i>y</i>	
	1930.	1931.	1930.	1931.
January	2,827,464	1,714,266	27,260	14,251
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	1,280,562	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	24,450	14,739
November	1,867,107	1,103,472	18,619	14,705
December	1,665,690	980,376	16,288	15,732
Year	31,399,105	18,275,165	276,530	212,115

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.

	1929			1930			1931		
	Steel Works.	Merchants.*	Total.	Steel Works.	Merchants.*	Total.	Steel Works.	Merchants.*	Total.
January	85,530	25,514	111,044	66,949	18,197	85,146	66,949	18,197	85,146
February	89,246	25,261	114,507	64,857	16,560	81,417	64,857	16,560	81,417
March	95,461	24,361	119,822	62,342	13,548	75,890	62,342	13,548	75,890
April	95,680	26,407	122,087	57,788	12,043	69,831	57,788	12,043	69,831
May	100,174	25,571	125,745	49,730	12,507	62,237	49,730	12,507	62,237
June	99,993	23,915	123,908	40,952	11,780	52,732	40,952	11,780	52,732
July	98,044	24,056	122,100	45,883	9,416	55,299	45,883	9,416	55,299
August	98,900	22,251	121,151	49,618	11,332	60,950	49,618	11,332	60,950
September	95,426	21,159	116,585	54,975	11,481	66,456	54,975	11,481	66,456
October	93,644	22,101	115,745	53,878	13,439	67,317	53,878	13,439	67,317
November	83,276	22,771	106,047	51,113	13,212	64,325	51,113	13,212	64,325
December	68,152	23,361	91,513	43,412	11,209	54,621	43,412	11,209	54,621
1929-January	81,447	19,762	101,209	35,189	12,012	47,201	35,189	12,012	47,201
February	71,447	19,816	91,263	31,739	9,569	41,308	31,739	9,569	41,308
March	83,900	20,815	104,715	29,979	8,985	38,964	29,979	8,985	38,964
April	85,489	20,873	106,362	30,797	7,051	37,848	30,797	7,051	37,848
May	84,310	19,973	104,283	31,024	5,758	36,782	31,024	5,758	36,782
June	77,883	19,921	97,804	24,847	6,778	31,625	24,847	6,778	31,625

* 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	107,385	105,931	125,745	104,283	64,325
June	107,844	102,888	102,733	123,908	97,804	54,621
First six months	109,660	107,351	101,763	119,564	100,891	61,356
July	103,978	95,199	101,180	122,100	85,146	47,201
August	103,241	95,073	102,077	116,585	81,417	41,308
September	104,543	92,498	102,077	116,585	75,890	38,964
October	107,553	89,810	108,832	115,745	69,831	37,848
November	107,890	88,279	110,084	106,047	62,237	31,625
December	99,712	86,960	108,705	91,513	53,732	31,625
12 months' average	107,043	99,266	103,382	115,851	86,025	50,069

Iron and Steel Scrap Prices Up.

"Iron and steel scrap prices have been advanced approximately 50 cents a ton this week in Youngstown district," said the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle" of Jan. 8.

Consumption of Coking Coal at By-Products Plants Again Declined in November 1931.

The slight improvement in the demand for coking coal that was registered in October 1931, proved to be only temporary, reports the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. In November the consumption of coking coal again declined. The total quantity of coal charged into by-product ovens during the month amounted to 3,829,319 tons, a decrease of 27.8% when compared with the tonnage consumed in the corresponding month of 1930. With the exception of New England, all of the coke-

producing regions shared in this decline, but it was most marked in the Mountain and Pacific Region, where a decrease of 62.1% was reported. Other large losses are shown for the Illinois-Indiana, Ohio and Middle Atlantic regions.

CONSUMPTION OF COKING COAL AT BY-PRODUCT PLANTS, AS REPORTED TO THE BUREAU OF MINES.

Region.	Number of Plants.	Net Tons Consumed.		Increase or Decrease.	
		Nov. 1930.	Nov. 1931.	Net Tons.	Per Cent.
New England	5	213,489	219,845	+6,356	+3.0
Middle Atlantic	24	1,828,797	1,837,334	+8,537	+0.5
Ohio	14	580,758	403,255	-177,503	-30.6
Southern Michigan	7	297,084	280,682	-16,402	-5.5
Illinois-Indiana	14	824,299	449,563	-374,736	-45.5
Lower Missouri Valley	1	160,075	133,864	-26,211	-16.4
Lake Dock Territory	5				
Southeast	13	576,979	435,675	-141,304	-24.5
Mountain and Pacific	3	76,868	29,101	-47,767	-62.1
Total	86	4,558,349	3,289,319	-1,269,030	-27.8

Consumption of Coal by Class I Railroads in October 1931 Far Below the Level a Year Previous.

Although consumption of coal by Class I steam railroads in October 1931 was 9.5% more than in September, the present rate still remains far below the level of a year ago, reports the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. The total consumption for the month amounted to 6,834,598 tons, a decrease of 1,646,275 tons, or 19.4% when compared with October 1930. Each of the consuming regions shared in this decline, but it was most pronounced in the regions west of the Mississippi River. The smallest decrease is shown for the roads operating in New England, where the rate of consumption was within 9.1% of the corresponding month of last year.

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.		Increase or Decrease.	
		Oct. 1930.	Oct. 1931.	Net Tons.	Per Cent.
New England	11	289,372	253,179	-36,193	-12.5
Great Lakes	27	1,574,391	1,307,244	-267,147	-17.0
Central Eastern	25	2,130,334	1,722,363	-407,971	-19.2
Poconantas	4	465,086	388,753	-76,333	-16.4
Southern	23	1,330,722	1,091,943	-238,779	-17.9
Northwestern	17	1,116,088	866,771	-249,317	-22.3
Central Western	21	1,206,700	928,297	-278,403	-23.1
Southwestern	28	368,180	276,048	-92,132	-25.0
Total	156	8,480,873	6,834,598	-1,646,275	-19.4

November Output of Bituminous Coal and Pennsylvania Anthracite Continued Below Figures for Corresponding Period in 1930.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the total production for the country as a whole during the month of November is estimated at 30,110,000 net tons, as against 35,700,000 tons in October. The decrease in November was due in part to the smaller number of working days in the month. The average daily rate of output for the 23.6 days in November, however, was 1,272,000 tons in comparison with 1,322,000 tons for the 27 days in October. This indicates a decrease, in the November daily rate, of approximately 3.8%.

Production of anthracite in the State of Pennsylvania during the month of November amounted to 4,141,000 net tons, as against 6,551,000 tons in October. There were 23 working days in the anthracite fields in November, and 26 in October, indicating a daily average production of 180,000 tons for the month of November in comparison with 252,000 tons in October.

Estimated Monthly Production of Coal by States in November (Net Tons) *a*

State	Nov. 1931.	Oct. 1931.	Nov. 1930.	Nov. 1929.	Nov. 1928.
Alabama	848,000	903,000	1,223,000	1,183,000	1,671,000
Arkansas	140,000	249,000	155,000	176,000	116,000
Colorado	627,000	701,000	855,000	1,147,000	963,000
Illinois	3,630,000	4,200,000	4,941,000	5,585,000	6,416,000
Iowa	1,020,000	1,183,000	1,460,000	1,587,000	2,188,000
Kansas and Missouri	535,000	299,000	342,000	454,000	523,000
Kentucky—Eastern	2,374,000	3,065,000	3,693,000	654,000	716,000
Western	671,000	795,000	642,000	3,697,000	2,957,000
Maryland	165,000	182,000	840,000	1,245,000	890,000
Michigan	40,000	42,000	69,000	233,000	144,000
Montana	250,000	223,000	292,000	340,000	106,000
New Mexico	130,000	130,000	197,000	251,000	253,000
North Dakota	173,000	171,000	230,000	236,000	143,000
Ohio	1,680,000	1,989,000	1,998,000	2,121,000	3,120,000
Oklahoma	180,000	231,000	267,000	430,000	293,000
Pennsylvania (bituminous)	7,280,000	8,336,000	9,833,000	12,072,000	12,222,000
Tennessee	314,000	372,000	420,000	455,000	481,000
Texas	65,000	76,000	62,000	70,000	117,000
Utah	444,000	370,000	529,000	583,000	458,000
Virginia	821,000	958,000	896,000	1,085,000	886,000
Washington	189,000	172,000	210,000	227,000	293,000
W. Virginia—Southern	5,807,000	7,720,000	7,011,000	8,745,000	5,190,000
Northern	1,983,000	2,270,000	2,423,000	3,131,000	3,169,000
Wyoming	495,000	531,000	563,000	699,000	750,000
Other States <i>d</i>	9,000	4,000	16,000	27,000	20,000
Total bituminous coal	30,110,000	35,700,000	38,609,000	46,514,000	44,425,000
Pennsylvania anthracite	4,141,000	6,551,000	5,176,000	5,820,000	7,575,000
Total all coal	34,251,000	42,251,000	43,785,000	52,334,000	52,000,000

a Figures for 1923, 1929 and 1930 are final. *b* Operations on the N. & W. C. & O., Virginian, K. & M., and B. C. & G. *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 November. 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 watery shipments made by the United States Engineer Offices, and on figures of field production submitted by associations of operators.

Further Decline in Production of Bituminous Coal and Pennsylvania Anthracite Reported During Week Ended Dec. 26 1931.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, production of bituminous coal and Pennsylvania anthracite amounted to 5,400,000 net tons and 717,000 tons, respectively, during the week ended Dec. 26 1931. This compares with a total output of 6,980,000 tons of bituminous coal and 965,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite in the corresponding period last year and 7,056,000 tons of bituminous coal and 892,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite during the week ended Dec. 19 1931.

During the calendar year to Dec. 26 1931, production of bituminous coal amounted to 373,415,000 net tons as against 460,466,000 tons in the calendar year to Dec. 27 1930. The Bureau, in its statement, reports as follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Dec. 26 1931, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 5,400,000 net tons. This shows a decrease of 1,656,000 tons from the output in the preceding full-time week, and compares with 6,980,000 tons produced during Christmas week in 1930.

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

Week Ended—	1931		1930	
	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year
Dec. 12.....	7,290,000	360,959,000	8,896,000	444,011,000
Daily average.....	1,215,000	1,235,000	1,483,000	1,520,000
Dec. 19. b.....	7,056,000	368,015,000	9,475,000	453,486,000
Daily average.....	1,176,000	1,234,000	1,579,000	1,521,000
Dec. 26. c.....	5,400,000	373,415,000	6,980,000	460,466,000
Daily average.....	1,080,000	1,231,000	1,396,000	1,519,000

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

The total production of soft coal during the present calendar year to Dec. 26 (approximately 303 working days) amounts to 373,415,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1930.....	460,466,000 net tons	1928.....	493,295,000 net tons
1929.....	527,014,000 net tons	1927.....	508,669,000 net tons

As already indicated by the revised figures above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Dec. 19 amounted to 7,056,000 net tons. The following table apportions the tonnage by States and gives comparable figures for other recent years:

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

State—	Week Ended				Dec. 1923 Average.
	Dec. 19 '31.	Dec. 12 '31.	Dec. 20 '30.	Dec. 21 '29.	
Alabama.....	202,000	194,000	365,000	417,000	349,000
Arkansas.....	30,000	30,000	39,000	48,000	25,000
Colorado.....	158,000	163,000	252,000	268,000	1,535,000
Illinois.....	932,000	963,000	1,306,000	1,511,000	514,000
Indiana.....	288,000	271,000	382,000	420,000	121,000
Iowa.....	68,000	70,000	112,000	110,000	90,000
Kansas.....	59,000	59,000	74,000	59,000	584,000
Kentucky.....	498,000	550,000	737,000	959,000	204,000
Western.....	191,000	171,000	248,000	338,000	37,000
Maryland.....	48,000	43,000	72,000	60,000	21,000
Michigan.....	10,000	13,000	16,000	12,000	69,000
Missouri.....	77,000	73,000	88,000	96,000	64,000
Montana.....	68,000	67,000	68,000	83,000	55,000
New Mexico.....	35,000	34,000	40,000	49,000	27,000
North Dakota.....	43,000	45,000	44,000	69,000	599,000
Ohio.....	396,000	430,000	489,000	572,000	58,000
Oklahoma.....	47,000	39,000	68,000	90,000	2,818,000
Pennsylvania (bituminous).....	1,607,000	1,749,000	2,250,000	2,756,000	103,000
Missouri.....	69,000	75,000	113,000	118,000	21,000
Tennessee.....	10,000	11,000	46,000	16,000	100,000
Texas.....	131,000	132,000	115,000	115,000	193,000
Utah.....	184,000	184,000	227,000	274,000	57,000
Virginia.....	47,000	48,000	53,000	60,000	1,132,000
W. Virginia—Southern. b.....	1,302,000	1,275,000	1,678,000	2,047,000	692,000
Northern. c.....	443,000	483,000	560,000	666,000	173,000
Wyoming.....	108,000	113,000	121,000	138,000	5,000
Other States.....	5,000	5,000	12,000	9,000	
Total bituminous coal.....	7,056,000	7,290,000	9,475,000	11,360,000	9,900,000
Pennsylvania anthracite.....	892,000	1,246,000	1,385,000	1,795,000	1,806,000
Total all coal.....	7,948,000	8,536,000	11,860,000	13,155,000	11,706,000

a Average weekly rate for the entire month. b Includes operations on the N. & W., C. & O., Virginia, K. & M., and B. C. & G. c Rest of State, incl. Panhandle.

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

The total production of Pennsylvania anthracite during Christmas week is estimated at 717,000 net tons. This shows a decrease of 175,000 tons from the output in the preceding week, and compares with 965,000 tons produced during the holiday week in 1930.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1931		1930	
	Week. Average.	Daily	Week. Average.	Daily
Dec. 12.....	1,246,000	207,700	1,209,000	201,500
Dec. 19. a.....	892,000	148,700	1,385,000	230,800
Dec. 26. b.....	717,000	143,400	965,000	193,000

a Revised since last report. b Subject to revision.

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke during the week ended Dec. 19 1931 is estimated at 18,600 net tons. This compares with 21,800 tons produced during the preceding week and 39,300 tons in the week of 1930 corresponding with that of Dec. 19.

Estimated Weekly Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Region—	Week Ended			1931	1930
	Dec. 19 1931. b	Dec. 12 1931. c	Dec. 20 1930.	Date.	Date. a
Pennsylvania.....	15,300	17,900	28,600	985,800	1,979,100
West Virginia.....	1,100	1,000	5,200	105,600	416,200
Tennessee and Virginia.....	1,400	1,500	4,500	105,200	234,700
Colo., Utah and Wash.....	800	1,400	1,000	50,700	102,500
United States total.....	18,600	21,800	39,300	1,247,300	2,732,500
Daily average.....	3,100	3,633	6,550	4,130	9,048

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The daily average volume of Federal Reserve bank credit outstanding during the week ended Jan. 6, as reported by the Federal Reserve banks, was \$1,933,000,000, a decrease of \$86,000,000 compared with the preceding week and an increase of \$578,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1931. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On Jan. 6 total Reserve bank credit amounted to \$1,921,000,000, a decrease of \$281,000,000 for the week. This decrease corresponds with decreases of \$287,000,000 in member bank reserve balances and \$9,000,000 in unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c., and an increase of \$14,000,000 in Treasury currency, adjusted, offset in part by an increase of \$28,000,000 in money in circulation.

Holdings of discounted bills increased \$26,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and \$5,000,000 at Kansas City, and declined \$234,000,000 at New York, \$7,000,000 at Chicago, \$6,900,000 at Boston and \$206,000,000 at all Federal Reserve banks. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$52,000,000, of United States bonds \$15,000,000 and of Treasury certificates and bills \$23,000,000.

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

The statement in full for the week ended Jan. 6, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 286 and 287.

Changes in the amount of Reserve bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ending January 6, 1932, were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since		
	Jan. 6 1932.	Dec. 30 1931.	Jan. 7 1931.
Bills discounted.....	\$18,000,000	-\$206,000,000	+\$26,000,000
Bills bought.....	275,000,000	-\$52,000,000	+10,000,000
United States securities.....	766,000,000	-\$37,000,000	+107,000,000
Other Reserve bank credit.....	61,000,000	+\$13,000,000	+\$30,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT.....	\$1,921,000,000	-\$281,000,000	+\$673,000,000
Monetary gold stock.....	4,458,000,000		-\$14,000,000
Treasury currency adjusted.....	1,775,000,000	+\$14,000,000	-\$9,000,000
Money in circulation.....	5,661,000,000	+\$28,000,000	+\$879,000,000
Member bank reserve balances.....	2,036,000,000	-\$287,000,000	-\$408,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.....	456,000,000	-\$9,000,000	+\$47,000,000

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

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

Below is the statement for the New York member banks and that for the Chicago member banks for the current week, as thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks. The grand aggregate of brokers' loans the present week records a decrease of \$23,000,000, the amount of these loans on Jan. 6 1932 standing at \$568,000,000. The present week's decrease of \$23,000,000 follows a decrease of \$20,000,000 last week and a decrease of \$752,000,000 in the 15 preceding weeks. Loans "for own account" decreased during the week from \$544,000,000 to \$505,000,000, but loans "for account of out-

of-town banks" increased from \$41,000,000 to \$56,000,000, and loans "for account of others" from \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000. The amount of these loans "for account of others" has been reduced the past eight weeks due to the action of the New York Clearing House Association on Nov. 5 1931 in restricting member banks on and after Nov. 16 1931 from placing for corporations and others than banks loans secured by stocks, bonds and acceptances. The present week's total of \$568,000,000 is the lowest since Feb. 1 1918, when the amount was \$510,179,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

New York.			
	Jan. 6 1932.	Dec. 30 1931.	Jan. 7 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total.....	7,039,000,000	7,147,000,000	7,968,000,000
Loans—total.....	4,472,000,000	4,492,000,000	5,658,000,000
On securities.....	2,223,000,000	2,295,000,000	3,233,000,000
All other.....	2,249,000,000	2,197,000,000	2,425,000,000
Investments—total.....	2,567,000,000	2,655,000,000	2,310,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	1,722,000,000	1,712,000,000	1,225,000,000
Other securities.....	845,000,000	943,000,000	1,085,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	705,000,000	941,000,000	821,000,000
Cash in vault.....	52,000,000	58,000,000	79,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	5,148,000,000	5,217,000,000	5,911,000,000
Time deposits.....	775,000,000	779,000,000	1,180,000,000
Government deposits.....	139,000,000	166,000,000	25,000,000
Due from banks.....	68,000,000	71,000,000	92,000,000
Due to banks.....	942,000,000	900,000,000	1,288,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	60,000,000	289,000,000	17,000,000
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account.....	505,000,000	544,000,000	1,206,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks.....	56,000,000	41,000,000	315,000,000
For account of others.....	7,000,000	6,000,000	358,000,000
Total.....	568,000,000	591,000,000	1,879,000,000
On demand.....	427,000,000	442,000,000	1,422,000,000
On time.....	141,000,000	149,000,000	457,000,000

Chicago.			
	Jan. 6 1932.	Dec. 30 1931.	Jan. 7 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total.....	1,560,000,000	1,584,000,000	1,997,000,000
Loans—total.....	1,074,000,000	1,076,000,000	1,443,000,000
On securities.....	617,000,000	633,000,000	838,000,000
All other.....	457,000,000	443,000,000	605,000,000
Investments—total.....	486,000,000	508,000,000	554,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	275,000,000	293,000,000	257,000,000
Other securities.....	211,000,000	215,000,000	297,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	147,000,000	154,000,000	184,000,000
Cash in vault.....	19,000,000	19,000,000	17,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	1,021,000,000	1,034,000,000	1,293,000,000
Time deposits.....	412,000,000	417,000,000	593,000,000
Government deposits.....	13,000,000	16,000,000	18,000,000
Due from banks.....	126,000,000	133,000,000	174,000,000
Due to banks.....	274,000,000	265,000,000	368,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank.....	11,000,000	9,000,000	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 Dec. 30:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on Dec. 30 shows a decrease for the week of \$202,000,000 in loans and investments, increases of \$307,000,000 in reserves with Federal Reserve banks, of \$118,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks and of \$100,000,000 in net demand deposits, and a decrease of \$55,000,000 in time deposits.

Loans on securities increased \$61,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district and \$44,000,000 at all reporting member banks, and declined \$11,000,000 in the Boston district. "All other" loans declined \$21,000,000 in the Boston district, \$12,000,000 in the Cleveland district, \$10,000,000 in the St. Louis district, \$8,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$59,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of United States Government securities declined \$70,000,000 in the New York district, \$20,000,000 in the Cleveland district, \$15,000,000 each in the Philadelphia and San Francisco districts, \$13,000,000 in the Boston district and \$148,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other securities declined \$35,000,000 in the New York district and \$39,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks from Federal Reserve banks aggregated \$685,000,000 on Dec. 30, the principal changes for the week being an increase of \$185,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and decreases of \$18,000,000 at Philadelphia, \$15,000,000 at San Francisco, \$11,000,000 at Cleveland and \$8,000,000 at Boston.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Dec. 30 1931, follows:

	Dec. 30 1931.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
		Since Dec. 23 1931.	Since Dec. 31 1930.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total.....	20,532,000,000	-202,000,000	-2,424,000,000
Loans—total.....	13,104,000,000	-15,000,000	-3,159,000,000
On securities.....	5,777,000,000	+44,000,000	-2,037,000,000
All other.....	7,327,000,000	-59,000,000	-1,122,000,000
Investments—total.....	7,428,000,000	-187,000,000	+735,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	4,060,000,000	-148,000,000	+1,068,000,000
Other securities.....	3,368,000,000	-39,000,000	-333,000,000
Reserves with F. R. banks.....	1,833,000,000	+307,000,000	-45,000,000
Cash in vault.....	271,000,000	-21,000,000	-16,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	11,871,000,000	+100,000,000	-2,128,000,000
Time deposits.....	5,892,000,000	-55,000,000	-1,178,000,000
Government deposits.....	352,000,000	—*	+148,000,000
Due from banks.....	993,000,000	+54,000,000	-624,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,472,000,000	+87,000,000	-1,067,000,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks.....	685,000,000	+118,000,000	+596,000,000

*Dec. 23 figures revised (Atlanta district).

Charles D. Dickey Becomes Member of Firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.

Announcement of the admission of Charles D. Dickey of Philadelphia, as a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co. in New York, and of its banking houses in Philadelphia, London and Paris, was made as follows under date of Jan. 2:

Charles Denston Dickey, heretofore a member of the firm of Brown Brothers Harriman & Co., is this day admitted as a partner in our firms in New York, Philadelphia, London and Paris, resident in Philadelphia.

J. P. MORGAN & CO., New York.
DREXEL & CO., Philadelphia.
MORGAN GRENFELL & CO., London.
MORGAN & CIE., Paris.

Until Dec. 31, Mr. Dickey had been in charge of the Philadelphia office of Brown Brothers, Harriman & Co., it was noted in the New York "Times" of Jan. 3, from which the following is taken:

Mr. Dickey's residence will be in Philadelphia and his headquarters will be at Drexel & Co. Other partners in Drexel & Co., who are also members of J. P. Morgan & Co., are Edward T. Stotesbury, H. G. Lloyd, Edward Hopkinson Jr. and Thomas Newhall.

The addition of Mr. Dickey to J. P. Morgan & Co. increases the number of partners to 20. He is the first member to be admitted to the firm since the appointment of S. Parker Gilbert on Jan. 2 1931.

A Graduate of Yale.

Mr. Dickey, who is 38 years old, was graduated from Yale University in 1916 and began his banking career in 1918 with Brown Brothers & Co. and became a partner in the firm in 1922. His father had become a partner in Brown Brothers in 1889, and his grandfather had become a member of the firm in 1859.

Mr. Dickey's father, Charles D. Dickey died in 1921.

Brown Brothers was merged with the Harriman interests last year to form Brown Brothers, Harriman & Co. During his association with Brown Brothers, Mr. Dickey achieved a national reputation as a banker and took a prominent part in the affairs of the Investment Bankers Association. He has served as Chairman of several committees of the Investment Bankers Association.

Director of Many Companies.

Mr. Dickey is a director of the American Ice Co., Knickerbocker Ice Co., Pine Hill Collieries Co., Sharp & Dohme, Lehigh Valley Transit Co., Pennsylvania Glass Sand Co., City Bank Farmers Trust Co., Century Shares Trust and other companies.

Mr. Dickey's place in the Philadelphia office of Brown Brothers, Harriman & Co., will be taken by Ellery S. James, who has been a partner in the firm's New York office for several years.

Swiss Gold Imports—Net for First 11 Months of 1931 Totals 1,052,000,000 Francs.

Basle (Switzerland) advices, Dec. 26, are taken as follows from the New York "Evening Post":

Net imports of gold into Switzerland in the first eleven months of this year amounted to 1,052,000,000 Swiss francs, of which 800,000,000 francs was absorbed by the National Bank of Switzerland and the bulk of the remainder by private banks. Principal receipts were 376,000,000 francs of South African gold via London, 209,000,000 francs from Germany to support the mark and 187,000,000 francs from the United States, of which 170,000,000 francs were received during October.

Maitland, Coppel & Co. to Liquidate—Irving Trust Co. Appointed Receiver in Response to Voluntary Petition.

The death on Oct. 29 of Herbert Coppel, the only floor member of Maitland, Coppel & Co., has resulted in the decision to liquidate its affairs through a voluntary receivership. Federal Judge Patterson has appointed the Irving Trust Co. of this city receiver for the firm. A voluntary petition in bankruptcy, stating liquidation of the firm's business through a receivership was advisable, was filed with the clerk of Federal District Court. The firm, located at 68 William St., has always maintained a position of exceptionally high standing throughout its long career, and its passing is deplored among the many in Wall Street who have regarded it with esteem. From the New York "Times" of Jan. 6, we take the following:

The firm was founded in 1796, Mr. [Herbert] Coppel's father, the late George Coppel, was a member of it as well as a prominent railroad man.

After Mr. [Herbert] Coppell died the firm filed a notice with the Stock Exchange of its intention to continue in business using the same name, pending the acquisition of another membership in the Exchange. Partners in the firm are Arthur Coppell, Frederick H. Amerman and George Myers Church.

As indicated above, it was finally decided to wind up its affairs.

Statement of Bank for International Settlements for Dec. 31.

The statement of the Bank for International Settlements, showing its condition as of Dec. 31, as made public at Basle, Jan. 5, was given as follows in Associated Press cablegrams:

(Figures are in Swiss gold francs at par, 19.3 cents.)

	December.	November.
Assets—		
I. Cash on hand and on current account with banks	15,398,887.47	14,076,231.49
II. Funds employed at sight	143,081,501.41	151,438,334.32
III. Rediscountable bills and acceptances at cost:		
(1) Commercial bills & bankers acceptances	356,350,162.16	357,647,449.42
(2) Treasury bills	95,950,084.52	144,779,264.62
Total	452,800,246.68	502,426,714.04
IV. Time funds at interest:		
(1) Not exceeding 3 months	240,849,015.01	248,841,977.83
(2) Between 3 and 6 months		
Total	240,849,015.01	248,841,977.83
V. Sundry investments at cost:		
(1) Maturing within 6 months	164,327,741.18	143,678,091.68
(2) Maturing between 6 months and 1 year	12,246,042.49	33,828,322.23
(3) Maturing in over 1 year	833,044.98	933,866.68
Total	177,406,828.65	178,440,280.59
VI. Other assets	11,794,348.97	12,084,061.92
Total assets	1,040,830,828.19	1,107,307,600.19
Liabilities—		
I. Paid-up capital	108,500,000.00	108,500,000.00
II. Reserves:		
(1) Legal reserve fund	559,326.10	559,326.10
(2) Dividend reserve fund	1,094,189.17	1,094,189.17
(3) General reserve fund	2,188,378.35	2,188,378.35
Total	3,841,893.62	3,841,893.62
III. Long-term deposits:		
(1) Annuity trust account	153,768,617.50	153,768,617.50
(2) German Government deposit	76,884,308.75	76,884,308.75
(3) French Government guarantee fund	68,648,520.43	68,648,520.43
Total	299,301,446.68	299,301,446.68
IV. Short-term and sight deposits:		
(1) Central banks for their own account:		
(a) Between 3 and 6 months		
(b) Not exceeding 3 months	166,180,014.48	184,205,400.25
(c) Sight	297,365,679.96	326,327,426.45
Total	463,545,694.44	510,532,826.70
(2) Central banks for account of others:		
(a) Between 3 and 6 months		
(b) Not exceeding 3 months	34,167,806.18	57,106,616.97
(c) Sight	101,379,187.97	100,518,020.09
Total	135,546,994.15	157,624,637.06
(3) Other depositors:		
(a) Not exceeding 3 months		
(b) Sight	3,385,986.71	3,394,015.14
Total	3,385,986.71	3,394,015.14
V. Profits for distribution:		
(1) Dividend		
(2) Participation of long-term depositors		
Total		
VI. Miscellaneous items	26,708,812.59	24,112,780.99
Total liabilities	1,040,830,828.19	1,107,307,600.19

Production of Gold and Silver in the United States According to the Director of the Mint—Increase in Gold Production—Decrease in Silver Production.

On Jan. 5, the office of the Director of the Mint, in making public the figures of gold and silver production in the United States in 1931, stated that "comparison with 1930 production indicates increase in 1931 of \$2,755,300 in gold and decrease in 1931 of 17,670,180 ounces of silver. The statement issued at the Treasury Department, Jan. 5, follows:

The Bureau of the Mint, with the co-operation of the Bureau of Mines, has issued the following statement of the preliminary estimate of refinery production of gold and silver in the United States during the calendar year 1931:

PRODUCTION OF GOLD AND SILVER IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1931. (Arrivals at United States Mints and Assay Offices and at private refineries.)

States.	Gold.		Silver.	
	Ounces.	Value.	Ounces.	Value.*
Alaska	451,126	\$9,325,600	354,609	\$102,837
Alabama	29	600	5	1
Arizona	136,272	2,817,000	4,303,761	1,248,091
California	510,235	10,547,500	709,891	205,868
Colorado	228,064	4,714,500	2,147,909	622,894
Georgia	77	1,600	11	3
Idaho	17,642	364,700	7,389,633	2,142,994
Michigan			1,436	416
Missouri			12,519	3,630
Montana	46,711	965,600	4,119,573	1,194,676
Nevada	137,743	2,847,400	2,412,904	699,742
New Mexico	28,856	596,500	1,030,467	298,835
North Carolina	223	4,600	10,592	3,072
Oregon	14,561	301,000	7,230	2,097
Pennsylvania	242	5,000	1,600	464
South Carolina	24	500		
South Dakota	432,772	8,946,200	113,657	32,961
Tennessee	499	10,300	52,000	15,080
Texas			250	72
Utah	183,433	3,791,900	8,173,203	2,370,229
Washington	3,328	68,800	22,345	6,480
Wyoming	44	900	19	6
Philippine Islands	174,000	3,596,900	104,004	30,161
Totals	2,365,881	48,907,100	30,967,618	8,980,609

* Value at 29c. per ounce, the average New York price of bar silver.

Comparison with 1930 production indicates increase in 1931 of \$2,755,300 in gold and decrease in 1931 of 17,670,180 ounces of silver. Comparison with the year of largest production, 1915, when gold amounted to \$101,-

035,700 and silver 74,961,075 ounces, gives reductions respectively of \$52,128,600 gold and 43,993,457 ounces silver.

Silver Bullion Tendered in Payment to Holyoke Water Power Co. by American Writing Paper Co. Declined.

Under date of Jan. 2 Associated Press advices from Holyoke, Mass., stated:

For the second time in six months several hundredweight of silver bullion to-day was tendered to the Holyoke Water Power Co. as payment for a power bill, and acceptance was refused by the power company officials. The tender was made by officials of the American Writing Paper Co., Inc., on the basis of a clause in an old contract which reads:

Perpetual annual rentals shall be paid in troy weight of silver of the standard value and fineness of the silver coin of the United States or an equivalent in gold, at the option of the grantee at the time of the payment.

The amount due from the paper corporation for water rentals is said to be about \$30,000, covering a period of a year and a half. It is expected that the controversy will eventually find its way into the courts.

Note of Secretary of State Stimson to Japan and China Insisting that Rights of Americans in Manchuria Must Be Respected.

At Washington on Jan. 7 a note addressed to Japan and China by Secretary of State Stimson, warning that the rights of American citizens in Manchuria must be respected, was made public as follows:

With the recent military operations about Chinchow, the last remaining Administrative authority of the Government of the Chinese Republic in South Manchuria, as it existed prior to Sept. 18 1931, has been destroyed. The American Government continues confident that the work of the neutral commission recently authorized by the Council of the League of Nations will facilitate an ultimate solution of the difficulties now existing between China and Japan.

But in view of the present situation and of its own rights and obligations therein, the American Government deems it to be its duty to notify both the Imperial Japanese Government and the Government of the Chinese Republic that it cannot admit the legality of any situation de facto, nor does it intend to recognize any treaty or agreement entered into between those governments, or agents thereof, which may impair the treaty rights of the United States or its citizens in China, including those which relate to the sovereignty, the independence or the territorial and administrative integrity of the Republic of China, or to the international policy relative to China, commonly known as the open-door policy, and that it does not intend to recognize any situation, treaty or agreement which may be brought about by means contrary to the covenants and obligations of the Pact of Paris of Aug. 27 1928, to which treaty both China and Japan, as well as the United States, are parties.

Copies of the note were also handed by Secretary Stimson to the diplomatic representatives of Belgium, Great Britain, France, Italy, The Netherlands and Portugal.

Details of Foreign Dollar Bonds in Default Supplied to Senate Committee by Otto H. Kahn of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.—Total Over \$815,000,000—South American Nations and Divisions Comprise List—Brazilian Group Largest—National City Profit of \$24,000,000 Retold.

Defaults on foreign bonds held in the United States amount to more than \$815,468,000, according to a list made public in Washington on Jan. 1 by the Senate Finance Committee. All of the defaulting debtors are South American governments, States or municipalities. The defaults include those of sinking fund payments, of interest or of both, said the account from Washington, Jan. 1, appearing in the New York "Times," from which we also take the following:

The South American countries whose Federal bonds have been defaulted are Bolivia, Brazil (with the largest group of defaulted bonds), Chile and Peru.

In Brazil the States of Ceara, Maranhao, Minas Geraes, Parana, Pernambuco, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Sul, Santa Catharina and Sao Paulo have defaulted, most of them on more than one issue. Brazilian municipalities in default are Porto Alegre, Rio de Janeiro, Rio Grande do Sul and Sao Paulo.

Chilean defaults, aside from the National Government, are listed as an issue by the city of Santiago, a Chilean consolidated municipal loan and the Mortgage Bank of Chile.

Besides the Peruvian Government's own default, others in Peru are charged against the Province of Callao and the city of Lima.

Colombia and Uruguay have not defaulted on Federal bonds, but the cities of Medellin in Colombia and Montevideo in Uruguay have fallen behind.

The great majority of the defaults occurred during 1931. The latest is that of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, with five outstanding issues totaling more than \$70,000,000, on which the default date was given as Jan. 1 1932.

Elsewhere in this issue of the "Chronicle" we give a later item from the "Times," which points out that two Sao Paulo issues included in the Senate's list of bond defaults are not so rated by the Institute of International Finance—Ed.]

The list was supplied at the request of the committee by Otto H. Kahn of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., New York, who told the committee that he had obtained it from the Institute of International Finance, New York City.

"While we believe this list is accurate, we request that it be used without responsibility on our part or on the part of the Institute," Mr. Kahn wrote.

Mr. Kahn added no comment nor was there any indication by any one concerning the future of the issues listed.

The information came in an interim of an investigation into foreign bond issues in this country which is being conducted by the Finance Committee, under a resolution proposed by Senator Johnson, Republican, of California.

The Finance Committee has taken testimony from Charles E. Mitchell, President of the National City Bank and the National City Co.; Thomas

Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co., and Mr. Kahn, who will reappear when the committee reconvenes Monday.

Profits of Banking Houses.

Coincident with the tables concerning defaulted bonds, the committee published tables showing the amount of foreign bonds issued by the houses represented by the three witnesses.

These lists were not comparable, as they were arranged in varying forms. For instance, the lists supplied by Mr. Mitchell showed, as he testified, that the National City Co. made a net profit of \$13,392,502.21 in the issuance of foreign bonds through syndicates organized by itself, and a net profit of \$11,363,501.26 through participation in syndicates formed by others for underwriting, distributing and marketing foreign bonds, or a total net profit of \$24,756,003.47, exclusive of large transactions in Canadian and Cuban bonds, which were not listed in the "foreign" category and were not totaled.

Exclusive of Canadian and Cuban bonds, the National City Co. issued a total of \$1,071,955,000 of bonds through its own syndicates on which sinking fund payments to date total \$222,866,908.78.

It participated in the issuance of \$3,260,407,000 by syndicates managed by others, on which sinking fund payments to date total \$943,407,800.

Many Shared in Syndicates.

These syndicates were managed by such firms as J. P. Morgan & Co.; Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; Guaranty Trust Co., and others, many of whom participated in turn in syndicates managed by others.

For this reason, it was stated by all three witnesses, it would be impossible to find a total of all foreign bond issues in the United States by adding the totals given by the various issuing houses, because these included duplications.

The National City Co. handled Latin-American bonds through its own syndicate, which included four issues by the Republic of Chile, two by Brazil, one by Uruguay and one each by the Chile Copper Co. and the Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd., a British corporation operating in Chile.

This company participated in syndicates managed by others which handled Latin-American bonds, including three Brazilian loans and one loan each for the Brazilian States of Rio Grande do Sul and Sao Paulo, one for the Republic of Chile and five for the Mortgage Bank of Chile, four for the Republic of Peru and one for the Cerro de Pasco Copper Co. of Peru.

Partial Retirements Listed.

The tabulation furnished by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. omitted net profits, Mr. Kahn having testified that it was virtually impossible for his company to arrive at these figures in relation to individual bond issues, but contained other information grouped in a manner not in the two other reports.

In this it was shown that Kuhn, Loeb & Co. had issued \$577,750,000 of foreign bonds through its own syndicates and had participated in the issuance of \$580,430,000 of foreign bonds. Of the bonds issued by itself, \$178,112,900 were shown to have been retired, and, of the other group in which it participated, \$86,546,100 have been retired.

Latin-American issues played a large part in the financing done by syndicates managed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., this type of bond accounting for \$205,000,000 worth of its business. Of that sum \$115,000,000 was lent to the Argentine Government and \$90,000,000 to the Mortgage Bank of Chile.

No South American financing was done by foreign bond syndicates in which Kuhn, Loeb & Co. played only a participating role.

The house of J. P. Morgan & Co., making no differentiation between syndicates which it organized and those in which it participated, reported that it had issued \$1,807,578,000 in foreign bonds, of which \$438,280,100 had been retired by Dec. 15, leaving outstanding a total of \$1,369,297,000.

Among its issues were six for Argentina, totaling \$159,800,000, and one for Chile for \$24,000,000.

The list of foreign dollar bond issues in default was made public as follows by the committee:

Country of Issue—	Date of Default	Remarks—	Amount Outstanding.
Bolivia.			
Republic of Bolivia 6s, 1917-40	Apr. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. not paid.	\$1,431,000
Republic of Bolivia 8s, 1922-47	May 1 1931	55% of coupons paid, s. f. not paid.	23,267,500
Republic of Bolivia 7s, 1927-58	Jan. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. not paid.	13,590,500
Republic of Bolivia 7s, 1928-69	Mar. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. not paid.	22,815,000
Brazil.			
<i>Federal Government—</i>			
U. S. of Brazil 8s, 1921-47	Dec. 1 1931	The Brazilian Govt. announced Oct. 18 1931 that int. on these bonds would be paid in scrip for a period of 3 years.	31,352,500
U. S. of Brazil 7s, 1922-52	Dec. 1 1931	Payable in scrip for a period of 3 years.	17,503,000
U. S. of Brazil 6½s, 1926-57	Dec. 1 1931	Payable in scrip for a period of 3 years.	56,108,000
U. S. of Brazil 6½s, 1927-57	Dec. 1 1931	Payable in scrip for a period of 3 years.	39,709,000
<i>State Governments—</i>			
State of Ceara 8s, 1922-47	June 1 1931	Int. & s. f. not paid; bondholders' protective com. formed under auspices of Interstate Trust Co.	1,980,000
State of Maranhao 7s, 1928-58	Nov. 1 1931	Int. paid Nov. 1, but s. f. not paid; no further remittances being made.	1,682,000
State of Minas Geraes 6½s, 1928-58	Sept. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. paid Sept. 1 out of reserve fund; no further remittances being made.	8,132,000
State of Minas Geraes 6½s, A, 1929-59	Sept. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. paid Sept. 1 out of reserve fund; no further remittances being made.	7,812,000
State of Parana 7s, 1928-58	Sept. 15 1931	Reserve fund used to pay int.; s. f. not paid; no further remittances being made.	4,642,000
State of Pernambuco 7s, 1927-47	Sept. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. not paid.	5,233,000
State of Rio de Janeiro 6½s, 1929-59	Oct. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. on hand.	5,901,000
State of Rio Grande do Sul 8s, 1921-1946	Oct. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. paid; no further remittances being made.	5,900,500
State of Rio Grande do Sul 7s, 1926-66	Nov. 1 1931	S. f. paid Nov. 1, but int. defaulted.	9,713,500
State of Rio Grande do Sul 6s, 1928-68	Dec. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. not paid.	23,000,000
State of Santa Catherina 8s, 1922-47	1925, '28, '30	Funding arrangement made in 1925, default on this agreement in May 1928; new arrangement for lower schedule of payments no payments made since February 1930.	4,704,800

Country of Issue—	Date of Default	Remarks—	Amount Outstanding.
*State of Sao Paulo 8s, 1921-36	Jan. 1 1932	Int. paid, but partial default on s. f.	4,950,000
*State of Sao Paulo 8s, 1925-50	Jan. 1 1932	Int. paid partly from reserve fund; partial default on s. f.	14,719,000
*State of Sao Paulo 7s, 1926-56	-----	\$200,000; reserve fund on hand to meet Mar. 1 1932 coupon.	6,914,000
*State of Sao Paulo 6s, 1928-68	July 1 1931	Reserve fund used for July 1 1931 payments; payments due Jan. 1 1932 will not be made.	14,698,000
*State of Sao Paulo 7s, 1930-40	-----	No default expected.	31,469,000
<i>Municipal Governments—</i>			
City of Porto Alegre 8s, 1921-61	Dec. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	3,320,000
City of Porto Alegre 7½s, 1926-66	-----	Jan. 1 coupon not expected to be paid.	3,890,000
City of Porto Alegre 7s, 1923-63	-----	Feb. 1 coupon not expected to be paid.	2,211,000
City of Rio de Janeiro 8s, 1921-46	-----	April 1 coupon not expected to be paid.	8,055,000
City of Rio de Janeiro 6½s, 1923-53	Aug. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	29,492,000
City of Rio de Janeiro 6s, 1928-33	Oct. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	1,770,000
Rio Grande do Sul consol. municipal loan 7s, 1927-67	Dec. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	3,912,500
City of Sao Paulo 6s, 1919-43	-----	May 1 coupon not expected to be paid.	5,535,000
City of Sao Paulo 8s, 1922-52	Nov. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	3,157,000
City of Sao Paulo 6½s, 1927-57	Nov. 15 1931	Coupon not paid.	5,602,000
Chile.			
<i>National Government—</i>			
Republic of Chile 6s, 1926-60	Oct. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	40,116,000
Rep. of Chile 6s, 1928-Jan. 1 1961	-----	Jan. 1 coupon will not be paid.	44,152,000
Rep. of Chile 6s, 1927-Feb. 1 1961	Aug. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	25,935,000
Rep. of Chile 5s, 1928-Sept. 1 1961	Sept. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	15,577,000
Republic of Chile 6s, 1929-62	Sept. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	9,790,000
Republic of Chile 6s, 1930-63	Nov. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	24,745,000
Republic of Chile 7s, 1922-42	Nov. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	15,094,000
<i>Municipal Governments—</i>			
City of Santiago 7s, 1928-49	-----	Jan. 2 coupon will not be paid.	3,600,000
City of Santiago 7s, 1930-61	Nov. 1 1931	Coupon not paid.	2,175,000
Chilean consolidated municipal loan, series A, 7s, 1929-60	Sept. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. payments on Sept. 1 1931 made from reserve fund.	14,684,000
<i>Mortgage Bank—</i>			
Mortgage Bank of Chile 6½s, 1925-57	July 31 1931	Service completely suspended; int. being deposited in Chile in pesos.	18,882,000
Mortgage Bank of Chile 6½s, 1926-61	Dec. 31 1931	Service completely suspended; int. being deposited in Chile in pesos.	18,897,500
Mortgage Bank of Chile 6s, 1926-31	Dec. 31 1931	Service completely suspended; int. being deposited in Chile in pesos.	10,000,000
Mortgage Bank of Chile 6s, Oct. 31 1931	Oct. 31 1931	Service completely suspended; int. being deposited in Chile in pesos.	19,469,000
Mortgage Bank of Chile 6s, 1929-62	Nov. 1 1931	Service completely suspended; int. being deposited in Chile in pesos.	19,900,000
Colombia.			
City of Medellin 7s, 1926-51	Dec. 1 1931	Coupon not paid; it is understood that funds have been deposited in Colombia.	2,703,000
City of Medellin 6½s, 1928-54	Dec. 1 1931	Coupon not paid; it is understood that funds have been deposited in Colombia.	8,527,000
Peru.			
<i>National Government—</i>			
Republic of Peru 7s, 1927-59 (tobacco loan)	Sept. 1 1931	Complete default on int. and s. f.	14,357,500
Republic of Peru, national loan, first series 6s, 1927-60	June 1 1931	Complete default on int. and s. f.	48,383,000
Republic of Peru, national loan, second series 6s, 1928-61	Apr. 1 1931	Complete default on int. and s. f.	24,469,500
<i>Provincial Government—</i>			
Province of Callao 7½s, 1927-44	Jan. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. payments due Jan. 1 and July 1 1931 were met partly from the reserve fund; no further remittances.	1,189,000
<i>Municipal Government—</i>			
City of Lima 6½s, 1928-58	Sept. 1 1931	Int. & s. f. payments due Sept. 1 1931 were met partly from reserve fund.	2,887,000
Uruguay.			
City of Montevideo 7s, 1922-52	Dec. 1 1931	Int. not paid.	5,634,000

*See item below showing that two issues listed in Senate figures as having defaulted are not so rated by Institute of International Finance.

Figures on South American Bond Defaults—Senate Listed Two Sao Paulo Issues Not So Rated by Institute of International Finance.

From Washington, Jan. 2, the New York "Times" reported the following:

In reporting a list of foreign bond defaults, filed with the Senate Finance Committee from the Institute of International Finance by Otto H. Kahn, who obtained them, it was stated in the New York "Times" to-day that the State of Sao Paulo in Brazil had defaulted on five bond issues totaling more than \$70,000,000.

The total was cast from a table carrying the heading "Record of Foreign Dollar Bonds in Default." The table contained, however, two issues by Sao Paulo on which no default has occurred.

One of these was an issue of which \$6,914,000 is outstanding, dated 1926-1956.

One other issue of 1928-1968 Sao Paulo bonds, of which \$31,489,000 is outstanding in the United States, although listed under the heading of "Record of Foreign Dollar Bonds in Default," and so considered by the Senate Finance Committee, carried a note "no default expected."

Partial defaults on sinking funds were specified in connection with two other Sao Paulo issues for \$4,950,000, \$14,719,000 and a loan of \$14,698,000. It was stated that payments due Jan. 1 1932 would not be made.

Sao Paulo Meeting Jan. 1 Interest Payment on 8% Loans—Status as to 6% Loan.

It was stated at the offices of Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. that they are paying the Jan. 1

coupons on \$4,568,000 8% State of Sao Paulo loan of 1921, due 1936, and also on \$14,719,000 8% State of Sao Paulo loan of 1925, due 1950. The announcement adds:

As regards the 6% sinking fund loan of 1928, the Government of the State of Sao Paulo announces that it has duly deposited with Banco do Comercio e Industria, Sao Paulo, to the order of the New York agents of the loan 4,139,166 milreirs, equivalent at 12 cents per milreir to \$496,700, the amount of the half year's service of the loan. The Government regrets that owing to exchange difficulties it has been unable to remit any of these funds to New York, and, therefore, there are no funds available in New York for the service due Jan. 1 1932. The entire financial situation of the State of Sao Paulo is engaging the fullest consideration of the Government and a further announcement will be made at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. DeWitt Millhauser of Speyer & Co. has been in London for some time conferring with the British bankers of the State of Sao Paulo in the interest of the bondholders.

Notice by New York Stock Exchange Regarding 6% Bonds of Sao Paulo—Issue Dealt in "Flat."

The following notice was issued Jan. 2 by Secretary Green of the New York Stock Exchange:

STATE OF SAO PAULO 40-YEAR 6% SINKING FUND GOLD BONDS
EXTERNAL DOLLAR LOAN OF 1928, DUE 1968—INTEREST.
New York Stock Exchange—Committee on Securities.

Jan. 2 1932.

Notice having been received that the interest due Jan. 1 1932 on State of Sao Paulo 40-year 6% sinking fund gold bonds external dollar loan of 1928, due 1968, is not being paid:

The Committee on Securities rules that beginning Saturday, Jan. 2 1932, and until further notice, the said bonds shall be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Jan. 1 1932 and subsequent coupons.

The Committee further rules that all contracts, except "time option" contracts, in said bonds maturing on Monday, Jan. 4 1932, shall be settled on the basis of computing six months' interest only.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Foreign Bond Flotations by Affiliates of Chase National Bank of New York Detailed to Senate Committee by President W. W. Aldrich—German Securities in United States Put at \$2,120,000,000.

W. W. Aldrich, President of the Chase National Bank of New York, testified on Jan. 4 before the Senate Committee inquiring into the foreign securities in this country that the Chase Securities Co. and two affiliates had sold between 1917 and 1931, \$5,084,749,000 worth of foreign securities in the United States. This total, Mr. Aldrich said, represented, in addition to the business in this line done by the Chase Securities Co., the sales of the Equitable Trust Co., taken over by the Chase company in 1929, and by Harris, Forbes & Co., which was absorbed in July 1931. The Washington advices Jan. 4 to the New York "Times" in which the foregoing appeared, further reported what he had to say as follows:

German Securities Held Here.

Mr. Aldrich also testified that a survey of 100 leading banks, which he declined to name, showed an estimated total of \$2,120,000,000 worth of German securities of all kinds held in the United States. Of this total, \$1,177,000,000, according to a Department of Commerce report, consists of long-term bonds; there are \$700,000,000 in German short-term securities and \$243,000,000 of American investment in Germany.

Aldrich Tells of Chase Holdings.

Mr. Aldrich testified that the Chase National Bank holds more than \$68,000,000 in German short-term securities, or about 1-10th of the total amount in the United States, but said that "German commitments are 3½% of the total resources of the bank." The Chase Bank also holds \$607,781 in German bonds.

The Chase Bank short-term German holdings, as of Dec. 31, were listed by Mr. Aldrich as follows:

1.—Acceptance credits to German banks. These have been utilized in the operation of bankers' acceptances, drawn for the most part to finance import and export trade. They are the unconditional joint obligations of German banks and of German commercial concerns, or have the guarantee of the German Government or the Gold Discount Bank, \$24,650,616.

2.—Acceptance credits to German banks, commercial concerns or industries. The bankers' acceptances drawn under these credits serve generally the same purposes as the foregoing. They are not formally secured or guaranteed but depend upon the good name of the borrower, \$4,071,131.

3.—Loans to German banks, commercial concerns or industries. These loans are the joint obligations of German banks and commercial or industrial concerns, or are guaranteed by the Gold Discount Bank or the German Government, or are collateralized by German securities or bills of exchange, \$25,126,842.

4.—Loans to German banks. These loans are not formally secured, but depend upon the good name of the borrower, \$1,339,326.

5.—Loans and credits to German Government and other public bodies. The largest single item in this classification represents a participation in the banking credit of 1930 to the German Government, \$13,737,833.

Total short-term, \$68,925,748.

6.—Long-term obligations at their market value now held by the Chase National Bank, New York, \$607,781.

Holdings by Branches Abroad.

"The foregoing total of \$69,533,529," Mr. Aldrich testifies, "represents the total German obligations held by the Chase National Bank at its New York office. For the sake of completeness, I wish to say that in addition to the foregoing, the London branch holds short-term German credits amounting to \$1,580,000. These are acceptances and loans of the same general character as at the head office.

"The long-term German obligations held by the London branch amount at market value to \$14,452; the Chase Securities Corp. long-term holdings and the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. long-term holdings, as well as the short- and long-term holdings of the Chase Bank, Paris, amount at market value to \$3,535,346.

"The total foreign obligations held by the Chase National Bank are 16% of the total of its business; accordingly, 84% of its business is domestic. Its German commitments are 37% of its total foreign commitments. The total German commitments are 3½% of the total resources of the bank."

A list of 253 foreign bond issues which the Chase Securities Co., the Equitable Trust Co. or Harris, Forbes & Co. originated or managed or in which one of the three participated, showed that the three companies made a total profit of \$11,887,428 out of the transactions and that the defaulted issues totaled \$290,272,000. Of the defaulted issues, \$10,860,000 were among those originated or managed by the three companies.

The other \$279,412,000 in defaulted issues, mostly of South American bonds, were issues in which one or more of the three companies participated but did not originate or manage.

The principal amount of the bonds, originated or managed by the Chase Securities Co., was \$496,632,000, the profits \$1,702,000 and the defaulted issues \$10,860,000. The principal amount in issues to which the Equitable Trust Co. had a similar relation, was \$103,000,000, and profits \$564,000. The principal amount of the issues originated or managed by Harris, Forbes & Co. was \$174,643,000.

In issues originated or managed by others, in which the three companies had a total participation of \$438,992,649 out of a principal amount of \$4,720,496,000, the Chase Securities Co. had profits of \$2,138,041, the Equitable Trust Co. of \$1,527,572 and Harris, Forbes & Co. of \$4,217,825.

The defaulted issues out of the \$4,720,496,000 total amounted to \$279,412,000, of which \$50,000,000 was in issues in which the Chase Securities Co. participated, \$51,000,000 in issues in which the Equitable Trust Co. participated, and \$178,412,000 in issues in which Harris, Forbes & Co. participated.

Figures showing the foreign bond flotations of the Chase National Bank affiliates are given under another head in this issue.

Summary of Foreign Bond Flotations by Chase National Bank Affiliates—Amount of Long-term Securities Small, W. W. Aldrich Tells Senate Investigating Committee.

The amount of foreign long-term securities now held by issuing banking houses and commercial banks is small, Winthrop W. Aldrich, President of the Chase National Bank, New York City, told the Senate Finance Committee Jan. 4. Mr. Aldrich appeared in connection with the Johnson resolution (S. Res. 19) to investigate sale of foreign securities in the United States. We quote from the "United States Daily" of Jan. 6, from which we also take the following:

Short-term credits are utilized, Mr. Aldrich explained, largely in the financing of American foreign trade, partly, also in financing the foreign trade of other countries, having an indirect bearing on the United States, in that it stimulates the total of that class of transactions.

Mr. Aldrich detailed the short-term credits of German origin held by the Chase National Bank. The total he gave as \$68,925,748, made up as follows: Acceptance credits granted to German banks, which are secured by documents or otherwise guaranteed, and so really self-liquidating, \$24,750,230; acceptance credits to German banks, commercial concerns, or industry, unsecured, \$4,071,131; loans to German banks, commercial concerns, or industry, which are their joint obligations or guaranteed by the German Government or the Gold Discount Bank or collateralized by German securities or bills of exchange, \$25,126,842; loans direct to German banks, \$1,339,326; and a participation in a 1930 bank loan to the German Government, \$13,737,833. In addition, Mr. Aldrich stated that their London office held \$1,580,000 of short-term German debt.

Long-term German holdings of the Chase National Bank on Dec. 31 1931, the date applicable also to the short-term holdings, totaled \$607,781, at present market quotations, Mr. Aldrich said. The par value he gave as \$1,812,000. Chase Securities Corp., he added, holds \$1,118,774 German long-term bonds, market value, and Harris Forbes, \$44,120. This makes the total German commitments of the Chase National Bank interests, including the London office, \$71,127,981, he said. The Chase Bank, an Edge Act corporation, for foreign trade, has short-terms of \$2,353,000 and long-terms of \$5,000, he said.

The short-term obligations fall in four groups, Mr. Aldrich explained: Those financing exports from the United States to Germany; those financing the warehousing of readily marketable staple commodities; those financing the export of merchandise from Germany to the United States and elsewhere, and those issued to cover exports to Germany from countries other than the United States.

Mr. Aldrich gave the committee figures on the foreign indebtedness of Germany at various periods, with the American share. The present participation of America in German obligations he gave as: Long-term, \$1,177,000,000; short-term, \$700,000,000, and direct investments, \$243,000,000.

The summary of foreign bond issues of the three investment houses which are now affiliated with the Chase National Bank are given in the appended table:

Total Principal Amount, Both Originations and Participations with Others.
A; Total Gross Profits, B.

Chase Securities Corp.—	A.	B.
Canada	\$526,200,000	\$727,000
Latin America	582,854,500	1,983,823
Germany	177,650,000	439,977
Other European	410,400,000	1,220,383
Miscellaneous	200,000,000	195,848
Total	\$1,897,104,500	\$4,567,031
Equitable Trust Co.—		
Canada	\$376,200,000	\$270,000
Latin America	434,472,000	1,191,528
Germany	219,500,000	622,887
Other European	57,000,000	128,157
Miscellaneous	50,000,000	149,000
Total	\$1,137,172,000	\$2,361,572
Harris, Forbes & Co.—		
Canada		
Latin America	\$411,054,500	\$777,968
Germany	651,450,000	2,531,994
Other European	1,520,000,000	1,443,786
Miscellaneous	780,390,000	1,202,077
Total	\$3,362,894,500	\$5,955,825
Grand total	\$5,084,749,000	\$12,884,428

* After elimination of duplications

Number of Issues—Originated, A, Participated in, B.		
	A.	B.
Chase Securities Corp.....	38	54
Equitable Trust Co.....	14	36
Harris, Forbes & Co.....	20	91
Total.....	72	181

The following table, in which is listed the foreign bond issues in which the Chase Securities Corp., the Equitable Trust Co. and Harris Forbes & Co. participated in organization, and (or) management, and under management of others from 1917 to 1931 is taken from the New York "Times".

Country.	Participation in Organizing			Participation with Others			Total Principal Amount of Originations & Participations with Others.	Total Gross Profits.
	Principal Amount.	Retired.	Gross Profit.	Principal Amount.	Participations.	Gross Profits.		
Chase Securities Corp.—								
Canada.....	\$526,200,000	\$162,400,000	\$727,000	-----	-----	-----	\$526,200,000	\$727,000
Latin-America.....	452,732,000	245,000,100	1,504,000	\$130,122,500	\$26,044,582	\$479,823	582,854,500	1,983,823
Germany.....	39,400,000	13,520,000	181,000	138,250,000	16,871,250	258,977	177,650,000	439,977
Other European.....	4,500,000	146,500	17,000	405,900,000	84,971,458	1,203,383	410,400,000	1,220,383
Miscellaneous.....	-----	-----	-----	200,000,000	18,687,500	195,848	200,000,000	195,848
Total.....	\$1,022,832,000	\$421,066,600	\$2,429,000	\$874,272,500	\$146,574,790	\$2,138,031	\$1,897,104,500	\$4,567,031
Equitable Trust Co.—								
Canada.....	376,200,000	162,400,000	270,000	-----	-----	-----	376,200,000	270,000
Latin-America.....	3,000,000	3,000,000	120,000	431,472,000	56,351,031	1,071,528	434,472,000	1,191,528
Germany.....	50,000,000	25,506,000	295,000	169,500,000	25,430,428	327,887	219,500,000	622,887
Other European.....	-----	-----	-----	57,000,000	8,366,666	128,157	57,000,000	128,157
Miscellaneous.....	50,000,000	2,283,500	149,000	-----	-----	-----	50,000,000	149,000
Total.....	\$479,200,000	\$193,189,500	\$834,000	\$657,972,000	\$90,148,125	\$1,527,572	\$1,137,172,000	\$2,361,572
Harris, Forbes & Co.—								
Canada.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Latin-America.....	5,943,000	1,506,500	97,000	405,111,500	27,184,054	680,968	411,054,500	777,968
Germany.....	159,700,000	24,260,000	1,379,000	491,750,000	65,210,000	1,152,994	651,450,000	2,531,994
Other European.....	-----	-----	-----	1,520,000,000	60,074,200	1,443,786	1,520,000,000	1,443,786
Miscellaneous.....	9,000,000	720,000	262,000	771,339,000	49,801,500	940,077	780,390,000	1,202,077
Total.....	\$174,643,000	\$26,486,500	\$1,738,000	\$3,188,251,500	\$202,269,754	\$4,217,825	\$3,362,894,500	\$5,955,825
Grand Totals—								
Canada.....	526,200,000	162,400,000	997,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Latin-America.....	461,675,000	246,506,500	1,721,000	712,234,000	109,579,667	2,232,319	-----	-----
Germany.....	249,100,000	40,780,000	1,855,000	531,750,000	107,511,678	1,739,858	-----	-----
European.....	4,500,000	146,500	17,000	1,818,900,000	153,412,324	2,775,326	-----	-----
Miscellaneous.....	59,000,000	3,003,500	411,000	721,390,000	68,489,000	1,135,925	-----	-----
Total.....	*\$1,300,475,000	\$478,342,600	\$5,001,000	*\$3,784,274,000	\$438,992,669	\$7,883,428	*\$5,084,749,000	\$12,884,428

* After elimination of duplications.

Elsewhere in this issue we refer further to the testimony of Mr. Aldrich.

Statement by State Department as to Its Attitude Toward Foreign Loans—Security or Merits Not Passed On—Letter in 1925 Urged Care by Bankers in Financing German Loans Department of Commerce on "Over-Borrowing" of South American Countries.

On Jan. 7 a statement was issued by the State Department at Washington in answer to criticisms before the Senate Finance Committee as to its policy in the matter of foreign loans; the Department asserts that it "has not passed on the security or the merits of foreign loans." The Department also says:

In various instances the Department, without assuming authority or taking responsibility, has pointed out to banking groups features of contemplated loan arrangements which seemed obscure or unsound, or has called the attention to some feature of the financial or economic position of the borrowing country or enterprise that might be overlooked; but all this was done merely as information and without assumption of responsibility.

In its statement the Department embodied letters issued to banking houses respecting German loans, in one of which it said "the Department believes that American bankers should examine with particular care all German financing that is brought to their attention, with a view to ascertaining whether the loan proceeds are to be used for productive and self-supporting objects that will improve, directly or indirectly, the economic condition of Germany and tend to aid that country in meeting its financial obligations at home and abroad." From a Washington dispatch Jan. 7 to the New York "Times" we take the following regarding the Department's statement:

"The Department believes that American bankers should examine with particular care all German financing that is brought to their attention, with a view to ascertaining whether the loan proceeds are to be used for productive and self-supporting objects that will improve, directly or indirectly, the economic condition of Germany and tend to aid that country in meeting its financial obligations at home and abroad."

The document given out by the Department apparently was intended to clear the air of controversies surrounding the flotation of such loans. Nevertheless, it was termed a "wretched subterfuge" by Senator Glass of Virginia, former Secretary of the Treasury.

For two years Senator Glass has conducted a campaign by speeches in the Senate and statements against what he has called the practice of the State Department in giving what he said amounted to approval to the issuance of the bonds of foreign borrowers.

Senator Johnson of California, at whose instigation the Finance Committee has been conducting an investigation into the issuance of foreign bonds with Senator Johnson in the role of interrogator of international bankers, criticized the State Department not for its policy but for withholding from public notice a warning issued to bankers in 1925 concerning the possible risk entailed in foreign bonds.

Department Explains Its Policy.

The State Department declared that its policy was not to pass upon the intrinsic value of a foreign loan, but merely to communicate to bankers whether, from the standpoint of foreign relations, any objections were raised.

Senator Glass said that on a previous occasion the Senate had refused to accept as adequate a similar explanation by the State Department for what he termed its "lawless activities" in the "usurping of a banking function."

Referring to the practice of the State Department of passing on foreign loans only by refraining from objecting to the flotation of bonds in the United States, Senator Glass said:

"It was well understood by the bankers issuing these loans that the failure of the State Department to object was tantamount to approval, and the foreign bonds were sold to the investors of this country with the moral sanction of the government."

The Department's explanation was made public in two sections, one dealing with German loans and the other with foreign loans in general. The former included a letter written to bankers in Oct. 1925, when Frank B. Kellogg was Secretary, dealing with a loan for the city of Frankfurt, Germany, in which reparations were cited and other factors considered.

The statement made no reference specifically to loans floated for Latin America where defaults on issues in excess of \$800,000,000 have occurred. It also ignored the testimony before the Finance Committee yesterday by Grosvenor M. Jones, Chief of the Finance and Investment Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, who said that the State Department overrode objections made by the Commerce Department in 1928 in regard to a loan of \$23,000,000 for Bolivia and a short-term credit of \$20,000,000 to Colombia.

The Department quoted one of the warning letters to American bankers in regard to a proposed loan to the Free State of Bremen, in which it cited Article 248 of the Versailles Treaty, which provides a first lien for the reparations on all German resources.

Later, in August 1925, in the case of a loan to the city of Munich, the department admonished the bankers to examine carefully whether the money was really intended for productive purposes.

Reich Disapproval Was Cited.

In the letter of October 1925, the Department also pointed out that the placement of German loans in the American market had taken on very considerable proportions and that even certain German Federal authorities were looking with evident disapproval upon a tendency of German municipalities and States toward extensive indebtedness.

This was understood to refer to a conversation of Hjalmar Schacht then President of the Reichsbank, with Secretary Kellogg concerning a proposed loan of \$100,000,000 to the Free State of Prussia for social purposes, such as the construction of playgrounds. As a result of this warning, American bankers made a loan of only \$30,000,000.

When the finance committee learned of the letter of October 1925, Senator Johnson of California commended former Secretary Kellogg for having written it, but sharply criticized the department for having withheld it after the present investigation was begun.

Division among the Senators present, however, over the intent of the letter, Senator Smoot of Utah, Chairman of the committee, holding that it probably referred only to obligations of the German Government, while Senator Johnson maintained that it was a diplomatic warning to bankers to go over the situation concerning all German securities.

Joseph R. Swan, President of the Guaranty Co., security subsidiary of the Guaranty Trust Co., was being examined by Senator Johnson when the letter came to light. He testified that he did not recall definitely the 1925 State Department letter, but added:

"Nothing in that letter would have caused us to have done more than we were doing. We had been scrutinizing loans most carefully and the loans we made in Germany have remained good."

Soundness Has Been Upheld.

All witnesses before the Committee have testified that no German private loans floated in this country have been defaulted.

Representative Fish said that the State Department had rendered a "dis-service" to American investors and to the Republican party by not publishing the warning on overborrowing before to-day.

"It was excusable," said Mr. Fish, "that this letter was not submitted to the Congress when the moratorium bill was being considered. The State Department is now placed in the position, by the Democrats, as having tried to protect and absolve certain bankers, to the detriment of the public interest."

Mr. Swan testified that the Guaranty Co. had organized foreign loans in the past 12 years totaling \$540,686,000, of which \$104,056,000 had been retired, and on which a gross profit of \$3,205,000 was realized. It also participated in loans organized by others totaling \$4,960,238,000, which returned a gross profit of \$9,358,000.

"Typical Reply" is Quoted.

Mr. Swan quoted to the committee a "typical reply" from the State Department in answer to an inquiry about an issue of Hungarian land

mortgage bonds, in which the department gave its opinion that "in the light of the information the Department of State offers no objection to this financing."

C. I. Stralem, a partner in Hallgarten & Co., testified that since 1920 his firm had originated foreign bond issues totaling \$314,716,500, of which \$74,770,000 had been retired. Net profit on this business to his company was given as \$670,200, after the deduction from profits of a loss of \$104,000 on an issue of \$25,000,000 worth of bonds for Columbia in 1925, the first direct loss on the flotation of a foreign bond issue to be described to the committee.

The loss, Mr. Stralem testified, resulted from unfamiliarity of the public with Colombian bonds, which forced a reduction in the contemplated issue price. Six months after this issue, he said, his company put out \$35,000,000 more Colombian bonds, on which it made a profit of \$67,500.

"Over-borrowing" is Stressed.

James C. Corliss, Latin-American expert in the Finance Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, gave corroborative testimony concerning the partially overborrowed condition of South American countries which was described in detail yesterday by Grosvenor M. Jones. Mr. Corliss said that "at one time in Colombia there were something like 29 representatives of American bond houses competing for loans."

There was inserted in the record a letter from Francis P. Garvan, President of the Chemical Foundation, who cited several foreign loans to nitrate and other chemical manufacturers abroad which he said encouraged foreign competition with American chemical manufacturers and "have been made by our bankers in direct hostility to American interest."

Mr. Garvan listed loans by various banking groups in New York City financed through bond issues in the United States that have depreciated greatly. These loans included \$16,500,000 to the Anglo-Chilean Consolidated Nitrate Corp., \$32,000,000 to the Lautaro Nitrate Co., \$20,000,000 to the Norwegian Hydro-Electric Nitrogen Corp., \$4,000,000 to the Ruhr Chemical Corp. (Germany), \$34,000,000 to the Chilean Nitrate Corp. and one of \$30,000,000 to the American I. G. Chemical Corp., which was organized by the German I. G. Chemical Corp.

Huge Loss is Predicted.

Mr. Garvan stated that the private foreign loans represent "the loss forever of a great part of the \$15,000,000,000 loaned abroad," and the placing of this money in the hands of foreign competitors of manufacturers.

"All these evils can be seen in their intensified form in the international bankers' loans to foreign competing chemical industries," he added. "Our chemical industry is faced, not only in our own country, but throughout the world, with competitors whose pockets are filled with American savers' money, and with the ability to extend long-time credit based thereon, competitors who either never intend to repay their loans, or who intend to buy them up in a depreciated market at 10 or 20 cents on the dollar."

"The only defense these bankers have been able to suggest for themselves is that they were encouraging foreign trade," he went on. "The truth is, the world borrows in our market and buys in the cheapest market, or, in the case of a monopoly, in the only market."

The statement given out by the State Department Jan. 7 is taken as follows from the "Times":

The Department of State has not passed on the security or the merits of foreign loans. The sold aim of the department has been in the interest of the citizens of the United States in connection with its foreign relations.

These ideas have been repeatedly communicated to the public and the public has been made to understand that the department's action carried no implication as to government approval of loans. In fact, it may be said that no foreign loan has even been made which purported to have the approval of the American Government as to the intrinsic value of the loan.

The arrangement in accordance with which banks or other institutions publicly offering foreign securities for sale inform the American Government of contemplated issues in advance of sale arose after the war, when the American capital market assumed leading importance as a source of financial aid and reconstruction.

Request to Bankers by Harding.

President Harding early in his administration expressed informally to American bankers the desire of the Government to be informed. In order to clarify the Government's purposes and to establish uniformity of procedure, the Department of State on March 3 1922, issued the public announcement attached requesting that communications regarding loans which the bankers proposed to issue, should be in writing and addressed to the Secretary of State.

The procedure of consultation between various interested branches of the Government has varied slightly from time to time, as well as the range of lending activity of which the department has wished to take notice, and the phrases employed in replying to the bankers. But the principles expounded in this first public notice have remained fully in force and continue to represent accurately the basis, the purposes and the limitations of department practice.

On the whole the department does not ask that it be notified of purchases of foreign securities without intention of public sale, nor of issues of stock or listing of stock of foreign enterprises on American Stock Exchanges. Similarly, security issues of American enterprises, the proceeds of which are employed to acquire or operate properties abroad have generally not been referred to it for notice.

The practice of notifying the department of contemplated issues of securities for foreign private industrial enterprises has on the whole been less strictly observed and construed than that of notification of Government security issues.

Purpose of the Practice.

The practice was first established with the idea of safeguarding essential American interests that might be affected by the process of foreign investment; it has been maintained as an informal, comparatively light and flexible check against the possibility that contemplated loan issues might run counter to some governmental policy or aim.

At every opportunity the department has made clear to the bankers and interested public that this practice of advance notification to the department and the absence of objection and comment by the department must in no way be considered or portrayed as approval of the loan.

The department has never assumed responsibility for the wisdom or worth of the loans of which it was informed. Its responses avoid all judgment of the matters of business risk involved, and in no way represent measurement of the merit of any foreign loan as a business proposition either for the bankers or investors.

In various instances the department, without assuming authority or taking responsibility, has pointed out to banking groups features of contemplated loan arrangements which seemed obscure or unsound, or has called their attention to some feature of the financial or economic position of the borrowing country or enterprise that might be overlooked; but all

this was done merely as information and without assumption of responsibility.

This attitude has perhaps been best stated in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of 1926:

"The question of the soundness of a particular loan is not one upon which the Federal Government should pass, but it is the banker floating the loan in this country who must decide this question in the first instance, and it is the investor using his savings to acquire the security who must finally decide whether or not the risk is to be accepted."

Precautions Against Exploitation.

Furthermore, the department has guarded against the possible employment by banking houses of the exchange of communications between them and the department in such a way as to assist in the sale of securities. It instructed all institutions that announcements offering foreign loans for sale should not state that they are contingent upon an expression from the Department of State regarding them and that prospectuses and contracts should contain no reference to the attitude of the Department.

Furthermore, as was stated in the report made by the Secretary of State in response to Senate Resolution No. 293 (see Senate Document No. 187, 71st Congress, second session), in its replies the Department of State has often been the spokesman of considerations advanced by other executive departments of this Government. For example, the Department of State carried out the policy recommended by the World War Foreign Debt Commission of objections to loans to nations which had not funded their national indebtedness to the United States.

Term of Department's Reply.

In ordinary practice the form of words employed by the Department of State in acknowledging the advance notice of contemplated loan issues has been, with immaterial variation, as follows:

"In the light of the information before it, the Department of State offers no objection to the flotation of this issue in the American market."

Or, in the very infrequent instances where some reason led the Department to the contrary judgment, the Department, usually after explaining the reason therefor, employed in general merely the negative of this form:

"You will, therefore, appreciate that this Department is not in a position to indicate that it perceives no objection to the financing to which you refer."

This form of reply was, after a first brief period, regularly supplemented by the further paragraph:

"You, of course, appreciate that, as pointed out in the Department's announcement of March 3 1922, the Department of State does not pass upon the merits of foreign loans as business propositions nor assume any responsibility in connection with such transactions, also that no reference to the attitude of this Government should be made in any prospectus or otherwise."

Procedure was Expedited.

Beginning August 1929, it was decided to expedite the procedure of consultation with other departments of this Government, and to simplify the forms used. Replies to bankers' letters were reduced merely to a brief paragraph of acknowledgment, followed by the sentence:

"In reply, you are informed that the Department is not interested in the proposed financing."

In the case of Germany, where the German financial authorities endeavored to guard and control borrowing by public authorities and set up for this purpose an advisory board which, however, under the German Constitution could not be given mandatory powers, the Department took cognizance of this situation and also of certain other special considerations, and its replies to the bankers called attention to various special features of the German situation.

The replies, therefore, took on a somewhat more extended form, preserving, however, the notice to the effect that the department did not pass upon the merits of loans as business propositions nor assume any responsibility in connection with them.

A somewhat similar policy was observed with respect to Austrian loans for a limited time.

Flotation of Foreign Loans.

At a conference held last summer between the President, certain members of the Cabinet and a number of American investment bankers the interest of the Government in the public flotation of issues of foreign bonds in the American market was informally discussed and the desire of the Government to be duly and adequately informed regarding such transactions before their consummation, so that it might express itself regarding them if that should be requested or seem desirable, was fully explained. Subsequently, the President was informed by the bankers that they and their associates were in harmony with the Government's wishes and would act accordingly.

The desirability of such co-operation, however, does not seem sufficiently well understood in banking and investment circles.

The flotation of foreign bond issues in the American market is assuming an increasing importance and on account of the bearing of such operations upon the proper conduct of affairs it is hoped that American concerns that contemplate making foreign loans will inform the Department of State in due time of the essential facts and of subsequent developments of importance. Responsible American bankers will be competent to determine what information they should furnish and when it should be supplied.

American concerns that wish to ascertain the attitude of the Department regarding any projected loan should request the Secretary of State in writing for an expression of the Department's views. The Department will then give the matter consideration and, in the light of the information in its possession, endeavor to say whether objection to the loan in question does or does not exist, but it should be carefully noted that the absence of a statement from the Department, even though the Department may have been fully informed, does not indicate either acquiescence or objection. The Department will reply as promptly as possible to such inquiries.

The Department of State cannot, of course, require American bankers to consult it. It will not pass upon the merits of foreign loans as business propositions, nor assume any responsibility whatever in connection with loan transactions. Offers for foreign loans should not, therefore, state or imply that they are contingent upon an expression from the Department of State regarding them, nor should any prospectus or contact refer to the attitude of this Government.

The Department believes that in view of the possible national interests involved it should have the opportunity of saying to the underwriters concerned, should it appear advisable to do so, that there is or is not objection to any particular issue.

In the Matter of German Loans.

Prior to the putting into force of the Dawes Plan in October 1924, and the issue of the Dawes loan, there were no flotations in the American market of German loans payable in dollars, and in regard to the few public offerings of mark securities of which the Department was notified by American investment houses the Department merely reserved its complete liberty of action in any contingency that might arise.

The American slice of the Dawes loan, issued in October, 1924, was the first German dollar loan distributed in this country. The Department in reply to the bankers' notification of this issue merely employed the common "no objection" form given above.

With the first subsequent German dollar loans, in December 1924, the Department began to call attention to various special considerations which it believed should be taken into account in arranging German financing. The earliest form used to convey these observations (as taken from a letter written in regard to a proposed issue for the State of Bremen) was as follows:

"In connection with this financing, the Department has already invited your attention to the provisions of Article 248 of the Treaty of Versailles under which the cost of reparations and other costs arising under that treaty and all agreements supplementary thereto are constituted a first charge upon all the assets and revenues of the German Empire and its constituent States, subject to such exceptions as the Reparation Commission may approve.

German Decree as to Loans.

"The Department has also referred you to the provisions of a decree passed by the German Government on Nov. 1 1924, providing that authority must be obtained from the Federal Minister of Finance for the flotation of foreign loans.

"The possible bearing of the Dawes Plan upon the future service of German loans floated in foreign markets has also been brought to your attention.

"Subject to these considerations, and in the light of the information at hand, I take pleasure in informing you that this Department offers no objection to the financing in question."

Subsequent Forms Employed.

In February 1925, as exemplified in the letter written as regards the first issue of Saxon public works bonds, the form was reduced as follows:

"The Department assumes that appropriate examination has been made in connection with the proposed loan of the provisions of Article 248 of the Treaty of Versailles, and of the possible effect of the Dawes Plan upon the transaction.

"Subject to the foregoing considerations, I beg to inform you that, in the light of the information before it, the Department of State offers no objection to the flotation of this issue in the American market."

During this period (October 1924-August 1925), in regard to the flotation of loans by private German enterprises, the Department used merely the "no objection" formula in common use.

Statement on Reich Issues.

Beginning Aug. 11 1925 (in the case of a proposed issue from the city of Munich) the Department developed the following form, which, with variants, it continued until October 1925, to send to bankers considering the issue of all German loans:

"It is presumed that in considering the disposal of these securities to your American clients you have made sufficient investigation into the purposes to which the money proceeds will be devoted to assure yourselves that the loan will increase the productivity of Germany in an amount at least sufficient to furnish, directly or indirectly, the exchange necessary for the service of the loan and to facilitate payments under the Dawes Plan. It is also presumed that, in connection with the proposed loan, you have considered the provisions of the Dawes Plan relating to the control of the transfer of German payments made pursuant to that plan.

"The Department of State does not wish to express any view at this time as to the interpretation and application of these provisions or as to their effects if any upon the service and repayment of loans such as that in question, and the Department, of course, reserves full liberty to take such action if any in the matter in the future as may be appropriate. The Department feels, however, that it should call these matters to your attention."

Warning to Exercise Caution.

Beginning in October 1925, a still more extensive form of reply was developed, which ran as follows (as exemplified by the city of Frankfurt loan):

"Since the flotation of the German external loan provided for by the Dawes Plan, offerings of German loans in the American market have aggregated, according to the information before this Department, more than \$15,000,000, and it appears that a considerable volume of additional German financing is now in contemplation. In addition to the public offerings referred to above, the Department is informed that a large amount of private bank and commercial credits has been extended to German interests during the past year.

"In these circumstances the Department believes that American bankers should examine with particular care all German financing that is brought to their attention, with a view to ascertaining whether the loan proceeds are to be used for productive and self-supporting objects that will improve, directly or indirectly, the economic condition of Germany and tend to aid that country in meeting its financial obligations at home and abroad.

View of the Authorities.

"In this connection I feel that I should inform you that the Department is advised that the German Federal authorities themselves are not disposed to view with favor the indiscriminate placing of German loans in the American market, particularly when the borrowers are German municipalities and the purposes are not productive.

"Moreover, it cannot be said at this time that serious complications in connection with interest and amortization payments by German borrowers may not arise from possible future action by the agent general and the transfer committee.

"While the Department of State does not wish to be understood as passing upon the interpretation or application of the provisions of the Dawes Plan, or upon their effect, if any upon loans such as the one now under consideration by you, it desires to point out that there is no objection to the loan in question."

In the case of proposed issues of loans for constituent States of the German Reich, the Department added in the above form letter a paragraph regarding Article 248, similar to the one in use in the earlier periods. This added paragraph ultimately read, with minor variants adapted to the particular case, as follows:

Pact Provision Was Pointed out.

"A further point which the department feels should be considered by you in connection with the proposed loan is the provision of Article 248 of the Treaty of Versailles under which a first charge upon all the assets and revenues of the German Empire and its constituent States is created in favor of reparation and other treaty payments, subject to such exceptions as the Reparation Commission may approve."

This letter was the omission of the penultimate paragraph was stabilized Nov. 21 1925, and continued in use with changes only in the introductory paragraph and in the reference to the indications of the attitude of the Agent General for Reparation Payments, until July 1929, after the report of the Young committee. (See footnote A.)

Beginning in July 1929, after the publication of the report of the Young Committee, June 7 1929, the Department discontinued the use of this long form of response which referred to the agent general for reparation payments and the transfer committee organization under the Dawes Plan, and replied to letters regarding German loans in the same very brief formula then adopted for other foreign loans, namely: "The Department is not interested in the proposed financing." In response to advices regarding the issue of the Young Plan loan, this formula appeared to be somewhat inappropriate and the reply was "The Department does not desire to interpose objection to the proposed financing."

The formula "the Department is not interested in the proposed financing" remains the standard practice up to the present date.

Footnote A.

The two most important of varying forms in referring to the attitude of the Agent General for Reparation Payments were as follows:

(1) Used in the earlier period beginning in December 1925:

"Moreover, it cannot be said at this time that serious complications in connections with interest and amortization payments by German borrowers may not arise from possible future action, by the agent general and the transfer committee. In this connection your attention is called to a public statement by Mr. Gilbert on Nov. 11 1925, to the effect that the transfer committee is not in a position to give assurance concerning the payment of interest or amortization on the German loans floated abroad. While the Department of State does not wish to be understood as passing upon the interpretation or application of the provisions of the Dawes Plan, or upon their effect, if any, upon loans such as the one now under consideration by your firm, it believes that in the interest of yourselves and of your prospective clients you should give careful consideration to this question."

(2) Beginning in January 1928, the following was substituted for the second sentence in the preceding form:

"In this connection your attention is called to the statement in the report of the Agent General for Reparation Payments on Dec. 10 1927, that with the one exception of the German External Loan 1924, the transfer committee and the Agent General for Reparation Payments have always stated in answer to inquiries that they were not in a position to give any assurance whatever as to the service of loans of the German Reich, the States or the communes, or of German companies or other undertakings that might be floated abroad."

James Speyer Before Senate Committee Details Foreign Loans Participated in by Speyer & Co.

James Speyer, of the banking house of Speyer & Co., on Jan. 6 told the Finance Committee which is inquiring into foreign loans floated in this country, that his firm issued foreign bonds totaling \$276,000,000 in the United States, although \$34,000,000 of these went back to customers in Europe, and that his firm had participated in flotations totaling \$568,000,000 in Europe. A dispatch to the New York "Times" Jan. 6, reporting this continued:

A profit of \$1,806,647 was realized on the American sales, he said, but added later that his house had lost \$1,457,000 through depreciation on investments in the same foreign bonds it sold in the United States. He was the first witness who would make an admission of the amount of his personal losses to the Committee.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 6, we quote the following:

Mr. Speyer said that loans, on which his company was the principal handler in this country, had shown a spread between the price paid by issuing house and price to public as high as 7.46% in some cases.

Senator Johnson told the Committee he intended employing an auditor to figure out just what the profits are to the international bankers so that it can be made clear.

Reports Profit of 2-3 of 1% on Large Loan.

In a discussion of profits of Speyer & Co., the witness said they were only 2-3 of 1% of \$276,000,000. He said that Senator Johnson had the impression that after the bonds were sold by Speyer & Co., their responsibility ended. He declared that his immediate family had holdings in foreign issues which he had sold to the public which have depreciated \$1,457,000 since their purchase. These bonds were bought in most cases at their original price.

Mr. Speyer said the League of Nations Hungarian loans could not have been sold without approval of the League. The spread on these ranged from 7.46% to 7½%. In connection with the \$9,000,000 Hungarian loan just after the war, Speyer & Co.'s gross profit was \$131,219.

Mr. Speyer was asked if he could give net profit figures. He said that gross profits previously referred to were net profits with exception of various permanent overheads and Federal taxes. Senator Smoot said it was unfair to attempt to force a statement of absolute net profits because of the difficulty of making various allocations. Senator Johnson asked Mr. Speyer if he was to understand that the profits stated could be taken as either net or gross, and upon a hesitant acquiescence, Senator Jones stated this would be highly unfair to the bankers.

Gives Spread on Various Loans.

Mr. Speyer stated that the gross profit on the Berne loan was \$64,000. The spread was 5%, 94 to 99.

In March 1921, they handled a \$10,000,000 loan at 8% for Sao Paulo, Brazil. The spread was 90 to 97. Gross profit was \$91,000 on \$9,000,000 at 7½% interest handled in this country out of a total loan of \$70,000,000 for the Kingdom of Hungary. Over \$60,000,000 worth of these bonds were sold in Europe.

Questioning Mr. Speyer, Senator Johnson sought to learn how a comparatively small profit could have accrued to Speyer & Co. when the indicated expenses of issuing bonds ran as high as 6% of the face value. Mr. Speyer replied that the issues were broken up among many banking houses and that his firm took no part in retail distribution.

Mr. Speyer's house has been in business in the United States for almost a century. The family seat, he said, was in Frankfurt, Germany. His father was one of the European international bankers who aided in financing railroads in the United States before and after the Civil War, when American builders and industry looked to Europe for capital.

Among the Speyer bond issues was one for \$9,000,000 for Hungary, issued with the moral backing of the League of Nations. Mr. Speyer said, for reconstruction purposes, and another for \$5,500,000 for the benefit of Greece to aid in repatriating her nationals exiled from Turkey.

Clarence Dillon, of Dillon, Read & Co., Before Senate Committee Says Private Foreign Debts to United States Will Be Paid Unless Extraordinary Forces Make It Impossible—Firm's Loans Put at \$1,491,228,543.

Before the Senate Finance Committee, inquiring into foreign loan flotations, Clarence Dillon, of Dillon, Read & Co., stated on Jan. 5 that his firm had originated \$1,491,228,000 of foreign loans since the World War. Mr. Dillon is reported as saying that private debts owed by institutions or individuals abroad to institutions or individuals in the United States will be paid unless extraordinary political or economic forces make it impossible. The "United States Daily" of Jan. 6, from which we quote, also stated:

Debts owed by foreign governments or subdivisions of governments to individuals or institutions in the United States are more susceptible to political influence, Mr. Dillon stated, but will be paid, in his opinion. Debts between governments, he continued, have always been "in a different class."

Reason for Payment.

They have been paid by reason of "expediency," he declared, rather than "from the sanctity of the obligation." Whether they are paid or not is primarily a political question, he asserted, and each country must consider what effects payment will have on their general position and on other debts. . . .

Mr. Dillon told the Committee that the foreign security flotations managed by his firm since the war totaled some \$1,491,000,000 and that the "gross receipts" or gross profits aggregated some \$12,300,000. German loans constituted \$252,000,000 of the total amount, he stated. None of the foreign loans are in default except three South American issues, he explained.

An introductory statement read to the Committee by Mr. Dillon follows in full text:

"We must realize that our transition from a debtor to a creditor nation came very suddenly as the result of the war, and the change in our mental outlook has taken time and requires more time for a corresponding adjustment. Over our history our needs have been such that all our surplus wealth has been needed to develop our own resources and pay interest and principal on our debts. Consequently we have ingrained in us the attitude of a debtor nation but now we suddenly find ourselves a creditor nation with our own resources—both agricultural and manufacturing—overdeveloped, producing far in excess of our own power of consumption.

"And as a creditor nation we are developing capital very quickly. In the past, we could ship our surplus production to pay our debts. This we can no longer do. Also, being a creditor nation, other nations are not taking our goods, but, in paying us, will be pressing us to accept their goods.

"So we must determine what we are going to do with that capital—certainly not at the moment to further develop our own resources, now largely overdeveloped, but rather to get rid of our surplus production, both agricultural, mineral and manufactured. In order to do this we must take in exchange the products of other countries or make loans or both. Otherwise we shall be forced to a curtailment of our own production, with the corresponding lowering of our standard of living.

"When we make a foreign loan, it very seldom results in the export of United States currency, but is the means of payment of a debt to us or the transfer of goods somewhere. Again, we must determine what is the most advantageous use the United States can make of her surplus capital in her own (not anybody else's) interest—certainly not in further overbuilding and not in making bad loans, but in making good loans to countries who are potential buyers. This means to Europe, who are consumers of our surplus in agriculture and minerals, and to South American countries, who are potential buyers of our manufactured products, and to the extent that we make loans to South America we are going to be exporters of goods.

Places Foreign Debts in Three Categories.

"In considering foreign debts, I think they should be put into three distinct categories:

"1. Those owed to institutions or individuals of one country by institutions or individuals of another country.

"2. Those owed by governments or subdivisions of governments, such as municipalities, to institutions or individuals of another country.

"3. Those owed by one government to another government.

"As to the first category, I am certain the private debtors are going to pay unless extraordinary political or economic forces make it impossible. In every country the integrity of the individual still remains. The larger private corporations to whom we have loaned money are to-day solvent, and wherever there is any difficulty in meeting their foreign obligations, as in the short-term credits to this country, it is a question of transfer; that is, their ability to get dollars rather than their solvency.

"As to the second category, of course, these are more susceptible to political influence, but as to them I believe they will be paid. If you cannot assume that, then there is no basis left for the continuation of our civilization.

"As to the third, the debts between governments, these have always been in a different class. Nations have not paid nations so much from the sanctity of the obligation as from the expediency of the moment. Whether these debts are paid or not paid is a political question, primarily, in every country. If they are large enough they naturally have a reflex on other debts, and each country must consider what repercussions its handling of these debts will have on its own situation."

Since the war, Dillon, Read & Co. have handled foreign loan flotations in the United States totaling \$1,491,228,543, Mr. Dillon testified. In addition, they participated for small amounts in loans handled by other houses.

Of that amount, the witness stated, \$270,000,000 was originally sold abroad and some had been bought back since by nationals of the issuing countries. In addition, \$301,000,000 has been retired through sinking funds and calls. Thus, on Jan. 1 1931, \$1,189,000,000 was outstanding, divided as follows:

Canada, \$499,000,000;
Germany, \$252,000,000;
Holland, \$115,000,000;
France, \$22,000,000;
Italy, \$32,000,000;
Poland, \$27,000,000;
South America, \$209,000,000;

Japan, \$30,000,000.
A total of \$1,189,000,000.

Only Defaults Listed in South American Group.

The only defaults are in the South American group, he said, \$37,000,000 in Bolivia and \$52,000,000 in two Brazilian issues. The latter will be funded, the Brazilian Government has announced, as to interest, over a period of not to exceed three years. This has been done before by that government, in 1898 and in 1914, on both of which occasions payment was resumed at the end of the three-year period.

Brazilian loans were made in conjunction with Brazilian bankers, who have acted for many years on behalf of that government, Mr. Dillon explained, and sterling loans were placed in London simultaneously with the dollar loans here.

Senator Harrison (Dem.), of Mississippi, inquired as to the domestic effect of American money loaned abroad. Mr. Dillon replied that it is not only good business but essential business that we develop the buying power of our potential customers and create a market for the products of the United States.

"The more we loan abroad the more we contract credit here," Mr. Harrison said, "and if we didn't have so much loaned abroad now we would have more available for our domestic needs."

"The credit of the American Government cannot be compared to that of any other country. It is pre-eminent," Mr. Dillon stated.

Senator Gore Cites Higher Interest Rates.

Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, expressed a belief that higher interest rates attracted American capital abroad, and that it was not altogether a matter of surplus funds available here.

Senator King inquired if Dillon, Read & Co. had loaned money on call in New York for foreign account during 1926, 1927 and 1928, to which Mr. Dillon replied, "only small amounts."

The Utah Senator inquired also about German purchases of their own issues in this country, amounts, and the source of the funds. No detailed figures are available, the witness said.

A thorough and exhaustive inquiry into both the legality of the foreign issues floated, and the economic position of the borrower is conducted prior to the purchase of the securities for sale here, Mr. Dillon explained in reply to Mr. King's questions.

"Then you were convinced," said Mr. King, "as to the economic soundness of the German nation?"

"We were convinced of the soundness of the concerns to which we made loans," said Mr. Dillon. "We are equally convinced that they are good now and that the bonds will be paid, unless some extraordinary economic or political upheaval prevents."

Senator Shortridge (Rep.), of California, asked why the market value of these bonds is at present low. Mr. Dillon answered that he wished he could answer that, and pointed out that the same situation existed with respect to domestic securities.

Does Not Recall Request to Stop Foreign Loans.

Mr. Dillon told Senator Johnson he did not recall a letter from the State Department in 1927 requesting issuing houses not to make further foreign loans, neither did he recall a statement relative to a Prussian loan. He was not familiar, he said, with the view expressed in 1927 by G. Parker Gilbert, Agent-General for reparations payments, that Germany had overborrowed, but understood he had made such a statement.

Asked if his firm had made loans to Germany since 1927, Mr. Dillon cited one issue of some \$30,000,000 made in 1928 to German industry.

Senator Johnson brought out through questioning the details of Bolivian issues floated by Dillon, Read & Co. now in default. Mr. Dillon gave as the reason for default the falling off of revenue dependent upon the tin market. They did not compete in South America for that loan, he continued, the Bolivians having come to New York to seek the loan. He added that this is the first Bolivian default in recent years.

"Do you know that the Minister of Finance was accused of taking a bribe in connection with the Bolivian loans?" asked Senator Johnson. "No," replied Mr. Dillon.

"Was there a similar situation in respect to a loan to Milan, Italy?" the California Senator asked, to which Mr. Dillon replied: "My associate tells me there were certain court procedures following that loan."

Questioned on Loan to Brazilian Railroad.

Referring to a Brazilian Government loan of \$25,000,000 for electrification of a railroad made eight years ago, Mr. Johnson declared that no electrification had yet taken place, and no sinking fund provided for, and the interest technically in default.

Mr. Dillon replied that only \$8,000,000 was for electrification, and tenders are now being asked for electrification estimates.

The total gross receipts, which Mr. Dillon declared should not be called profits, on their total underwritings since the war were in excess of \$12,000,000, Mr. Dillon said, or some 84-100ths of 1%.

Dillon, Read & Co. have no short-term German credits, either under the Stillhalt agreement or otherwise, Mr. Dillon testified.

While his company has no foreign branches or offices, they do have representatives in some European capitals and South American cities who keep them advised on conditions there, Mr. Dillon stated.

Germans Buy Back Bonds, He Says.

The German corporations sometimes buy back blocks of their own bonds floated here, Mr. Dillon said. They are doing so currently to a limited extent, he added, and are glad to do so now, because of the low quotations. "How can they do that?" Mr. Johnson asked. "Didn't we have to grant them a moratorium?"

"There has been no moratorium on these private debts," Mr. Dillon replied. Moreover, he pointed out, American corporations are doing the same thing.

There is not very much, if any, short-selling of bonds, Mr. Dillon stated in response to a question from Senator Couzens (Rep.), of Michigan.

Since a portion of foreign securities floated here is sold abroad, is it inaccurate to say that the total represents a loan to foreign interests, Mr. Couzens asked, to which Mr. Dillon replied in the affirmative.

At Senator Johnson's request Mr. Dillon detailed the German issues floated by his company. While they are selling below par, he told Senator Shortridge, they are fundamentally just as good as those of other countries.

Asked by Senator Connally (Dem.), of Texas, if his firm submitted proposed foreign issues to the State Department to ascertain if there is any objection to their flotation, Mr. Dillon replied in the affirmative. He added that no objection had been interposed to any of their loans.

Dillon, Read & Co. does not represent in this country any of the foreign governments or corporations whose securities they have underwritten, the witness told Senator Johnson. They do act in the capacity of agent for paying coupons on bonds, however, he added, it being the usual practice for the originating house to perform that function.

Otto H. Kahn of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. Again Testifies Before Senate Committee Investigating Flotation of Foreign Loans—Opposed to "Managed Currency" Proposal—Nothing More Dangerous Than to Put Printing Presses to Work, He Says—No Peril in Gold Standard.

According to Otto H. Kahn, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., no power on earth can get the United States off the gold standard, except the United States itself, if it so chooses. This declaration was made by Mr. Kahn in testifying on Jan. 4 before the Senate Finance Committee investigating the flotation of foreign securities in this country. Mr. Kahn added (we quote from the New York "Times" dispatch, Jan. 4) that he could see no reason why the United States should so choose, expressed the opinion that there was no reason why it should follow the example of England in this respect, and asserted that France might withdraw the \$500,000,000 of gold it has here without impairing the ability of the United States to maintain the gold standard. The same account stated:

Mr. Kahn declared definitely against a "managed currency," and asserted that the advocates of this sort of a currency never had put forward a definite proposal.

"So long as we maintain the gold standard we are limited in our own follies and extremes," he said. "I know nothing more dangerous in its possibilities than putting the printing presses to work."

Mr. Kahn had previously been heard by the Committee on Dec. 21, and what he had to say at that time was indicated in our issue of Dec. 26, page 4240. As to Mr. Kahn's testimony at the Committee hearing on Jan. 4 we take the following from the "Times":

Valuation by a Hysterical Public.

Agreeing with Senator King, Democrat, of Utah, that there had been too much "high-pressure" salesmanship in the sale of bonds in the past, the banker made the point that the shrinkage in the prices of foreign bonds was not surprising, since domestic bonds also had declined and even United States Government bonds, which he characterized as the best securities in the world, had decreased 15% in value.

"No one can be responsible for the valuation a hysterical public has put on these foreign bonds," Mr. Kahn said. "The depreciation in the value measures the utter demoralization that has come upon the people. In 1927 greed was in the driver's seat; now fear is in the driver's seat."

Mr. Kahn, thoroughly at ease on the witness stand in the face of sharp inquiries, was questioned at length on his views concerning the gold standard, Senators Johnson and Shortridge, Republicans, and Senators Gore and King, Democrats, doing most of the questioning on this subject.

"You are looking for changing conditions in the world constantly?" Senator Johnson asked, after a discussion of the floating of foreign loans by American banking houses.

"Yes, Senator," said Mr. Kahn.

"Who could tell 10 years ago that France would be to-day sitting on top of the world?" the Senator asked.

"No one could, so far as I know," was the reply.

Gilbert's Warning Recalled.

Senator Couzens asked if it were not true that S. Parker Gilbert had predicted coming financial disaster in 1927. Mr. Kahn replied that his recollection was that Mr. Gilbert's so-called prediction was in relation to Germany only, and as a warning not to overdo the lending of funds to that country.

Senator Johnson recalled that John Maynard Keynes, British economist, made substantially the same prophecy in 1922.

"John Maynard Keynes has been a Cassandra ever since 1918, when he left the British Commission for Negotiating Peace, threw up his job and held that the world was going to the dogs unless 'my formula, my private and patented formula is adopted,'" the banker replied.

"It was not adopted, and ever since he has been hollering about it. He is a very able man, an exceedingly able man, for whose opinion I have great respect; but, like many economists, he is apt to lose himself in his own mental eloquence, and persuade himself of things perhaps to a greater extent than the ordinary, average man would be able to persuade himself as to his own infallibility."

As to Keynes and Bi-metallism.

Senator King asked the witness if he recalled that Mr. Keynes was for many years "a strong devotee of gold, and denounced the use of silver, particularly bi-metallism?"

"Yes," was the reply.

Q.—But in his recent book, in two volumes, in the last volume he has repudiated those earlier views and said that gold is a parvenu, and that it becomes necessary—or at least that is the implication—that we should have the restoration of silver to a monetary status in order to avert these catastrophes to which we have referred. Would you agree with that view? A.—Senator, I have read his book, not very carefully, and I have also read various other articles of his. They are all tinged with the color of the tail of the fox which was no longer in the place where it intended to be. The fox had lost his tail and he wanted everybody else to lose his tail, and he wanted the United States to lose its tail; but I am wholly convinced that the United States is going to do no such thing to accommodate them.

"The United States lost its head instead of its tail," suggested Senator Gore.

"I think that in 1929 there was a brainstorm, and all one can say is 'Let him who is without sin first cast a stone,'" Mr. Kahn replied.

Senator Shortridge asked: "What does the metaphorical phrase mean that you gave?"

"I mean that England has not by its own choice, but by necessity, gone off the gold standard, and that is true of several other countries," was the reply.

Against a "Managed Currency."

"But his book was written two years ago," said Senator King. "That was before Great Britain had abandoned the gold standard. You are not insisting, are you, that Mr. Keynes predicated his book upon the assumption

that Great Britain had lost her tail or her head and was going off the gold standard?"

"I rather think, Senator, he did, because he at that time was already urgently in favor of so-called managed currency, which he has preached ever since," Mr. Kahn replied. "Winston Churchill, in 1926, brought the gold standard back to England, and ever since then Maynard Keynes has preached the unwisdom of that action, and the inevitable necessity of regaining or going back to what he called managed currency. I do not understand that at present he is in favor of metallism. He is now wholly in favor of managed currency and is wholly convinced that the world has got to come ultimately to accept the British formula of managed currency."

"Do you think that is feasible?" asked Senator Gore.

"I do not," said the banker, "at least, it has never been proven that it is feasible. I believe I said on the last occasion when I had the honor of speaking before this Committee that the main purpose of gold currency is to put certain restraints upon possible inflation, because your money is gauged and measured by a metal which it is not within the province of man to either increase or decrease and which the good Lord allots to us within a certain definite measure. It does not vary very much. In any event, it is beyond our power to increase or decrease, and therefore as long as we maintain a certain relationship between—"

Advantages of Gold Standard.

Q.—Do you think the gold standard can be maintained if countries who control embargoes and control foreign exchange accept the international free use of gold? A.—I believe it can be maintained by the United States. There is no scarcity of gold at present. The total supply of gold in the banks of the world is twice as great as it was in 1913. I can see no reason why the United States should permit itself to be affected in its own best judgment by what goes on in the rest of the world.

Q.—This is a little afled, but it is a subject in which I am very much interested. Mr. Morgan was in England at the time England went off the gold standard, and he said it was an encouraging rather than a discouraging sign. A.—I think it was not only an encouraging sign, but it was an absolute necessity, because they had come to the point where the maintenance of the gold standard had become impossible.

"So with Japan and the Scandinavian countries and more than 17 of the countries of the world," Senator King suggested.

"Would the same advantages inure to the United States if it should go off the gold standard?" asked Senator Gore.

"Those advantages, in my opinion, are to a very large extent disadvantages," replied Mr. Kahn, "how serious the disadvantages are the future only can tell. No one can say, at least no one thus far that has the wisdom to foretell, what is the degree of abuse of the printing press which would occur when you get off the limitation that you have imposed upon yourself by making your currency hold a definite relation to a definite metal.

"There is nothing that stands between you and the use of the printing press except your own self-restraint, the wisdom of your people, and the power of the Government to withstand popular pressure. What would happen in the case of countries who, not by their own choice, but because they could not help themselves, were driven off the gold standard, is beyond any man's wisdom to foretell. But the fact is that if they did not have to get off the gold standard they would not have got off."

Says We Can Maintain Standard.

"Is it not a fact," asked Senator King, "that Paul Warburg and some of you bankers who suffer from the gold mentality, instead of standing by a gold reserve of 40%, have advocated and are advocating not only a redistribution of gold, but a reduction of the reserves down to 10 or 20%, on the theory of a managed currency, so that you would have more paper money without gold reserve than you would have if you had bi-metallism with silver behind your issue?"

"I do not know what Paul Warburg stands for," replied Mr. Kahn. "I have never expressed myself in public on the subject except to say, as I am saying now, that in my opinion the United States is amply capable of maintaining the gold standard, or any other standard which, in its own discretion, from its own choice, uninfluenced by any other country, it chooses to maintain. Whether that be the gold standard or any other standard is not, as I understand, now a question.

"I hope and believe that there is not any doubt whatsoever that the United States is amply capable of maintaining the gold standard; and if France chooses to withdraw all its gold that it now has here, the United States is still amply capable of maintaining the gold standard. What it chooses to do thereafter of its own free choice in making currency conditions—"

Choice Is Ours, Kahn Declares.

"How much gold has France here now?" Senator Gore interrupted. "Roughly speaking, I should say something in excess of \$500,000,000; and I should say she is welcome to it."

Q.—Do you think the gold standard can be maintained in a true sense unless it is allowed to flow freely in the settlement of international balances? A.—I am entirely convinced that there is no power on earth that can get the United States off the gold standard by anything which it may do or which all of them combined may do, except the United States itself, if it so chooses. I can see no reason whatever why the United States should so choose. I can see no reasons why, to deal with an emergency, which I hope and believe is impossible—

Q.—The gold standard would lose a great many of its advantages if embargoes were placed on it and it is not allowed to flow freely where it is commanded in the settlement of international balances. If you isolate the United States and just have a gold standard here, it is almost as bad as the other situation. A.—I do not see that it would lose any of its advantages to us. It might lose its advantage to those who, not by their own choice, have been driven off it, but there is an immense advantage to the country which is able to say that it has maintained, year in and year out, for good and evil times, its record for monetary integrity. That kind of virtue ultimately finds its reward. It is the same reward which you get for gaining the confidence of the people in whatever line of business you may be engaged in. Confidence pays. It is a paying asset; and the confidence of the people in the monetary integrity of the United States, in many years to come, will pay us—by which I do not mean to say, Senators, that there are not certain things which could and should, with advantage, be done now, in this particular emergency, to deal with the extreme deflation which prevails.

As to Printing-Press Currency.

Mr. Kahn was asked to give his definition of controlled currency. The banker replied:

"I have never come across any one who advocated it who was able to define to me, in precise words, what he means by it, except the old process of setting the printing-presses to work whenever it seemed expedient. I know of nothing more dangerous. I know of nothing more disastrous in its potentialities than the process of setting the old printing-presses to work.

Q.—That would be uncontrolled? A.—The people of the United States fought that fight at the time of the greenback craze, and they have made it plain, beyond peradventure, that they do not mean to have a depreciated currency; that they do not mean to have cheap money.

Senator Johnson referred to the depreciation in foreign securities. "I am afraid that a similar statement could be put into the Congressional "Record" as to a great number of American bonds which are selling at the present time, not on the basis of their intrinsic value, but on the basis of unreasoning fear," Mr. Kahn observed.

"So that you would make a comparison, or at least leave the implication, that United States Government bonds are in exactly the same situation as these foreign government bonds that have been floated," said Senator Johnson.

"That they are in exactly the same situation, I would not say," replied Mr. Kahn. "But I do say that the same fear which applies to foreign bonds likewise applies to American bonds, and I should say that present values as quoted do not in any way express the intrinsic value of foreign bonds any more than they express the intrinsic value of American bonds.

"I would say that American Government bonds are in a class by themselves, and that a decline in foreign bonds or in ordinary American bonds would not express themselves by precisely the same percentage of decline as in American Government bonds. But the fact is that the last issue of American Government bonds, Federal Government bonds, and surely there is nothing better in the world, has declined within three months by 15%.

Holds Salesmanship Overdone.

Senator King asked if many investment bankers and brokers, "the National City among the number that I have in mind," had not "carried on a very active campaign to unload upon the investing public not only stocks, but bonds at very high prices?"

Mr. Kahn said he could speak only for his own house, but concerning it, "for every bond that we issued we declined six others, or nine or 10 others, because we always want to be sure that what we offer is intrinsically sound."

"As to the matter of high-powered salesmanship, to which you have referred, that is something which has been exaggerated and overdone," Mr. Kahn conceded. "There may be two opinions, but my opinion is that it has been overdone. I think it would be desirable that more restraint be practiced in the field which you have called high-pressure salesmanship."

The most important asset of a banker was public confidence in his judgment, Mr. Kahn observed, and this was the best check against his encouragement of sales of over-valued securities. He likened bankers to dealers in "dresses," or "fruit and peanuts," who must conserve good-will.

"Should there not be some legal curb on indiscriminate selling of foreign securities?" Senator Johnson asked.

"If it would not tend to diminish the responsibility of the banker, I should say let's try some such thing," was the reply. "But I very honestly believe there is no way by which that could be accomplished."

Borrowings Maintained Reparations.

Asked specifically about German loans, Mr. Kahn said that they probably totaled \$10,000,000,000 throughout the world, of which about 13% are in the United States. He did not know whether German borrowings had been used to pay reparations, but "it is undoubtedly true that if Germany had not been able to borrow money she would not have been able to pay reparations."

Mr. Kahn also believed that a "relatively larger percentage" of German short-term notes is held abroad than in the United States.

He refused to answer a hypothetical inquiry, as he termed it, as to whether German private debts or reparation should have precedence.

Mr. Kahn was repeatedly questioned by Senator Johnson as to whether his company had lost money on the final issue for the Mortgage Bank of Chile. Finally he said:

"We did go into the market. We did buy them. We did sustain a considerable loss on them in the case of the last loan."

Cites Profits of His House.

The witness testified that his house, in 12 years of foreign bond sales since the World War, had made a gross profit of \$3,109,000, "or an average of \$260,000 a year, from which must be deducted our overhead, taxes, and our rather expensive personnel."

"I mention this," he continued, "solely because of the fantastic figures published in some newspaper reports. The profits were large, but they related to risks of \$10,000,000,000. I am not saying this in self-defense, but because I think in this time it does excessive harm to spread exaggerated reports."

The European bonds now extant in the United States, Mr. Kahn testified, are not proportionately as great as the amount of European money put into the United States after the Civil War and before 1896, when conditions appeared very bad.

"Those who waited got back all that they had put up and more," he added.

National banks in New York on Sept. 29 held foreign securities to a value of \$119,992,000, compared with domestic securities of \$615,000,000, according to a statement by the Controller of the Currency, which Senator Johnson put into the record.

The Senator asked Mr. Kahn if these holdings might not have accounted for some recent bank failures, and Mr. Kahn responded by pointing out that many foreign securities are selling at high prices, particularly the French, which are above par.

Our Two Worst Counselors.

In a concluding statement to the Committee, Mr. Kahn said:

"I think you can say in a general way that the two worst counselors of any nation or any people are greed and fear. In 1929 greed sat in the driver's seat, and now fear sits in the driver's seat; and they are the two worst drivers in the whole world. And they are responsible for the excesses of 1929, as they are responsible for the extreme drop in values which have taken place on the market."

He suggested that the proposed Reconstruction Corp., modeled on the War Finance Corp., "will go a long way to diminish fear."

Another suggestion was for this country "to flat-footedly say that no one shall drive the United States off the gold standard."

"At the proper time," he added, "in our own way, if we so choose, we will do what seems to us best—but for Heaven's sakes, let us reassure the people from authoritative quarters—and none is more authoritative than the Senate—that no one will be listened to who at this time will permit the matter even to be discussed of the United States being driven off that standard which we have chosen for ourselves."

"I think that will go a long way to diminish fear, because there is a lot of almost treasonable attack along those lines. I think it should be emphasized that when we are ready for it, if we want to do it, we will do so in our own way, but we will not do it because we are driven to it; we shall not be driven to it."

The International Banker's Place.

"Speaking of the international banker, that much-maligned or at least much-attacked individual, I would like to say as one of them that Europe's prosperity is as important to the international banker as it is to everybody else in this country. We are no more or no less part and parcel, though

engaged in one line of business while other people are engaged in other lines of business.

"Europe is important. But the American banker's stake in America is immeasurably greater than any possible stake that he may have or ever did have in Europe. An advance of 2% in the value of American bonds is as much as all the money that we have loaned to Germany. An advance of 1% in the value of American stocks is probably as much as all the money that we have ever loaned Germany."

"What I want to make plain is that whether a man is called an international banker or not, as long as he resides and works in America his object is and must be beyond all other things America's prosperity—not merely from the point of view of a patriotic and decent citizen, but from the point of view of his own pocket. The international banker's profit, as everybody else's profit, is made in this country and not abroad. European prosperity is desirable; America's prosperity is indispensable."

From the "United States Daily" of Jan. 5 we take the following regarding Mr. Kahn's testimony:

Tells of Competition in South American Issues.

Senator Johnson asked if there had been keen competition for South American issues. Mr. Kahn agreed that some 25 or 30 banking houses had sought that business.

Senator Johnson asked the witness to follow through the details of a foreign loan, and took as an example the second French loan of 1924, for \$100,000,000, bought outright, as he said, by J. P. Morgan & Co.

It was bought at 94, he said, and transferred to a banking group of two or three at 95. Then suppose it is transferred to a larger group of 25 or 30 at 96. These 25 or 30 allocate it to many banks throughout the country at 100, he said.

"Six points is a very unusual spread," Mr. Kahn declared. Some spread is justified to the underwriting group, he said, because of the responsibility assumed to stand behind the issue.

From 1½ to 1¾% is the usual spread given the retailer of bonds, Mr. Kahn replied to a question on that point from Senator Couzens. Sometimes wholesalers also retail securities and get a greater total spread, he said.

"Each large New York investment house has its typical syndicate, doesn't it?" Senator Johnson asked, and read the names of firms which he understood constituted a typical Kuhn, Loeb & Co. syndicate.

"I do not recognize the family resemblance," Mr. Kahn replied when the list had been read. "That is not a typical Kuhn, Loeb syndicate."

"The gross compensation from all sources to Kuhn, Loeb & Co. is slightly above 0.5% on their own underwritings. The average is 3% to the whole underwriting syndicate. The gross spread is about 3¼%, out of which must come all expenses and overhead. The ordinary real estate broker, who takes no responsibility, gets 1 to 6%; the ordinary trustee in New York gets around 3%."

"When bonds do not sell, we sit on them until they can be sold. Some of them we still have on hand."

Loans for military purposes, arms and equipment, have been declined by his firm and would be again, Mr. Kahn stated. That should be so, unqualifiedly, he added. He agreed with Senator Couzens that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to trace the funds into the hands of the borrower, and see what is done with them.

"Shouldn't there be some legal curb upon the indiscriminate sale of foreign securities," asked Senator Johnson.

Consideration of Loans by State Department.

"I do not see how it is possible," Mr. Kahn said, "in a way that is effective and that will not do more harm than good. To an extent it would relieve the investor from educating himself before investing. It might even produce a belief that there was a moral guarantee or responsibility on the part of some government or semi-governmental agency." He agreed with Mr. Couzens that the experience of State blue-sky commissions confirmed his statement.

Senator Johnson declared that there was an obligation to protect the public as well as to educate them, and added that they have not been properly protected in their security purchases.

Senator Connally (Dem.), of Texas, asked if there had been any objection on the part of the State Department to any of the foreign loans placed by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., to which Mr. Kahn replied that there had been none. The witness stated, however, that no publicity was given that fact. Senator Connally declared that the public, nevertheless, pretty well understood that if a loan were floated it had been submitted to the State Department, and no objection raised. Mr. Kahn referred to one or two instances in recent years where objection had been raised by the State Department.

Senator Johnson declared that it would be shown before the hearings close that the Department of Commerce had tried to discourage foreign lending and that there has been a difference of opinion between that Department and the Department of State.

Asked by Senator Johnson if his firm held any of the Chilean bonds, Mr. Kahn said he thought not, but preferred not to detail specific bond holdings of his firm. Even if all of the bonds are disposed of to the distributing syndicate, the originating house feels a moral obligation, he said, to support the market, if necessary. In the case of one of the Chilean issues, Mr. Kahn said, the originating group bought a substantial block of the bonds, when it was not readily absorbed by the public.

"Have any recent bank failures in New York or elsewhere been contributed to in any degree by their holding foreign bonds?" Senator Johnson asked, to which Mr. Kahn replied that this was not true, to his knowledge. He pointed out that their holdings of domestic bonds were larger than foreign, and equally depreciated.

Tariff and Gold Union Proposed by Walter Layton, British Economist—Says High Barriers Prevent Payment of International Debts.

A way out of the present trade stagnation would be the formation of a "sane tariff" group of nations, according to Sir Walter Layton, editor of "The Economist," and British representative at the recent Basle conference of experts on the Young Plan. We quote from a London cablegram, Jan. 1, to the New York "Times," which continued:

The key to future world prosperity, he told a conference of French and English students here to-day, might lay in the co-operation of a group of countries having a common understanding regarding money and a sensible tariff policy.

"It does not mean that every country has to be free trade," he added. "That may come some day. It probably will in the distant future. For the present we will have to aim at a group of sane tariff countries."

Sir Walter also declared there was hardly anybody in Europe who thought Britain could pull through the next year or so without having a very serious phase of inflation. This statement was vigorously refuted to-night by other financial experts, who declared the fear of inflation in Britain had little real foundation. On the other hand, these experts believe Britain is more likely to suffer from too much deflation, owing to the policy of the Bank of England in maintaining high money rates and restricting note circulation.

Illustrating how tariffs had "played havoc" with capital and "produced quite unexpected results regarding payment of debts and reparations," Sir Walter said the commerce of the world was now down to something like half its volume of two years ago, the world's shipping was laid up, and traffic over the great ocean highways had shrunk considerably.

British Conversion Offering.

The following, from London, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 31:

The British Treasury is offering holders of first series of War Savings Certificates issued in 15s. 6d. units before April 1922, and maturing in March next year, the privilege to convert into 16s. certificates, or 4½% conversion loan, or 4% national savings bonds. Alternatively, the holders may retain their certificates until March 31 1940, at interest of 1d. a month per certificate. There were £150,000,000 of certificates outstanding out of a total gross indebtedness of £446,095,616.

Sir Basil Blackett, British Bankers, in London Broadcast, Warns Economic Aid Must Come at Once—Predicts Disaster if Relief Is Delayed.

World-wide political and economic disaster is not far off unless drastic remedies are promptly applied to the existing crisis, Sir Basil Blackett, British banker and industrialist, declared on Jan. 3 in a radio address rebroadcast from London by the Columbia WABC network and the Canadian Pacific chain. In the New York "Times" he is quoted as follows:

"The final clearing up of the governmental debts on common sense lines is imperative if the economic storm of 1932 is not to be as much worse than 1931 as that of 1931 was worse than 1929," he declared. "Every one in authority in every one of the countries concerned knows that this is so, and that a clean sweep of the lot of them would do more than anything else to set the machinery of world distribution of goods and services going again, and would repay itself a hundred-fold to every nation, debtor and creditor, in improved trade, renewed confidence, and nation-wide employment, and the fact that it had been agreed to do it would be even more important in restoring the economic position than the mere doing of it. Yet we continue, for reasons of politics, internal and external, to go on living unhappily in a world of make-believe because we will not or dare not face the facts."

Gold at Bank of England Lowest Since 1920.

A cablegram, from London, Jan. 1, to the New York "Times" stated:

In view of London's abandonment of the gold standard last autumn, it is interesting to know that the Bank of England's gold holdings fell at the year-end to the lowest level in many years. From a maximum gold reserve of £164,000,000 on July 9, the present amount is £121,448,721, representing a note cover of 80.66%. The £121,358,000 of the preceding week was the smallest since 1920.

The record of the year's gold movement out of London shows that the largest total withdrawal during 1931 was £71,268,000 to France, which had taken only £55,543,000 in the previous year. The next largest losses during 1931 were £27,375,000 taken by Holland and £14,970,000 by Switzerland. Surveying the year's entire gold movement, gold imports into England have been £95,270,000 and exports £131,435,000. Since the relinquishment of the gold standard on Sept. 21, gold valued at £11,520,000, arriving at London from the Transvaal, has been sold in the open market to foreign buyers.

London Stock Exchange Closed Jan. 2 and Dec. 26.

Stating that the London Stock Exchange was closed Jan. 2 for the second Saturday since Saturday openings were resumed, a London cablegram on that date to the New York "Times" also said:

Last Saturday [Dec. 26] was part of the Christmas holiday period, while to-day, after the new year holiday, the interior of the building was being redecorated.

Balance of Payments Adverse to England—Year's Reduction Large in Income from Foreign Investments and Shipping Earnings.

In the yearly estimates of Britain's balance of foreign payments, it is expected that invisible exports will show a large decline, said a London cablegram, Jan. 1, to the New York "Times," from which we also quote as follows:

This should occur especially in income from overseas investments, but shipping earnings also are estimated below £80,000,000 as against £105,000,000 in the preceding year.

The intention of the country's tariff policy is not to restrict normal imports but to bar the dumping of goods by foreign countries. That will not, however, help the European situation, because many other countries, which have balanced their trade position through dumping on England and Germany their excess production, will now have less foreign credits on which to draw for payment of commercial debts or reparations. It is true, however, that the severe restrictions now proposed in British trade are designed to meet only temporary difficulties.

British Bank System Unimpaired by Crisis—May Suffer Through London's Loss of World Primacy.

In its Jan. 4 issue the New York "Times" published the following from London, Jan. 1:

One reassuring fact in a New Year survey of the situation is that the British banking system has not been impaired by last year's crisis. It is admitted, however, to be now laboring at a disadvantage from the fact that London has ceased since its abandonment of the gold standard to be the international financial center. The year ended with unusually easy money markets, requirements at the year-end being only about £20,000,000, which was less than half of the amount borrowed the year before.

The situation was somewhat influenced by the smaller amount of short bills which had to be financed over the turn of the year and by exceptionally large disbursements. The occurrence of dearer money in the latter part of 1931 was a favorable circumstance for the banks, but the year may not have been profitable as a whole, owing to inability to employ available funds fully in industry or on the Stock Exchange.

Huge Intake Ahead in British Revenue—Collections for Present Quarter Must Be £420,000,000 to Balance Budget.

The New York "Times" had the following to say in a London cablegram, Jan. 1:

The national revenue account for the nine completed months of the fiscal year shows decrease both in revenue and expenditure. The deficit for the period has been nearly £204,000,000. To balance the budget for the fiscal year, the final quarter, now beginning, must yield £422,000,000 in revenue. Large as this sum appears to be, the prospect is encouraging, since nearly 75% of the income and surtax payments, which bear a large proportion of the extra taxation, are yet to be received.

The anti-dumping duties are not expected to produce large revenue, because, with the discount on sterling, they amount to practical prohibition of all these selected articles.

Payment of Income Taxes in Great Britain—Hundreds of Thousands Heed Plea to Help Balance National Budget.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from London, Jan. 1:

The most amazed people to-day were the collectors of income taxes. Three-quarters of the year's tax, which was increased to 5s. in the pound, became due to-day, and scenes at the tax offices showed hundreds of thousands wished to pay within a few hours of the payment becoming due.

Animated by a patriotic desire to help the Government to be early assured of a balanced budget, some taxpayers paid the whole year's tax in a lump sum. It is estimated that already £76,000,000 of the £200,000,000 budgeted for had been paid.

Recovery in Silver—London Bankers Consider Present Price High Enough.

A cablegram, Jan. 1, from London, to the New York "Times," stated that one outstanding feature of 1931, as now recalled, was the year's early break in silver to a low-record level, followed by its rapid recovery on the agitation for some kind of remonetization. The cablegram likewise said:

Bankers here are still unfavorable to any such proposal. They believe that trade revival in the East would cause all necessary stimulus to demand for the metal. At the moment it is considered that the price of silver is high enough.

Bankers of London Fight French Stand—Press Sir Walter Layton's Secret Report on British Cabinet, Asking End of Young Plan at Once.

Under date of Jan. 4, a London cablegram to the New York "Times" said:

Sir Walter Layton's secret draft report which was rejected by the Bank for International Settlements advisory committee on the Young Plan at Basle is making trouble in the Franco-British negotiations on reparations.

It was learned to-night that the bankers of the city of London, including Montagu Norman, Governor of the Bank of England, have adopted Sir Walter's report as their program and are pressing it on the British Government with all their power.

They agree with Sir Walter that the complete and immediate annulment of the Young Plan is necessary, thus directly opposing the French Government's insistence that the principle of the Young Plan must be preserved.

Since Sir Frederick Leith-Ross last visited Paris the viewpoints of the British Treasury and the French Ministry of Finance have been brought closely together, but certain British Cabinet Ministers—among whom Stanley Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain are mentioned—are said to be impressed by the bankers' argument and reluctant to whittle down the British position on the Young Plan.

The result is that there is still no agreement and that when Sir Frederick goes back to Paris the end of this week no latitude may be left him for negotiation.

Premier Laval, however, has again let it be known in London that he will insist on the maintenance of the principle of Germany's responsibility contained in the financial clauses of the Treaty of Versailles and expressed in the Young Plan.

Given this condition, the French Premier is understood to be ready to make the widest possible advance toward the British viewpoint, but otherwise he will simply lock up the French bill of exchange on Germany for reparations in his safe and sit back to await developments.

The British Cabinet Ministers are dispersed throughout the country, but it is expected that Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, will use

the opportunity to discuss reparations and other problems with Philippe Berthelot, permanent head of the French Foreign Office, who is now in England.

M. Berthelot insists that his visit is not political and that he has come merely for the exhibition of French art at Burlington House. The British Foreign Office is aware that his interest in reparations is not considerable, as his time has been taken up with the details of the non-aggression treaty between France and Russia.

There may, however, be discussions between M. Berthelot and the British Ministers paving the way for a meeting between Premier Laval and Prime Minister MacDonald. This meeting is still in the air, although the prospects for its eventuating continue favorable.

Sir Harry Gloster Armstrong Suggests Great Britain Pay Debt to United States in Goods—Says Only Interest Should Be Kept on Dollar Basis.

The following, from London, Jan. 6, is from the New York "Times":

Sir Harry Gloster Armstrong, former British Consul General in New York, in a letter to appear in the London "Times" to-morrow advances a suggestion that Great Britain be allowed to pay the principal of her war debts to the United States in goods.

He declares none of the sum the United States lent to Britain was transmitted here in currency or bullion, "but the loans were for war materials and food supplies at a time when prices were unusually high and there would have been no need for us to have incurred this indebtedness if the necessity of financing our allies had not existed.

"In other words," he says, "if the United States, upon entering the war, in April 1917, had undertaken to finance our Allies we were in a position to have paid for our own requirements without borrowing from the United States, besides which a large portion of these supplies would not have been necessary either for ourselves or for our Allies if the United States, upon declaring war, had been in a position to assume her share of it, which was not feasible for her to do for many months through the need of training and organizing her forces and resources.

"As goods were received and not money my suggestion is that, upon our debt to the United States being scaled down on the lines extended to France and Italy, we should pay in kind and not in cash the principal by exporting yearly manufactured goods of a market value to the amount, say, of \$50,000,000 over and beyond the goods ordinarily exported yearly, while only the interest on the balance of the debt should be paid yearly in dollars. An arrangement of this sort, if the United States would be agreeable, could easily be financed as far as we are concerned and would stimulate our manufacturing trades and assist our shipping."

Gold-Shortage Idea Rejected by Europe—"Redistribution" Doubted—London Believes Gold Should Be Loaned Abroad Through Long-Term Foreign Investment.

A cablegram as follows from Amsterdam, Jan. 1, is taken from the New York "Times":

The theory that our present troubles are due to "maldistribution of gold" seems to Dutch experts to be inconsistent with the fact that countries with huge gold stocks have suffered as much as countries poor in gold. This sort of "monetary explanation" for the business cycle is not deemed adequate to explain the exceptionally severe disorganization in the production of real wealth which has occurred. Still it is expected that 1932 will show further distribution of gold, especially when superfluous gold stocks are becoming so very unprofitable a luxury in the slack demand for credit.

Moreover, the "gold-exchange standard" has probably been eliminated by the past year's developments, and holding of foreign bills as part of the reserve of central banks will be greatly replaced by gold.

Pound Sterling to Recover Asserts Sir Philip Snowden.

Great Britain remains the greatest creditor nation in the world, and in time sterling will resume its place as the principal standard of international credit, according to an official opinion given to the British Empire Chamber of Commerce in the United States of America. We quote from the New York "Evening Post" of Jan. 6, which further said:

These opinions are contained in a statement by Sir Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer in the House of Commons, and furnished to the British Empire Chamber of Commerce by the British Embassy in Washington.

The Chancellor denies that abandonment of the gold standard in Great Britain was a deliberate act, as suggested in reports. He declares England did her best to stay on the gold standard, but was forced off by causes entirely beyond her control. Sir Philip said, in part:

"I do not think that people abroad altogether realize the situation in this country to-day is entirely different from that which obtained, let us say, in France or in Germany at the time of the depreciation of the franc or the mark.

"There were large gaps in the budgets of these countries. They had to be met by the use of the printing press. There is not any ground for imagining there is going to be any deficit in the British budget this year, and still less in the budget of next year.

"I have every reason to suppose the Government will be able to meet all obligations out of current annual revenue and at the same time make a substantial contribution to the provision of debt redemption."

The Chancellor denied that withdrawals from England had been made either by the French Government or by the Bank of France. There were others, however, who removed their balances largely because of want of confidence in their own countries.

"I fancy," he said, "those foreigners who have been taking their balances away to-day at the present level of the pound, thereby incurring a loss, will very much regret some day what they have done when they find, as I am confident they will find, that their action was totally unnecessary.

"Do not let us forget that, although at the moment we may have some difficulty in collecting our foreign debt, we still remain the greatest creditor nation in the world, and when world conditions settle I have not the slightest doubt we shall find sterling resume its place as the principal standard of international credit."

Commission Report to Council of League of Nations Approves Statehood for Iraq—Sets Condition That Nation Join League.

The following, from Geneva, Jan. 5, is from the New York "Times":

Formal announcement of the Mandates Commission's approval of statehood for Iraq was made here to-day with the release of its special report to the Council of the League of Nations. No one doubts that the Council, when it meets Jan. 25, will also approve, thus allowing Iraq to become a sovereign State this year, as Britain had planned, and also the fifty-sixth member of the League and its second Moslem member.

The Commission approves statehood provided Iraq joins the League. It holds that without the League Covenant's protection Iraq will not fulfill the conditions requiring a budding State to be able to maintain its territorial integrity and political independence.

The report markedly lacks enthusiasm for the termination of the mandate and stresses that the Commission could not have contemplated this had not the British Government formally declared that the moral responsibility would rest on London if Iraq proved unworthy of statehood.

Answering the Council's question, the Commission declares that it finds that the Anglo-Iraqi treaty of alliance of June 30 1930 contains certain provisions "somewhat unusual in treaties of this kind," but still does not "explicitly infringe upon the independence of the new State."

In its regular report on other mandates, the Commission "notes with regret that in 10 years the native population of the island of Yap has decreased by about a quarter" under Japanese administration.

"While appreciating the mandatory power's efforts to ascertain the causes of this decrease, the Commission would suggest that it is advisable to study this question not merely from a medical but also a social standpoint," the report says.

The Commission hopes that all the mandatories will "continue to use their best endeavors" to control the liquor traffic and "prevent the natives from making clandestine distilleries." The Commission is specifically worried about the alcoholic content of the native beer in Ruana Urundi, and also about the high infant mortality in that Belgian mandate.

Annual Report of Bank of France—Loss on Sterling Deal—Put at \$93,347,400—Gold Total \$2,728,462,049, United States Exports Contributed 60% of Increase.

United States Press advices from Paris Dec. 31, are taken from the New York "Herald-Tribune" as follows:

The annual report of the Bank of France, made public to-day, showed that the Bank had taken a loss of 2,282,000,000 francs (\$93,374,400) in depreciation of its holdings of pound sterling which had been made up with a like amount of bonds given by the French Treasury.

When the pound went off the gold standard in September the French Government requested the Bank to hold its sterling balances rather than unload 7,800,000,000 francs of sterling at the start of the pound's slump and risk a greater collapse. The pound sterling was written down to current levels, about 85 francs to the pound. The average quotation of sterling for the last 15 days was used. This average value will be unchanged for six months, when a new average will be taken and at that time the Bank of France will either return money to the Government, if sterling rises before July, or receive a second bond from the Treasury if sterling continues to fall.

The Bank's annual report also revealed that the Bank of France now has a total of 68,481,174,225 francs (\$2,728,462,049) in gold, bringing the ratio of gold to bank note circulation to 60.5%. Reflecting the writing down of the depreciation in the pound sterling, the Bank's holdings of foreign currency holdings dropped from 15,335,000,000 francs to 13,039,000,000 francs, a decrease of approximately \$93,000,000 at the current price of 3.092c. for the franc.

The annual report also revealed that more than 60% of the gold which poured into France during the year came from the United States, 28% from England and the remainder from Holland, Germany and Spain. Much of the American gold came to Paris only to take the first available plane or train for Switzerland or Holland, but the quantity remaining represents one-fourth of all the monetary gold in the world.

Despite this greatly increased hoard, the Bank of France's vaults, built especially to handle and protect against thieves and conquering armies this great pile of yellow metal, are comparatively empty and less than half the facilities are now being used to house these riches.

French Note Issue Rises—Year-End Increase of 1,019,000,000 Francs at Year End.

Under date of Jan. 1 a Paris account to the New York "Times" said:

Thursday's Bank of France return showed increase of 653,000,000 francs in discounted bills, while advances decreased by 78,000,000. The large increase of 1,019,000,000 francs in note circulation was manifestly due to the year-end settlements.

Private deposits also diminished by 1,141,000,000 in the last week of the year.

France Revises Surtaxes—Corn, Coffee and Other Items Are Exempted by New Order.

The following Associated Press advices from Paris Jan. 1, are taken from the New York "Times":

The "Official Journal" to-day published an order exempting a number of imports from the surtax intended to compensate for the depreciation of foreign currencies.

The principal items of the list are corn, coffee, cottonseed oil intended for the manufacture of edible fats, copper sulphate, nickel sulphate and tanned single and double hides.

French Pay \$3,200,000,000 into the Treasury This Year.

The following Paris cablegram Jan. 3, is from the New York "Times":

French taxpayers this year will pay to the Treasury \$3,200,000,000, according to the estimates of Lucien Lamoureux, reporter-general of the Chamber's finance commission.

According to his figures, ordinary revenue and expenditure will amount to slightly more than \$2,000,000,000, with a narrow margin of \$100,000 on the right side.

The taxpayers will contribute to the State more than another \$1,000,000,000 in postal and telegraph expenses, in special taxes allocated to the sinking fund and in communal taxes.

President Von Hindenburg in Radio Message Warns Other Nations That Germany Must not Be Subjected to Requirements Impossible of Fulfillment—Also Declares Germany's Armament Rights Must Be Recognized.

Declaring that the "magnitude of the sacrifices" of the German people "gives us a right . . . to claim from other nations that they must not impose upon us requirements impossible to fulfill," President von Hindenburg, in a message broadcast from Berlin, on Dec. 31, added that "the question of disarmament also is one where Germany must not be refused what is coming to her." His New Year's message, as translated into English by Dr. Max Gordon, European representative of the National Broadcasting Co., and rebroadcast in the United States, is taken as follows from the New York "Sun" of Dec. 31:

"German men and women: My office as President of the Reich and the fact that as a man advanced in years, I have witnessed a relatively long period of German history, gives me the right, I think, to say a few words to you to-day at the end of a year fraught with destiny; a few words which come from a devoted heart and which are meant to help you in bearing the hardships of these times.

"I am fully conscious of the tremendous sacrifices which are being asked from each and every one of us in order that we may be able to make an effort to overcome this present period of trials through our own strength.

"The German people deserve the sincerest gratitude and full appreciation must be given them for their readiness to make sacrifices and for the patience they have shown in bearing all suffering and all burdens in the face of dire necessity. This I want to say first of all on this occasion.

Refers to Other Nations.

"On the other hand, the magnitude of the sacrifices that we are making gives us a right at the same time to claim from other nations that they must not impose upon us requirements impossible to fulfill, and thus stand in the way of our recovering.

"Likewise, the question of disarmament is one where Germany must not be refused what is coming to her. Our claim to a security equal to that of other nations is so obviously justified that it cannot be denied.

"I cannot help carrying my thoughts back to Tannenberg. Our situation then was difficult, just as it is to-day. Decisions had to be taken which involved grave risks and a great deal had to be asked from our troops to make success as certain as possible.

"Many a one may have misgivings in his own heart, but mutual confidence, true comradeship, deep love of our country and faith in ourselves were the links which tied us closely together, and in the end, after several days of heavy fighting, the outcome was in our favor.

"Again I am calling to-day in an hour which is equally earnest upon the whole of the German people to stand together in faithful unity, no matter what destiny may have in store for us. Let us face the coming days and all their trials and sorrows, hand in hand, and let us not waver. May none of us give up hope and each and every one have an unshakeable faith in the fatherland's destiny.

"The Lord has often before saved Germany from deep distress. Nor will He forsake us now.

"And now, from the bottom of my heart, I wish the entire German people and each and every one of them, a happy and blessed new year."

Germany Finds Reason to Keep Gold Basis—Disadvantages Shown in Great Britain With Dropping of Standard Viewed as Warning—Alfred Lansburgh, Financial Expert, Asserts England Has Reaped None of Expected Gains.

The determination of the present German Government to maintain the reichsmark on the gold standard is more likely nowadays to find the backing of German theoreticians and of general business judgment, said a cablegram, Dec. 31, from Berlin to the New York "Times," which also had the following to say:

This is because developments in England have begun to furnish a practical object lesson on what would be actually involved were Germany to "follow England's example," a course heretofore advocated in certain quarters.

Alfred Lansburgh, a leading financial writer and editor, in analyzing the question of on or off gold, argues that Britain's abandonment of the gold standard worked out to her loss, inasmuch as the expected advantages had been realized only in a minor degree. On the other hand, he points out, serious disadvantages developed which had not been anticipated.

"The need to remedy, as far as possible, the greatest of these disadvantages," says Herr Lansburgh, "is chiefly responsible for the great efforts made by official Britain to convert other countries to its own monetary policy—which, as a matter of fact, is no policy at all, least of all that of managed currency. It is, rather, mere drifting, with occasional weak attempts at steering.

"While British retail prices barely show a rise, wholesale prices have advanced materially, and therein is expressed an increased cost of imports from gold standard countries, above all those raw materials and half-finished goods so essential to England. This is substantially pushing up the production costs of British factories, hence Britain's propaganda to induce other countries, notably Holland, Canada and South Africa, also to go off gold parity.

"On the other hand, beneficial developments have been far below expectations. No export boom has materialized, even in coal. The second great

hope has also been a disappointment—that with wages and other production costs remaining unchanged, the domestic selling prices would rise.

For the guidance of Germany's monetary policy, Herr Lansburgh argues that the British experience is conclusive, more so since he holds that the results of such an "experiment" would be even worse for Germany, burdened with a huge foreign debt payable in gold values.

"The reasons that determined Holland, the Union of South Africa and, with some qualification, even Canada to resist the British propaganda," he continues, "are valid for Germany in even greater degree. The advantages following the abandoning of the gold basis are almost wholly illusory, but the disadvantages are so real that in all probability it won't be long before England, too, will again—for the fifth time since 1844—try to hook up to gold.

"And that would be at the old par, without any devaluation, notwithstanding anything to the contrary now announced even from authoritative quarters."

"Germany's exports would gain hardly anything from an internationally depreciated mark.

"With the mark off gold, Germany would have to add the amount of the depreciation of its foreign exchange value to its heavy loan interest payments, and there is also to be considered the moral aspect of the question and the repercussions on Germany's credit standing in the world."

German Interest Rates Decree Reducing Charges Provides 505,000,000 Reichsmarks Yearly Gift to Debtors.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 31 we take the following from Berlin:

Under the recent drastic Government decree, the municipal, industrial and mortgage bonds paying interest of over 6% and amounting in all to 12,300,000,000 reichsmarks, have had the obligatory interest reduced by one-fifth. Thus, the annual payments on the above sum have been cut to 980,000,000 reichsmarks from 1,225,000,000 reichsmarks.

It is likely that interest charges also will be reduced shortly for ordinary mortgages and other obligations not following in the above-mentioned categories and affecting debits of 15,000,000,000 reichsmarks. The yearly savings in this latter case would amount to 260,000,000 reichsmarks, making the total "gift" from creditors to debtors some 505,000,000 reichsmarks a year. Of this amount 300,000,000 reichsmarks, roughly, will be saved by owners of town and city houses, or real estate; 100,000,000 reichsmarks by farmstead holders, and 30,000,000 reichsmarks only by industrial concerns. The State and the municipalities will benefit to the extent of 20,000,000 reichsmarks.

Auction at Berlin—Stocks Placed on Block Bring Record Lows—Bank Stocks Among Securities.

From the New York "Sun" we take the following from Berlin, Dec. 31:

A year-end public auction on the Berlin Stock Exchange to-day brought out large blocks of securities of several German and foreign firms at rock bottom prices, in some cases the issues selling at less than 2% of their face value.

The sensation was a turnover of stock of the Bank fuer Handel und Grundbesitz, an organization with capital of 2,000,000 marks. The securities, with a par value of 1,065,000 marks, brought 75 marks.

The buyer was unrevealed, but was believed to be a syndicate that has sought control of the bank. The bank failed on Nov. 19. The stock involved was piled in bundles in front of the auctioneer and required four men to carry it off.

The so-called "silent quotations" on the Boerse, which are not published in order to avoid discouraging public sentiment, showed a year-end pick-up averaging 5% higher. This was due to the low prices, that are attracting public demand, and also to reinvestment of 80,000,000 marks distributed through redeemed industrial bonds.

Members of Directors of Deutschebank-Diskontogesellschaft Germany's Largest Bank to Be Reduced to Effect Economy.

The Board of Directors of the Deutschebank-Diskontogesellschaft, Germany's largest bank, which hitherto has consisted of 10 members, will be reduced to seven as a measure of economy, it was announced on Dec. 31, it is learned from a Berlin cablegram to the New York "Times," which went on to say:

The three members who will retire from the Board in the course of the year are Dr. Georg von Stauss, Dr. Oscar Schlitter and Dr. Franz Anton Boner.

Dr. Schlitter, who for more than 25 years was connected with the Deutschebank, was largely responsible for its fusion with the Diskontogesellschaft.

Dr. von Stauss, who is a Reichstag Deputy as a member of the People's party, wants to devote his time to politics and other public duties. He organized the German motion-picture industry and the Lufthansa, the German commercial air lines.

Dr. Boner used to be a partner in the Diskontogesellschaft.

It was further announced that, beginning Jan. 1, there would be no more assistant members of the Board of Directors. These measures of economy are part of the program adopted when the two banks merged.

Loans in Germany in 1931—Issues of Home Loans Reduced 1,351,000,000 Marks.

It was stated in a Berlin message, Jan. 1, to the New York "Times" that the complete report of loans floated in the German market during 1931 shows that the year's issue of domestic loans aggregated 1,315 million marks, comparing with 2,666 millions in 1930. The message added:

Foreign loans were placed only to the extent of 846 million marks; in 1930 they were 1,177 million.

Issues of new shares by corporations amounted in 1931 to 780 million marks; they had been 558 million in the preceding year.

10% Wage Cut in Ruhr Coal Mining District Followed by Strikes.

Associated Press advices from Essen, Germany, Jan. 2, stated:

The inauguration of a 10% wage cut in the Ruhr coal mining district to-day precipitated "outlaw" strikes in two mines, where about one-third of the men refused to work and molested those who did go to their jobs until the police intervened. About 100 were arrested at Muelheim.

Notice Issued by Dillon, Read & Co. Regarding Redemption of Holland's 6% Loan of 1922.

Dillon, Read & Co., as fiscal agents in the United States for the Kingdom of The Netherlands 6% 50-year loan of 1922, have notified holders of the series A bonds that the Government will redeem on April 1 1932 all of the bonds then outstanding, amounting to 150,000,000 guilders (approximately \$60,000,000). The operation will mark one of the largest foreign government loan redemptions in some time. Payment will be made at par in this country, through the offices of Dillon, Read & Co., at the current rate of exchange prevailing on the date of presentation. A portion of the 1922 loan was sold in this country through a group headed by Dillon, Read & Co.

Holland Will Redeem Public Loan on April 1.

An Amsterdam cablegram Jan. 2 to the New York "Times" stating that the Minister of Finance announced that the 6% Dutch public loan will be redeemed at par on April 1 1932, added:

This loan, amounting to 300,000,000 guilders, or \$120,000,000, could have been redeemed on March 1 1932 under the legal provision for three months' notice. The Minister, however, apparently would not attempt to proceed with the conversion then in view of the credit situation.

It is learned that bears have been selling important amounts of these bonds at 99 to 99½% since it became known that the conversion would not be ordered for March 1.

The terms of the new loan contemplated are not known yet. It is expected that a 4½% loan will be put on the market the day of the redemption of the 6% loan.

The fact that the Government dares to undertake this conversion was favorably commented in the Stock Exchange to-day and the action is expected to have a stimulating influence on the rates for Netherlands Government securities.

A later cablegram (Jan. 4) to the "Times" said:

Regarding the redemption of the 6% public loan, it was reported to-day that only 150,000,000 guilders (\$60,000,000) of the issue would be redeemed on April 1 under the present plans. If this conversion proves successful, the remainder will be redeemed as soon as possible.

No Gold Abandonment Foreseen in Holland—Gold Reserve Against Bank's Liabilities 73% and Trade Balance Better Than 1930.

From Amsterdam Dec. 26 advices to the New York "Times" stated:

Regarding the recent talk that maintenance of the gold standard in Holland is imperiled, it should be pointed out that the position of the Bank of the Netherlands is extremely strong. At the present time the note circulation is 1,050,000,000 guilders and the total of notes and deposits 1,229,000,000, but of these total demand liabilities no less than 73% is covered in gold.

Even as concerns the country's foreign trade, although total volume has been seriously reduced from 1930, the excess of imports is 129,000,000 guilders less for the 11 months than it was a year ago. Imports for the completed months of 1931 have fallen from 2,253,000,000 to 1,753,000,000, whereas exports have decreased only from 1,602,000,000 to 1,231,000,000.

On the markets, the State loans of Holland have been well maintained, but municipal bonds have been hard hit by the recent financial uneasiness. At the moment, the 4½% bonds of the city of Amsterdam are quoted at 75, and the similar bonds of the province of Gelderland at 85. No doubt this reflects measurably the very democratic control of politics in the larger cities.

Col. Koc Appointed Government Commissioner of Bank of Poland, Succeeding Charles S. Dewey.

Associated Press advices from Warsaw Jan. 2 stated that Colonel Adam Koc, Vice-Minister of Finance, was appointed that day to the post of Government Commissioner of the Bank of Poland, succeeding Charles S. Dewey of Chicago, who has served as financial adviser during the operation of the American stabilization plan. Colonel Koc's appointment, it is added, was interpreted as insuring close co-operation between the Bank and the Government.

Foreign Loans Authorized for Polish Communications.

The "United States Daily" of Dec. 31 reported the following announcement by the Department of Commerce at Washington:

Authority has been granted the State Post, Telegraph and Telephone enterprise of Poland to contract foreign long-term investment loans for the extension and improvement of the telephone network and the production of telephone wires, according to a report from Consul Stewart E. McMillin, Warsaw.

According to the law, the State enterprise, Polish Posts, Telegraph & Telephone, may contract foreign long-term investment loans, either in goods or cash, up to \$650,000. In addition to this, the enterprise is au-

thorized to issue 6½% 12-year bonds up to £1,000,000. Both these obligations are figured on the basis of \$4.8666 per pound sterling.

The principal and interest are to be paid from gross income from the enterprise with the repayment primacy before all other credits not excluding treasury demands, the report states.

Bank of Poland to Pay 12% Dividend for 1931.

The Bank of Poland announced on Jan. 4 (according to Associated Press cablegrams from Warsaw) that it would pay shareholders a 12% dividend for 1931.

Poland Imposes Temporary Import Restrictions on Range of Agricultural Products and Manufactured Goods.

A Polish decree, published in the Polish Journal of Laws on Dec. 29 1931, effective Jan. 1 1932, temporarily restricts the importation of a considerable range of agricultural products and manufactured goods, for the declared purpose of safeguarding its national interest, according to cablegrams received in the Department of Commerce from Charge d'Affaires John C. Wiley, and Commercial Attache Clayton Lane, Warsaw. The Department's announcement Dec. 31 stated that these restrictions do not affect goods shipped directly to Poland before Jan. 1 and cleared by the Polish customs before Jan. 30 1932, or goods which are now in bonded warehouses in Polish customs territory.

According to Associated Press accounts from Warsaw Dec. 29 it is said that the new schedules have been designed to protect Poland's favorable trade balance and to serve as a counter-move against tariff restrictions of other nations. The cablegram likewise said:

Apparently the United States will be unaffected by the new regulations, the chief nations hit being Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia. Special facilities are to be extended to imports via the Polish port of Gdynia and Danzig.

Finland's Budget Balanced—No Deficit, It Is Said, for Fiscal Year 1932.

From Helsingfors (Finland), Jan. 2 Associated Press advices stated:

Finland's budget for the fiscal year 1932 has been satisfactorily balanced, and there is no deficit, as was erroneously reported by an Associated Press dispatch Dec. 19.

Original budget estimates were thrown out of balance by \$6,000,000 when Finland suspended the gold standard, but that prospective deficit has been overcome.

The Associated Press acknowledges the error and is glad to make the correction.

Small Farmers in Finland Reported to Have Signed Mass Petition in Bankruptcy.

From Helsingfors (Finland), Jan. 3 Associated Press advices stated:

Small farmers of Finland who said they were in distress decided to-day to sign a mass petition in bankruptcy.

The obligations of those who have signed the petition total 300,000,000 Finnish marks (about \$4,500,000). The petition would be filed with the Government whenever debtors owing a total of 100,000,000 marks had signed it.

Royal Decree Establishes Government Subsidy for Italian Merchant Vessels.

Associated Press advices from Rome (Italy) Dec. 31 stated: A Government subsidy for Italian merchant vessels was established by royal decree to-day for a period of one year beginning to-morrow.

Graduated according to tonnage, it would amount to 33 cents per mile for a 4,000-ton vessel, or \$1,300 on a trip from Naples to New York. It becomes less by 1% yearly for ships older than one year.

Greek Merchants' Moratorium.

The following (United Press) from Athens, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 8:

Greek merchants and members of professions in various provincial towns have proclaimed a moratorium on debts to individuals and banks. The situation of many towns in the interior of Greece is desperate due to lack of food and extreme cold.

Greece Seeks United States Wheat on Credit.

Associated Press advices from Athens Jan. 8 said: The Greek Government informed the American Legation to-day it will negotiate in Washington for the purchase of a quantity of American wheat on credit.

The Canadian Government named its commercial attache at Athens to negotiate a commercial treaty with Greece.

Greece Raises Visas to \$65 to Keep Money at Home.

The following Athens cablegram Jan. 1 is from the New York "Times":

In order to keep Greeks, and therefore Greek money, at home, the Finance Minister has issued a decree raising the charge for a foreign visa to the high rates of \$13 to \$65.

A Greek visiting a foreign health resort on medical advice can get a visa for \$13, but if he is going merely on a pleasure trip he must pay the maximum.

Jugoslav Credits Sought—Government Orders Report on Money Due from Abroad.

The following Belgrade cablegram Jan. 1 is from the New York "Times":

Jugoslav currency restrictions were increased to-day by a new decree ordering all Jugoslavs to report immediately to the National Bank the sums of money due them from abroad on Dec. 31.

Travelers are permitted to take out only \$35.20 in Jugoslav currency. Foreign postal orders are limited to \$52.80.

Danubian Federation Reported Abandoned—Prague Newspaper Says France Gave Way to Opposition from Germany and Italy.

From Prague Jan. 5 a cablegram to the New York "Times" stated:

The newspaper "Narodny Politika" publishes a story to-day to the effect that the Hungarian Minister to Paris has been informed by the French Foreign Office that the project of forming a Danubian federation consisting of Czechoslovakia, Austria and Hungary has been dropped by France, largely on account of the opposition of Germany and Italy.

Phillippe Berthelot, it is stated, fathered the project which had for its basic idea separating Austria from Germany and effecting a rapprochement between Hungary and the Little Entente. M. Berthelot, however, became convinced, it is stated, that it would be impossible to overcome the opposition of Germany and Italy, each of which had its own conception of the form the new Middle Europe should take. The opposition of Rumania and Jugoslavia also was strong.

\$71,000 Bonds of Bulgarian 7% Loan Cancelled—Receipts Pledged for Loan.

Speyer & Co. and J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp., as fiscal agents, announce that there have been purchased and cancelled for the semi-annual sinking fund, \$71,000 bonds of the Kingdom of Bulgaria 7% Settlement Loan of 1926. This amount, together with \$31,000 bonds retired the first half of last year, completes the sinking fund operations for the year 1931.

The receipts from the revenues pledged for the above loan are reported equal to \$3,359,000 for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1931, as against \$3,487,000 for the same period in 1930. Annual interest and sinking fund requirements amount to \$337,500 and £180,000 respectively for the dollar and the sterling loans.

Speyer & Co. Purchased and Cancelled in 1931 Bonds of Republic of Cuba to Amount of \$604,000.

Speyer & Co., as fiscal agents, announce that there have been purchased and cancelled in 1931 for the sinking fund \$604,000 Republic of Cuba 4½% gold bonds due 1949. Of the original issue of \$16,500,000 bonds there remain outstanding \$11,395,000 bonds.

Over Half Billion Bond Issues of South American Dollar Loans in Default, According to Latin-American Bondholders' Association.

Nearly fifty bond issues totaling about \$550,000,000 of South American external dollar loans sold in the New York market have been subjected to suspension of cash service remittances at the close of 1931, and several more defaults are expected during the first month of 1932, according to a study of conditions of default in South America by the Latin-American Bondholders Association, Inc., Jan. 4.

Only the Argentine Republic in all South America is still able or willing to pay full service on all funded debt contracted in United States currency by its national government, provinces and cities, the report states. It adds:

"No interest or amortization payments are now being received from the national governments or municipalities of Chile, Peru, or Bolivia; departments and cities of Colombia will have to delay payments of dollar bond service; the Brazilian Federal Government is paying interest in scrip and many of the states and municipalities may be unable to remit for coupon payments in 1932; Uruguay is still in doubt, but the default of Montevideo is of exceedingly bad portent."

In discussing the debt status of the various Latin-American nations, the report points out that in the case of Colombia, "the government has spared no efforts to avoid default, full bond service on the national government obligations has been maintained and the departments and municipalities which may pay interest in national scrip for a short period will resume full cash payments at the earliest possible date, but bondholders should place no obstacle in the way of any proposal to reduce interest rates on the 8%, 7½% and 7% bonds, or for payment of amortization by purchase in the open market instead of by drawing at par or over par, since these conditions are no longer equitable or even favorable to the interests of bondholders themselves." The report likewise says:

"Control of foreign exchange will be vested with the government bank, which will lend the national treasury the sum of 15,000,000 pesos to elimi-

nate a deficit, cancel government debt to departments, complete some indispensable public works and amplify the credit of the Agricultural Mortgage Bank."

"Brazil is in process of recovery, but it would not be fair to raise hopes for resumption of payments in cash by the Federal Government in less than three years. From January 1930 to June 1931, the entire gold reserves of the nation, amounting to \$139,000,000, were dissipated. For bond service and currency protection this amount would be needed yearly until an adequate gold reserve is accumulated. With 75% of the debt service burden eliminated, \$100,000,000 yearly should suffice during the three-year period, and this it is confidently expected will enter the country on balance of payments, thus equipping the treasury for renewal of cash payments."

In regard to the two principal states, Sao Paulo and Minas Geraes, the study says that neither has missed a coupon payment, but sinking fund quotas are falling short of the usual requirements for Sao Paulo and the attitude of Minas Geraes remains to be seen. Continuing, the report says:

"Bolivia paid foreign debt service to the bitter end of her resources, and it is an open secret that the government will never again pay 7 or 8% interest on its dollar bonds. Apparently, the only reason why bankers have not already appealed to bondholders for permission to cut these coupon rates in half is that the country is now unable to pay even 3½ or 4%."

The survey points out, however, that the Bolivians have shown a keen sense of credit responsibility, and that the government is now in good hands so with the adjustment of its finances, resumption of payments on a reduced scale may be expected within two years. In the case of Chile, which defaulted on its seven national government issues, totalling \$284,500,000, during July 1931, no provision has been made for resumption of payments at any time or for funding unpaid interest, says the study. While a first step has been taken in the reorganization of its important nitrate of soda industry, prospects for bondholders are not very encouraging.

"If the Peruvian Government does not soon provide for a partial resumption of payments on the foreign debt it will be because the country is not yet rid of political turmoil although the revolution started 16 months ago and gained its objective in four days," states the report which points out that the chief difficulty in this country is its political upheavals. The Peruvian foreign debt is not large in comparison with the debts of most other South American republics, being approximately \$108,467,600, estimated with the sterling debt calculated at par of exchange. "Statements by the government indicate that partial payment of bond service will be tendered in the full measure of any surplus obtained after apportioning indispensable public expenses in accordance with budget estimates. It is therefore not unlikely that bondholders will receive some interest in 1932," it is pointed out.

Regarding Uruguay, the Association mentions the reassuring semi-official reports which reiterate that service on the foreign debt will continue, in the face of the default of its most important city, Montevideo, and the low quotation of the Uruguayan peso. It is reported that the sinking fund remittances for the retirement of the stipulated number of national government bonds of the issue of 8% of 1946 have reached New York promptly, which would hold promise of continued coupon payments. Concerning the market action of South American bonds, the Association says:

"A natural sequence to this line of thought is the topic of relations between debtor government which pays through thick and thin, or conscientiously protects bondholders in case of unavoidable delays, and the bona fide investor who paid real money for his bonds.

"If these two can be brought to understand each other, false market values, fabricated by speculative manipulations, may be disregarded or turned to good advantage by both debtor or creditor. But if the debtor government forgets the existence of his best friend, the investor, and defaults out of sheer disgust at the market reports he receives by cable, he enriches the speculators who have sold short, and ruins his friend. Similarly, the investor who loses confidence and sells at panic prices, plays into the hands of the bears, punishes himself severely and helps to discourage his friend, the debtor government."

Responsibility for Loans to Latin America Laid to State Department—Bolivian Issue, Now in Default, Said to Have Been Approved Despite a Warning by Commerce Bureau—G. M. Jones Tells Senators of His Protest—Similar Case in Colombian Issue—Senator Glass Criticizes Secretary Stimson.

The State Department at Washington was said to have given indirect approval to the flotation of a Bolivian loan of \$23,000,000 in the United States in 1928 and the extension of a short-term credit of \$20,000,000 to Colombia late in the same year, after the Department of Commerce had informed it that these two countries had overborrowed, in testimony on Jan. 6 before the Senate Finance Committee by Grosvenor M. Jones, Chief of the Finance and Investment Division of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The advices to this effect are from a Wash-

ington dispatch Jan. 6 to the New York "Times" from which we also take the following:

The Bolivian loan, Mr. Jones said, was issued without official objection after "reluctant consent" was given, "because at that time our Latin-American relations were upset" and a Pan-American conference was pending.

The Colombia short-term credit, advanced by the National City Co. of New York and two other banking houses, was permitted despite a report, received from a Department of Commerce commercial attache at Bogota, Colombia, in which the attache informed Dr. Julius Klein, head of the bureau, that "Colombia is running wild on borrowing."

Glass Blames Stimson.

When he heard the testimony given before the Finance Committee to-day by Mr. Jones, Senator Glass of Virginia, in a statement charged that the State Department was morally responsible for money lost by Americans on foreign loans floated here.

"It is impossible," he said, "to denounce too strongly this lawless and unwarranted procedure on the part of the State Department."

"I pointed out to Congress two years ago that the State Department was engaging in this lawless procedure and the Senate adopted a resolution calling on Secretary Stimson to say by what right the department assumes to approve or disapprove the loans."

"He made a reply that was idiotic and the Senate passed a resolution calling upon them to desist. Stimson practically said the next day he was going to ignore the Senate's action."

"The State Department is morally responsible for every dollar lost on these investments. They had a clerk passing on the loans who didn't know any more about them than my cat."

The State Department never formally approved a bond issue floated in the United States, it was explained. However, since the Harding Administration it has been customary for foreign issues to be submitted for study by the State, Commerce and Treasury Departments. The State Department, by custom, either disapproves or fails to disapprove an issue, in which case bankers have been accustomed to proceed with the bond issues contemplated.

This testimony by Mr. Jones uncovered many new facts concerning the financial situation in South America, the scene of bond defaults previously shown to have totaled more than \$800,000,000 in securities floated in the United States.

His testimony followed lengthy examinations of leading international bankers such as Thomas W. Lamont, Otto H. Kahn, Charles E. Mitchell, Clarence Dillon and James Speyer, the last named a partner in the old family establishment of Speyer & Co., who was heard this morning. . . .

Jones Denies Concession Link.

When Senator Johnson questioned Mr. Jones he attempted to show that there might have been some connection between loans to Latin-American countries and concessions granted to American firms by those countries, but Mr. Jones pleaded ignorance of these business negotiations.

Bolivia has floated four bond issues in the United States, all now in default, according to a record previously filed with the Finance Committee. The first loan, of which \$1,431,000 is outstanding, was issued by the Chase National Bank in 1917. This house issued another for \$23,267,500 in 1922. Dillon, Read & Co. were listed as the agents for two later loans, one for \$14,000,000 in 1927 and another for \$23,000,000 in 1928. The last loan received the special attention of the committee.

The Colombia loan is not in default, according to the Finance Committee tabulation.

Mr. Jones testified that, as in the case of most foreign bond issues, he discussed the Bolivian loan of 1928 with Arthur Young, economic adviser of the State Department, and that by coincidence a special study had been in the course of preparation by his department when these discussions were being held.

Tells of Warning Against Loan.

"On this particular Bolivian loan," he testified, "I remember very distinctly talking with Arthur Young or Mr. Livesey (Frederick Livesey, assistant to Mr. Young) over at the State Department and telling them that we thought that Bolivia was borrowing too much in the market. There was a good deal of hemming and hawing, and the upshot of it was that we reluctantly gave our consent to it for the reason that at that particular moment our diplomatic relations with Latin-America were a little upset."

"Out government was under considerable attack for its Nicaraguan policy, its Haitian policy and so forth. There was shortly to be held, I remember, a Pan-American conference. As I recall, the State Department said that it might result in embarrassment if we turned down this loan proposition."

Asked by Senator Smoot if the bankers floating the loan had been informed, Mr. Jones said no information was given to bankers unless requested, and that "we were never asked by the bankers for any data."

Asked by Senator Johnson if any American companies have concessions in Bolivia, Mr. Jones said he knew that Standard Oil of California has a Bolivian concession, but that he thought it antedated the World War.

Peru's Defaults Laid to Revolt.

Mr. Jones also testified that all of the bonds of Peru floated in the United States are in default, the total being placed by him first at \$90,000,000, but corrected after the hearing to \$75,000,000. These bonds, he said, were floated principally by the National City Co. and J. & W. Seligman.

The Peruvian defaults, he said, occurred early in 1931, "really as a sequel to the overthrow of the Government of President Leguia and of the political disorder that followed thereon, as well as of the collapse in the prices of the principal commodities which Peru exports."

The political situation in Peru was termed "very unstable" by Mr. Jones, who said that Colonel Sanchez-Cerro, who overthrew Leguia, later was turned out of office and then reinstated through an election. He added that Peru has not repudiated its bonds.

Replying to an inquiry by Senator Johnson, Mr. Jones said he had heard of allegations against former President Leguia and his son in connection with Peruvian bond issues, but added "we have seen no corroboration of this."

No other allegations of corruption were cited in the hearings, but Mr. Jones testified that "with some few exceptions," in which he named Argentina, Uruguay, Chile and some of the Brazilian States, the Department of Commerce had thought that Latin-American countries had overborrowed.

Facts Were Published, Says Jones.

He said that these facts were made public, but not "stated baldly." Instead, they were printed "within proper limits so that he who ran might read."

In the case of Colombia, Mr. Jones testified, a special circular was issued in the fall of 1928, after the commercial attache at Bogota had written directly to Dr. Klein as follows:

"I think that Colombia is going wild on borrowings. She has started too many railroads and too many highways and she has not any idea where she is going to get all the money, except that the money is coming so readily now that they just think they can borrow ad infinitum."

"Do you recall that subsequent to the publication of the facts," Senator Johnson added, "the National City Bank, the Illinois Trust Co. and the First National Bank of Boston, in 1930, made a short-term credit of \$20,000,000 there?"

"Yes," responded the witness.

In response to further questioning by Senators Johnson and Shortridge of California, Mr. Jones described the Barco oil concession in Colombia, which he said eventually came into the control of the Gulf Oil Co. of Pittsburgh. The concession was forfeited in later political upheavals and finally restored, Mr. Jones added, several months after the credit was granted. It has not been developed.

Mr. Jones said that while the circular on Colombia was being prepared, Dr. Olaya, Minister of Colombia, called at the Department of Commerce and conferred with Dr. Klein. He was shown a copy of the circular, Mr. Jones added, and asked for time to refer it to his Government, but it was considered that this would entail too much delay.

Rivalry for Issues Described.

Mr. Jones corroborated testimony by Mr. Klein that many investment houses in the United States had competed strongly for South American bond issues during the boom period, but said two notable exceptions should be made, these being J. P. Morgan & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who, he said, "had followed the English tradition of the borrower seeking the lender rather than the lender seeking the borrower."

A large part of Mr. Jones's testimony related to Cuban borrowings, on which he qualified as an expert through having served for ten months as economic adviser to Ambassador Guggenheim. He said that in Cuba "there was quite a little competition"; that for a time the National City Co. appeared to have the "inside track," but that the "Chase Securities Co. really won out."

The Cuban borrowing was discussed in some detail. Mr. Jones described a maze of financial arrangements resulting from a desire by President Machado to build a highway the length of Cuba. Easy credit, he said, brought added expenditures, including "a \$20,000,000 Capitol with a gilt dome, a fine seaway and all that sort of thing," with the result that Cuba now owes about \$100,000,000. This debt includes \$40,000,000 in bonds, \$20,000,000 in Chase Bank credit, \$20,000,000 in Treasury obligations held by contractors and \$13,750,000 serial public works certificates held by the American public."

Colombia's Efforts Praised.

Asked by Senator Johnson if definite information on any Latin-American country could not have been obtained from his Department, Mr. Jones said that it could have been. He added that Dr. Olaya had enjoyed very cordial relations with his Department. The witness paid a special compliment to Colombia for endeavoring to balance its budget and meet its public debt obligations.

Panama Raises Duties—Highest Import Rates in Nation's History Decried by President.

The highest duties in the history of Panama were decreed by President Alfaro on Dec. 26 to meet the acute unemployment situation, protect home industries and increase the revenues of the Government. A cablegram Dec. 26 to the New York "Times" from Panama City reporting this, added:

Until the abrogation of the Taft agreement by former President Coolidge of the United States, Panama's customs duties, except on liquors and tobacco, were limited to 15% ad valorem.

While local manufactures amount to little, the new rates are bound to affect imports from the United States, particularly shoes and wearing apparel.

The Department of Commerce, at Washington had the following to say Dec. 30, regarding the new duties:

A Panama decree to become effective April 1 1932 imposes new specific rates in addition to the present ad valorem duties on some products, and substantially increases the rates of import duty on a number of other articles, for the declared purpose of protecting home industries and increasing revenue, according to a cable dated Dec. 28 1931, received by the Department of Commerce from Commercial Attache Robert A. Martin, Panama City.

The following products, now dutiable at a flat rate of 15% ad valorem, are to be subject to new specific duties in addition to the ad valorem rates: ready-made clothing of all kinds, furniture of all kinds, trunks and suitcases, and building materials, such as wooden doors, windows, moulding, and metal eaves and troughs.

Substantial increases of import duty are effected on the following: meats of all kinds, fish, butter and butter substitutes, milk, edible oils and fats, rice, beans, fruits, aerated waters, shoes, hats, printed matter, such as tickets, account books and the like, and alcoholic liquors.

Funds Received to Pay Overdue (Dec. 1) Interest on Montevideo 7% Bonds—Notice of New York Stock Exchange.

Dillon, Read & Co., paying agents for the City of Montevideo, Uruguay, 7% bonds due 1952, announce they now have in hand funds for the payment of the interest coupon which was due on Dec. 1 last, and that such coupons may be presented at their office. The announcement in the matter, issued in behalf of Dillon, Read & Co., also says:

The City of Montevideo has requested them to state that the municipality greatly regrets the enforced delay in meeting this payment which was caused by the shortage in the supply of dollar exchange available to the Bank of the Republic in Montevideo. The municipality deposited with the bank before December 1 an amount of Uruguayan pesos sufficient to meet the full payment, but it has only been possible for the bank to make transfers to New York in small amounts during the month.

A previous item regarding the Dec. 1 coupons appeared in our issue of Dec. 5, page 3722.

On Jan. 4 the following notice was issued by the New York Stock Exchange:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.
Committee of Securities.

January 4 1932.

Referring to the ruling of the Committee on Securities dated Dec. 1 1931, Sec. 350: Notice having been received that the interest due Dec. 1 1931, on City of Montevideo, 7% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1952, is now being paid.

The Committee on Securities further rules that said bonds be quoted ex-interest 3 1/2% on Wednesday, Jan. 6 1932; that said bonds shall continue to be dealt in "flat" and thereafter to be a delivery must carry the June 1 1932 and subsequent coupons.

ASHBEL GREEN, *Secretary.*

Moratorium Lapses on Uruguayan Debts—Deputies Fail to Approve Extension of a Year Passed by the Senate.

In the New York "Times" it was stated that Uruguay's moratorium on foreign commercial debts terminated on Dec. 31 without the Chamber of Deputies reaching action on the Senate's recently passed bill spreading settlement of payments over the next 12 months instead of 5 as specified in the moratorium law. The advices to the "Times" were contained in a cablegram from Montevideo Jan. 1, which also said:

When the Senate, on Christmas Eve, passed the bill, drafted by the Bank of the Republic and supported by government officials, it was believed in political, banking and commercial circles that the Deputies would pass the bill as a matter of routine, but the effort to railroad it caused a stormy session and no action was taken. Strong opposition has arisen in the Chamber against any future delay in the settlement of commercial debts. There is a determined movement in the Chamber, on the other hand, that \$10,000,000 worth of gold be withdrawn from the Bank of the Republic's holdings to be remitted abroad to settle commercial obligations.

The failure of the Deputies to approve the Senate bill leaves the existing law unchanged. It requires commercial debtors to make initial payment in January of 20% of the total of their foreign obligations and similar monthly payments until May.

The Bank of the Republic has issued a new order forbidding banks to sell drafts involving 1,000 pesos or more direct to clients, but only through the intervention of registered exchange brokers, about 50 of whom have complained of heavy losses as a result of the bank's restrictions on exchange operations. The new regulation permits them to collect their regular commission of one per mill.

The bureau of public credit has published a report showing Uruguay's total public debt at the end of the year to be 238,765,350 pesos (\$247,122,137) at par, of which 148,006,984 pesos (\$153,187,228) is foreign. The foreign debt was decreased by 5,438,211 pesos during the year and the internal increased by 4,768,735.

Reference to the Senate action appeared in our issue of Jan. 2, page 56.

Nationalists in Uruguay Congress Favor Suspension of Sinking Fund Payments on Foreign Debts.

A cablegram as follows from Montevideo Jan. 6 is taken from the New York "Times":

Nationalist members of Congress, in a caucus last night, decided to support the project to suspend sinking fund payments on the foreign debt this year, but to pay interest promptly.

As the project was drawn up by the majority Colorado party, the promised support of the Nationalists assures the passage of the project, which, it is understood, will be voted on in the next few days.

Suspension of the sinking fund payments will save something more than 4,000,000 pesos (\$1,784,000), which will be applied to the interest payments.

The plan is to resume the sinking fund payments when exchange improves, removing the present heavy loss in remitting to New York and London.

Offering of Export Exchange Bills in Uruguay.

The following Montevideo advices Jan. 2 are from the New York "Times":

For the first time in several weeks there were offerings of export exchange bills to-day, and the two hours of trading before the banks closed at noon offered the most active exchange market seen in a long time.

The offering of export bills enabled the holders of the Bank of the Republic's permits to purchase foreign drafts, which hitherto had been unavailable because there were no sellers.

Except for slight changes in sterling and the lira, all rates were stationary. The dollar quotation remained at 44.60 cents per peso, at which the official bank has it artificially pegged.

Peru Debt Payment Seen as Obscured—Commercial Attache Cunningham Says Balance of Payments Prevent It.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 8 it is learned that resumption of debt service by Peru depends primarily upon a rise in prices of metals and agricultural products which that country produces, according to Charles H. Cunningham, Commercial Attache, who has returned from a two-year stay in that country. In part the paper from which we quote also said:

Mr. Cunningham pointed out in an interview that the Government of that country has declared its intention to resume debt service when possible, but at the present time neither the budget nor the balance of payments permits of serious thought of early resumption.

Mr. Cunningham stated that the long-term dollar debt of Peru was \$89,631,141 at the end of 1930. In addition, there is approximately \$15,000,000 of sterling debt and \$15,000,000 internal debt, interest on the latter still being maintained. Charges on this debt amount to nearly

\$10,000,000 per annum, while the floating debt due abroad amounts to some \$7,500,000 and at home to about \$8,000,000.

Foreigners Produce Exports.

In analyzing the present situation in Peru, Mr. Cunningham said that careful consideration must be given to the special nature of the country's exports. "In 1929," he stated, "the exports amounted to some \$135,000,000, but of this total \$50,000,000 of petroleum and \$35,000,000 of copper were produced and sent out of the country by foreign companies, which only spent within the country moderate sums for wages and taxes. The balance was received in foreign currencies abroad and did not go back to Peru at all. At present, with curtailed operations and lower prices in these two commodities, the country has had to be satisfied with reduced income from even these restricted sources."

"The bulk of the exports of the country are accounted for by cotton and sugar shipments," Mr. Cunningham explained. "The former amounted to \$30,000,000 in 1929 and the latter to \$15,000,000. With lower prices now prevailing, despite low production costs and high quality for these Peruvian products, reduced income is now being realized from these sources. In addition about \$5,000,000 is secured from hide exports under fairly normal conditions. Much less is now being realized."

"The Government's finances are in unsatisfactory state, with an indicated deficit this year, without debt service."

Peru Arranges for Internal Loan.

The Peruvian Government has arranged for a local loan of 1,200,000 soles (about \$336,000), according to Commercial Attache Merwin Bohan at Lima, in a report to the Department of Commerce. The Department, in making this known Dec. 30, also said:

The Treasury is to draw upon the Caja Depositos y Consignaciones, which then discounts the drafts with local banks, exclusive of branches of foreign banks. The banks are then to rediscount the drafts with the Central Reserve Bank of Peru.

The loan is to be secured by drafts of approximately the same amount, drawn by the Government on the Guano Administration Co. These drafts are already in the possession of the Caja which has been authorized by the Government to hold them as guaranties.

The proceeds of the loan are to be used for the payment of current expenses, especially salaries and pensions in arrears.

Latin-Americans Plan Link with Federal Reserve System—Bolivia and Chile Moving Gold to New York from London—Other South American Nations Expected to Act—Professor Kemmerer Reports on Parley.

According to Associated Press advices from Santiago, Chile, Jan. 7 the central banks of Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Colombia plan to undertake immediately the withdrawal of gold reserves on deposit in London for transfer to a gold standard country, probably the United States, it was said on high authority. The cablegram as given in the New York "Times" went on to say:

Chile and Bolivia are more directly concerned than the others and already have taken preliminary steps, it was said.

The banks intend also to establish closer relations with the Federal Reserve System and with the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, more for the sake of getting advice than credits. Such credits as are sought will be negotiated individually.

These decisions were reached by representatives of the five banks at a recent conference in Lima and although they were in the nature of a resolution, some difficulty is expected in getting permission for the withdrawal from the depositories.

It is understood that the five banks will stand together for maintenance of the gold standard and in urging those banks which have suspended the gold standard temporarily to make every effort to return to it.

In order that the gold standard may be maintained on the West Coast the banks are determined to prevent padding of currencies with paper issues and to urge the governments that the issuing power be left in the hands of the banks.

Chilean delegates to the Lima conference expressed gratification at the co-operation of Federal Reserve officials who attended. Nothing of a definite nature was arranged regarding any direct intervention by the Federal Reserve.

The five banks, it was said, have decided not to avail themselves of credits in foreign currencies except temporarily, thus precluding regular credits and leaving the Federal Reserve in the capacity of an adviser and emergency helper.

Argentina Meets Interest—Foreign Debt Services Settled—Cash Revenues Rose Last Year.

From Buenos Aires Jan. 1 the New York "Times" reports the following:

Argentina's foreign debt services due to-day were met, notwithstanding several heavy payments made in settling short-term indebtedness.

Although imports decreased 29% the customs revenue fell off only 13%, as a result of successive increases in duties.

The Provisional Government started a system of prompt monthly publication of treasury movement figures, and complete returns for 1931 show that cash revenues amounted to \$180,000,000, exceeding the previous year's total by \$2,100,000. This increase was achieved in the face of a drop in customs revenues from \$74,787,000 in 1930 to \$68,105,000 last year, as well as million dollar declines in both internal revenue taxes and postal revenue.

Short-term credits amounted to but \$10,000,000, as against \$130,000,000 in 1930, and this abstinence from foreign borrowing is having a beneficial effect on national economy.

The expenditures account shows the lowest outlay for administrative salaries in many years, the total being \$93,000,000, as compared with \$132,000,000 in 1930 and the previous four-year average of \$110,000,000.

Financial service entailed an outlay of about \$60,000,000, which was \$10,000,000 above that of the previous year. The reduction in general expenditures was \$9,000,000.

Extension of Credit of \$20,000,000 by Bank of Brazil to National Coffee Council—No Further Trades Contemplated.

Referring to the extension on Dec. 31 of a credit of approximately \$20,000,000 to the National Coffee Council by the Bank of Brazil, to be used in paying for stocks (referred to in our issue of Jan. 2, page 55) the New York "Times" of Jan. 1 said:

No Further Trades Contemplated.

While the National Coffee Council of Brazil will not entertain any further trade by exchange for other commodities and will liquidate contracts of this nature already made, a campaign of advertising is to be inaugurated, it was announced here yesterday by Sebastiao Sampaio, Consul-General of Brazil.

Senhor Sampaio made the following statement, addressing himself to the press, the New York Sugar and Coffee Exchange and all other coffee organizations in this country:

"Complying with instructions received by cable to-day from Dr. Marcos de Souza Dantas, President of the National Coffee Council of Brazil, I have the honor to inform the New York Sugar and Coffee Exchange, all the other coffee organizations of the country and in general the coffee trade and the press of the United States, that in reply to various inquiries sent to His Excellency, the President of the National Coffee Council of Brazil authorized me to declare that the Council does not intend to enter into any new transactions of consignment or exchanges of coffee for other commodities. The National Coffee Council of Brazil will limit its action in this matter to the liquidation of the contracts already made.

"I have the pleasure of also announcing under the same instructions that it is the intention of the National Coffee Council of Brazil to give a great impulse to the promotion and advertising of coffee in the United States, always in mutual accord with the coffee interests of this country. To help in the expansion of our promotional activities, President Dantas instructed me to request the co-operation of all branches of the coffee trade of the United States in the form of suggestions which I will have the honor of receiving and transmitting to the Council where they will be studied with all deserved interest and attention.

"President Souza Dantas hopes that the coffee trade of the United States will receive this first step of the new reorganized Council as a demonstration of the sincere desire of the Brazilian coffee industry for the further development of friendly co-operation and understanding which, with reciprocal benefit, will certainly intensify Brazilian-American commercial relations."

Senhor Sampaio, who is also Vice-Chairman of the Brazilian-American Coffee Promotion Committee of the United States, announced at the same time that the Committee is already prepared to facilitate all coffee organizations and individuals of the United States by detailed information on the present and past coffee promotional work in order to help the proposed plan for increased activities.

Chile to Float Loan—\$24,000,000 Issue to Pay Off Debts and Meet Expenses.

The New York "World-Telegram" reports the following (United Press) from Santiago, Chile, Jan. 7:

The Treasury Department was authorized by Congress tonight to issue 200,000,000 pesos (\$24,000,000) in Treasury notes bearing 6% interest. The notes can be discounted through private banks or directly through the Treasury.

The issue is to be used for part payment of the internal floating debt, to continue public works projects and to meet the government payroll.

6% Bonds of Chile, and 6¾% Bonds of Mortgage Bank of Chile Dealt in "Flat" on New York Stock Exchange.

The following notices have been issued by the New York Stock Exchange:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
Committee on Securities

Dec. 31 1931.

Notice having been received that the interest due Dec. 31 1931 on Mortgage Bank of Chile Guaranteed Sinking Fund 6¾% Gold Bonds of 1926, due 1961, is not being paid:

The Committee on Securities rules that beginning Thursday, Dec. 31 1931, and until further notice, the said bonds shall be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Dec. 31 1931 and subsequent coupons.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
Committee on Securities

Jan. 2 1932.

Notice having been received that the interest due Jan. 1 1932 on Republic of Chile Railway Refunding Sinking Fund 6% Gold External Bonds, due Jan. 1 1961, is not being paid:

The Committee on Securities rules that beginning Saturday, Jan. 2 1932, and until further notice, the said bonds shall be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Jan. 1 1932 and subsequent coupons.

The Committee further rules that all contracts, except "time option" contracts, in said bonds maturing on Monday, Jan. 4 1932, shall be settled on the basis of computing six months' interest only.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Bonds Department of Caldas, (Colombia) Dealt in "Flat" on New York Stock Exchange.

Under date of Jan. 2 a notice as follows was issued by the New York Stock Exchange:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
Committee on Securities

Jan. 2 1932.

Notice having been received that the interest due Jan. 1 1932 on Department of Caldas, Republic of Colombia 7½% 20-Year External Secured Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due 1946, is not being paid:

The Committee on Securities rules that beginning Saturday, Jan. 2 1932, and until further notice, the said bonds shall be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Jan. 1 1932 and subsequent coupons.

The Committee further rules that all contracts, except "time option" contracts, in said bonds maturing on Monday, Jan. 4 1932, shall be settled on the basis of computing six months' interest only.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Bonds of City of Porto Alegre Dealt in "Flat" on New York Stock Exchange.

A notice issued Jan. 2 by the New York Stock Exchange said:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
Committee on Securities

Jan. 2 1932.

Notice having been received that the interest due Jan. 1 1932 on City of Porto Alegre 40-Year 7½% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds External Loan of 1925, due 1966, is not being paid:

The Committee on Securities rules that beginning Saturday, Jan. 2 1932, and until further notice, the said bonds shall be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery must carry the Jan. 1 1932 and subsequent coupons.

The Committee further rules that all contracts, except "time option" contracts, in said bonds maturing on Monday, Jan. 4 1932, shall be settled on the basis of computing six months' interest only.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

6½% Bonds of City of Rio de Janeiro Dealt in "Flat" on New York Stock Exchange.

A notice issued by the New York Stock Exchange on Jan. 7 said:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
Committee on Securities

Jan. 7 1932.

Referring to the ruling of the Committee on Securities dated Aug. 1 1931, SEC-266:

Notice having been received that payment of \$10.06 per \$1,000 bond will be made beginning Jan. 11 1932, on account of the coupon due Aug. 1 1931 on City of Rio de Janeiro 6½% External Secured Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, due 1953:

The Committee on Securities further rules that the bonds be quoted ex-interest \$10.06 on Monday, Jan. 11 1932; that the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "flat" and to be a delivery after Jan. 11 1932, must carry the Aug. 1 1931, coupon stamped as to payment of \$10.06 per \$1,000 bond and subsequent coupons.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

Japan Said to Have Lost Heavily in Dollar Speculation —\$12,500,000 Must Be Paid by Central Bank to Cover Private Purchases.

Tokio advices as follows Dec. 21 are taken from the New York "Times":

Viscount Takahashi, the new Finance Minister, has been investigating the extent of speculation in dollars by Japanese since the development of the Manchurian issue and has discovered it was much larger than had been thought.

He has found, according to the Japanese newspapers, that Jonnosuke Inouye, the Finance Minister in the Wakatsuki Cabinet, underestimated the amount of dollars bought here when he put the total at \$167,000,000. Viscount Takahashi now puts the amount at \$255,000,000, which was bought between Sept. 20, following the advance of the Japanese Army in Manchuria, and mid-October.

Gold has been shipped to the United States to cover the \$167,000,000, but now \$88,000,000 remains to be met. With the yen off about 15%, the Yokohama Specie Bank, which controls the dealings in exchange, stands to lose about \$12,500,000 through the purchase of gold with yen in order to meet this demand, or more if the yen should fall further.

The Yokohama institution is covered in the transaction by a guarantee given by the Bank of Japan and the government is now considering what it will do to cover the loss.

Mr. Inouye blames the present government for the situation in which it finds itself. He states that if the Cabinet had not so hurriedly reimposed the embargo on the export of gold by ordering it the day after the change in government, it would have been possible to put the loss on the speculators in dollar exchange and not on the country.

In publishing the above the "Times" said:

Following the re-imposition of the gold embargo the Tokio "Aashi" estimated that firms which had been buying dollars in anticipation of this step would save between \$30,000,000 and \$60,000,000 through it. The newspaper estimated that about \$200,000,000 was held speculatively, the principal holders being the Mitsui Bank, \$50,000,000; the Sumitomo Bank, \$20,000,000; the Mitsubishi Bank, \$10,000,000, and various trust, debenture and insurance companies making up the remainder.

Japan May Use Bonds to Help Specie Bank—Wants to Extend New York Loan to Cover Purchases of Dollar Exchange.

The Tokio correspondent of the New York "Times" reports that a conference was held at the Finance Ministry on Jan. 6 to determine whether \$75,000,000 worth of foreign bonds held by the Government Deposits Bureau shall be loaned to the Yokohama Specie Bank to tide it over its shortage of dollar exchange due to the recent abandonment of the gold standard. The Jan. 6 advices continued:

The loan of these bonds would be intended to enable the bank to obtain an extension of a loan contracted with J. P. Morgan & Co. in New York for the support of the yen on a gold basis when that was the policy of the late government.

The abrupt abandonment of the gold basis by the Government of Premier Inukai has involved the Specie Bank in a risk of approximately 60,000,000 yen (\$21,720,000 at yesterday's exchange rate). The Government has refused to indemnify the bank but the bonds may be loaned to carry it along while it accumulates export bills in an effort gradually to correct its position.

Forthcoming Financing of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks Propose Offering of \$12,500,000 Debentures.

January financing for the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks will take the form of an offering early next week of \$12,500,000 of collateral trust debentures, dated Jan. 15 and due in four to nine months, according to Charles R. Dunn, fiscal agent. Since 1923 the Banks have sold in the open market over \$1,000,000,000 of debentures and the outstanding debentures as of Jan. 1 amount to approximately \$79,000,000. This will be reflected in the annual report which will be ready for distribution about the end of February.

In spite of the unfavorable bond market last month, the offering of \$12,000,000 of debentures the early part of December was very well taken, Mr. Dunn said. The law provides that the Banks shall always maintain a 25% margin of safety as they are only permitted to loan up to 75% of the market value. The general practice, it is stated, is to loan only 65% of the market value of commodities against which the loans are made. The forthcoming financing is to refund \$17,500,000 of debentures maturing Jan. 15. The December offering was referred to in our issue of Dec. 12, page 3900.

Senate Adopts Capper Resolution Providing for Distribution of Government-Owned Wheat for Relief Purposes.

The Senate, without a record vote, adopted on Jan. 5 the Capper resolution which authorizes "the distribution of Government-owned wheat to the American National Red Cross and other organizations for the relief of people in distress." The resolution proposes the distribution of 40,000,000 bushels of wheat of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, "or so much thereof as in the judgment of the President may be needed" . . . "in providing food for the needy and distressed people of the United States." From a Washington dispatch Jan. 4 to the New York "Times" we take the following:

The Federal Farm Board would be recompensed for the wheat at the prevailing market price at the time of delivery.

It is estimated that the Federal Government would have to pay into the Board's revolving fund \$16,000,000 to cover the cost of the wheat to be given to charity.

Senator Borah opposed buying wheat from the Farm Board, declaring that while he favored its free distribution, the wheat should be bought from the farmers, who, he said, had 55% of last year's crop in their bins. He insisted that if the wheat was so purchased it would benefit the farmers, while taking it out of the supplies of the Board would not provide any real benefit to the producer.

Senator McNary said that there was about 166,000,000 bushels of wheat now held by the Board, purchased at an average of 81 cents a bushel, but that the storage and insurance charges increased the cost to \$1.17 a bushel.

Senator Robinson, Democratic floor leader, asked Senator Capper whether the President would designate the Red Cross to distribute the wheat, and the latter replied that he did not know.

"This partakes of the nature of a dole, which is opposed by the President," Senator Robinson said. "It is well known that the President has not recommended this measure."

Amendments provided that there should be no direct or indirect sale of the wheat to pay for transportation or milling charges; that 5,000,000 bushels of wheat could be used for animals in the drouth sections and that wheat also should go to the Indians.

We likewise take from the "United States Daily" of Jan. 5 the following:

Described as "Dole."

The question of whether the proposal would open the door to further appropriations for direct relief was debated several hours and there was a lack of unanimity of opinion as to the possibilities.

Discussion of provisions of the wheat distribution resolution had proceeded only a few minutes before Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the Minority leader, "warned" the Senate to proceed "with caution" in legislation of the character under consideration. He asserted that, with a "Treasury that is already bankrupt" the Congress must give thought to the direction which it would be traveling in appropriations, and there was held to be no difference whether it was wheat or money.

"There is no disguising this," said the Arkansas Senator. "It will cost the Federal Government \$16,000,000. It's a dole though it is a miserable amount."

Predicts Future Calls.

"The Federal Government can not conclude that it has discharged its obligation by such an action. We can not be blind to the precedent that it lays down. I suggest that Senators proceed with caution unless they recognize this legislation for what it is—a dole—and as the precedent which it will establish.

Senator Wheeler (Dem.), of Montana, who joined with Senator Capper in reporting the resolution, said there was really no difference in giving the wheat to Americans and "a gift in the guise of a sale" to China. He asserted he never expected to see the Chinese pay for the 25,000,000 bushels purchased, although Senator McNary, of Oregon, the Assistant Majority Leader, had maintained that the sale was made on "what was presumed to be good security."

Inquiry in House.

Wheat held by the Grain Stabilization Corp. is encumbered by primary loans of 32.8 cents a bushel, which would have to be taken up by the Federal Farm Board on any wheat donated for the relief of distress, C. B. Denman, member of the Farm Board, told the House Committee on Agriculture Jan. 4. The Committee held hearings on proposals for free distribution of wheat to the needy.

A tentative draft of a bill, prepared by Representative Jones (Dem.), of Amarillo, Texas, Chairman of the Committee, which was before the Committee for discussion, provided for distribution of 20,000,000 bushels of stabilization wheat or such additional amounts as may be needed. Mr. Denman estimated the use of that amount would cost the Farm Board's revolving fund between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 to take up the loans.

Representative Jones told the Committee he had talked with James C. Stone, Chairman of the Farm Board, who had advised him that if any great amount of the wheat were used, more funds would be needed by the Board. Mr. Stone felt that otherwise the Board might be handicapped financially, Mr. Jones said.

Representative Andresen (Rep.), of Red Wing, Minn., asked what would be the effect if the Board, instead of providing stabilization wheat, went on the open market and bought the wheat needed. Mr. Denman said it would have the same effect as if anyone else bought the same amount of wheat. Mr. Andresen stated orally after the Committee hearing that he wanted the Board to buy the wheat on the market, thus strengthening the price at the same time as it provided relief.

The Senate committee's action on the resolution was noted in our issue of Jan. 2, page 70.

Red Cross to Aid if United States Gives Wheat—Chairman Payne Pledges Distribution of Stores of Federal Farm Board to Needy if Congress Authorizes It—Replies to Representative La Guardia.

John Barton Payne, National Chairman of the American National Red Cross, told a House committee on Jan. 5 that if Congress makes available Government-owned wheat the Red Cross will undertake its distribution to the needy. An Associated Press dispatch from Washington Jan. 5 to the New York "Evening Post" also said:

Mr. Payne was testifying before the Agriculture Committee which is considering measures similar to that passed by the Senate yesterday to release 40,000,000 bushels of Farm Board wheat for relief.

"I do not think," Mr. Payne said, "it is my province to speak as to whether Congress should enact such legislation. That is for Congress to decide. I assume you want to know whether we will accept it."

"The Red Cross will accept that responsibility," Mr. Payne said.

Criticized by La Guardia.

Committee members listened attentively as the Red Cross head outlined his views regarding such legislation. Just before he took the stand Representative La Guardia, New York Republican, had criticized the Red Cross attitude last year in refusing Federal aid as "a great disappointment."

Before addressing himself to the wheat bill, Mr. Payne volunteered an answer to Representative La Guardia.

"Before you begin," he said, "I heard the gentleman before me speak with reference to the Red Cross. If any gentleman here happens to reside in one of the drouth States, I only refer to him for a complete answer to what the gentleman said."

Mr. Payne recommended that provision be made to pay for the cost of processing the wheat with the by-products.

"In our view," he said, "it is vital that the cost of milling, cleaning and other processing may be paid for by the by-products. I know of no reason why the by-products should not be used to pay this cost."

Mr. Payne estimated the cost of milling 40,000,000 bushels of wheat at \$5,000,000.

While Mr. Payne was giving his views to the House Committee, Representative Huddleston of Alabama was asking the Senate Manufactures Committee to approve direct Federal appropriations for unemployment relief. Mr. Huddleston is a Democratic sponsor of a bill to that end.

Senate Inquiry Into Federal Farm Board Ends—Possibility of Wider Investigation—"Errors, But No Delinquencies" Disclosed, Says Senator McNary—\$75,000 Salary to E. F. Creekmore—\$50,000 to G. S. Milnor—Amounts Owed Board by Stabilization Corporation and Co-Operatives—Wheat Paper Loss.

A complete investigation of the Federal Farm Board by a Senate committee empowered to subpoena witnesses was informally predicted by members of the Senate Agricultural Committee at Washington on Nov. 28 after completing a series of hearings on operations of the Board and agricultural co-operatives under the Agricultural Marketing Act. The dispatch from Washington, Nov. 28, to the New York "Times" went on to say:

Several committee members, among them Senators Norris of Nebraska, Wheeler of Montana, Frazier of North Dakota and Thomas of Oklahoma, have been outspokenly critical of such matters as "princely" salaries paid to the heads of co-operative marketing organizations. These included \$75,000 annually paid E. C. Creekmore, General Manager of the American Cotton Co-operative Association, and the \$50,000 salary of George S. Milnor of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation.

It was expected in at least one quarter that Mr. Norris probably would move in the Senate for an investigation of the Board.

Errors But No Delinquencies.

Senator McNary of Oregon, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee, said after adjournment:

The hearings have rather determined the usefulness of the Marketing Act and disclosed some errors of administration, but no delinquencies. The committee generally seemed to disapprove of some of the excessively high salaries among the various subsidiaries.

The hearings have been concluded, and the whole subject will be admitted to the committee at an early date for consideration of possible modification of the Marketing Act and whether further hearings should be held with respect to the activities of the Farm Board.

The concluding session of the Committee brought testimony from many angles, including descriptions of an alleged fund of \$100,000, which cor-

responsiveness showed was planned for use in a fight for repeal of the Marketing Act; a defense of trading in futures in wheat and cotton by a market authority, and attacks on the Marketing Act by three "middlemen," who charged that Farm Board loans were in effect Treasury subsidies to groups which competed with established enterprises.

U. B. Blalock, President of the American Cotton Operative Association, who said he served without salary, was optimistic over the cotton outlook, and credited much of the criticism leveled against co-operative cotton marketing to members of the private trade.

Letter Asks for \$100,000 Fund.

He inserted in the records a letter sent to all members of the New York Cotton Exchange soliciting subscriptions to a fund of \$100,000 to fight the Marketing Act and to "enlighten the public as to the activities of the Federal Farm Board as at present conducted." This letter was signed by Leigh M. Pearsall, C. T. Revere and Gardner H. Miller.

Defending the salary which his association pays to Mr. Creekmore, Mr. Blalock said:

"He was far too modest. We do feel that we have placed at the head of our organization a successful business man who knows the cotton business thoroughly from every angle."

In answer to a request, just before to-day's hearing concluded, Carl Williams, cotton member of the Farm Board, told the Committee that the Cotton Stabilization Corporation and the American Cotton Co-operative Association together owe the Farm Board about \$194,000,000, secured by 3,300,000 bales of cotton.

The Stabilization Corporation owned by the Farm Board, owes \$93,862,000 to the Board, \$14,615,000 to Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and \$8,440,000 to primary banks. The Co-operative Association, owned by cotton co-operatives, owes \$63,737,000 to the Board, \$69,432 to Intermediate Credit Banks, and \$14,146,000 to primary banks.

Thomas to Ask Amendment of Act.

After the hearing Senator Thomas declared that he will ask an amendment to the Marketing Act to stop stabilization operations by the Board and to relieve co-operatives of their debts to it.

"The Farm Board admits that its efforts to stabilize farm prices on the Exchanges, based on present prices, have cost over \$200,000,000," said Mr. Thomas.

"Evidence before the Agricultural Committee convinces me that the Board should cease all further efforts to peg or stabilize wheat or cotton prices by operations on the Exchanges.

"Evidence submitted shows that not only has the Farm Board suffered great losses but, in addition, the several co-operative associations and even the individual members of such organizations have great debts charged up against them.

"The Farm Board admits that the policy of the co-operatives has been dictated by such Board, hence such policies and activities leading to such losses are responsible either directly or indirectly for such losses.

Never Authorized by Congress.

"The attempted stabilization or efforts to control prices through the Exchanges was never specifically authorized by Congress. The practice should be stopped by an amendment to the Marketing Act. In closing this phase of activities the Farm Board should assume the losses occasioned by its policies and the individual cotton and wheat growers should be absolved from any further demands for funds to meet losses already incurred.

"I will ask the Agricultural Committee to consider such a program of adjustment."

C. L. Poole, a commission merchant and President of the New York Mercantile Exchange, criticized sharply the policy of lending Federal money to co-operatives, although he said he favored the development of co-operatives, of which he has some clients.

"We are unalterably opposed to the Federal Marketing Act," he testified.

"We feel that the fundamental provisions of the Constitution, liberty and justice, have been overlooked in it.

"We don't feel that it is justice to take money from the Federal Treasury and loan it to a group of men to help out private individual merchants. We feel that the law of supply and demand is being sidetracked.

Trading in Futures Defended.

"None of our organizations are opposed to co-operative marketing, but we cannot compete with these co-operative selling organizations if they are to be financed with funds out of the Federal Treasury."

F. M. McIntyre of Potsdam, N. Y., head of the Eastern Federation of Feed Merchants, and J. L. Roberts of Philadelphia, member of the advisory board of the National League of Commission Merchants, testified in similar vein.

The Committee also heard a defense of trading in futures in the testimony of Siebel C. Harris of Chicago, Chairman of the Grain Committee on National Affairs, which includes in its membership most of the Boards of Trade which supply facilities for commodity trading.

Mr. Harris cited an opinion by Associate Justice Holmes of the Supreme Court upholding the legality of this practice. He also quoted a report rendered in 1907 by a New York Commission appointed by Charles Evans Hughes, then Governor and now Chief Justice of the United States, which found that "short-selling tends to produce steadiness in price, which is an advantage to the community."

An actual profit of \$2,418,300 realized by the Farmers National Grain Corporation since its creation in Nov. 1929, and a "paper loss" in wheat stabilization operations by the Grain Stabilization Corporation of \$110,000,000 were related at the hearing on Nov. 27 by George S. Milnor, General Manager of both organizations, in testifying before the Senate Agricultural Committee. The New York "Journal of Commerce" in its account of the hearing that day, said in part:

Raising the previous estimate of the "paper losses" of the Grain Stabilization Corporation by \$8,000,000 over the \$102,000,000 revealed by Chairman James C. Stone of the Federal Farm Board last Wednesday (Nov. 25) Mr. Milnor disclosed that wheat holdings of the Farmers National Grain Corporation on Oct. 31 totaled 12,184,047 bushels. He said that this was the first time holdings of the Farmers National have ever been made known and expressed the belief that the holdings to-day are approximately the same as on Oct. 31.

Cotton Losses Given.

E. F. Creekmore, President of the Cotton Stabilization Corporation and Vice-President-General Manager of the American Cotton Co-operative Association, who also testified before the Committee to-day, estimated "paper losses" of the latter organization on the basis of the present price of cotton at approximately \$50,000,000. The "paper losses" of the Cotton Stabilization Corporation are estimated to be around \$75,000,000. In the case of the first mentioned organization the \$50,000,000 loss cannot be accredited against the Farm Board as the American Cotton Co-operative Association is an independently-owned concern which has as its membership cotton co-operative organizations.

The following regarding the hearing on Nov. 27 is from the Washington account Nov. 27 to the "Times":

The salaries of Messrs. Milnor and Creekmore were revealed Tuesday (Nov. 24) in testimony before the committee by Chairman Stone of the Farm Board, but comment was withheld until to-day, when Mr. Milnor testified to receiving \$50,000 annually. Mr. Creekmore gets a salary of \$25,000 plus a bonus of \$50,000 a year.

"What is the average income of cotton growers?" asked Senator Wheeler of Montana.

"I'd say about \$300 a year," replied Mr. Creekmore.

"And you, as the representative of these poor devils, are drawing down \$75,000 a year?" exclaimed the Senator.

From Mr. Creekmore the Committee learned that the cotton association, formed of eleven co-operatives operating in thirteen States, had paid Harris & Vose, New York cotton dealers, "approximately \$450,000 or more" to handle sales on the New York Cotton Exchange, in addition to other business transacted in New Orleans by other brokers.

Contributed Cotton Exchange Seat.

Mr. Creekmore testified that he had contributed to his position, which he said he accepted reluctantly, his seat on the New York Cotton Exchange, which had cost \$27,000, and this had enabled him to get a 50% discount in commissions on the sales and purchases of cotton.

The committee developed that the American Cotton Association owes the Farm Board \$63,000,000, borrowed to make loans to cotton producers; that it had lost about \$40,000,000 in the decline of prices, and that growers had lost in the last year an additional \$10,000,000 above their indebtedness to the association.

The association in two years had handled 2,100,000 bales of cotton, Mr. Creekmore said, of which 1,750,000 were on hand and pledged not to be sold before July 31, next year, in line with the cotton stabilization program.

Mr. Creekmore said that Henry G. Stafford, the Association Vice-President in charge of sales, received a salary of \$35,000 a year and C. O. Moser, Vice-President and Secretary, \$15,000. Twenty-three employees get \$5,000 or more a year, sixteen between \$4,000 and \$5,000 and fifty-six between \$3,000 and \$4,000. The monthly payroll totaled about \$70,000, which Senator Shipstead of Minnesota figured at "around \$1,000,000 a year."

Heavy Load for Co-operatives.

"You naturally feel that you should save the people as much as possible from the loss they would sustain in liquidation of this cotton?" asked Senator Norris.

"Yes," replied Mr. Creekmore.

"In fact, if the business were closed the Association would be bankrupt?"

"I think most of them are bankrupt now," the witness said.

"Then, even if the Farm Board stands the \$40,000,000 loss, they can't stand the balance?" Senator Norris continued.

"I don't think so. If we don't work it out eventually at a profit, it will be a heavy load for co-operatives," Mr. Creekmore conceded.

"Then," said Senator Norris, "having in mind the need of these people and the fact that they might have sold their cotton at a profit had they not followed your advice, don't you feel some of the officers of this bankruptcy corporation ought to cut down the salaries they receive?"

"I don't concede until July 31 1933, that the A. C. C. A. is bankrupt," said Mr. Creekmore. "In my opinion this isn't a question of salary. The volume involved and the responsibility is so great that a salary, more or less, is of little significance. The co-operatives should be concerned about the ability of the management."

"But don't you think that the men who have run no risk and who have been getting princely salaries from the toll of these people should extend the principle of co-operation to themselves?" Senator Norris asked.

"If I reduced all of my salary it would not amount to 2 cents a bale," replied Mr. Creekmore. "I wonder if maybe some of your constituents in Nebraska don't feel the same about your salary?"

"I believe they do," the Senator replied.

Agencies Share Salary Roll.

Mr. Creekmore also is President of the Cotton Stabilization Corporation, a Farm Board agency which bought in its stabilization program more than 1,000,000 bales, sustaining a paper loss at current prices of \$75,000,000. He said that neither he nor other officers received extra compensation for this work, but that the Farm Board, through the stabilization corporation, shares in the cotton association's executive salary roll.

In a statement which he read to the committee, the witness said he believed that stabilization of prices by the Farm Board, accomplished in 1930 by loans of 90% of the market value of cotton to growers in the co-operative fold, had probably defeated to a certain extent the work for acreage reduction. He upheld the stabilization policy through governmental purchase of surpluses, however, asserting that Southern bankers have joined in this plan by voluntarily aiding to carry over 3,100,000 bales on which they have made loans until July 31 1932.

"Five hundred million dollars is an awe-inspiring amount," said Mr. Creekmore, speaking of the Farm Board's revolving fund, "but, in my opinion, not commensurate with the volume of business in stabilization corporations, and loans made by the Board to co-operatives, nor commensurate with the benefit agriculture has and will receive through the administration of the Agricultural Marketing Act."

Tells of the Grain Corporation.

Mr. Milnor testified during the greater part of to-day's hearing, principally on the ramifications of wheat marketing. He also is President and General Manager of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, which paid \$36,000 of his \$50,000 salary up to July 31. Now he receives all of it from the Farmers National Grain Corporation.

The Farmers National, he continued, is owned by twenty-seven grain co-operatives, having been incorporated for \$10,000,000, of which \$682,072 in stock was issued. Since its inception in April of 1930, Mr. Milnor said, the Farmers National, acting as broker for the co-operatives in all grain

markets in the United States and becoming the largest grain house in the world, made a profit of \$2,419,300 up to Oct. 31 1931.

This Corporation owes the Federal Farm Board \$16,185,358 as of Oct. 31, and has debts to banks of \$2,194,245.

Mr. Milnor said he did not believe that any profits had yet found their way into the pockets of the individual members of the grain co-operatives, as \$332,053 in profits had been applied to capital stock purchases by co-operative groups, and the remaining money probably had been used to create working capital. He estimated that the co-operatives in the corporation have 300,000 members, compared with an estimated total of 2,000,000 grain growers in the United States.

Senator McNary of Oregon asked what salaries were paid to other officers of the Farmers National. The witness said that E. C. Huff, President, receives \$15,000 annually; J. M. Chilton, Vice-President and Assistant General Manager, \$32,500; W. I. Beam, Treasurer, \$30,000; Henry W. Collins, Vice-President in charge of Business in the Northwest, \$25,000, and R. L. Burrell, Comptroller, \$833 a month.

Private Profits Range Higher.

Senator McNary sought a comparison of the profits of other grain dealers.

"I think our profits range smaller, in regard to the business done, than those of other corporations, but they are larger than any other in the aggregate."

"What business was done from May to November of this year?"
 "I would say tentatively," replied Mr. Milnor, "that during the first sixty-day crop movement after June 1, the Farmers' National Grain Corporation bought over 1,000,000 bushels per day."

"How much have you now?"
 "On Oct. 31 we owned 12,184,047 bushels of wheat, 179,832 bushels of durum wheat, 742,425 bushels of corn, 1,079,605 bushels of oats, 908,699 bushels of barley and 83,699 bushels of rye."

Standard brokerage fees are charged to co-operatives for the handling of grain, the witness explained, but the Farmers' National differs from other dealers in that it endeavors to pay the highest possible price to co-operatives instead of trying to "buy low and sell high."

Pride in Secrecy of Plans.

Senator Wheeler asked whether the knowledge of the huge deals of the Farmers' National had not enabled some of its officers, or the heads of co-operatives, to engage in large speculations.

"We have considerable pride," Mr. Milnor replied, "in the fact that, in spite of the fact that we have had the greatest grain operations in the history of the country, there never has been any leak of information."

Questioned at length about deals in futures, in which the grain corporation and Farmers' National both have engaged to maintain their market positions, Mr. Milnor said he would gladly see them eliminated, but that competition forced the practice on the part of his company and the government agency.

He recommended that legislation be enacted to keep foreign traders from operating in futures in American markets, such as the rule invoked against Soviet Russia when she sold wheat short in the United States. He declared that Canadian merchants in Winnipeg may buy as much as 20,000,000 bushels of wheat in Winnipeg and on the same day sell the equivalent amount of futures "short" in Chicago in legitimate "hedging" operations, but to the detriment of the American market.

Raises Estimate of Paper Loss—Sales to Foreign Governments.

Mr. Milnor also touched upon the operations of the Wheat Stabilization Corporation, which, Chairman Stone had testified, now holds 189,656,187 bushels after sustaining paper losses of about \$102,000,000. Mr. Milnor placed the paper losses at \$110,000,000. The witness's figures would raise the total paper losses of the Farm Board on wheat and cotton to \$185,000,000 against the \$177,000,000 estimated by Mr. Stone.

A statement submitted by the witness showed that since July 1 the total sales of cash wheat made by the corporation had been as follows:

"To foreign governments (Brazil 25,000,000; China, 15,000,000; Germany, 7,500,000), 47,000,000 bushels.

"Other domestic and export sales, 57,812,565 bushels.

"Making the total wheat sold since July 1 1931, 105,312,565 bushels.

"Against the above sales, however, the corporation has purchased 10,484,181 bushels of new crop cash wheat and 27,348,000 bushels of wheat for future delivery, or a total of 37,832,181 bushels.

"Thus showing the corporation's net sales for the four months, 67,480,384 bushels.

"Of the 67,480,384 bushels sold, 47,500,000 has been to foreign governments.

"Leaving 19,980,384 bushels net domestic and other foreign sales, for the four months' period.

"The average price of all cash wheat sold by the corporation (exclusive of the Brazilian contract and the unshipped portion of the Chinese contract) is \$0.647 per bushel."

References to the hearing appeared in our issue of Nov. 28, pages 3556-3559.

Increasing Usefulness of Intermediate Credit System Discussed by Wood Netherland, President Federal Land and Intermediate Credit Banks of St. Louis.

In an address at the Land Utilization Conference on Nov. 20, Wood Netherland, President of the Federal Land and Intermediate Credit Banks of St. Louis had the following to say:

The record of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks shows that since organization they have loaned or discounted in excess of a billion and a quarter dollars and the total charge-off has been only about 3-10ths of 1%.

More than 118 co-operative marketing associations, with a total membership of 1,500,000, have been served by these banks since organization.

How can the services of the Intermediate Credit Banks be further extended into the rural communities and assist the individual farmers and thus, indirectly, the country banks? As deposits in country banks have contracted during the past two years, the officers and directors of these banks have become more interested than ever before in agricultural credit corporations and have organized these corporations as valuable allies to their institutions.

For a number of years commercial banks have educated the depositing public to the belief that the ack of rediscounts or the lack of borrowed money by a commercial bank was a badge of merit. This idea was carried to the point where banks advertised with much emphasis in their financial

statements that they had "neither rediscounts nor money borrowed." As a result of the program the general public, unfortunately, became educated to a point of viewing the appearance of rediscounts and borrowed money, in a commercial bank statement, as a sign of weakness, when, as a matter of fact, rediscounts and borrowed money by a well-managed bank may well be a badge of merit indicating a desire to render service to the community to the best of its ability. This prejudice has become so deeply lodged in the minds of the depositing public that it is questionable whether or not commercial banks will ever rediscount more than is absolutely necessary, regardless of what facilities are provided therefor.

How, then, can this distribution of credit be accomplished? By credit corporations affiliated with country banks, or by using a portion of the capital stock provided for commercial banks for the purpose of creating community credit corporations.

Recently much more interest has been manifested than formerly by country banks in establishing agricultural credit corporations. In many instances, the banks in an entire county or in a trade territory embracing several counties have jointly supplied both the capital and the management. This insures competent personnel, trained in the business of granting credit, and assures each stockholder that loans made will be of such high character as not to jeopardize continued operations. It also gives the corporation sufficient volume and profit to secure good management.

The organization of a community credit corporation brings into such a community additional funds from the outside and at the same time permits the local commercial banks to maintain their desired liquidity. A credit corporation, organized in a local community by one or more of its banks, should be just as acceptable in our financial structure as the investment affiliates of our larger commercial banking institutions.

Another factor necessary to amplify the services of the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks to country banks is a more practical and workable arrangement with respect to interest rates. It is, of course, wholly desirable and essential that adequate funds at low rates of interest be always available to agriculture, but that should not let our desire to supply this low-cost credit lead us into the practice of insisting upon such low costs as would not be commensurate with the risk involved. To do so would be to disturb the interest structure of a whole community, gain the antagonism of all financial institutions operating therein and preclude the ability to accumulate adequate reserves. Moreover, the price of money rises and falls in a manner not dissimilar to that of other commodities, and fluctuates from causes beyond local control. If the Intermediate Credit Banks are to be operated on a sound business basis, their rates must be reasonable. The aim should be to stabilize rates by supplying funds at reasonable levels but rates that are abnormally low invite dangers equally as potent as rates which are abnormally high.

Adequate profits are necessary to any financial institution if it is to build responsible reserves and remain sound. The first obligation any financial institution owes is that of remaining sound and solvent.

Interest rates cannot be successfully maintained at uniform levels, such a large and diversified country as these United States. Interest rates in various localities are predicated on the cost of doing business and are commensurate with the risk involved, size of loan, distances to be traveled, density of population and many other factors. Most States have recognized this old and sound economic principle by fixing the maximum interest rates which may be charged, and no system of finance which fails to recognize it can meet with full measure of success. Therefore, it is my conviction that any loan, otherwise eligible, which does not bear an interest rate in contravention of the laws of the State in which the loan originates, should be eligible for discount, with such limitations, of course, as would prohibit excessive charges.

In conclusion, therefore, I would recommend intensive study to be given these two major questions, the solution of which will mark further material progress in extending the usefulness of the Intermediate Credit Bank System, namely: (1) a plan for the further development of the local institution to contact the farmer in the rural community; and (2) such latitude with respect to interest rates as would keep the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank rates commensurate with the risks involved.

New York Stock Exchange Calls for Information from Members Regarding Transactions in Eitingon Schild Co. First Preferred Stock—Break in Stock.

Under date of Dec. 31, Secretary Green of the New York Stock Exchange addressed the following letter to members calling for information bearing on transactions in the first preferred stock of Eitingon Schild & Co.:

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE,
 COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS CONDUCT.

Dec. 31 1931.

To Members of the Exchange:

The Committee on Business Conduct directs me to ask you to furnish it by noon Tuesday, Jan. 5 1932, with the following information concerning your transactions and positions in Eitingon Schild Co., Inc., first preferred stock:

(1) A list of all transactions had by you between Nov. 16 1931 and Dec. 31 1931, giving the volume, the prices, the names of the members or firms with whom the transactions were made, the names of the persons for whom you acted, and whether the transactions were for long or short account. Kindly use trade dates and not blotter dates.

(2) The long or short position of each person interested in the stock at the close of business on each day during this period.

Please send this information in a sealed envelope addressed to the Committee on Business Conduct, Room 609, 11 Wall Street, New York City.

ASHBEL GREEN, Secretary.

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

As a result of the drastic decline in the first preferred stock of the Eitingon Schild Company on last Wednesday, (Dec. 30) the New York Stock Exchange began yesterday a formal inquiry into trading in the stock since Nov. 16.

The break in Eitingon Schild first preferred was one of the sharpest in any active issue on the Exchange in 1931. After opening at 52 1/4, the issue declined 2 to 5 points between sales and closed at 7 1/2, a net loss of 44 1/2 points. It advanced 3/8 point on Thursday and 1/4 point yesterday, closing at 9.

Officers of the company said yesterday that the break had been caused by stock-market conditions and not by any news concerning the company's business operations. The company reported for the six months ended on June 30 last, a net profit of \$320,500, equal to \$6.83 a share on

46,918 shares of first preferred stock. In the corresponding period of 1930 the net profit was \$218,102, or \$4.65 a share.

Brokers who followed the market action of the stock said the immediate cause of the decline seemed to have been the withdrawal of large supporting bids which had held the stock in a narrow range for weeks. The first preferred stock has not paid dividends since March 15 1930.

Six Veteran Employees of New York Stock Exchange Retired Under Pension Plan.

Six veteran employees of the New York Stock Exchange and its affiliated companies whose periods of employment run as high as 50 years retired on Dec. 31 under the pension plan of the Exchange. Those retired are:

John S. Bennett, 68 years of age. Mr. Bennett was employed by the Exchange on October 12 1886; at the time he retired he was a superintendent of bond reporters, a position held, by him for the last three years.

Richard T. Campbell, 71, who completed 50 years of service last July, at which time he was given a three months leave of absence with full pay; up to the time he was granted a leave he was superintendent of employees in the bond department.

William J. Connaughton, 67, who had been an employee of the Exchange since 1884; for the last three years he was a supervisor of the floor department.

Gustav A. Flechtner, manager of the New York Stock Exchange barber shop. He has been connected with the barber shop since its opening in the old Stock Exchange building in 1903, but has been on the payroll of the Exchange only since 1922, when the barber shop was taken over by the Exchange. He is 63 years old.

Clarence L. Healy, 72, the oldest of those retiring at this time, has been an employee of the New York Quotation Company which operates the Stock Exchange ticker service, for 42 years.

John H. Hutchinson, superintendent of the Quotation Department for three years, has been an employee of the Exchange since 1896, most of which time was spent on the floor of the Exchange. He is 69 years old.

Under the plan of retirement these men will be given full pay up to the time of expiration of their respective accumulated sick leaves. In some cases this accumulation is sufficient to continue full pay for a year and a half. At the expiration of the accumulated sick leave, they will be placed on the regular pension roll, receiving approximately 50 to 75% of their full salaries, depending on their length of service.

At the retirement services held Dec. 31 in the Governing Committee room, Oliver C. Billings, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements of the Exchange, presented a gold watch to each of the men on behalf of their associates.

Boston Brokerage House of J. Murray Walker & Co., Inc., in Bankruptcy.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the Federal Court, Boston, Mass., against the brokerage firm of J. Murray Walker & Co., Inc., of 75 Federal St., Boston, Mass., by three of its creditors, according to the "Boston News Bureau" of Dec. 31, which furthermore said:

The petitioning creditors allege that the corporation is insolvent, and that on Dec. 24, while insolvent, committed an act of bankruptcy, transferring a portion of its property to one or more creditors, whose names are unknown to the petitioners, with intent to prefer them to the other creditors.

Officers of the firm are J. Murray Walker, President and Treasurer; David M. Claghorn, Vice-President, and L. M. Stucklen, Secretary and Assistant Treasurer. The firm maintained a branch in Springfield, Mass.

Outstanding Brokers Loans on New York Stock Exchange at New Low Figure—Total Dec. 31 \$587,159,813—Decrease of \$142,992,095 in Month.

A new low figure for brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange was established on Dec. 31, on which date the total amount outstanding is reported as \$587,159,813. This is \$142,992,095 below the Nov. 30 figures of \$730,151,908. The latter total showed a decrease of \$66,116,860 below the Oct. 31 figures. The latest figures (Dec. 31) are made up of demand loans of \$502,329,542 and time loans of \$84,830,271. The Dec. 31 figures were announced as follows by the Stock Exchange on Jan. 5:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business Dec. 31 1931, aggregated \$587,159,813.

The detailed tabulation follows:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.
(1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York Banks or Trust Companies.....	\$373,972,813	\$80,704,871
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from Private Bankers, Brokers, Foreign Bank Agencies or others in the City of New York.....	123,356,729	4,125,400
Combined Total of Time and Demand Loans.....	\$502,329,542	\$84,830,271
		\$587,159,813

The scope of the above compilation is exactly the same as in the loan report issued by the Exchange a month ago.

The compilation of the Stock Exchange since the issuance of the monthly figures by it, beginning in January 1926, follows:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans	Total Loans.
1926—			
Jan. 30.....	\$2,516,960,299	\$966,213,555	\$3,513,174,154
Feb. 27.....	2,494,846,264	1,040,744,057	3,536,590,321
Mar. 31.....	2,033,483,760	966,612,407	3,000,096,167
Apr. 30.....	1,969,869,852	865,848,657	2,835,718,509
May 28.....	1,987,316,403	780,084,111	2,767,400,514
June 30.....	2,225,453,833	700,844,512	2,926,298,345
July 31.....	2,282,976,720	714,782,807	2,996,759,527
Aug. 31.....	2,363,861,382	778,286,686	3,142,148,068
Sept. 30.....	2,419,206,724	799,730,286	3,218,937,010
Oct. 31.....	2,289,430,450	821,746,475	3,111,176,925
Nov. 30.....	2,329,536,550	799,625,125	3,129,161,675
Dec. 31.....	2,641,682,885	751,178,370	3,292,860,255

1927—			
Jan. 31.....	2,328,340,338	810,446,000	3,138,786,338
Feb. 28.....	2,475,498,129	780,961,250	3,256,459,379
Mar. 31.....	2,604,687,674	785,093,500	3,289,781,174
Apr. 30.....	2,641,305,897	799,903,950	3,341,209,847
May 31.....	2,673,993,079	783,375,950	3,457,369,029
June 30.....	2,756,968,593	811,998,250	3,568,966,843
July 31.....	2,764,511,040	877,184,250	3,641,695,290
Aug. 31.....	2,745,570,788	928,320,545	3,673,891,333
Sept. 30.....	3,107,674,325	896,953,245	3,914,627,570
Oct. 31.....	3,023,233,874	922,538,500	3,945,772,374
Nov. 30.....	3,134,027,002	957,809,300	4,091,836,303
Dec. 31.....	3,480,779,821	952,127,500	4,432,907,321

1928—			
Jan. 31.....	3,392,873,281	1,027,479,260	4,420,352,541
Feb. 29.....	3,294,373,654	1,028,200,260	4,322,573,914
Mar. 31.....	3,580,425,172	1,059,749,000	4,640,174,172
Apr. 30.....	3,738,937,599	1,168,845,000	4,907,782,599
May 31.....	4,070,359,031	1,203,687,250	5,274,046,281
June 30.....	3,741,632,505	1,156,718,982	4,898,351,487
July 31.....	3,767,094,495	1,069,658,084	4,837,347,579
Aug. 31.....	4,093,889,293	957,548,112	5,051,437,405
Sept. 30.....	4,689,551,974	824,087,711	5,513,639,685
Oct. 31.....	5,115,727,534	763,993,528	5,879,721,062
Nov. 30.....	5,614,388,360	777,255,904	6,391,644,264
Dec. 31.....	5,722,258,724	717,481,787	6,439,740,511

1929—			
Jan. 31.....	5,982,672,411	752,491,831	6,735,164,241
Feb. 28.....	5,948,149,410	780,399,507	6,678,548,917
Mar. 30.....	6,209,995,520	594,458,838	6,804,454,358
Apr. 30.....	6,203,712,115	571,218,280	6,774,930,395
May 31.....	6,099,920,475	565,217,450	6,665,137,925
June 29.....	6,444,459,079	628,762,195	7,071,221,275
July 31.....	6,870,142,664	603,651,630	7,173,794,294
Aug. 31.....	7,161,977,972	719,641,454	7,881,619,426
Sept. 30.....	7,831,991,369	717,392,710	8,549,384,079
Oct. 31.....	5,238,029,979	870,795,889	6,108,824,868
Nov. 30.....	3,297,293,032	719,305,737	4,016,598,769
Dec. 31.....	3,376,420,785	613,089,488	3,989,510,273

1930—			
Jan. 31.....	3,528,246,115	456,521,950	3,984,768,065
Feb. 28.....	3,710,563,352	457,025,000	4,167,588,352
Mar. 31.....	4,052,161,339	604,141,000	4,656,302,339
Apr. 30.....	4,362,919,341	700,212,018	5,063,131,359
May 29.....	3,966,873,034	780,958,878	4,747,831,912
June 30.....	2,980,284,038	747,427,251	3,727,711,289
July 31.....	3,021,363,910	668,118,387	3,689,482,297
Aug. 30.....	2,912,612,666	686,020,403	3,598,633,069
Sept. 30.....	2,830,259,339	651,193,422	3,481,452,761
Oct. 31.....	1,980,639,692	569,484,295	2,550,124,087
Nov. 30.....	1,691,494,226	470,754,778	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	334,604,369	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	289,039,862	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.....	802,153,379	242,255,000	1,044,407,379
Oct. 31.....	615,515,068	180,753,700	796,268,768
Nov. 30.....	599,019,108	130,232,800	730,151,908
Dec. 31.....	502,329,542	84,830,271	587,159,813

Market Value of Bonds Listed on New York Stock Exchange—Figures for Jan. 1 1932.

On Jan. 8 the New York Stock Exchange issued the Jan. 1 pre-release of the total market value and the average market price of all listed bonds as follows:

As of Jan. 1 1932 there were 1,601 bond issues aggregating \$52,360,023,801 par value listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$37,848,488,806.

In the following table listed bonds are classified by governmental and industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and a average price for each.

	Market Value.	Average Price.
United States Government.....	\$14,648,598,888	\$96.63
Foreign Government.....	9,863,032,622	59.90
Railroad Industry (United States).....	6,836,733,763	63.13
Utilities (United States).....	3,077,603,244	81.32
Industrial (United States).....	2,227,973,388	60.88
Foreign companies.....	1,194,541,901	48.07
All bonds.....	\$37,848,488,806	\$72.29

The December statement (given in our issue of Dec. 26, page 4256) showed 1,602 bond issues aggregating \$52,547,476,192 par value listed on the Exchange on Dec. 1, with a total market value of \$39,512,398,607.

Market Value of Listed Shares on New York Stock Exchange Jan. 1, \$26,693,836,532, Compared with \$31,105,267,133, Dec. 1—Classification of Listed Stocks.

As of Jan. 1 1932 there were 1,278 stock issues aggregating 1,318,729,621 shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$26,693,836,532. This compares with 1,281 stock issues, aggregating 1,318,731,573 shares, listed Dec. 1 on the Exchange with a total market value of \$31,105,267,133. In making public the Jan. 1 figures on Jan. 6, the Exchange said:

As of Jan. 1 1932, New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$587,159,813. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on this date was therefore 2.20%.

As of Dec. 1 1931, Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$730,151,908. The ratio of

security loans to market values of all listed stocks on that date was therefore 2.35%.

In the following table, listed stocks are classified by leading industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and average share price for each:

	January 1 1932.		December 1 1931	
	Market Price.	Aver. Price.	Market Values.	Aver. Price.
Autos and accessories	\$ 1,628,932,773	15.05	\$ 1,787,691,069	16.45
Financial	716,798,131	12.30	894,976,561	15.37
Chemical	2,217,733,854	32.89	2,443,482,419	36.24
Building	180,059,031	11.36	226,901,826	14.31
Electrical equipment manufacturing	881,831,747	21.68	1,009,979,094	24.83
Foods	1,893,194,419	26.54	2,129,114,564	29.84
Rubber and tires	152,850,478	12.44	173,349,855	14.11
Farm machinery	260,390,478	23.19	294,419,161	26.22
Amusements	145,959,787	7.44	192,028,140	9.05
Land and realty	52,070,133	9.92	58,818,738	11.16
Machinery and metals	671,194,494	13.52	796,361,035	16.09
Mining (excluding iron)	652,903,796	11.12	813,824,350	13.86
Petroleum	2,047,654,221	11.71	2,547,661,222	14.58
Paper and publishing	190,465,807	11.85	236,660,664	14.71
Retail merchandizing	1,566,813,863	22.02	1,824,260,390	25.64
Railroads and equipments	2,799,255,601	24.37	3,315,267,635	28.85
Steel, iron and coke	1,155,468,259	29.46	1,471,206,034	37.50
Textiles	111,203,137	9.99	125,517,103	11.26
Gas and electric (operating)	2,420,486,104	34.64	2,794,081,132	40.82
Gas and electric (holding)	1,713,094,673	17.90	1,985,005,960	20.79
Communications (cable, tel. and radio)	2,592,410,086	69.02	2,905,338,941	77.35
Miscellaneous Utilities	153,193,859	15.09	173,600,264	17.10
Aviation	105,839,742	5.93	119,034,101	6.67
Business and office equipment	168,650,152	16.15	206,658,719	19.79
Shipping services	14,552,113	6.97	18,773,203	8.99
Ship operating and building	14,684,783	4.17	16,440,998	4.67
Miscellaneous business	72,190,254	12.36	91,433,430	15.66
Leather and boots	192,886,686	37.41	230,581,508	32.80
Tobacco	1,137,011,126	35.72	1,235,411,074	38.75
Garments	11,802,184	6.18	14,108,170	7.39
U. S. companies operating abroad	367,805,079	10.53	495,710,402	14.19
Foreign companies (incl. Cuba & Can.)	404,749,682	9.17	479,570,366	10.93
All listed companies	26,693,836,532	20.24	31,105,267,133	23.59

Hearings Before House Committee on Short Selling Scheduled to Begin Jan. 18.

On Jan. 6 the House Agricultural Committee fixed Jan. 18 to begin its hearings on legislative dealing with short selling on the commodity exchanges. Several bills are pending, ranging from regulation to abolition of the exchanges

Gurnett & Co. Suspended by New York Stock Exchange — Indebtedness Estimated at Approximately \$2,000,000, Most of Which Is Said to Be Secured.

On Jan. 5 Allen L. Lindley, Vice-President of the New York Stock Exchange, announced from the rostrum of the Exchange at 10:04 a. m. that the firm of Gurnett & Co. had been suspended for insolvency, having notified the Exchange that they were unable to meet their obligations.

The firm is composed of the following members: Daniel W. Gurnett, Edward F. Gurnett, Edward F. Goode, Carleton F. Wright, Walter E. Leary, Henry R. Coons (floor member of New York Stock Exchange), and Edwin Corning, Neile F. Towner and Estate of E. Palmer Gavit, special partners.

The main office of the company is at 39 Broadway, this city, and it has branch offices in the following places in New England: Augusta, Me.; Bangor, Me.; Boston, Mass.; Lewiston, Me.; Portland, Me.; Providence, R. I., and Woonsocket, R. I.

Following the firm's suspension by the New York Stock Exchange, the New York Curb Exchange, of which the firm was an associate member, took similar action.

According to the New York "Times" of Jan. 6, the law firm of Menken, Ferguson & Hills, counsel for the failed firm, made the following statement:

"The suspension of Gurnett & Co. is entirely due to the fact that customers indebted to the firm and whose indebtedness was secured by unlisted securities failed to meet calls for margins. It is the confident belief of the firm that, with fair liquidation, they will be amply solvent. The firm's indebtedness, most of which is secured, is about \$2,000,000."

The same paper, in its report of the failure, also said in part:

William Danforth, of Newton, Mass., who is rated as one of the most spectacular of the newer generation of market operators, made his headquarters at the firm's offices here. He is reported to have been at one time an active trader there.

The firm was organized in February 1928, when it took over the business of Richardson, Hill & Co. Mr. Coons was admitted to the Stock Exchange in 1925. Daniel W. Gurnett, head of the firm, lives in Boston.

Gurnett & Co. had been interested in several stocks, and their suspension resulted in heavy liquidation of at least two of these, Waldorf System, Inc., and Ludlum Steel. The firm is reported also to have been interested in General Alloys on the Curb. Waldorf broke yesterday from 17, at which it opened, to 11 1/4, and then closed at 13 1/2, with a net loss of 3 1/2 points. Ludlum fell from 4 to 1 1/2, and then rallied, closing at 3, with a net loss of 1 1/2 points. Ludlum preferred dropped from 10 to 6, and then rallied to 10. Liquidation of the issues is said to have been conducted by other houses.

It is understood that efforts were made recently to prevent the suspension by bringing about a merger of Gurnett & Co. with one of several houses with which negotiations were conducted.

Boston advices on Tuesday to the New York "Times" stated that an involuntary petition in bankruptcy against the company and its six co-partners was filed in that city on behalf of three Brookline, Mass., creditors on that day, namely: Max W. Robinson, Walter J. Klein and Amelia Klein. The petition named Daniel W. Gurnett, Edward F. Gurnett, Edward Goode and Walter E. Leary, all of Boston, and Carlton F. Wright and Henry Coons, both of New York, as co-partners.

The petitioners charged the partners and the firm with transferring property while insolvent to other unidentified creditors with intent to prefer the unidentified creditors to the petitioners, the dispatch stated.

Savings Deposits in Banks and Trust Companies of United States \$28,214,907,000 on June 30 1931—Decrease of \$270,085,000 in Year—Survey by W. Espey Albig of American Bankers' Association.

In a survey of savings deposits, W. Espey Albig, Deputy Manager of the American Bankers' Association, states that at the close of the year ending June 30 1931 savings deposits in banks and trust companies of continental United States stood at \$28,214,907,000, a decrease of \$270,085,000 as compared with the preceding year, according to reports received by the Savings Division, American Bankers' Association. In part, the survey continues:

Thus for the second time in the last 20 years, and with only a year intervening, savings deposits show a decline, having decreased by \$195,000,000 in 1929 as compared with 1928. This year they are less by almost \$3,000,000 than in 1929, thus constituting a recession beyond anything before experienced in time deposits.

This decline in savings may appear surprising in view of the current reports throughout the year of great gains in savings deposits in certain areas of the country or in some banks. The explanation lies in the shift of deposits among institutions, of which no mention is usually made, and also the actual gain in some parts of the country with overbalancing recessions in other regions.

So many unusual and non-recurrent features affected savings in banks this year that real difficulty is experienced in trying to separate them from the natural factors entering into the increase or decrease of savings.

Normally the recession in manufacturing, the lessened prices received for agricultural products, the low yield in livestock, the stagnation in mining, the eclipse of foreign export trade, and the diminution of freight and passenger traffic on transportation lines, would serve to decrease the amount of money available for deposit in savings in banks. Offsetting that to some degree is the money no longer needed in industry and investment funds which might seek temporary repose as savings in banks.

Does Industry Reduce Savings?

As to how much money enters savings from industry during unusual dullness, there has always been much discussion and little agreement. The belief is generally held that in times of least demand for money in business, commercial funds go into savings and that during normal prosperity these sums are withdrawn. Whether or not this belief is correct, a period of recovery in the United States has never yet operated to decrease the amount in savings.

Rarely if ever has the United States witnessed such another era of commercial activity as that which occurred with slight interruptions during the years 1925 to 1929. During that time savings deposits increased from \$23,000,000,000 to \$28,000,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000,000. Depression marked the years of 1921 and 1922. Then it might have been expected that demand deposits would find their way into savings to a marked degree and the rising tide of business in 1923 would have drained out the increase of the preceding years and brought about a reduction in savings. Such was not the case, for 1923 showed an increase in savings of more than \$2,000,000,000 over 1922, and 1924 topped 1923 by \$1,500,000,000. Preceding eras of business expansion leave no room for belief that our next period of normal industry will to any perceptible degree reduce the amount of money now found in savings.

That there is a considerable volume of investment funds in savings at present no one doubts. The sum is likely very little greater than the normal amount invested in savings. More attention is simply being paid to it now in an effort to explain why savings remain at a high point in the midst of a far-reaching depression.

Hoarded Money Increases.

In normal times, it is estimated, about \$415,000,000 is hoarded. Hoarding consists of taking money from actual circulation and hiding it, not for use, but for the personal gratification of seeing it or keeping it from loss. At present the claim is made that money has been physically secreted in an amount between \$800,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000, or more than twice the usual sum. The change in the amount of hoarded money in the United States has been so negligible during the past decade that the increase of hoarding at this time would be surprising were it not for the knowledge of the widespread hysteria which during the year seized the people of the United States in their relation to banks, and the people of foreign countries in their relation to the gold holdings of the United States.

Under the present monetary system in our country the supply of money in circulation is readily responsive to the needs of increased or diminished business. When industry is at flood the amount of money in circulation tends to increase. In quieter periods the supply dwindles.

In keeping with this rule the amount of money in circulation in 1929 dropped sharply until by June 30 1930 it had almost touched the mark established in 1922, the lowest since the World War. During the current year it might have been expected to recede further, but, on the contrary, by June 30 1931 it had reached a point almost \$300,000,000 above that registered one year earlier. This added volume is necessary to replenish the circulation depleted many millions of dollars by hoarding, occasional sums by misers, more substantial amounts by people obsessed by fear of impending financial calamity.

What effect a recreation of confidence on the part of the owners of this money would have had upon the present volume of savings deposits is simply a fruitless speculation. Information available since the date when the material in this statement was collected indicates a rapid improvement in the financial hysteria which has swept over the country. Present currents of public sentiment are running toward a revival of confidence in banks and a return of funds from unsafe hiding places into the safeguards of established financial institutions.

That the feeling of apprehension which caused the hiding of money was widespread is further evidenced by the general growth throughout the country in postal savings deposited in banks which during the year increased from \$171,497,000 in 1930 to \$298,510,000 in 1931. Of course the interest rate paid on savings by banks in some cases was no greater than that afforded by the post offices to depositors in postal savings. In ordinary times the rate of interest paid on savings deposits is a very important factor in determining where money will be deposited. The concern of depositors now over the safety of deposits has possibly caused most of them to be more indifferent than usual to the rate paid. . . .

Individual Deposits Decline Sharply.

The decline in savings deposits is slight in comparison with that of individual deposits, which stand \$2,960,821,000 below last year. In consequence, the relation of savings deposits to individual deposits, which a year ago was 56%, is now 59%, the highest percentage reached since tabulations were begun in 1910.

Individual deposits, which are made up of time and checking deposits, have shown a tendency to decline since 1928. Checking deposits have indicated a sagging tendency since 1927. For the current year, although individual deposits are in approximately the same position as in 1928, checking deposits have decreased 14.8%, while time deposits have correspondingly increased 14.4% over 1928.

It is naturally to be expected that in a time of lessened activity checking deposits would diminish, since in many cases they represent discounts necessary in the conduct of business. This decrease is possibly augmented by the seepage of some commercial deposits into time deposits and by hoarding, which is without doubt one of the greatest factors that caused the money in circulation to increase by about \$300,000,000 during the current year.

It is well known that during the period of inflated prosperity which came to such a sudden end in 1929 many corporations provided themselves with working capital to various degrees through security issues rather than through commercial bank loans. These bank loans would otherwise have been reflected in the volume of bank deposits. The result of this change in practice explains in part the drastic decrease in individual deposits since 1927. Two years ago some of those funds not necessary in regular business channels found their way into the call money market. The lessened demand for funds there with the low rate of interest, joined with the comparatively slight need in industry, has caused numerous corporations to use this money in retiring or purchasing the securities which in part originally created the funds. It is, of course, impossible even to estimate what part of the decrease in checking or time deposits was brought about during the year through this action.

Deposits in Closed Banks.

An unusual factor affecting the total of savings which can not be tabulated has to do with time deposits in closed banks now being liquidated. No information is available as to the sum total of these deposits at any specified date. As the assets of the banks are converted into cash it is of course redeposited in going banks, later distributed to the owners, and thus included in their deposits in other institutions. While there was a considerable volume of money tied up in this way on June 30 1931, the amount was not nearly as great as would be indicated by the total savings deposits in the banks at the time of their closing. The aggregate reached by such estimates would be a forced figure rather than a voluntary one. . . .

With only occasional exceptions the tendency in the last 20 years in the United States has been toward an increase in time deposits in relation to individual deposits. During that era the increase has been from 51% of individual deposits in 1911 to 59% in 1931. Thus, in 1911 demand deposits comprised 49% of individual deposits and in 1931 but 41%. During those years individual deposits have increased from over \$15,000,000,000 to \$47,000,000,000, a gain of \$32,000,000,000; checking deposits from over \$7,000,000,000 to \$19,000,000,000, a gain of almost \$12,000,000,000; while time deposits have increased from almost \$8,000,000,000 to over \$28,000,000,000, an increase of \$20,000,000,000.

Intrinsic Worth of Bond Holdings of National Banks Basis of Valuation Comptroller's Instructions to Examiners.

In addition to the item published in our issue of a week ago (page 61), regarding the notification sent to National banks by the Comptroller of the Currency in the matter of the valuation of the bond holdings of the banks, we quote the following from the "United States Daily" of Jan. 2:

The intrinsic worth of bonds held by National banks, instead of bond market quotations, hereafter will serve as the basis upon which their value will be included in bank assets under an informal ruling announced orally, Dec. 31, by John W. Pole, Comptroller of the Currency.

By the terms of the ruling which has gone out to national bank examiners in the form of instructions, the banks are to be permitted to carry as assets on the new basis any bonds that have not been in default as to interest payments. Mr. Pole explained, however, that the ruling may not be described as of a general character but represents more a policy of liberality in giving consideration to questions of bank solvency.

"What we are interested in primarily," he said, "is the solvency of a bank. After that, we are interested in its liquidity. There are many fine companies which have issued bonds, and there is every reason to believe they will meet their interest charges and pay the principal at maturity.

"Why should we ignore those facts, and stake quotations from a black-board where there are more sellers than buyers? We wish to protect banks that have bought good bonds from any such situation, and while every case will have to stand on its own merits, it is our plan to regard intrinsic worth as the basis for valuing the securities held by banks.

Additional information was supplied by Mr. Pole as follows:

The position now taken by the Comptroller's office represents conclusions reached after many months of study of conditions and developments since the low level of business activity forced the bond market into the

doldrums for lack of demand. It is believed that the action will serve to strengthen the country's banking structure by affording some means of protecting any bank that finds its solvency threatened by the circumstance of having to charge off values that the Comptroller regards as actually existing but that are not reflected in quotations.

Some time ago the Comptroller's office ruled that the banks were required to charge off 25% of the depreciation which any bonds held by them had suffered. This enabled a new rating of values, but it was found to be cumbersome and worked a hardship on some banks which held securities issued locally and which were in many respects better investments than some nationally known issues. Likewise with changing conditions from day to day, trying to rate bonds by statistical records of the present years was found a difficult task.

To get at intrinsic value, it was thought better to apply the rules of common sense about the solvency and stability of companies that are going concerns. A company that has had a good record of earnings and is engaged in a business which is essentially sound would, as a rule, have had thorough investigation when its bonds were floated and usually banks have bought only the bonds of companies that could earn their interest charges from two to four times over every year.

But with distress selling one bond is affected by the price paid for another. Thus railroad bonds, which normally are gilt-edge investments, are depressed because of the drop in current earnings. When railroad bonds go down it affects bonds of other concerns that really have not been injured in the matter of earnings.

The Comptroller's office feels intrinsic value is the only real guide, and hence when banks make up their quarterly statements they can truly insert with the authority of the Government the intrinsic value of the securities they have bought.

Review of Banker's Acceptance Business in 1931 by Robert H. Bean, of American Acceptance Council —Average Outstanding Volume at \$1,301,893,077 Compared With \$1,470,681,255 for 1930—1930 Average Greater Than 1929—Federal Reserve Banks in Bill Market.

In presenting a review of the bankers' acceptance business in 1931, Robert H. Bean, Executive Secretary of the American Acceptance Council, states that "we have made real progress in the American acceptance business in about as difficult a year as the banks and dealers ever had or will ever encounter again." According to Mr. Bean, "the position of New York City banking institutions, in the country's dollar acceptance business, grows more important each year. During 1931 the average outstanding volume amounted to \$1,006,400,000, or 77% of the average for all banks and bankers in the United States, an increase from 73% for the year 1930." Mr. Bean's review for the year, made available Jan. 4, states that "while the average outstanding volume of acceptances throughout 1931 fell to \$1,301,893,077, compared with \$1,470,681,255 for the year 1930, this total was nevertheless \$4,000,000 higher than the average for 1929." Mr. Bean's review follows:

Looking back over the year 1931 we find abundant evidence that the bankers' acceptance, as a credit instrument held remarkably well to the strong position acquired during recent years.

The effect of a constantly falling volume of business of a domestic nature, the decline in our national imports and exports, exceeding that for any year in a generation and the enforced curtailment of credit abroad, due to demoralized economic circumstances in the countries ordinarily our best customers, has been of such a serious nature as to cause wonder, that, throughout the year American banks have maintained at all times an outstanding volume of acceptances averaging \$1,301,893,077.

While this average was strengthened by the large volume carried over from November and December 1930 and continued for some months, until the sharp break in world business affairs, beginning in June, it is nevertheless a commendable record that the volume of bills has in no month of the year fallen below \$996,000,000 and in all except this single instance, in September—a normally quiet month in any year—the total was always considerably over \$1,000,000,000.

The German Experience.

Far from being a calamity, our experience with dollar credits in Europe, and particularly in Germany, must be considered a blessing. Out of the collapse of the credit structure in several Continental countries, valuable lessons in credit granting were learned that should serve as a guide for those responsible for placing contracts in the future, to supply the resources, good name and prestige of American banks for the purpose of financing foreign business.

Too much was taken for granted. In the desire to make a good showing in foreign credits, too many American banks with little international experience, neglected the fundamentals of credit analysis and went after volume.

The dollar acceptance credit business in foreign countries should, in the future, be left to the large American banks, banking houses and acceptance corporations with an international reputation, with established foreign branches, and with a thorough knowledge of foreign banking credit practices.

But the penalty for offering too much credit and the taking of all that we offered, by the banks and industries of a country with an imperilled credit standing, was not ours alone. London as well, with her much longer experience, was also to realize that there are occasions when a man or country may be made poor by giving him or it too much money or credit—if, as in loans of cash or acceptances, they have to be repaid at maturity.

If we went too far in the amount and type of credit offered, which is frankly admitted, the fault was with the judgment exercised and not with the instrument employed.

We have confidence that our dollar commercial credits in Germany will be liquidated in time. If short-term obligations were assented to by our banks and taken readily by Germany's banks and business men when long-term loans were more in keeping with the circumstances of the business involved, we shall have to wait until the business financed can pay its debts. By just the ratio of the amount of proper short-term credits and

the amount of proper long-term credits to the total volume involved will be the progress of paying off until the entire commercial debt to our banks is extinguished.

Rapid Reduction in German Bills.

The progress already made in clearing up these foreign acceptance credits is the best proof of the thorough and vigorous manner in which the problem was attacked, once it became apparent that we were creditors of the business of a country or countries dangerously near the condition of utter collapse. On June 30 dollar acceptance credits in Europe—approximately 85% of which were in Germany—amounted to \$493,643,884. By July 31 this total had been reduced to \$423,293,070, and by Aug. 31, when the "Stillhaltung," or Standstill agreements, were at the point of operation the total had been brought down to \$391,334,967, a reduction of \$102,000,000 in two months. On Sept. 30 the total was \$338,405,275; on Oct. 31, \$330,483,271, and on Nov. 30 only \$298,365,420, which was nearly \$200,000,000 less than was outstanding on June 30.

Furthermore, concerning the remaining acceptances outstanding, on German and other European credits, the most complete knowledge of the collateral security, guaranties and the prospects of the borrower to pay, is now in the possession of American banks involved as acceptors of the bills.

Leadership in Crisis.

It is to the credit of our American acceptance bankers that the problem was calmly and coolly faced, once the crash occurred. Unanimous agreement on this side on the ways and means out of the dilemma and the presence in the foreign conferences of Mr. Wiggin and Mr. Stewart, further emphasizes the growing international spirit of the American bankers. If we did not fortunately have this attitude in our leading bankers in such crises we would be better off at once to go back to provincial banking of the old days and retire completely from the foreign field.

Our bankers are now coming through the first real test they have had, in foreign trade acceptance banking, to prove their calibre as international financiers.

To the British bankers it is an old story. They recognize that credit difficulties and even losses are occasionally inevitable, and they take them with courage, go back vigorously to the afflicted countries and ride through with them to better times. This is the admirable course that for generations has given England her leadership in world trade financing.

Will American bankers profit in this present crisis and remain international in action as well as in thought?

Acceptance Volume Declines in 1931.

The year 1931 opened with an outstanding volume of \$1,555,966,201 in all classes of bills, of which \$561,000,000, 36%, were based on goods stored abroad or shipped between foreign countries; \$415,000,000, 27%, were based on exports; \$271,000,000, 17%, were based on goods in warehouses in the United States; \$220,000,000, 14%, were based on imports; \$52,000,000, 3%, were to create dollar exchange, and \$34,000,000, 2%, were to finance domestic shipments.

From the most recent survey of the acceptance business—Nov. 30—the total volume was found to have declined to \$1,002,000,000, divided as to uses as follows: Foreign storage or shipments, \$298,000,000, 30%; exports, \$254,000,000, 25%; domestic warehousing, \$239,000,000, 24%; imports, \$158,000,000, 16%; dollar exchange, \$24,000,000, 3%, and domestic shipments, \$18,000,000, 2%.

This is a reduction in total volume of \$553,000,000 since the first of 1931. The loss in volume, by comparing the totals of the six classified groups, is found to be borne principally by foreign storage and shipment bills with a drop of \$263,000,000, or 47.50% of the total reduction, followed by export bills off \$161,000,000, 29.12%; import bills off \$62,000,000, or 11.40%; domestic warehouse bills off \$32,000,000, or 5.80%; dollar exchange bills off \$18,000,000, or 3.28%, and domestic shipment bills off \$16,000,000, or 2.90%.

With the exception of the foreign country bills the reduction in other classes of acceptances was remarkably small, considering the general state of trade, in volume, and the great decline in domestic commodity prices within the past year.

Comparison With 1929 Favorable.

While the average outstanding volume of acceptances throughout 1931 fell to \$1,301,893,077 compared with \$1,470,681,255 for the year 1930, this total was nevertheless \$4,000,000 higher than the average for 1929, a year of high commodity prices and active business conditions. Applying the 1929 price level rule to 1931, the proper equivalent would be an average for the latter year of approximately \$1,500,000,000.

Volume of Business Financed.

The volume of business of every nature, financed by dollar acceptance credits in the past 12 months amounted to \$8,592,494,000. For the three preceding years the figures were \$9,706,496,000 in 1930, \$8,565,625,000 in 1929, and \$7,083,494,000 in 1928.

It is this comparison of yearly volume of business financed that gives the best evidence of the stability and constant usefulness of acceptance credits in good or poor years. Even the extraordinary depression of 1931 did not affect the acceptance credit business to anywhere near the degree suffered by commercial paper or other forms of business obligations.

Concentration of Bill Business Continues.

The business of creating acceptance credits continues to go principally to National banks and trust companies. On Nov. 30 their acceptance liability for bills created amounted to \$825,000,000, or about 82% of the total volume. This left only 17%, or \$176,000,000, to the credit of private bankers, acceptance corporations, foreign trade banking corporations and American branches of foreign banks. On the same date in 1930 the volume for National banks and trust companies was 77%, and 23% for the private or non-member group.

As this process of concentration into the member banks continues there is also to be noted the steady reduction in the number of institutions of all kinds that are now handling the large volume of acceptance business.

For example, the November total of \$1,002,000,000 was created by 102 National banks and trust companies and by 32 private non-member bankers, a total of only 134, whereas in 1927 an almost equal volume, at the end of the year, was created by nearly 300 banks and bankers.

A further illustration of this trend toward concentration is found in the figures for the First Forty institutions in the list of principal acceptors. This group which, on Nov. 30, was composed of 30 National banks and trust companies and 10 private bankers, acceptance corporations and branches of foreign banks, had outstanding a total of \$896,378,424, or 89% of the whole volume. Also, of the 40 leading accepting institutions in this list, 24 were located in New York, four in Boston, four in San Francisco, three in Chicago, three in Cleveland, one in Philadelphia, and one in Buffalo.

The position of New York City banking institutions, in the country's dollar acceptance business, grows more important each year. During 1931 the average outstanding volume amounted to \$1,006,400,000, or 77% of the average for all banks and bankers in the United States, an increase from 73% for the year 1930.

The Discount Market.

The discount market for bankers' acceptances experienced a moderately satisfactory year despite the many disturbing factors facing the money and investment markets in general. A good demand for bills prevailed generally throughout the year, and on several occasions over a period of several weeks, the orders for particularly prime bills exceeded the supply on hand. Although the average portfolio of the dealers in acceptances amounted to \$90,000,000—approximately the same average as in 1930—there were occasions when the volume of bills on hand amounted to as much as \$125,000,000, and to the other extreme there was a period in November when the combined supply of bills in the dealers' hands fell to as low as \$13,000,000.

The position of the discount houses has been particularly important in this year of unusual acceptance problems. The dealers have rendered quiet but very effective service to the accepting banks and have been in closer co-operation than ever before with the Federal Reserve banks. Despite the certain knowledge of the strength and stability of a bank or banking house it frequently happens that it is the dealer who must satisfy the investor that rumors are not facts. In this respect the dealers have been constantly the watchdogs of the bill market, knowing, on the one hand, the exact situation of every accepting bank or banker, and, on the other, the unusually sensitive attitude of the investor.

It would have been better, and until the need is supplied it will remain an element of weakness in our bill market organization, if there had been one or more additional, strong discount houses with sufficient capital to insure their ability to endorse the bills of interior banks and non-member bankers and thus give them a more influential standing with open market investors as well as to make possible their acceptance at the Federal Reserve bank.

The bill market experience of the past year has clearly indicated the demand for additional discount-endorser corporations.

Bill Distribution.

The distribution of bills in 1931 was not as general as in previous years for several reasons which were obviously due to conditions beyond the control or influence of the dealers. A long period of extremely easy money kept bill rates at a record low point of 1% bid, 7/8% asked, from May 19 to Sept. 22. Such a low rate does not attract purchasers, such as individuals, interior banks, corporations or savings banks.

At no time in the year did rates for bills up to 90 days exceed 3 1/4%, and the average for the 12 months was only 1.500%.

Just as the largest banks feel the effects of a surplus fund situation to a greater degree than smaller banks, so they are in such periods the heaviest investors in bills, even when the yield is less than 1%.

The accepting banks, alone, numbering about 140, have carried in 1931 an average volume of purchased bills amounting to \$317,225,699, and in August, during the period of the greatest inactive money supply, carried a total of \$438,500,000, or about 40% of the total outstanding volume.

The large number of bank failures throughout the country also had the natural effect of disturbing the mind of the possible purchaser of bills, although to prove the unsoundness of such misgivings it should be recorded that not one bank or banker with bills in the market failed during 1931.

The general nervousness in the investment market reacted unfavorably on the names of perfectly good interior accepting banks to such an extent that at times it was difficult to move their bills even in New York, the greatest bill purchasing center.

Finally, the wide publicity concerning the German credit situation and the fate of many bills drawn under foreign credits, much of which press discussion was misunderstood or misinterpreted by the public, outside of the banks directly involved, added to the confusion and made the task of the dealers more difficult.

Despite these abnormal difficulties the dealers nevertheless recorded a turnover in volume in excess of \$7,800,000,000, kept the market cleared of unsold bills, and performed meritorious service for both acceptor and investor.

The Federal Reserve Banks in the Bill Market.

The function of the Federal Reserve banks is neither to dominate the discount market nor to neglect it. This was especially its policy in 1931. The holdings of bills purchased for the System's own account averaged \$236,217,000, which we compare with the average purchased holdings of the accepting banks amounting to \$317,034,078. With the exception of a period in October, when the Federal Reserve System particularly required eligible paper and acceptances, during the time of heavy gold withdrawals, the Federal's portfolio of "own account" bills was below the average for 1930.

On the occasion referred to—Oct. 21—the System had purchased and was carrying a total of \$769,000,000—the largest amount on record—out of a total of all bills amounting to \$1,039,000,000.

For several years one of the best customers of the American bill market has been the group of foreign central banks for whom the Federal Reserve banks act in the purchase and custody of bills. During 1930 these banks were unusually heavy buyers, carrying an average in excess of \$475,000,000 in dollar acceptances throughout the year.

In 1931 the volume of bills held by the Federal Reserve banks for the account of these foreign correspondents maintained an average of over \$400,000,000 until the end of June and the beginning of serious trouble abroad. From that point on maturing bills were not always replaced by the purchase of new paper, and the volume fell rapidly to \$40,000,000 on Oct. 14, after which purchasing was resumed, bringing the holdings up to \$168,000,000 on Dec. 9, with the present prospect of further increases each week, as confidence is restored abroad and funds return to this country.

Strong Foundation for Future Growth.

For several years, since the volume of bankers acceptances reached an average of \$1,000,000,000, observers have raised the question of the ability of the acceptance business and discount market to successfully meet just such a situation as has prevailed during the past year.

Would the banks, in a depression period, with a large amount of surplus cash and a reduced credit demand, continue to use their acceptance privilege and if they did, in moderately large volume could the dealers find an investors market for the bills? What would happen if the Federal Banks ceased to buy regularly and in large volume for their own account? What would be the effect of the sudden and practically complete liquidation of the huge volume of bills held for the account of foreign central banks?

These problems and others have all been met and successfully solved in the year being reviewed.

We have made real progress in the American acceptance business in about as difficult a year as the banks and dealers have ever had or will ever encounter again. Notably, with respect to our acceptance business in foreign countries, our bankers have acquired valuable experience that will not be forgotten in their future operations with foreign takers of our bank credit.

Contemplating our impregnable position as a gold standard country, the strength of our large internationally equipped banks and our growing understanding and facility in foreign trade financing, we may confidently look forward to a great and useful future for the dollar acceptance credit in domestic and foreign banking.

Never since the passage of the Federal Reserve Act when banks were first empowered to accept, have we had the opportunity for world wide credit service such as is now confronting us.

The following statistics are furnished by Mr. Bean.

BANKERS ACCEPTANCE AND BILL MARKET STATISTICS.

High volume for 1931	\$1,555,966,201
Low volume for 1931	996,365,078
Average volume outstanding	1,301,893,077

	Classification of Total	% of Total
Imports	\$220,971,590	14.2%
Exports	415,140,975	26.6%
Domestic	34,725,531	2.2%
Warehouse credits	271,483,592	17.4%
Dollar exchange	52,201,951	3.3%
Foreign storage or shipment	561,442,562	36.0%
Total	\$1,555,966,201	

	Classification of Total	% of Total
Imports	\$158,058,271	15.7%
Exports	254,101,099	25.3%
Domestic	18,483,192	1.8%
Warehouse credits	239,229,873	23.8%
Dollar exchange	34,086,850	3.3%
Foreign storage or shipment	298,365,420	29.7%
Total	\$1,002,304,705	

Classification and Percent of Business Financed.

	% of Total	Average Outstanding
Imports	\$1,291,666,114	\$195,706,987
Exports	2,228,547,717	337,658,745
Domestic	199,829,071	30,277,132
Warehouse credits	1,499,615,548	227,214,477
Dollar exchange	369,433,950	55,974,843
Foreign storage or shipment	3,003,401,893	455,060,893

Bill Rates—90-Day Bills—	Bid.	Ask.
High for year—Oct. 16 to Nov. 5	3 1/2%	3 1/4%
Low for year—May 19 to Sept. 22	1%	3/4%
Average—Dec. 1 to Nov. 30	1%	1.506%

Call Loans—	
Stock Exchange average Dec. 1 to Nov. 30	1.702%

Commercial Paper Rates—	
1930 Average—Nov. 1 to Oct. 31	3.44%
1931 Average—Nov. 1 to Oct. 31	2.29%

Bills Created By—Nov. 30 1931—		
National banks and trust companies	\$825,363,994	82.32%
Private and non-members	176,940,711	17.67%

Bills Created in New York City—Nov. 30 1931—	% Grand Total	% N. Y. Total
National banks and trust companies	62%	81.9%
Private and non-members	16%	18.0%

Number of Accepting Banks—Nov. 30 1931—	No.	Amount.
National banks and trust companies	134	
Private and non-members	102	
First Forty Total—Nov. 30 1931—	30	\$896,378,424

Bills Holdings of Acceptance Banks—	No.	Amount.
National banks and trust companies	30	\$759,724,060
Private and non-members	10	136,654,364

Federal Reserve Holdings—Own Account—	High.	Low.
1931 High—Oct. 21 1931	\$231,687,011	\$89,645,812
1931 Low—Aug. 5 1931	July 31 1931	Dec. 30 1930
1931 Average December to Nov. 30	\$433,478,419	\$118,076,621
1930 High—Dec. 31 1929	Aug. 31 1931	Oct. 31 1931
1930 Low—June 25 1930		
1930 Average Dec. 1 to Nov. 30		

Federal Reserve Holdings—Foreign Correspondents—	
1931 High—March 4 1931	\$462,261,000
1931 Low—Oct. 14 1931	40,571,000
1931 Average Dec. 1 to Nov. 30	321,743,000
1930 High—Dec. 31 1929	547,962,000
1930 Low—Nov. 12 1930	426,541,000
1930 Average Dec. 1 1929 to Nov. 30	478,877,000

Range for New York City Bank Stocks in 1931—Average Recovers 16% During Closing Weeks of Year But Ends With Substantial Drop Compared with 1930.

During most of 1931, New York City bank and trust company stocks sympathetically followed the general declining trend, according to a survey of the 1931 bank stock market prepared by Hoit, Rose & Troster, bank stock specialists. They note, however, that in responding to influences especially affecting bank shares, such as the higher money rates and constructive banking news from Washington, bank stocks led the general market in several important rallies. They also state:

On Oct. 6 news of formation of the National Credit Corporation stimulated an advance in bank stocks which by the end of that week, Oct. 10, netted an average advance of 28%. Later in October, bank stocks extended their gains on the higher money rates. From Oct. 5 to Nov. 9 bank stocks scored an average advance of 43%.

On Dec. 18 news from Washington that American banks are not "loaded up" with German short-term credits started a rally in bank stocks that by Dec. 19 totaled on the average, 23%.

The year closed with several bank stocks well above the Dec. 17 lows. First National showed a net gain of 330 points; Central Hanover, 20; Guaranty Trust, 17; Bankers Trust, 12 1/2. Other issues to close higher were Commercial National, Manhattan, Empire Trust, Corn Exchange, Chase, City and New York Trust.

The range for the year 1931 was as follows:

	Open Jan. 2.	High Feb. 21.	Low Dec. 17.	Close Dec. 31.
Bankers	109 3/4	123 1/2	50	62 1/2
Brooklyn Trust	460	557	160	162
Central Hanover	230	272	115	135
Chase	88	108 1/4	24 1/2	29
Chatham Phenix	70	85	16	17 1/2
Chemical	44 3/4	51 1/4	23 1/2	25 3/4
City	89 1/4	108 1/4	34	38
Commercial	250	330	143	150
Corn Exchange	115	134 1/2	57	61 1/2
Empire Trust	48 1/2	58	19 1/4	24
First National	3575	4100	1590	1920
Guaranty Trust	448	566	244	261
Irving	33 3/4	40	14 1/2	17 1/4
Manhattan	78 1/2	95	23 1/2	29 1/2
Manufacturers	29 3/4	53 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
New York Trust	149	191	68	72 1/2
Public	47	62 1/2	19	20

Weighted average	93	114	44	51
Decline, Feb. 21-Dec. 17	61%			16%
		Recovery, Dec. 17-Dec. 31		

1931 Range for Leading Insurance Company Stocks.

Paralleling the decline in all security markets, insurance stocks were generally lower during 1931, Hoit, Rose & Troster state in their annual review of the insurance stock market. They add:

From the high point of 71 established on Feb. 26, the weighted average of 20 issues declined to 24 on Dec. 17, a decline of 66%.

Several issues, notably the Hartford stocks, closed the year higher as compared with the low point on Dec. 17. Travelers, Phoenix, Aetna Life, Hartford Fire, Aetna Fire and Aetna Casualty & Surety all closed higher, as did Globe & Rutgers, Home, Great American, Hanover, U. S. Casualty and Westchester.

Based on closing bid prices, the range for 1931 was as follows:

	Open Jan. 2.	High Feb. 26.	Low Dec. 17.	Close Dec. 31.
Aetna Casualty & Surety	68	90	25	30
Aetna Fire	45	50 1/2	20	27 1/2
Aetna Life	50	58 1/2	18	24
American (Newark)	30	34	7 1/2	9
Continental Casualty	30	34	14	11
Globe & Rutgers	530	685	205	210
Great American	22	29	9 1/2	12
Halifax	17	20 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2
Hanover	27	38 1/2	14	16
Harmonia	23	27	9	10
Hartford Fire	54	66	28 1/2	34 1/2
Home	31 1/2	36	10 1/2	13 1/2
National Casualty	16	19 1/2	7 1/2	7
National Liberty	7 1/2	8 1/2	2	2 1/2
Nov. Washington	39	54	21	22 1/2
Phoenix	59	71	33 1/2	40
Travelers	905	1080	390	415
U. S. Casualty	48	52	8	10
U. S. Fire	42	57	17	16
Westchester	33	49 1/2	16 1/2	18 1/2
Weighted average	57	71	24	27

The Hoarding of Currency—How Much Was Hidden Away Last Year and in Other Years.

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

Estimates of the amount of currency hoarded in safe deposit vaults by frightened American citizens in 1931 vary widely and are largely conjectural. The hoarding mania became noticeable last August and, since the amount of reserve note currency taken out since the end of July was \$539,000,000 greater than a year ago (notwithstanding the extremely light demand for payrolls and pocket money) the estimate that \$600,000,000 was thus hidden away has been very general. During the October recovery in the markets there were signs that the currency was coming out again; but huge amounts must still be secreted.

Three months after the panic of 1907 the Secretary of the Treasury estimated in a special report to Congress that \$296,000,000 currency had been hoarded by our people. It returned to the markets with great rapidity during 1908.

National City Bank of New York on Dividend Cuts by Railroads in 1931.

Discussing the "outlook for the railroads" the National City Bank of New York in its January "Bulletin" presents the following with regard to dividend cuts by railroads in 1931:

Common stocks of 46 important railroads are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, of which 31 were paying dividends at the beginning of 1931. Of this number, only six were able to maintain the same rate of dividend during the year, including the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, Bangor & Aroostook, Chesapeake & Ohio, Delaware & Hudson, Norfolk & Western, and Union Pacific.

The 182,073 shareholders of 17 railroads had a 100% cut in their rate of income from these sources some time during the last year when dividends were omitted entirely, as shown by the following list giving the rate prevailing at the beginning of the year:

Company	Rate Jan. 1 1931.	Shareholders Dec. 31 1929.
Baltimore & Ohio	\$7	34,733
Boston & Maine	4	2,650
Chicago & North Western	4	14,448
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific	7	5,243
Colorado & Southern	3	479
Illinois Central	7	14,994
Kansas City Southern	5	858
Lehigh Valley	4 1/2	6,291
Missouri-Kansas-Texas	3	2,768
New York Central	8	54,122
New York, Chicago & St. Louis	6	1,636
New York, New Haven & Hartford	6	19,002
Pere Marquette	a8	1,759
Pittsburgh & West Virginia	6	515
St. Louis-San Francisco	8	8,931
Southern Railway	8	13,139
Texas & Pacific	5	496

a Partly extra. b Par value \$50. c No par value.

In addition, 354,945 shareholders of eight other railroads had their rate of dividends reduced as follows:

Company—	Reduction 1931.	Shareholders Dec. 31 1929.
Atlantic Coast Line.....	a\$10 to \$4	4,479
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western c.....	a7 to 2	6,943
Great Northern pref. b.....	5 to 2	42,085
Louisville & Nashville.....	7 to 4	6,490
Northern Pacific.....	5 to 3	38,359
Pennsylvania c.....	4 to 2	196,119
Reading Co. c.....	4 to 2	4,682
Southern Pacific.....	6 to 4	55,788

a Partly extra. b No common outstanding. c Par value \$50.

Of the 31 common stocks paying dividends at the beginning of 1931 the average rate was \$7.26 per \$100 share, while the average at the end of the year was \$2.81 representing a cut in income to shareholders of 61%.

Many of these omissions broke a continuous record of dividend payments extending back for a long period, in some cases 50 years or more, including such roads as the New York Central, Chicago & North Western and the Illinois Central.

In addition, a number of preferred dividends were discontinued in 1931 after a continuous record extending back many years, including:

Chicago & North Western 7% pref.	Missouri Pacific 5% pref.
Chi., Rock Isl. & Pac. 7% pf. & 6% pf.	New York, Chicago & St. Louis 6% pref.
Erie 4% 1st pref. & 4% 2d pref.	Pere Marquette 5% prior pref. & 5% pref.
Gulf, Mobile & Northern 6% pref.	Southern Railway 5% pref.
Missouri Kansas Texas 7% pref.	Wabash Railway 5% p-f.

Aside from the sacrifice in income last year, railroad shareholders suffered a severe decline in the market value of their investments, in some cases amounting to a virtual collapse. Aggregate common stock of the 46 listed companies amounted to \$5,673,000,000 par value, and at the 1931 high quotations, reached in most cases during February, the aggregate market value was approximately \$4,600,000,000, whereas at the 1931 low quotations in December the market value was but \$1,100,000,000, representing a shrinkage of \$3,500,000,000 or 76%. Expressed on a per share basis, the average price declined from \$81 to \$19; in other words, capital in the railroad industry sold down to 19 cents on the dollar investment at par, not counting in the corporate surplus.

J. Stewart Baker, Before New York State Bankers' Association, Urges That Corrective Measures in Banking Be Developed within Banks—Recommends Creation of Regional Clearing Houses in State Empowered to Require Periodic Reports of Members—Proposals in Behalf of Depositors of Closed Banks.

Contending that "leadership must be developed from within, not imposed from without," J. Stewart Baker, President of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. of New York, addressing as President, the New York State Bankers Association, at its mid-winter meeting on Jan. 8 in New York, said:

I regard banking as entitled to a professional viewpoint and feel that methods of self-correction within our ranks may well be considered. I submit that groups of banks should exercise control over members of the group—ethically and technically—not as a means of oppression, but for self-protection and for the maintenance of high standards.

Mr. Baker observed that "if there is one lesson that the present situation teaches the bankers—and they should never forget it—it is that in co-operation there is strength. Self-interest demands co-operation. I feel no hesitation in urging this upon you for here in New York City we are practicing what I am now preaching."

One of Mr. Baker's proposals was that there be established within the State regional Clearing House Associations, and in calling attention to the fact that "one of the most distressing results of the present situation is the locking-up in the closed banks of the country of almost \$2,000,000,000 of depositors' money, he proposed arrangements for the issuance of transferable certificates to depositors for a portion of their deposits. In part Mr. Baker said:

Within the last few months we have seen a great corporation organized with funds of approximately \$500,000,000, supplied by the banks of the country, to assist individual banks that may be in need of help. In this State the banks have been divided into groups which through committees pass on the applications for loans from this corporation. If approved, the member banks of the group automatically guarantee such loans. The willingness of the banks of the State to join in such an undertaking shows that they realize how much their own welfare is wrapped up in that of their neighbors, and that they can best meet the dangers and problems that confront them by united effort.

I do not know whether all of you are familiar with the history and organization of the New York Clearing House Association. This association was founded 78 years ago and has had an honorable and useful career. It has a constitution and by-laws which govern its activities, and its membership consists of 22 banks and trust companies. It functions through its various committees, made up of representatives of its members, elected annually. Co-operation is its watch-word. Its mechanical operations, though valuable, seem to me to be its least important contribution. When problems have to be faced and when concerted action is necessary, the instrumentality already exists through which the member banks can effectively function. I wish you could know how often and how smoothly it has acted, especially during the past year, for the benefit of its members and the general banking situation in this city. There have, of course, been honest differences of opinion, but individual opinions have given way before the desire for common action in some constructive and helpful move.

I would recommend the establishment of 15 or more regional groups or regional clearing house associations which would cover the entire State. If the clearing of checks can be expedited through these groups, there is value in constituting them as Clearing House Associations, for their mechanical usefulness will tend to keep them alive and will be an everyday reason for their existence during times when there are few real

problems to be dealt with. These associations should have their own rules and regulations, but their constitutions and by-laws should be similar so that there will be uniformity of purpose and equality of standards. The affairs of these associations should be in the hands of committees elected by the members, who would agree to abide by their decisions. The associations should have the power to examine the members and require periodic reports as to their financial condition. They might maintain complete credit files for the use of their members covering the borrowers in the territory and could make investigations of commercial paper names. Detailed information in regard to securities could be assembled and a general service maintained to assist the members in the operation of their bond accounts. I am rather of the opinion that the State Banking Department and the Comptroller of Currency would be willing to assign examiners permanently to these associations, which would result in the closest kind of co-operation. As you know, the American Bankers' Association has been working on this idea for some time, but you may not know that it has been in successful operation in several States in the Middle West and that the banks report most satisfactory results. The expenses are small. What each contributes is infinitesimal compared to what it gains. I would like to see the New York State Bankers' Association take the lead in setting up these associations and then have it carry on its activities through them. If gentlemen, this suggestion of mine meets with your approval—and I would like to hear from you after you have had a chance to think it over and discuss it with your associates—I purpose to appoint a special committee to study this whole question carefully and report, if possible, at the convention in June.

One of the most distressing results of the present situation is the locking up in the closed banks of the country of almost \$2,000,000,000 of depositors' money. Experience has shown that the liquidation of these deposits is a slow and costly process and that the liquidating agencies have no choice but to sell the banks' assets for what they will bring, usually below book value, and often less than intrinsic value. The wholesale dumping of securities, mortgages and real estate depresses prices and destroys values, and the indiscriminate calling of loans works a hardship on individuals, firms and corporations, which often results in forcing them to realize what they can on their assets. It is a vicious circle. Meanwhile, the depositors are without funds to carry on their daily operations, many communities are without banking facilities to handle their financial transactions and the good-will and invested capital of the banks have been wiped out. It seems to me that some means could and should be found to deal with this situation more scientifically and more sensibly and, at the same time, protect the interests of creditors and provide for the uninterrupted payment of deposits to the extent practicable. Without going too much into detail, may I outline what I have in mind.

When in the opinion of the proper governmental authority a bank should not be allowed to continue to operate, the law should give that authority the alternative either to close it, as at present, or to reorganize it along the following lines. Transferable certificates would be issued to the depositors for a portion of their deposits so that the remaining deposits would, in the opinion of the Superintendent of Banks or the Comptroller of the Currency and the board of directors, be covered by sound assets at current values amounting to not less than 120% of such deposits. These remaining deposits and any new deposits would share alike in the assets of the bank. The holders of the certificates would receive interest semi-annually, not to exceed 4% per annum, if earned after necessary and proper charge-offs, and if approved by the Superintendent of Banks or Comptroller of the Currency. This interest would be cumulative up to 4% per annum, and no dividends would be paid on the capital stock while any certificates are outstanding.

Whenever, subsequently, an official examination should credit the institution with net sound assets, at current values, greater than the amount by which they exceeded the marked-down deposits at the time of reorganization, such increase would be used to pay down the certificates proportionately. The certificate holders would have the option, at any time, to convert their certificates into stock at the book value as shown by the last official examination.

A stockholders' meeting should be held shortly after the date of reorganization for the election of a new board of directors, who would elect officers. Former directors and officers would be eligible to succeed themselves. Each certificate holder would have the right to vote as though the face value of his certificate represented par value of stock. The double liability of the old stockholders should be preserved while any certificates are outstanding.

I am quite well aware that a reorganization would be futile unless the reconstituted institution has the confidence of the community and the support of its depositors and should not be undertaken unless the management is efficient and honest. I believe that there are instances in which such a reorganization could have been worked out and would have prevented banks from closing; perhaps it would permit the opening of some that are now closed. At any rate, it seems to me that some such plan is worth trying, for if it succeeds it will accomplish much, positively and negatively, and at the same time the interests of creditors will not be jeopardized.

You were undoubtedly as disturbed as I was when you read that portion of the Governor's annual message to the Legislature which was devoted to the banking situation. I feel that it is my duty, as your President, to emphatically protest against his accusations which cannot help but be interpreted as applying to banks and bankers generally. Out of respect for the great office which he holds, I shall refrain on this occasion from making any answer except to say that the bankers of this State yield to no one in their desire for the maintenance of high standards, for the furtherance of sound banking practices and for the safeguarding of their depositors' money. As a matter of fact, they are generally to be found in the vanguard of those who may be counted on to support measures which contribute to the welfare of the people of the State.

Governor Harrison of Federal Reserve Bank of New York Contends Deflation of Credit Must Stop if an Early Turn in Tide of Depression is to Occur.

Referring to the "severe and distressing depression" through which all of the world is passing, George L. Harrison, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, at the mid-winter meeting in New York yesterday (Jan. 8) of the New York State Bankers Association, stated that "one thing is certain—that deflation of credit must stop if we hope to see an early turn in the tide." "As I see it," he said, "the machinery to stop this deflation and gradually to build up a structure of sound values and sound business is available. What we need is to release the brakes; . . .

we need a restoration of confidence in ourselves and the courage to go ahead." We give herewith what Governor Harrison had to say:

I am grateful to you for the opportunity you have given to me to meet with you. I feel particularly happy that this meeting takes place in the Federal Reserve Bank, to which I am glad to welcome you. This I do as earnestly as I can and with the hope that you will always consider it your meeting ground in New York, not merely because we invite you to do so but because it is yours as a matter of right.

We are in no sense a competitive commercial institution. Chiefly, we are a service institution with powers and privileges designed to serve your interests and through you your depositors and the country as a whole.

When I first assumed my present office I found in my desk a little slip of paper with the following words written on it:

"To the Governor of this Bank:

Never forget that it was created to serve the employer and the working man, the producer and the consumer, the importer and the exporter, the debtor and the creditor—all in the interest of the country as a whole."

This sounds like a large order but at least it is a graphic statement of the conflicting nature of the different interests that are affected by any Federal Reserve policy. It emphasizes that whatever we do—whether our influence is towards making credit more plentiful and cheap, or whether it must be towards making it more scarce and expensive—some one is always benefited and some one always injured, at least for the time being. It has always been so with banks of issue. It probably always will be so. One consequence is that banks of issue, even Federal Reserve Banks, are apt to be subject to criticism rather continuously from one interest or from another. But that we must expect.

Unfortunately, however, this criticism is not always confined to the Federal Reserve banks. It frequently relates itself to the commercial banks, especially in times of stress such as those through which we are now passing. In such a period of depression, when market prices of goods and securities continue to decline, when incomes are cut, wages are reduced, jobs are lost and loans are called, we see that people's judgments become warped, their emotions cut loose and their tongues untied. Idle gossip leads to baseless rumors. These in turn arouse unreasoning fears which tend to provoke a state of mind bordering on panic. A vicious, senseless circle from which we all suffer.

Now, it is true that we are having hard times. All of the world is in the midst of a severe and distressing depression. These facts we must face. But after all, such a period cannot last forever. Some day the market prices of goods and securities will adjust themselves more nearly to real and intrinsic values; margins will be revived and many loans that now seem slow or doubtful will become liquid and good. Whether the turn will come sooner or later depends in part at least upon you gentlemen and your own faith in fundamentals.

What are the facts?

The total volume of bank credit in the country has declined over 6 1/2 billion dollars in the past two years; over 4 billion dollars in the past year, and probably over 2 1/2 billion dollars in the past three months alone—a terrific deflation of loans and investments at increasing momentum. Incidentally, this is perhaps the main reason why you have had such a rapid reduction in bank deposits. Now, one thing is certain, that deflation of credit must stop if we hope to see an early turn in the tide. The Federal Reserve banks alone cannot check it. You alone cannot check it; nor can the public alone check it, but all of us combined can do so and must do so. It is largely a question of confidence in ourselves and in one another.

There are over 8 billion dollars of eligible assets in the member banks of the country. Even assuming that some of these assets may be badly distributed, nevertheless, the Federal Reserve banks are in a position at the present time and on the basis of their present gold supply to expand Federal Reserve credit to their members by some 3 1/2 billion dollars, which could mathematically form the base for an increase of as much as 35 billion dollars in bank credit—a stupendous sum. For those banks whose supply of eligible paper is not adequate, or for banks which are not members of the Federal Reserve System, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which it is hoped will be enacted into law promptly, should prove a great bulwark of strength. Between the two, supplemented by the National Credit Corporation, it seems reasonable to expect that every sound bank can procure any necessary accommodation as soon as the demand for the increase in credit arises.

So, as I see it, the machinery to stop this deflation and gradually to build up a structure of sound values and sound business is available. What we need is to release the brakes, to dispel the wholly unreasoning fear that grips the world—we need a restoration of confidence in ourselves and the courage to go ahead.

Federal Reserve Board on Bank Suspensions—Number of Banks Closed in November 169, Compared with 522 in October—Eleven Months Figures.

The number of bank failures in November, according to the December number of the Federal Reserve Board's "Bulletin," was 169, compared with 522 in October. The amount of deposits involved in the November suspensions was \$83,409,000, against \$493,751,000 in October. With regard to the Reserve Board's figures, the "United States Daily" said:

Of the 169 November suspensions, 34 were of National banks, with deposits of \$34,340,000; eight were State bank members of the Federal Reserve System, with deposits of \$6,374,000, and 127 were State bank non-members, with deposits of \$42,695,000. Twenty banks were reopened during the month, with deposits of \$9,947,000.

Total bank suspensions for the year to the end of November are given as 1,932, with deposits of \$1,468,122,000. National bank suspensions account for 345 of these, and \$381,726,000 of the deposits; State member banks suspending number 90, with deposits of \$281,414,000, and non-members are 1,497, with deposits of \$804,982,000.

There were no bank failures in the New England States during November, and there were none in Delaware, Virginia, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Oregon and the District of Columbia. Nebraska led with 17, and Missouri came second with 16.

The only States without bank failures during the first 11 months of 1931 are New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Delaware and the District of Columbia. For the 11-month period Illinois leads with 189 and Iowa comes second with 183.

Reopenings for the 11 months number 242, with deposits of \$136,279,000.

The following tables are reproduced from the Reserve Board's "Bulletin":

BANK SUSPENSIONS.

[Banks closed to public on account of financial difficulties by order of supervisory authorities or directors of the bank. Figures of suspensions include banks subsequently reopened.]

Month.	Number of Banks.				Deposits (in thousands of dollars).			
	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
January	53	54	99	202	10,983	16,413	28,903	78,180
February	50	60	85	77	18,352	21,746	32,800	35,123
March	66	51	76	86	16,953	9,002	23,769	35,285
April	43	29	93	64	8,190	7,790	33,388	42,417
May	29	112	55	89	6,394	24,090	19,315	43,963
June	23	48	66	167	13,496	19,219	70,566	195,951
July	24	69	65	93	5,368	66,161	32,333	41,334
August	21	17	67	158	6,147	8,532	21,951	185,902
September	20	39	66	305	7,888	10,050	23,666	236,511
October	41	43	72	522	9,011	13,153	24,599	493,751
November	72	68	254	169	24,784	22,646	186,306	83,409
December	44	52	344	-----	11,076	15,730	367,119	-----
Year	491	642	1,345	-----	138,642	234,532	864,715	-----

Back figures.—See Annual Report for 1928 (Table 64). r Revised.

BANK SUSPENSIONS BY DISTRICTS.

[Banks closed to public on account of financial difficulties by order of supervisory authorities or directors of the bank. Figures of suspensions include banks subsequently reopened. Figures for latest month are preliminary.]

Federal Reserve District.	Banks Suspended.						
	Number.			Deposits (in Thousands of Dollars).			
	All Banks	Members.	Non-Members.	All Banks.	Members.	Non-Members.	Non-Members.
		National	State.		National.	State.	
Jan.-Nov. 1931—							
Boston	7	---	---	7	16,553	-----	16,553
New York	52	23	8	21	121,369	35,872	51,255
Philadelphia	93	22	6	65	149,965	18,772	8,706
Cleveland	165	43	15	107	399,162	121,752	104,710
Richmond	164	35	5	124	93,044	26,761	5,024
Atlanta	117	24	5	88	47,059	23,470	1,817
Chicago	536	63	28	445	393,617	79,541	89,822
St. Louis	210	28	8	174	59,403	18,083	4,262
Minneapolis	254	43	1	210	57,047	11,937	496
Kansas City	192	17	---	175	46,345	8,143	38,202
Dallas	87	32	8	47	53,604	23,671	12,775
San Francisco	55	15	6	34	30,954	13,710	2,547
Total	1,932	345	90	1,497	1,468,122	381,726	281,414
Nov. 1931—							
Boston	6	1	---	5	6,015	2,184	3,831
New York	4	2	1	1	3,990	2,276	510
Philadelphia	9	4	1	4	10,397	3,364	2,538
Cleveland	11	3	1	7	12,188	6,379	854
Richmond	15	3	---	12	8,063	4,978	3,087
Atlanta	32	2	---	30	12,614	1,841	10,773
Chicago	29	6	3	20	10,094	4,679	2,251
St. Louis	19	5	---	14	4,639	1,059	3,580
Minneapolis	28	3	---	25	7,721	1,722	5,999
Kansas City	10	2	1	7	5,017	2,577	447
Dallas	8	3	1	2	3,571	3,343	221
San Francisco	6	3	1	2	3,571	3,343	221
Total	169	34	8	127	83,409	34,340	6,874

Federal Reserve District.	Banks Reopened.					
	Number.			Deposits.		
	All Banks	Members.	Non-Members.	All Banks.	Members.	Non-Members.
				\$	\$	\$
Jan.-Nov. 1931—						
Boston	2	---	2	5,206,000	-----	5,206,000
New York	3	2	1	24,423,000	21,740,000	2,683,000
Philadelphia	1	1	---	229,000	239,000	-----
Cleveland	3	---	3	1,296,000	-----	1,296,000
Richmond	52	4	48	19,321,000	6,044,000	13,277,000
Atlanta	12	2	10	9,144,000	5,481,000	3,663,000
Chicago	30	1	29	19,320,000	7,502,000	11,818,000
St. Louis	95	11	84	44,416,000	9,577,000	34,839,000
Minneapolis	20	2	18	5,971,000	1,269,000	4,702,000
Kansas City	12	---	12	3,273,000	-----	3,273,000
Dallas	12	5	7	3,670,000	1,535,000	2,135,000
San Francisco	---	---	---	-----	-----	-----
Total	242	28	214	136,279,000	53,387,000	82,892,000
Nov. 1931—						
Boston	---	---	---	-----	-----	-----
New York	---	---	---	-----	-----	-----
Philadelphia	---	---	---	-----	-----	-----
Cleveland	2	---	2	884,000	-----	884,000
Richmond	5	1	4	4,649,000	2,152,000	2,497,000
Atlanta	---	---	---	-----	-----	-----
Chicago	3	---	3	678,000	-----	678,000
St. Louis	1	---	1	125,000	-----	125,000
Minneapolis	3	2	1	1,419,000	1,269,000	150,000
Kansas City	3	---	3	1,627,000	-----	1,627,000
Dallas	3	1	2	565,000	263,000	302,000
San Francisco	---	---	---	-----	-----	-----
Total	20	4	16	9,947,000	3,684,000	6,263,000

x Represents national banks only, except as follows: January-November, 1 State member in New York district with deposits of \$18,801,000; 1 State member in Richmond district with deposits of \$2,152,000; 3 State members in St. Louis district with deposits of \$6,313,000, and 1 State member in Minneapolis district with deposits of \$496,000. November, 1 State member in Richmond district with deposits of \$2,152,000 and 1 State member in Minneapolis district with deposits of \$496,000.

Back Figures.—For district figures back to 1921 see "Bulletin" for February 1931 also annual reports for 1930 (Table 117), 1929 (Table 111), 1928 (Table 115), 1927 (Table 111), and 1926 (Table 98).

Senator Kean Details Aims of His Bank Plan—Proposes to Establish Uniform Currency in United States and Canada—Would Name Canadian to Federal Reserve Board.

A common banking system and a uniform currency north of the Rio Grande is the idea behind the measure offered in Congress by Senator Hamilton F. Kean, Republican, of New Jersey, which proposes to place a Canadian on the Federal Reserve Board, it was stated in the New York "Times" of Dec. 31. A reference to the proposal appeared in our issue of Dec. 26, page 4256. Concerning the Senator's resolution the "Times" says:

In a statement explaining his resolution, Senator Kean said yesterday (Dec. 30) that the recent decline in the Canadian dollar to a discount of 20% in terms of United States dollars had created many problems for American and Canadian merchants who deal with one another. He proposes that Canada, by treaty with this country, arrange for the admission of her banks to the Federal Reserve System and for the use of Federal Reserve currency. Such a plan, he asserted, would make one banking system north of the Rio Grande and would be an aid to Canada and also to the United States. His statement follows:

"For more than 3,000 miles our border touches Canada. All along the border our citizens and their citizens have been accustomed to receive a Canadian dollar as the equivalent of an American dollar. Suddenly exchange has affected the Canadian dollar so that it is selling for 80c. as compared with the American dollar. Our merchants have large dealings with individuals and merchants in Canada. Canadian merchants have large dealings with merchants in the United States.

"When a merchant in either country sells a bill of goods to a merchant in the other country, if it is payable in American dollars, what is the Canadian going to have to pay in his dollars for American dollars? If it is payable in Canadian dollars, what is the merchant in the United States going to receive for his goods, and is the rise and the fall in exchange going to make him demand either an excessive profit or is it going to cause him a loss.

"The Canadian Government, electric light companies, railroads and other agencies have floated large amounts of bonds which are held in the United States. These bonds are payable in gold dollars of the present rate of weight and fineness. At the moment Canada would have to pay \$1.20 for each dollar of these bonds. Undoubtedly Canada will come into this market to borrow additional money to develop her country. If exchange continues as it is now, she would receive 80c. for each dollar she borrowed. How to remedy this situation so that both our peoples can trade as heretofore is the problem.

"The Federal Reserve Bank is a corporation chartered by the United States Government to receive deposits from the member banks (this means all national banks and many of the trust companies) in the various cities and towns of our country. With the consent of Canada and by treaty with the United States her banks could be admitted as members of the Federal Reserve Bank and the currency issued by the Federal Reserve Bank could be used by Canada as well as the United States."

Senator Walsh Urges Haste in Aiding the Banks— Asserts Government Must Act to Build Confidence of Depositors—Fee "Exploitations" Hit.

Senator David I. Walsh warned on Jan. 2 against the danger of depositors of closed banks being exploited through payment of large fees to agents engaged in salvaging funds of the institutions. Associated Press advices from Boston, Jan. 2, to the New York "Times" continued:

He said that liquidation of such resources was a public service and should be performed by public officials, probably temporarily appointed for the purpose, and paid out of public funds at salaries similar to those paid assistant attorneys in the Attorney-General's office.

Speaking before the Massachusetts State Democratic Committee, Senator Walsh predicted the election of a Democratic government in 1932. With "Republican defeat inevitable, regardless of issues or candidates," Mr. Walsh said, "the Democratic party should prepare to assume the serious problem of meeting the great national deficit that will be inherited from the present Republican administration," and the consequences of "the depression."

There are \$2,000,000,000 of frozen assets in the closed banking institutions of the country, Senator Walsh said, \$100,000,000 of which is in Massachusetts. To set up reconstruction financial machinery to restore public confidence in the banks, "to the end that the public will be seeking to deposit their money rather than to withdraw their money from commerce and industry," the Senator said, the political leaders of both parties must co-operate with all political elements in Congress.

He said there must be no delay in this work, remarking that "government support for tottering financial institutions of the country should have been provided for long ago."

"Let us have no \$100,000 attorneys' and receivers' fees in connection with this highly important public service," he urged. "Such and even more outrageous fees have been discovered in the investigations of numerous scandals connected with the slovenly and exploitative manner in which creditors have been robbed of the assets of debtors in the bankruptcy courts. The courts who fix these fees, therefore, have a responsibility in these cases, as well as all other public officials.

"If the government could not stop the depression it can at least stop scandals and prevent disgust caused by the inefficiency and neglect of government agencies to guard the savings and proper distribution of funds of which it has assumed the administration.

"Briefly, the task before us is to provide the government machinery to release the frozen assets in our closed banks, strengthen the assets in all existing banking institutions and provide for newly appointed public officials to administer the affairs of the closed banks. . . .

"Failure to enact such a program immediately will not only result in continuing the depression but make the situation more desperate. This action will assure our hard-working and industrious people, whose confidence in our institutions led them to deposit their life savings, that the government does not intend to permit them to be exploited and their distress increased, but diligently to return to them their money free from unnecessary delays and from exploitations of every kind. This is unquestionably the first step in restoring confidence and reviving business throughout the nation."

Bill of Representative Sawyer Aims to Protect Massachusetts Depositors—Would Have Trust Companies and Savings Banks File Guarantee Bond.

From the Boston "Daily Transcript" of Dec. 22 we take the following:

A bill seeking to better protect depositors in trust companies and savings banks which may hereafter be opened for business by requiring that before receiving deposits from the public such banks shall file with the State Banking Commissioner a bond as guarantee of indemnity equal to twice the amount of its capital stock, which shall inure to the benefit of the depositors, was filed with the clerk of the House of Representatives to-day by Roland D. Sawyer of Ware. The text of the bill reads:

"Any trust company chartered after the passage of this act shall, before receiving deposits from the public, file with the Banking Commissioner a bond as guarantee of indemnity equal to twice the amount of its capital

stock, which bond shall inure to the benefit of its depositors. And any trust company chartered after the passage of this act and maintaining a savings department shall, until its guarantee fund reaches the maximum of 5%, file yearly with the Commissioner of Banking a bond guaranteeing indemnity to inure to the benefit of its depositors in such amount as the Commissioner of Banking shall deem satisfactory.

"Any trust company which has within five years preceding the passage of this act had its affairs taken over by the Commissioner of Banking shall, before reopening for business, comply with the provisions stated above.

"Savings banks opening after the passage of this act shall yearly file with the Banking Commissioner a bond as guarantee of indemnity to inure to the benefit of its depositors in such amount as the Commissioner shall deem necessary until the guarantee fund shall have reached the maximum of 5%."

Illinois Bankers' Association Names Committee to Draft Changes in State Banking Laws.

Recognizing that the laws governing the banks of the State and their supervision should be strengthened a committee of the Illinois Bankers' Association has been appointed, charged with the preparation of a draft for a revised banking act to be presented to the next regular session of the General Assembly. President Paul S. Abt, of East St. Louis, in making this announcement at Chicago on Nov. 27 said:

The experiences in Illinois during the last two years have demonstrated that the banking laws need revision to insure greater protection of deposits, and the bankers who recognize their responsibilities are willing and ready to assist in enacting such measures as will achieve this object, provided they do not unnecessarily hamper or unduly restrict the natural flow of business. It should be remembered that proposals for remedial legislation must be carefully considered, lest in our eagerness to correct a fault we obstruct the economic machinery and do more harm than good.

At the last meeting of the Council of Administration of the Association a special committee of five prominent bankers was appointed to draft a new banking act for presentation to the 1933 General Assembly. When this has been done and the draft approved we shall make its provisions known to the public in order that it may be fully advised.

The Association has for years endeavored to bring about the creation of a department devoted solely to the supervision of State banks with an appointed head and free from political entanglements, but without success thus far. We have believed that banking interests of the State are of sufficient importance to justify such a department and we hope that these efforts will now meet with greater support than heretofore.

While there may be instances of mismanagement in some of the institutions which have suspended, many of them were closed by their own depositors. These banks could have continued in business and have met all normal demands, but for rumor-mongers and malicious slanderers who, by their whispering campaign against all things financial, caused unwarranted fear and hysteria on the part of the depositing public. This state of mind brought about the very condition of which it became apprehensive.

A bank cannot perform its functions of financing business and aid in the development of the community and at the same time be in a position to pay all depositors at once without notice and without opportunity to realize on the loans and investments made. Many communities, outside of the larger centers, have seen their population decline and business move away because of economic influences, and the banks located therein were obliged to cease operations as a natural consequence.

We have no desire to minimize the distress which has been caused by the temporary tying up of bank deposits or the partial loss which may result therefrom, but we do want to emphasize the fact that the entire banking fraternity should not be censured for conditions which brought about the world-wide deflation and over which we had no control. To the credit of our profession be it said that during this period of unparalleled depression the vast majority of banking institutions in the country, over 95%, have courageously and successfully met their difficulties and obligations.

It is true that certain weaknesses in our banking structure have been exposed and we are committed to use our utmost efforts to remedy these faults and, insofar as it is possible, to prevent their recurrence by legislative means as well as by causing the elimination of poor or dishonest management.

We have no sympathy for those who may have wilfully violated their trust or deliberately transgressed the banking or criminal laws. There are statutes providing for punishment in such cases, and the authorities should see to it that these are enforced. Our Association policy has always been to co-operate with and assist the law enforcing officials in the prosecution of all offenders against the law.

At the last meeting of the Council of Administration the National Credit Corp. was endorsed. It is believed that the greatest contribution that can be made to confidence is to have the public understand that banks may be assured, through the National Credit Corp., of being able to convert sound slow assets into cash when necessary. The Corporation deserves the support of all the banks and we have urged the members of the Illinois Bankers Association to subscribe their respective quotas.

The committee consists of W. J. Rathje, Chairman of Chicago; Mr. Abt, East St. Louis; Charles W. Boyden, Sheffield; W. R. McGaughey of Decatur, and Earl H. Reynolds of Chicago.

Priority Claimed by State in Funds of Failed Banks— Treasurer of West Virginia Asserts Such Rights Over Its Deposits in Closed National Institution.

The method of handling State accounts and checks drawn against them in closed National banks in West Virginia is the subject of a letter addressed by State Treasurer W. S. Johnson to the Comptroller of the Currency, John W. Pole. Noting that, Mr. Johnson describes the situation as "intolerable." A dispatch Dec. 4 from Charleston, W. Va., to the "United States Daily" gives the letter of Mr. Johnson as follows:

Mr. Comptroller: An intolerable situation has developed in West Virginia in connection with the handling of the accounts of the State by your receivers of a large number of defunct National banks.

Lack Uniform Policies.

They do not seem to have any uniform policy of procedure. They give conflicting interpretations as to their rights and duties. The action of your receivers, or rather a lack of action upon their part is causing endless confusion and hardships upon our citizens, and is seriously handicapping the State in an orderly conduct of its business. Many of your receivers apparently do not know what to do and cannot give an intelligent answer to questions of an elementary character.

Prior to the closing of these National banks, I issued a large number of State checks paying sundry and various obligations of the State. Among these were a large number of salary checks. These checks were received by the banks upon which they were drawn and charged to their respective accounts of State funds. The money was set aside by the banks for the payment of these checks. In most cases remittances were made to the branch of the Federal Reserve Bank from which the checks were received. Before the remittances or advices to pay reached the Federal Reserve Bank they had notice that the banks from which such remittances or advices were received had closed and the acceptances of such remittances were refused.

In such cases the closed banks have both the credit for the payment of the checks and the money that was set aside by them for such payment.

Preference Claims.

It has always been my understanding that in cases of this character the funds set aside constituted a trust fund which had a preference over all other claims. The receivers, however, or some of them at least, hold otherwise, and some of them inform me that they can give me no information regarding the status of such funds. Some of them tell me that the State will have to file a special claim for these items.

Some of these banks have been closed more than two months in which a large number of checks, aggregating a large sum of money are tied up. The people to whom the checks have been given are clamoring for their money. They have had to make the checks good with the banks in which they were deposited or by which they were cashed. This situation affects a large number of employees of the State, and is causing what to my opinion is an unnecessary and uncalled for hardship.

It occurs to me, Mr. Comptroller, that these receivers should all have definite and detailed instructions regarding their duties, and that they should be men of sufficient intelligence and experience to carry out such instructions promptly which would obviate the chaos and confusion caused by a lack of prompt and intelligent action upon their part.

Legality in Doubt.

The closed banks that received the aforementioned State checks cannot, in my opinion, by any stretch of imagination have a right to take credit for same, refuse to pay them and at the same time keep the money set aside for their payment. Such a course would not bear the searchlight of justice and equity.

In my opinion, if you should hold that such items do not constitute a preferred claim payable immediately, then you should instruct your receivers to credit the State's account back with all such items and return the checks through the regular channels as dishonored and unpaid. By this procedure when such checks were properly presented to me, new checks drawn on solvent banks could be given in lieu thereof. This would enable the State to promptly discharge its obligations.

The salary checks of many of the employees of the State are tied up as hereinbefore explained. While the State has issued checks to them, they have not really been paid, because the banks in which they were deposited or cashed have been unable to make collections on them and have been compelled to charge them back. Many contractors whom the State attempted to pay by issuing checks to them have not in reality been paid. The treasurer, however, cannot issue duplicate or new checks in lieu of the ones heretofore issued and tied up, as before stated, until such checks are returned to him.

State Amply Protected.

The State cannot, as suggested by some of the receivers, entertain the thought of filing a special claim against the closed banks for these items. The State is protected for all State funds in the closed banks by depository bonds given it by the banks. The State has instituted action against the bondsmen of each National bank to collect from them the amount due the State. If the State should file a special claim against the banks for these items, the claim would be against the bank only and not against the bank and its sureties jointly. If the State should file a special claim against the banks, it would likely be several years before the banks would be liquidated.

It is imperative that prompt collections be made from these closed banks within this fiscal year, as every dollar of the revenue estimated that will be raised during the fiscal year is specifically appropriated, and if there are any amounts uncollected at the end of the fiscal year, it would simply mean a corresponding curtailment of the expenditure of appropriations.

We do not have any trouble in securing a prompt and equitable adjustment of similar situations with our State banks. Proper adjustments are immediately made upon a request from this office, and I can see no possible excuse for the delays and uncertainty of action to which we are subjected by the receivers of National banks.

To the end that this intolerable situation in West Virginia, which is causing endless chaos, confusion and hardship, may be promptly cleared up and adjusted, I am going to suggest that you give the situation your immediate personal attention, and see to it that your receivers all have definite instructions what to do, and see to it also that such instructions are promptly complied with.

I dislike very much to criticize the administration of government by other officials, but I feel justified in doing so on account of the conduct of the affairs of the closed National banks in this State.

Revised Control of Banks Asked for Wisconsin—Creation of Advisory Group to Co-operate with Department and to Act As Board of Review Urged—Governor's Message.

The concentration of control of credit through chain or group banking is the subject of one of the two banking bills prepared by the Interim Committee on Banking for consideration by the special session of the Wisconsin Legislature which convened Nov. 24. The proposed measure offers a "constructive solution to the problem," Governor Philip F. La Follette told the Legislature in his message. This is learned from Madison (Wis.) advices Nov. 25 to the "United States Daily," which also had the following to say:

The other banking bill introduced by the Committee would revise the supervision and control of the State Banking Department over State banks and provide for the reorganization of the Department, adding an Advisory Council.

Local Clearing Houses.

The group bank bill proposes local clearing house associations to which banks, both State and National, must belong in order to receive State "privileges," and to which they would not be permitted to belong if more than 10% of their capital stock is owned by a holding company.

The section of the Governor's message dealing with reorganization of the Banking Department follows in full text:

There are people to-day who urge that this is not a proper time for the enactment of legislation relating to the subject of banking. It is better to call the doctor before someone is sick and avoid the sickness entirely, but if we have failed to do that and the sickness comes upon us, we need the best medical attention that can be provided. Banking more than any other occupation is founded on confidence. The public generally is fully aware that all of our economic institutions, including banks, have felt the effect of this depression.

We do not help the banking situation by attempting either to ignore it or to do nothing about it. We cannot in one year correct the mistakes of the past 20 years. But we can do all within our power to prevent the consequences of the past 20 years from doing any more damage than is necessary, and we can learn by our mistakes in the past and do our best to guard against them in the future.

Applying Best Remedies.

I believe we can make no greater contribution to the stability of our banking system than for the public to know and understand that we are not ignoring this vital problem. We inspire confidence, not by putting our heads ostrich-fashion into the sand, but by convincing the public that we understand our problem and are applying the best available remedies.

It is just to say that the general condition of the great majority of the banks in Wisconsin is better and stronger than that of any other State similarly situated. It is our duty and our privilege to make that position better, both now and in the future. The two bills presented to you by the Interim Committee on Banking show that that Committee faced and dealt with the problem of banking in the attitude which I have described.

The Interim Committee on Banking composed of able representation from this Legislature, and of the banks of this State presents a comprehensive and carefully prepared program representing their mature judgment. I know of no higher compliment that could have been paid to their efforts than the reception that has been given to the bills which they have prepared.

While there are objections to their program, the objections relate to underlying matters of public policy. No question or suggestion has been raised that their program is ill-considered or poorly drawn. If you agree with the objectives which these bills seek to obtain, you will agree with the banking program. If you disagree with the objectives desired by the Interim Committee on Banking, you will oppose one or both of these bills.

Stronger Supervision.

The first bill revises and strengthens the supervision and control of the State Banking Department over State banks and provides for the reorganization of the Banking Department. It broadens the definition of banking to include those corporations and individuals who are in fact in the banking business, but are not now under the control or supervision of the Banking Department.

The banking laws of Wisconsin were last revised in the Legislative session of 1905. Since that time vast changes have taken place in every phase of our life. It is clear we need thorough revision of the legislation relating to banks. This first bill relates to the revision of this part of the banking law. It recognizes that three factors have been primarily responsible for the difficulties of our financial institutions: (1) the economic depression, (2) management and (3) overbanking.

This bill recognizes that the Banking Department can do a great deal, if given adequate personnel and authority, in the matter of bank management and over-banking. Heretofore the Banking Commissioner's powers have been limited practically to closing banks. But closing a bank is not a remedy. The proposal in this bill is to improve the personnel of the Banking Department by placing its personnel under the protection of the Civil Service Law, and to provide adequate compensation so that the State can obtain the services of men who have the experience, the character and the ability to discharge adequately the responsibility of this important department.

Advisory Council.

This bill gives to the Banking Department wider authority over the management of the banks and over the individuals who conduct them. Recognizing that no one individual should have either the authority or the responsibility to discharge these widened powers, this bill creates an Advisory Council composed of five members to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. This Advisory Council would be composed both of bankers and representatives of the economic interests of the State. It is their duty to advise with the Banking Commissioner and likewise to act as a board of review to enable any bank or individual aggrieved or dissatisfied with the action of the Banking Commissioner to present his case and obtain, if he is entitled to it, a reversal of the order of the Banking Commissioner.

The problem of over-banking has nothing to do with independent banking, chain banking, branch banking or group banking. Over-banking has been caused by the granting of too many bank charters and by changes in our methods of transportation. Twenty-five years ago a community may have been in position to support one or more banks, while to-day—with the shortening of distances by automobile transportation—it may not be able to support adequately the number of banks that it now has.

This bill stabilizes the policy of the Banking Department by providing appeals to the courts in the granting or refusing of bank charters.

Joint Responsibility.

The Interim Committee on Banking takes the position, with which I heartily agree, that bankers as a profession and the State as a whole owe a joint responsibility in the conduct of banking; that the failure of any bank causes hardship upon not only every other bank, but upon the whole economic life of the community affected. In a large proportion of cases this problem of over-banking can be worked out, without loss to the depositors, by gradual liquidation, consolidation with other banks or improvement of management.

But this problem of over-banking can only be met by some constructive action. If left to itself—without help, supervision or direction—it means that many banks in the United States will sooner or later close, with the consequent loss to the innocent depositor. This problem is met by giving the Banking Commissioner greater authority over management and by giving him authority, under proper safe-guards, to order consolidations of banks.

No one contends that if this program is adopted there would never be any bank failures. We do contend that if this bill is adopted together with the bill providing for the establishment of clearing house associations, there would be far less bank failures than if the situation were left without leadership or direction. I commend this first bill of the Interim Committee on Banking to your earnest consideration and call your attention to the fact that it has the almost unanimous support of the banking profession and is free from any partisan question, and that it can be adopted even though two-thirds of both houses of this Legislature are not in agreement with our position upon chain banking.

**New Plan Asked in Wisconsin for Clearing Houses—
Local Systems Would Bar Banks With More Than
10% of Stock in Holding Companies.**

A system of locally organized clearing house associations which both State and National banks in Wisconsin would be expected to join was recommended in the message which Governor Philip F. La Follette gave to the special session of the Legislature, said advices from Madison, Wis. Nov. 27, to the "United States Daily" which further said:

"All the privileges within the control of the State" would be granted exclusively to members of the associations, and membership would be denied to banks more than 10% of whose stock is owned by holding companies. The program outlined, according to the Governor, would give to the banks "a great deal more than is offered by any program of chain or group banking."

The bill transmitted to the Legislature was prepared by the Interim Committee on Banking.

Control of Credit System.

The section of the Governor's message, dealing with clearing house associations and chain and group banking follows in full text:

The other bill recommended by the Interim Committee on Banking offers a constructive solution to the problem of the concentration of control of our credit system through chain or group banking.

The majority of the members of this Legislature and all of the State officers were elected upon a platform which pledges us to use the powers possessed by the State to enable the people of Wisconsin to keep control of the credit which they have created. This bill fulfills that platform commitment. I recommend its adoption, not alone because of our contractual obligation to the voters of this State but because the remedy it proposes is right and in the best interests of the people of Wisconsin.

Clearing House Proposed.

This bill authorizes and directs the Banking Commissioner to establish in the State of Wisconsin clearing house associations composed of both State and National banks. This would divide the State into natural commercial and business districts and unite the banks within such natural districts into homogeneous groups with common economic interests.

At the outset, every bank in this State would be eligible to membership, subject to the limitations I shall call to your attention. Once established it would mean that all of the banks of this State would be grouped together into local associations. Each group is given the machinery and the authority, subject to common supervision by the Banking Department, of governing and regulating the conduct of its members. From time to time these several associations will be able to establish and enforce standards and regulations which will insure the highest degree of stability and security for the depositor.

Through a relatively small contribution by each of the member banks each will be able to receive and be guided by research, information, advice and suggestions heretofore limited to only those institutions with great aggregations of wealth. It would enable the member banks to participate in the underwriting and the sale of the safest and most desirable securities at the best possible prices. This plan will give to all of the banks of Wisconsin every benefit and a great deal more than is offered by any program of chain or group banking.

Membership Limitations.

The limitation upon membership in these associations is that no bank may become a member where 10% or more of its stock is held by a holding company. This limitation is inserted, first, because the holding company is the device used for the creation of chain or group banking and, second, because the ownership of bank stock by holding companies is the method by which stock speculation is interjected into banking. If speculation in stocks has any justification in other fields, it certainly has no place in the banking profession.

One of the substantial evils of chain or group banking is that it introduces stock promotion into the ownership of banks. Banking deals primarily with other people's money. Those that are appealed to by speculative profits and various forms of gambling have no place in and should be ruthlessly excluded from banking.

Plans for Control.

In order to encourage and foster independent banking, eliminate stock promotion and eventually bring about a complete restoration of local ownership and control of credit in Wisconsin, all of the privileges within the control of the State are granted exclusively to those banks that are members of the clearing house associations.

Putting this program in the simplest terms, its adoption would mean: The State agrees to give those rights and privileges over which it has control to the banks in this State that agree:

- (a) That they will co-operate and work one with another to give Wisconsin a strong safe and stable banking system.
- (b) That so far as humanly possible stock speculation and promotion are to be eliminated from the banking system of Wisconsin.
- (c) That they will agree that the ownership of banks should be in the hands of individuals who primarily reside in and are a part of the community life whose money is deposited in their banks.
- (d) That they will stand together and discharge the obligations of their profession toward the public by recognizing their responsibility not only for their own individual banks but for the other banks within their own territory.

Claims Discussed.

The people of this State have spoken in unmistakable terms in opposition to the establishment of any system of banking which cans loss of the control of their own money. It is now argued by some, however, that in view of the economic depression nothing should be done with reference to the chain banking question. They argue that the chain banks are more stable; that the chain banking system is not now doing any harm, but, on the contrary, it is being helpful to other banks in this State through the making of loans to those institutions; and that it would, therefore, be best to do nothing about the matter at the present time.

Chain banking in Wisconsin is conducted, like any other banking business, for profit. The banks in the chain system have made loans to other banks in Wisconsin. As of Sept. 29, the parent bank of our largest chain system had loaned approximately \$3,250,000 to other banks.

On the same date, however, it had between \$25,000,000 and \$30,000,000 that belonged to the banks of Wisconsin. The loans which this bank has made to the other banks have been amply secured with the best collateral and interest paid in advance. This bank has never loaned to the other banks any substantial part of the money which the other banks have themselves had on deposit.

Security in Chains.

It is essential that we understand clearly that there is nothing in the system of either independent or chain banking that in and of itself makes for security of deposits. Benjamin Anderson, chief economist for the largest bank in the world, quotes with approval the following statement; "After all, good banking is not a matter of size. A properly conducted small country bank can be as safe as a large city institution with many branches. Success in the banking field depends on good management whether the unit be large or small."

The issue between chain and independent banking does not mean that those who oppose chain banking are not in favor of strong and stable banks. Every sensible person wants just that and every careful student of the banking question freely acknowledges that strength and stability of banks are not determined by whether the bank belongs to a group, is a branch, or is independent. It depends first, upon certain economic factors, and second, upon management.

Ownership and Control.

The issue involved in chain banking is: Who is to own and control the money that the people produce? Is it to be owned and controlled by that community or is it to be owned and controlled by individuals and corporations a long way off? Are we to have democratic or autocratic control of our credit system?

If we were actually confronted with the alternative of the loss of every dollar we now own as against the control of our future earning power, I would have no question in deciding in favor of the control of our future earnings. The total number of dollars in all of the banks of Wisconsin to-day represents less than half of the income of the people of Wisconsin in a single year. Regardless of the rights of our children we of to-day would be making a very poor bargain to sell the control of our economic future for a price amounting to less than half of one year's income.

Strong Banks As Objective.

But we confront no such choice. The chief objective of the banking program here recommended is to give Wisconsin strong and stable banks and at the same time to keep the control of our own money. If this program is adopted Wisconsin takes the position that alien ownership and stock speculation are to have no place in the public banking system of this State.

This banking program is in keeping with the basic program we are trying to pursue, namely of enabling the various parts of our economic life to construct machinery that will enable them to govern themselves. It is again an application of America's experience and tradition to the problems which we face.

**Proposal for Legislation to Fix Commodity Prices at
1926 Level Through Currency and Credit Regu-
lation by Federal Reserve Board.**

Coincident with word from the office of Comptroller of the Currency Pole respecting the valuation of holdings of bonds by National banks, it was learned (according to a Washington Dispatch, Dec. 31, to the New York "Herald Tribune"), that the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange and the National Farmers' Union are behind a movement to press for legislation in Congress next month to fix commodity prices at the 1926 level through the regulation of currency and credit by the Federal Reserve Board and other agencies. The dispatch went on to say:

Measures for this purpose will be taken up both in House and Senate committees, it was said to-day by Representative O. W. Ramseyer, Republican, of Iowa, who is a member of the American Farm Bureau Federation committee on stabilization of the unit of value. As the sponsor of a bill on the subject, he gave out a statement to-day urging price stabilization legislation and the need of moderate inflation and holding that Congress should start the new year by giving attention to this as "the key log in the jam."

Moderate Inflation Urged.

"A moderate and controlled inflation to restore the commodity price level is absolutely necessary," said Mr. Ramseyer. "Such a restoration of the general price level is fundamental to economic recovery. That would restore debt paying and purchasing power to the farmers and in turn would create a demand for commodities from factories now idle to be manned by laborers now unemployed.

"Much has been said about overproduction being the cause of depression. Facts and statistics do not warrant such a conclusion. The best economic thought of the country is coming more and more to the conclusion that economic depression is a money and credit trouble and is not a result of overproduction.

"Additional capital to enable the Federal Land Banks to function again, adequate finances for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the establishment of Federal Home Loan Banks will help to expand credit and to restore confidence. Then the Federal Reserve System must either adopt or be given a definite yardstick or standard to guide its future operations such as is provided in my bill, H. R. 128, directing that system to use all its powers to restore the general level of commodity prices to that for the year 1926. And thereafter to stabilize as nearly as possible the general average of commodity prices on such basis."

**Offering of \$50,000,000 or Thereabouts of 91-Day
Treasury Bills.**

A new issue of 91-day Treasury bills, to the amount of \$50,000,000 or thereabouts, was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon Jan. 6. Tenders for the new issue will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks and their branches up to 2 p. m. Eastern standard time on Monday, Jan. 11. The bills will be dated Jan. 13 1932 and will mature on April 13 1932. The face amount will be payable on the

maturity date without interest. The bills will be issued in bearer form only, in denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 (maturity value). The bills are sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders. According to Washington advices Jan. 6 to the New York "Times" bills are now outstanding in the amount of \$576,387,000, maturing in January, February and March. Secretary Mellon's announcement follows:

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that tenders are invited for Treasury bills to the amount of \$50,000,000, or thereabouts. They will be 91-day bills; and will be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders. Tenders will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks, or the branches thereof, up to two o'clock p. m. Eastern standard time, on Monday, Jan. 11 1932. Tenders will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington.

The Treasury bills will be dated Jan. 13 1932, and will mature on April 13 1932, and on the maturity date the face amount will be payable without interest. They will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts or denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000 (maturity value).

It is urged that tenders be made on the printed forms and forwarded in the special envelopes which will be supplied by the Federal Reserve Banks or branches upon application therefor.

No tender for an amount less than \$1,000 will be considered. Each tender must be in multiples of \$1,000. The price offered must be expressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places, e. g., 99.125. Fractions must not be used.

Tenders will be accepted without cash deposit from incorporated banks and trust companies and from responsible and recognized dealers in investment securities. Tenders from others must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the face amount of Treasury bills applied for, unless the tenders are accompanied by an express guaranty of payment by an incorporated bank or trust company.

Immediately after the closing hour for receipt of tenders on Jan. 11 1932, all tenders received at the Federal Reserve Banks or branches thereof up to the closing hour will be opened and public announcement of the acceptable prices will follow as soon as possible thereafter, probably on the following morning. The Secretary of the Treasury expressly reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or parts of tenders, and to allot less than the amount applied for, and his action in any such respect shall be final. Those submitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. Payment at the price offered for Treasury bills allotted must be made at the Federal Reserve Banks in cash or other immediately available funds on Jan. 13 1932.

The Treasury bills will be exempt, as to principal and interest, and any gain from the sale or other disposition thereof will also be exempt, from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. No loss from the sale or other disposition of the Treasury bills shall be allowed as a deduction, or otherwise recognized, for the purposes of any tax now or hereafter imposed by the United States or any of its possessions.

Treasury Department Circular No. 418, as amended, and this notice prescribe the terms of the Treasury bills and govern the conditions of their issue. Copies of the circular may be obtained from any Federal Reserve Bank or branch thereof.

New Democratic Tariff Bill Introduced in Congress by Representative Collier—No Changes in Rates Proposed—Provides for International Conference on Tariffs and Negotiation of Reciprocal Trade Agreements—Cuts Power of President to Alter Rates—Consumers Counsel Among Proposals.

On Jan. 4, when Congress reconvened after the Christmas holidays, Representative Collier, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, introduced the Democratic tariff program, confined chiefly [we quote from the Washington account to the New York "Herald Tribune"] to the objective of eliminating high duties and removing trade barriers by means of an international economic conference and the negotiations of reciprocal commercial agreements. The dispatch to the paper quoted, went on to say:

Approved by the party's policy committee, composed of Democratic leaders in the House and Senate, the bill provides no immediate downward revision of the rates; proposes to take the administration of the flexible tariff out of the hands of the President and lodge its operation in Congress, and creates a consumer's counsel, responsible to Congress, to carry the case of the consuming public before the Tariff Commission. The policy committee did not undertake at this time to define further the Democratic tariff policy.

With the addition of the request of the President to call an international economic conference and authorizing him "to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements and a policy of mutual tariffs," the measure is an elaboration of the so-called Simmons-Norris and the George amendments eliminated in the conference on the Hawley-Smoot tariff law in 1930.

Instead of reposing the power to exercise the flexible tariff with the President the recommendations of the Tariff Commission, under the Collier bill, would be passed on to Congress for approval or rejection.

What was called "pop-gun" tariff legislation in the debate on the Hawley-Smoot bill, would be resorted to by limiting the action of Congress in each instance to the specific commodity upon which the Tariff Commission had reported, thus avoiding a general tariff revision every time a rate change was proposed.

Hearing to Begin To-day.

The measure, immediately brought under the fire of Representative Bertrand H. Snell, of New York, Republican leader, as a mere political gesture, will be given a brief hearing by the Ways and Means Committee to-morrow. Every effort will be made to put it before the House Wednesday and rush it to a vote before the end of the week.

Representatives of the State and Treasury Departments and the Tariff Commission, Chairman Collier said, will be heard, and the proposed legislation will be reported to the House as privileged revenue legislation from the Ways and Means Committee. The White House was informed by Mr. Collier to-day that any representatives of the Government would be heard.

"The chief purpose of this plan," said Speaker John N. Garner, "is to get information on the difference in cost of production at home and abroad, so that when a Democratic President, House and Senate are in power in

1933 the Ways and Means Committee will be prepared to act on the tariff intelligently."

Committee Explains Measure.

The statement of the policy committee emphasized the conviction of the Democratic leaders that "best results relating to the tariff" could be accomplished at this time by directing the Tariff Commission's cost investigations to be sent to Congress for action.

"Section 4," continues the statement, "looks to the lowering of excessive tariff duties and the elimination of discrimination and other unfair trade practices and other economic barriers affecting international trade and finance. It authorizes and invites an international economic conference to be called by the President for the promotion of these purposes. The committee does not undertake at this time a further or complete definition of policy respecting tariffs.

"The committee decided that it is sound public policy to proceed as speedily as it is practicable to balance the budget, but for the present announces no detailed plans as to rates."

Lewis Offers Measure of Own.

Representative David J. Lewis, Democrat of Maryland, and a former member of the Tariff Commission, acted independently of his colleagues and introduced his own bill dealing technically with the operation of the flexible tariff. Outstanding in Representative Lewis's proposal was the provision that failure of Congress to reject a recommendation of the Tariff Commission within thirty days would result in the new duty becoming effective. He would restrict the Commission to increases or decreases of a maximum of 40%.

Minority Leader Snell characterized the bill as "A perfect Democratic document with no beginning, no direction and ending God knows where." Warning against the measure and its change in the flexible tariff also was issued by H. L. Derby, Chairman of the tariff committee of the National Association of Manufacturers.

The text of the bill, as introduced, follows:

A BILL to amend the tariff Act of 1930, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Section 336 of the Tariff Act of 1930 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 336.—Recommendations for adjustment of duties.

(a) Upon its own action or upon application of any interested party showing good and sufficient reason therefor, the Commission shall investigate and ascertain the difference in the cost of production of any domestic article and of any like or similar foreign article.

If the Commission finds it shown by the investigation that the duty imposed by law upon the foreign article does not equalize the differences in the cost of production of the domestic article and of the foreign article when produced in the principal competing country, or countries, then the Commission shall report to the President and to the Congress such increase or decrease in the duty upon the foreign article as the Commission finds necessary in order to equalize such differences in the cost of production. Any such increased or decreased article from the dutiable list to the free list or from the free list or from the free list to the dutiable list, a change in the form of duty, or a change in classification.

The report shall be accompanied by a statement of the Commission setting forth the findings of the Commission with respect to the differences in costs of production, the elements of cost included in the cost of production of the respective articles as ascertained by the Commission, and any other matter deemed pertinent by the Commission.

The President, upon receipt of any such report of the Commission, shall promptly transmit the report to the Congress with his recommendations, if any, with respect to the increase or decrease in duty proposed by the Commission.

Any bill having for its object the carrying out, in whole or in part, of the recommendations made by the Commission in any such report shall not include any item not included in such report; and, in the consideration of such bill, either in the House of Representatives or in the Senate, no amendment thereto shall be considered which is not germane to the items included in such report.

(b) No report shall be made by the Commission under this section unless the determination of the Commission with respect thereto is reached after an investigation by the Commission, during the course of which the Commission shall have held hearings and given reasonable public notice of such hearings, and reasonable opportunity for the parties interested to be present, produce evidence and to be heard. The Commission is authorized to adopt such reasonable rules of procedure as may be necessary to execute its functions under this section.

(c) Ascertaining the differences in costs of production under this section, the Commission shall take into consideration in so far as it finds practicable:

1. The differences in conditions or production, including wages, costs of materials and other items in cost of production of like or similar articles in the United States and in competing foreign countries;
2. Costs of transportation;
3. Other costs, including the cost of containers and coverings of whatever nature, and other charges and expenses incident to placing the article in condition, packed ready for delivery, storage costs in the principal market or markets of the United States and of the principal competing country or countries, and costs of reconditioning or repacking wherever incurred;
4. Differences between the domestic and foreign article in packing and containers, and in condition in which received in the principal markets of the United States;
5. Differences in wholesale selling prices of domestic and foreign articles in the principal markets of the United States in so far as such prices are indicative of costs of production, provided such costs cannot be satisfactorily obtained;
6. Advantages granted to foreign producer by a foreign government or by a person, partnership, corporation or association in a foreign country; and
7. Any other advantage or disadvantage in competition which increases or decreases in a definitely determinable amount the total cost at which domestic or foreign articles may be delivered in the principal market or markets of the United States; and
8. Definition of costs of transportation; costs of transportation for the purpose of this section shall be held to include, in so far as applicable:

(1) Foreign charges and all charges incident to transportation, including transit insurance, costs of loading and unloading, and port charges and landing charges. These costs shall be computed to such principal market or markets of the United States as may most nearly insure equal competitive opportunity to domestic articles and like or similar foreign articles in the principal consuming region or regions of the United States. If this purpose may be best accomplished thereby, such costs on domestic articles and on like or similar foreign articles shall be computed to different principal markets of the United States.

(2) (a) In the case of imported articles the cost of transporting such articles from the areas of substantial production in the principal competing

country to the principal port of importation of such article into the United States; and (b) in the case of domestic articles, the cost of transporting such article from the areas of substantial production that can reasonably be expected to ship the article thereto to the principal port of importation into the United States of the like or similar competitive article.

Sec. 2. All uncompleted investigations instituted prior to the approval of this Act under section 336 of the Tariff Act of 1930 prior to its amendment by this Act, including investigations in which the President has not proclaimed changes in classification of in basis of value or increases or decreases in rates of duty, shall be dismissed without prejudice, but the information and evidence secured by the Commission in any such investigation may be given due consideration in any investigation instituted under the provisions of section 336 of the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended by this Act.

Sec. 3.—Consumers' Counsel.

(a) There shall be an office in the legislative branch of the government to be known as the Office of the Consumers' Counsel of the United States Tariff Commission. The office shall be in charge of a counsel to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. No persons shall be eligible for appointment as counsel if such person has at any time acted in tariff matters, before Congress or the United States Tariff Commission, either on his own behalf or as attorney-at-law or in fact or as legislative agent. The counsel shall be appointed for a term of four years and shall receive a salary of \$12,000 a year. The counsel shall not actively engage in any other business, vocation or employment than that of serving as counsel.

(b) It shall be the duty of the counsel to appear in the interest of the consuming public in any proceeding before the Commission, and to conduct such independent investigations of matters relative to the tariff laws of the United States as he may deem necessary to enable him properly to represent the consuming public in any proceeding before the Commission.

In any proceeding before the Commission in which the counsel has entered an appearance the counsel shall have the right to offer any relevant testimony and argument, oral or written, and to examine and cross-examine witnesses and parties to the proceeding and shall have the right to have subpoena or other process of the Commission in his behalf. Whenever the counsel finds that it is in the interest of the consuming public to have the Commission furnish any information at its command or conduct any investigation as to differences in cost of production or other matters within its authority, then the counsel shall so certify to the Commission testifying in the certificate the information or investigation desired.

Thereupon the Commission shall promptly furnish to the counsel the information or promptly conduct the investigation and place the results thereof at the disposal of the counsel.

(c) Within the limitations of such appropriations as the Congress may from time to time provide, the counsel is authorized (subject to the civil service laws and the classification Act of 1923 as amended) to appoint and fix the salaries of such assistants and clerks and is authorized to make such expenditure as may be necessary for the performance of the duties vested in him.

Sec. 4.—International Economic Conference.

That the President is respectfully requested to initiate a movement for a permanent international economic conference with a view to (a) lowering excessive tariff duties and eliminating discriminatory and unfair trade practices, and other economic barriers affecting international trade and finance; (b) preventing retaliatory tariff measures and economic wars, and (c) promoting fair, equal and friendly trade and commercial relations between nations; but with the understanding that the question of the cancellation or reduction of inter-governmental debts shall not be considered or discussed by the representatives of the United States in such conference; and

That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and requested at as early a date as may be convenient to proceed to negotiate with foreign governments reciprocal trade agreements under a policy of mutual tariff concessions.

Democratic plans to rush their tariff revision program through the House failed on Jan. 5 (said a dispatch to the 'Herald Tribune') when a Republican minority forced the Ways and Means Committee to postpone hearings on the legislation until the White House and Treasury have had time to present adequate arguments against the plan.

Yesterday (Jan. 8) Associated Press accounts from Washington said:

A test vote in the House showed to-day the strength the Democrats can command to pass their tariff bill.

By 214 to 174 the House voted to take up the measure, which would make administrative changes in the present law but would leave the Hawley-Smoot levies where they now stand.

The vote, which decided that the House would take up the bill under regular procedure without limiting debate, came after opening word skirmishes between Democrats and Republicans.

Disputing Mr. McFadden—Norman Thomas Would Not Have War Debts Paid in Men.

The following addressed to the Editor of the New York "Times" is from the Dec. 31 issue of that paper:

Newspapers generally, and quite properly, give publicity this morning to the fact that Representative McFadden, in a debate with me yesterday over WOR on the debt situation, suggested in his second speech that Great Britain and France turn over to the United States their Caribbean colonies as payments for the war debts.

Since this suggestion was made in a second speech, which I had no opportunity either to anticipate or answer, I should like to say how unalterably I am opposed to it. I do not think the American people have reached the stage where they want money debts paid in men, and to turn over these colonies to us without even a referendum would be a payment of debts in men. Any one who knows the conditions in these colonies and who is aware of the discontent of Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands under American rule knows that in almost all of them a referendum would go against transfer to America. The Negroes of Jamaica, for instance, have no reason to want to live under the tender mercies of our race prejudice. They have the same right to self-determination that Mr. McFadden grants to Canada. His whole proposal would simply create new trouble in the troubled world.

Not only do the natives of these colonies not want to be transferred to the United States, but we have no reason to want them. Properly administered they would be a source of expense rather than of revenue. Neither is there any danger at all that they would be useful bases for our enemies in another war. Rather, like Canada, they would be hostages against the likelihood of war, since they are easily capturable. None of

them is a military fortification of importance, and it is easy enough to get international agreement that they will never be so fortified against us.

In short, Representative McFadden's proposal is hurtful to us, would almost certainly be rejected by the natives of the colonies which he seeks to transfer, and would arouse ill-will and resentment in both Great Britain and France, which ill-will and resentment are dangerous both to peace and prosperity.

When Representative McFadden admitted that Germany should not pay any more reparations and suggested that the Allies pay their debts by transferring colonies, he virtually abandoned the most important part of his original case against the moratorium.

NORMAN THOMAS.

New York, Dec. 28 1931.

The above is published by us because of the fact that space was given in our Jan. 2 issue (page 60) to an account from the "Times" of a debate between Representative McFadden and Mr. Thomas, bearing on proposals respecting war debts.

Congress Convenes After Christmas Holidays.

Congress came together again this week after the Christmas holidays. On Dec. 22 the Senate agreed to the resolution passed by the House for a Congressional recess from Dec. 22 to Jan. 4. In reporting the Senate action a Washington dispatch Dec. 22 to the New York "Times" said:

Fight Out Adjournment Issue.

After the final vote on the moratorium, the Senate fought its out differences over whether to return from the holidays on Jan. 4, as the House has arranged to do, or to come back here Dec. 28, in order to deal with President Hoover's economic program, including formation of the \$500,000,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and an appropriation of \$100,000,000 for the Federal Land Banks.

Senator Borah forced a vote on his motion for a shorter recess more than a week after the first announcement of his intention caused a flurry in the Senate, due to the fact that Senator Watson (Rep.), and Senator Robinson (Dem.), already had agreed with leaders of the House that Congress should take its customary holiday.

Senator Borah had said it was a "crime" to adjourn for such a leisurely vacation when so much distress remained to be relieved. Senator Reed to-day supported him principally on the ground that railroads will suffer if they do not receive immediate relief through legislation.

Senator Brookhart of Iowa reminded Senator Reed that he had opposed a special session of Congress last fall and said: "Yet now he comes up with crocodile tears on behalf of the railroads. I didn't hear any crocodile tears falling when the plight of the farmers was being considered."

On a roll-call, Senator Broah's amendment to make the holiday recess end on Dec. 28 was defeated, 39 to 33. The House resolution which provides for returning Jan. 4 then was agreed to and the Senate adjourned at 11 o'clock.

Passage by Senate of Resolution Providing Additional Appropriation of \$200,000,000 for Loans on World War Veterans Certificates.

The House resolution appropriating an additional \$200,000,000 for the payment of loans on soldier bonus certificates was passed by the Senate on Dec. 19. The resolution also carried an item of \$3,925,000 for adjusted service and dependent pay. The legislation was the first of the Democratic House to be acted upon by the Republican Senate.

Vice-Chairman Ray of Legislative Committee of Veterans of Foreign Wars Says Full Payment of Soldiers' Bonus Would Increase Circulation of Money.

Associated Press dispatches from Washington, Jan. 3, said:

Vice-Chairman Ray of the Veterans of Foreign Wars' National Legislative Committee estimated to-day that full payment of the soldiers' bonus certificates would increase the circulation of money by \$18 per capita in this country.

In a statement supporting the bill of Representative Patman, Democrat, of Texas, calling for full payment, Mr. Ray said his organization would renew its efforts to obtain enactment of the bill.

"A poll recently made indicates that many Congressmen, previously neutral or opposed, are now committing themselves to the support of the bill," he said.

9,000 Measures Presented in New Congress—6 Passed.

In four weeks of only 14 working days, members of Congress have introduced 9,000 bills, a record for the time, said Associated Press advices, Jan. 2, from Washington, from which we also quote as follows:

Returning to their desks after the holidays, they face this mountain of printed paper. Ordinarily such a pile would be the accumulation of three or four months.

In the House 6,659 bills have been presented, and in the Senate 2,419.

Only a scant handful has gone even half way toward passage. Among these is the proposal to increase the capital of Land Banks, passed by the House and now in the hands of the Senate Banking Committee. Thousands will die of neglect and others will be pushed aside. So far, only six resolutions and bills have been approved and passed.

These include approval of the international one-year moratorium, the appropriation of \$200,000,000 for the Veterans' Administration, a much smaller grant of funds for the Employment Service, permission for Olympic athletes to enter free of immigration restrictions, extension of the War Policies Commission, and a bill by Senator Norris of Nebraska amending the penal laws.

The first 10 bills in each branch are first on the list for consideration when Congress reconvenes to-morrow. Five of the first 10 in the House

bear the name of Representative La Guardia of New York. Senator King of Utah submitted four of the first 10 Senate bills.

President Hoover in Message to Congress Urges Action on Legislation Recommended in Annual Message.

In a special message addressed to Congress on Jan. 4, following its reconvening that day after the Christmas recess, President Hoover urged immediate Congressional action on measures recommended for enactment in his annual message Dec. 8. The measures on which the President has urged action without delay call for:

Strengthening of the Federal Land Bank system; the bill has already passed the House.

Creation of the \$500,000,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

Creation of a Home Loan Discount Bank.

Enlargement of the rediscount facilities of Federal Reserve Banks.

Development of a plan to distribute to depositors money in closed banks.

Revision of laws relating to transportation as recommended by the Inter-State Commerce Commission, to "restore confidence in the bonds of our railways."

Revision of banking laws in order to better safeguard depositors.

Reduction of Federal expenditures "adequate increase of taxes" and "restriction of issues of Federal securities."

In his message this week the President says "action in these matters by the Congress will go far to re-establish confidence, to restore the functioning of our economic system and to rebuilding of prices and values and to quickening employment." The message follows:

At the convening of the Congress on Dec. 7, I laid proposals before it designed to check the further degeneration in prices and values, to fortify us against continued shocks from world instability and to unshackle the forces of recovery. The need is manifestly even more evident than at the date of my message a month ago. I should be derelict in my duty if I did not at this time emphasize the paramount importance to the Nation of constructive action upon these questions at the earliest possible moment. These recommendations have been largely developed in consultation with leading men of both parties, of agriculture, of labor, of banking and of industry. They furnish the basis for full collaboration to effect these purposes. They have no partisan character. We can and must replace the unjustifiable fear in the country by confidence.

The principal subjects requiring immediate action are:

1. The strengthening of the Federal Land Bank System to aid the farmer and to maintain at the highest level the credit of these institutions which furnish agriculture with much needed capital. This measure has passed the House of Representatives and is now before the Senate.

2. The creation of a Reconstruction Finance Corporation to furnish during the period of the depression credits otherwise unobtainable under existing circumstances in order to give confidence to agriculture, industry and labor against further paralyzing influences. By such prompt assurance we can reopen many credit channels and re-establish the normal working of our commercial organization and thus contribute greatly to re-establish the resumption of employment and stability in prices and values.

3. The creation of a system of Home Loan Discount Banks in order to revive employment by new construction and to mitigate the difficulties of many of our citizens in securing renewals of mortgages on their homes and farms. It has the further purpose of permanent encouragement of home ownership. To accomplish these purposes we must so liberate the resources of the country banks, the savings banks and the building and loan associations as to restore these institutions to normal functioning. Under the proposal before the Congress most of the capital of these discount banks would be subscribed by the institutions participating in their use and such residue as might be necessary for the Federal Government to supply temporarily would be repaid in time by such institutions as in the case of the Farm Loan Banks when they were first organized.

4. The discount facilities of our Federal Reserve Banks are restricted by law more than that of the Central Banks in other countries. This restriction in times such as these limits the liquidity of the banks and tends to increase the forces of deflation, cripples the smaller businesses, stifles new enterprise and thus limits employment. I recommend an enlargement of these discount privileges to take care of emergencies. To meet the needs of our situation it will not be necessary to go even as far as the current practice of foreign institutions of similar character. Such a measure has the support of most of the governors of the Federal Reserve Banks.

5. The development of a plan to assure early distribution to depositors in closed banks is necessary to relieve distress among millions of small depositors and small businesses and to release vast sums of money now frozen.

6. Revision of the laws relating to transportation in the direction recommended by the Inter-State Commerce Commission would strengthen our principal transportation systems and restore confidence in the bonds of our railways. These bonds are held largely by our insurance companies, our savings banks, and benevolent trusts, and are therefore the property of nearly every family in the United States. The railways are the largest employers of labor and purchasers of goods.

7. Revision of banking laws in order to better safeguard depositors.

8. The country must have confidence that the credit and stability of the Federal Government will be maintained by drastic economy in expenditure; by adequate increase of taxes, and by restriction of issues of Federal securities. The recent depreciation in prices of Government securities is a serious warning which reflects the fear of further large and unnecessary issues of such securities. Promptness in adopting an adequate budget relief to taxpayers by resolute economy and restriction in security issues is essential to remove this uncertainty.

Combating a depression is indeed like a great war in that it is not a battle upon a single front but upon many fronts. These measures are all a necessary addition to the efficient and courageous efforts of our citizens throughout the Nation. Our people through voluntary measures and through State and local action are providing for distress. Through the organized action of employers they are securing distribution of employment and thus mitigating the hardships of the depression. Through the mobilization of national credit associations they are aiding the country greatly. Our duty is so to supplement these steps as to make their efforts more fruitful. The United States has the resources and resilience to make a large measure of recovery independent of the rest of the world. Our internal economy is our primary concern and we must fortify our economic structure in order to meet any situation that may arise and by so doing lay the foundations for recovery.

This does not mean that we are insensible to the welfare of other nations or that our own self-interest is not involved in economic rehabilitation abroad which would restore the markets for our agricultural and other commodities. But it is our duty to devote ourselves to the problems of our own internal economy not only as the first necessity to domestic welfare, but as our best contribution to the stability of the world as a whole.

Action in these matters by the Congress will go far to re-establish confidence, to restore the functioning of our economic system and to rebuilding of prices and values and to quickening employment. Our justified hope and confidence for the future rest upon unity of our people and of the Government in prompt and courageous action.

HERBERT HOOVER.

The White House, Jan. 4 1932.

President Hoover's Address at Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership—Purpose of Which Is to Stimulate Individual Action—Advocates Making Home Available Through Installment Purchases to Those Whose Initial Resources Are Limited to 25%.

Addressing, in Washington, on Dec. 2, the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership, President Hoover stated that "this conference has not been called primarily on legislative questions." "Its major purposes," he said, "is to stimulate individual action." In part the President added:

It seeks a better planned use of our nation's energies and resources, especially those that are rooted in neighborliness and mutual help, and those that find expression in our great national voluntary organizations, in our schools and colleges, and in our research laboratories. . . . The basis of its (the conference) action is to collate the whole of our experience to date, to establish standards, to advance thought to a new plane from which we may secure a revitalized start upon national progress in the building and owning of homes.

We have, in normal times, through the savings banks, insurance companies, the building and loan associations and others, provided abundant and mobile finance for 50% of the cost of a home through the first mortgage. But the definite problem is not presented by those who can find 50% of the cost of a home. Our chief problem in finances relates to those who have an earnest desire for a home, who have a job and, therefore, possess sound character credit, but whose initial resources run to only 20 or 25%. These people would willingly work and apply all their rent and all their savings to gain for themselves this independence and security and social well-being.

Such people are a good risk. They are the very basis of stability to the nation. To find a way to meet their need is one of the problems that you have to consider; that is, how we can make a home available for installment purchase on terms that dignify the name credit and not upon terms of risks comparable to the credit extended by a pawnbroker.

In full the President's address follows:

Ladies and gentlemen:

I wish to extend to you a heartfelt welcome to this conference.

You have come from every State in the Union to consider a matter of basic national interest. Your purpose is to consider it in its long view rather than its emergency aspects. Next to food and clothing the housing of a nation is its most vital social and economic problem. This conference has been called especially to consider one great segment of that problem; that is, in what manner can we facilitate the ownership of homes and how can we protect the owners of homes?

The conference also has before it some phases of that other great segment of housing; that is, the standards of tenement and apartment dwellings. While at this time we give primary emphasis to home ownership in city, town and farm, we are all of us concerned in the improvement of city housing. I hope we may at some future time subject the question of city housing to more definitely organized national intelligence, through which we shall further establish standards which will give impetus to public understanding and public action to this, the question of blighted areas and slums in many of our great cities.

I am confident that the sentiment of home ownership is so embedded in the American heart that millions of people who dwell in tenements, apartments and rented rows of solid brick have the aspiration for wider opportunity in ownership of their own homes. To possess one's own home is the hope and ambition of almost every individual in our country, whether he lives in hotel, apartment or tenement.

While the purpose of this conference is to study and advise upon the very practical questions of home design, of materials, of building regulations, of zoning, of taxes, of transportation, of financing, of parks and playgrounds and other topics, yet behind it all every one of you here is impelled by the high ideal and aspiration that each family may pass their days in the home which they own; that they may nurture it as theirs; that it may be their castle in all that exquisite sentiment which it surrounds with the sweetness of family life. This aspiration penetrates the heart of our national well-being. It makes for happier married life, it makes for better children, it makes for confidence and security, it makes for courage to meet the battle of life, it makes for better citizenship.

There can be no fear for a democracy or self-government or for liberty or freedom from home-owners, no matter how humble they may be.

There is a wide distinction between homes and mere housing. Those immortal ballads, "Home, Sweet Home," "My Old Kentucky Home" and "The Little Gray Home in the West," were not written about tenements or apartments. They are the expressions of racial longing which find outlet in the living poetry and songs of our people. They were written about an individual abode, alive with the tender associations of childhood, the family life at the fireside, the free out-of-doors, the independence, the security and the pride in possession of the family's own home—the very seat of its being. That our people should live in their own homes is a sentiment deep in the heart of our race and of American life. We know that, as yet, is not universally possible to all. We know that many of our people must at all times live under other conditions. But they never sing songs about a pile of rent receipts. To own one's own home is a physical expression of individualism, of enterprise, of independence and of the freedom of spirit. We do not in our imagination attach to a transitory place that expression about a man's home being his castle, no matter what its constitutional rights may be.

But to return to our practical problems. Over 30 committees embracing the collective skill and experience of our country have been voluntarily engaged for the past year in collecting the best of national experience from every part of our country, in collating it into definite recommendations for your consideration.

Like the solution of all practical problems, the facts first must be discovered; they must be assembled in their true perspective; and the conclusions to be drawn from them must be the inexorable march of logic.

Conference Intended to Stimulate Individual Action.

This conference has not been called primarily on legislative questions. Its major purpose is to stimulate individual action. It seeks a better planned use of our Nation's energies and resources, especially those that are rooted in neighborliness and mutual help, and those that find expression in our great national voluntary organizations, in our schools and colleges and in our research laboratories.

The conference represents a place for our mastery of the forces that modern science and modern technology place at our disposal. It is not to set up Government in the building of homes, but to stimulate individual endeavor and make community conditions propitious. The basis of its action is to collate the whole of our experience to date, to establish standards, to advance thought to a new plane from which we may secure a revitalized start upon national progress in the building and owning of homes.

About a year ago we held in Washington such a conference as this in relation to the health and protection of children. That conference established new standards and a new and higher plan of understanding and action. It presented a set of standards and conclusions, and those conclusions, I am informed, have now been printed in literally millions of copies—through the associations which were interested, through State authorities and municipal authorities. They have penetrated the thought and permeated the practice of the Nation.

Many conferences have been called by the Governors of many States, by the Mayors of many cities, to consider and apply their conclusions. Their actions have already wielded a powerful influence in the administrative functions of government from the Federal Government down to the smallest community. They have been made the basis of legislative action. They have lifted the sense of public and individual responsibility in the Nation. And it is a result of this kind which we are confidently expecting from this conference.

I notice that some—not the members of these committees—have contended that the development of city and urban life necessarily has driven us to less and less possible ownership of homes. I do not agree with that. The very development of transportation; the advantages of distribution of industry to-day make the ownership of homes far more feasible and desirable than ever before.

But it involves vast problems of city and industrial management which we should have courage to face. It involves also a great problem of finance. The newly married pair setting out upon the stream of life seldom come to their new state with sufficient resources to purchase or enter upon that great adventure of life of building a home.

It has long been my opinion that we have fairly creditably solved every other segment of our credit structure more effectively than we have solved this one. In normal times the Federal Reserve System has given mobility to financing of commercial transactions. The agricultural banks and the insurance companies have given mobility to farm credit. The public exchanges have given mobility to the financing of industrial credit through stocks and bonds. Through various discount companies we have established mobility for the sale of automobiles and radio sets and fur coats on the instalment plan, where 20 or 25% cash payments are gratefully accepted.

Problem Concerns Those of Limited Resources.

We have in normal times, through the savings banks, insurance companies, the building and loan associations and others, provided abundant and mobile finance for 50% of the cost of a home through the first mortgage.

But the definite problem is not presented by those who can find 50% of the cost of a home. Our chief problem in finance relates to those who have an earnest desire for a home, who have a job and therefore possess sound character credit, but whose initial resources run to only 20 or 25%.

These people would willingly work and apply all their rent and all their savings to gain for themselves this independence and security and social well-being. Such people are a good risk. They are the very basis of stability to the Nation.

To find a way to meet their need is one of the problems that you have to consider; that is, how we can make a home available for instalment purchase on terms that dignify the name credit and not upon terms and risks comparable to the credit extended by a pawnbroker. Our building and loan and many other associations have made an effort to find a solution for this group, but it is as yet largely unorganized and the question substantially unsolved.

I recently made a public proposal for the creation of a system of home loan discount banks. That proposal is familiar to you, and I will not traverse its details at the present time. It was brought forward partially to meet the situation presented by the present emergency to alleviate the hardships that exist among home owners to-day and to revitalize the building of homes as a factor of economic recovery, but, in its long-distance view, it was put forward in the confidence that through the creation of an institution of this character, we could gradually work out the problem of systematically promoted home ownership on such terms of sound finance as people who have the home-owning aspiration deserve in our country.

And there are many other problems involved in your investigations which bear equal importance to the problem of home financing. The surroundings in which such homes are to be built; the very method of their building; transportation and other facilities which must be provided for them; and the protection that must be given to them from the encroachment of commerce and industry. All of these and many other subjects you will compass. You should be in a position when you complete your work to advise our country of new standards and new ideals for our country.

I wish to express our gratitude, in which I know you will all join, to the hundreds of committee members who have labored so devotedly and capably in preparation for your conference. I assure you of my appreciation for your coming and my confidence of the high results that will flow from your deliberations.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation Bill Favorably Reported by Senate Committee—Secretary Mellon Not in Favor of Provision in Bill for Relief of Depositors of Closed Banks—Views on Bill by Ogden Mills, Eugene Meyer of Federal Reserve Board, and Representative McFadden.

On Jan. 5 the Senate Banking and Currency Committee voted to favorably report the bill providing for the creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The introduction of the bill in Congress was noted in these columns Dec. 12, page 3910, and its text was given in our issue of Dec. 26, page 4262. According to Associated Press ac-

counts from Washington Jan. 5 the Senate sub-committee decided not to amend the bill to permit loans to closed banks. This type of aid, it was agreed, should be undertaken in a separate bill. The sub-committee, it was further said, decided against permitting the debentures of the Corporation to be eligible for rediscount through the Federal Reserve System. The original bill contained provision for such rediscounting. In giving a letter indicating objection on the part of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to the inclusion of a provision for the relief of depositors of closed banks, a Washington dispatch Jan. 7 to the New York "Times" said in part:

New Bid to Aid Closed Bank.

Senator Walcott explained that the measure was not intended to aid suspended banks, but that another measure to care for insolvent banks was to follow. While there had been a strong effort to include aid to suspended banks, the Senator said that the Committee had not done so because of objections from Secretary Mellon.

Secretary Mellon's objections, as stated in a letter to Senator Walcott, were read to the Senate as follows:

"I understand that the suggestion has been made that provision for relief of depositors in closed banks should be incorporated in the bill creating the 'Reconstruction Finance Corporation' and that the sub-committee of which you are Chairman desires the opinion of this Department as to the advisability of doing so.

"The Reconstruction Finance Corporation bill as originally conceived and drafted was intended to create an instrumentality through which assistance could be given to going concerns and through which the general credit structure might be supported by making available the means for bringing immediate relief at any threatened point, the general idea being that the mere existence of this powerful instrument, with ample resources, would serve to restore confidence, which is the element most needed to reverse the present depressing and inflationary factors.

Mellon Holds Problems Distinct.

"I do not believe that the main purpose of the proposed measure would be furthered by the proposed amendment. In fact, it would in all probability be weakened, for the problem of extending needed credit to going concerns is very different from bringing relief to depositors in banks that are being liquidated.

"This Department has viewed them as separate and distinct problems. We have felt that the second and very important problem could more properly and adequately be dealt with through a separate measure and I understand that bills have already been prepared and others are in course of preparation.

"While recognizing, therefore, the desirability of some action looking to the relief of depositors in closed banks, I do not feel that there is anything to be gained by confusing the two programs and by incorporating in a carefully thought-out plan, intended to attain a definite objective, a hastily improvised measure for taking care of a totally different situation.

"Relief for depositors in closed banks is by no means a simple problem, particularly if it is intended to include all State non-member banks that are being liquidated under 48 different laws, which vary greatly.

"More time is needed for adequate consideration of that problem, and I feel that the public interests will be better served by the further study, rather than hasty action at this time."

Senator Walcott, replying to Senator La Follette, said that the bill might be interpreted to give aid to investment trusts but not to private banks.

At the time (Jan. 5) the bill was ordered favorably reported by the Senate committee the "United States Daily" of Jan. 6 said:

The Committee action followed four hours of discussion of the measure as drafted and submitted to the entire membership by a subcommittee headed by Senator Walcott (Rep.), of Connecticut, author of the bill. Announcement was made following the executive session of the entire Committee that only minor changes had been made in the subcommittee draft.

Issuance of Debentures.

As the measure will go to the Senate in a formal report, Jan. 6, it will provide authority for the Corporation to issue \$1,500,000,000 in debentures which may be purchased by the Treasury from the proceeds of the sale of Treasury bonds.

The Corporation will be under direction of a board of seven members of whom three will be the Secretary of the Treasury, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Loan Commissioner.

Attempts to include a provision that would broaden the scope of the measure and allow extension of credit to other than steam railroads failed in the Committee.

Prior to the meeting of the entire Committee membership, Senator Walcott's subcommittees issued a statement outlining provisions of the bill as reported to the main Committee.

Subcommittee Statement.

The subcommittee's statement explaining the terms of the bill follows in full text:

The sub committee of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency of which F. C. Walcott of Connecticut is Chairman, has reported to the committee itself the bill, Senate 1, to establish a Reconstruction Finance Corporation, which was introduced by Mr. Walcott at the beginning of the session.

Railroads May Borrow from Corporation.

The essential features of the bill as originally drafted have been retained by the subcommittee. The measure establishes a corporation with \$500,000,000 capital, all owned by the United States, whose purpose it shall be to extend credits and loans to banks, insurance companies and other bona fide financial institutions in need of such accommodations. Steam railroads are also included among the institutions which may borrow from the corporation. In order to provide the new enterprise with necessary funds over and above its capital, the corporation is authorized to issue three times the amount of its capital in the form of reconstruction bonds, or other obligations, and will have available funds of \$2,000,000,000 if and when needed.

Subcommittee Change.

The subcommittee has altered the measure so as to provide that such reconstruction bonds may be purchased and sold by the Treasury Department by using the proceeds of bonds of its own, which may be sold for the purpose of obtaining the means wherewith to sustain the market for reconstruction bonds of the new corporation, should such an operation be necessary. The reconstruction bonds themselves are not to be eligible as collateral security behind member bank notes discounted to Reserve banks, nor may such notes be used to protect issues of Federal Reserve currency.

They may, however, be purchased by the Federal Reserve banks upon the same basis as other non-government securities which have in the past been included among the paper eligible for purchase by Federal Reserve banks. As the corporation is left free with the approval of the Treasury

Department to establish rates of interest upon its obligations as may be deemed best and as the obligations of the corporation are tax-exempt, it is believed that they will be readily salable under ordinary market conditions, and that support from the Treasury Department will not be necessary except under unusual conditions.

The new Corporation will be able to extend aid and fresh credit to financial institutions and steam railroads that need such assistance and are unable to obtain it elsewhere.

The Committee has enlarged the proposed Board of Directors to seven members, of whom four are to be appointed from outside the Government. Of the seven members of the Board, not more than four shall be members of any one political party, thus insuring a non-partisan board.

The Committee has left for later action in a subsequent bill the question of relieving depositors in insolvent banks already closed.

The bill was ordered reported to the Committee on Banking and Currency at a meeting called for 3 p. m. to-day.

Amendments Offered By Eugene Meyer.

Amendments to the Reconstruction Finance Corp. bill (H. R. 5060—S. 1), with its \$500,000,000 for Federal subscribed capital stock and \$1,500,000,000 more of debentures and other obligations to provide emergency financing facilities for banking institutions and others, were submitted to the House Banking and Currency Committee by the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, Eugene Meyer, Jan. 5. The Chairman of the Committee, Representative Steagall (Dem.), of Ozark, Ala., indicated that the disposition is to accord full hearings without unnecessary delay and that there would be some revision of the measure before it is reported to the House. The same bill is before a Senate Committee.

Ogden L. Mills, Undersecretary of the Treasury, appeared as a witness in the afternoon before the House Banking and Currency Committee. He was in accord with Governor Meyer in advocating the approval of the amended bill, and in the psychological effect which its enactment would have.

Undersecretary Mills said the Treasury Department is in full accord with Mr. Meyer's attitude. He said the legislation is immediately necessary. He could not say how long it would take to effect the organization, as it could not be done overnight. "In the mere knowledge, however," he said, "that this institution is created with the \$2,000,000,000 there will be a strong psychological effect in restoring confidence." He said a good deal of the information necessary would be accessible from the bankers National Credit Association which had been functioning several weeks. He said the full amount of the \$500,000,000 of capital stock of the corporation should be appropriated immediately upon enactment of the resolution.

Mr. Mills said he does not visualize the Corporation as one that is to be called on to loan vast sums to put the country's credit structure on its feet. The psychology of the legislation, he said, will play a large part in the present emergency. He said he did not anticipate anywhere near the \$1,500,000,000 of debentures and other obligations would be called on, but said they should be authorized. He said there is no need of including public utilities in the scope of the bill. He expressed the belief that within 12 months the need for the Corporation would disappear. He opposed increasing the total of \$2,000,000,000 in the bill. The Committee adjourned until Jan. 6.

Mr. Meyer in the course of his testimony said that the intermediate credit banks, among others, would be included in the loan powers of the proposed Corporation, although not specifically named. He said it is for domestic and not international relief, and elaborated on a previous statement before the Committee. He offered no prepared statement but answered questions of members. He said the National Credit Corp. organized by private bankers last summer had rendered valuable service, particularly in psychological effect on the country, but predicted that new business in the way of applications for loans would go not to that private organization but to the Reconstruction Finance Corp. because of its vastly broader powers and facilities.

One of the amendments offered by Mr. Meyer was with respect to the debenture issue authorizing section 9, of the bill, to make clear the use of the Corporation's securities as public debt transactions of the Treasury.

He proposed a change in the existing language which states that Federal Reserve Banks shall have the same powers to discount notes, drafts, and bills of exchange secured by obligations issued by the Corporation, to make advances to member banks on their notes secured by such obligations, to use all paper so acquired and to purchase and sell such obligations, as they have now with respect to United States bonds or notes, including the proviso that their discount or advance rate shall be 1% a year above their discount rate on 90-day commercial paper in effect at the same time. In place of this Mr. Meyer submitted the following amendment for committee consideration later:

"(b) The Secretary of the Treasury, in his discretion, is authorized to purchase any obligations of the Corporation issued hereunder, and for such purpose the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to use as a public debt transaction the proceeds from the sale of any securities hereafter issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, and the purposes for which securities may be issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, are extended to include any purchase of the Corporation's obligations hereunder. The Secretary of the Treasury may, at any time, sell any of the obligations of the Corporation acquired by him under this subsection. All redemptions, purchases and sales by the Secretary of the Treasury of the obligations of the Corporation shall be treated as public debt transactions of the United States."

Discuss Loans to Aid Depositors of Failed Banks.

Governor Meyer said there is a good deal of merit in the suggestion of consideration of legislation to enable depositors in closed banks to get some relief but it was felt that such a proposal should be separate from the enactment of the pending measure. Mr. Steagall said he could understand that it might be more important to avert a bank collapse than to attempt relief of those affected by a bank collapse.

Mr. Meyer said he had recently written a letter to the Governors of the Federal Reserve Banks regarding the subject of advances to closed banks, based on assets. He said such a subject should be a matter for permanent not temporary legislation like the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

Representative Strong said he hoped that by the time the Reconstruction Finance Corp. terminates its functions the country will be approaching the end of the period of bank failures. Mr. Meyer said he certainly hoped that is true.

Mr. Meyer then explained that in the letter to the Federal Reserve Governors he had mentioned he had asked them, not strictly as Federal Reserve business, but addressed to them as leaders of the banking world, to interest themselves in obtaining co-operation from private bankers in dealing with the present emergency.

Representative Stevenson (Dem.), of Cheraw, S. C., suggested that the relief of depositors in failed banks would be more properly handled in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency so far as national banks are concerned. Mr. Meyer replied that any legislation should give the receiver of a failed bank the power to borrow. Chairman Steagall asked if legislation to set up new machinery for that purpose in the Comptroller's Office might meet with the difficulty of dealing with both national and State banks. Mr. Meyer said both could be dealt with.

Says Measure Expresses Administration Views.

Asked if the Federal Reserve Board advocates the pending measure, which Representative Strong introduced, Governor Meyer said the Board has not acted upon it, that he personally advocates it with several amendments, and that he would say it is what the Administration wants. Representative Busby (Dem.), of Houston, Miss., said he understood that "we were trying to save live banks as well as those that are closed."

Governor Meyer said that time is important but he would not feel that is an improper question. Mr. Busby said that the matter is not one that is incorporated in the bill. Mr. Meyer replied that he had heretofore given his reasons for that and that such legislation should be separate. Mr. Busby said that "we ought to go ahead with legislation to give confidence and strength to banks which still keep their doors open and are struggling to do business."

Mr. Meyer said there is "no particular relation" between the National Credit Corp. organized by the private bankers and the proposed Reconstruction Finance Corp. except that the proposed Corporation will be doing the private corporations business in a much broader way. He said he understood that the private credit organization of the Bankers, at the time it was organized, was only intended pending action by Congress.

Asked if the private Credit Corp. would continue, he said it probably would not be making new loans to any large extent because applicants for loans would be coming to the new Federal sponsored corporation, because of the broader powers. He, however, paid a tribute to the psychological service rendered by the private organization of the bankers and said it necessarily, being a on a nation-wide scale, was late in effecting organization.

Representative Hancock (Dem.), of Oxford, N. C., asked what proportion of the \$2,000,000,000 total in the bill would be necessary for aiding railroads. Mr. Meyer replied that he had no idea. He said the fact of the availability of the funds in the bill is more important than the funds and that the railroads have been helped by freight rate increases and a credit pool.

"Don't you think there should be something more than a knowledge of availability?" asked Mr. Hancock. "Yes," replied Mr. Meyer, "you've got to loan money."

Chairman Steagall agreed with Governor Meyer that the work of the private bankers' credit organization has been constructive, but he added: "It does seem that the National Credit Corp. has not been able to deal effectively with the difficulties contemplated when they started."

Mr. Meyer said that while that organization had rendered valuable service he felt that if it were all that were needed, there would be no necessity for the pending legislation. Mr. Meyer explained that the amendment quoted regarding Federal Reserve bank powers covered the Treasury Department views as to Treasury participation in buying the obligations. Mr. Steagall agreed with him that the change would help.

Representative McFadden (Rep.), of Canton, Pa., said the National Credit Corp. had not been very active and suggested that those private bankers who did not want to take the risks and preferred to defer the risks go to the Reconstruction Finance Corp., which, he said, is really the back door of the Treasury, for the advances.

Mr. Meyer defended the private organization, saying that \$500,000,000 is not assembled over night as a national-scale enterprise and cited its psychological effect on business. He suggested certain changes in the language of section 5. He said he would not consider loans to railroads as a "principal" function proposed in the bill. Asked what loans the Corporation would "take over," he said: "There is no undertaking to take over anything; I would say there would be no undertaking to take over any loans from anyone."

"Could this Corporation purchase assets from any bank?" asked Mr. McFadden.

"No," replied Governor Meyer, adding that he assumed Mr. McFadden meant "without recourse."

"Would the Corporation have authority to go in the open market to buy acceptances?"

"No," he replied.

"Government bonds?" insisted Mr. McFadden.

"I think not," the witness replied.

Governor Meyer said Federal Reserve Banks do not need to borrow, that they do not ordinarily sell acceptances but allow them to mature and run off. He said that, speaking for the period since September 1930, no Federal Reserve Bank ever has sold any acceptances. He said that while the bill does not mention specific institutions, loans under it could be made to intermediate credit banks and to joint stock land banks, under its general powers. Mr. Steagall said he thought land banks stand in a separate category and should not be included but that intermediate credit banks should be specifically included. Mr. Meyer said he had no objection to that but that it is unnecessarily specific.

Answering other questions, he said the bill is not particularly designed to give credit to intermediate credit banks, and that no one can specifically answer whether it is contemplated that there shall be a very large use of the proposed Corporation's debentures for public deposits and said he did not foresee investment of postal savings in the Corporation's securities. Mr. McFadden referred to the broad powers of section 5.

"The existing financial agencies have broken down to such an extent that the Government must step in?" he asked.

Mr. Meyer replied that he already has testified regarding the exceptional conditions now and added that it is logical to create a temporary institution to deal with the emergency. He said the existing agencies were not built to deal with these emergency situations.

"If this legislation passes," he was asked, "will it mean virtual abandonment of the National Credit Corp. organized by the bankers?"

"I should think the new business would come to this Corporation," Mr. Meyer replied. He referred to several amendments that might be made, including one in reference to the railroads based on an interstate commerce law.

On Jan 6, when the bill was favorably reported to the Senate, its immediate consideration was blocked by Senator Blaine, Republican insurgent of Wisconsin. The "Times" stated:

He asserted that it would not help the poor man, and was designed to bolster the stock market and banks, which, he declared, were responsible for the present depression.

Under the Senate rules, unanimous consent was necessary for immediate consideration.

In stating that attacks upon specific provisions of the bill by Senators and submission of numerous amendments marked the opening of debate upon the measure on Jan. 7, the Washington account on that date to the New York "Journal of Commerce" said:

The bill also ran into snags in the House, where it was referred to a subcommittee of the Banking and Currency Committee for study. According to Speaker Garner, it will not be ready for a report by the full committee until early next week.

Reed, Couzens Balk Action.

The main opposition to certain sections of the bill as reported to the Senate came from Senators Reed of Pennsylvania, regarded as an Administration spokesman; Couzens (Rep., Mich.), who was responsible for the clauses giving the Inter-State Commerce Commission discretionary power in the matter of loans to railroads, and La Follette, Wisconsin insurgent.

Noting the tax exempt provisions of the bill, Reed declared he would not vote for it unless it was specified that the \$1,500,000,000 of bonds authorized were made subject to estate and inheritance levies.

Senator Jones (Rep., Wash.), co-author of the Merchant Marine Act of 1928, submitted an amendment of vital importance by which loans might be extended to American steamship companies upon approval by the Shipping Board. Walcott explained such a provision had not been included because ship corporation securities have not enjoyed wide distribution among banks, insurance companies and the public.

Senator Walcott (Rep., Conn.), who wrote the bill and championed it all afternoon against Senate assaults, explained that the bond issue was patterned after the first Liberty Loan, in which the Government obligations were free of all taxes.

Reed insisted, however, that the issue should come under rules applying to the Third Liberty Loan, of which the bonds were made subject to estate and inheritance dues.

La Follette Raises Objection.

La Follette objected to extension of the relief powers of the corporation's directorate to organizations coming under the general category of "other bona fide financial institutions in the United States," and offered an amendment striking out this line of the bill. "The language is very general and broad," La Follette said in asking the modification. "It would include investment trusts, private banks, investment banks and those organized primarily for floating securities issues." Such organizations should not be included, he declared.

Couzens inveighed against inclusion of a provision by which the corporation directorate would be enabled to give assistance to "closed banks whose assets are adequate to permit of restoration to solvency," though Walcott explained that this clause referred only to institutions whose main financial structure was sound and which had been closed merely to prevent disastrous runs of their assets.

Couzens maintained, however, that the clause was at variance with a letter read into the record by Walcott, which Secretary of the Treasury Mellon sent to the Connecticut Senator Tuesday before the bill was reported, when his opinion was solicited in regard to inclusion of a broad provision for reviving banks and unlocking depositors' funds.

National Credit Corporation Calls for Payment of 10% of \$500,000,000 Subscriptions to Gold Notes.

A call for an initial payment of 10% of the subscriptions of approximately \$500,000,000 to the gold notes of the National Credit Corporation was issued on Jan. 2 by Mortimer N. Buckner, President of the Corporation, who is Chairman of the New York Trust Co. and President of the New York Clearing House Association. Payment was called for on Jan. 7. In referring to the 10% payment called for from banks in all parts of the country, the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 5 said:

It was stated that the cash raised through this call will be used to repay New York banks which up to the present had advanced their funds to the Corporation. At the same time, it was indicated that loans already issued by the Corporation approximate \$50,000,000.

In local banking quarters, it is anticipated that the bill to create the reconstruction corporation soon should pass and that with this corporation in operation it will become possible to make advances to banks in the interior without at the same time tying up banking assets.

Scheme of Operations.

Under the present scheme of operation the National Credit Corporation is advancing new funds as loans by borrowing from the strong institutions in New York City. As loans of the Credit Corporation increase, calls upon subscriptions are made and the New York banks repaid.

During the past few weeks the National Credit Corporation was called upon to increase its loans to banks. Naturally, no public statements are issued giving exact amounts of the volume of loans by the corporation and the identity of borrowers is, of course, never revealed. Borrowings, it was stated, have been entirely from interior institutions.

Upon payment of 10% of their subscriptions the subscribing banks will be given gold notes which bear 6% interest if that amount is earned. Behind these notes are the obligations of the borrowing banks and in addition the indorsement of their notes by the banks in their localities. In order to carefully guard the institution, this plan was devised in the issuance of loans by the corporation.

It is expected that the policy of advancing new funds to interior banks still will be carried on on the basis of loans by New York City institutions. It was pointed out that this method is much more elastic and at the same time more economical than the issuance of calls upon subscriptions when small amounts are needed.

At the time the National Credit Corporation started functioning, a statement issued Dec. 4 by Mr. Buckner, President of the Corporation, said:

Directors of the National Credit Corporation met to-day at the Federal Reserve Bank building in New York and reported that the credit plan established by the corporation several months ago is now functioning in every one of the 12 Federal Reserve Districts where continued progress is being made in the organization of local units of subscribing banks. This was the second monthly meeting of the Board which took occasion to express its appreciation of the wholehearted co-operation of banks throughout the country which have impressively demonstrated a spirit of helpfulness and active support to this national undertaking.

The national officers of the Corporation reported that applications for loans to associations of subscribing banks have been received daily since about Nov. 1 and that thus far no applications for any loans have been refused. The organization is operating so effectively that loans are being accepted and funds remitted to the local associations for borrowing banks on the same day on which the loan applications are received. In some instances loans have been arranged and funds placed at the disposal of

borrowing banks within four or five hours, transfers of funds being made by wire through the Federal Reserve System. This is partly due to the fact that the documents and papers relating to loans have been standardized and the entire transactions have been handled by the loan committees of the local associations in such an efficient way that prompt action by the home office has been greatly facilitated. The whole machinery has been so organized that any situation requiring the credit facilities of the Corporation can be promptly and effectively met. In certain emergencies, for instance, funds have been started toward points of need prior to the receipt of loan papers at the home office and the moneys held at focal points to be released quickly to the borrowing banks as soon as the documents have been approved by the home office.

Through the co-operation of large banks in New York City the National Credit Corporation has been enabled to borrow locally sufficient funds to cover all loans applied for thus far without the necessity of issuing a call for payment by member banks of any part of their subscriptions to the Corporation's gold notes. When these borrowings increase to an amount substantial enough to warrant it the officers of the Corporation are authorized to issue a call for funds from subscribing banks, the proceeds of which will then be used to extinguish the borrowings of the home office. This method of providing funds for advances to associations of member banks serves, for the present at least, to relieve small banks throughout the country of the necessity of making any payments on their subscriptions. This procedure is generally known throughout the country and has met with universal favor. The directors desire to emphasize, however, that although the necessity has not yet arisen for issuing a call on account of subscriptions, ample funds are and have been available to meet the requirements of the credit plan.

The Board decided unanimously to restate its already adopted policy of not giving any publicity to the amount of loans made to associations of subscribing banks, the districts concerned or the names of the borrowing banks themselves, it being the opinion of the Board that the relationship between the National Credit Corporation and the local associations and individual banks is essentially a confidential one.

National Credit Corporation Had Been Lending Freely to Peoples State Bank of Charleston and Other Institutions in Richmond Federal Reserve District, According to John M. Miller Jr.

From the Richmond (Va.) "Times-Dispatch" of Jan. 3 we take the following:

The National Credit Corporation, with a backing of \$500,000,000, is exerting its best efforts to relieve the distress of banks, but to operate at highest efficiency the co-operation of banks in applying for loans before encountering a full emergency is imperative, according to an announcement yesterday by John M. Miller Jr., director for the Corporation in the Fifth [Richmond] Federal Reserve District.

Commenting on the failure of the People's State Bank of Charleston, with forty odd branches, to open for business in South Carolina yesterday, Mr. Miller said the Corporation had been lending freely to the bank and was ready to furnish additional cash, it only being necessary for the National Credit Association No. 6, of South Carolina, to approve the collateral and assume its proper liability.

"I was in touch over the telephone last night with officials of the National Credit Association of South Carolina," he said, "and it appeared that the officers of the People's State Bank of Charleston were unable to get together promptly the collateral necessary to make additional advances. The People's State Bank and its forty odd branches are scattered over the entire State of South Carolina, which made it difficult, if not impossible, to get together promptly the securities necessary for additional large sums, which would be necessary to carry on the business of its forty odd branches."

The association already has lent substantial amounts to banks in various sections of the district, averting threatened embarrassment, and is prepared to render similar assistance to other banks, when necessary, on sound collateral. The corporation, said Mr. Miller, is anxious to lend to banks needing assistance, but "when applying banks delay to the eleventh hour and fifty-ninth minute it is sometimes impossible to render assistance in time to meet the emergency."

Governor Ely of Massachusetts Proposes State Finance Body—Recommends Creation of \$20,000,000 Corporation for Freeing Frozen Assets—Also Central Credit Banks.

Creation of a \$20,000,000 credit corporation to release frozen bank assets, especially first mortgages on homes held by closed trust companies, and a reduction of 10% in all State salaries above \$2,000 as a step toward bringing the cost of Government to the lowered price level, were recommended by Governor Joseph B. Ely of Massachusetts in his annual message to the Legislature on Jan. 6. In making this known a Boston dispatch Jan. 6 to the New York "Times" also had the following to say:

In recommending other measures for assisting banks, relieving milk producers and assuring the financial stability of the State and its municipalities, the Governor suggested that the 1-3c. on the gasoline tax be continued until April 30 1936, and that an additional 1/2c. of the tax be turned over to cities and towns.

He also proposed the formation throughout the State of central credit banks for savings banks and co-operative banks respectively, to which each class might subscribe, and legislation to authorize the Commissioner of Banks, in the event of liquidation, to issue certificates, secured by the notes, mortgages and securities of such banks.

Saying that an average of 10% cut in all State salaries would amount to more than \$2,000,000 a year, the executive added:

"During the last several years the current administrative expenses of the government have increased annually by approximately \$2,000,000. If the State should reduce salaries for the coming year as a temporary expedient for the relief of the tax burden upon real estate, created because of the decline in the State income, we would only fall in line with the cut in wages which the laboring man has so generally accepted during the last 12 months.

"It is a glorious commentary upon the loyalty and integrity of labor that it has almost universally expressed its willingness to support the commercial and industrial integrity of the United States by bearing with courage and fortitude the necessity of decreased earnings. Is it not right

and fair that we who are paid at the public expense should share in this deflation of earnings? Public employment is for the most part steady employment, unaffected in its security by changes in business conditions."

The Governor recommended the appropriation of \$400,000 for emergency unemployment relief work such as clearing forests, public highways work and minor improvements in public buildings.

Annual Message of Franklin D. Roosevelt to New York Legislature—Increases Proposal in Personal Income Taxes, Gasoline and Stock Tax—In Behalf of Railroads Asks Tax on Motor Trucks and Buses—Need For New Banking Laws—Says Public Asks New Leadership and Action by National Government.

Regarded as placing him definitely in the ranks as a Democratic candidate for President, the annual message to the Legislature of Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt this week dwelt upon the problems confronting the Nation, and said:

Business and industry have been toiling and are toiling to salvage the old structure. They need more than just to be let alone. The public asks that they be given a new leadership which will help them and at the same time give definite recognition to a new balance based on the right of every individual to make a living out of life.

The Governor went on to say:

It is true that in any State of this Union of States the complete solving of those economic problems which are National in scope is an impossibility without leadership and a plan and action by our National Government. Perhaps that will come, but in the meantime we in this State have a very positive duty to do what we can to help ourselves.

As to new legislation Gov. Roosevelt referred to the need of "new laws to give to the Superintendent of Banks and his Department the benefit of assistance and advice in meeting a situation which is abnormal and without precedent." He expressed approval for that purpose, of the recommendation of the Superintendent of Banking that such an Advisory Council be created.

In taking cognizance of the railroad situation the Governor noted that the railroads are heavy sufferers, "from a new competition by great trucks and buses on highways built by the State," and added:

In view of the fact that the taxes paid by the railroads have helped and are helping to build these highways and that the trucks and buses now use them almost taxfree, a better equalization of taxes is called for in all fairness. I shall ask in my budget message for a tax on heavy motor vehicles commensurate with their use of the costly highways of the State.

In addition to the motor vehicle taxation, Gov. Roosevelt asked that immediate consideration be given to three further taxes, in order that the four may be enacted as soon as possible without waiting for the closing days of the legislative session. These taxes, he added, are increases in the existing taxes (1) on personal income. (2) on gasoline, and (3) on the sale of shares of stock.

"It is my thought," said the Governor, "that these taxes shall be treated primarily as emergency measures, and it is my hope that at the end of the fiscal year ending June 30 1933, it will be possible to discontinue these emergency taxes."

With regard to reforms respecting labor, the Governor said: There still remain several reforms which I have urged in previous messages and which seem to me to be the very minimum which the laboring classes of our State are entitled to insist upon. These include:

- 1.—Extension of the Workmen's Compensation law to cover all occupational diseases.
- 2.—The State regulation of fee-charging employment agencies.
- 3.—The declaration by law that the labor of human beings is not a commodity.
- 4.—The establishment for women and children of an advisory minimum fair wage board.

John L. Lewis Says Business Needs Courage—Tells Senate Committee Old Remedies Are No Longer Effective—Virgil Jordan Foresees Boom—Declares Spark of Psychological Change Will Start It.

Courage is all that is needed to put an end to the present business disorganization, in the opinion of John L. Lewis, President of the United Mine Workers of America. Mr. Lewis, invited to testify, on Dec. 4, before the Senate Economic Planning Committee, took the stand that old remedies would have no effect under present conditions and that Congress would have to overcome a natural aversion to sweeping changes if it expected to cope with the situation. United Press advices from Washington, Dec. 4, published in the New York "Sun," reported this, and added:

The present depression, he continued, can be most effectively stopped by stabilization on a domestic basis. He pointed out that about 90% of our trade is within the borders of the United States and recommended that we forget for the time being the small volume of our commerce which deals with foreign countries.

Mr. Lewis, the second labor leader to be called in as many days, agreed with President Green of the American Federation of Labor that an Economic Council such as that proposed by Chairman La Follette could be of great value.

"Such an organization," he said, "would afford the means for expert but disinterested analyses of our fundamental economic problems, and the formulation of sound, constructive policies for the guidance of our economic and governmental agencies."

Cites Plight of Coal Mines.

He said the chaotic condition of the bituminous coal industry had convinced the mine workers and many of the operatives that the industry cannot govern itself, "that it must be stabilized under Government supervision." Efforts will be made to secure the passage of a bill to that effect in the next Congress, he added.

The proposed bill provides for licensing of all coal companies engaged in inter-State commerce, and would encourage mergers, selling pools and marketing agencies, all to be under regulation of a Federal coal commission.

Mr. Lewis recalled that Albert H. Wiggin of the Chase National Bank had stated before the Committee that depressions were inevitable, and characterized the view as a "dismal economic philosophy."

He warned, however, that unless the nation recognizes recent economic changes and tendencies, "our existing troubles will grow in volume and intensity, and the future will be filled with recurrent disasters."

Says Business Hasn't Learned.

Factors for an "unprecedented boom" in business are at hand, the Committee was told by Virgil Jordan, Economist of the McGraw-Hill Publications of New York.

Mr. Jordan said business had not learned its lesson from the 1929 deflation and that no interests stand ready to-day to check the inflation which he foresees.

"We are going to have at least one and perhaps several booms," he said; "perhaps shorter and sharper, but not materially different from that preceding 1929."

"It is ready to start from a spark of psychological change. The factors for an unprecedented boom are at hand."

"I refer to the condition of our banking system."

Points to Available Credit.

He said gold reserves in the United States, hoarded currency and credits, the relatively low volume of borrowing by Federal Reserve member banks and the non-excessive holdings of Government securities by reserve banks would "enable a very rapid expansion of bank credit."

He estimated that there was \$1,500,000,000 of unused credit available.

Mr. Jordan said issues of investment trust securities and similar financial paper had diverted money in 1928 and 1929 from wages, thereby reducing consuming power while productive capacity was increasing.

He said testimony before the Committee had "demonstrated the extreme and chronic instability of American business," and he advocated creation of a national economic planning council as an experiment in behalf of stability.

"There have been no net gains for business stability as a result of the depression," he said.

Warns of Overinvestment.

Mr. Jordan said testimony of several important industrial figures before the Committee that nothing can remedy depression and that the proposed Council would be ineffective "had shocked constructive small business men more than anything else in this depression."

"There are many members of the business community," he continued, "who feel very deeply that something can be done."

The job of the Council, he said, would be to protect industry, agriculture and labor from the effects of financial forces. He said periods of overinvestment must be prevented.

He advocated strengthening the Federal Reserve System by setting up insurance reserves to protect depositors any by extending classes of paper eligible for rediscount.

Mr. Jordan recommended taxing away a large part of surplus profits which otherwise would be used to increase production. These funds, he said, would be returned to the public as "free social income" in the form of public improvements.

President Green of American Federation of Labor Hails Check in Idleness Spread—Abnormal Rise Held Up for Two Months—Industrial Unemployment Has Reached 20%—Relief Called Inadequate.

Declaring that unemployment in industry has reached a new peak with trade union figures showing 20% out of work, William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, predicted on Nov. 26 that if unemployment increases as much in the next two months as it did in the years 1928 and 1929, there will be 7,500,000 persons out of work by January. The foregoing, from Washington, Nov. 26, is from the New York "Times," which likewise said:

Mr. Green also stated that as yet relief funds collected were "totally inadequate." The community chest drive, he said, had brought in \$36,000,000, of which all but \$11,000,000 was needed for "normal expenses" of the member organizations of the chest. He put the loss of wages through unemployment in the last year at \$11,000,000,000, and said that as a result there were many cases of undernourishment and starvation, and that children were being born without the energy to develop into normal human beings.

In comparison with the 20% unemployed persons as of Nov. 1, Mr. Green said there were 19.8% out of work in January 1931. Comparative figures for recent months were: August, 19.2; September, 19.4; October, 19.5.

"One encouraging fact appears from our weighted figures," Mr. Green said. "Unemployment in November has increased no more than is usual at this season, even in the most prosperous years. In October also the increase in industrial unemployment was no more than seasonal. Thus for two months in succession it appears that the abnormal rise of unemployment has been checked. This is the first time since February that unemployment has not increased more than normally."

Farm Employment Holds Up.

"On farms the number laid off by the first of November was less than usual. Thus the total increase in unemployment by the first part of November was less than expected by about 200,000."

"This check in industrial unemployment may be due largely to efforts to keep men at work. It is worthy of note, especially since trade and industry were declining during October, that it has been possible to prevent employment from declining correspondingly. Since our figures are based on

reports from trade unions, this has doubtless been due also to the efforts of unions to provide for their members. There have been only five other months since October 1929 when unemployment did not increase more than normally.

"Although this brightens the future outlook a little, it does not alter the fact that the present unemployment crisis will far exceed any we have experienced in this or any other depression in recent years. Already there are 6,000,000 out of work. Unemployment in industry increased by 120,000 last month, and 300,000 were laid off on farms (the usual November layoff is 480,000).

Estimates Increase in Jobless.

"If unemployment increases as much in the next two months as it did in the years 1928 and 1929 on the average, we may expect from 800,000 to 1,000,000 to be laid off from farms and industries in December, and from 500,000 to 700,000 in January. Unless these layoffs can be prevented by increased efforts to keep men at work, some 7,500,000 persons will be out of work by January.

"Following are the Federation's unemployment figures for 1931:

Month—	Total, All Trades.	Total, Building Trades.	Total, Metal Trades.	Total, Printing Trades.	Total, All Other Trades.
January	19.8	51	28	10	19
February	19.0	52	29	10	17
March	18.1	52	27	11	16
April	17.6	50	29	12	16
May	17.1	48	28	11	15
June	18.2	48	31	12	16
July	18.8	50	32	13	17
August	19.2	51	30	14	16
September	19.4	52	31	14	16
October	19.5	53	31	14	16
*November	20.0	54	32	15	17

* Preliminary.

President Green of American Federation of Labor Before Senate Committee Asks Time Cut to Absorb Unemployed—Calls for 7-Hour Day, 5-Day Week in Industry—President Woolley of American Radiator Standard Manufacturing Corporation Opposed to National Economic Council.

Establishment of an industrial week of five days of seven hours to take up the slack in unemployment and give every man and woman a job was the proposal made by William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, before the La Follette subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Manufacturers, in Washington, on Dec. 3. The New York "Times," in its dispatch, stated that he deplored the fact that President Hoover did not call the National Employment Conference which Mr. Green suggested in July, and said that the conference should have met and arranged a shorter working week on a national basis. Industry, he asserted, must accept changed conditions or "accept something in the way of legislation which it will find burdensome all its life." The dispatch added:

Among the causes of the economic depression, Mr. Green listed the following:

Emphasizing production out of all proportion to the consuming market, failure to develop purchasing power commensurate with production, inequitable distribution of the earnings of industry, failure to adjust working time in comparison with production, the world-wide disturbance, and, perhaps, the monetary system.

Woolley Opposes La Follette Plan.

Clarence M. Woolley, of the American Radiator Standard Manufacturing Corp., stated that he thought it too early to create a National Economic Council, as Senator La Follette had urged.

He suggested that the President's conference on recent economic changes spend another year gathering statistics and show what it can do in finding a cure for economic disturbances.

Referring to the shorter working week, Mr. Green asked:

"Wouldn't that be better than to have 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 running up and down all the time unemployed? The slack could be taken up and every man given work. There is work for all under that plan, perhaps not continuous work, but work. Yet there are some giant industries still trying to work 52 hours weekly.

Prepare for Work, Not Idleness.

"Mechanical development should create opportunity for leisure, not for unemployment. The National Council should have been held and the whole thing worked out on a national basis, with the Government furnishing the necessary statistics. The fight to work is fundamental.

"The Government does not owe every man a living, but it owes every man and woman an opportunity to gain a living. The mechanical absorption of work is a great social problem. We should not prepare for idleness but prepare for work, or rather the opportunity to work.

"Yet we are told in a sort of fatalistic tone to expect future unemployment. That is an indictment of our social system. I believe we can find opportunity for all. Industry must recognize this."

Analyzing the depression causes, Mr. Green said "there was far too much emphasis on production, which centered on building up a marvelous producing machine," and that unemployment was increasing in a "most alarming way" even before 1930.

Would Modify Sherman Law.

"Of course, as a working man, I believe in higher wages and that increasing efficiency should be so recognized. I think the American people are ready to see a more equitable distribution either through wages or taxes. We can't increase wealth on the one hand among the few and reduce wages among the many."

Mr. Woolley, after declaring that the conference on recent economic changes is doing efficient work, continued:

"Past and present investigations become part of a continuous process of fact-finding. The facts, in the form of statistics and significantly grouped pertinent economic trends, from which, eventually, controlling and predictable forces may be disclosed, are made available for the use of men in

business, labor, finance, agriculture and politics, in accommodating themselves more confidently and wisely to shifting economic circumstances."

When the Sherman Anti-trust Act was passed, Mr. Woolley said, 43% of the people were engaged in agriculture and 26% in manufacturing and mechanical pursuits, and now the comparative percentages are 22 and 29.3. The passage of the Act, he said, was "an expression of fear on the part of an agricultural people against the rising tide of industrialism."

Asserting that the sentiment and judgment of the country oppose price agreements, Mr. Woolley said he would not recommend any legislation of that character.

President Hoover Sustained by District of Columbia Supreme Court in Naming George Otis Smith As Chairman of Federal Power Commission—Court Contends Senate in Approving Nomination Surrendered Right to Reconsider.

In the District of Columbia Supreme Court on Dec. 5, Justice Peyton Gordon upheld the right of George Otis Smith to hold his office as Chairman of the Federal Power Commission, despite the Senate's demand upon President Hoover for reconsideration of its action in consenting to the nomination of Mr. Smith.

In its account of the decision the "United States Daily" of Dec. 7 said:

When the Senate, in conformity with its own rules, unanimously ordered notice of its consent to the appointment of Mr. Smith to be sent to the President, it surrendered its control of the matter and its right to reconsideration of its action, Justice Peyton Gordon ruled in his opinion. The Executive was then free, he declared, to make a constitutional appointment.

Petition of Senate.

The Court's decision was handed down in the case of United States of America v. George Otis Smith, No. L. 79553. The Senate of the United States was denied its petition for a writ of quo warranto against Mr. Smith by which it sought to require him to show by what right he holds the office of member of the Power Commission.

The Senate's petition to the Court also requested that if it be shown that he "usurped, intruded into and unlawfully holds the said office that he be ousted and excluded therefrom." This request was refused by the Court. (The full text of the Court's opinion is published on page 4 of this issue.) Senator Walsh (Dem.), of Montana, stated orally after the decision was announced that an appeal would be taken to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Position of Senate.

The notification to President Hoover that the Senate had consented to the nomination "was intended to inform the President," it is stated in the opinion, "that the Senate had discharged its constitutional function and had unconditionally approved the nomination, and that the President was free to discharge his constitutional function in the matter."

Review of Facts.

The facts in the case, according to the Court's opinion, showed that following the nomination of Mr. Smith to be a member of the Federal Power Commission on Dec. 3 1930, the Senate on Dec. 20 1930, in open executive session, and by a vote of 38 to 22, advised and consented to the appointment of Mr. Smith to the office. On the same day it was ordered by the Senate that the resolution of confirmation be forwarded forthwith to the President. At the close of that executive session the following order was entered upon the Journal: "Ordered, that all resolutions of confirmation this day agreed to be forwarded forthwith to the President of the United States."

That order was entered late in the evening of Dec. 20, and later the same day the Senate adjourned in accordance with a concurrent resolution of the two Houses of Congress until noon of Jan. 5 1931. On Dec. 22 1930 the secretary of the Senate executed the order of Dec. 20, and sent the confirmation resolution to the President. On that same day the President signed and delivered to Mr. Smith a communication purporting to appoint him a member of the Federal Power Commission and designating him as chairman. Mr. Smith on the same day took the oath of office and undertook to enter upon his duties of the office.

On Jan. 5 1931, which was the next day of actual executive session of the Senate after the confirmation, a motion to reconsider was duly made and adopted, and another motion to request the President to return the resolution of confirmation also was made and adopted. The President was duly notified of this latter action, but replied to the Senate that the appointment had been made following his receipt of the Senate's resolution of confirmation, and that he refused to accede to the Senate's latest request.

"The sole question for the determination of the court," according to the decision of Justice Gordon, "is one of law, namely, was the respondent George Otis Smith, appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or did the Senate in strict conformity with its rules refuse that advice and consent?"

Argument for Senate.

John W. Davis, attorney for the Senate, had argued that in view of the rules of the Senate, "the Senate order that the resolution of confirmation be sent to the President forthwith did not preclude reconsideration within two days of actual executive session next succeeding the vote, and that such notification was not tantamount to a warrant to proceed forthwith to issue the Commission, and that it did not waive or suspend its rules, nor could it suspend its rules except by unanimous consent."

"It clearly appears from the record of the proceedings in the Senate that the Senate did not advise and consent to the appointment of the respondent to the office of member of the Federal Power Commission," Mr. Davis had pointed out further, "but on the contrary that the Senate by its action duly and regularly taken, in accordance with the standing rules, refused to advise and consent to his appointment."

Contentions for Mr. Smith.

George Whaton Pepper, attorney for Mr. Smith, had argued that "when the Senate advised and consented to the nomination and notified the President of its action, that legislative branch of the Government parted with its control over the subject matter which thereupon passed into the hands of the Executive, and that thereafter there could be nothing upon which the legislative body could take further action, unless and until the Executive at or without request should restore to the Senate the control with which it had voluntarily parted; and that the Executive, after appointment, could not restore the control to the Senate without violating and infringing the rights of the appointee."

Opinion of Court.

"Can any other interpretation be given to the notification," Justice Gordon said in his decision, "than that it was intended to inform the President that the Senate had discharged its constitutional function and had unconditionally approved the nomination, and that the President was free to discharge his constitutional function in the matter?"

"It would be illogical to construe the Senate communication to the President as merely a message of encouragement, and to advise him of the fact that there had been a test vote and that a clear majority favored confirmation of the nominee. When it is reflected that several months may elapse before the second day of actual executive session expires, it will be seen that unless the Senate meant the President to act upon its notification the sending of it was futile and even misleading.

"Constitutional theory, parliamentary usage, Senate rules, Senate precedents and considerations of practical procedure alike lead to the conclusion in the instant case that when the Senate, in conformity with its own rules unanimously ordered notice of consent to be sent to the President it once and for all surrendered its control of the matter and its right to reconsideration and left the Executive free to make a constitutional appointment. When a commission was signed and sealed, and irrespective of the steps taken by the appointee to qualify, the President conferred upon him title to the office in question, and of it he cannot be deprived unless removed by the President according to law.

"Therefore the petition for a writ of quo warranto will be denied."

Court Suspends Sentence of Employee of New York Assay Office Accused of Taking \$4,000 Gold Ingot.

Because of his previous good reputation, Charles A. Muche, employed at the New York Assay Office for 10 years' received a suspended sentence when he appeared before Federal Judge John C. Knox on Dec. 7 on a charge of having taken a \$4,000 gold ingot from a hand truck in the Assay Office. Arrested at his home at Staten Island on Nov. 30, he offered no explanation of his action when arraigned before Judge Knox by Federal Attorney George Z. Medalie on Dec. 1. The New York "Times" of Dec. 2 said:

Judge Knox refused to permit him to plead guilty to an indictment which the Federal Grand Jury had returned earlier in the day, until he had an opportunity to consult a lawyer and be informed that the charge against him, theft of Government property, is punishable by a maximum sentence of 12 years.

In the absence of an attorney, Alan G. Straight, head of the Secret Service here, who caused his arrest after two weeks of investigation, pleaded with the court in his prisoner's behalf, explaining that his case was "just one of those things that happen" and that Muche, until the theft, had had a perfect record.

Muche, according to Federal investigators, was 22 years old when he entered the employ of the Assay Office at Nassau and Wall Sts., adjoining the Subtreasury Bldg., for \$4 a day. Though he worked faithfully for the Government as electrician of the office, it was not until two years ago that his pay was increased to \$6 a day.

On Nov. 19, during lunch hour, according to Mr. Straight's men, Muche, unwatched, walked into the room on the first floor of the Assay Office, where gold is weighed and tested. Since he had a clean record in the service and had weighed ingots on occasions, it was not difficult for him to remove a 225-ounce bar from a hand truck and slip it into his pocket.

What impulse prompted him to do this, he could not explain, but once the gold was in his pocket, though he would have "given his life to undo the wrong," he found no opportunity, he said, to return the ingot without detection.

Later he went to a dealer in old gold on Bayard St., he explained, and left the brick with him. The dealer paid him \$100 on account and told him to return Monday to receive the balance after a test had been made.

Secret service men, it is understood, were notified by the dealer that a man of Muche's description had left the gold at his shop. Louis Mead Treadwell, acting head of Mr. Medalie's criminal division, obtained the indictment. Niles R. Becker, Superintendent of the Assay Office, appeared before the Grand Jury. Then Muche was arraigned. . . .

The court consented to bail of \$1,000.

In reporting the suspension of sentence on Dec. 7, the "Times" of Dec. 8 said in part:

Alan G. Straight, head of the Secret Service in this district, who had caused the electrician's arrest after tracing the ingot to an old gold shop on Bayard St., where Muche had attempted to sell it following its theft on Nov. 19, pointed out that for years his prisoner, a \$6 a day employee in the Assay Office, had had access to the weighing and assay rooms. His record until this unfortunate incident, he said, had been perfect.

George Z. Medalie, United States Attorney, agreed that Muche had acted on impulse, that his crime was in no sense premeditated. Fred Muche, the prisoner's brother, who owns a music store in West New Brighton, promised the court that he would give Muche a job if he got another chance. John M. Cashin, the defendant's attorney, added his plea for mercy. Then Judge Knox addressed the prisoner.

"How did you happen to do this?" Muche answered, "I don't know how it happened."

"I'm going to suspend sentence on you," Judge Knox said. "I will put you on probation for five years. You have always had a good reputation. I believe you acted on the impulse of the moment. The fact that you thought you could take a gold brick from the Assay Office, leave it with a dealer and get away with it is your best defense."

United States Supreme Court Rules on Right by Subrogation to Recover from Bank on Forged Indorsements.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" we take the following from Washington Nov. 30:

Issuance of title insurance policies to protect loans later found to have been fraudulently obtained does not give the insurer the right by subrogation to recover from a bank which, on forged indorsements, had paid the checks issued by the insured lender, it was held in effect to-day through the refusal of the U. S. Supreme Court to review a decision to that effect by the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Petition for review was filed by the New York Title & Mortgage Co. Two loans were granted by the Farm & Home Savings & Loan Association of Missouri on applications later found to be fraudulent, the mortgage

company issuing two policies of title insurance on the supposed real estate involved. Checks for the loans were paid by a bank on forged indorsements. The insurer sought to recover by subrogation from the bank.

The decision of the Circuit Court, given effect by the refusal of the Supreme Court to review, held that the insurer did not insure against the forgery of indorsements on the checks, but that its contract was confined to the titles of the purported borrowers.

Wage Cut of 10% Accepted by 8,000 Employees of Southern Pacific Lines in Texas and Louisiana.

About 8,000 employees, or approximately one-half of the personnel of Southern Pacific Lines in Texas and Louisiana have, in their own behalf or through their accredited representatives, accepted an unconditional 10% reduction in wages, effective Jan. 1 1932, according to A. D. McDonald, President, Texas & New Orleans RR. who further states:

The negotiations, which were initiated by the management, were but recently concluded with representatives of the various shop crafts, railroad train dispatches, yard masters, supervisory foremen in the mechanical department, clerical employees in the general offices, dining car employees, and passenger train porters. These employees were found to be very conversant with the economic problems and difficulties of the property, and realizing that the long continued decline in traffic and the resultant decreases in revenue necessitated a reduction in expenses, cheerfully accepted this wage cut as their contribution to meet the situation.

The conferences were conducted harmoniously, and the employees in the branches of the service mentioned are to be congratulated and much complimented for these evidences of their loyalty and their co-operation with the management, whose officers accepted a like salary cut, in the effort to bring about better conditions.

Throughout the past year these lines have endeavored to carry on their maintenance of way and maintenance of equipment work in such manner as to cause the least possible distress from unemployment. This was accomplished by keeping all of their principal shops open continuously on a basis of four or five working days per week, although with somewhat reduced forces; and also by providing work continuously for a large number of the maintenance personnel, by means of spreading the available work among as many employees as possible.

Last week the Southern Pacific negotiated a voluntary wage reduction of 10%, affecting some 15,000 employees on the lines west of El Paso. These employees were mostly shop craft and shop clerical employees.

Opening of Southern Pacific Co. Shops.

According to San Francisco advices to the "Wall Street Journal" 5,560 locomotive and car shopmen of the Southern Pacific Co. have returned to work on a four-day-week basis at shops throughout the Pacific system. The order affects 1,600 workers of Sacramento, 1,100 at Los Angeles, 700 at El Paso, 600 at South San Francisco, 400 at Oakland, 300 at Ogden, 250 at Portland, 200 at Tuscon, Dunsmuir and Sparks, and 100 at Roseville. Employees of this class have accepted 10% wage reductions, effective Jan. 1.

Auto Transport Control by Inter-State Commerce Commission Favored—Examiner Holds Step Is Needed to Unify Transportation.

Asserting that "co-ordination of railways and highway transportation should be accomplished so as to permit the use of each of these agencies, in such a way as to give the public maximum service at minimum cost," Examiner Leo J. Flynn of the Inter-State Commerce Commission has submitted to the Commission a proposed report including comprehensive recommendations for legislation to bring the entire field of inter-State motor transportation for hire on the public highways within the scope of the Commission's regulatory jurisdiction. The "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 6 refers to the matter as follows:

The report was made following a comprehensive investigation of the co-ordination of motor transportation ordered by the Commission and conducted by Commissioner Brainerd and Mr. Flynn as the result of which the Commission expects to make recommendations to Congress for the necessary laws. Oral argument on the report will be heard by the Commission on March 1, 2 and 3.

This report follows an earlier investigation by the Commission in the subject of motor transportation after which it urged Congress to provide for the regulation of bus transportation. The later investigation, however, was aimed particularly at the co-ordination feature of the subject and the Flynn report proposes not only regulation in varying degrees of truck transportation of freight, including the fixing of minimum rates for contract trucks, but also legislation specifically authorizing railroads to engage in motor transportation under the supervision of the Commission.

Co-ordination Need Stressed.

In a series of fifty conclusions summarizing the report, Mr. Flynn says that "the national transportation machine cannot function with progressive efficiency, part regulated, part unregulated," and that "co-ordination of transportation agencies cannot reach its economic possibilities under this anomalous condition."

Among the recommendations, which are along the lines of President Hoover's recent recommendations to Congress that the railways be protected against unregulated competition, are:

"Carriers subject to the Inter-State Commerce Act should be specifically authorized by law to engage in inter-State transportation by motor vehicles on the public highways, and thereafter such motor vehicle operations should be subject to the provisions of the Inter-State Commerce Act.

"Railways and water lines should supplement their transportation services by using motor vehicle transportation in co-ordination with their rail and water services wherever this will result in economies of operation or betterment of service or both.

"Railroads should consider whether economy and efficiency could be promoted by utilizing the Railway Express Agency as a medium for handling all less than car load freight with expedition in service and reduction in charges to the shipper.

"Congress should declare that the business of operating motor vehicles for hire in inter-State commerce on the public highways is affected with public interest and is so interrelated with transportation by other agencies that it must be considered a part of the national transportation system.

"Regulation of the transportation of persons by motor vehicle for hire should be provided for by law.

"Regulation of inter-State transportation of property by motor vehicles for hire operating on the public highways in inter-State commerce should be provided for by law. Classification for the purposes of regulation should be made.

"In determining whether or not public convenience and necessity require the granting of a certificate to operate motor vehicles in inter-State commerce, reasonable consideration, among other pertinent matters, should be given to available transportation service by any other existing transportation agency operating in the same territory, and to the effect which the proposed service may have upon such transportation agency, the continued operation of which is important to the community served by it.

Would Allow Joint Rates.

"Common carriers by motor vehicle should be authorized, but not at this time required, to participate in through routes and joint rates with other common carriers by motor vehicle or with steam railroads, electric railways or water lines subject to the Inter-State Commerce Act.

"The law should require that the inter-State fares and charges of common carriers by motor vehicles should be just, reasonable and not unduly discriminatory, unduly preferential, or unduly prejudicial. Requirement should be made that tariffs be filed and posted."

The report points out that the Commission has no jurisdiction of matters of taxation but that it should direct attention to the necessity for ascertaining whether or not motor carriers operating on the public highways for hire are contributing toward the construction and maintenance of the public highways used by them an amount commensurate with their use of such highways as a place of business.

Rail Revenue Pool to Give Help Early—Credit Corporation's Directors to Meet Jan. 21 to Estimate Amounts of Advances—Lines May Discount Paper and Get Use of Funds Without Waiting Until March 15.

The directors of the Railroad Credit Corp. will meet on Jan. 21 to approve a plan whereby railroads sharing in the revenue pool which the corporation is to administer will be enabled to anticipate their advances. The effect of the plan it is said, will be to put immediately into the treasuries of participating railroads funds for which they would otherwise have to wait until March 15. The plan provides that the corporation's directorate may estimate the amount a railroad would receive from the pool after that date and issue a certificate to show that the road may expect to receive the amount stated at the proper time. This loan certificate the railroad would then discount at its bank. The New York "Times" of Jan. 5, in discussing the matter further, adds:

It is considered possible that the corporation may advance funds due a railroad directly to a bank that discounts its certificate. The corporation would charge the same interest as the New York Federal Reserve Bank discount rate, and it is believed that the banks would make every endeavor to charge as low a rate as possible in rediscounting certificates issued by the corporation.

The procedure is necessary because the corporation's charter provides that it may borrow funds only to defray its own expenses, which funds would be nominal, because interest charged on advances to railroads would be applied against the corporation's expenses. Under the charter first considered for the corporation, which was on the broad lines permitted by Delaware laws, the corporation would have been free to make loans generally. However, members of the Association of Railway Executives, which approved formation of the corporation, insisted on limiting its powers in this respect.

At one time a proposal was made in banking circles that the Railroad Credit Corp. borrow in its own name funds to be advanced to needy railroads, but E. G. Buckland, Chairman of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. and of the corporation, pointed out on Dec. 16 the way in which the corporation was restricted in this respect.

Increased freight rates, which will supply funds for the corporation, went into effect Jan. 4. The proceeds from the higher rates will be accrued and payable around March 11 and will have to be paid on or about March 31 under penalty of an 8% interest charge.

Railways in West Held Entitled to New Rate Hearing—Supreme Court Holds Inter-State Commerce Commission Improperly Refused Petition of Carriers in Grain Case—Changed Economic Conditions Cited—Record Closed in 1928 Cannot Be Regarded As Representative of Situation in 1931, Opinion States.

Taking cognizance of the economic conditions facing the railroads of the country, the United States Supreme Court declared on Jan. 4, that the Inter-State Commerce Commission improperly refused the petition of Western carriers for a reopening of the so-called Western grain rate case for the purpose of considering the material changes which had taken place since the proceedings in the Commission were closed.

The record before the Commission was closed, Chief Justice Hughes explains in his opinion, in September 1928. In September 1930, and again in February 1931, the carriers sought a rehearing of the case, but their petitions were denied by the Commission. The orders of the Commission reducing in general the freight rates on grain and grain products in Western territory had not in the meantime gone into effect. A loss in revenue amounting to \$25,000,000 per annum, the carriers estimated, would result from the order. In reporting the matter the "United States Daily" further states:

Different Economic Era.

"It is plain," the Court held by a unanimous decision, "that a record which was closed in September 1928—relating to rates on a major description of traffic of the carriers in a vast territory—cannot be regarded as representative of conditions existing in 1931. That record pertains to a different economic era and furnished no adequate criterions of present requirements."

The Court took judicial notice of the change in condition upon which the new hearing was asked. "It is the outstanding contemporary fact," Chief Justice Hughes said, "dominating thought and action throughout the country. As the Inter-State Commerce Commission said in its recent report to the Congress 'a depression such as the country is now passing through is a new experience to the present generation.'" The Commission was also said to have recognized in its report "that in such depressions the railroads suffer severely. Their traffic is a barometer of general business conditions."

Second Petition Cited.

While the effects of the widespread economic disturbance have had a progressive manifestation, the Court noted, it was found that "they had been sufficiently revealed in February 1931, when the second petition for rehearing was made, to compel the conclusion that a record of 1928 afforded no sufficient basis for the order of the Commission." The facts were set forth in the carriers' petition, it is stated.

In reply to the contentions of the Commission that it had held a full hearing on the matter, and that "the Commission necessarily projects into the future the results of a decision based on the conditions disclosed in the record," the Court said that "these suggestions would be appropriate in relation to ordinary applications for rehearing, but are without force when overruling economic forces have made the record before the Commission irresponsible to present conditions. This is not the usual case of possible fluctuating conditions but of a changed economic level."

Denial of Right Held.

In the discharge of the Commission's duty, a fair hearing was said to be a fundamental requirement. "In the instant proceeding, the hearing accorded related to conditions which had been radically changed, and a hearing, suitably requested, which would have permitted the presentation of evidence relating to existing conditions, was denied. We think this action was not within the permitted range of the Commission's discretion, but was a denial of right. The order of the Commission which was thus made effective, and the ensuing supplemental order, cannot be sustained."

The Court, in view of its decision, did not find it necessary to consider the contentions of the parties with regard to the authority of the Commission to enter the order, irrespective of the matter or changed conditions.

New York State Chamber of Commerce Protests to Inter-State Commerce Commission Against Change in Existing Rail Freight Differentials Between New York and Baltimore.

It was announced on Jan. 1 that the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, through Parker McCollester, who represented the Chamber in the New Jersey lighterage case, has protested to the Inter-State Commerce Commission against any change in the existing rail freight differentials as between New York and Baltimore, as proposed by the State of Maryland, City of Baltimore and Baltimore commercial interests. Mr. McCollester on Dec. 31 in a telegram to the Commission opposed the change on the ground that irreparable injury would result to New York if Eastern Class Rate relationships were made applicable to import and export traffic, even if only for a temporary period.

4,500 Employees of Mechanical Department of New Haven Road Accept 10% Wage Cut.

Officials of the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. announced Jan. 8, that about 4,500 men employed in the mechanical department had accepted voluntarily a 10% reduction in wages, effective Jan. 15. Officials said the subject had been under consideration for some time and that in accepting the reduction the employees felt "it was to the best interest of the public, the railroad and themselves."

A similar reduction in wages of the clerical force, officials said, may come at a later date.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, & C.

Arrangements were made this week for the sale of two Stock Exchange seats at \$132,000 each, up \$10,000 from the previous sale.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of the late Harry B. Schloss was sold this week to Julian A. Acosta, for another, for \$15,000. The last preceding sale was for \$14,500.

Announcement was made Jan. 1 of the election of George C. Haigh as Vice-President of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Company. Mr. Haigh started his banking career in 1893 with the American Exchange National Bank. Upon the merger of the Irving Trust Company and the American Exchange National Bank in 1926, he became a Vice-President of the Irving Trust Company, at 1 Wall Street.

The Bank of Manhattan Trust Company of New York announced on Jan. 4 the following changes and promotions in its official staff:

Graham B. Blaine and John A. Milholland, formerly with the International Manhattan Company, Inc., became Vice-Presidents.

John Collins formerly with the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., was made a Vice-President.

Benjamin Strong, Jr., was promoted from Assistant Vice-President to Vice-President.

E. Arthur Carter, John E. P. Morgan and A. Suehsdorf, Jr., formerly with the International Manhattan Company, Inc., were made Assistant Vice-Presidents.

James O. Safford, J. H. L. Janson, Jr., H. B. Keen, Wm. S. Maeder and Horatio W. Turner, also of the International Manhattan Company, Inc., were made Assistant Secretaries.

John B. Rebol and Leonard J. Cushing of the New Business Department were made Assistant Treasurers.

Jerome A. Thirsk and Charles G. Young of the Credit Department were made Assistant Secretaries.

These changes follow the announcement last month of the proposed discontinuance of the securities affiliate, the International Manhattan Company, and the carrying on of its activities by the Bank of Manhattan Trust Company. The announcement, as we indicated in our issue of Dec. 12 (page 3913) followed meetings of the directors of the Manhattan Company, the Bank of Manhattan Trust Company and the International Acceptance Bank, Inc.

The International Acceptance Bank, Inc., announces the following changes in, and additions to, its official staff effective as of Jan. 1 1932:

Richard T. Giblin and Joseph J. Moran, formerly Assistant Treasurers, were promoted to Assistant Vice-Presidents.

Orman M. Crocker, James L. O'Keefe and John H. Squires were appointed Assistant Treasurers.

Franklin Field and Herman Henninger, Assistant Secretaries.

The newly created officers are all former members of the Manhattan company group.

At the regular meeting of the executive committee of The National City Bank of New York, on Jan. 5, Boudinot Atterbury was appointed an Assistant Vice-President.

Elmore F. Higgins, until recently Vice-President of the National City Bank, of New York, was on Jan. 4 elected President of the Exchange National Bank of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Higgins succeeds H. H. Rogers, who becomes Chairman of the Board. The new President of the Exchange Bank came originally from the section to which he now returns. He was born in Dallas, Tex., some 48 years ago. Mr. Higgins' banking experience covers a period of 35 years, beginning with his first job as a boy in the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Montgomery, Alabama. He continued with a successor institution, the First National Bank of Montgomery, until 1912, when he resigned to take a position with the Fourth National Bank of the same city. In 1912 Mr. Higgins became a bank examiner, starting with the New Orleans Clearing House Association, and later serving as national bank examiner in Georgia, western Pennsylvania, Chicago, the Richmond Federal Reserve District, and finally as chief national bank examiner for the Sixth (Atlanta) Federal Reserve District. This position he resigned in April 1919, to become an officer of the National Bank of Commerce in New York. After successive promotions, he resigned as Vice-President of the National Bank of Commerce to accept a post as Vice-President of the Bank of America, N. A. When, in November, last year, the Bank of America was merged with the National City Bank, Mr. Higgins was appointed a Vice-President of that institution.

The statement of the Chase National Bank of New York as of Dec. 31, made public Jan. 5, showed total resources of \$1,988,669,000. The combined capital, surplus and undivided profits are given as \$291,075,000, the capital alone as heretofore being \$148,000,000. Cash in the bank's vaults, Federal Reserve Bank and other banks is shown as \$333,571,000. Investments in United States Government securities were \$162,946,000. State, municipal, other securities and stock in Federal Reserve Bank total \$165,155,000. Loans and discounts amounted to \$1,154,633,000. The total deposits

are reported as \$1,459,114,000. In the bank's report it was shown that in accordance with their customary policy of conservatism the directors had transferred \$24,000,000 from the bank's surplus to its reserve for contingencies.

H. Nelson Walker, a member of the firm of Clark, Dodge & Co., of New York died after a week's illness on Jan. 3. Both he and his father had been identified with the firm for many years, his father having served as Cashier for nearly 50 years. He worked with his father as Assistant Cashier, and, after having been employed in trusted positions for about 35 years, became a general partner of the firm three years ago. Mr. Walker, through his many years of activity in Wall Street, had become well known in the financial community.

The condensed statement of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, shows total resources of \$1,494,040,051, compared with \$2,022,425,111 on Dec. 31 1930, and deposits of \$1,025,049,550, compared with \$1,263,591,244 a year ago. Surplus and undivided profits of \$194,959,038 compared with \$207,442,797 a year ago, or a decrease of \$12,483,759, which was caused by amounts taken out of undivided profits account and added to the company's reserves.

In its issue of Dec. 24 the New York "Times" stated that Judge Levine in General Sessions granted on Dec. 23 another postponement of sentence on Raffaele Prisco, President and founder of the closed Prisco State Bank at 73 Mulberry Street, this city, and his son, Joseph W. Prisco, a Vice-President, in connection with shortages aggregating \$175,000 in the bank. The "Times" added:

The Court fixed Feb. 10 for sentence on both men after their counsel had made the request for the postponement with the statement that they were aiding the State Banking Department in liquidating the bank's affairs. The attorney said that 80% of its resources already had been paid to depositors and that through the help of the two defendants it was expected additional money would be obtained for the depositors.

"I expect you will do everything possible to aid in retrieving more money for the depositors," the court said to the Priscos in granting the adjournment. "Your co-operation with the Banking Department will be taken into consideration by me in the sentences I shall impose on you."

The Prisco State Bank was taken over by the Banking Department on July 28. Items regarding it appeared in our issues of Aug. 1, page 731; Aug. 29, page 1394; Sept. 26, page 2029, and Dec. 5, page 3727. Early in November the Banking Department announced that checks totaling more than \$1,250,000, representing a dividend of 70% were being mailed to the 6,028 depositors. On Dec. 22 the Department stated that a further dividend of 10% would be distributed in the course of the week.

Among the 46 courses in banking and investments offered by New York Chapter, American Institute of Banking, are three new courses: "Bank Secondary Reserves and Investments," by Dr. Paul M. Atkins, Vice-President of Cornell, Linder & Co., Inc.; "Foreign Exchange Accounting," by J. Wilbur Tovell, Assistant Manager of the Foreign Department of the Chase National Bank; and "Savings Bank Administration," by Edwin C. Estes, Assistant Vice-President and Secretary of the South Brooklyn Savings Bank. Registration for the spring semester takes place during the week of Jan. 18 at the chapter office in the Graybar Building, 420 Lexington Avenue.

The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. elected Walter L. Schnaring a Vice-President. Mr. Schnaring was formerly an Assistant Vice-President.

Michael H. Conway has been appointed a Vice-President and William H. Logan an Assistant Vice-President of the Sterling National Bank & Trust Co. of New York. Both Mr. Conway and Mr. Logan, who were former executives of the Industrial National Bank, will be connected with the 39th Street office of the Sterling National.

In order that he may devote more time to the general administrative work of the bank, the Bank of New York & Trust Co. has relieved Dave H. Morris Jr. of the duties as Comptroller. Mr. Morris, who is also a Vice-President of the bank, will continue to hold that office. R. W. Kaiser, formerly Assistant Comptroller, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Morris as Comptroller, and R. A. MacLeod has been appointed Assistant Comptroller.

Charles Oliver Iselin, a son of Adrian Iselin, founder of the banking firm of A. Iselin & Co., and a grandson of Adrian

Iselin, a Swiss financier whose importing firm founded the family fortune in the United States, died at his country home in Glen Head, L. I., on Jan. 1. Mr. Iselin, who was 78 years old, had suffered two paralytic strokes. For many years he was connected with his father's firm and was the holder of many directorates. He retired from business some years ago.

The Brooklyn Trust Company's statement of condition as of Dec. 31 1931, issued Jan. 5 shows deposits of \$116,774,588, against \$115,711,020 on Sept. 30, the last preceding call date, an increase of \$1,063,568. The statement gave effect to a transfer of \$2,250,000 from surplus and undivided profits to reserves, which was explained as being due to fluctuations in market value of securities held. Of this amount, \$2,000,000 was taken from surplus, which was reduced to \$10,000,000 from \$12,000,000, and \$250,000 was taken out of undivided profits, which stood at \$2,893,065 on Dec. 31 1931, against \$3,081,177 on Dec. 31 1930, and \$3,127,672 on Sept. 30 1931. Indicated earnings for the year 1931, before reserve adjustments, were \$1,701,888, equivalent to \$20.75 a share on capital stock, from which \$1,640,000 was paid out in dividends. Reserves totaled \$10,659,582 at the year-end, against \$8,929,734 on Sept. 30 1931, and \$3,248,409 at the end of 1930. Total resources were \$158,863,372 against \$156,008,335 on Sept. 30 1931.

The Bank of North Hempstead at Port Washington, L. I., was taken over on Dec. 28 by Joseph A. Broderick, State Superintendent of Banks for New York, at the request of its directors. The reason given for the action was the non-liquid condition and depreciation in the value of the institution's assets. The deposit liabilities of the institution at the close of business Dec. 26 1931 were approximately \$2,100,000. A dispatch from Port Washington to the New York "World-Telegram" on Dec. 31 stated that all depositors would be paid in full, in the opinion of Clarence L. Thompson, Vice-President of the institution.

Joseph A. Broderick, New York State Superintendent of Banks, announced on Dec. 31 that he had on that day taken possession of the business and property of E. C. Brewer & Co., private bankers, of Gilbertsville, N. Y. The action was taken at the request of the partners of the company in order to insure an orderly liquidation of its affairs and to conserve the assets and protect the interests of the depositors. The deposit liabilities, as shown by the books, as at the close of business Dec. 30 last, were approximately \$196,000.

Andrew Horvatt, former President of the defunct State Bank of Binghamton, N. Y., who had been a fugitive from justice since the closing of the bank of Dec. 15 1930 until his surrender on Dec. 28 last, at Sidney, N. Y., was sentenced on Dec. 30 by Justice Daniel V. McNamee to from 12 to 18 years in Auburn prison at hard labor, and was immediately taken to the prison. A Binghamton dispatch on Dec. 30 to the New York "Herald Tribune," in its report of the matter, said in part:

Horvatt had pleaded "guilty" to six indictments charging second degree forgery of notes held by his bank. There had been 30 indictments drawn up against the banker, who in his years in Binghamton had built up a vast banking business in the foreign section of the city.

The sentences were imposed on the first three indictments read. Suspended sentences were given on three other similar indictments to which Horvatt pleaded "guilty."

On the first indictment Horvatt was given five to seven years; on the second, four to six, and on the third, three to five, the terms to run consecutively.

Horvatt was led through corridors crowded with men, women and children whose savings were lost when the State Bank of Binghamton collapsed with losses totaling more than \$2,500,000. The State has charged that the failure was due to Horvatt's manipulations.

A dispatch by the Associated Press on the same date contained the following:

When Andrew J. Horvatt, former President of the State Bank of Binghamton, steps out of Auburn prison after serving the sentence imposed upon him to-day, he will face rearrest under a writ of capias forwarded to that prison to-day by officers of the Federal Government.

The capias, sent from here by Clarence W. Weaver, Deputy United States Marshal, says that Horvatt is wanted for violation of prohibition laws for which he was indicted last year.

The reopening to-day, Jan. 9, of the Ontario County Trust Co. of Canandaigua, N. Y., which has been closed since Oct. 6 last, was indicated in advices from Canandaigua to the New York "Times" on Wednesday of this week, Jan. 6. The dispatch said in part:

Officers of the Ontario County Trust Co. here announced to-day that the bank, which was placed in the hands of the State Banking Department

on Oct. 6 for the protection of depositors, would be reopened on Saturday morning. They said this action had been made possible by the co-operation of depositors, who released a share of their deposits to the bank, and stockholders, who agreed to accept no dividends until the depositors were repaid.

The following with reference to the reopening of the institution was contained in a dispatch from Rochester, N. Y. by the Associated Press on Jan. 6:

The approval of Supreme Court Justice William F. Love was given to-day to an order of the State Banking Department granting permission to the Ontario County Trust Co. of Canandaigua to reopen.

Smith O'Brien, representative of Joseph Broderick, State Superintendent of Banks, said that only eight of the bank's 3,800 depositors had refused the request to contribute 25% of their respective deposits to the bank.

The stockholders and directors of the bank, said Mr. O'Brien, by assessing themselves heavily, also contributed to the reorganization fund, which reached the total of \$1,068,433. Assets at the reopening would exceed liabilities by a half million dollars and would be 85% liquid, far above the requirements of the law.

In stating he would sign the order of approval, Justice Love said he was most gratified to do so. "Who knows," he said, "but that this is the turn about in conditions."

Announcement was made on Dec. 30 that two New Haven banks, the Union & New Haven Trust Co., and the Congress Bank & Trust Co., had consolidated following a week of negotiations. Associated Press advices from New Haven, reporting the matter, furthermore said:

The Union & New Haven, capitalized at \$1,458,700, reported assets of \$16,193,008 in its last statement issued in September, and deposits of more than \$12,000,000. The Congress Bank is capitalized at \$500,000 and puts deposits at \$1,624,000.

George J. Bassett, State Bank Commissioner, endorsed the merger.

The suspension on Jan. 2 of the Unionville Bank & Trust Co. of Unionville, Conn., (Hartford County) was reported in a Hartford dispatch to the New York "Journal of Commerce" on Jan. 3. The directors had voted to ask for a restraining order. The closed bank had sizable deposits in the City Bank & Trust Co. of Hartford (which had closed Jan. 2), the dispatch stated.

The East Hartford Trust Co. of East Hartford, Conn., with deposits of approximately \$3,500,000, was closed on Jan. 2 after heavy withdrawals. A dispatch by the United Press from East Hartford in reporting the suspension said:

The bank was capitalized at \$200,000 and had surplus and undivided profits of \$285,000. The savings department contained \$2,000,000. Fred Holt, President of the City Bank & Trust Co. of Hartford, which closed to-day, was a director of the East Hartford Trust.

Business of the Home Bank & Trust Co. of South Manchester, Conn., has been divided between two other institutions in South Manchester, according to a dispatch by the Associated Press from Hartford on Jan. 4. The Manchester Trust Co. took over the commercial and trust departments of the institution, while the savings department was turned over to the Savings Bank of Manchester. The deals, which took effect at the opening of business Jan. 4, were approved by the Hartford Clearing House Association, the dispatch stated.

William A. Hitchcock, a director of the Farmington Savings Bank, Farmington, Conn., since 1916, was appointed President of the institution on Dec. 29, to succeed the late Herbert Knox Smith, whose death occurred recently. At the same meeting, Robert Porter Keep, Principal of Miss Porter's School, was made Vice-President. A dispatch from Farmington on Dec. 29 to the Hartford "Courant," from which the foregoing is learned, went on to say in part:

Mr. Hitchcock is a native of Cornwall and came to Farmington in 1868. In 1874 he started in the employ of the Upson Co., became its President, and remained at the head of the firm until its sale to the Republic Iron & Steel Co. He has been a director of the Collins Co. of Collinsville, the Taylor & Fenn Co. of Hartford, the Union Electric Light & Power Co. and the Farmington Water Co. He was elected a corporator of the Farmington Savings Bank in 1915. Mr. Keep, also a director of the bank is a director of the Farmington Water Co.

On Jan. 2, the City Bank & Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., was closed by the State Bank Commissioner, George J. Bassett, at the request of its directors, according to advices by the Associated Press from that city. Heavy withdrawals aggravating a "frozen" condition caused by a depressed securities market necessitated the closing of the institution, Mr. Bassett said. The following statement was issued by the Commissioner:

The failure of the City Bank & Trust Co. of Hartford to open this morning was due to their inability to secure sufficient cash to meet steady and heavy withdrawals. They had reached the limit of their liquid resources and would have been unable to dispose of their securities at this time except at a great sacrifice due to abnormal conditions in the security market.

Efforts have been made during the last few days to effect a reorganization which would supply sufficient liquid capital to meet all demands, but lack of time made such a reorganization impossible. Their directors therefore, decided at a meeting last night that in justice to all the depositors they should ask the banking department to place a temporary restraining order and this was done this morning.

Their large assets, although at the moment in a non-liquid condition should, it is believed be sufficient to eventually pay all their depositors. In the meantime, it is understood that the reorganization plans will be carried forward with the hope that such reorganization may be effected in the near future.

The City Bank & Trust Co., one of the largest banks in Hartford, was established in 1851. It has a capital of \$1,000,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$2,142,972 and has deposits (according to its last statement Sept. 29 1931) of \$23,464,482.

The First National Bank of West Point, Mass., with capital of \$100,000, and the First Savings Bank of that place, capitalized at \$25,000, were consolidated on Dec. 29 1931 under the title of the First National Bank of West Point. The enlarged institution has a capital of \$125,000, with surplus of \$50,000. The approaching merger of these banks was noted in our Dec. 12 issue, page 3917.

At meetings of the respective shareholders of the United States Trust Co. of Boston and the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. of that city, held Jan. 4, a merger of the latter institution with the former was ratified. In reporting this, a dispatch from Boston on Jan. 4 to the "Wall Street Journal" said the stockholders of the United States Trust Co. had approved a reduction in par value and an increase in the authorized shares to 140,000 from 100,000. The additional 40,000 shares of United States Trust authorized will be issued in exchange for the assets of the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. Subsequent advices from Boston, Jan. 8, appearing in the Brooklyn "Eagle" contained the following additional information:

The merger of the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. with United States Trust Co. having been effected, directors of the enlarged institution declared a dividend of 25 cents, payable Jan. 12, record Jan. 7, payable on increased capital of 140,000 shares, 40,000 having been issued for assets of the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.

In noting the proposed absorption of the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. by the United States Trust Co., the Boston "Transcript" of Dec. 26 said in part:

Hon. A. C. Ratschky, now President of the United States Trust Co., will be Chairman of the board of directors and at the head of the combined banks. James Solomont, now President of the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co., will be President of the combined banks.

Both banks are members of the Federal Reserve system and of the Boston Clearing House Association. The United States Trust Co. was founded in 1894 and the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. in 1919. The consolidated bank will continue under the name of the United States Trust Co.

Another Monmouth County, N. J., bank, the Freehold Trust Co., at Freehold, was taken over by the New Jersey State Department of Banking and Insurance on Jan. 4 at the request of the directors. Trenton, N. J., advices to the New York "Times," on Jan. 4, reporting the closing, said:

Officials of the Freehold Trust Co. said business was suspended to protect the interests of depositors after heavy withdrawals. They expressed the belief that the depositors would suffer no loss.

A Trenton dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune," on the same date, gave additional information, as follows:

The company is capitalized at \$100,000, undivided profits \$9,000, demand deposits \$401,000, bank deposits \$5,000, and time deposits \$768,000, according to a recent statement.

Lewis R. Dick, lawyer and retired banker, died at his home in Overbrook (Philadelphia, Pa.), on Dec. 29, in his seventy-third year. Vice-President of the Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia at the time of his retirement, Mr. Dick was United States Attorney in that city during the Administration of President Arthur. Born in Philadelphia, Mr. Dick was educated at the University of Pennsylvania, and after graduation studied law with Benjamin Harris Brewster. His legal practice drew him into contact with leading financiers, and he became President of the German-American Bank, now the Liberty Title & Trust Co. Later he was successively President of the Third National Bank and Vice-President of the Corn Exchange National Bank & Trust Co.

The First Penny Savings Bank, of Philadelphia, an institution founded by the late John Wanamaker, was acquired by the Western Savings Fund Society of that city, effective Jan. 1, giving the latter resources of approximately \$92,000,000. The Philadelphia "Ledger" of Dec. 30 last, in reporting the then approaching consolidation of the institutions, said in part:

The consolidation will be effected through purchase by the Western Savings Fund of all the assets of the First Penny Savings Bank. Depositors in the First Penny will be credited Jan. 1 on the books of the Western Savings Fund with the full amount of their deposits in the First Penny.

This consolidation greatly broadens the sphere of usefulness of the Western Savings Fund. It gives the Western three new branches—the main office of the First Penny at Juniper and Chestnut Streets, and the First Penny's other offices, at 21st and Bainbridge Streets and 520 South 9th Street. All of these will be maintained and depositors who have been using them will be required to continue to do so.

The Western Savings Fund will benefit especially through the acquisition of a central-city branch in Chestnut Street near Broad, which is now the main office of the First Penny.

By the consolidation the Western increases the number of its depositors to 154,000.

The officers of the Western Saving Fund will continue to direct its affairs. They are Robert J. Brunker, President; F. F. Hallowell, Vice-President and Treasurer; J. R. Naulty, Vice-President and Assistant Treasurer; C. A. Wheeler, Vice-President and Secretary, and C. P. Humphreys, Assistant Treasurer. Robert M. Coyle, now President of the First Penny, will act in an advisory capacity.

On Monday of this week, Dec. 28, four former officers of the closed Girard Avenue Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia were sentenced by Judge Horace Stern in Quarter Sessions Court to prison terms of 10 to 20 years each, following pleas of "guilty" in each case. Those sentenced were Edward A. McVeigh, Secretary & Treasurer; George M. Ryan, Assistant Treasurer; John F. Gibbons, Assistant Secretary & Treasurer, and Edwin J. Logue, teller & bookkeeper. The Philadelphia "Ledger" of Dec. 29, from which the foregoing is obtained, went on to say in part:

With their departure for jail it was said the State Banking Department now will turn its attention to recovery of several hundred thousand dollars the embezzlers gambled and lost in brokerage houses, using the Bank's own checks.

They were charged in indictments to which all but Ryan pleaded guilty last Wednesday (Dec. 23) with embezzling \$441,750. Ryan who is a son of Michael J. Ryan, former City Solicitor and the President of the bank, changed his plea to guilty yesterday (Dec. 28) before Judge Horace Stern in Quarter Sessions Court.

Assistant District Attorney Franklin E. Barr said the four defendants misappropriated a total of approximately \$1,000,000, nearly all of which was lost in stock speculation.

The indictments revealed that the proceeds of one draft were used by the brokers to support two and three different accounts conducted under the assumed names.

In fixing the same length sentence for each defendant, Judge Stern heeded the suggestion of Edward A. Kelly, who, with John R. J. Scott and John King, acted as defense counsel. Mr. Kelly said the accused worked together, were equally guilty and there should be no discrimination in the punishment to be meted out.

Assistant District Attorney Barr's portrayal of the fraud and its consequences was not optimistic of the depositors' chances of getting much of their deposits back.

"Exclusive of some real estate and some mortgages," Mr. Barr said, "the amount of which I am unfamiliar with, there are no securities left that belonged to the Bank and no cash. The securities the Bank did own were pledged with other banks by these defendants. The Bank to-day has not very much to pay depositors. It seems to be pretty hopelessly wrecked."

Mr. Scott, attorney for George M. Ryan, interrupted Mr. Barr to disagree with that statement. "That isn't a fact as I understand it," Mr. Scott said. "The receiver is very optimistic and expects to realize on considerable of the securities. It is a rather disappointing statement to depositors for Mr. Barr to make when there may be a very large dividend."

Resuming, Mr. Barr began to read from a letter stating that 70 persons had gone to the poorhouse because of the wrecking of the Bank, but was again interrupted by defense attorney objections.

Except for a house that Gibbons paid \$10,500 for, which has been deeded back to the Bank, there has been no restitution, Mr. Barr explained.

On Jan. 1 the Central Trust Co. of Altoona, Pa., took over the assets and assumed the liabilities of the Lincoln Deposit & Trust Co. of that city.

The consolidation of three Greensburg, Pa., banks, the First National Bank (capital \$150,000), the Merchants' Trust Co. (capital \$300,000) and the Union Trust Co. (capital \$400,000) became effective Dec. 31. The new organization is known as the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Greensburg and has a capital of \$480,000 with surplus of \$320,000. Items with reference to the proposed merger of these banks appeared in our issue of Oct. 24 and Oct. 31 1931, pages 2712 and 2868, respectively.

The Miners' Bank of McAdoo, Pa., failed to open on Jan. 4, and its affairs were turned over to the State Banking Department, according to a dispatch by the Associated Press from McAdoo. The closed bank was capitalized at \$50,000 and had deposits of \$249,492, the advices said.

The Ohio Banking Department on Dec. 30 took over for liquidation the Citizens' Bank of Butler, Richland County, according to Associated Press advices from Columbus, Ohio, on the date named, which furthermore said:

"Frozen" assets and decline in business was given as the reason for

closing. The bank had capital of \$25,000 and resources of \$204,257. J. H. Stahl was President.

The Hebron Bank Co. at Hebron, Ohio, capitalized at \$30,000 and with resources of \$274,000, has been taken over by the Ohio State Banking Department for liquidation, according to Columbus, Ohio, advices on Jan. 5 to the "Wall Street Journal."

Upon request of its directors the Ohio Valley Bank of Portsmouth, Ohio, was taken over on Jan. 5 by the State Banking Department for liquidation according to Associated Press advices from Columbus, Ohio, on that date. The institution was capitalized at \$250,000 and had resources of \$1,145,773 the dispatch stated.

The First National Bank of Gary, Ind., closed on Jan. 5 following a "run" which began with the closing of two Hammond, Ind., banks on Jan. 2 and continued with the closing of the Bank of America of Gary on Jan. 4. Advices from Gary to the New York "Times", from which we have quoted above, furthermore said:

F. R. Schaff, President of the bank, announced the closing was voted by the directors as a preliminary step toward reorganization and to protect the interests of depositors.

The report of Dec. 31 showed resources of \$4,800,000 and deposits of \$2,900,000. There was \$300,000 in cash in the vaults when the bank closed. President Schaff said depositors will lose no money. The closing leaves Gary with a population of 100,000, with one bank, the Gary State Bank, an \$8,000,000 institution.

The Peoples Loan & Trust Co. of Petersburg, Ind., failed to open its doors on Jan. 4 following a meeting of the directors the previous day, when it was decided to liquidate the company's business. Heavy withdrawals on the evening of Jan. 2 depleted the cash reserve. A dispatch from Petersburg on Jan. 4, to the Indianapolis "News" reporting this, further said in part:

The latter was the latest bank organized and at the last report made Oct. 7 showed total resources of \$269,282.64. The bank was capitalized for \$25,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$10,772.37. The bank's resources are believed to be sufficient to pay the depositors in full.

Advices by the United Press from Gary, Ind., on Jan. 4 reported that the National Bank of America of Gary, a small bank with deposits of \$245,000 and assets of \$800,000, had closed on that date.

The Hammond National Bank & Trust Co. of Hammond, Ind., with combined capital and surplus of \$500,000 and deposits of \$2,000,000, has been closed and its affairs placed in the hands of R. L. Hopkins, a National Bank Examiner, according to Associated Press advices from Hammond on Jan. 2.

That Taylorville National Bank at Taylorville, Ill., capitalized at \$150,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Dec. 16, last. The institution was taken over by the Farmers' National Bank of Taylorville, Ill.

On Dec. 31 William G. Edens retired as a Vice-President of the Central Republic Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago under the provisions of the bank's pension fund at the age of 68 years, after having spent 26 years with the institution and its predecessor. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 31, in noting Mr. Edens's retirement, furthermore said:

Mr. Edens joined the staff of the then newly-organized Central Trust Co. of Illinois on Sept. 13 1905. Prior to entering the banking field, he spent 20 years in railroad service and was one of those who laid the foundation for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Following this he spent seven years as an official of the Post Office Department in Washington.

During his service with the bank Mr. Edens pioneered in the good roads movement in Illinois and saw the fruition of that work in the adoption of the \$60,000,000 road bond program. At all times he was active in the affairs of the Illinois and American Bankers' Associations, serving on the executive councils of both.

It is learned from the Chicago "Post" of Jan. 2 that the First State Bank of Chicago Heights, Cook County, was closed by Oscar Nelson, State Auditor of Illinois, at the close of business Dec. 31 1931. The bank was capitalized at \$200,000, with surplus of \$50,000 and its deposits as of June 30 last totaled \$2,000,000. The closing was at the request of the directors, it was stated.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, Jan. 5, Mr. Stanley Field was elected Chairman of the advisory committee. Mr. Field has been closely identified with the bank as a director and as a member of the executive committee and has been of active assistance to the management. Mr. Field's appoint-

ment has long been desired by the management in public recognition of his services, as well as for the purpose of assuring the continuance of those services.

Mr. A. M. Johnson, Chairman of the board of the National Life Insurance Co. of the U. S. A., was elected to the Board of Directors of the bank and at the meeting of the directors, after the stockholders' meeting, the following changes were made in the official roster of the bank: Mr. Herman Waldeck was elected Executive Vice-President; W. B. Allen, Lester T. Boe, Spencer L. Hart, Woodbury S. Ober, H. P. O'Connell, Joseph L. Overlock, E. F. Reiter, John H. Rumbaugh and Anthony von Wening were elected Second Vice-Presidents, and Mark P. Collor, Leland S. Ford, J. J. Johnston, Fred M. Naber and Clifton L. Nourse were elected Assistant Cashiers.

James R. Leavell, President of the Continental Illinois Bank, was elected President of the Continental Illinois Co., succeeding Arthur Reynolds in that office. Mr. Reynolds was elected Chairman of the Board of the Company, now holding the same office in both the bank and the company. Charles Z. Henkle was elected Secretary and Treasurer of the company.

Thomas A. Fitzsimmons was appointed President of the North Avenue State Bank of Chicago at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 5, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 6. Mr. Fitzsimmons succeeds the late L. C. Rose whose death occurred recently. At the stockholders' meeting on the same day, Clement Quinn and William P. Ellison were elected directors to succeed L. C. Rose and Russell Whitman, it was stated.

Consolidation of the People's Wayne County Bank of Detroit, Mich., and the First National Bank in Detroit to form the First Wayne National Bank became effective as of the close of business on Dec. 31. The institutions have been under the same ownership and virtually the same management since the formation of the Detroit Bankers Co. on Jan. 8 1930. The First Wayne National Bank will have capital of \$25,000,000, surplus of \$25,000,000, and undivided profits in excess of \$7,000,000. Total resources will be approximately \$600,000,000. The officers, managers and staff are to be maintained, as are both main offices and branches. At the organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the consolidated institution the following officers and directors were elected: John Ballantyne, Chairman of the Governing Committee; Wilson W. Mills, Chairman of the Board; John R. Bodde, Vice-Chairman of the Board; Herbert L. Chittenden, Chairman of the Executive Committee; T. W. P. Livingstone, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee; Donald N. Sweeny, President, and William J. Gray, Counsel.

Announcement was made by the West Virginia State Banking Department, on Jan. 2, that the Bank of Williamsburg, at Williamsburg, W. Va., had closed, according to Charleston, W. Va., advices on Jan. 2 by the Associated Press.

A small Kentucky bank, the First National Bank of Hazard, with deposits of about \$600,000, failed to open for business on Dec. 30, according to Associated Press advices from Hazard on that day.

The Central Trust Co. of Owensboro, Ky., failed to open its doors on Jan. 2 and its directors posted a notice saying that the institution had been placed in the hands of the Kentucky State Banking Commission for liquidation. Owensboro advices by the Associated Press, on the date named, continuing, said:

"Frozen" assets were said to have caused the closing. The bank, established 43 years ago, had capital stock of \$400,000 and deposits of \$2,481,124. W. L. Reno was President. The two other banks here were reported unaffected.

The probable reorganization of the closed Central Trust Co. of Maryland, of Frederick, Md., is indicated in the following dispatch from Frederick on Dec. 30 to the Baltimore "Sun":

At a meeting of approximately 1,000 depositors at the Courthouse to-night, a plan prepared by Marbury, Gosnell & Williams, corporation attorneys of Baltimore, was adopted in principle to reorganize the Central Trust Co., which closed its doors Sept. 8.

A committee, representing the Frederick bank and its 11 branches, was appointed to work out the details of the plan or some other plan.

The proposed reorganization calls for \$375,000 capital stock and \$125,000 surplus.

The closing of the Central Trust Co. was noted in our Sept. 5 issue, page 1559, and reference made to its affairs in our issue of Sept. 19, page 1871.

Advices from Baltimore, Md., on Jan. 7 stated that Waldo Newcomer, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Baltimore Trust Co. of Baltimore had tendered his resignation effective Jan. 12. He will remain a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, it was stated.

That the Bank of Walstonburg, at Walstonburg, N. C., has decided to go out of business is indicated in the following Associated Press dispatch from that place on Dec. 29:

The Bank of Walstonburg was refusing to accept deposits to-day, while a posted notice told depositors to withdraw their money.

The Bank of Colerain, at Colerain, N. C., failed to open for business on Dec. 23, according to the Raleigh "News and Observer" of the next day, which furthermore said:

The bank, at the time of its third quarter statement, reported deposits of \$278,000 and total resources of \$433,700.47.

Organized in 1909, the bank had capital of \$38,550, and surplus and undivided profits of \$21,256 on the last call date. It also showed loans and discounts totaling \$294,986.83, and bills payable of \$55,000.

L. A. Nowell was President and D. R. Britton was Cashier.

The Merchants' Bank of Durham, N. C., one of the smaller banks in that place, failed to open for business on Jan. 4, according to Associated Press advices from Durham. The bank's last statement listed deposits at \$1,490,000, the dispatch said.

The closing of two North Carolina banks on Jan. 3, the First National Bank of Henderson and the Farmers' Bank & Trust Co. of Madison, was reported in Raleigh advices on that date to the New York "Journal of Commerce."

The First & Citizens' Bank & Trust Co. of Smithfield, N. C., on Jan. 2 took over the Farmers' Bank & Trust Co. of that place and also opened a branch in Louisburg, N. C., according to Associated Press advices from Raleigh on that date.

The People's State Bank of South Carolina, head office Charleston, with 44 branches in 41 towns, and one of the oldest banks in South Carolina, failed to open for business on Jan. 2. The closing followed an announcement made late the previous day that the directors had decided to place the system in the hands of the State Bank Examiner for a period of 30 days. The institution is capitalized at \$2,000,000, with surplus and undivided profits of \$466,942, and its last statement, Sept. 29 1931, listed deposits of \$24,704,503. Associated Press advices from Charleston, on Jan. 1, from which the above information is in part taken, went on to say, in part:

R. Goodwyn Rhett, Sr., Chairman of the Board, issued a 500-word statement explaining the bank's reorganization plan and why it had been retarded.

Jerre L. Dowling, former New York banker, is President. He succeeded in that position R. Goodwyn Rhett, Jr., of Charleston, about six weeks ago. R. Goodwyn Rhett, Sr., is Chairman of the Board.

The People's Bank has three offices in Charleston, two in Columbia and other branches in the following cities and towns of the State:

Abbeville, Allendale, Anderson, Batesburg, Bennettsville, Chesnee, Clemson College, Darlington, Dillon, Edgefield, Ehrhardt, Estill, Florence, Gaffney, Georgetown, Greenville, Greeleyville, Greer, Hemingway, Johnsonville, Kingstree, Lake City, Lamar, Lexington, Manning, McColl, Moncks Corner, Newberry, Olanda, Ridge Spring, St. George, St. Stephens, Seneca, Springfield, Summerton, Summerville, Swansea, Timmonsville and Varnville.

Mr. Rhett's statement, as contained in the dispatch, was as follows:

"The Board of Directors of the People's State Bank of South Carolina reached the conclusion to-day that in the interests of depositors it had become essential to suspend operations of the bank for a period of 30 days in order to conserve the assets of the bank, pending consummation of plans for reorganization, that have been necessarily interrupted by reason of the abnormal conditions prevailing generally.

"The period of expansion of the People's State Bank system culminated at just the time general conditions became acute. The primary purpose of the system has been to stabilize banking conditions in the rural communities of South Carolina, placing behind the rural banks the resources of a central system, that by reason of the diversified situation of the several sections would not be disastrously affected by temporary reverses at any one point.

"Advantages of the plan have been generally indorsed by the attitudes of the communities that have desired to be served by the system. The system now serves 43 communities located in all parts of the State.

"Unfortunately the past year has witnessed the practical failure of the truck crops in the Charleston section; the price failure of tobacco crops in the Pee Dee; the low price and slow movement of cotton crops in all parts of the State, and the general depression affecting industries. The result has been that the system has felt the strain of unfavorable conditions in every section that it serves. At the same time the general market for bonds that the bank has been obligated to pledge against deposit of public funds has been consistently depressed, even United States Government securities falling off substantially in market value.

"With this situation the bank was faced with the double necessity of realizing on its receivables without a sacrifice of the interests of its customers, many of whom are small farmers and business men, for whose benefit the system was devised and for maintaining its margin of liquidity under the continual drain of withdrawals of the deposits for the living expenses of its depositors.

"It was, therefore, felt that the bank should add substantially to its capitalization. Plans to this end were progressing when the sources from which the bank expected assistance found their own plans disturbed by the general economic conditions, resulting in the delayed consummation of our program for the strengthening of our capital position. The resources of the National Credit Corp. were sought to be utilized in the meanwhile, but this source has also been found inadequate under the conditions controlling the allocation of the credit funds represented by this corporation.

"In view of all these conditions, it has been determined, with the utmost reluctance, and only after all efforts to avert this step had been exhausted, that the bank suspend operation, in order that the plans for reorganization should be carried forward free from the pressure of withdrawals that the constant stream of bank failures in this section and elsewhere have recently aggravated. With the co-operation of the depositors and the facilities that the bank expects to become available to it in the near future, we feel very hopeful that the situation can be worked out to the protection of all deposits and the restoration of the usefulness of the bank throughout the State."

According to the Columbia, S. C., "State" of Jan. 3, the work of making closing reports of the 44 branches of the closed institution was to begin on Jan. 4, Albert S. Fant, State Bank Examiner, declared. We quote from the paper mentioned, as follows:

Mr. Fant returned yesterday to Columbia from Charleston, where he had been in consultation with the directors of the system, which had branches in 41 cities and towns in every section of the State.

Asked what were the prospects for early reports on the banks, Mr. Fant said: "The classification of assets of the People's State Bank has not yet been made.

"We have more than two score banks closed and have only seven examiners, so it is a matter of physical impossibility for us to get to all of these banks simultaneously. I have had offers of assistance from bankers in various parts of the State who are ready to help in drawing up the reports.

"Proper assignments to all assistant bank examiners have been made and the work of making closed reports of the closed banks will begin Monday morning."

The same paper printed a statement issued by Governor Blackwood, of South Carolina, the night of Jan. 2, which read as follows:

"As the Governor of South Carolina, I call upon our people to think of their State in this hour of fear and loss of confidence.

"You can wreck your State if you give way to unreasoning fear. The people of the State have suffered a catastrophe in the closing of the People's State Bank, but this is no reason why we may not carry on. It is just as necessary that our people show their courage now as in time of war.

"At this time no patriotic citizen should rush to the bank for his deposit. If we wreck our banks, our homes and our property will become valueless, and I appeal to our people to go about their affairs in an orderly way and our troubles will soon be at an end.

"I have reason to believe that our banks are sound and can meet all demands, and the citizen in these times who gives way to selfish fear is not serving the best interests of himself or his State.

"Let us show our courage and all will be well."

Subsequent advices by the Associated Press from Columbia, S. C., Jan. 7, stated that announcement was made that night by Mr. Fant, the State Bank Examiner, that he had completed arrangements for the reorganization of the closed institution with a syndicate headed by Buist & Buist, attorneys, of Charleston, and New York financiers. Mr. Fant was quoted as saying that August Belmont & Co. and Pomeroy & Salmon of New York City would be associated in the reorganization enterprise.

The closing, on Jan. 2, of the Bank of Travelers' Rest, at Travelers' Rest, S. C., was reported in a dispatch by the Associated Press from that place on that date. A notice on the doors merely said that the bank would be closed until further notice, the dispatch stated.

The First National Bank of Florence, S. C., was closed on Jan. 2, according to advices from that place to the New York "Journal of Commerce" on Jan. 3, which added:

Directors announced that the institution would be placed in the hands of National Bank Examiners.

Two Dawson, Ga., banks, the City National Bank, capitalized at \$100,000, and the Dawson National Bank, with capital of \$200,000, were consolidated on Dec. 29 1931 under the title of the Dawson City National Bank, with capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$50,000.

The East Tennessee Savings Bank of Knoxville, Tenn., organized 20 years ago and having assets and liabilities of approximately \$5,000,000, has been absorbed by the East Tennessee National Bank of Knoxville, with which it was affiliated. A dispatch by the Associated Press, reporting this, went on to say:

"The reason for operating the East Tennessee Savings Bank no longer exists," said J. P. Gaut, Chairman of the Board. "When it was organized,

national banking laws did not permit National banks to deal in real estate notes. So directors of the East Tennessee National Bank obtained a State charter and organized the savings bank.

"Since then, however, national banking laws have been so amended as to permit us to absorb the savings bank."

Mr. Gant said the city branch of the East Tennessee National Bank probably will be eliminated within the next 30 days and placed under the roof of the main bank as an economy move.

This will wipe out the last of the old City National Bank, which was organized in 1888, and which merged with the East Tennessee National Bank about a year ago.

That the assets and liabilities of the First State Bank of Barry, Tex., had been assumed by the State National Bank of Corsicana, Tex., at the close of business Dec. 19 last, was noted in a dispatch from Corsicana under date of Dec. 21 to the Dallas "News." The advices went on to say:

The State National Bank assumes all liabilities to depositors, and will handle all accounts in Corsicana as they have been handled in the past at Barry. Other affairs of the Barry bank will be liquidated as rapidly as possible, and all business will be conducted in the quarters of the State National Bank.

Capital stock of the Barry bank was \$25,000, with a surplus and undivided profit total of approximately \$1,500, and deposits ranging between \$16,000 and \$17,000. The bank was established in 1909. R. W. Varnell was the President, and W. T. Woodruff, Cashier. Mr. Woodruff will make his headquarters in Corsicana for the time being.

The closing of the First National Bank of Oconomowoc, Wis., was indicated in a dispatch from that place on Dec. 31 to the Milwaukee "Sentinel," which adds:

Because of heavy withdrawals and to conserve assets, the First National Bank of Oconomowoc has been placed in the hands of the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington, it was announced by directors Thursday (Dec. 30).

The closing affects some 2,000 depositors. Business interests of Oconomowoc will participate in reorganization of the bank as soon as possible, and it is believed, according to officials of the institution, that the bank can be reopened without depositors sustaining any loss.

Withdrawals in the last few days exceeded \$100,000, according to an estimate Thursday. These started about a month ago, on rumors concerning possible insolvency of the bank.

Present deposits are put at about \$1,400,000, compared with \$1,700,000 last March. Capital is \$100,000 and surplus and undivided profits \$30,000.

Consolidation of two Shawano, Wis., banks, the Wisconsin National Bank and the First National Bank, has been approved by the respective stockholders of the institutions, according to advices from Shawano on Dec. 29, appearing in the Milwaukee "Sentinel." The dispatch went on to say:

Plans for the consolidation, subject to approval of the Comptroller of the Currency, call for a capitalization at \$100,000. The corporate name of the new institution would be the First Wisconsin National Bank. Both have been in continuous operation 30 years.

The Empire National Bank of St. Paul, Minn., announces that it has changed the name to the Empire National Bank & Trust Co. and inaugurated a trust department. The following officers and directors compose the Trust Committee which will determine the policies of the department and supervise the investment of all trust funds: Thomas D. O'Brien, Chairman, attorney at law; J. B. Forrest, Vice-President and Treasurer, Bannons, Inc.; F. L. Paetzold, Secretary and Treasurer, Great Northern Ry.; John A. Seeger, President, Seeger Refrigerator Co.; D. C. Shepard, President, Empire National Bank & Trust Co.; H. W. Blake, Vice-President and Trust Officer, Empire National Bank & Trust Co., and C. V. Smith, Vice-President and Trust Officer, Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. The institution is affiliated with the Northwest Bancorporation.

Closing of the New Melle Bank at New Melle, St. Charles County, Mo., on Dec. 31, following within a week the suspension of three other small banks in that county, namely, the Bank of Augusta at Augusta, the Farmers' Bank of Hamburg, and the Bank of Defiance at Defiance, was reported in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Jan. 1, from which we quote as follows:

Unrest caused by the closing of three other St. Charles County banks within a week, causing heavy withdrawals and a reluctance on the part of customers to renew time deposit accounts, yesterday (Dec. 31) resulted in the failure of the New Melle Bank to open its doors for business.

The decision to close and to place the institution in the hands of the State Finance Commissioner for liquidation was reached Wednesday night by the Board of Directors.

The withdrawals amounted to approximately \$10,000, according to Cashier Edwin Wessler, who expressed the opinion the bank was solvent and that depositors would eventually be refunded 100 cents on the dollar.

After the closing of the Bank of Augusta, the Farmers' Bank of Hamburg and the Bank of Defiance—all within a week—rumors of unrest reached the banking staff and it was noted that time depositors, with expiration of contracts which necessitated a 30-day notice before a withdrawal, were not making renewals. Wednesday witnessed one of the heaviest withdrawal days in the 23-year history of the bank.

The balance sheet of last September, according to Wessler, showed assets and liabilities of about \$348,000, including deposits of about \$306,000. Wessler said the assets included \$40,000 in farm loans, \$88,000 in personal loans, and \$190,000 in bonds, all figures being approximations.

The New Melle Bank is the ninth St. Charles County bank to close within a year, and the ninth in the history of the county to close.

The Vandeventer National Bank of St. Louis, Mo., capitalized at \$250,000 and with deposits of approximately \$1,250,000, was ordered closed by its directors on Jan. 4 and an Assistant National Bank Examiner was requested to take charge of its affairs, according to Associated Press advices from St. Louis on the date named, which added:

There had been a slow run on the bank for several weeks, the directors said.

That the City National Bank of Colorado Springs, Colorado, had merged with the Colorado Springs National Bank, effective Jan. 2, was reported in advices by the United Press from Colorado Springs on that date. The new institution opened for business on Jan. 2, it was stated, following an announcement by the directors of both banks the previous day that the merger had been definitely completed. The dispatch, continuing, said:

Martin Drake, President of the City National, will assume some official capacity with the new Colorado Springs National, and Willis B. Armstrong, President of the old Colorado Springs National, will remain the President of the new institution.

Deposits of the City National were estimated at \$300,000, and of the Colorado Springs National, \$1,700,000. Both banks have long been affiliated in business relations, with an interlocking directorate.

A dispatch from Whitewright, Tex., on Jan. 1 to the Dallas "News" stated that under a merger agreement effective on that date, the First National Bank of Whitewright took over the assets and affairs of the Planters' National Bank of that place. We quote furthermore from the advices, as follows:

Guy Hamilton, President, and H. G. Webster, Cashier, of the liquidating institution, will be associated with the consolidated bank, the former as active Vice-President and the latter as Assistant Cashier. W. H. King will continue as President of the First National Bank, with the positions of all other officers and directors of the bank undisturbed.

The Planters' National Bank was chartered as a private bank in 1889 and nationalized in 1903. The First National Bank began business in 1892. The bank's capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$100,000 will not be changed under the new arrangement.

That the Texas State Bank & Trust Co. of Corpus Christi, Tex., which closed Oct. 14 last, would reopen Jan. 2 was reported in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Corpus Christi on Dec. 20, which added:

Officers said it would resume business under the same charter and management. The bank was capitalized for \$150,000.

The First National Bank of St. Maries, Ida., capitalized at \$25,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Dec. 22 1931. The institution was absorbed by the Lumbermen's State Bank & Trust Co. of St. Maries.

Announcement is made by the Bank of Montreal that B. C. Gardner, Superintendent of Foreign Branches, has been appointed second agent at the New York Agency in place of P. C. Harrison, who will assume executive duties at the head office of the Bank of Montreal. Mr. Gardner comes to New York after a diversified banking experience. Beginning his banking career in England, he went to Canada in 1906 to join the Bank of British North America, which in 1918 was amalgamated with the Bank of Montreal. During the war he rendered distinguished service with the Canadian Forces in France, and on his return was stationed at the head office, later becoming manager of the St. John's Newfoundland, branch. He is a Fellow of the Canadian Bankers' Association. Mr. Gardner assumes his duties at the New York agency immediately.

According to cable advices received at the New York representative's office of Barclays Bank Limited, London, which is widely known as a prominent member of the "Big Five" English banks, the usual dividends of 10% per annum on the "A" shares and 14% per annum on the "B" and "C" shares have been declared for the year ended Dec. 31 1931. These rates are the same as those which have now been paid for many years past.

The net profit for the year 1931 amounted to £1,794,825, added to which there is an amount brought forward of £559,363, making a total of £2,354,188. It is understood that an amount of £200,000 has been appropriated to contingency account while the investments of the bank are quoted at or below market price as at Dec. 31 1931, full provision having been made out of investment reserve account.

The thirty-first annual statement of the Provincial Bank of Canada (head office Montreal), covering the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1931, has just recently been published. It shows that while net earnings were somewhat less than in the preceding year, there was a substantial increase in point of liquidity. Net profits for the period were \$467,440 (as against \$511,458 last year), which, when added to \$463,183, the balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding fiscal year, made \$930,623 available for distribution. Out of this sum the following appropriations were made: \$360,000 to pay four quarterly dividends at the rate of 9% per annum; \$63,761 to take care of Dominion Government taxes on bank note circulation and

provision for income tax, and \$40,000 written off real estate, leaving a balance of \$466,862 to be carried forward to the current fiscal year's profit and loss account. Total resources of the bank are shown in the statement as \$53,216,270, of which \$29,817,652 are liquid assets, or equal to 63% of the bank's liabilities to the public, as compared with a ratio of 58% a year ago. Total deposits are shown at \$39,681,727, of which \$34,698,414 are interest bearing deposits. The bank's paid-in capital is \$4,000,000, and its reserve fund \$1,500,000. The Hon. Sir Hormisdas Laporte is President of the institution and Charles A. Roy, General Manager. The general annual meeting of the shareholders of the Provincial Bank of Canada will be held on Jan. 27 1932.

PRICES IN 1931 AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The tables on the following pages show the lowest and highest prices at the New York Stock Exchange of Railroad, Industrial and Miscellaneous bonds and stocks, and also of Government and State securities, for each month of the past year. The tables are all compiled from actual sales. Under a resolution of the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange, prices of all interest-paying bonds since Jan. 1 1909 have been on a new basis. The buyer now pays accrued interest in addition to the stated price or quotation. Previous to 1909 the quotations were "flat"—that is, the price included all accrued interest. Income bonds and bonds upon which interest is in default are still dealt in "flat."

COURSE OF PRICES OF RAILROAD AND MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

1931.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and sub-columns for Low and High prices. Rows include various bond types such as RAILROAD BONDS, Ala Gt Sou 1st 5s ser A, Albany & Susq 1st gu 3 1/2s, etc.

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BONDS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
Cent New Eng 1st gu 4s...1961	85	88	86 1/2	88	86	88 1/2	86 7/8	88 1/2	87	89 1/4	87	88 3/4	85 3/8	89	80 3/8	85 1/2	69 3/4	83	69	73 1/2	67 1/2	76 1/2	63	67 1/2	
Cent RR & Bkd of Ga col g 5 3/8 37	97	97	96 1/2	99 1/4	95 1/2	98 1/2	97	97	96	97 1/2	95	95	94 1/2	95	107	113 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2	100	108 1/4	99	105	93	98 1/2	
Central of N J gen g 5s...1987	112 1/2	115	112 1/2	114 1/2	113	114 1/2	112 1/2	114	113 1/2	115	113 1/2	114	113 1/2	113 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	107	108 1/2	107	108 1/4	100	108 1/4	100	100	
Registered	110	114 1/2	109 1/2	112 1/2	112	112 1/2	112	112 1/2	112 1/2	113	112 1/2	113	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2	
General 4s...1987	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	97	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	97 1/2	
Central Pac 1st ref gu 4s...1949	95 1/2	97	95 1/2	97	96 1/4	97 1/4	96 1/4	97 1/4	96 1/4	97 1/4	96 1/4	97 1/4	96 1/4	97 1/4	96 1/4	97 1/4	96 1/4	97 1/4	96 1/4	97 1/4	96 1/4	97 1/4	96 1/4	97 1/4	
Registered	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	95	
Through St L 1st gu g 4s 1959	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	105 1/2	108 1/2	
Guar g 5s...1960	102 1/2	105	102 1/2	105	102 1/2	105	102 1/2	105	102 1/2	105	102 1/2	105	102 1/2	105	102 1/2	105	102 1/2	105	102 1/2	105	102 1/2	105	102 1/2	105	102 1/2
Charleston & Sav 1st g 7s 1936	104 1/4	106	104 1/4	106	104 1/4	106	104 1/4	106	104 1/4	106	104 1/4	106	104 1/4	106	104 1/4	106	104 1/4	106	104 1/4	106	104 1/4	106	104 1/4	106	104 1/4
Ches & Ohio 1st cons g 5s 1939	103 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105 1/2	
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Gen gold 4 1/2s...1992	103 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	106 1/2	
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Ref & imp 4 1/2s ser A...1993	99 3/8	102 1/4	99 3/8	102 1/4	99 3/8	102 1/4	99 3/8	102 1/4	99 3/8	102 1/4	99 3/8	102 1/4	99 3/8	102 1/4	99 3/8	102 1/4	99 3/8	102 1/4	99 3/8	102 1/4	99 3/8	102 1/4	99 3/8	102 1/4	
Ref & imp 4 1/2s "B" 1995	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2	
Craig Valley 4 1/2s Apr 1 3s...1944	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	
Potts Creek Branch 1st 4s 46	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	
Rich & Allied Div 1st con 4s 89	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	94 1/2	96 1/2	
2d cons g 4s...1989	92 1/4	94 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	92 1/4	94 1/4	
Warm Spr Val 1st g 5s...1941	95 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	95 1/2	99 1/2	
Chesa'ke Corp con 5s May 15 47	69 1/2	73	69 1/2	73	69 1/2	73	69 1/2	73	69 1/2	73	69 1/2	73	69 1/2	73	69 1/2	73	69 1/2	73	69 1/2	73	69 1/2	73	69 1/2	73	
Chic & Alt RR 1st g 3s...1949	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	
Ctfs of dep stpd Apr 1 '31 int	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	79 3/4	
Chic & Alt Ry 1st I 3 1/2s...1959	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	92	90 1/2	92	
Chic Burl & O—III Div 3 1/2s 49	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	
Registered	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	
Illinois Division 4s...1949	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	
General 4s...1958	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	96 3/8	98 1/2	
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser B...1947	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser A...1971	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	100	103 1/2	
Chic & East III 1st con 6s 1934	105	110	105	110	105	110	105	110	105	110	105	110	105	110	105	110	105	110	105	110	105	110	105	110	
Chic & E III (new co) gen 5s '51	35	50	35	50	35	50	35	50	35	50	35	50	35	50	35	50	35	50	35	50	35	50	35	50	
Chicago & Erie 1st gold 5s 1952	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	106	104 1/2	106	
Chicago Gt Western 1st 4s 1939	103 1/2	106 3/4	103 1/2	106 3/4	103 1/2	106 3/4	103 1/2	106 3/4	103 1/2	106 3/4	103 1/2	106 3/4	103 1/2	106 3/4	103 1/2	106 3/4	103 1/2	106 3/4	103 1/2	106 3/4	103 1/2	106 3/4	103 1/2	106 3/4	
Chic Indianap & Louisville	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	
Ref g 6s...1947	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	
Refunding gold 5s...1947	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/4	102 3/4	
Refunding 4s series C...1947	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	
1st & gen 5s ser A...1966	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	87 1/2	90 3/4	
1st & gen 4 1/2s ser B...1956	94	94	94	94																					

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	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High								
Des Moines & Ft D 1st gu 4s '35								8	8									30	30 1/2													
Temp ctf of deposit																																
Det & Mackinac 1st 1 g 4s 1915								35	35		6	6		5	5									3	4							
Detroit River Tun 1st 4 1/2 g 1945	102 1/2	104	103	104									102	103 1/2	102	103 1/2			99 1/2	100 1/4	86 1/2	90	89	97	90	90 1/4						
Dul Missabe & Nor gen 5s 1941					103 3/4	104			102 3/4	103 3/4			101 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2					104 1/2	104 1/2	104 3/4	104 3/4	85	98 1/2						
Dul & Iron Range 1st 5s 1937	102	103 1/4	103	103 1/4	103 1/2	103 1/2			102 3/4	104			103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2			98	101 1/4	98 1/2	100 1/4	85	98 1/2						
Dul So Shore & Atl g 5s 1937					60	60 1/2			52 1/2	52 1/2			36 1/2	45	42	47			46	46						39 3/8	39 3/8					
East Ry Minn No Div 1st 4s 1943					96 3/4	96 3/4			97	97			96 3/4	97 1/2																		
East Tenn Va & Ga—																																
Gen 1st g 5s 1956	104 1/4	108	107	107 1/2	107 3/4	108			107 3/4	108			107 1/4	107 1/4	107 1/2	107 1/2			100	105 1/2	101 1/4	104			87	99 3/4	87	87				
Elgin Joliet & East 1st g 5s 1941	104 1/2	104 1/2	104	104	103 1/2	104			102 3/4	106 1/4			104 1/2	105 1/4	104 1/2	107 1/2			101	105 1/2	98	102 3/4					88 1/2	88 1/2				
El Paso & S W 1st & ref 1965	102 1/2	103 1/4	103	103 1/4					102 3/4	103 3/4			103 1/2	103 3/4	103 1/2	103 3/4			104 1/4	104 3/4	98	98										
Eric 1st con g prior 4s 1996	85	88 1/4	84 1/4	87 1/4	86 1/4	89 3/4			85 1/4	89 1/2			86 3/8	89	86 3/4	88 1/2			85	89	87	88 3/4	77 1/8	87 3/4	70 3/8	76	65 1/8	76 1/4	53	67 1/8		
Registered																																
1st cons gen Hen g 4s 1996	72 1/4	79 1/4	74	78	71 1/2	75 1/4			70	72 1/2			70 3/4	70	70	77			63	76	67 1/2	71 1/2	54 3/4	61	48	61	48	61	39	51		
Registered																																
Penn coll trust g 4s 1951	98 1/4	100			98 1/4	100 1/4			99 3/4	100 3/4			99 1/2	101 1/8	99 3/4	100			100 3/8	101 1/4	100	100	100	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	99 1/2		
50-year con g 4s ser A 1953	73 1/4	78 1/2	76	78	73 1/2	77			69 1/2	72			68 1/2	75 3/4	69 3/4	72 1/2			71 1/4	76	65	71 1/2	55	68	52	60	44	56	42	42		
50-yr con g 4s ser B 1953	73 1/4	78 1/2	76	78	72	77			70	71 1/4			68	75 3/4	68	75 3/4			74	76	63	71	58 3/4	68 1/2	52	60	42	55 1/2	29	42		
Gen con 4s ser D 1953	71 1/2	72	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 3/4			72	72			73 1/2	73 1/2					75 1/2	75 1/2	67 1/8	67 1/2										
Ref & imp 5s 1930 1975	77 1/4	84 1/2	79	84	72	82 1/2			71 1/4	74 3/4			72 1/4	79 3/8	65 1/2	80			74 1/2	81 1/8	64 1/2	75	53 1/2	70 3/4	50	59	39	60	26	42		
Ref & Imp 5s of 1930 1975	77 1/4	84 1/2	79	84	72	82 1/2			71 1/4	74 3/4			72 1/4	79 3/8	65 1/2	80			74 1/2	81 1/8	64 1/2	74 1/4	52 1/2	70 1/4	49	59	39	60	26	42		
Eric & Jersey 1st s f 6s 1955	109	110 1/2	109 1/4	110 1/2	110	112			110 1/2	112			111 3/4	112 1/2	111 3/4	112 1/2			108	112 1/2	102	111 3/4	96	98	98	100	80	82	80	82		
Genesee RR 1st s f 6s 1957	106 1/8	110	108 3/8	110	108 3/8	110			110 1/2	113			112	114 1/2	110 3/4	114 1/2			111	112 1/2	108	112 1/2	95	98 1/4	96	99	75	75	75	75		
Gen Pitts gen guar 3 1/2 s f 1930													93 3/8	93 3/8					95 3/8	95 3/8												
Gen guar 3 1/2 s series C 1930																																
Fla Cent & Pen cons gold 5s '43	81	85	89	89 1/2	90	93			89	90			85	86 1/2	84 3/4	84 3/4			85	93	83	85	76	81			65	65	42 1/2	42 1/2		
Florida East Coast 1st 4 1/2 s 1959	77	80	77	80	79 3/8	80			77	78			67 1/8	76	72 1/2	72 1/2			75	75	64	75	65	73 1/2	60 1/2	63 1/4	51	60 1/4	45	50		
1st & ref 5s ser A 1974	21 1/2	31	20 1/2	25	20	29			20	21 1/2			17 1/8	21	17	23			19	22 1/2	15	22 1/2	15	22 1/2	8 1/2	16	7	10	8 1/2	10 1/2		
Certificates of deposit																																
Fonda Johnst & Glov 4 1/2 s 1952	24	28 1/2	24 3/4	29	19 3/4	25			20	20 1/2			17	20 1/8	17	18			16	18	13 3/4	15	7	15	7 1/8	12	10	12 1/4	8 1/2	10		
Fort St U D Con 1st g 4 1/2 s 1941									105 3/8	107 1/4			105 3/8	106					96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	
Ft Worth & D C 5 1/2 s 1961									104 1/4	104 1/4			104	105 1/2					105 1/2	105 1/2	105	105	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	97	98
From Elk & Mo V 1st 6s 1933	104 1/4	104 1/4	103 1/2	103 3/4	103 1/2	104			104	104 1/4			104	105 1/2					104 1/4	104 1/4	104	104 1/4	100 3/4	102 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	90 3/8	100 1/2				
G H & S A M & P 1st 5s 1931	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2			100	100 1/2			99 1/2	100 1/4																		
2d guar exten 5s 1931	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4			100 1/2	100 3/4			99 1/2	100 1/4																		
Galv Hou & Hen 1st 5s 1933	98	100	99 3/4	99 3/4					96 1/2	97			99 3/4	99 3/4	97	99 1/2			95 1/2	95 1/2												
Ga & Ala 1st cons 5s Oct 1945	55	55	57 1/2	57 1/2	55	55			31	32 1/4			30	35	30	35			35 1/2	45	26	35 1/2	17 1/2	25 1/2	12 1/2	17 3/8	12 1/2	17 3/8	12 1/2	15 1/4		
Ga Caro & N 1st gu g 5s July 1954	85	94 1/2	92	95	87 3/8	92			86	86			86	86	86	87			86	86			50	50			30	54	45	45		
Georgia Midland 1st 3s 1946	73	73																														
Gouv & Oswegatch 1st gu 5s '42																																
Gr R & I ex 1st gu g 4 1/2 s 1941	99 3/8	99 3/8	99 3/8	101	101 1/4	101 1/2			101 1/4	101 1/2			101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/8	101 1/8			101 3/8	101 3/8			100	100								
Grand Trunk Ry s f 7s 1940	110 1/8	111 1/4	110	112	111 1/2	112 1/4			111	112			112	113 1/2	112 1/2	113 1/4			112 1/4	113 1/4	112 1/2	113 3/8	94 3/4	113 3/8	95 1/2	101 1/4	95 1/2	102	85	96 3/8		
15-year s f 6s 1936	105 1/4	106 1/4	106 1/4	107 3/4	107 1/4	108			107 3/4	108 1/2			107 3/4	108 3/4	108	108 3/4			107 1/2	108 3/4	107	107 3/4	84 1/2	107 1/2			85	98	83 1/2	93		
Ill-Nor gen 7s CB & Q coll A '36	109 1/8	111 1/2	109 1/8	112	110 1/2	112			110	111			110 3/8	111 1/2	108 3/4	111			109 3/8	110 1/2	103 1/2	109 1/2	98 1/2	107 1/2	98 1/2	105 1/2	95	104	83	93		
Registered																																
1st & refund 4 1/2 s ser A 1961	99	101 3/4	99	101 1/2	99 3/4	101 1/4			99	100 3/4			99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2			98 3/4	100 1/2	95	100	95	97 1/2	90	95 1/2	80	92	75	82		
Gen g 5 1/2 s ser B 1952	107 1/8	111	108 1/2	110	109 3/4	110 1/4			107 3/4	109 1/4			108 3/8	111	107 3/4	110			107 1/4	108 3/4	97	105 3/8	85 1/2	100 7/8	85	93	78	96	66	81 3/4		
Gen 5s series C 1973	103 1/2	106	105 1/2	106 1/2	105	106 1/2			102	105 3/4			102 1/4	108 1/4	101	104			101 1/2	103 1/4	87 1/4	101	82	91 3/4	70	81	79	84	68 1/2	75		
Gen 4 1/2 s series D 1976	97 1/2	100	98 3/8	99 1/2	98	99 1/2			95 1/2	97 1/2			95 3/4	99 1/2	95 3/8	98 1/2			94	96 1/8	85 1/4	94	71	88	65	80	70	80	56 1/2	68 1/2		
Gen 4 1/2 s series E 1977	96	99 3/4	96 1/8	98 3/8	96 3/8	98 3/8			95 3/4	97 1/4			96 1/8	98 3/4	95 3/8	97 3/8			94 1/4	96 1/2	82 3/8	94 1/2	63	86	64 3/8	82	65	82	56 3/8	68 1/2		
Green Bay & West deb																																

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BONDS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
Long Island 1st con 5s July '31	101	101			100 1/4	100 3/8	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	
Gen gold 4s	95	96 1/4			96 1/2	98	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	98	97 1/2	98	
Gen gold 4s			98 1/2	98 1/2			98 3/8	98 3/8			99	99	99	99	100	100	97 1/2	100 1/4	98 3/8	100					
Unified gold 4s	92 3/8	93			92 1/2	92 1/2	90 7/8	93 3/8	95 1/2	95 1/2			93	93	93	94 1/2	92 1/2	100 1/4					88 1/2	88 1/2	
Deb gold 5s	101	101			101 1/4	102	101 1/2	102	101 1/2	101 1/2	101	101	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	101 1/4	100 3/4	101 1/4	99 1/2	99 1/2	98	99	98	99	
20-year debent 5s	1937	1937	101 1/2	102	101 1/4	102	100 1/4	102	101 1/2	102	103	101 1/2	102 1/4	102 1/4	102 1/4	100 3/4	102 1/4	100 3/4	93 3/8	98 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2	75	92 1/2	
Guar ref con 4s	1942	1942	92 1/2	94	92	94 1/2	94 1/8	95 1/2	93 3/4	94 3/8	93 3/8	95 1/2	95 1/8	97	95 1/2	96 3/4	94	96 3/8	91	94 1/2	82 1/4	88 1/2	85	88 1/2	
N Sh Bch 1st gold gu 5s Oct '32	1939	1939			100 1/2	100 3/8	101	101 1/2			100 1/2	101 1/2	101	101			100 1/2	101			99	101 1/2	98 3/4	99 3/8	
Louisiana & Ark 1st 5s A	1969	1969	61	71 1/2	66	70	63	75	54 7/8	65 1/8	41 7/8	60	39	55 1/4	52 1/2	57	42	53 1/2	36	46 1/4	36 3/8	47 1/8	41	50 1/2	
Low & Jeff Bdge Co gu 4s 1945	1945	1945	94	96 1/4	94 3/8	95 1/2	96 1/4	97 1/4	94	96 1/4	94 3/8	94 1/4	93	94	95	95	94	94 1/4	93 1/2	93 3/8			85	88	
Louis & Nash gold 5s	1937	1937							103 1/8	103 1/8	103	103	103 3/8	103 3/8	102 7/8	103 3/8			101 1/4	101 1/2	100	100	95	98	
When issued																									
Unified gold 4s	1940	1940	97 1/2	99 1/2	97 1/4	99	98 1/8	99	98 3/4	99 3/8	99 1/8	100 7/8	98 1/2	c102	99	100 1/4	94	99 1/4	93 1/2	98 1/8	89 1/2	92 1/2	90 1/2	93	
Registered																									
Coll trust gold 5s	1931	1931	101	101	101	101 1/2	101 1/8	101 1/4	101 1/8	101 1/8	102			100 5/8	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 1/2	103	103	100	100				
1st & ref 5 1/2s ser A	2003	2003	104 1/2	106	105	106 3/8	104 7/8	106	101 1/8	106	103	105	103 7/8	105 1/2	104 1/2	106	100 1/2	104 1/2	97 1/4	101 3/8	96 1/8	100 1/4	96 1/2	99	
1st & ref 5s ser B	2003	2003	104 1/2	106	104 1/8	105	104 1/4	105 3/4	104 3/8	105 1/2	103 1/8	104 1/4	103 1/8	104 1/4	101 7/8	103 1/8	97	102 1/2	88	99 1/4	80 1/2	88	94	94	
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser C	2003	2003	99	102 1/4	99	101 3/8	99 1/8	101	96 3/8	100	97	98 3/4	97	98 3/8	96	98 1/4	88 1/8	95 1/2	80 1/4	91 1/2	81	85	82	85	
5s Interim receipts	1944	1944																							
Paducah & Mem Div 4s	1946	1946			63	67	67 1/2	67 1/2	64 1/8	66	67	70 1/8	68 1/4	70 1/4	68 1/4	69	68	69	67 1/4	69 1/4	65	65	87 1/2	87 1/2	
St Louis Div 2d gold 3s	1950	1950							100 7/8	100 7/8	101 1/4	101 3/4													
Mobile & Montg 1st g 4 1/2s '45	1945	1945			100 3/8	100 3/8			100 7/8	100 7/8	101 1/4	101 3/4													
Southern Ry joint Mon 4s '52	1952	1952	86	93	89 1/2	92 1/4	86 5/8	95	87 3/4	90	87 3/4	92 1/2	87 3/4	89	87 3/8	88 1/4	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88	88
Atl Knox & Cin Div 4s	1955	1955	96	96 3/4	89 1/4	96 1/4	95 1/2	96 1/2	95	96 3/8	95	96 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2	91 7/8	94 1/2	91 7/8	94 1/2	83 1/2	90	80 1/8	82 1/8	80 1/8	82 1/8	
Louis Cin & Lex g 4 1/2s	1931	1931	100	100			100 1/2	100 1/2	100 3/8	100 3/8	101	100 5/8	100 3/8	100 3/8	100 3/8	100 3/8	100	100 1/8	100	100 1/8	99 1/2	99 1/2			
Mahoning Coal RR 1st 5s	1934	1934			101 1/4	101 1/4			102	102			102	102											
Manila RR Sou Lines 1st 4s '39	1939	1939	73 3/8	77 1/4	74 1/8	75	74 1/2	75	74 3/4	74 3/4			75	76 3/8	64 3/4	65 1/4	65	65 1/4	54	59 3/8	54	54	52	63	
1st extended 4s	1937	1937	67	67 1/2	67	70			72 1/2	72 1/2	68	70	65	65	65	65	65	65							
Manito S W Colonies g 5s	1934	1934	98 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/2	99 1/2			100	100	99	100	99 1/2	100	99 3/4	99 3/4	98 3/4	100	98 1/2	99 1/4					
Man G B & N W Ir gu 3 1/2s 1941	1941	1941			90	90			90 1/2	90 1/2			87 1/4	87 1/4	89 1/8	89 1/8	87 1/2	87 1/2							
Mich Cent Det & B C 5s	1931	1931			99 7/8	99 7/8			97 1/2	99 1/4															
Michigan Air Line 4s	1940	1940	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4	97 3/4			97 1/2	99 1/4				98 5/8	98 5/8	98	98 1/2								
1st gold 3 1/2s	1952	1952	85 1/2	85 1/2	89	89 3/8	89 1/2	90 3/8	89 1/2	90	89 1/2	90 5/8			89	90	90 1/4	91	90	90					
Ref & imp 4 1/2s series C	1979	1979	102 3/8	102 3/4	102	104 3/8	100 3/8	104	100 3/4	102 1/4	101	102 3/4	100 1/2	102 1/2	102	102 1/2	100	101 1/8	97 3/8	97 3/8	90 3/8	95 1/8			
Midland of N J 1st ext 5s	1940	1940	98 1/2	98 1/2	97 1/2	99 3/8	99 3/4	100	100	100 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	80	80	78	81	76 1/8	78	72	82 1/4					
Mil & Nor RR 1st 4 1/2s (1880) '34	1934	1934	97	97 1/2	97	100	99 1/4	99 3/4	99	99 3/8	98 3/4	99 7/8	97	98 1/2	96 1/2	97	96	96 1/2	99	90 1/2					
Con ext 4 1/2s (1884)	1934	1934			95	95	94	94	92 1/4	94	94 1/2	92 3/8	92 1/2	92 1/2	93	88 3/8	92	90	90						
Mil Sp & St L 1st con 5s	1934	1934	17 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/8	18 1/8	20	20	18	18	15	18	14	16	15	18	15	18							
Temp crfs of deposit	1934	1934	21	21	16 1/8	20	20	30	18	18	16	16 1/2			11	13									
1st & refund gold 4s	1949	1949	5	9	6 3/8	8	6	6 3/4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	8	5	5	2 1/2	5 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	
Ref & ext 5s ser A	1962	1962					8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	3 1/2	8	8	8	8	8	
Certificates of deposit																									
M St P & S S M cons 4s stpd '38	1938	1938	83	88 1/4	86 1/2	89 1/4	87	89	85 1/8	88 1/8	81 3/4	87	80 1/4	85	78 1/2	79	62	72	43	62	40	54	49	57	
1st cons 5s	1938	1938			80	84 1/2	76	80 3/8	75	78 1/2	74 1/2	76	60	70	68	70	64	62	50	54	36	50	38	50	
1st cons 5s gu as to intx	1938	1938	94	94 1/2	92	93 1/4	89 7/8	94 1/4	89 1/2	92	89 7/8	91 1/2	83	85 1/2	79	80 1/2	68	80	65	65	70	70	50 1/2	65	
Col tr 6 1/2s	1931	1931	98 1/4	100	99 1/2	100	99 7/8	100 1/2	98 1/4	100	99 1/2	99	98 1/2	98	98 1/2	100	99 1/2	100							
1st & ref 6s ser A	1946	1946	81	89	87	87	82 1/4	85 1/4	81	84					40	40			39 7/8	47	35	38	33	33	
25-year g 5 1/2s	1949	1949	63 3/4	67	62 1/2	66 1/4	63 3/8	66	62 1/2	64 1/2	62 1/2	63 3/8	50	54	45	49 3/4			40	40	40	40	20	20	
1st ref 5 1/2s series B	1978	1978	97	99 3/4	97 1/4	98 3/4	91	98 3/4	96	98 3/8	92 1/2	97	92 3/8	94	85	93	90	95	79	90 1/2	70	77 3/8	71	75	
Mississippi Central 1st 5s	1949	1949	90	97					88	88 1/8				88	94 1/8	90									

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Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various bond types (e.g., St L & San Fran Ry gen 6s, General 8s, etc.). Each cell contains numerical values representing bond prices and yields.

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	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
MANUFAC. & INDUS. BONDS																									
Abtibi Pow & Paper 1st 5s 1933	70	78	75 1/2	77 3/4	74 1/2	77 3/4	45 1/2	77	47 1/2	57	44 1/2	58	53	57	52	55	35 1/4	54 1/2	26	40	35 3/4	48	23 1/2	39	
Abraham & Straus deb 5 1/2s '43 with warrants	93	97	95	96	90 1/2	96	96	100 1/4	99 1/2	101	98 3/4	100 1/4	98	97 1/2	97 1/2	99	90	98 3/4	88	92 1/2	88 1/2	93	75	89	
Adams Express col tr 4s 1948	84 3/4	87 1/2	86 3/4	88	83 3/4	88	84 1/2	88 1/4	84 1/2	89	84 3/4	87 1/2	86	87 1/2	86	88 1/2	84 1/2	86 1/2	80	84 1/2	80	84 1/2	75	83	
Adriatic Elec Co 7s 1952	86	96	97 1/4	99	98 1/2	99 3/4	97	99 3/4	98 1/2	100 1/2	94 1/2	99 1/2	95	99 1/2	90	94	80	91 1/2	80	91 1/2	73 1/2	82	73	81	
Ajax Rubber 1st 15-yr s f 8s 1936	8	12	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	
Alaska Gold deb 6s A 1925	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	
Conv deb 6s ser B 1926	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	
Albany Perf Paper 6s 1948	78	78	73 1/2	75	50	55	52	55	52	55	52	58	60	60	61	65	54 1/2	56	52	54 1/2	44	55	44	55	
Allegheny Corp col tr 5s 1944	79 1/2	84 1/2	81 1/2	87 1/2	79 1/2	85 1/2	72	80 1/2	60	78	57 1/2	78	65 1/2	79	60	67	40	63 1/2	40	50 1/2	33	52 1/2	25	35	
Collateral & conv 5s 1949	80	84	81	85 1/2	78	84	71	79 3/4	56 1/2	75	51 1/2	75 1/2	66	76	52	64 1/2	37 1/2	55 1/2	34 1/2	46	34	44 1/2	18	32	
Col & conv 5s 1950	80	83 1/4	80 1/2	85	77 3/4	83 1/4	70	79 1/2	55	74 1/2	50	75	63	74	50	63	28	51 1/2	28	39 1/2	26	40	11 1/2	26	
Allis-Chalmers Mfg deb 5s 1937	100 1/4	102 3/4	100 1/2	102 3/4	101 3/4	102 3/4	101	102	100 1/2	102 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/4	104	96 1/2	102	87	94	87	95	79	90	
Alpine Montan Steel 1st 7s 1955	86	88 1/4	88 3/4	92 1/2	91	94	83	88	82 1/2	86 1/4	75	79 3/4	70 1/2	78	69	80	54 1/2	73 1/2	53	63	53	63	41	51 1/2	
Am Agric Chem 1st ref 7 1/2s 1941	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	103 1/2	105	103 1/4	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	101 1/4	104 1/2	101 1/4	104 1/2	101 1/4	104 1/2	101 1/4	104 1/2	101 1/4	104 1/2	
Amer Beet Sug conv deb 6s 1935	42	47	42	44 1/2	40 1/2	45 1/2	40	43	30	31	25 1/2	31	30 1/2	35	35	38	31	40	25	31 1/2	25	30	17	25 1/2	
Amer Chain Co deb s f 6s 1933	98	100 1/2	99 3/4	102	100 1/2	102	101 1/2	102	98	101 1/2	98 3/4	101	98	100 1/2	99	100 3/4	96 1/4	99 1/2	96 1/4	99 1/2	92 1/2	96	92	93	
Amer Cor Oil deb 5s 1931	100 3/4	100 3/4	100 1/2	100 3/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	
Amer Cyanamid deb 5s 1942	93	94	92	96	94	95 1/2	90	94 1/2	89	91	83 1/2	88	86	89	86	90	85	90 1/4	81 1/2	85	82	88	69 1/2	82	
Amer & Foreign Power 5s 2030	76	85 1/2	81 1/4	86	83 1/2	88	81 1/2	85	76 3/4	84	74	81	72 1/2	83 1/4	69 3/4	74	49 3/4	69 3/4	46	60	49	63 1/2	30	51	
Amer Ice s f deb 5s 1953	83	85	81	83 1/4	79	84 3/4	80	82 1/2	79	84 1/2	74 1/2	84 1/2	81	84	71	78	60	71	60	71	68 3/4	73	67	70	
Amer I G Chem 5 1/2s w 1949	98	101 1/4	98 1/2	100 1/2	100 3/4	102	99 1/4	101 1/4	99	102	96 1/2	100 1/4	96 3/4	101	94	97 1/2	75	95	60	78	70	81 1/2	52	70	
Amer Internat Corpn 5 1/2s 49	89	94	90 1/2	94 1/2	91	95 3/4	88 1/2	93 1/2	86 1/2	90	84 3/4	90	82 1/2	88 1/2	81 1/2	83 1/2	73 1/2	82	74	78	73	78 1/2	63	73	
Amer Mach & Fdy s f 6s 1939	104 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	104 1/4	104 3/4	
Amer Metal 5 1/2s notes 1934	91	93 1/4	90 3/4	94 3/4	93 1/2	95	91	93 1/2	85	91	74	84 1/2	77	85	71	78	55	72	63	69 1/2	60	77 1/2	43	60	
Amer Nat Gas Corp deb 6 1/2s 1942	36	51 1/2	30	35 3/4	25	33	17	31 3/4	8 1/2	20 1/2	16	20	15	23	10	20	15	23	10	20	8	15	6	14	
Amer Smelt & Ref 1st A 5s 1912	102	104 1/2	102	104 1/2	102 1/4	104 1/2	102 1/4	104 1/2	102 1/4	104 1/2	102 1/4	104 1/2	102 1/4	104 1/2	102 1/4	104 1/2	102 1/4	104 1/2	102 1/4	104 1/2	102 1/4	104 1/2	102 1/4	104 1/2	
Amer Sugar Ref 5-yr deb 6s 1937	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	103 1/4	104 1/2	
Amer Tel & Tel conv 4s 1936	100	101	99 3/4	101 1/2	101 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	101	103	102 1/2	103 1/2	103	103 1/2	103	104 1/2	104	106	97 1/4	105 1/2	98 1/2	101 1/2	96 1/2	102 1/2	
20-yr conv 4 1/2s 1933	100 1/2	102	100 1/2	102	100 1/2	102	100 1/2	102	100 1/2	102	100 1/2	102	100 1/2	102	100 1/2	102	100 1/2	102	100 1/2	102	100 1/2	102	100 1/2	102	
30-yr coll trust 5s 1946	105	106 3/4	105 1/2	107	105 1/2	107 1/4	105 1/2	108 1/4	105 1/2	109 3/4	106	107	106	107	106	108 1/4	105 1/2	108 1/4	105 1/2	108 1/4	105 1/2	108 1/4	105 1/2	108 1/4	
35-yr s f deb 5s 1960	104 1/2	107 1/2	106	107	106 3/4	108 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/4	107 1/2	109 3/4	107	108 3/4	107 1/2	108 3/4	108 1/2	109 3/4	108 1/2	109 3/4	108 1/2	109 3/4	108 1/2	109 3/4	108 1/2	109 3/4	
20-yr s f 5 1/2s 1943	107 1/2	109 1/2	108 1/4	109 1/2	108 3/4	110	109 1/4	110 1/2	109 1/4	110 1/2	109 1/2	111	109 1/2	110 1/2	110	111 1/2	105	111 1/2	104 1/2	107 3/4	105	108 3/4	99	105 3/4	
Convertible deb 4 1/2s 1939	120 1/2	130	126 3/4	135	127 1/4	135	126	131	127 1/2	133 1/4	126 3/4	134 1/4	126 3/4	134 1/4	127 1/2	131 1/2	114	127 1/2	109 1/2	119 1/4	111	118	96	112 1/4	
35-yr deb 5s 1965	105 1/4	107 3/4	106	107	106 3/4	107 3/4	107 1/2	108 3/4	107 1/2	109 3/4	107 1/2	109 3/4	107 1/2	109 3/4	108 1/2	109 3/4	108 1/2	109 3/4	108 1/2	109 3/4	108 1/2	109 3/4	108 1/2	109 3/4	
Amer Type Founders deb 6s 1940	103 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	105 1/2	
Amer Wat Wks & Elec col 5s 1934	101 1/4	104	101	102 1/2	102	103 1/4	102 3/4	103 3/4	102 3/4	103 3/4	102	104	101 1/2	102 1/2	101 1/2	103	95 1/2	102 3/4	93 1/2	102 3/4	93 1/2	102 3/4	81	94	
Deb 6s ser A 1947	95	98	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	
Am Write Paper 1st 6s 1947	95	98	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	
Anglo-Chilean Nitrate s f deb 7 1/2s 1945	95	98	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	97	
Antilla (Comp Az) 7 1/2s A 1939	14	20	16	20	16 1/2	16 1/2	16	16 1/2	16	16 1/2	15	16 1/2	15	16 1/2	15	16 1/2	15	16 1/2	15	16 1/2	15	16 1/2	15	16 1/2	
Certificates of deposit																									
Ark&Mem Ry Bdg&Ter 5s '64	101 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/2	101 1/4	101 1/2	101 1/4	97	99	97	101	98 3/4	98 3/4	101	101	99 1/2	99 1/2	98 1/4	99 1/2	88	88	88	88	c85	90	
Armour & Co 1st 4 1/2s 1939	82 1/2	82	89	91	87	90 1/2	78 3/4	87	76 1/2	82 3/4	70	82	77 1/2	82 1/4	75	81	67	76 3/4	65 1/2	73	76 1/2	64	64	74 1/2	
Armour & Co (Del) 1st 5 1/2s A 1943	76 1/4	80 1/2	75	78 1/4	69	76	68	73	61	75	53	74 1/2	69 1/2	74 1/2	53	61	56	65 1/2	60	65 1/2	60	65 1/2	53	64	
Armstrong Cork Conv deb 5s 40	93 1/4	98	91 1/4	95	91 1/4	93	91	93 1/2	92																

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Table with columns for Bonds, January Low/High, February Low/High, March Low/High, April Low/High, May Low/High, June Low/High, July Low/High, August Low/High, September Low/High, October Low/High, November Low/High, December Low/High. Rows include various bond types like Crown-Willamette, Crown Zellerbach, Cuban-Amer, etc.

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BONDS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
Kings Co Ltd 1st & ref 5s...1954	105 ¹ / ₂	105 ¹ / ₂	104 ¹ / ₂	105 ¹ / ₂	104 ¹ / ₂	107 ¹ / ₂	107 ¹ / ₂	107 ¹ / ₂	107 ¹ / ₂	107 ¹ / ₂	107 ¹ / ₂	106	106	107 ¹ / ₂	107 ¹ / ₂	---	---	103	103	---	---			
1st & ref 6 1/2s...1954	118 ¹ / ₂	118 ¹ / ₂	119	119	118 ¹ / ₂	119	118 ¹ / ₂	118 ¹ / ₂	119 ¹ / ₂	120	119	119	118 ¹ / ₂	119	---	---	118 ¹ / ₂	119	110	110	---	---	105	112
Kinney (G R) Co conv 7 1/2s 1936	87	90	88	90 ¹ / ₂	80	89	72 ¹ / ₂	76 ¹ / ₂	75 ¹ / ₂	80	75 ¹ / ₂	80	79 ¹ / ₂	88	90	96	82 ¹ / ₂	91	80	84	---	---	55	69 ¹ / ₂
Kresge Found col tr 6s...1936	102	102 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	103	102 ¹ / ₂	103	101 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	101	103	101 ¹ / ₂	103	102	103	99 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	94	99 ¹ / ₂	97	99 ¹ / ₂	89 ¹ / ₂	97
Krueger & Toll 5s with warr 1939	88	93	89 ¹ / ₂	93 ¹ / ₂	91 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	92 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	91 ¹ / ₂	94	89 ¹ / ₂	94	85	93 ¹ / ₂	87	87	87	87	48	61	53 ¹ / ₂	61 ¹ / ₂	37	56 ¹ / ₂
Lack Steel 1st cons 5s ser A '50	102	103 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	104 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	104 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	103	102 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	103	104 ¹ / ₂	100	105	95	100	96 ¹ / ₂	97 ¹ / ₂	93 ¹ / ₂	97
Laclede Gas L ref 1st 6 1/2s '34	101	103 ¹ / ₂	102	102 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	104 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	104 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	104 ¹ / ₂	102	103 ¹ / ₂	97	102 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	97	100	88	98 ¹ / ₂
Col & ref 5 1/2s ser C...1953	101	103	102	103 ¹ / ₂	100	103 ¹ / ₂	101	102	101	103 ¹ / ₂	100	101 ¹ / ₂	100	102 ¹ / ₂	100	102 ¹ / ₂	89	102	87 ¹ / ₂	92	85	89 ¹ / ₂	64	85
Col & ref 5 1/2s ser 'D'...1960	101 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	101	103 ¹ / ₂	100	101 ¹ / ₂	100	101 ¹ / ₂	100	101 ¹ / ₂	89	100 ¹ / ₂	80	93	87	90 ¹ / ₂	65	87 ¹ / ₂
Lautaro Nitrate Co 6s...1954	43	59 ¹ / ₂	55	63	60 ¹ / ₂	75 ¹ / ₂	50	69 ¹ / ₂	40 ¹ / ₂	56 ¹ / ₂	34	52	33	46	19	32 ¹ / ₂	6	24 ¹ / ₂	10	15	10	18 ¹ / ₂	7	13 ¹ / ₂
Lehigh G & N con s f 4 1/2s A '54	98 ¹ / ₂	101	99 ¹ / ₂	101	100	100 ¹ / ₂	99	99 ¹ / ₂	99	101	100 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	101	101	102	102	102	102	93	95 ¹ / ₂	91 ¹ / ₂	93	88	91 ¹ / ₂
Cons s f 4 1/2s 'C'...1954	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	92	95	92	94	88	92 ¹ / ₂
Lehigh Val Coal Co 1st 6 1/2s '33	100 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	101	102	101 ¹ / ₂	102	100	102	101 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	102	101 ¹ / ₂	102	99	101 ¹ / ₂	95	99	94	95 ¹ / ₂	89	95 ¹ / ₂
1st 40 yr int red to 4%...1933	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	97 ¹ / ₂	97 ¹ / ₂	---	---	94	94
1st & ref s f 5s...1934	---	---	99 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	100 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	98	98	95 ¹ / ₂	95 ¹ / ₂
1st & ref s f 5s...1944	77 ¹ / ₂	78	77 ¹ / ₂	77^{1}/_{2}	77^{1}/_{2}	77^{1}/_{2}	75 ¹ / ₂	77	---	---	---	---	---	69 ¹ / ₂	70	50	55	55	55	40	42	50	50	44
1st & ref s f 5s...1954	---	---	---	---	52	52	43	43	---	---	---	---	---	47 ¹ / ₂	47 ¹ / ₂	52	52	42 ¹ / ₂	43	40	42	40	51	50
1st & ref s f 5s...1964	---	---	---	---	55	55	55	55	---	---	---	---	---	50	50	50	50	49 ¹ / ₂	49 ¹ / ₂	---	---	---	---	49 ¹ / ₂
1st & ref s f 5s...1974	50	55	50	57	53	55	52	55	---	---	---	---	---	50	50	50	50	---	---	---	---	---	---	41
Liddett & Myers Tob 7s...1944	120 ¹ / ₂	123 ¹ / ₂	120 ¹ / ₂	121 ¹ / ₂	118 ¹ / ₂	121 ¹ / ₂	121	122 ¹ / ₂	122	125	121 ¹ / ₂	125	121 ¹ / ₂	124 ¹ / ₂	123 ¹ / ₂	124 ¹ / ₂	120	124 ¹ / ₂	115 ¹ / ₂	120	116	119 ¹ / ₂	11	45
5s...1951	104 ¹ / ₂	107	104 ¹ / ₂	106 ¹ / ₂	105 ¹ / ₂	107	105 ¹ / ₂	106 ¹ / ₂	106	108 ¹ / ₂	108	108 ¹ / ₂	108	108 ¹ / ₂	108	108 ¹ / ₂	104	110	99	103	100	104 ¹ / ₂	95	103 ¹ / ₂
Loew's Inc deb 6s with war '41	100	105 ¹ / ₂	102 ¹ / ₂	110 ¹ / ₂	100	109	c102	c104 ¹ / ₂	---	---	---	---	---	97	99	84 ¹ / ₂	98	82	89	89	84	90	70	90 ¹ / ₂
Without stk purch warrants	96 ¹ / ₂	99	98 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	94	97 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	96 ¹ / ₂	95 ¹ / ₂	98	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Lombard Elec 1st 7s w w 1952	76 ¹ / ₂	90	88 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	92	95 ¹ / ₂	91 ¹ / ₂	94	84 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	85 ¹ / ₂	88	77	87	77 ¹ / ₂	89 ¹ / ₂	59 ¹ / ₂	80 ¹ / ₂	54	75 ¹ / ₂	65	73 ¹ / ₂	54	64 ¹ / ₂
without warrants	75	89	88 ¹ / ₂	92 ¹ / ₂	91	95	90	93	88	94	84	87 ¹ / ₂	76 ¹ / ₂	88	75	84 ¹ / ₂	55	80	51	75 ¹ / ₂	69	72 ¹ / ₂	88	93 ¹ / ₂
Lorillard (P) 7s...1944	102 ¹ / ₂	109	107 ¹ / ₂	110	111	112 ¹ / ₂	111	113	111 ¹ / ₂	114	112 ¹ / ₂	114	113	112 ¹ / ₂	114	113	112 ¹ / ₂	115	104	112	109	107 ¹ / ₂	98 ¹ / ₂	108
5s...1951	82	89	86 ¹ / ₂	90 ¹ / ₂	89 ¹ / ₂	91	90 ¹ / ₂	92 ¹ / ₂	91	95 ¹ / ₂	90 ¹ / ₂	94	92 ¹ / ₂	95 ¹ / ₂	93 ¹ / ₂	95 ¹ / ₂	86	94 ¹ / ₂	85	91 ¹ / ₂	88	93 ¹ / ₂	77	87
Deb 5 1/2s...1937	86 ¹ / ₂	95 ¹ / ₂	86 ¹ / ₂	95 ¹ / ₂	93 ¹ / ₂	97 ¹ / ₂	94	96 ¹ / ₂	94 ¹ / ₂	98 ¹ / ₂	93 ¹ / ₂	98 ¹ / ₂	98 ¹ / ₂	98 ¹ / ₂	101	101	97 ¹ / ₂	100 ¹ / ₂	91 ¹ / ₂	99	98 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	101 ¹ / ₂	
Louis G & El 1st & ref 5s...1952	103 ¹ / ₂	105 ¹ / ₂	103 ¹ / ₂	105 ¹ / ₂	105	107 ¹ / ₂	105	107 ¹ / ₂	105	108	106	108	106	107 ¹ / ₂	105 ¹ / ₂	107 ¹ / ₂	100	100	100	100	100	100	104	103 ¹ / ₂
Lower Austria Hydro Elec Co	76	82	83	86 ¹ / ₂	85 ¹ / ₂	87 ¹ / ₂	81	85 ¹ / ₂	81 ¹ / ₂	85 ¹ / ₂	78	83	71 ¹ / ₂	82	60	63 ¹ / ₂	51	56 ¹ / ₂	30	32	37 ¹ / ₂	41	37 ¹ / ₂	42 ¹ / ₂
McCrorey Store deb 5 1/2s...1941	93 ¹ / ₂	95 ¹ / ₂	94	95	97 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	98	100	97 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	98 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	98 ¹ / ₂	98 ¹ / ₂	98 ¹ / ₂	99 ¹ / ₂	90	97 ¹ / ₂	88 ¹ / ₂	92 ¹ / ₂	88	90 ¹ / ₂	74	87
McKesson & Rob deb 5 1/2s...1950	78 ¹ / ₂	84 ¹ / ₂	79	81	79	82 ¹ / ₂	76 ¹ / ₂	82 ¹ / ₂	68 ¹ / ₂	78	65 ¹ / ₂	75	73	74	77 ¹ / ₂	78	58	75	52	65	63 ¹ / ₂	68 ¹ / ₂	46	64 ¹ / ₂
Manati Sugar 1st s f 7 1/2s...1942	26 ¹ / ₂	40	25	28	27 ¹ / ₂	35	21 ¹ / ₂	31	21 ¹ / ₂	c32 ¹ / ₂	21 ¹ / ₂	28 ¹ / ₂	26 ¹ / ₂	30	25	25	22 ¹ / ₂	25	20	26	---	---	---	---
Stpd April 1st coup on...1942	---	---	---	---	25 ¹ / ₂	35	29	32	20	25	19 ¹ / ₂	24 ¹ / ₂	20	23	20	20 ¹ / ₂	12	17	---	---	---	---	4 ¹ / ₂	7
Manhat Ry (N Y) con g 4s...1950	55 ¹ / ₂	57 ¹ / ₂	55 ¹ / ₂	57 ¹ / ₂	53	58 ¹ / ₂	52	57 ¹ / ₂	50	56 ¹ / ₂	53 ¹ / ₂	62 ¹ / ₂	54	60	50	54 ¹ / ₂								

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Table with columns for months (January to December) and sub-columns for 'Low' and 'High' values. Rows list various financial instruments like bonds, stocks, and commodities.

c Cash sale. # Option sale.

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Table of Bonds with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various bond types like United Rys St L, United Steamship, etc.

COURSE OF PRICES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FOR THE YEAR 1931.

[Compiled from sales made at the New York Stock Exchange.]

Table of Coupon Bonds with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various bond types like Liberty Loan, Treasury, etc.

* First Liberty Loan second converted (under the terms of the Fourth loan). c Cash Sale.

DEALINGS IN FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AT N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE IN 1931.

Table with columns for Bonds, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December. Rows list various government securities from Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Colombia, Denmark, etc.

c Cash sale. e On the basis of \$2 to the £ Sterling. s Option sale.

DEALINGS IN FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AT NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IN 1931—Concluded.

Table with columns for Bonds, January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December. Rows list various government securities from Finland to Yokohama.

c Cash Sale. e On the basis of \$5 to the £ Sterling. s Option sale.

COURSE OF PRICES OF RAILROAD AND MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS FOR THE YEAR 1931.

1931.

Table with columns for STOCKS, months (January to December), and price ranges (Low High). Rows list various railroad and miscellaneous stocks such as Alabama & Vicksburg, Atch, Top & Santa Fe, etc.

*No par value. z Ex-dividend

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STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December			
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High		
Pitts Youngs & Ash 7% pf.	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50		
Reading Co.	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50		
1st preferred.	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50		
2d preferred.	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50		
Rensselaer & Saratoga.	100	137	144	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
Rutland RR pref.	100	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30		
St Louis-San Francisco.	100	43	62	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	45		
Preferred.	100	63	76	70	74	57	69	31	55	22	35	15	38	29	38	20	30	13	23	7	16	8	15	4	10	
St Louis Southwestern.	100	23	33	29	33	23	28	16	22	7	17	9	2	15	21	13	17	10	16	10	15	5	13	4	7	
Preferred.	100	49	50	45	45	39	40	30	35	16	28	16	35	30	30	28	30	18	20	15	15	13	17	4	9	
Seaboard Air Line.	100	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Preferred.	100	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Southern Pacific Co.	100	92	104	103	109	95	106	82	97	72	84	67	88	75	86	70	78	55	73	45	59	31	55	26	38	
Southern Ry.	100	47	62	58	65	45	58	35	44	29	41	27	41	27	39	23	28	17	24	14	21	9	18	6	12	
Preferred.	100	80	81	81	83	74	80	55	75	53	65	53	62	55	59	45	51	30	45	24	31	14	29	10	16	
Mobile & Ohio cdfs.	100	70	76	72	76	71	74	64	69	64	65	64	62	55	55	50	50	40	48	35	36	20	39	11	20	
Texas & Pacific.	100	98	100	95	95	90	90	51	98	51	94	7	13	12	15	8	13	50	55	35	40	30	35	22	33	
Third Avenue.	100	61	94	71	93	71	10	51	98	51	94	7	13	12	15	8	13	50	55	35	40	30	35	22	33	
Twin City Rapid Transit.	100	9	14	11	17	11	14	9	14	6	9	8	8	8	8	7	8	37	43	31	41	25	34	2	3	
Preferred.	100	41	53	51	62	45	60	41	44	36	42	35	40	41	41	35	35	20	40	19	37	25	46	1	2	
Union Pacific.	100	179	198	195	205	183	200	160	185	143	173	137	175	152	172	136	155	110	143	98	142	78	115	70	84	
Preferred.	100	83	84	85	86	84	86	84	86	84	87	84	87	84	86	84	86	84	86	84	86	84	86	84	86	84
Vicksburg Sheet & Pacific.	100	17	26	17	20	16	18	11	16	9	13	8	17	12	16	8	11	6	9	5	9	5	8	7	5	
5% non-cum preferred.	100	38	51	38	41	31	38	25	30	21	25	19	29	20	27	19	22	12	19	10	16	11	14	1	7	
Preferred B.	100	13	17	15	19	15	18	10	15	10	12	9	15	11	14	11	13	7	12	5	10	5	10	5	7	
Western Maryland.	100	16	19	16	20	16	17	10	12	10	12	9	16	16	16	12	12	8	11	7	10	5	10	5	8	
2d preferred.	100	10	13	12	14	11	12	8	11	6	8	4	8	8	9	6	7	4	6	3	4	3	4	1	4	
Western Pacific.	100	26	31	29	31	25	29	19	24	10	18	10	19	14	16	11	14	8	12	4	6	3	4	1	4	
Preferred.	100	90	90	90	90	85	90	70	85	70	85	69	80	69	80	45	50	45	50	45	50	45	50	45	50	
Wheeling & Lake Erie.	100	90	94	90	90	85	90	70	85	70	85	69	80	69	80	45	50	45	50	45	50	45	50	45	50	
Preferred.	100	90	94	90	90	85	90	70	85	70	85	69	80	69	80	45	50	45	50	45	50	45	50	45	50	
INDUSTRIAL & MISCELL.																										
Abtibi Paper & Paper.	100	9	12	9	14	10	12	5	10	3	6	3	5	4	5	3	4	2	4	2	3	2	3	2	3	
6% preferred.	100	40	46	39	52	40	46	19	41	18	20	15	22	14	18	11	14	7	13	5	8	7	15	4	7	
Abraham & Straus.	100	25	30	30	34	29	36	28	32	30	33	29	37	30	33	32	39	24	35	21	28	21	29	18	22	
Preferred.	100	100	101	100	104	100	105	104	104	103	104	103	103	103	105	103	106	100	101	100	101	100	101	96	102	
Adams Express.	100	16	21	19	23	19	22	15	20	11	17	11	17	14	17	13	15	7	12	7	10	6	10	5	8	
Preferred.	100	83	87	85	90	87	91	86	92	85	86	85	88	86	88	83	86	73	85	72	83	68	84	24	27	
Adams Mills.	100	22	25	23	25	24	24	25	22	23	27	23	25	23	25	25	33	26	33	23	29	25	30	24	27	
Addressograph Internat Corp.	100	22	23	22	23	22	23	25	22	23	27	23	25	23	25	25	33	26	33	23	29	25	30	24	27	
Advance Rumely.	100	2	3	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	2	5	2	3	3	4	2	3	
New.	100	11	12	12	12	16	19	6	14	6	14	4	12	4	12	4	12	2	5	2	3	3	4	2	3	
Preferred.	100	11	12	12	12	16	19	6	14	6	14	4	12	4	12	4	12	2	5	2	3	3	4	2	3	
Affiliated Products Inc.	100	18	18	18	18	14	20	18	18	14	20	18	18	14	20	18	18	18	18	14	20	18	18	14	20	
Air Reduction.	100	92	103	93	106	77	95	71	88	70	90	73	87	74	83	57	71	52	69	53	64	47	63	47	59	
Air-Way Elec Appliance.	100	7	9	8	10	6	9	3	7	4	6	3	5	4	5	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	
Ajax Rubber.	100	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	
Ahumada Lead.	100	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	4	
Alaska Junction Gold Mines.	100	7	9	8	9	6	8	5	7	4	6	3	5	2	4	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	
Albany Perf Wrap Paper.	100	6	8	6	8	5	8	4	6	3	5	2	4	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	
Allegany Corp.	100	7	10	9	12	8	11	6	9	5	8	4	7	3	6	2	4	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	
Preferred \$30 warrants.	100	39	55	54	59	48	59	33	47	22	37	20	36	21	33	15	23	8	17	8	13	3	10	2	4	
Preferred \$30 ex-warrants.	100	49	53	51	55	45	55	34	44	24	34	14	34	18	28	16	27	9	11	7	10	3	12	1	4	
Preferred \$40 warrants.	100	39	53	53	59	45	56	33	45	33	34	15	35	17	32	16	20	8	13	8	13	8	13	8	13	
Allegany Steel.	100	40	42	40	46	41	45	35	39	28	30	29	32	29	32	24	28	20	25	20	25	20	25	20	25	
Alliance Realty.	100	40	42	40	46	41	45	35	39	28	30	29	32	29	32	24	28	20	25	20	25	20	25	20	25	
Allied Chemical & Dye.	100	153	179	154	182	141	172	116	143	103	124	102</														

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STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
American Snuff	37	39 1/2	39 3/4	42	40	42 1/2	39	41 3/4	37	38 1/2	35 1/4	38	37	39 1/4	38	40	29	39 1/2	28	32	32	34 1/2	29	37	
Preferred	105	105 1/2	106	107	107	109 1/2	105 1/2	104 1/2	107	109	104 1/2	110	102 1/2	110 7/8	108	108 1/2	103 1/2	107	100	105 3/8	102	103	97 1/2	101 1/4	
Am Solvents & Chemical	2 1/2	3 3/8	3 3/4	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/4	1 5/8	3 1/4	1 3/4	2 1/2	1 1/2	2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	
Preferred	6 1/8	9	8 1/8	11 1/2	6 1/2	11	4 1/4	6 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/4	4 1/2	3	3 3/4	2 1/4	3 1/4	1	2 1/4	1	2 1/4	1	2 1/4	1	2 1/4	
Amer Steel Foundries	25	29	25 1/2	31 1/4	25 1/2	29	17 1/2	22 1/2	12 1/4	19 1/2	11 1/2	18 1/4	10	15 1/2	15	16 3/8	8 1/4	14 3/8	7 1/4	12 3/4	8 1/4	12 1/4	5	8 1/4	
Preferred	110	111	111 1/2	113	111	112 1/2	110	111 1/2	103 1/2	110 1/2	100 1/2	104 1/2	104	104 1/2	100	103	91	100	70 1/4	85	71 1/2	82 1/2	68	85 1/2	
American Stores	37	39	39	46 3/8	46 1/2	48 1/4	41 1/4	46	40	42 1/2	39	45	39 1/4	44	42 1/2	45 1/2	37 1/8	45 1/2	36	39	38	44 1/2	33	38 1/4	
Amer Sugar Refining	42 3/4	50 3/4	47 1/2	57 1/2	52	60	44 1/8	54 1/4	45 1/2	53 1/2	42	56 1/2	52	58	54	57 1/4	40	55	34 1/2	47 1/2	40 1/2	52	35	44	
Preferred	96	103 1/4	101 1/2	105 3/8	102 1/2	108 1/2	103	108	100 1/2	102	96 3/8	104	104 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2	98	105	90	96	93 1/2	105	84 1/2	98 1/2	81 1/2	
Amer Sumatra Tob	15 1/4	17 1/2	16 1/8	23 1/2	18 1/8	20 3/4	8	9 3/4	7 1/2	9 3/8	6 3/4	9 1/2	7 1/2	8	7	8 1/2	4 1/8	8 1/2	4 1/8	7 1/2	5 1/4	7 1/4	3 1/2	6 1/4	
Amer Telegraph & Cable	176	190 1/2	185 1/4	201 3/4	187 1/2	199 3/4	176 1/2	190 1/2	162 3/8	185	156 1/2	184 3/4	169	184 3/8	164 1/2	176 3/8	130 1/2	172 3/8	121 1/8	142 3/8	124 1/2	147	112 1/2	131 3/4	
Amer Telephone & Teleg	104	118 1/4	109 1/4	120 1/2	114	119	113 1/2	123 1/4	103 1/2	121 1/2	98 1/2	126 1/2	114	121 1/2	106 1/2	119 1/2	85	109	71 1/2	92	75 1/2	96 1/4	60 1/2	80 1/2	
American Tobacco new	25	104 1/2	109 1/4	120 1/2	115 1/2	121 3/4	115 1/2	123 1/4	107	121 1/4	102 1/2	126 1/2	114	121 1/2	109 1/4	123	85	121 1/2	74 3/4	95	77 1/4	97 1/2	64	84 1/4	
Class B new w l	25	104 1/2	113 1/4	127 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	
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Amer Type Founders	100	90	105	96	100	97	99	80	98	64 3/8	75	58	65	55	64	51	56	43	45	40	45	19	21	19	21
Preferred	100	105	107	110 1/2	107	110	108	109 1/2	86	108	85	90	92	92	84 1/2	95	85	95 1/2	75	85	80	85	72	88 1/2	
Am Water Works & El	54	61 1/8	56 3/8	80 3/4	63	78 3/8	52 1/4	66 3/4	43 1/8	59 1/2	40 3/8	57	44 7/8	55 1/4	46	51	25 1/4	48	23 1/4	35 1/2	27 3/4	42 3/8	23 1/8	33 3/4	
V. t. c.	54 1/4	58 3/4	59 3/8	80 3/4	68	76 3/4	54	60	41	55 3/4	38	52	42	51	43	48 1/2	23	42 3/4	22	32	27 1/2	37	21 1/2	29	
1st preferred	101 1/4	105	101 3/8	104	104	107	103 1/2	104 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	98 3/4	101 7/8	98 3/4	101 1/2	100 1/2	102 1/4	80	100	75	81 1/2	70	86 1/2	64 1/2	71 1/2	
Amer Woolen	6 7/8	11 3/8	8 1/4	11 1/4	8 1/2	11	7 1/8	10	6 3/8	8 1/4	5 1/4	8 1/4	6	9 3/8	7 1/2	9	4 3/4	7 3/8	3 3/8	6 1/8	4 1/8	6 1/8	2 1/2	4 1/2	
Preferred	100	111	107	113 1/2	109	118 1/2	106 1/2	113 1/2	103 1/2	110 1/2	98 1/2	104 1/2	104	104 1/2	100	103	91	100	70 1/4	85	71 1/2	82 1/2	68	85 1/2	
Amer Writing Paper, v. t. c.	2	4	2 1/2	3	2 1/2	3 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	
Preferred	100	14	15	17	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	18	17 1/2	
Amer Zinc, Lead & Smet. No	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	
Preferred \$6	25	30	29	39 3/8	35	40 3/4	30	36 1/4	28 3/4	31 3/4	27	30	27	30	27	30	23	29	23	29	23	29	23	29	
Anaconda Copper	29 3/4	34 3/8	32 1/4	43 1/4	32	42 3/8	27 3/8	35	25 3/8	29 3/8	23 3/8	30 3/8	23 3/8	30 3/8	23 3/8	30 3/8	15	24 3/8	16	24 3/8	15	24 3/8	15	24 3/8	
Anaconda Wire & Cable	22 1/8	26 1/8	22	26	25 1/2	26 1/4	23 1/2	25 1/4	20 1/2	23	20	24	20 1/2	23	20 1/2	20 1/2	14 1/2	20 1/2	13 1/2	14 1/2	10 1/2	13 1/2	6	10 1/4	
Anchor Cap	27	31	29 3/4	36	29	32 3/4	24	29	20 3/8	25 1/4	19 1/8	24 1/4	20	25	20	21 3/4	13	21 3/4	14	19 3/8	18	21 1/2	14	18	
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Andes Copper Mining Co	13 3/8	16	14	19 1/2	14 1/8	18 1/2	12 1/4	15 1/4	10 1/8	11 7/8	9	13	12	13	12	13	9	10 1/2	8 1/8	13	12 1/4	15	10 1/8	13 1/4	
Archer Daniels Midland	15 1/2	17	16 1/4	18	14 1/2	17	10	14 3/4	8	11 1/4	8 1/8	11 1/2	9 1/2	11	9 1/2	10 1/2	9	10 1/2	8 1/8	13	12 1/4	15	10 1/8	13 1/4	
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Armour of Illinois preferred	60 1/4	72	61	65	49	63 1/2	38 1/2	51 1/4	40	50 1/2	32	50 3/4	47 1/2	52 1/2	39	47	25	41 1/4	20	36	34	39	30	39	
Armour of Illinois cl "A"	25	3 1/2	3	3 3/4	2 3/4	3 1/4	2	2 3/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	
Class "C" preferred	25	3 1/2	3	3 3/4	2 3/4	3 1/4	2	2 3/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/4	
Preferred	100	33	47	25	38 3/4	23 1/2	30 3/4	14 1/2	16 1/4	10 1/8	16 1/4	10 1/8	16 1/4	11 1/2	13 1/2	11 1/2	13 1/2	6	9 3/8	1 1/2	4 1/8	3 1/8	11	5 1/8	
Arnold Constable Corp.	3 3/8	4 1/2	4	4 3/4	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	
Artloom Corp.	5	7	7	10 1/2	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	
Preferred	100	83	83	83	80	83	80	83	80	83	80	83	80	83	80	83	80	83	80	83	80	83	80	83	
Art Metal Construction	10	20	20 1/2	19 3/4	20 3/8	18 3/8	19 1/2	17	18	15	16 3/8	13 1/2	14 1/2	13 1/2	13	13 1/2	11 1/4	12 3/4	9 3/4	11 1/2	9 3/4	9 3/4	7 3/8	9 3/4	
Assoc Apparel Industries	24 1/8	27 1/2	24 3/4	28 3/8	19 7/8	25 1/2	5 3/4	22 3/8	6 3/8	10 1/8	6 1/4	8 1/2	6 1/4	8 1/2	6 1/4	8 1/2	7 1/2	10 3/8	4	9 1/4	3 1/8	5 1/4	2 1/2	4 1/2	
Rights																									
Associated Dry Goods	22	25 3/4	24 3/8	28 1/2	24 1/4	29 3/8	19 1/2	26	18 1/2	23 1/8	16 1/4	22 3/4	17 3/8	22 1/2	18 1/2	21	10	19 3/8	9 3/4	13 1/8	10	14 1/4	5 1/4	10 1/4	
1st preferred	100	85	92 1/8	93 3/4	97	96 1/4	97	95 3/4	94	98	93 1/2	94 3/4	93 1/2	93 3/4	94 1/2	94 1/2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	
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STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
Cannon Mills	17 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	23 1/2	20 1/2	23 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	20 1/2	17 1/2	19 1/2	
Capital Administration of A	9 1/2	13	12 1/2	16 1/2	13 1/2	15 1/2	13 1/2	15 1/2	12 1/2	14 1/2	12 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	16 1/2	13 1/2	15 1/2	6 1/2	14 1/2	5 1/2	9 1/2	6 1/2	9 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2	
Preferred A	50	30	32	30 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	29 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2	35 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	24 1/2	26 1/2	
Case (J D) Threshing Mach	100	81 1/2	95 1/2	88 1/2	131 1/2	105 1/2	123 1/2	74 1/2	104 1/2	62 1/2	84 1/2	59 1/2	93 1/2	51 1/2	74 1/2	38 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Preferred	100	113	111	115 1/2	111	116 1/2	115	113 1/2	95 1/2	106 1/2	98 1/2	105 1/2	94 1/2	100	85 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2	53 1/2
Caterpillar Tractor Co	26 1/2	41 1/2	38	52 1/2	40 1/2	50 1/2	25 1/2	44 1/2	21 1/2	29 1/2	21 1/2	28 1/2	22 1/2	26 1/2	21 1/2	24 1/2	13 1/2	22 1/2	11 1/2	17 1/2	11 1/2	13 1/2	11 1/2	14 1/2	
Cavanagh Dobb	2 1/2	3 1/2	4	4	3	4	2 1/2	3	2 1/2	3	2 1/2	3	2 1/2	3	2 1/2	3	2 1/2	3	2 1/2	3	2 1/2	3	2 1/2	3	
Preferred	100	24 1/2	23	25	23	26	20 1/2	23 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	
Celanese Corp of America	100	11 1/2	11	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	
Gelotex	5 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	13 1/2	10 1/2	14 1/2	5 1/2	11 1/2	6 1/2	9 1/2	5 1/2	8 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	6 1/2	7 1/2	
Voting trust cfs	4 1/2	6	6	10 1/2	8 1/2	13 1/2	4 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	7 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	
Preferred 7%	100	22 1/2	29 1/2	25 1/2	34 1/2	29 1/2	34 1/2	25 1/2	33 1/2	15 1/2	20 1/2	14 1/2	25 1/2	17 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	22 1/2	16 1/2	20 1/2	12 1/2	15 1/2	11 1/2	15 1/2	7 1/2	12 1/2
Central Aguirre Associates	20	24 1/2	21	23 1/2	19 1/2	24 1/2	19 1/2	23 1/2	15 1/2	20 1/2	17 1/2	25 1/2	21 1/2	25 1/2	20 1/2	25 1/2	21 1/2	25 1/2	15 1/2	18 1/2	14 1/2	19 1/2	11 1/2	16 1/2	
Century Ribbon Mills	2 1/2	3	3 1/2	6 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	6 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2	4 1/2	7 1/2	5 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2	
Preferred	100	59	65	64 1/2	67	67 1/2	67 1/2	65 1/2	50 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	
Cerro de Pasco Copper	23	25 1/2	22 1/2	30 1/2	23 1/2	28 1/2	15 1/2	24 1/2	15 1/2	19 1/2	14 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	
Certain-ten Products	2 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	
7% Preferred	100	17 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	
Checker Cab Mfg	100	17 1/2	22 1/2	19 1/2	23 1/2	18 1/2	24 1/2	8 1/2	14 1/2	8 1/2	12 1/2	7 1/2	12 1/2	7 1/2	11 1/2	9 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2	
Chesapeake Corp	40	50 1/2	46 1/2	54 1/2	42 1/2	49 1/2	40 1/2	44 1/2	29 1/2	43 1/2	27 1/2	43 1/2	34 1/2	42 1/2	34 1/2	36 1/2	21 1/2	35 1/2	14 1/2	25 1/2	19 1/2	29 1/2	13 1/2	23 1/2	
Chic Pneumatic Tool	100	10	12 1/2	9 1/2	15 1/2	10 1/2	14 1/2	6 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	9 1/2	6 1/2	10 1/2	7 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	4 1/2	8 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	
Preferred	100	23 1/2	30 1/2	25 1/2	35 1/2	24 1/2	32 1/2	17 1/2	24 1/2	16 1/2	20 1/2	15 1/2	20 1/2	18 1/2	21 1/2	18 1/2	14 1/2	19 1/2	10 1/2	14 1/2	10 1/2	12 1/2	6 1/2	11 1/2	
Chicago Yellow Cab	20 1/2	23 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	
Kickasha Cotton Oil	10	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 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	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	
Childs Co	25 1/2	29 1/2	27 1/2	33 1/2	27 1/2	33 1/2	18 1/2	27 1/2	17 1/2	22 1/2	17 1/2	22 1/2	14 1/2	22 1/2	15 1/2	19 1/2	9 1/2	17 1/2	8 1/2	14 1/2	11 1/2	14 1/2	8 1/2	11 1/2	
Chile Copper	25	26 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	25 1/2	28 1/2	
Chrysler Corp	15 1/2	18 1/2	16 1/2	24 1/2	16 1/2	24 1/2	16 1/2	24 1/2	16 1/2	24 1/2	16 1/2	24 1/2	16 1/2	24 1/2	16 1/2	24 1/2	16 1/2	24 1/2	16 1/2	24 1/2	16 1/2	24 1/2	16 1/2	24 1/2	
City Ice & Fuel	35 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	36 1/2	37 1/2	
Preferred	100	77 1/2	80 1/2	75 1/2	82 1/2	87 1/2	80 1/2	90 1/2	83 1/2	85 1/2	78 1/2	84 1/2	80 1/2	81 1/2	78 1/2	83 1/2	66 1/2	79 1/2	66 1/2	71 1/2	66 1/2	71 1/2	66 1/2	71 1/2	
City Investing	100	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	149 1/2	
City Stores	2 1/2	4	3 1/2	4	3 1/2	4	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	
Class A	100	20 1/2	19 1/2	25 1/2	21 1/2	25 1/2	21 1/2	25 1/2	12 1/2	17 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	
Clark Equipment	18	20 1/2	18	20	20 1/2	22 1/2	17	20	15	16	14	15 1/2	13	15 1/2	12 1/2	14	11 1/2	12 1/2	10	12	10	10 1/2	8 1/2	10	
Cluett Peabody & Co	24 1/2	30	30	34 1/2	30 1/2	34 1/2	27	30	24	26	25	30	30 1/2	32	24 1/2	30	16 1/2	25	17	22	17	23	15	17 1/2	
Preferred	100	95	100	98 1/2	101 1/2	99 1/2	102	100	100 1/2	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	101	102 1/2	105	101	104	100 1/2	100	100 1/2	102	102	102	102	102
Coca Cola	142 1/2	157 1/2	154 1/2	170 1/2	153 1/2	167 1/2	143 1/2	158 1/2	137 1/2	152 1/2	133 1/2	148 1/2	140 1/2	147 1/2	141 1/2	147 1/2	99	145 1/2	97 1/2	117 1/2	108	123 1/2	101 1/2	117 1/2	
Class A	50 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	
Colgate-Palmolive-Peet	47	47 1/2	47 1/2	49 1/2	47 1/2	49 1/2	43 1/2	47 1/2	41 1/2	45 1/2	40 1/2	47 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	43 1/2	45 1/2	28	43 1/2	28 1/2	34 1/2	29 1/2	35 1/2	24 1/2	29 1/2	
Preferred	100	102	103	103 1/2	102 1/2	104 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2	104 1/2	88	104 1/2	87 1/2	95 1/2	90 1/2	96 1/2	79 1/2	91 1/2	
Collins & Aikman	9	15	10	17 1/2	12 1/2	16 1/2	9 1/2	14 1/2	10	14 1/2	10	17 1/2	12 1/2	16 1/2	12 1/2	14 1/2	8 1/2	13 1/2	8 1/2	12 1/2	8 1/2	12 1/2	6 1/2	9 1/2	
Preferred	100	72 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	71 1/2	74 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	74 1/2	73 1/2	74										

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STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
Gotham Silk Hosiery	4 7/8	8 1/2	6 3/4	10 7/8	8 10	8 1/2	13 3/4	8 10	8 1/2	13 3/4	8 10	8 1/2	13 3/4	8 10	8 1/2	13 3/4	8 10	8 1/2	13 3/4	8 10	8 1/2	13 3/4	8 10	8 1/2	13 3/4
Preferred, new	50	55	52	55	57	61 1/2	61 1/2	72	70	72	70	71	70	71	68 1/4	68 1/4	68 1/4	68 1/4	50	56	50 1/2	52 1/2	53	52	50
Preferred ex-warrants	52	52	53 1/2	55	56 1/2	65	65	70	70 1/4	71 1/2	70	71 1/2	70	71	68 1/4	68 1/4	68 1/4	68 1/4	50	56	50 1/2	52 1/2	53	52	50
Gould Coupler "A"	4 1/4	5 1/2	4 1/4	6 1/8	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2
Graham-Paige Motors	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8	4 1/2	3 1/8
Certificates	4	4 1/4	3 1/2	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	4	4 1/4	4
Granby Gons M S & P	15 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	22 1/2	17 1/2	22	13 1/4	18 1/4	11	15	10	17 1/4	12 1/2	15 1/4	11	12 1/2	7 1/2	11 1/2	5 1/4	11	6 1/4	12	5 1/4	8	8
Grand Silver Stores (F W)	19 1/2	24 1/2	21 1/2	24 1/2	21 1/2	25 1/2	16	23 1/2	16 1/2	21	13	18 1/4	15	18 1/2	15	16 1/2	4 1/4	16 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	2 1/2	5 1/2	1 1/2	3	3
Grand (F W) Stores pref	10 1/8	13	12 1/2	17	15 1/4	18 1/2	12 1/2	17 1/4	12 1/2	17 1/4	14	16 1/2	15	17 1/4	15	16 1/2	9 1/4	16 1/2	7	11 1/2	9 1/4	12	7	9 1/2	9 1/2
Preferred	36	39 1/2	38	41 1/2	40 1/2	45 1/2	38 1/2	42 1/2	39	46	37 1/4	43 1/4	41 1/4	43 1/4	42	44 1/4	31 1/2	37 1/2	31 1/2	37 1/2	32 1/2	37 1/2	31 1/2	33	33
Granite City Steel	20	23 1/2	21	23 1/2	25	28 1/2	21	25 1/2	19 1/2	23 1/4	18 1/2	25	19	24	19 1/2	20	16 1/2	21 1/2	14 1/4	16 1/4	14 1/4	17 1/2	11 1/4	14	14
Grant (W T) Stores	25 1/4	31 1/4	30 1/4	33 1/2	32	36 1/2	33 1/2	36 1/2	34 1/4	39 1/2	34 1/4	39 1/2	34 1/4	39 1/2	37	42	30	41 1/2	27 1/2	35 1/2	32	36 1/2	24 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Great Nor Iron Ore properties	19 1/2	20 1/2	20	22	21	22 1/2	21	23 1/2	20 1/2	23	17 1/2	20 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	18	19	13	18 1/2	12	15 1/4	14	18	10	15 1/4	15 1/4
Great Western Sugar	7 1/4	11 1/8	9	10 1/4	8 1/2	11 1/8	8 1/4	11 1/8	7 1/4	10 1/4	9	10 1/4	9	10 1/4	8 1/2	9 1/4	6	9 1/4	5 1/8	8	7 1/4	9 1/2	5 1/8	7 1/8	7 1/8
Preferred	85 1/2	96 1/2	90	96 1/2	87	96	89	91	80 1/4	89 1/4	81 1/2	88	81 1/2	88	85 1/2	82	82 1/2	82	84	83	86 1/2	73	81	73	85
Greene Cananea Copper	45	50	47 1/2	50	47 1/2	50	47 1/2	50	47 1/2	50	47 1/2	50	47 1/2	50	47 1/2	50	47 1/2	50	47 1/2	50	47 1/2	50	47 1/2	50	47 1/2
Grigby-Grunow Co	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2
Guantanamo Sugar	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	10
8% preferred	18 1/2	27	21	27 1/2	25 1/4	34 1/2	15	20	12 1/2	18 1/2	10 1/8	19 1/8	12 1/2	17 1/4	13 1/2	14 1/4	8	12 1/2	6	10	6	10	6	10	6
Gulf States Steel	100	100	78	78	65	80	50	65	38	58	37	38 1/2	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
7% 1st preferred	100	100	78	78	65	80	50	65	38	58	37	38 1/2	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37
Hackensack Water	25	27 1/2	28	29 1/4	28 1/2	30 1/2	29	30 1/4	28 1/2	28 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/4	27 1/2	28	27 1/2	28	26	28 1/4	24 1/2	26	24 1/2	25 1/2	22	25	25
Preferred A	27	28 1/2	26 3/4	28	26 1/2	29 1/4	27 1/4	30	29	29 1/2	27 1/4	30	28	30	27 1/2	28 1/2	26 1/2	28 1/4	26 1/2	27 1/2	26 1/2	27 1/2	26 1/2	28	28
Hahn Department Stores	6 1/8	8 1/4	7 1/4	9 1/4	7 1/4	9 1/4	6 1/8	9 1/4	4 1/2	7	4 1/2	7 1/4	5 1/4	6 1/2	5	6 1/2	3	5	2 1/4	3 1/4	2 1/4	3 1/4	2 1/4	3 1/4	2 1/4
Preferred	100	100	50	56	53	58 1/2	53 1/2	62 1/2	53 1/2	55	53 1/2	57 1/4	53 1/2	55 1/2	52 1/2	54 1/2	32	52	25 1/2	31	27	34	14	28 1/2	28 1/2
Hall Printing	10	16	17	10	16 1/2	15 1/2	17 1/2	12	14	12	14	12	16	13 1/2	16	13 1/2	14 1/2	11	14	11	13	11	13	11	12 1/2
Hamilton Watch Co	37 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/4	41	38 1/2	39	35	37	35	36	28	33	25	25	25	25	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Preferred	103	103	102 1/2	102 1/2	100	100 1/2	98 1/2	103	94	98 1/2	95	95	95	95	95	95	78	85 1/2	74	77	73	75	67	73	73
Hanna preferred new	89 1/2	91	91	94	90	94	90	92 1/2	89	92 1/2	86	90	86	89	86	89	78	85 1/2	74	77	73	75	67	73	73
Harb-Walk Refract	39	42 1/2	39	42 1/2	36 1/2	42 1/2	30	38 1/2	27	35 1/2	24 1/4	29 1/4	26 1/4	27 1/4	25	26 1/2	22 1/2	26	17 1/2	22 1/4	16 1/4	18 1/4	11 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/4
Preferred	100	100	109 1/2	109 1/2	115	117	115 1/2	115 1/2	108	112	106	106	100	109	100	109	4	4	2	3	2	3	2	3	2
Hartman Corp cl "A"	9 1/4	10	9	10 1/2	9 1/4	10	9	10 1/2	8	9	6	8 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	4	4	2	3	2	3	2	3	2
Class "B"	3 1/4	5 1/2	3 1/4	5 1/2	3 1/4	5 1/2	3 1/4	5 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/4	2 1/2	3 1/4	2 1/2	3 1/4	2 1/2	3 1/4	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Hawaiian Pineapple Co, Ltd	39 1/2	42 1/2	40	40 1/2	38	40	27	36 1/2	26 1/2	29 1/4	25 1/4	31 1/4	27 1/4	31	26	26 1/2	15	24 1/2	11	16	8 1/4	11	8 1/4	11	8 1/4
Haves Body Corp	3 1/2	4 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	2 1/2	3 1/4	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2
Helme (G W)	82 1/2	87	85	100	95	99 1/2	91	95	85	92	81	81	80 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	82	60	80	74	80	68	75	80
7% preferred	134	135	135	135	135	135	135	135 1/4	135 1/4	135 1/4	135 1/4	135 1/4	135 1/4	135 1/4	135 1/4	135 1/4	135	136	135	135	130	130	130	130	130
Hercules Motors	14 1/2	16	15	16 1/4	15	18	13 1/2	16 1/2	10	13 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	10	10 1/2	10	10 1/2	10	10 1/2	10	10 1/2	9	9 1/2	9	9 1/2	9
Hercules Powder	54 1/2	55	52 1/2	57	50	58	44	50 1/2	40	45 1/2	43	46	45	46	43	45	37	42	33	37 1/2	33	37 1/2	30	37 1/2	30
Preferred	116 1/2	119	116 1/2	118 1/2	117	119 1/2	117	119 1/2	116	117 1/2	111	114 1/2	112	116	116	116 1/2	110	116 1/2	103	110 1/2	100	104	100	104	95
Hershey Chocolate	87	91 1/2	87 1/2	91 1/2	90	103 1/2	93	101	83	101 1/4	83 1/2	97 1/4	93 1/2	96 1/2	95 1/2	101	75	98 1/2	71 1/2	85	81	89 1/2	68	82	82
Preferred	93	95	97	98	98 1/2	104	99 1/2	102 1/4	95 1/2	103 1/4	96 1/4	103	101	103 1/4	101 1/4	104	85	103 1/2	80	90	85 1/2	93	70 1/2	88	88
Hoe (R) & Co, cl "A"	5 1/8	8	7	9	6	8 1/2	5 1/8	8 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	2	4 1/2	2	2 1/2	2 1/2	3	1 1/2	3	3
Holland Furnace	26	30 1/2	30	37	33 1/2	36 1/2	28 1/2	34	27	29 1/2	27 1/2	31	28	34	26 1/2	28 1/2	18	27	17	18 1/2	12 1/4	17 1/2	10 1/4	14 1/4	14 1/4
Hollander (A) & Son	5 1/8	8 1/4	7 1/4	10 1/2	9 1/8	10	14	19 1/8	12	16 1/4	12	15 1													

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Table with columns for STOCKS, months (January to December), and price ranges (Low, High). Rows list various companies like Laclede Gas, Lambert, and National Cash Register.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend.

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Table with columns for STOCKS, months (January to December), and various financial metrics like Par, \$ per share, and Low/High values. Includes entries for NY Investors, NY Shipbuilding, Noranda Mines Ltd, etc.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend

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STOCKS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December		
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	
Republic Steel Corp.	12	19 1/2	15	25 1/2	18	23 1/2	12	19 1/2	11	15	10	17 1/2	12 1/2	17	12 1/2	14 1/2	11	13 1/2	15	18	15 1/2	24 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	
Preferred.	100	29 1/2	46 1/2	37	54	42	47	27 1/2	42 1/2	28	33 1/2	27	39	28 1/2	36 1/2	6	6	16 1/2	28 1/2	15	18	16 1/2	24 1/2	8 1/2	
Revere Copper & Brass.	7 1/2	13	10	12 1/2	10	12 1/2	8	9 1/2	6	7 1/2	7	7 1/2	7	7 1/2	6	6	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	4	4	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	
Class A.	27	30	29	29 1/2	27	27	27	27	45	58 1/2	47	55	55	55	40	40	15	20	20	20	20	20	20	12	
Preferred.	100	81	83 1/2	70	76	70	76	45	58 1/2	47	55	47	55	55	55	40	40	39 1/2	40 1/2	39	42	27	28	27	
Reynolds Metal.	11 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	20 1/2	17 1/2	22 1/2	13 1/2	18	12 1/2	16 1/2	11	15	12 1/2	15 1/2	12 1/2	14 1/2	7	13	7 1/2	12 1/2	10	14	7	10 1/2	
New Reynolds Spring Co.	11 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	20 1/2	17 1/2	22 1/2	13 1/2	18	12 1/2	16 1/2	11	15	12 1/2	15 1/2	12 1/2	14 1/2	7	13	7 1/2	12 1/2	10	14	7	10 1/2	
Class A.	40 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2	43 1/2	40 1/2	43 1/2	47 1/2	52 1/2	46 1/2	52 1/2	45	54 1/2	49 1/2	52 1/2	38	49 1/2	35 1/2	41	35 1/2	41	35 1/2	41	32 1/2	38 1/2	
Class A.	10	70	75	70 1/2	70 1/2	73 1/2	70 1/2	73 1/2	70 1/2	73 1/2	70 1/2	73 1/2	70 1/2	73 1/2	69	73 1/2	69	71	69	73	69	73	69	70	
Rhine Westphalia El & Pr w l	28 1/2	28 1/2	32	32 1/2	30 1/2	32 1/2	30 1/2	32 1/2	30 1/2	32 1/2	24	24 1/2	21 1/2	24 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	
Richfield Oil of Calif new.	28 1/2	6 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	1 1/2	3 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	
Rio Grande Oil.	5 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/4	10 1/4	6 1/2	8 1/2	4	7 1/4	4	4 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	2 1/2	4 1/2	1 1/2	3 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	
Ritter Dental Mfg.	27	32	31	38	34	41 1/4	26 1/4	34 1/4	20	26	20 1/2	23 1/2	19 1/2	22 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2	11 1/2	13	11 1/2	13 1/2	9 1/2	13 1/2	5 1/2	11 1/2	
Rossia Insurance.	16 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	26	22	25 1/2	18	22 1/2	16	21	15 1/2	21 1/2	18 1/2	21 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	10	19	9	13 1/2	9 1/2	13	3 1/4	9 1/2	
Royal Baking Powder pref.	100	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	18 1/2	23 1/2	16 1/2	20 1/2	15 1/2	19 1/2	13	16	
Royal Dutch Co N Y Shares.	37 1/2	41	39	42 1/2	37	39 1/2	27 1/2	37 1/2	27 1/2	32	24 1/2	33 1/2	26 1/2	33 1/2	24	27 1/2	18 1/2	23 1/2	16 1/2	20 1/2	15 1/2	19 1/2	13	16	
St Joseph Lead.	24 1/2	27 1/2	24	30 1/2	22	29	15 1/2	22 1/2	15	17 1/2	14 1/2	21 1/2	16 1/2	21 1/2	15 1/2	17 1/2	10	15 1/2	9 1/2	13 1/2	11 1/2	16 1/2	7	12	
Rights.	100	1256	1624	1512	1256	1624	1512	1256	1624	1512	1256	1624	1512	1256	1624	1512	1256	1624	1512	1256	1624	1512	1256	1624	1512
Safety Stores.	38 1/2	46 1/2	43 1/2	63 1/2	54	62 1/2	45 1/2	62 1/2	45 1/2	62 1/2	45 1/2	62 1/2	45 1/2	62 1/2	45 1/2	62 1/2	45 1/2	62 1/2	45 1/2	62 1/2	45 1/2	62 1/2	45 1/2	62 1/2	
Preferred (6).	100	88	90	89	95 1/2	92 1/2	96	94	90	90	88	90	88	90	88	90	88	90	88	90	88	90	88	90	
Preferred (7).	100	98	100 1/2	99	103	101 1/2	106	105 1/2	107	105	107	103 1/2	106 1/2	105	108	105 1/2	108 1/2	95	108 1/2	89 1/2	96	87 1/2	95	89 1/2	
Savage Arms Corp.	13	15 1/2	14 1/2	20 1/2	16	19 1/2	12 1/2	15 1/2	13 1/2	16 1/2	12 1/2	15 1/2	12 1/2	15 1/2	12 1/2	14 1/2	7	12 1/2	5	7 1/2	5 1/2	7 1/2	3 1/2	6	
Schulte Retail Stores.	4	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	4	5 1/2	4	5 1/2	4	5 1/2	3	4 1/2	
8% preferred.	100	40 1/2	55	50	55	50	55	53 1/2	59	50	54	50	54	50	54	50	54	40	53 1/2	40	40	40	40	30	
Scott Paper.	40	42 1/2	44 1/2	45 1/2	45	48	47	50	47	50	47	48 1/2	46 1/2	47	46 1/2	50	50	51	43 1/2	50	38 1/2	44	42	45	
Seaboard Oil Co of Delaware.	6 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	6 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	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	
Seagrave.	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	
Sears, Roebuck & Co.	40	50 1/2	47	58 1/2	49	55	46	51 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	
Second National Investors.	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	
Preferred.	100	40	50 1/2	47	58 1/2	49	55	46	51 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	44 1/2	33	
Seneca Copper.	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	
Servel Inc.	4 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/2	8 1/2	7 1/4	10 1/2	7 1/4	11 1/2	8	10	7 1/2	11 1/2	8	10	7 1/2	11 1/2	8	10	7 1/2	11 1/2	8	10	7 1/2	11 1/2	
Sharon Steel Hoop.	10	13 1/2	11 1/2	13 1/2	12	13 1/2	8 1/2	11	7	8 1/2	6 1/2	9 1/2	8	9 1/2	6 1/2	9 1/2	4	6	3	4	3	4	3	4	
Sharp & Dohme.	12	13 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	16 1/2	21	13 1/2	19 1/2	11	15	10 1/2	13 1/2	10 1/2	13 1/2	10 1/2	13 1/2	5 1/2	9 1/2	3 1/2	6 1/2	3 1/2	6 1/2	2 1/2	5 1/2	
Preferred.	100	53 1/2	54	53 1/2	57 1/2	61 1/2	60 1/2	61 1/2	56 1/2	58 1/2	55 1/2	57 1/2	50 1/2	58	50	52	42	50	38	40	40	45	28	38	
Shattuck (G F).	22 1/2	25 1/2	25	29 1/2	26	29 1/2	21	27 1/2	18 1/2	25	16 1/2	23 1/2	19	22 1/2	16 1/2	23 1/2	12 1/2	18 1/2	11 1/2	15 1/2	10 1/2	15 1/2	8 1/2	11 1/2	
Shell Transport & Trad.	30 1/2	34	31	34 1/2	29 1/2	31	24 1/2	29	19	26	19	26	17 1/2	21 1/2	17 1/2	21 1/2	13	18 1/2	11 1/2	15 1/2	10 1/2	15 1/2	7 1/2	10 1/2	
Shell Union Oil.	58	75	68	78	59	67	47 1/2	57 1/2	42	51 1/2	41 1/2	51 1/2	41 1/2	51 1/2	41 1/2	51 1/2	35	43 1/2	31	38 1/2	31	38 1/2	28 1/2	37 1/2	
Preferred.	100	53	57 1/2	50	63 1/2	63 1/2	55	62 1/2	45	53 1/2	45	53 1/2	45	53 1/2	45	53 1/2	32 1/2	43 1/2	23 1/2	36 1/2	23 1/2	36 1/2	15	24 1/2	
Shubert Theatre.	7 1/4	10	8	11	7	10	5 1/2	7 1/2	5	7 1/2	5	7 1/2	5	7 1/2	5	7 1/2	4	6	3	4	3	4	3	4	
Simms Petroleum.	7 1/4	10	8	11	7	10	5 1/2	7 1/2	5	7 1/2	5	7 1/2	5	7 1/2	5	7 1/2	4	6	3	4	3	4	3	4	
Simmons Co.	14 1/2	17 1/2	16 1/2	23 1/2	15 1/2	22 1/2	11 1/2	17 1/2	11	15	10 1/2	17 1/2	14 1/2	18 1/2	14	17	10 1/2	15 1/2	8 1/2	14 1/2	9 1/2	14 1/2	6 1/2	10 1/2	
Sinclair Cons Oil Corp.	10 1/2	13 1/2	11 1/2	15 1/2	11 1/2	14 1/2	8 1/2	12 1/2	7	10	6 1/2	11 1/2	8 1/2	11 1/2	6 1/2	11 1/2	6 1/2	11 1/2	5 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/2	9 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2	
8% preferred.	100	95	103 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	103	95	103	82	95 1/2	77	87	88	86 1/2	102 1/2	81	102 1/2	80	87 1/2	77	88	64	76	64	76
Skelly Oil Co.	25	8 1/2	8 1/2	11 1/2	8 1/2	10	5	8 1/2	3	4	3 1/2	6	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	3 1/2	5 1/2	2	4	
Preferred.</																									

1931—Concluded.

Table with columns for STOCKS, months (January to December), and price ranges (Low, High). Includes various stock names like Underwood Elliott Fisher, Union Carbide & Carbon, etc.

* No par value. x Ex-dividend.

COURSE OF PRICES OF STATE AND CITY SECURITIES DURING THE YEAR 1931.

BONDS	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December	
	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High
New York City—																								
3½s.....1955							92¾	92¾																
4s Registered.....1936							100½	100½																
4s Registered.....1955	99½	99½																						
4% Corporate stock.....1957									102	102														
4½s Corp stock.....May 1957	107½	107½	106½	106½			107	107																
4½s Corp stock.....Nov 1957	107½	107½							109	109														
4% Corporate stock.....1958							100½	100½																
4% Corporate stock.....1959	100	100¼					100½	100½									100½	100½						
4½s.....1960	100¼	100¾	100½	100½	100¾	100¾													99½	99½				
N Y State Canal																								
4½s.....1963	112	112																						

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Dec. 23 1931:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £120,714,213 on the 16th inst. as compared with £120,712,162 on the previous Wednesday.

On the 18th inst. the SS. "Kaisar-i-Hind" arrived in London from India with about £1,600,000 in bar gold, most of which had already been sold forward.

The small supplies of gold available in the open market during the week have been bought for shipment to the Continent.

There are now two steamers on the way from India, each with about £3,250,000 in bar gold on board. The SS. "Viceroy of India" is due in London on Jan. 1st and the SS. "Strathnaver" on Jan. 8th.

Further shipments have been arranged for the SS. "Ranchi" sailing from Bombay this week.

Quotations during the week:

	Per Fine Ounce.	Equivalent Value of £ Sterling.
Dec. 17.....	119s. 6d.	14s. 2.6d.
Dec. 18.....	122s. 2d.	13s. 10.9d.
Dec. 19.....	122s. 3d.	13s. 10.8d.
Dec. 20.....	122s. 1d.	13s. 11.0d.
Dec. 21.....	121s. 10d.	13s. 11.4d.
Dec. 22.....	120s. 7d.	14s. 1.1d.
Dec. 23.....	121s. 3d.3	13s. 11.9d.
Average.....		

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 14th inst. to mid-day on the 21st inst.:

Imports.		Exports.	
British South Africa.....	£1,504,000	France.....	£1,586,382
British West Africa.....	52,620	Switzerland.....	818,222
British India.....	1,715,075	Netherlands.....	390,700
Australia.....	10,350	United States of America.....	220,200
New Zealand.....	52,873	Other countries.....	12,099
Straits Settlements and Dependencies.....	37,719		
United States of America.....	120,200		
Other countries.....	5,597		
	£3,498,434		£3,027,603

SILVER.

The market has been quiet and has presented much the same aspect as reported by us last week. That the level of prices has been maintained is due to American support, and on the 18th inst. buying orders from that quarter for cash were responsible for the narrowing of the discount on that delivery to 1-16d. This has, however, since reverted to 3-16d. China and the Indian Bazaars have again taken little interest, but the former has sold on balance whilst the latter have sent orders for shipment and have also effected some re-sales.

To-day, on weaker advices from the East, prices are quoted ¾d. lower at 19 15-16d. and 20 ¼d. for cash and forward delivery respectively.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 14th inst. to mid-day on the 21st inst.:

Imports.		Exports.	
Irish Free State.....	£9,500	Latvia.....	£40,163
Canada.....	6,250	British India.....	47,156
Other countries.....	1,055	Belgium.....	14,050
		Other countries.....	16,101
	£16,805		£117,470

Quotations during the week:

IN LONDON.		IN NEW YORK.		
Bar Silver per Oz., Standard.	Cash.	2 Mos.	(Cents per fine Ounce. .999)	
Dec. 17.....	20 7-16d.	20 11-16d.	Dec. 16.....	31 ¾
Dec. 18.....	20 3¼d.	20 7-16d.	Dec. 17.....	31 ¾
Dec. 19.....	20 7-16d.	20 9-16d.	Dec. 18.....	31
Dec. 21.....	20 7-16d.	20 9-16d.	Dec. 19.....	31 ¼
Dec. 22.....	20 5-16d.	20 ½d.	Dec. 21.....	31
Dec. 23.....	19 15-16d.	20 ½d.	Dec. 22.....	30 ¾
Average.....	20.323d.	20.479d.		

The highest rate of exchange recorded on New York during the period from the 17th to the 23rd inst. was \$3.45½ and the lowest \$3.33.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In Lacs of Rupees) —	Dec. 15.	Dec. 7.	Nov. 30.
Notes in circulation.....	17086	16550	16236
Silver coin and bullion in India.....	12847	12857	12835
Gold coin and bullion in India.....	456	456	448
Securities (Indian Government).....	3983	3237	2852

The stocks in Shanghai on the 19th inst. consisted of about 55,800,000 ounces in sycee, 165,000,000 dollars and 5,320 silver bars, as compared with about 57,000,000 ounces in sycee, 165,000,000 dollars and 5,360 silver bars on the 12th inst.

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, Jan. 9), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 28.9% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$7,347,138,734, against \$10,332,898,015 for the same week in 1930. At this center there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 20.7%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended Jan. 9.	1932.	1931.	Per Cent.
New York.....	\$4,015,441,973	\$5,064,745,737	-20.7
Chicago.....	272,498,798	420,640,910	-35.2
Philadelphia.....	319,000,000	360,000,000	-11.4
Boston.....	278,000,000	343,000,000	-19.0
Kansas City.....	66,517,787	91,616,826	-27.4
St. Louis.....	77,500,000	104,100,000	-25.6
San Francisco.....	124,467,000	138,830,000	-10.4
Los Angeles.....	No longer will report clearings.		
Pittsburgh.....	94,824,719	137,575,395	-31.1
Detroit.....	74,646,401	117,876,700	-36.7
Cleveland.....	81,834,217	113,696,719	-28.0
Baltimore.....	68,540,745	69,168,142	-0.9
New Orleans.....	41,708,107	26,489,352	+57.5
Twelve cities, five days.....	\$5,514,979,747	\$6,987,789,781	-21.1
Other cities, five days.....	607,635,865	855,538,695	-29.0
Total all cities, five days.....	\$6,122,615,612	\$7,843,328,476	-21.9
All cities, one day.....	1,224,523,122	2,489,569,539	-50.8
Total all cities for week.....	\$7,347,138,734	\$10,332,898,015	-28.9

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 Jan. 2. For that week there is a decrease of 43.7%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$5,919,700,761, against

\$10,505,406,961 in the same week of 1930. Outside of this city there is a decrease of 38.5%, the bank clearings at this center recording a loss of 46.2%. 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 contraction of 45.7%, in the Boston Reserve District of 45.8% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 46.6%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the totals are smaller by 35.6%, in the Richmond Reserve District by 20.6% and in the Atlanta Reserve District by 33.4%. The Chicago Reserve District has suffered a loss of 45.3%, the St. Louis Reserve District of 31.8% and the Minneapolis Reserve District of 29.4%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the decrease is 37.1%, in the Dallas Reserve District 20.6% and in the San Francisco Reserve District 21.9%.

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended Jan. 2 1932.	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1930.	1929.
Federal Reserve Dist.	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
1st Boston.....12 cities	277,579,006	512,656,371	-45.8	583,517,376	641,641,698
2nd New York.....12 "	3,907,506,508	7,199,985,769	-46.7	8,398,580,152	10,601,002,184
3rd Philadelphia.....10 "	289,804,654	543,356,200	-46.6	738,821,988	707,590,165
4th Cleveland.....8 "	235,719,422	365,960,010	-35.6	467,101,663	473,596,387
5th Richmond.....6 "	123,516,629	155,493,775	-20.6	189,257,212	201,885,648
6th Atlanta.....11 "	102,918,392	154,556,598	-33.4	187,725,455	206,725,623
7th Chicago.....20 "	462,519,004	845,804,449	-45.3	966,039,139	1,119,268,130
8th St. Louis.....7 "	115,865,433	169,897,581	-31.8	232,345,503	268,119,412
9th Minneapolis.....7 "	67,590,862	95,680,628	-29.4	110,582,732	125,554,938
10th Kansas City.....10 "	101,479,015	161,357,858	-37.1	192,171,375	195,732,643
11th Dallas.....5 "	41,050,709	51,722,853	-20.5	85,685,370	92,739,602
12th San Fran.....14 "	194,426,127	248,934,969	-21.9	345,448,217	385,783,606
Total.....122 cities	5,919,700,761	10,505,406,961	-43.7	12,500,277,683	15,018,639,936
Outside N. Y. City.....	2,139,843,185	3,480,897,690	-38.5	4,303,998,639	4,632,734,378
Canada.....32 cities	214,118,169	684,346,248	-68.7	374,370,731	492,914,873

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve Districts of the clearings for the month of December. For that month there is a decrease for the entire body of clearing houses of 31.5%, the 1931 aggregate of clearings being \$29,079,313,069 and the 1930 aggregate \$42,464,075,937. In the New York Reserve District, the totals record a

diminution of 31.5%, in the Boston Reserve District of 29.4% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 33.7%. In the Cleveland Reserve District the loss is 31.7%, in the Richmond Reserve District 26.3% and in the Atlanta Reserve District 25.1%. In the Chicago Reserve District the totals register a decline of 36.8%, in the St. Louis Reserve District of 28.0% and in the Minneapolis Reserve District of 21.9%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals fall behind 31.6%, in the Dallas Reserve District 23.5% and in the San Francisco Reserve District 24.6%.

	December 1931.	December 1930.	Inc. or Dec.	December 1929.	December 1928.
Federal Reserve Distrs.					
1st Boston.....13 cities	1,478,714,441	2,093,758,260	-29.4	2,443,819,596	2,558,630,427
2nd New York.....13	18,969,928,809	27,695,694,624	-31.5	33,897,663,389	40,038,670,361
3rd Philadelp'ia 14	1,461,867,333	2,206,556,371	-33.7	3,092,304,135	3,042,358,664
4th Cleveland.....15	1,110,841,465	1,787,106,550	-31.7	1,870,147,626	2,026,192,108
5th Richmond.....10	577,796,008	783,925,162	-26.3	817,564,488	865,518,955
6th Atlanta.....16	492,999,149	648,807,703	-25.1	797,848,259	950,618,935
7th Chicago.....28	2,044,389,741	3,237,541,785	-36.8	4,328,437,167	4,954,037,781
8th St. Louis.....9	515,165,082	715,971,839	-28.0	916,656,866	1,022,051,949
9th Minneapolis13	390,465,843	499,742,211	-21.9	594,678,443	647,794,107
10th KansasCity 14	654,065,815	956,564,861	-31.8	1,097,303,175	1,139,594,027
11th Dallas.....10	332,616,555	434,884,496	-23.5	616,509,538	628,450,031
12th San Fran.....23	1,050,464,809	1,393,622,075	-24.6	1,633,066,277	1,827,864,407
Total.....178 cities	23,079,313,069	42,464,076,937	-31.5	52,109,813,931	59,689,984,021
Outside N. Y. City.....	10,680,888,218	15,503,494,687	-31.1	18,909,691,158	20,471,852,248
Canada.....32 cities	1,370,300,078	1,609,135,244	-14.8	1,952,716,831	2,216,190,054

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the twelve months back to 1928:

	12 Months 1931.	12 Months 1930.	Inc. or Dec.	12 Months 1929.	12 Months 1928.
Federal Reserve Distrs.					
1st Boston.....13 cities	20,712,338,570	25,914,935,994	-20.1	31,158,917,523	28,134,573,308
2nd New York.....13	270,163,544,553	365,520,907,309	-24.0	487,551,440,643	400,332,794,584
3rd Philadelp'ia 14	21,212,378,322	28,151,835,548	-24.7	33,889,427,536	31,554,855,027
4th Cleveland.....15	16,013,922,705	21,145,822,948	-23.8	24,855,091,978	22,728,442,163
5th Richmond.....10	7,358,081,587	9,076,063,317	-19.9	9,834,565,649	9,785,185,874
6th Atlanta.....16	6,250,965,307	8,156,611,273	-23.4	9,575,918,208	10,414,957,451
7th Chicago.....28	30,463,994,163	43,810,366,289	-30.4	56,270,138,889	56,385,204,739
8th St. Louis.....9	6,729,939,023	9,396,706,277	-28.4	10,995,578,299	11,184,682,412
9th Minneapolis13	4,913,275,129	6,135,244,372	-19.9	7,268,782,624	7,178,775,087
10th KansasCity 14	8,754,834,076	12,011,213,880	-27.1	13,946,350,843	13,722,781,441
11th Dallas.....10	4,305,930,032	5,344,350,252	-19.4	6,918,056,670	6,600,164,694
12th San Fran.....23	13,458,966,367	17,482,397,665	-23.0	20,483,994,425	21,813,761,892
Total.....179 cities	410,338,166,564	542,243,060,904	-24.3	712,863,231,332	620,831,060,442
Outside N. Y. City.....	147,067,772,606	195,133,532,784	-24.6	235,620,949,177	229,113,594,178
Canada.....32 cities	16,840,412,408	20,094,909,690	-16.2	25,085,039,125	24,556,298,549

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 for the years 1928 to 1931 is indicated in the following:

	1931. No. Shares.	1930. No. Shares.	1929. No. Shares.	1928. No. Shares.
Month of January.....	42,603,382	62,308,290	110,805,940	66,919,395
February.....	64,181,836	87,334,100	77,983,730	47,009,070
March.....	65,658,034	96,552,040	105,661,570	84,973,869
First quarter.....	172,343,252	226,694,430	294,436,240	188,902,334
Month of April.....	54,346,836	111,041,000	82,800,470	80,478,835
May.....	46,659,525	78,340,030	91,283,550	82,398,724
June.....	58,643,847	76,593,250	69,546,040	63,886,110
Second quarter.....	159,650,208	265,974,280	243,430,060	226,763,669
Six months.....	331,993,460	492,668,710	537,866,310	415,666,003
Month of July.....	33,545,650	47,746,090	93,378,690	39,197,238
August.....	24,828,500	39,869,500	95,704,890	67,191,023
September.....	51,040,168	53,545,145	100,056,120	90,578,701
Third quarter.....	109,414,318	141,160,735	289,139,700	196,966,962
Month of October.....	47,896,533	65,497,479	141,668,410	98,831,435
November.....	37,355,208	51,946,840	72,455,420	115,360,075
December.....	50,158,818	58,764,397	83,861,660	92,837,350
Fourth quarter.....	135,410,559	176,208,716	297,985,290	307,028,860
Year 1931.....	576,818,412	810,038,161	1,124,991,490	919,661,825

Our usual monthly detailed statement of transactions on the New York Stock Exchange is appended. The results for December and the twelve months of 1931 and 1930 are given below:

CLEARINGS FOR DECEMBER, YEAR 1931, AND FOR WEEK ENDING JAN. 2.

Clearings at—	Month of December.			12 Months Ended Dec. 31.			Week Ended Jan. 2.				
	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1930.	1929.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston—											
Maine—Bangor.....	1,939,245	3,230,326	-40.0	30,871,677	34,873,633	-11.5	471,622	658,488	-28.4	730,813	1,271,070
Portland.....	1,123,765	15,607,173	-15.9	157,470,412	197,868,116	-20.4	2,691,505	3,984,268	-32.4	4,015,730	4,511,211
Mass.—Boston.....	1,284,331,170	1,772,756,019	-27.6	18,373,439,759	23,080,468,729	-20.4	241,000,000	457,952,283	-47.3	512,541,171	567,000,000
Fall River.....	4,003,623	4,746,550	-14.6	48,965,338	57,280,304	-14.5	750,085	935,389	-19.8	1,255,987	1,413,276
Holyoke.....	2,118,058	2,495,909	-15.1	26,973,066	30,299,066	-11.0	—	—	—	—	—
Lowell.....	1,749,950	2,438,681	-28.2	24,476,328	38,136,771	-35.8	229,078	480,078	-52.3	1,172,797	1,289,618
New Bedford.....	3,808,998	4,210,357	-11.6	46,114,827	53,088,956	-13.1	806,798	809,231	-0.3	1,775,658	1,162,537
Springfield.....	18,773,080	21,747,889	-13.7	225,038,803	243,701,444	-7.6	1,139,969	5,264,169	-78.3	6,321,437	8,062,793
Worcester.....	11,755,487	14,085,157	-16.5	145,679,993	174,694,717	-16.6	2,190,651	16,888,109	-40.5	22,188,735	22,884,094
Conn.—Hartford.....	49,960,936	64,137,638	-22.1	589,290,196	768,282,453	-23.3	10,041,443	7,201,847	-18.2	9,075,917	9,584,358
New Haven.....	27,745,597	29,383,114	-5.6	347,367,091	401,300,685	-13.4	5,893,522	—	—	—	—
Waterbury.....	7,074,500	8,626,500	-18.0	92,233,400	111,115,600	-17.0	—	—	—	—	—
R. I.—Providence.....	48,508,800	55,786,600	-13.0	573,896,200	688,796,100	-16.1	11,937,600	14,572,300	-18.1	19,154,900	19,184,700
N. H.—Manchester.....	3,821,232	4,506,347	-15.2	30,476,780	40,029,420	-23.8	426,733	950,074	-55.1	926,489	908,636
Total (14 cities).....	1,478,714,441	2,093,758,260	-29.4	20,712,338,570	25,914,935,994	-20.1	277,579,006	512,656,871	-45.8	583,517,376	641,641,598

Description.	Month of December.		Twelve Months.	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Stock, number of shares.....	50,158,818	58,764,397	576,818,359	810,038,161
Railroad and misc. bonds.....	\$179,702,300	\$173,201,000	\$1,846,035,700	\$1,927,021,400
State, foreign, &c., bonds.....	91,632,000	74,951,500	908,455,600	720,760,900
U. S. Government bonds.....	61,124,650	15,291,900	296,117,550	115,785,250
Total bonds.....	\$332,458,950	\$263,444,400	\$3,050,608,850	\$2,763,567,550

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 1931 and 1930:

Month.	Clearings, Total All.			Clearings Outside New York.		
	1931.	1930.	%	1931.	1930.	%
	\$	\$		\$	\$	
Jan.....	39,729,867,597	50,502,766,229	-21.3	14,429,407,420	18,471,461,679	-21.9
Feb.....	32,982,299,288	41,554,440,845	-20.6	11,769,025,696	15,566,791,938	-23.4
Mar.....	39,345,863,143	51,077,112,089	-23.0	13,177,478,161	17,312,053,962	-24.9
1st qu.....	112,058,030,028	143,134,319,163	-21.8	39,365,911,277	51,350,307,579	-23.3
Apr.....	39,899,862,096	50,708,761,896	-21.3	13,519,053,932	17,172,623,364	-22.8
May.....	37,927,970,265	45,539,769,118	-21.9	12,984,361,382	17,110,851,198	-24.1
June.....	39,281,209,724	49,612,548,531	-20.8	13,220,998,602	16,463,828,193	-19.7
2d qu.....	117,109,042,085	148,861,079,545	-21.4	39,724,413,916	50,747,302,755	-21.7
6 mos.....	229,167,072,113	291,995,398,708	-21.5	79,090,325,193	102,097,610,334	-22.6
July.....	34,817,649,284	46,911,125,085	-26.1	12,892,016,638	17,142,900,716	-24.3
Aug.....	29,305,352,003	38,769,203,790	-24.4	11,769,025,696	14,763,235,566	-23.7
Sept.....	31,154,512,692	40,316,543,297	-22.9	11,488,598,277	14,906,831,301	-22.9
3d qu.....	95,277,513,979	125,996,872,172	-24.4	35,646,794,046	46,812,967,583	-23.8
9 mos.....	324,444,586,092	417,992,270,880	-22.3	114,737,119,239	148,910,577,917	-22.9
Oct.....	32,680,872,109	45,632,977,085	-26.3	11,967,773,199	16,749,018,163	-28.5
Nov.....	24,133,395,294	36,153,737,002	-33.3	9,681,991,595	13,970,442,017	-30.7
Dec.....	29,079,313,069	42,464,075,937	-31.5	10,680,888,218	15,503,494,687	-31.1
4th qu.....	85,893,580,472	125,250,790,924	-31.4	32,330,653,367	46,222,954,867	-30.1
12 mos.....	410,338,166,564	542,243,060,904	-24.3	147,067,772,606	195,133,532,784	-24.6

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of December and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statements:

	December				Jan. 1 to Dec. 31			
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
(000,000 omitted.)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
New York.....	18,398	26,961	33,100	39,218	263,270	347,109	477,242	391,727
Chicago.....	1,263	2,098	2,890	3,312	19,201	28,707	36,714	37,842
Boston.....	1,284	1,763	2,184	2,272	18,373	23,070	27,610	25,829
Philadelphia.....	1,344	2						

CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Clearings at—	Month of December.			12 Months Ended Dec. 31.			Week Ended Jan. 2.					
	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1930.	1929.	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	
Second Federal Reserve District—New York—												
N. Y.—Albany	23,997,001	27,221,665	-11.8	325,552,925	353,497,666	-7.9	7,399,738	6,608,161	+12.0	7,397,320	7,801,553	
Binghamton	3,664,642	5,062,701	-27.6	46,384,503	70,199,795	-19.1	1,089,463	1,620,710	-32.8	2,245,790	2,160,914	
Buffalo	141,903,436	214,251,443	-30.5	1,929,918,055	2,604,443,330	-25.9	32,520,695	50,243,148	-35.3	60,501,660	66,503,175	
Elmira	3,734,581	4,889,395	-23.6	50,753,092	61,394,283	-1.9	717,252	1,091,636	-34.3	1,101,561	1,215,267	
Jamestown	3,021,449	4,420,153	-31.8	28,270,393,958	347,109,528,120	-24.2	3,779,857,576	7,024,519,271	-46.2	8,196,279,044	10,885,904,558	
New York	18,395,424,851	26,960,581,250	-31.8	248,170,737	599,571,946	-17.5	9,564,043	13,657,703	-28.0	18,642,502	21,957,458	
Rochester	41,892,215	50,128,054	-16.4	494,981,674	599,571,946	-17.5	5,026,941	6,943,919	-27.6	7,881,981	10,923,809	
Syracuse	18,461,458	23,805,855	-22.4	248,170,737	599,571,946	-17.5	5,026,941	6,943,919	-27.6	7,881,981	10,923,809	
Conn.—Stamford	16,148,411	18,664,583	-13.5	163,862,476	208,474,112	-21.4	3,596,825	3,100,397	+16.0	4,016,642	4,595,256	
N. J.—Montclair	3,352,147	4,118,374	-18.6	36,619,217	41,073,525	-11.8	593,068	776,428	-32.3	940,419	976,241	
Newark	126,626,960	169,202,737	-32.2	1,541,778,781	1,990,926,944	-13.9	29,400,441	37,398,978	-21.4	38,651,568	41,928,533	
Northern N. J.	180,840,632	204,377,554	-11.5	1,918,008,624	2,250,855,686	-14.8	37,203,443	52,526,110	-29.2	59,087,520	55,439,064	
Oranges	7,858,976	8,870,859	-11.4	81,910,523	88,788,453	-7.7	---	---	---	---	---	
Total (13 cities)	18,969,926,809	27,695,594,624	-31.5	270,163,544,553	355,520,097,309	-24.0	3,907,506,508	7,199,985,769	-45.7	8,398,580,152	10,601,002,184	
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia—												
Pa.—Allentown	2,490,351	5,182,352	-51.9	36,463,654	68,868,072	-47.0	428,812	1,000,047	-57.1	1,271,236	1,338,124	
Bethlehem	16,099,258	16,128,140	-2	172,417,920	225,717,798	-23.6	4,304,864	4,573,575	-5.9	4,905,177	4,543,538	
Chester	3,349,000	4,578,034	-6.4	45,621,395	54,190,321	-15.8	561,000	1,000,000	-43.9	1,333,062	1,309,347	
Harrisburg	12,300,724	18,690,076	-34.2	172,878,869	222,550,947	-22.3	---	---	---	---	---	
Lancaster	8,338,128	7,968,855	+4.6	119,589,615	100,081,996	+19.4	1,608,049	2,005,539	-19.8	1,703,638	1,613,351	
Lebanon	2,150,700	2,734,889	-21.4	28,219,603	34,870,724	-19.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Norristown	2,234,412	3,125,597	-29.9	33,320,866	38,811,301	-14.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Philadelphia	1,344,000,000	2,060,000,000	-34.8	19,701,000,000	26,360,000,000	-25.3	270,000,000	516,000,000	-47.7	707,000,000	665,000,000	
Reading	12,316,346	13,863,648	-11.2	151,206,990	178,233,147	-15.1	2,519,359	3,149,996	-20.0	4,838,939	5,117,082	
Scranton	15,686,806	20,074,051	-21.8	214,088,498	245,928,326	-12.7	2,975,750	5,000,000	-40.5	6,517,914	6,605,407	
Wilkes-Barre	10,553,622	13,998,044	-24.6	148,081,121	178,381,878	-17.0	1,967,830	3,918,083	-49.8	3,638,828	5,553,311	
York	6,690,986	9,047,685	-26.1	87,995,778	105,501,365	-16.6	*900,000	1,984,950	-54.7	2,113,193	2,046,310	
N. J.—Camden	6,579,000	10,106,000	-10.6	84,836,000	118,145,203	-28.2	---	---	---	---	---	
Trenton	18,688,000	20,909,000	-10.6	216,600,000	220,839,000	-5.3	4,539,000	4,724,000	-3.9	5,510,000	5,463,695	
Total (14 cities)	1,461,867,333	2,206,556,371	-33.7	21,212,375,322	28,151,933,548	-24.7	289,804,654	643,356,200	-46.6	738,821,988	707,590,165	
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland—												
Ohio—Akron	1,654,000	17,184,000	-91.9	d142,973,000	244,201,000	-37.0	d297,000	3,570,000	-91.7	5,440,000	7,443,000	
Canton	1,814,000	15,349,319	-88.1	x14,405,071	209,510,783	-40.2	b	3,330,092	---	3,918,556	4,569,125	
Cincinnati	216,219,165	267,618,589	-15.5	2,837,577,247	3,202,938,421	-11.5	43,193,519	58,836,018	-26.8	74,544,830	78,227,452	
Cleveland	363,491,970	618,050,980	-29.9	5,123,450,082	6,637,913,338	-22.9	82,210,949	123,716,805	-33.5	165,000,000	167,638,674	
Columbus	39,716,800	63,883,800	-37.8	602,282,400	792,932,400	-24.1	6,613,800	14,689,400	-55.0	16,765,000	20,806,300	
Hamilton	2,230,749	3,596,597	-35.3	36,640,370	48,898,612	-23.2	---	---	---	---	---	
Lorain	705,530	1,320,668	-46.6	13,906,676	18,490,723	-19.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Mansfield	6,633,404	---	---	x63,516,115	93,261,261	-31.9	c	1,254,787	---	1,747,060	2,084,914	
Youngstown	16,732,302	---	---	x156,359,778	259,844,604	-39.9	e	2,794,396	---	4,188,217	5,803,874	
Pa.—Beaver Co.	1,094,212	1,286,674	-15.1	7,603,484	23,834,039	-28.6	---	---	---	---	---	
Franklin	617,802	727,664	-15.1	7,229,156	9,358,775	-22.8	---	---	---	---	---	
Greensburg	1,623,210	5,557,113	-72.3	38,931,357	81,102,560	-52.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Pittsburgh	466,814,424	843,648,514	-44.7	6,655,620,424	9,246,960,326	-28.1	103,404,154	157,768,512	-34.5	195,500,000	185,983,048	
Ky.—Lexington	7,385,203	7,430,098	-0.9	62,902,335	82,259,046	-24.5	---	---	---	---	---	
W. Va.—Wheeling	9,305,420	16,546,828	-37.3	142,325,210	194,767,150	-26.9	---	---	---	---	---	
Total (15 cities)	1,110,841,485	1,787,106,550	-31.7	16,013,922,705	21,145,822,948	-23.8	235,719,422	365,960,010	-35.6	467,101,663	472,596,387	
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond—												
W. Va.—Huntington	2,640,693	5,641,093	-47.7	30,830,709	56,337,080	-45.1	460,477	941,750	-51.1	1,272,148	1,350,230	
Va.—Norfolk	16,027,099	21,192,264	-24.5	178,403,799	213,187,682	-16.3	2,186,202	3,606,223	-39.4	4,574,062	6,972,709	
Richmond	143,473,174	193,506,636	-25.9	1,748,565,239	2,286,520,865	-23.6	24,534,225	36,951,000	-33.6	45,178,000	43,439,000	
N. C.—Raleigh	6,202,097	12,078,766	-48.7	85,568,908	117,088,662	-26.9	*1,000,000	2,022,731	-50.6	3,000,000	3,155,488	
S. C.—Charleston	6,625,308	8,672,817	-23.4	84,584,417	110,235,165	-23.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Columbia	8,809,752	10,095,707	-12.1	101,035,483	108,282,902	-17.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Md.—Baltimore	289,578,031	410,891,792	-29.6	3,851,615,868	4,820,464,324	-20.2	73,415,823	85,951,697	-14.6	107,583,321	116,816,578	
Frederick	1,259,480	2,097,018	-39.9	18,963,999	24,658,271	-23.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Hagerstown	*1,500,000	2,775,998	-46.0	25,236,388	31,730,772	-20.2	---	---	---	---	---	
D. C.—Washington	101,680,374	117,673,071	-4.1	1,233,276,777	1,317,607,594	-6.4	21,919,902	26,020,374	-15.8	27,649,681	30,151,643	
Total (10 cities)	577,796,008	783,925,162	-26.3	7,358,081,587	9,076,063,317	-17.9	123,516,629	155,493,775	-20.6	189,257,212	201,885,648	
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta—												
Tenn.—Knoxville	14,700,000	11,000,000	+33.4	144,145,834	143,741,364	+0.2	2,570,218	*2,500,000	+2.8	3,560,349	3,221,618	
Nashville	46,704,926	74,577,551	-36.1	528,043,516	1,078,748,051	-40.9	9,937,167	14,151,914	-29.8	19,453,033	23,132,352	
Ga.—Atlanta	147,800,000	187,854,150	-20.8	1,835,600,000	2,258,286,150	-18.5	*85,000,000	42,605,033	-17.8	51,154,908	59,652,638	
Augusta	5,629,773	7,374,627	-23.6	68,233,406	89,214,260	-23.4	1,417,637	1,243,872	+13.0	2,043,165	2,379,155	
Columbus	2,586,251	3,635,753	-28.9	35,921,053	48,242,835	-25.6	---	---	---	---	---	
Macon	3,152,281	5,631,828	-44.1	38,868,396	72,467,235	-46.4	484,914	1,135,535	-57.3	1,489,714	1,843,763	
Fla.—Jacksonville	48,501,603	48,183,093	+0.6	589,169,980	675,293,206	-12.8	5,979,520	11,583,979	-17.3	23,282,000	16,839,499	
Tampa	6,380,409	7,913,489	-19.3	73,091,638	88,717,724	-17.6	---	---	---	---	---	
Ala.—Birmingham	43,851,442	75,059,677	-34.9	668,758,940	1,010,297,655	-33.9	10,582,777	16,961,764	-37.6	28,437,466	26,908,610	
Mobile	5,073,820	7,111,306	-29.3	67,631,437	96,642,806	-27.2	849,730	2,041,079	-58.4	2,435,207	2,379,100	
Montgomery	2,862,680	4,133,154	-30.8	36,473,025	66,258,519	-35.2	---	---	---	---	---	
Miss.—Hattiesburg	3,776,000	5,321,000	-29.1	54,814,000	71,415,000	-22.9	---	---	---	---	---	
Jackson	5,809,945	9,441,436	-38.5	72,851,103	108,145,650	-22.5	730,000	1,718,000	-57.5	1,992,515	2,488,000	
Meridian	1,394,459	2,536,692	-45.1	20,051,822	33,982,638	-40.9	---	---	---	---	---	
Vicksburg	686,320	862,566	-20.5	7,230,656	9,958,037	-27.4	176,447	248,732	-29.1	333,583	642,001	
La.—New Orleans	149,080,238	197,571,381	-9.4	2,010,081,171	2,315,469,043	-13.2	31,589,982					

CLEARINGS—(Concluded.)

Clearings at—	Month of December.			12 Months Ended Dec. 31.			Week Ended Jan. 2.					
	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1932.	1931.	Inc. or Dec.	1930.	1929.	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minnesota												
Duluth	15,607,045	22,920,233	-31.9	205,222,340	279,895,777	-26.7	2,415,575	4,938,697	-51.1	4,822,248	5,681,086	
Minneapolis	251,664,230	324,080,761	-22.3	3,172,021,285	4,016,265,422	-21.0	46,315,677	67,128,991	-31.0	76,965,546	80,711,396	
Rochester	930,506	1,051,445	-11.5	16,116,042	28,943,330	-44.3	---	---	---	---	---	
St. Paul	83,120,366	99,573,802	-16.5	1,016,105,672	1,200,088,456	-15.3	14,813,033	17,914,803	-17.3	22,092,310	30,298,746	
N. Dak.— Fargo	8,685,647	9,933,404	-2.8	98,629,575	102,983,785	-4.2	1,469,226	1,723,464	-14.8	1,826,992	1,965,577	
Grand Forks	5,617,000	6,633,000	-15.3	73,200,000	83,571,000	-12.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Minot	1,075,414	1,518,582	-29.1	14,096,306	20,082,098	-29.8	---	---	---	---	---	
S. Dak.— Aberdeen	2,905,804	4,661,079	-37.6	40,694,983	53,202,133	-23.5	539,188	770,756	-30.0	1,179,483	1,376,643	
Sioux Falls	5,049,392	8,159,000	-38.1	77,531,404	99,433,856	-22.0	---	---	---	---	---	
Mont.— Billings	2,026,069	2,922,249	-30.7	26,844,486	33,136,648	-19.0	281,885	460,154	-38.7	442,154	760,490	
Great Falls	3,099,817	4,451,783	-30.4	40,200,012	54,560,708	-26.5	---	---	---	---	---	
Helena	10,380,206	14,445,818	-28.1	129,487,579	158,230,338	-18.2	1,756,278	2,743,163	-36.0	3,254,000	3,761,000	
Lewistown	304,347	391,055	-22.2	3,119,445	4,736,821	-34.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Total (13 cities)	390,465,843	499,742,211	-21.9	4,913,275,129	6,135,244,872	-19.9	67,590,862	95,680,028	-29.4	110,582,733	125,554,938	
Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas												
Neb.— Fremont	881,900	1,317,393	-33.1	12,977,782	16,296,319	-20.3	177,087	282,199	-37.2	361,953	491,492	
Hastings	846,845	2,092,882	-61.4	16,382,735	26,305,091	-37.7	118,008	389,502	-69.7	565,573	577,728	
Lincoln	10,505,869	13,836,464	-24.1	147,152,318	175,817,874	-16.3	1,720,071	3,050,084	-43.6	3,458,370	4,999,838	
Omaha	119,527,128	173,242,465	-31.0	1,724,857,297	2,180,257,401	-21.0	24,060,881	35,158,849	-31.6	40,036,932	39,966,400	
Kan.— Kansas City	9,849,219	9,916,897	-0.7	139,167,029	109,882,111	+8.5	---	---	---	---	---	
Topeka	10,538,680	15,079,519	-30.0	134,079,333	170,679,470	-21.4	2,002,815	3,680,012	-45.6	3,292,583	4,427,347	
Wichita	19,766,136	29,043,737	-32.9	258,977,982	366,334,805	-29.3	4,417,740	6,501,408	-32.0	7,899,515	9,992,474	
Missouri— Joplin	3,151,640	3,133,405	-31.3	25,247,753	47,687,133	-47.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Kansas City	330,492,712	495,496,360	-33.3	4,399,861,852	6,302,246,742	-30.2	65,196,561	106,016,383	-38.5	128,078,099	125,786,168	
St. Joseph	14,336,945	22,695,383	-36.9	202,405,835	289,851,742	-29.8	2,730,963	4,322,762	-36.8	6,152,992	6,623,708	
Okl.— Tulsa	24,348,987	35,778,359	-31.9	304,545,105	487,606,641	-37.5	---	---	---	---	---	
Colo.— Colo. Springs	3,990,482	5,097,106	-21.7	51,016,997	61,740,658	-17.4	250,742	598,671	-58.1	797,626	1,087,572	
Denver	102,583,539	143,447,264	-28.4	1,295,070,787	1,694,207,214	-23.6	802,647	1,357,988	-40.9	1,533,432	1,870,410	
Pueblo	4,517,800	6,316,657	-28.5	62,042,178	79,301,193	-21.8	---	---	---	---	---	
Total (14 cities)	654,065,815	956,564,861	-31.6	8,754,834,076	12,011,213,880	-27.1	101,479,015	161,357,858	-37.1	192,171,375	195,732,643	
Eleventh Federal Reserve District—Texas												
Texas— Austin	4,949,816	6,385,938	-22.5	74,429,043	76,981,831	-3.3	960,532	1,240,976	-22.6	1,285,597	2,046,421	
Beaumont	5,683,949	7,829,000	-27.4	75,506,339	96,974,276	-22.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Dallas	143,636,413	174,024,000	-17.5	1,803,330,859	2,122,364,049	-15.0	29,154,978	35,699,076	-18.3	64,266,238	63,847,918	
El Paso	13,232,605	20,230,496	-43.7	207,711,013	295,817,874	-30.4	4,749,037	6,804,667	-30.2	10,921,550	13,240,481	
Fort Worth	31,269,472	40,912,000	-23.6	380,876,297	520,252,889	-26.7	3,419,000	4,366,000	-21.7	3,933,000	6,727,876	
Galveston	12,353,900	15,510,000	-20.4	132,167,000	179,440,290	-26.3	---	---	---	---	---	
Houston	104,642,255	141,227,223	-25.9	1,385,063,619	1,676,248,710	-17.3	---	---	---	---	---	
Port Arthur	1,766,136	2,586,195	-31.7	23,383,175	35,361,870	-31.7	---	---	---	---	---	
Wichita Falls	3,200,000	7,160,000	-55.3	52,992,000	100,312,041	-47.2	---	---	---	---	---	
La.— Shreveport	11,882,909	15,697,144	-24.3	170,470,477	237,800,692	-28.3	2,767,162	3,612,134	-23.4	8,279,485	6,876,906	
Total (10 cities)	332,616,555	434,884,496	-23.5	4,305,930,032	5,344,350,252	-19.4	41,050,709	51,722,853	-20.6	88,685,870	92,739,602	
Twelfth Federal Reserve District—Washington												
Wash.— Bellingham	2,353,708	3,431,000	-31.3	33,466,194	50,404,884	-33.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Seattle	115,105,374	153,697,442	-25.1	1,563,617,845	1,997,926,280	-21.7	23,187,641	30,763,850	-24.6	40,585,536	54,127,964	
Spokane	39,322,000	47,621,337	-17.4	466,630,000	569,737,000	-18.1	6,846,000	10,875,000	-37.0	12,084,000	13,795,000	
Yakima	2,871,510	5,499,105	-47.8	42,897,787	60,000,038	-28.5	460,788	926,161	-50.2	1,659,345	1,970,883	
Idaho— Boise	5,683,224	7,632,813	-25.5	67,401,994	72,789,413	-7.4	---	---	---	---	---	
Oregon— Eugene	1,142,000	1,580,000	-27.7	15,124,000	21,303,239	-29.0	---	---	---	---	---	
Portland	97,556,845	135,074,129	-27.8	1,384,174,312	1,769,799,112	-21.8	17,685,031	25,724,701	-31.3	36,088,194	37,861,988	
Utah— Ogden	7,487,576	7,820,936	-5.8	48,712,606	82,968,375	-41.3	---	---	---	---	---	
Salt Lake City	63,981,710	87,330,002	-26.7	715,077,670	917,786,774	-22.1	14,938,985	20,405,234	-26.8	22,663,287	19,769,698	
Arizona— Phoenix	11,706,369	16,391,000	-28.5	156,930,482	199,040,000	-21.2	---	---	---	---	---	
Calif.— Bakersfield	3,869,233	5,238,751	-26.1	48,426,008	87,256,303	-44.5	---	---	---	---	---	
Berkeley	18,184,887	19,812,166	-8.2	200,954,406	233,253,788	-13.5	---	---	---	---	---	
Long Beach	20,305,298	32,276,686	-37.1	272,436,183	365,062,994	-25.4	3,599,698	6,582,675	-45.3	7,557,962	8,994,639	
Los Angeles	No longer will report	No longer will report	clearings	No longer will report	No longer will report	clearings	No longer will report	No longer will report	clearings	No longer will report	No longer will report	
Modesto	2,240,100	3,216,406	-30.3	30,577,718	50,561,882	-39.5	---	---	---	---	---	
Pasadena	19,837,025	25,261,651	-21.4	240,082,609	293,876,641	-18.3	3,338,745	5,618,826	-40.5	5,819,944	2,320,956	
Riverside	3,572,950	3,496,037	+2.2	41,890,830	49,565,876	-16.1	---	---	---	---	---	
Sacramento	35,807,869	30,664,223	+16.8	389,910,876	354,648,306	+9.9	4,923,409	4,505,885	+9.3	6,516,798	6,030,498	
San Diego	18,924,523	24,475,403	-22.6	217,365,451	276,387,907	-21.3	3,473,998	5,279,164	-34.2	6,077,854	6,919,117	
San Francisco	554,560,426	742,770,345	-25.3	7,142,159,353	9,558,593,667	-25.5	110,993,424	130,614,991	-15.0	197,440,246	223,883,812	
San Jose	10,617,838	13,233,437	-19.3	132,151,816	157,852,616	-16.0	1,733,243	2,812,259	-38.4	4,059,110	3,931,327	
Santa Barbara	6,598,644	9,414,548	-29.9	86,054,117	104,427,920	-17.6	1,269,852	1,768,630	-28.2	2,147,430	1,823,061	
Santa Monica	6,090,794	9,064,058	-32.8	83,068,604	102,745,953	-20.1	888,396	1,629,593	-45.5	1,924,011	2,246,563	
Stockton	6,844,906	8,686,600	-21.2	81,320,666	108,272,700	-24.8	1,087,517	1,440,000	-24.5	1,826,500	2,328,100	
Total (24 cities)	1,050,464,809	1,303,622,075	-24.6	13,458,966,367	17,482,397,665	-23.0	194,426,127	248,934,969	-21.9	345,449,217	385,783,606	
Grand total (178 cities)	29,079,313,069	42,464,075,937	-31.5	410,338,166,564	542,243,060,904	-24.3	5,919,700,761	10,505,406,961	-43.7	12,500,277,683	15,018,639,936	
Outside New York	10,680,888,218	15,503,494,687	-31.1	147,067,772,806	195,133,532,784	-24.6	2,139,843,185	3,480,887,690	-38.5	4,303,998,639	4,632,734,378	

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR DECEMBER, YEAR 1931, AND FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 31.

Clearings at—	Month of December.			12 Months Ended Dec. 31.			Week Ended Dec. 31.					
	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1931.	1930.	Inc. or Dec.	1929.	1928.	
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	%	\$	\$	
Canada												
Montreal	455,021,110	568,116,618	-19.9	5,773,473,678	6,917,957,798	-16.5	69,063,386	125,351,818	-44.9	126,224,334	181,405,912	
Toronto	386,969,465	477,703,707	-19.0	5,134,895,419	6,036,838,536	-14.9	62,371					

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Except for the bad setback on Monday, and the further weakness on Tuesday during which many new low records were established, the stock market has shown decided recuperative tendencies the present week. The sharp rebound on Wednesday carried many of the active speculative favorites to new tops for the present movement. The suspension of Gurnett & Co. on Tuesday had a depressing effect for a brief period, but the market quickly recovered a goodly amount of its early losses. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued after the close of business on Thursday showed a further recession of \$23,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district. This makes the 18th consecutive drop reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and brings the outstanding total of these borrowings down to \$568,000,000, the lowest figure since Feb. 1 1918 when the amount reported was \$510,179,000. Call money renewed at 3½% on Monday morning, continued at that rate until Tuesday afternoon when it dropped to 3%. A further recession occurred on Thursday afternoon when a rate of 2½% was established, and remained unchanged during the balance of the week.

Prices were fractionally higher during the first hour, at the half-day session last Saturday, but the rally did not hold and declines were in order all along the line. Trading was very moderate, though heavy sales were reported in one or two special issues. Many prominent traders were still absent and as sellers were in the majority, prices continued to move downward. One of the outstanding weak spots was Western Union Telegraph, which slipped back nearly 5 points. Amer. Tel. & Tel. and Westinghouse Electric were somewhat reactionary, the latter dipping to a new low, and Auburn Auto sold down about 6 points, closing at 125. The principal changes on the side of the decline included such active stocks as Allied Chemical & Dye, 2¼ points to 57¾; Aetehison, 3 points to 82; J. I. Case Co., 2 points to 38¾; International Business Machines, 4¼ points to 100; Peoples Gas, 3½ points to 114½; Union Carbide & Carbon, 2½ points to 28¾, and United Fruit, 2½ points to 21½. As the session came to an end, the market was slightly more active, though prices were still weak with many leaders down to the minimum for the current movement. On Monday, the market again declined and a number of the outstanding leaders registered new lows. The opening hour gave promise of a fairly active session, but trading fell off and the trend turned downward with losses ranging from 2 to 4 or more points. Several prominent issues dipped to new low levels for the present movement, the list including such stocks as Consolidated Gas, General Motors, American Can, Westinghouse, General Electric, Amer. Tel. & Tel., and J. I. Case Co. Auburn Auto was off about 6 points, but did not get down to its 1931 low. Toward the end of the session a modest rally got under way, but the final quotations showed no material change. The recessions included among others, Allied Chemical & Dye, 2¼ points to 63¾; Aetehison, 2 points to 80; Coca Cola, 3½ points to 100¼; Columbian Carbon, 2½ points to 31½; Eastman Kodak, 5½ points to 73¾; Endicott-Johnson, 2 points to 25½; Homestake Mining, 4 points to 125; International Business Machines, 4¾ points to 95¼; Norfolk & Western, 7 points to 111; Southern Pacific, 2½ points to 25½, and Union Pacific, 3 points to 68. Trading was quiet at the close, with most of the market leaders weak, and prices off from 1 to 4 or more points. Stocks were again under selling pressure during the early trading on Tuesday, but rallying tendencies developed later in the session and the final quotations were only fractionally down on the day. The day's turnover was approximately 1,418,619 shares which was under the total of the preceding day. Among the active stocks yielding below the previous close were Brooklyn Union Gas, 2½ points to 72½; Vulcan Detinning, 2½ points to 22½; United Biscuit, 2 points to 90, and Detroit Edison, 3¼ points to 109. Trading continued fairly steady to the end with the principal market leaders slightly lower on the day.

The market moved briskly upward on Wednesday, and while the early advances were temporarily checked by profit taking, late support sent prices upward and numerous gains, ranging from 2 to 12 or more points, were registered at the close. The advances were not particularly spectacular and with the possible exception of Auburn Auto, which surged forward 12¾ points to 131½, the upward swing was gradual, though the improvement extended to practically every group in the list. Railroad stocks were represented on the side

of the advance by Aetehison, which moved ahead 4¼ points to 80¾; New York Central, which forged ahead 2½ points to 29; Norfolk & Western, which moved upward 6½ points to 117½, and Union Pacific, which gained 3½ points to 70½. Substantial gains were also recorded by such active stocks as Allied Chemical & Dye, United States Steel, American Can, Amer. Tel. & Tel., General Motors, Eastman Kodak, Western Union, International Business Machines and Coca Cola.

Considerable profit taking appeared during the early trading on Thursday, but this was quickly absorbed and the market again firmed up, though, on the whole, trading was very quiet. The main strength was in the railroad group, though scattered through the list were a number of preferred stocks that displayed substantial gains. Short covering was partly responsible for the general improvement, though some investment buying was in evidence from time to time. United States Steel was fairly strong and crossed 41 with a gain of about 2 points. The outstanding changes on the plus side were Aetehison, 2½ points to 81¾; Baltimore & Ohio, 1½ points to 16½; Norfolk & Western, 3½ points to 121; Union Pacific, 3½ points to 74; Atlantic Coast Line, 5 points to 34; Peoples Gas, 4¼ points to 115½; Eastman Kodak, 1½ points to 79¾; Louisville & Nashville, 5 points to 27, and Otis Elevator, 3 points to 103. At the close the market was somewhat easier, with the outstanding leaders slightly below their best of the day.

The trend of prices was again upward on Friday, United States Steel leading the upswing with a gain of 2½ points to 43¾. Railroad shares were again prominent in the upturn. Aetehison moving up 2½ points to 85, and substantial gains were registered by Baltimore & Ohio, Rock Island, New York Central, New Haven, Delaware & Hudson, Union Pacific and Southern Pacific. The industrials and specialties were represented on the up-side by Air Reduction 2 points to 52, Allied Chemical & Dye 4½ points to 71½, American Can 2½ points to 63¼, Amer. Tel. & Tel. 5 points to 120, American Tobacco "B" 3 points to 74, Auburn Auto 10¼ points to 140½, Eastman Kodak 2½ points to 81¾, Western Union 2½ points to 40¾ and Worthington Pump 2½ points to 20½. The market closed strong and active with most of the popular stocks at their best of the day.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Jan. 8 1932	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad and Miscell. Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	United States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Saturday	721,990	\$3,135,000	\$1,316,000	\$995,200	\$5,446,200
Monday	1,513,365	5,674,000	2,316,000	2,870,800	10,860,800
Tuesday	1,418,619	4,885,000	2,481,000	3,404,000	10,770,000
Wednesday	1,837,910	5,399,000	3,275,000	4,807,000	13,481,000
Thursday	2,179,369	7,567,000	3,389,000	2,609,500	13,565,500
Friday	1,969,650	8,518,000	3,153,000	3,687,000	15,358,000
Total	9,640,903	\$35,178,000	\$15,930,000	\$18,373,500	\$69,481,500

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Jan. 8.		Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	
	1932.	1931.	1931.	1930.
Stocks—No. of shares.	9,640,903	12,182,443	730,866,171	738,965,651
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$18,373,500	\$4,962,700	\$296,118,050	\$115,785,250
State & foreign bonds	15,930,000	17,387,000	908,455,600	720,760,900
Railroad & misc. bonds	35,178,000	45,828,000	1,846,034,700	1,927,021,400
Total bonds	\$69,481,500	\$68,177,700	\$3,050,608,350	\$2,763,567,550

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Jan. 8 1932.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	18,513	\$1,100	106,003	\$7,000	253	\$1,500
Monday	37,668	6,500	233,272	25,000	414	---
Tuesday	33,622	9,200	23,383	27,000	459	500
Wednesday	28,522	50	29,471	69,500	391	---
Thursday	30,893	2,000	40,577	36,100	602	4,200
Friday	5,385	---	2,600	---	1,303	---
Total	154,603	\$18,850	235,306	\$164,600	3,423	\$6,200
Prev. week revised	172,984	\$146,500	226,620	\$142,800	10,023	\$21,000

a In addition, sales of warrants were: Monday, 600.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

A decided shrinkage in the volume of business and lower prices marked the opening of the New Year on the New York Curb Exchange. Later substantial advances were recorded and the market closed in most cases at or near the highest for the week. Utility issues show the most pronounced gains. Electric Bond & Share, com. after early loss from 11 to 9½, ran up to 12¾ and closed to-day at the high figure. The \$6 pref. and the \$5 pref. made good gains, the former, over 7½ points to 60½, and the \$5 pref., 6 points to 50. Amer. Cities Power & Light, com. dropped from 24¾ to 21 and recovered finally to 23. Amer. Gas & Elec., com. sold down from 36½ to 32¼ and up to 38, the close

to-day being at 37 7/8. Amer. Superpower, 1st pref. lost 2 points at first from 54 to 52, then sold up to 56. Commonwealth-Edison from 116 receded to 114, advanced to 119 3/4 and closed to-day at the high figure. Duke Power off from 65 to 63 at first sold finally at 67. Northern States Power, com. eased off at first from 75 to 70 1/2, then recovered to 78, the final transaction to-day being at 76. Oils show few changes of importance. Cumberland Pipe Line improved from 26 3/8 to 28. Humble Oil & Refg. weakened from 44 1/4 to 43 7/8 and sold up finally to 45 3/4. Standard Oil (Ohio), com. after loss of 1 1/2 points to 24, sold up to 27 1/2. Gulf Oil fell from 26 5/8 to 25 3/4, then advanced to 29 7/8, and closed at this figure to-day. Some substantial advances were noted in the miscellaneous list. Singer Mfg. moving up from 123 to 130. Aluminum Co. of Amer. sold down at first from 51 1/2 to 48 1/4, then up to 58 1/2. The preferred gained 5 1/2 points to 66. Aluminum, Ltd., com. improved from 17 to 20 and finished to-day at 18 1/2. Cord Corp. sold up from 6 1/2 to 8.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 305.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Jan. 8 1932	Stocks (Number of Shares)	Bonds (Par Value).			
		Domestic	Foreign Government	Foreign Corporate	Total
Saturday	140,205	\$1,116,000	\$41,000	\$36,000	\$1,193,000
Monday	292,240	1,992,000	67,000	86,000	2,145,000
Tuesday	181,602	1,999,000	130,000	65,000	2,194,000
Wednesday	265,550	2,456,000	110,000	101,000	2,667,000
Thursday	302,775	2,917,000	111,000	148,000	3,176,000
Friday	350,585	3,269,000	169,000	129,000	3,567,000
Total	1,532,957	\$13,749,000	\$628,000	\$565,000	\$14,942,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended Jan. 8.		Jan. 1 to Dec. 31.	
	1932.	1931.	1931.	1930.
Stocks—No. of shares	1,532,957	2,663,900	110,349,385	251,996,693
Bonds				
Domestic	\$13,749,000	\$20,343,000	\$907,018,000	\$848,803,000
Foreign Government	628,000	638,000	32,658,000	40,225,000
Foreign corporate	565,000	888,000	40,219,000	39,645,000
Total	\$14,942,000	\$21,839,000	\$979,895,000	\$928,673,000

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:

	Jan. 2 1932.	Jan. 4 1932.	Jan. 5 1932.	Jan. 6 1932.	Jan. 7 1932.	Jan. 8 1932.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Bank of France	10,600	10,600	10,700	11,100	10,900	
Bank Nationale de Credit	65	67	66	72		
Banque de Paris et Pays Bas	1,040	1,050	1,110	1,130	1,120	
Banque de Union Parisienne	273	298	320	335		
Canadian Pacific	299	304	324	331	339	
Canal de Sues	11,925	11,250	12,155	12,100		
Cie Distr d'Electricite	1,940	1,960	2,030	2,050		
Cie General d'Electricite	1,880	1,930	1,960	1,990	1,960	
Citroen B	470	469	470	487		
Comptoir Nationale d'Escompte	1,010	1,010	1,030	1,070	1,060	
Coty, Inc.	260	260	270	280	280	
Courrieres	371	368	373	389		
Credit Commercial de France	600	603	603	620		
Credit Foncier de France	4,230	4,230	4,370	4,380	4,350	
Credit Lyonnais	1,500	1,540	1,580	1,620	1,610	
Distribution d'Electricite la Par	1,930	1,960	2,010	2,040	2,050	
Eaux Lyonnais	1,870	1,890	1,960	1,990	1,970	
Energie Electrique du Nord	557	556	578	595		
Energie Electrique du Littoral	857	863	889	908		
French Line	101	101	105	107	108	
Gales Lafayette	80	80	79	78	80	
Gas Le Bon	HOLI- DAY	700	700	700	710	740
Kuhlmann	300	300	300	310	310	
L'Air Liquide	490	500	530	550	530	
Lyon (P. L. M.)	1,156	1,168	1,220	1,258		
Mines de Courrieres	370	360	370	380	370	
Mines des Lens	380	380	380	400	380	
New Ry	1,570	1,570	1,640	1,720	1,700	
Paris, France	1,260	1,240	1,220	1,230	1,220	
Pathe Capital	95	90	94	95		
Pechiney	1,040	1,030	1,090	1,100	1,090	
Rentes 3%	78.70	78.30	78.60	79.20	78.90	
Rentes 5% 1920	125.20	124.90	124.60	124.90	124.90	
Rentes 4% 1917	96.20	95.70	96.00	96.30	96.50	
Rentes 5% 1915	101.10	101.30	101.10	101.60	101.30	
Rentes 6% 1920	103.10	102.90	102.60	102.80	102.80	
Royal Dutch	1,090	1,100	1,130	1,150	1,140	
Saint Gobin, C. & C.	1,650	1,680	1,790	1,925		
Schneider & Cie	1,050	1,100	1,060	1,200		
Societe Andre Citroen	460	460	470	480	490	
Societe General Fonciere	164	163	174	181	179	
Societe Francaise Ford	103	108	105	109	114	
Societe Lyonnais	1,875	1,890	1,975	1,990		
Societe Marsellaise	604	598	599	597		
Sues	11,800	11,900	12,100	12,100	12,100	
Tubise Artificial Silk pref.	95	101	108	115		
Union d'Electricite	760	780	790	810	810	
Union des Mines						
Wagon-Lits	92	91	94	99		

PRICES ON BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Berlin Stock Exchange is closed.

New York quotations for German and other foreign unlisted dollar bonds as of Dec. 31:

	Bid.	Asked.
Bavaria 6 1/8, 1929-1945	26	29
Brandenburg Electric 6%, 1953	26	30
British Hungarian 6%, 1932	31	34
East Prussian Power 6%, 1953	22	26
European Mortgage & Investment 7 1/8, 1966	29 1/2	31 1/2
French Government 5 1/8, 1937	93	100
French National Mail S. S. Line 6 1/2, 1952	82	84
German Atlantic Cable 7%, 1945	35	38
German Building & Landbank 6 1/4, 1948	24	29

	Bid.	Asked.
Hamburg-American Line 6 1/8, 1935	46	55
Housing & Realty Imp. 7s, 1946	20	26
Hungarian Central Mutual 7s, 1937	22	27
Hungarian Discount & Exchange Bank 7s, 1963	20	23
Hungarian Italian Bank 7 1/4, 1932	50	80
Koholy 6 1/8, 1943	23	27
Leipzig Overland Power 6 1/4, 1946	24	28
Leipzig Trade Fair 7s, 1953	21	23
Marmeln & Palatine 7s, 1941	30	34
Munch 7s, to 1945	26	30
Nassau Landbank 6 1/4, 1938	22	30
Oberpals Electric 7%, 1946	27	32
Paris-Orleans Ry. 6s, 1956	38	
Pomerania Electric 6%, 1953	24	26
Protestant Church (Germany) 7 1/8, 1946	17	22
Provincial Bank of Westphalia 6%, 1933	18	25
Rhine Westphalia Electric 7%, 1936	37	46
Roman Catholic Church 6 1/4, 1946	34	40
Roman Catholic Church Welfare 7%, 1946	32	32
Saarbruecken Mortgage Bank 6s, 1947	45	55
Saxon State Mortgage 6%, 1947	20	25
Siemens & Halske debentures 6%, 2930	245	295
Stettin Public Utilities 7%, 1946	21	25
United Industrial 6%, 1945	27	33
Wurtemberg 7s, 1929-1945	24	29

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. Jan. 2.	Mon. Jan. 4.	Tues. Jan. 5.	Wed. Jan. 6.	Thurs. Jan. 7.	Fri. Jan. 8.
Silver, per oz.	20 3/4 d.		20 7-16 d.	20 3-16 d.	19 13-16 d.	19 15-16 d.
Gold, p. fine oz.	122s. 2d.		122s. 5d.	122s. 9d.	121s. 8d.	120s. 4d.
Consols, 2 1/2%	55 1/2		55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
British, 5%	95 1/4		96 1/4	96 1/4	97	97
British, 4 1/2%	93		93	93 1/2	93 1/2	94
French Rentes (in Paris) 3%		78.70	78.30	78.60	79.20	78.90
French War L'n (in Paris) 5%		101.20	101.30	101.10	101.60	101.30

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been: Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.) --- 30 1/4 --- 30 1/4 --- 29 3/4 --- 29 1/4 --- 30 1/4

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 350.—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. First we give the receipts at Western lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
Chicago	120,000	47,000	646,000	192,000	85,000	1,000
Minneapolis	456,000	34,000	34,000	66,000	38,000	2,000
Duluth	42,000	1,000	6,000	2,000	5,000	2,000
Milwaukee	3,000	2,000	63,000	17,000	34,000	2,000
Toledo	96,000	50,000	172,000	1,000	2,000	6,000
Detroit	11,000	5,000	14,000			
Indianapolis	15,000	196,000	90,000	8,000		
St. Louis	98,000	292,000	175,000	64,000	44,000	
Peoria	31,000	2,000	188,000	27,000	19,000	
Kansas City	5,000	1,196,000	86,000	10,000		
Omaha	132,000	53,000	10,000			
St. Joseph	16,000	40,000	18,000			
Wichita	198,000	4,000				
Sioux City	22,000	25,000	2,000	1,000		
Total wk. '32	257,000	2,527,000	1,566,000	656,000	260,000	52,000
Same wk. '31	343,000	5,827,000	3,241,000	857,000	401,000	297,000
Same wk. '30	364,000	4,026,000	9,170,000	1,607,000	538,000	1,163,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1931	10,038,000	193,032,000	60,125,000	37,987,000	20,209,000	3,910,000
1932	9,887,000	247,251,000	91,477,000	65,754,000	33,395,000	15,150,000
1929	10,120,000	249,682,000	114,026,000	81,381,000	47,538,000	19,347,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Jan. 2 1932, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
	bbls. 196lbs.	bush. 60 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.	bush. 32 lbs.	bush. 48 lbs.	bush. 56 lbs.
New York	121,000	7,000	17,000	19,000		
Portland, Me.	5,000	32,000				
Philadelphia	26,000	1,000	22,000	4,000		
Baltimore	14,000	3,000	23,000	13,000		4,000
Mobile	24,000					
New Orleans*	42,000	63,000	9,000	24,000		
Galveston		3,000				
St. John, N.B.	15,000	130,000				27,000
Boston	15,000	45,000		5,000		
Total wk. '32	238,000	308,000	71,000	65,000		31,000
Since Jan. '32	238,000	308,000	71,000	65,000		31,000
Week 1931	339,000	643,000	55,000	73,000	17,000	17,000
Since Jan. '31	339,000	643,000	55,000	73,000	17,000	17,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign port on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ended Saturday, Jan. 2 1932, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	327,000		15,246	5,000		
Portland, Me.	32,000		7,000			
Baltimore	24,000					
New Orleans	2,000	3,000	10,000</			

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Jan. 2 1932.	Since July 1 1931.	Week Jan. 2 1932.	Since July 1 1931.	Week Jan. 2 1932.	Since July 1 1931.
	Barrels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
United Kingdom.....	25,594	1,725,472	266,000	27,495,000	-----	17,000
Continental.....	11,138	1,231,563	261,000	59,997,000	-----	1,000
So. & Cent. Amer.....	4,000	177,453	-----	5,661,000	-----	7,000
West Indies.....	5,000	253,914	3,000	88,000	3,000	33,000
Brit. No. Am. Colonies.....	-----	962	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other countries.....	2,500	138,627	9,000	2,187,000	-----	-----
Total 1932.....	48,246	3,527,991	539,000	95,428,000	3,000	58,000
Total 1931.....	132,001	6,875,076	1,169,000	117,449,000	60,000	124,000

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Jan. 2, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat,	Corn,	Oats,	Rye,	Barley,
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York.....	3,402,000	-----	73,000	17,000	14,000
Boston.....	1,668,000	-----	2,000	1,000	-----
Philadelphia.....	2,606,000	55,000	48,000	7,000	6,000
Baltimore.....	6,935,000	65,000	32,000	32,000	1,000
Newport News.....	650,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans.....	2,408,000	98,000	87,000	-----	-----
Galveston.....	4,294,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Fort Worth.....	6,778,000	123,000	561,000	3,000	23,000
Buffalo.....	18,869,000	2,707,000	1,057,000	324,000	398,000
afloat.....	7,911,000	294,000	823,000	82,000	75,000
Toledo.....	4,313,000	68,000	211,000	5,000	5,000
afloat.....	190,000	-----	583,000	-----	-----
Detroit.....	387,000	14,000	21,000	31,000	65,000
Chicago.....	21,850,000	5,615,000	2,513,000	2,122,000	227,000
afloat.....	1,071,000	280,000	-----	1,160,000	-----
Milwaukee.....	6,172,000	180,000	424,000	209,000	486,000
Duluth.....	19,145,000	140,000	2,095,000	1,647,000	368,000
Minneapolis.....	30,982,000	17,000	3,612,000	3,749,000	2,355,000
St. Louis.....	1,470,000	31,000	104,000	1,000	15,000
St. Paul.....	6,506,000	741,000	601,000	6,000	3,000
Kansas City.....	30,100,000	104,000	86,000	52,000	148,000
Wichita.....	1,967,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Hutchinson.....	5,993,000	4,000	-----	-----	-----
St. Joseph, Mo.....	6,681,000	43,000	342,000	-----	-----
Peoria.....	6,850,000	3,000	321,000	-----	-----
Indianapolis.....	1,472,000	1,300,000	970,000	-----	-----
Omaha.....	18,415,000	82,000	575,000	15,000	29,000
Total Jan. 2 1932.....	212,329,000	11,967,000	15,643,000	9,463,000	4,218,000
Total Dec. 26 1931.....	212,933,000	11,300,000	15,651,000	9,504,000	4,272,000
Total Jan. 3 1931.....	189,264,000	16,390,000	28,226,000	15,568,000	11,384,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 2,000 bushels; Buffalo, 30,000; total, 32,000 bushels, against 255,000 bushels in 1931. Barley, New York, 1,000 bushels; New York afloat, 63,000; Buffalo, 101,000; Buffalo afloat, 465,000; Duluth, 3,000; total, 633,000 bushels, against 1,429,000 bushels in 1931. Wheat, New York, 1,600,000 bushels; New York afloat, 5,538,000; Buffalo, 4,236,000; Buffalo afloat, 12,808,000; Duluth, 1,000; Toledo afloat, 340,000; total, 24,233,000 bushels, against 26,128,000 bushels in 1931.

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	Week Dec. 31 1931.	Since July 1 1931.	Since July 1 1930.	Week Dec. 31 1931.	Since July 1 1931.	Since July 1 1930.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
North Amer.....	5,921,000	176,739,000	212,306,000	18,000	1,570,000	979,000
Black Sea.....	1,000,000	98,664,000	81,353,000	2,746,000	10,578,000	23,423,000
Argentina.....	1,434,000	40,460,000	24,402,000	3,686,000	242,082,000	125,038,000
Australia.....	1,524,000	53,393,000	37,200,000	-----	-----	-----
India.....	-----	600,000	8,912,000	-----	-----	-----
Oth. countr's.....	320,000	20,176,000	26,776,000	593,000	14,334,000	33,144,000
Total.....	10,199,000	390,032,000	390,954,000	7,043,000	268,564,000	182,584,000

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Thursday, Dec. 31, and since July 1 1931 and 1930.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:		Capital.
1931.		
Dec. 29—The First National Bank of West Point, Miss.....	-----	\$100,000
Dec. 29—First Savings Bank of West Point, Miss.....	-----	25,000
Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter of The First National Bank of West Point, No. 2891, and under the title of "The First National Bank of West Point," with capital stock of \$125,000. Surplus \$50,000.		
Dec. 29—The City National Bank of Dawson, Ga.....	-----	100,000
Dec. 29—The Dawson National Bank, Dawson, Ga.....	-----	200,000
Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter of The City National Bank of Dawson, No. 6496, and under the corporate title of "The Dawson-City National Bank," with capital stock of \$100,000. Surplus \$50,000.		
Dec. 31—The First National Bank of Greensburg, Pa.....	-----	150,000
Dec. 31—Merchants Trust Co. of Greensburg, Pa.....	-----	300,000
Dec. 31—The Union Trust Co. of Greensburg, Pa.....	-----	400,000
Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter of The First National Bank of Greensburg, No. 2558, and under the title of "The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Greensburg," with capital stock of \$480,000 and surplus of \$350,000.		
Dec. 31—First National Bank of Detroit, Mich.....	-----	7,500,000
Dec. 31—Guardian Detroit Bank, Detroit, Mich.....	-----	5,000,000
Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter of The National Bank of Commerce of Detroit, No. 8703, and under the corporate title of "Guardian National Bank of Commerce of Detroit," with capital stock of \$10,000,000 and surplus of \$5,000,000. The consolidated bank has twenty-nine (29) branches, all located in the City of Detroit, which were in lawful operation on Feb. 25 1927. One of these branches was a branch of The National Bank of Commerce of Detroit and twenty-eight (28) branches were branches of Guardian Detroit Bank.		

Dec. 31—The National Bank of Commerce of Detroit, Mich..... 5,000,000
 Dec. 31—Peoples Wayne County Bank, Detroit, Mich..... 15,000,000
 Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter of First National Bank of Detroit, No. 10527, and under the corporate title of "First Wayne National Bank of Detroit," with capital stock of \$25,000,000 and surplus of \$25,000,000. The consolidated bank has one hundred and fifty-six (156) branches, all located in the City of Detroit, which were in lawful operation on Feb. 25 1927. Twenty-nine of these branches were branches of First National Bank in Detroit and one hundred and twenty-seven (127) branches were branches of Peoples Wayne County Bank. Five branches of First National Bank in Detroit which were authorized since Feb. 25 1927, were reauthorized for the consolidated bank.

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

1931.	Capital.
Dec. 31—First Wayne National Bank of Detroit, Mich.....	-----
Location of branches—all in the City of Detroit:	
12203 Conant Rd.	20900 Fenkell Ave.
1500 Trumbull Ave.	1700 East Davison Ave.
13101 Mack Ave.	8700 East Forest Ave.
16050 Plymouth Rd.	15703 Grand River Ave.
14241 Fenkell Ave.	3505 Trumbull Ave.
12157 Linwood Ave.	8001 Harper Ave.
1000 Warren Ave., West	11600 East Jefferson Ave.
9960 Gratiot Ave.	9950 Mack Ave.
4101 Fenkell Ave.	12045 12th St.
15911 Wyoming Ave.	4701 Chene St.
9768 Grand River Ave.	19038 Van Dyke Ave.
Southeast corner of Fort and Shelby Sts.	
Dec. 31—Guardian National Bank of Commerce of Detroit, Mich.....	-----
Location of branches—all in the City of Detroit:	
Union Guardian Bldg.	13745 Fenkell Ave.
(Congress & Griswold Sts.)	16301 E. Warren Ave.
13923 Gratiot Ave.	7875 East Jefferson Ave.
9545 Grand River Ave.	11410 Mack Ave.
13300 Livernois Ave.	20845 Fenkell Ave.
7201 W. Fort St.	-----

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 and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
Deferred payment paper, face value approximately \$9,217.19, consisting of notes & conditional sale contracts covering dental &	-----	-----	medical equip't acquired by Credit Utility Co., Inc., from Union Dental Instrument Mfg. Corp.....	\$1,000 lot

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
15 Atlantic National Bank, par \$25. 28	-----	-----	15 Massachusetts Utilities Associates, pref., par \$50.....	17½
10 Central Trust Co., Cambridge, par \$10.....	40	-----	100 Lerner Stores Corp., pref. w. w. 40	40
35 Newmarket Mfg. Co.....	5	-----	349 H. S. & M. W. Snyder, Inc. \$3,000 lot	-----
50 Wm. Whitman & Co., pref.....	35	-----	650 H. S. & M. W. Snyder, Inc. \$6,000 lot	-----
25 Nor. Bost. Ltg. Prop. com. v. t. c. 25	-----	-----	-----	-----

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
133 West Point Mfg. Co.....	33-33¼	-----	three years from date, originally in amt. of \$75,000, int. 7% now reduced to \$72,500 with interest at 6%, secured by a mortgage on real estate on Peterborough St., Boston; note and mortgage were extended, and are now overdue.....	\$55,000 lot

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
10 Phila. Nat. Bank, par \$20.....	52½	-----	11 John B. Stetson Co., common.....	9
7 Phila. Nat. Bank, par \$20.....	52	-----	7 Nor. Liberties Gas Co., par \$25.....	39
30 Girard Trust Co., par \$10.....	94	-----	20 Catawissa RR., pref., par \$50.....	40½
102 Real Estate and Title & Trust Co., par \$10.....	11¼	-----	100 Victory Insurance Co., par \$10.....	2¼
20 Pa. Co. for Ins. on Lives, &c., par \$10.....	32	-----	4 Phila. Bourse, com., par \$50.....	18
20 Pa. Co. for Ins. on Lives, &c., par \$10.....	31¼	-----	50 Consolidated Trac. Co. of N. J. 21	-----
5 Fidelity-Phila. Trust Co.....	380	-----	-----	-----

By Baker, Simonds & Co., Detroit on Dec. 30 1931:	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
130 Mtge. & Contract Co., com.....	\$13 lot	-----	500 Detroit Hockey Club, pref.....	\$55 lot
249 Empire Land Co., com.....	\$3 lot	-----	500 Detroit Hockey Club, com.....	\$1 lot
1,286 Manor Land Co., com.....	\$10 lot	-----	12,000 Detroit Props. Corp., com.....	\$1 lot
30 First Mtge. & Bond Co., com.....	\$5 lot	-----	4,060 Peninsular Stove Co. v. t. 22 lot	-----
30 First Mtge. & Bond Co., pref.....	\$5 lot	-----	6,000 Peninsular Stove Co. v. t. c. \$2 lot	-----
8 Red Run Land Co., com.....	\$5 lot	-----	30 Mich. Elec. Shares Corp.....	25c. lot
151 Carey Ld. Co., com. Lot No. 1.50c. lot	-----	-----	12 Carey Land Co., com.....	50c. lot
151 Carey Ld. Co., com. Lot No. 2.50c. lot	-----	-----	-----	-----
500 Hotel Pierre, com.....	25c. lot	-----	-----	-----
2 Apts. Co. of Detroit, pref.....	25c. lot	-----	-----	-----
100 Saginaw Home Bldrs., com.....	\$100 lot	-----	-----	-----
13,500 Det. Props. Corp. pr. pt. \$1 lot	-----	-----	-----	-----
4,000 Detroit Props. Corp., pref.....	\$12 lot	-----	-----	-----

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks.	\$ per Sh.
10 Angel International Corp, par \$1 15c.....	-----	-----	10 Como Mines, par \$1.....	10c.
100 Nipissing Mines, par \$5.....	\$1	-----	100 Peer Oil, no par.....	\$1 lot

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:

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam).			
Ach. Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (quar.).....	*1¼	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 29
Augusta & Savannah.....	*2¼	July 5	-----
Extra.....	*25c.	July 5	-----
Semi-annual.....	*2¼	Jan 5 '33	-----
Extra.....	*25c.	Jan 5 '33	-----
Cincinnati Northern.....	*6	Jan. 30	-----
East Penn.....	*\$1.50	Jan. 19	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Kansas City St. L. & Chic., pf. (qu.).....	*1½	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Massawippi Valley.....	*3	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
St. Louis-San Francisco, pref.—No action taken.....	-----	-----	-----
Shamokin Valley & Pottsville.....	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Stoney Brook RR.....	*3	Jan. 5	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Public Utilities.			
Amer. Light & Tract., com. (quar.).....	62½c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Preferred (quar.).....	1½	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Public Utilities (Concluded).				Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Arizona Edison, \$6.50 pref.—Div. passed				Deposited Insurance Shares, ser. A....	*11.5c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Associated Telep., Ltd., \$1.50 pf. (qu.)	*37 1/2c	Feb. 2	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Dexter Co.—Dividend omitted.			
Bangor-Hydro Elec. (quar.)	*50c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Edison Bros. Trust Shares in America	*12c	Dec. 31	
Broad River Power, 7% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Eureka Pipe Line (quar.)	1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Calgary Power, Ltd., 6% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Exchange Buffet Corp.	6 1/4c	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
California Oregon Power, 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Fair (The) com.—Dividend omitted			
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Canadian West. Natural Gas—				Fedless Rubber, com. (quar.)	50c	Apr. 1	Mar 16
Light, Heat & Power, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Federal Co-operative Fire Finance, pref. (qu.)	*17 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Common (extra)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Federal Knitting Mills, com. (qu.)	*62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Central & S. W. Util. \$7 pr. lien (qu.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30	Fellin (J. J.) & Co., common	*6	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
\$7 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30	7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
\$6 prior lien (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30	General Cigar Co., Inc., com. (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Chic. Aurora & Elgin Elec. RR., prior li	en—D	vidend passed		Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Commonwealth Edison Co. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	General Foods Corp., com. (quar.)	*75c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Electric Power Assoc., com. & cl. A (qu.)	*25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Georgian, Inc., pref. (quar.)	*40c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Frankford & Southwark Phila. Pass Ry.	*\$4.50	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Goodman Mfg. (quar.)	*75c	Feb. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
General Pub. Utilities \$7 pref.—Div. omi	tted.			Goodyear Tire & Rub., com. (quar.)	*25c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Green & Coates Lts. Phila. Pass Ry. (qu.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 7		Gullford Realty, com. (quar.)	*35c	Dec. 31	
Hartford Electric Light (quar.)	*68 3/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	
Holyoke Water Power (quar.)	*3	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Heyden Chemical, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Honolulu Rapid Transit (quar.)	*35c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Hollinger Consol. Gold Mines. (mthly.)	5c	Jan. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Illinois Northern Utilities, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Home Credit (Baltimore), pref.	*\$7 1/2c	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21
Internat. Ocean Tele. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Homestake Mining (monthly)	*65c	Jan. 26	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Lawrence Gas & Electric (quar.)	*90c	Jan. 13	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Horn & Hardart (N. Y.) com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Louisville Gas & El. (Ry.), 7% pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Inter-Island Steam Nav. (monthly)	*10c	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Internat. Cigar Machinery (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Jantzen Knitting Mills, com.	*1 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Lowell Electric Light (quar.)	*90c	Jan. 13	*Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Key Boiler Equipment, com.—Divid	end ac	tion defer	
Mass. Power & Light Assoc., pref. (qu.)	*50c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 6	Kress (S. H.) & Co., com. (quar.)	*25c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Missouri Power & Light \$6 pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19	Special preferred (quar.)	*15c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Municipal Service, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Kroehler Mfg., com. (quar.)	*18c	Dec. 31	
Mutual Tele. (Hawaii) (mthly.)	*8c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Newark (O.) Telephone, com. (extra)	*\$1	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Lawbeek Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
New Bedford Gas & Edison Light (qu.)	*75c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Liberty Limestone Corp., 7% pref. (qu.)	*15c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
North Amer. Gas & Elec., class A	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Loew's Boston Theatres (quar.)	65c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a
\$6 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Loose-Wiles Biscuit, com. (quar.)	10c	Apr. 20	*Holders of rec. Apr. 9
Peoples Gas Light & Coke (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 8	Jan. 1 to Jan. 7	Common (extra)	*30c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Phila. & Grays Ferry Pass Ry	*\$1.50	Jan. 11	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18	Lucky Tiger Combination Gold Min. (qu)	*4	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Plymouth Gas Light				M-A-C-Plan, Inc., pref. (quar.)	*4	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 25
Public Service Co. of Nor. Illinois—				Marchants Calculating Machine—Divide	nd omi	tted.	
No par and \$100 par com. (quar.)	*\$2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Masot Oil (quar.)	*1 1/2c	Dec. 25	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Maytag Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Cumulative preference (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Rhine Westphalia Elec. Power—				McCraday-Rodgers Co., pref. (quar.)	*\$7 1/2c	Dec. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
American shares	*\$1.06	Jan. 22	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	McCrothers Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Rhode Isl. Pub. Serv., cl. A (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	McGolkrick Bond & Mtge., pref.	*3 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Mead Corporation, com.—Dividend pas	sed.		
Seattle Gas, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Melville Shoe Corp., com. (quar.)	*50c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Springfield City Water, pf. A & B (qu.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Second preferred (quar.)	*7 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Standard Telep. (Del.) pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Mercantile Acceptance of Cal. cl. A (qu.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Superior Wat. Lt. & Pow., pref. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Mercantile Acceptance Trust, pref.	*3 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Toledo Edison Co. 7% pf. (mthly.)	*5	1-3c	Feb. 1	Mercantile Amer. Realty, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	*50c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Merohants Exchange, Inc.	*2 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 19
5% preferred (monthly)	*4	1-2-3c	Feb. 1	Midwest Oil, \$1 par (quar.)	*4c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Un. Lt. & Rys. (Del.) 7% pr. pf. (mthly.)	*5	1-3c	Feb. 1	\$10 par (quar.)	*40c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
6.38 prior pref. (monthly)	*53c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	\$1 preferred (quar.)	*6c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
6% prior pref. (monthly)	*50c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Miss. Val. Util. Invest., \$6 pr. lien (qu.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
United Ohio Util., 6% pr. pf. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 9	Mobile Bond & Mtge., pref.	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
West Penn Electric Co., 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Moline Mfg. (quar.)	*4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 18
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Morris Plan Bank (Savannah)			
York Rys., com. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Mutual Investors, pref.—Dividend defer	red		
Preferred (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	National Tea, pref. (quar.)	13 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Banks.				Trust Companies.			
Harriman Nat Bank & Trust	*5	Jan. 8	*Holders of rec. Jan. 7	Corn Exchange Bank Trust (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Extra	*5	Jan. 8	*Holders of rec. Jan. 7	Fire Insurance.			
Harriman Securities Corp.	*\$7.50	Jan. 8	*Holders of rec. Jan. 7	Great American (quar.)	*40c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Trust Companies.				Miscellaneous.			
Corn Exchange Bank Trust (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Accross Canada Shares (No. 1)	*27.70c	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Fire Insurance.				Acme Staple, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Great American (quar.)	*40c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 8	Adams Mills Corp., com. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Miscellaneous.				First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Accross Canada Shares (No. 1)	*27.70c	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Alexander Hamilton Institute, pref.—Di	vidend omi	tted	
Acme Staple, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Allis-Chalmers Mfg. (quar.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 23
Adams Mills Corp., com. (quar.)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	Amerasia Corporation (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19	American Dairies, Inc., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Alexander Hamilton Institute, pref.—Di	vidend omi	tted		Amer. Depositor Corp., ser. A (No. 1)	*9.3c	Dec. 31	
Allis-Chalmers Mfg. (quar.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 23	Accumulative shares (No. 1)	*9.3c	Dec. 31	
Amerasia Corporation (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	American Furniture, pref. A (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
American Dairies, Inc., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	American Machine & Fdy., com. (quar.)	35c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Amer. Depositor Corp., ser. A (No. 1)	*9.3c	Dec. 31		Amer. Smeit & Refining, com. (quar.)	*12 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Accumulative shares (No. 1)	*9.3c	Dec. 31		First preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 5
American Furniture, pref. A (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 8
American Machine & Fdy., com. (quar.)	35c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., pref. (qu.)	omitte	d	
Amer. Smeit & Refining, com. (quar.)	*12 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Associated Dry Goods, com.—Dividend	omitte	d	
First preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 5	Associated Standard Oil Shares	14.03c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 8	Atlas Drop Forge—Dividend omitted.			
Archer-Daniels-Midland Co., pref. (qu.)	omitte	d		Atlas Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Associated Dry Goods, com.—Dividend	omitte	d		Autoline Oil, pref. (quar.)	*20c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24
Associated Standard Oil Shares	14.03c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Baker (J.T.) Chemical, 1st & 2d pt. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Atlas Drop Forge—Dividend omitted.				Balaban & Katz, vot. tr. etfs. (quar.)	*75c	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Atlas Powder, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Autoline Oil, pref. (quar.)	*20c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24	Bancor Hotel (quar.)	*15c	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Baker (J.T.) Chemical, 1st & 2d pt. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16	Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining—			
Balaban & Katz, vot. tr. etfs. (quar.)	*75c	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 19	& Concentrating (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 5	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 19	Belding-Cortelli, Ltd. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Bancor Hotel (quar.)	*15c	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30	Beneficial Industrial Loan, com (qu.)	37 1/2c	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining—				Preferred (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
& Concentrating (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 5	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Birtman Electric Co., com. (quar.)	*12 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Belding-Cortelli, Ltd. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	\$7 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Beneficial Industrial Loan, com (qu.)	37 1/2c	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Bon Ami Co., com. A (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Preferred (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Com. B (quar.)	50c	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Birtman Electric Co., com. (quar.)	*12 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Com. B (extra)	50c	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
\$7 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Borden Co., com. (quar.)	75c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Bon Ami Co., com. A (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Boss Mfg., common (quar.)	1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Com. B (quar.)	50c	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Brach (E. J.) & Sons (quar.)	*25c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 13
Com. B (extra)	50c	Jan. 17	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Brady, Cryan & Collieran, pref.—Divide	nd omi	tted	
Borden Co., com. (quar.)	75c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Brown Shoe, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Boss Mfg., common (quar.)	1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30	Bullocks, Inc. pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Brach (E. J.) & Sons (quar.)	*25c	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 13	Business System, Ltd., pref. B (qu.)	*37 1/2c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Brady, Cryan & Collieran, pref.—Divide	nd omi	tted		Canadian Foreign Investment, pf. (qu.)	2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Brown Shoe, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Canadian Wineries, com. (quar.)	*5c	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Bullocks, Inc. pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11	Cartier, Inc., 7% pref. (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Business System, Ltd., pref. B (qu.)	*37 1/2c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Central Illinois Securities, conv. pf. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Canadian Foreign Investment, pf. (qu.)	2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Century Ribbon Mills, Inc., pref. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Canadian Wineries, com. (quar.)	*5c	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp. (qu.)	25c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Cartier, Inc., 7% pref. (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Chain Store Real			

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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.
Miscellaneous (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
American Ry. Trust Shares.	*40c.	Jan. 15	-----	Howe Sound Co. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
American Rolling Mill, 6% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Incorporated Investors (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 22
Amer. Shipbuilding, com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Indiana Pipe Line Co. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 22
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Industrial & Power Securities (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Amer. Thermos Bottle, class A (quar.)	*15c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Quarterly	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1
Amer. Type Founders Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Quarterly	25c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Am. Citroen Corp.—				Quarterly	25c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Am. dep. rets. for B bearer shares	*30fr.	Jan. 21	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Insull Utility Investm'ts, Inc., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Anglo National Corp., com. cl. A (qu.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Insurancshares Corp. of Del., com. (ann.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Austin Nichols & Co., prior A (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Common (extra)	12 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Automobile Banking, common	*81	Jan. 11	*Holders of rec. Dec. 22	Interall Invest. Corp., class A	*35c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Common (extra)	*50c.	Jan. 11	*Holders of rec. Dec. 22	Internat. Business Machines (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 11	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Preferred	*4	Jan. 11	*Holders of rec. Dec. 22	Stock dividend	6c.	Jan. 11	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Automobile Finance, pref.	*87 1/2c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	International Harvester, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 19a
Baldwin Co., 6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	International Match, com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a
Bandit Petroleum (monthly)	*5c.	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Participating pref. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a
Bastian Blessing Co., com. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Internat'l Nickel of Canada, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Bayuk Cigars, Inc., com. (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	7% pref. (\$5 par) (quar.)	*8 1/2c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	International Printing Ink, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Beatty Bros., Ltd., com. A (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	International Shoe, pref. (monthly)	*50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Bethlehem Steel, com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 18a	Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	May 2	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Bloomington Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Preferred (monthly)	*50c.	June 1	*Holders of rec. May 14
Briggs Manufacturing, com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a	International Tea Stores, Ltd.—			
Briggs & Stratton Corp. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Amer. dep. rets. for ord. reg. shs.	*12	Jan. 11	*Holders of rec. Dec. 11
British-American Tobacco, ord. (final)	(0)	Jan. 25	See note (0)	Invest. Foundation, Ltd., conv. pf. (qu.)	*38c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Ordinary (interim)	(0)	Jan. 25	See note (0)	Jewel Tea, com. (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Broadway Dept. Stores, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18	Johns-Manville Corp., com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 26a
Burma Corp., Ltd., Am. dep. rcts.	*10	Feb. 20	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Kaufmann Dept. Stores, com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Bush Terminal, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 8a	Kayser (Julius) & Co., com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Liquid Carbon Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Byers (A. M.) Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Jan. 17 to Jan. 28	Knudsen Creamery, class A & B (quar.)	*37 1/2c.	Feb. 20	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Byllesby (H. M.) & Co., cl. A & B (qu.)	*15	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Kroger Grocery & Baking—			
Calaveras Cement, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	7% second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Canada Bud Breweries, Ltd. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Lane Bryant, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Canada Dry Ginger Ale (quar.)	30c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Langendort United Bakeries, cl. A (qu.)	*50c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Canadian Bronze, com. (quar.)	31 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Lefcourt Realty Corp., com. (quar.)	*40c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Canadian Car & Fdy., com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 29	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Limestone Products, 7% pref. (quar.)	*62 1/2c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 29	Holders of rec. Dec. 26	Link Belt Co., com. (quar.)	30c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Canadian Fairbank, Morse, 6% pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (quar.)	30c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Canadian Industries, Ltd., com. (quar.)	*62 1/2c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Liquid Carbon Corp., com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Lord & Taylor, second pref. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Carman & Co., Inc., class A (quar.)	*18 1/2c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24	Lucky Tiger Combination Gold Mtn.—			
Chapman Ice Cream, (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Common	*3c.	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Cherry-Burrell Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Common	*3c.	Apr. 20	*Holders of rec. Apr. 10
Chicago Yellow Cab (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19a	MacAndrews & Forbes, com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Cincinnati Postal Term. & Rlty, pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Cincinnati Wholesale Groc., pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Macfadden Publications, Inc., pref.	\$3	Jan. 22	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Cities Service Co., com. (monthly)	2 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	MacKinnon Steel Corp., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Com. (payable in com. stk.) (monthly)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Maey (R. H.) & Co., common	75c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 22a
Preferred B (monthly)	5c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Common payable in common stock	12 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Pref. and preference BB (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Magma Copper Co. (quar.)	*20c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
City Union Corp., common (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Magnin (L.) & Co. (quar.)	*3 1/2	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Coca Cola Bottling Co. of St. L. (quar.)	*40c.	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 5	Mansfield Theatres (Toronto)	*3 1/2	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Quarterly	*40c.	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 5	Masbach Hardware, 1st pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Quarterly	*40c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 5	McCall Corporation, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Comm. Discount (Los Angeles), pf. (qu.)	*20c.	Jan. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1	McCull Frontenac Oil, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
7% preferred (quar.)	*17 1/2c.	Jan. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1	McLeod Oil (No. 1)	*5c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Commercial Finance Corp., pref.	*50c.	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Merchants & Manufacturers Securities			
Consol. Car Heating, Inc. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Prior preferred (quar.)	*87 1/2c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Consolidated Laundries, pref. (quar.)	\$1.87 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*81	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Consolidated Mining & Smelting	61 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Michigan Petroleum, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 21a
Stock dividend	65c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 23	Mines of Utah, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Consolidated Royalty Oil (quar.)	*5c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Mitchell (Robt.) Co. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Corn Products Refg., com. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a	Mohawk Investment (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a	Moloney Electric, common A (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Creamery Package Mfg., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 11	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Monarch Mtg. & Invest., pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 11	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Morris (Phillip) & Co., Ltd. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Credit Utility Banking Corp., cl. A (qu.)	37 1/2c.	Jan. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Mutual Finance Corp. (Mass.) pref.	75c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Crowell Publishing 7% pref.	*3 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13	National Biscuit, com. (quar.)	70c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a
Crown Zellerbach Corp., pref. A (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13	National Carbon, pref. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred B (quar.)	37 1/2c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13	National Distillers Products com. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15a
Crum & Forster, common (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5	National Fuel Gas Co. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Cudahy Packing, common (quar.)	*2	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 2	National Leasing, pref. B (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Curtiss-Wright Export Corp., pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	National Weaving, prior preferred	*3 1/2	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
De Villbiss Co. common (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	New England Grain Products—			
7% preferred (quar.)	*17 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Com. (1-100 share in pref. A stock)		Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Dome Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Preferred A (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 2
Dominion Tar & Chemical, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6	New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Dominion Textile, pref. (quar.)	(1 1/2)	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	New York Investors, Inc., 1st pref.	3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Du Pont (E. I.) de Nemours & Co.—				New York Transit	15c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 21	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a	Extra	10c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 23
Eastern Dairies (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Newhall Bldg. Trust, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Eastern Food Corp., class A (quar.)	75c.	Apr. 1	-----	Niagara Share Corp., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Class A (quar.)	75c.	July 1	-----	Nichols Chemical	*\$1.50	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Eastern Theatres, Ltd., pref.	12 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Ohio Brass, com. A & B (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Eaton Ate & Spying, common (quar.)	12 1/2c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Economy Grocery Stores (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Onomea Sugar (monthly)	*20c.	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Ely & Walker Dry Goods, 1st pref.	3 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Otis Elevator, common (quar.)	62 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Second preferred	3	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 4	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Ewa Plantation (quarterly)	*60c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 5	Pan Amer. Petrol & Transp., com. and com. B (quar.)	40c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Faber, Coe & Gregg, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Peck Bros. & Co., pref. (quar.)	*37 1/2c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Finance Co. of America (Baltimore)				Penman's Ltd., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Common A & B (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Pennsylvania Salt Mfg. (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
7% preferred (quar.)	43 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5	Philadelphia Course, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
7% preferred A (quar.)	8 1/2c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a	Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Firestone Tire & Rubber, com. (quar.)	*25c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a	Philadelphia Insulated Wire	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
First Nat. Corp., Portland, Ore.—				Phillips-Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Class A (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24	Phoenix Finance Corp., pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Jan. 10	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Fischman (M. H.), Inc. 5c-\$1 Stores	1 1/2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1	Piggly Wiggly, Ltd., Canada, pref.	*3 1/2	Jan. 9	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Preferred (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Plymouth Cordage (quar.)	*1 1/2	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Food Machinery, com. (quar.)	*2	Jan. 10	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Premier Shares (quar.)	10c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Foulds Milling Co., pref. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30	Procter & Gamble Co., pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a
Foundation Co. of Canada, com. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Prudential Investors, Inc., \$6 pref. (qu.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Gardner-Denver Co., pref. (quar.)	40c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a	Quaker Oats, common (quar.)	*81	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30
General Electric, common (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a	Queen City Petroleum, 7% pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 29	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Special stock (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Reed (C. A.) Co., class A (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
General Mills, com. (quar.)	*1.25	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Class B (quar.)	*12 1/2c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
General Motors Corp., \$5 pref. (qu.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Republic Stamping & Enamel, com. (qu.)	25c.	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 10

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Stetson (J. B.) Co., preferred.....	\$1	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1a
Superheater Co., com. (quar.).....	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Superior Port. Cement, class A (mthly.)	*27½c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23
Sweets Co. of America, Inc. (quar.).....	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Swift International.....	*\$1.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Teck-Hughes Gold Mines (quar.).....	15c.	Feb. 1	Jan. 17 to Jan. 31
Telautograph Corp., com. (quar.).....	35c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Teacher Mfg. conv. pref. (quar.).....	*90c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Toronto Elevators, Ltd., pref. (quar.).....	*1½	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Tuckett Tobacco, pref. (quar.).....	1½	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
United Blauvelt, com. (quar.).....	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 16a
Preferred (quar.).....	1½	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
United-Carr Fastener, com. (quar.).....	10c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 2
United Finance & Realty Trust, pf. (qu.)	*30c.	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
United Investment Shares, series A.....	2.186c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
United Piece Dye Works, com. (quar.).....	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
United Securities, Ltd. common.....	50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
United Verde Extension Mining (quar.).....	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
United States Capital Corp.			
Common A (payable in class A stock).....	*1½	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
United States Pipe & Fdy., com. (quar.).....	50c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
First preferred (quar.).....	50c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
U. S. Smelt., Ref. & Mining, com. (qu.)	25c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Preferred (quar.).....	87½c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Universal Cooler Corp., class A.....	*15c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Universal Leaf Tobacco, com. (quar.).....	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19a
Universal Trust Shares.....	*30c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Vulcan Refining, com. (quar.).....	1	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
Preferred (quar.).....	1½	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 7a
West Va. Pulp & Paper, pref. (quar.).....	*1½	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Western Grocers, pref. (quar.).....	1½	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.).....	50c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Wilcox-Ritch Corp., class B.....	*7½c	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Wilson Line, Inc., pref.....	3½	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Worthington Ball, class A (quar.).....	*50c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Wrigley (Wm.), Jr. (monthly).....	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Wurlitzer (Rudolph) Co., 7% pf. (qu.)	*1½	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
7% preferred (quar.).....	*1½	July 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.
 ‡ The New York Curb Exchange Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.
 a Transfer books not closed for this dividend.
 d Correction. e Payable in stock.
 f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. j Payable in preferred stock.
 o British American Tobacco final dividend is \$d. per share and the interim dividend 10d. per share. Transfers received up to Jan. 2 will be in time to enable transferees to receive dividends.
 r Goldblatt Bros. Co. dividend payable either in cash or 2½% in stock. Stockholders desiring cash must notify company.
 s International Hydro-Elec. System, class A dividend is payable in cash, 50 cts. per share, or at option of holders in class A stock at rate of one-fiftieth share.
 t Payable in Canadian funds.
 u Payable in United States funds.
 v Burma Corp. dividend is one anna a share and a bonus of one anna, free of British income tax and less expenses of depositary.
 w Less deduction for expenses of depositary.
 z Associated Gas & Elec. class A dividend payable 1-80th share class A stock, or at option of holder, 1-80th share of \$5 pref. stock. The \$4 preferred will be paid 1-70th share of \$5 preferred unless holder notifies company on or before Jan. 11 1932 of his desire to take cash—\$1; the \$5 pref. is payable in cash or 1-70th share \$5 pref.
 y Telephone Bond & Share, common A dividend is payable either in cash or one-fiftieth share common A stock.
 2 Middle West Utilities dividend on \$6 pref. is payable \$1.50 cash or 3-80ths share of common stock.

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, \$38,555,900 to surplus and undivided profits, \$203,201,000 to the net demand deposits and \$97,284,000 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 JAN. 2 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	\$ 74,721,000	\$ 11,339,000
Bk of Manhattan Tr Co.	22,250,000	50,804,200	251,064,000	39,985,000
National City Bank.	114,000,000	116,616,500	a1,029,885,000	177,875,000
Chemical B & T Co.	21,000,000	44,799,500	211,209,000	26,413,000
Guaranty Trust Co.	90,000,000	208,454,600	b784,257,000	70,708,000
Chat Phex N B & Tr Co.	16,200,000	16,077,800	107,687,000	21,401,000
Cent Hanover B & T Co.	21,000,000	84,303,000	429,829,000	42,372,000
Corn Exch Bank Tr Co.	15,000,000	32,645,900	170,842,000	28,043,000
First National Bank.	10,000,000	118,185,800	279,803,000	18,882,000
Irving Trust Co.	50,000,000	75,459,400	322,761,000	37,405,000
Continental Bk & Tr Co.	4,000,000	6,754,200	24,623,000	3,506,000
Chase National Bank.	148,000,000	178,145,600	c1,042,267,000	101,685,000
Fifth Avenue Bank.	500,000	3,861,300	27,633,000	2,108,000
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	87,875,600	d414,777,000	41,945,000
Title Guar & Trust Co.	10,000,000	24,370,600	34,708,000	971,000
Marine Midland Tr Co.	10,000,000	9,734,300	41,146,000	4,329,000
Layrers Trust Co.	3,000,000	4,283,000	13,115,000	1,344,000
New York Trust Co.	12,500,000	35,615,200	167,417,000	21,838,000
Com'l Nat B & Tr Co.	7,000,000	10,211,600	42,164,000	2,316,000
Harriman Bk Bk & Tr	7,000,000	2,640,200	26,092,000	4,121,000
Public Nat Bk & Tr Co	8,250,000	13,734,600	35,677,000	29,461,000
Manufacturers Trust Co	27,500,000	24,821,300	167,524,000	67,823,000
Clearing Non-member.				
Mechanics Tr. Bayonne	500,000	737,100	2,297,000	4,864,000
Totals	633,700,000	1,164,543,700	5,701,498,000	760,794,000

* As per official reports: National, Sept. 29 1931; State, Sept. 30 1931; trust companies, Sept. 30 1931. † As of Nov. 25 1931.
 Includes deposits in foreign branches: a \$225,752,000; b \$57,129,000; c \$41,180,000; d \$24,104,000.

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 Dec. 31:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN THE CLEARING HOUSE, WITH THE CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED THURSDAY, DEC. 31 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.	18,899,012	3,730	90,109	1,635,605	1,266,321	16,221,857
Brooklyn—						
Peoples Nat'l.	6,570,000	10,000	142,000	427,000	18,000	6,030,000

TRUST COMPANIES—AVERAGE FIGURES.

	Loans Discount & Investments.	Cash.	Res. Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—					
Empire.	65,383,400	\$4,232,300	9,049,400	3,461,400	69,775,200
Fulton.	17,360,000	*2,324,800	769,000	614,700	16,409,800
United States.	67,482,949	7,620,137	13,688,807	-----	60,657,480
Brooklyn—					
Brooklyn.	103,886,000	2,915,000	28,368,000	405,000	111,551,000
Kings County.	27,731,621	2,189,640	4,304,772	-----	27,520,171
Bayonne, N. J.—					
Mechanics.	7,404,218	297,221	505,226	192,512	7,380,971

* Includes amount with Federal Reserve as follows: Empire, \$2,723,500; Fulton; \$2,162,800.

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 Jan. 6 1932.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended Dec. 30 1931.	Week Ended Dec. 23 1931.
Capital.	\$ 91,775,000	—2,100,000	\$ 93,875,000	\$ 93,875,000
Surplus and profits	84,190,000	—2,696,000	86,886,000	86,886,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest'ts.	903,548,000	—17,142,000	920,690,000	934,085,000
Individual deposits	570,629,000	+27,220,000	543,409,000	553,418,000
Due to banks	144,937,000	+23,759,000	121,178,000	121,384,000
Time deposits	207,743,000	—15,458,000	223,201,000	230,141,000
United States deposits	5,289,000	—394,000	5,683,000	7,968,000
Exchanges for Clg. House	26,555,000	+12,580,000	13,975,000	18,294,000
Due from other banks	80,078,000	+19,980,000	60,098,000	65,880,000
Res'v'e in legal deposit'ies	83,814,000	+10,050,000	78,764,000	76,029,000
Cash in bank	13,473,000	—1,050,000	14,523,000	15,438,000
Res. in excess in F. R. Bk.	17,599,000	+8,520,000	9,079,000	7,017,000

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 Depositaries" and "Cash in Vaults."

Beginning with the return for the week ended May 14 1928, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association discontinued showing the reserve required and whether reserves held are above or below requirements. This practice is discontinued.

	Week Ended Jan. 2 1932.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended Dec. 26 1931.	Week Ended Dec. 19 1931.
Capital.	\$ 77,052,000	Unchanged	\$ 78,052,000	\$ 78,052,000
Surplus and profits	227,100,000	—1,573,000	242,673,000	242,673,000
Loans, disc'ts and invest.	1,241,892,000	—33,098,000	1,274,990,000	1,291,222,000
Exch. for Clearing House.	29,887,000	+10,857,000	19,030,000	22,650,000
Due from banks	103,488,000	+19,368,000	84,120,000	91,477,000
Bank deposits	140,544,000	+9,068,000	131,476,000	145,302,000
Individual deposits	665,865,000	+24,126,000	641,739,000	665,609,000
Time deposits	247,018,000	—25,200,000	272,218,000	273,697,000
Total deposits	1,070,427,000	+24,994,000	1,045,433,000	1,084,410,000
Res'v'e with F. R. Bank.	94,195,000	—901,000	95,096,000	98,214,000

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Jan. 7, 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 204, 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 JAN. 6 1932

	Jan. 6 1932.	Dec. 30 1931.	Dec. 23 1931.	Dec. 16 1931.	Dec. 9 1931.	Dec. 2 1931.	Nov. 26 1931.	Nov. 18 1931.	Jan. 7 1931.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents	2,074,541,000	2,090,372,000	2,047,723,000	1,923,146,000	1,808,396,000	1,747,581,000	1,717,376,000	1,710,806,000	1,691,189,000
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.	58,498,000	58,077,000	58,577,000	61,522,000	64,322,000	69,711,000	70,581,000	70,617,000	37,126,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	2,133,039,000	2,148,449,000	2,106,299,000	1,984,668,000	1,872,718,000	1,817,292,000	1,787,957,000	1,781,423,000	1,728,315,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	358,436,000	335,570,000	369,667,000	362,042,000	*397,296,000	361,428,000	379,798,000	349,601,000	483,560,000
Gold and gold certificates held by banks	494,077,000	503,545,000	513,895,000	635,334,000	699,104,000	762,850,000	760,943,000	743,762,000	781,641,000
Total gold reserves	2,985,552,000	2,987,564,000	2,980,861,000	2,982,044,000	*2969118,000	2,941,570,000	2,928,698,000	2,874,776,000	2,993,516,000
Reserves other than gold	173,635,000	167,459,000	147,571,000	162,586,000	167,855,000	166,063,000	165,702,000	168,046,000	153,832,000
Total reserves	3,159,187,000	3,155,023,000	3,128,432,000	3,144,630,000	*3136973,000	3,107,633,000	3,094,400,000	3,042,822,000	3,147,348,000
Non-reserve cash	71,670,000	74,610,000	63,085,000	61,560,000	67,483,000	65,313,000	66,655,000	70,433,000	81,652,000
Bills discounted:									
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	451,987,000	594,833,000	561,374,000	353,117,000	377,525,000	363,707,000	338,638,000	314,356,000	115,501,000
Other bills discounted	366,229,000	429,300,000	349,820,000	339,791,000	347,657,000	353,860,000	347,763,000	347,685,000	176,884,000
Total bills discounted	818,216,000	1,024,133,000	911,194,000	692,908,000	725,182,000	717,567,000	686,401,000	662,041,000	292,385,000
Bills bought in open market:									
U. S. Government securities:									
Bonds	330,199,000	344,626,000	318,655,000	317,738,000	317,638,000	316,484,000	316,557,000	316,050,000	114,982,000
Treasury notes	30,549,000	30,843,000	28,059,000	20,558,000	19,950,000	19,950,000	19,951,000	23,968,000	201,369,000
Special Treasury certificates	495,197,000	427,759,000	411,509,000	369,898,000	379,557,000	380,587,000	390,693,000	386,586,000	342,550,000
Certificates and bills	495,197,000	427,759,000	411,509,000	369,898,000	379,557,000	380,587,000	390,693,000	386,586,000	342,550,000
Total U. S. Government securities	765,945,000	803,228,000	758,222,000	905,694,000	717,193,000	717,021,000	727,101,000	727,059,000	658,901,000
Other securities	28,844,000	30,880,000	30,454,000	30,672,000	29,972,000	30,232,000	32,209,000	33,029,000	6,558,000
Foreign loans on gold									
Total bills and securities	1,888,311,000	2,185,216,000	1,957,221,000	1,941,351,000	1,861,566,000	1,888,227,000	1,925,509,000	1,956,146,000	1,223,300,000
Due from foreign banks	8,662,000	8,662,000	8,315,000	8,774,000	8,725,000	8,724,000	8,729,000	8,706,000	712,000
Federal Reserve notes of other banks	21,726,000	20,056,000	17,871,000	15,658,000	15,828,000	15,694,000	15,537,000	17,804,000	25,468,000
Uncollected items	475,253,000	443,521,000	455,594,000	574,585,000	410,732,000	451,277,000	412,993,000	494,794,000	521,013,000
Bank premises	57,770,000	59,581,000	59,572,000	59,501,000	59,501,000	59,475,000	59,475,000	59,475,000	57,845,000
All other resources	33,752,000	39,151,000	38,265,000	37,021,000	39,674,000	41,102,000	41,207,000	42,442,000	20,890,000
Total resources	5,716,331,000	5,985,820,000	5,728,855,000	5,843,080,000	*5600482,000	5,637,445,000	5,625,565,000	5,692,614,000	5,078,228,000
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation	2,651,026,000	2,613,104,000	2,661,206,000	2,528,332,000	2,484,892,000	2,478,130,000	2,445,726,000	2,433,392,000	1,624,898,000
Deposits:									
Member banks—reserve account	2,036,072,000	2,322,787,000	2,001,086,000	2,167,802,000	2,086,008,000	2,073,454,000	2,117,437,000	2,123,875,000	2,443,859,000
Government	29,893,000	50,705,000	56,460,000	2,870,000	*28,593,000	27,333,000	27,645,000	23,671,000	24,689,000
Foreign banks	64,645,000	77,259,000	107,823,000	101,402,000	117,674,000	137,136,000	145,656,000	137,415,000	5,779,000
Other deposits	38,809,000	29,358,000	30,593,000	36,764,000	27,221,000	25,451,000	24,768,000	27,623,000	25,390,000
Total deposits	2,169,419,000	2,450,109,000	2,195,958,000	2,308,828,000	*2259498,000	2,258,374,000	2,315,506,000	2,318,484,000	2,499,717,000
Deferred availability items	451,516,000	435,291,000	415,866,000	550,981,000	400,648,000	443,278,000	406,571,000	432,060,000	496,970,000
Capital paid in	160,605,000	160,553,000	160,750,000	160,670,000	160,947,000	163,589,000	163,674,000	164,074,000	169,668,000
Surplus	259,421,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000	274,636,000
All other liabilities	24,344,000	22,127,000	20,439,000	19,633,000	19,861,000	19,438,000	19,452,000	19,968,000	12,339,000
Total liabilities	5,716,331,000	5,985,820,000	5,728,855,000	5,843,080,000	*5600482,000	5,637,445,000	5,625,565,000	5,692,614,000	5,078,228,000
Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	61.9%	58.6%	61.3%	61.6%	62.5%	62.1%	61.5%	60.5%	72.6%
Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined	65.5%	61.9%	64.4%	65.0%	66.1%	65.6%	65.0%	64.1%	76.3%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	269,544,000	248,529,000	238,648,000	214,446,000	168,486,000	134,053,000	117,650,000	114,685,000	440,326,000
Maturity Distribution of Bills and Short-Term Securities—									
1-15 days bills discounted	638,235,000	851,558,000	750,539,000	540,325,000	561,477,000	644,465,000	496,318,000	474,059,000	203,724,000
16-30 days bills discounted	44,483,000	39,895,000	41,291,000	46,201,000	49,926,000	52,002,000	63,758,000	67,838,000	21,889,000
31-60 days bills discounted	64,994,000	61,106,000	54,161,000	49,605,000	58,284,000	65,621,000	71,242,000	80,108,000	31,489,000
61-90 days bills discounted	50,218,000	51,407,000	46,046,000	43,552,000	35,641,000	33,426,000	33,918,000	30,214,000	22,799,000
Over 90 days bills discounted	20,286,000	20,167,000	19,157,000	18,225,000	19,854,000	20,053,000	21,165,000	19,822,000	12,484,000
Total bills discounted	818,216,000	1,024,133,000	911,194,000	692,908,000	725,182,000	717,567,000	686,401,000	662,041,000	292,385,000
1-15 days bills bought in open market	137,297,000	192,124,000	146,004,000	159,861,000	186,126,000	171,720,000	158,236,000	135,293,000	141,785,000
16-30 days bills bought in open market	70,416,000	64,096,000	56,051,000	87,580,000	126,242,000	139,182,000	139,364,000	155,912,000	69,350,000
31-60 days bills bought in open market	47,482,000	50,940,000	30,306,000	29,226,000	56,204,000	100,635,000	169,359,000	222,576,000	34,434,000
61-90 days bills bought in open market	19,161,000	19,056,000	24,268,000	29,204,000	19,960,000	11,331,000	11,688,000	18,573,000	27,929,000
Over 90 days bills bought in open market	950,000	759,000	722,000	706,000	678,000	539,000	1,151,000	1,713,000	953,000
Total bills bought in open market	275,306,000	326,975,000	257,351,000	307,077,000	389,219,000	423,407,000	479,798,000	534,017,000	265,385,000
1-15 days U. S. certifs. and bills	6,500,000	28,500,000	13,152,000	210,652,000	52,443,000	53,224,000	20,588,000	45,868,000	169,000
16-30 days U. S. certifs. and bills	23,450,000	20,950,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	13,152,000	13,152,000	53,223,000	73,221,000	24,182,000
31-60 days U. S. certifs. and bills	99,154,000	77,816,000	68,287,000	51,175,000	23,950,000	26,970,000	15,152,000	16,653,000	3,000
61-90 days U. S. certifs. and bills	68,345,000	86,139,000	117,662,000	135,773,000	112,704,000	88,896,000	83,288,000	60,236,000	318,368,000
Over 90 days certificates and bills	207,748,000	214,354,000	210,408,000	167,798,000	177,308,000	202,395,000	213,344,000	190,558,000	
Total U. S. certificates and bills	405,197,000	427,759,000	411,509,000	567,398,000	379,557,000	380,587,000	390,593,000	386,586,000	342,550,000
1-15 days municipal warrants	2,082,000	3,792,000	3,811,000	3,658,000	515,000	880,000	750,000	655,000	169,000
16-30 days municipal warrants	75,000	221,000	244,000	181,000	3,380,000	3,075,000	250,000	270,000	12,000
31-60 days municipal warrants	69,000	84,000	109,000	151,000	299,000	258,000	3,265,000	3,194,000	3,000
61-90 days municipal warrants	132,000	87,000	69,000	57,000	69,000	60,000	89,000	63,000	
Over 90 days municipal warrants	1,000	11,000	26,000	25,000	29,000	29,000	25,000	27,000	674,000
Total municipal warrants	2,359,000	4,195,000	4,259,000	4,072,000	4,292,000	4,302,000	4,379,000	4,209,000	858,000
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Issued to F. R. Bank by F. R. Agent	2,950,938,000	2,909,798,000	2,953,776,000	2,819,060,000	2,788,897,000	2,772,705,000	2,761,416,000	2,760,692,000	2,101,889,000
Held by Federal Reserve Bank									

Two Others (00) omitted.	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
RESOURCES (Concluded)—													
U. S. Government securities:													
Bonds	330,199.0	23,398.0	111,467.0	33,251.0	26,263.0	3,717.0	5,236.0	54,196.0	11,715.0	15,824.0	9,185.0	17,995.0	17,952.0
Treasury notes	30,549.0	1,678.0	16,934.0	1,797.0	2,366.0	267.0	367.0	2,962.0	806.0	591.0	549.0	536.0	1,696.0
Certificates and bills	405,197.0	31,104.0	160,500.0	33,831.0	40,470.0	5,096.0	7,005.0	50,431.0	15,365.0	11,226.0	10,474.0	11,333.0	28,362.0
Total U. S. Govt. securities	765,945.0	56,180.0	288,901.0	68,879.0	69,099.0	9,080.0	12,608.0	107,589.0	27,886.0	27,641.0	20,208.0	29,864.0	48,010.0
Other securities	28,844.0	1,630.0	14,404.0	3,666.0	-----	700.0	900.0	3,490.0	880.0	904.0	400.0	-----	1,870.0
Foreign loans and gold	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total bills and securities	1,888,311.0	134,181.0	630,525.0	190,134.0	189,124.0	61,794.0	72,151.0	233,359.0	63,913.0	46,242.0	64,382.0	46,676.0	155,830.0
Due from foreign banks	8,662.0	685.0	3,173.0	904.0	875.0	346.0	312.0	1,232.0	21.0	14.0	251.0	260.0	589.0
F. R. notes of other banks	21,726.0	209.0	7,250.0	522.0	1,242.0	2,133.0	828.0	3,388.0	1,856.0	467.0	1,727.0	419.0	1,685.0
Uncollected items	475,253.0	56,279.0	141,420.0	44,181.0	40,182.0	38,638.0	13,065.0	50,548.0	19,227.0	7,141.0	22,124.0	14,911.0	27,537.0
Bank premises	57,770.0	3,336.0	14,817.0	2,628.0	7,909.0	3,605.0	2,488.0	7,827.0	3,461.0	1,834.0	3,649.0	1,785.0	4,433.0
All other resources	33,752.0	1,947.0	12,085.0	1,586.0	1,999.0	3,213.0	3,445.0	2,082.0	2,204.0	1,379.0	1,039.0	1,823.0	950.0
Total resources	5,716,331.0	424,499.0	1,768,104.0	485,395.0	572,052.0	227,012.0	209,181.0	932,904.0	192,303.0	134,680.0	194,833.0	129,224.0	446,144.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation													
Deposits:	2,651,026.0	193,182.0	574,063.0	266,163.0	324,450.0	114,512.0	122,577.0	530,424.0	88,083.0	69,518.0	83,377.0	46,592.0	238,085.0
Member bank reserve account	2,036,072.0	134,783.0	883,159.0	124,842.0	149,951.0	55,212.0	50,808.0	276,649.0	61,307.0	44,172.0	74,161.0	48,742.0	132,286.0
Government	29,893.0	1,165.0	7,395.0	1,579.0	2,686.0	1,163.0	2,077.0	5,386.0	2,334.0	1,138.0	1,424.0	1,124.0	2,422.0
Foreign bank	64,645.0	5,764.0	13,073.0	7,609.0	7,763.0	3,074.0	2,767.0	10,376.0	2,690.0	1,788.0	2,229.0	2,306.0	5,226.0
Other deposits	38,809.0	776.0	17,293.0	639.0	4,024.0	600.0	180.0	1,419.0	838.0	629.0	142.0	229.0	12,040.0
Total deposits	2,169,419.0	142,488.0	920,920.0	134,669.0	164,424.0	60,049.0	55,832.0	293,830.0	67,169.0	47,707.0	77,956.0	52,401.0	151,974.0
Deferred availability items	451,518.0	56,261.0	129,862.0	40,731.0	38,852.0	34,487.0	12,845.0	48,382.0	20,953.0	6,677.0	20,492.0	15,968.0	26,006.0
Capital paid in	160,605.0	11,749.0	61,616.0	16,600.0	14,708.0	5,476.0	5,143.0	18,011.0	4,693.0	2,952.0	4,180.0	4,158.0	11,324.0
Surplus	259,421.0	20,039.0	75,077.0	26,486.0	27,640.0	11,483.0	10,449.0	38,411.0	10,025.0	6,356.0	8,124.0	7,624.0	17,707.0
All other liabilities	24,344.0	780.0	6,566.0	746.0	1,933.0	1,005.0	2,335.0	3,846.0	1,380.0	1,470.0	704.0	2,481.0	1,048.0
Total liabilities	5,716,331.0	424,499.0	1,768,104.0	485,395.0	572,052.0	227,012.0	209,181.0	932,904.0	192,303.0	134,680.0	194,833.0	129,224.0	446,144.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent)	65.5	65.7	62.7	60.4	66.8	64.8	63.3	75.7	63.1	64.6	61.4	60.7	64.0
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents	269,544.0	19,402.0	95,958.0	25,611.0	26,129.0	10,348.0	9,313.0	34,924.0	9,054.0	5,950.0	7,502.0	7,761.0	17,592.0

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE STATEMENT.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Two Others (00) omitted.													
Federal Reserve notes:													
Issued to F. R. Bk. by F. R. Agt.	2,950,938.0	222,776.0	636,169.0	285,463.0	346,913.0	126,253.0	140,505.0	599,537.0	93,211.0	71,710.0	93,863.0	52,342.0	282,196.0
Held by Federal Reserve Bank	299,912.0	29,594.0	62,106.0	19,300.0	22,463.0	11,741.0	17,928.0	69,113.0	5,128.0	2,192.0	10,486.0	5,750.0	44,111.0
In actual circulation	2,651,026.0	193,182.0	574,063.0	266,163.0	324,450.0	114,512.0	122,577.0	530,424.0	88,083.0	69,518.0	83,377.0	46,592.0	238,085.0
Collateral held by Agt. as security for notes issued to bank:													
Gold and gold certificates	867,611.0	47,010.0	450,336.0	54,700.0	64,470.0	11,270.0	12,800.0	99,620.0	15,055.0	9,170.0	9,880.0	12,300.0	81,000.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board	1,206,930.0	110,617.0	-----	122,800.0	168,000.0	66,600.0	72,250.0	393,000.0	46,200.0	51,800.0	25,400.0	103,763.0	-----
Eligible paper	1,025,018.0	73,838.0	286,307.0	113,980.0	116,618.0	50,617.0	57,354.0	117,302.0	32,417.0	16,301.0	41,906.0	15,065.0	103,313.0
Total collateral	3,099,559.0	231,465.0	736,643.0	291,480.0	349,088.0	128,487.0	142,404.0	609,922.0	93,672.0	71,971.0	103,586.0	52,765.0	288,076.0

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 205, 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 now 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 DEC. 30 1931 (In millions of dollars).

Federal Reserve District—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phila.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Minneapolis.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Loans and Investments—total													
	\$ 20,532	\$ 1,291	\$ 8,268	\$ 1,205	\$ 2,017	\$ 603	\$ 543	\$ 2,796	\$ 593	\$ 358	\$ 594	\$ 420	\$ 1,844
Loans—total													
	13,104	862	5,212	728	1,283	369	361	1,972	376	225	326	275	1,115
On securities	5,777	342	2,615	376	578	140	112	947	145	60	89	81	292
All other	7,327	520	2,597	352	705	229	249	1,025	231	165	237	194	823
Investments—total													
	7,428	429	3,056	477	734	234	182	824	217	133	268	145	729
U. S. Government securities													
Other securities	4,060	197	1,862	190	386	113	91	465	95	55	136	84	386
	3,368	232	1,194	287	348	131	91	359	122	78	132	61	343
Reserve with F. R. Bank													
Cash in vault	1,833	112	994	73	115	35	37	229	48	25	46	27	92
Net demand deposits	271	23	75	16	35	16	9	42	8	5	14	8	20
Time deposits	11,871	743	5,715	660	879	293	252	1,527	336	191	390	245	640
Government deposits	5,892	430	1,249	277	858	227	206	1,032	208	156	185	133	933
Due from banks	352	6	176	25	24	15	18	25	5	1	3	19	35
Due to banks	993	61	112	67	71	54	51	207	40	50	102	63	115
Borrowings from F. R. Bank	2,472	124	963	141	180	76	76	373	80	69	138	76	176
	685	22	334	61	91	21	25	64	7	-----	16	3	41

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 Jan. 6 1932, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Jan. 6 1932.	Dec. 30 1931.	Jan. 7 1931.		Jan. 6 1932.	Dec. 30 1931.	Jan. 7 1931.
Resources—				Resources (Concluded)—			
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	450,336,000	485,337,000	420,729,000	Due from foreign banks (see note)	3,173,000	3,099,000	237,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	11,543,000	11,656,000	13,909,000	Federal Reserve notes of other banks	7,250,000	5,522,000	9,347,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	461,879,000	493,993,000	434,638,000	Uncollected items	141,420,000	128,165,000	135,053,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	138,893,000	82,415,000	160,575,000	Bank premises	14,817,000	15,240,000	15,240,000
Gold and gold etcs. held by bank	298,263,000	300,901,000	471,430,000	All other resources	12,085,000	13,802,000	7,272,000
Total gold reserves	899,035,000	880,309,000	1,066,643,000	Total resources	1,768,104,000	2,011,830,000	1,684,549,000
Reserves other than gold	38,730,000	36,977,000	45,219,000	Liabilities—			
Total reserves	937,765,000	917,286,000	1,111,862,000	Fed. Reserve notes in actual circulation	574,063,000	562,743,000	365,265,000
Non-reserve cash	21,096,000	20,096,000	24,432,000	Deposits—Member bank reserve acct.	883,159,000	1,121,541,000	1,027,871,000
Bills discounted	-----	-----	-----	Government	7,395,000	26,906,000	3,603,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations	161,041,000	307,221,000	34,073,000	Foreign bank (see note)	13,073,000	17,988,000	1,948,000
Other bills discounted	37,190,000	124,606,000	35,419,000	Other deposits	17,293,000	8,699,000	12,037,000
Total bills discounted	198,231,000	431,827,000	69,492,000	Total deposits	920,920,000	1,175,134,000	1,045,459,000
Bills bought in open market	128,989,000	160,580,000	70,723,000	Deferred availability items	129,862,000	124,566,000	125,191,000

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 279.

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 Jan. 8, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range for Year 1931 (Lowest, Highest), Shares, \$ per share, \$ per share. Includes sections for Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and various stock listings.

*No par value.

CURRENT NOTICES

The consolidation of the New York Exchange firms of DuBosque, George & Co. and Simmons & Slade, the latter founded in 1895, into the new partnership of DuBosque, George & Farrington was effected January 1.

Eisele, King & Nugent, member of New York Stock Exchange, has been formed to succeed the old firm of Eisele & King, of Newark, N. J.

Lytleton B. P. Gould, formerly of Gould, Avery & Co., and C. Morgan Aldrich and Warren S. Whitney, both of Aldrich & Co. of Hartford, have formed the firm of Gould, Aldrich & Co., with offices at 39 Broadway, New York and 49 Pearl St., Hartford.

The New York Stock Exchange firm of Kingsley, Avery & Co. has been formed, consisting of Mabon Kingsley, Clarence F. Avery, Louis J. Francke Jr., Fred I. Eldridge and Carl L. Eiermann.

M. E. Kennedy formerly manager of the trading department of the Royal Securities Corp., has formed the firm of M. E. Kennedy & Co., 39 Broadway, New York, to conduct a general investment brokerage business.

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various Treasury certificates and their market prices.

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, Jan. 2, Jan. 4, Jan. 5, Jan. 6, Jan. 7, Jan. 8. Includes sections for First Liberty Loan, Second converted, Fourth Liberty Loan, and Treasury certificates.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were:

Table listing registered bond transactions: 50 1st 3 3/8s, 5 1st 4 1/8s, 31 4th 4 1/8s, 5 Treasury 4 1/8s.

Foreign Exchange.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3.39 1/4 @ 3.41 1/4 for checks and 3.39 1/4 @ 3.41 1/4 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 3.39, sixty days, 3.35 @ 3.35 5-16, ninety days, 3.32 15-16 @ 3.33 1/2, and documents for payment, 3.35 1/2 @ 3.35 13-16. Cotton for payment, 3.35 1/2, and grain, 3.35 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.91 13-16 @ 3.92 for short. Amsterdam bankers' guilders were 40.06 @ 40.15.

Exchange for Paris on London, 86.87, week's range, 86.87 francs high and 85.65 francs low.

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, including High for the week, Low for the week, and Cables.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 279.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 305.

CURRENT NOTICES.

The investment firm of R. J. Friss & Co., Inc., formally open offices at 52 Wall St., New York, and 208 South La Salle St., Chicago, on Monday, Jan. 11.

Following the dissolution of the New York Stock Exchange firm of P. F. Cusick, Kent & Co., Douglas Kent, Sydney G. Willcox, Hubert SchAAF, Irving T. Smith, Thomas S. Van Dolen and K. W. Patterson announced the formation of Kent & Co. to conduct a general brokerage business at 39 Broadway, N. Y.

F. H. Winter & Co., Inc., has been formed, with offices at 99 Wall St., to deal in listed and unlisted securities.

Report of Stock Sales—New York Stock Exchange

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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 for Year 1931. On basis of 100-share lots.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.		PER SHARE Range for Year 1931. On basis of 100-share lots.		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.				
Saturday Jan. 2.	Monday Jan. 4.	Tuesday Jan. 5.	Wednesday Jan. 6.	Thursday Jan. 7.	Friday Jan. 8.		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.			
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Railroads	Par	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share			
82 83 1/2	80 82	75 1/2 79 1/2	78 1/2 80 3/4	81 84 1/2	82 85 1/2	42,000	Ach Topoka & Santa Fe...100	79 1/2	Dec 17	203 3/4	Feb 24	168	Dec	242 1/2	Mar
*77 84	76 1/2 76 1/2	*76 84	*77 84	*77 80	78 78	2,100	Preferred.....100	275	Dec 31	103 1/4	Apr 13	100	Dec	108 3/4	Sept
271 271	254 271	251 27	261 29	261 29	32 34	33	Atlantic Coast Line RR...100	25	Dec 17	120	Jan 23	95 1/2	Dec	175 1/2	Mar
14 1/2	13 3/4	12 1/2	13 3/4	13 1/2	15 1/2	17 1/2	Baltimore & Ohio.....100	14	Dec 17	87 1/2	Feb 24	55 1/2	Dec	122 1/2	Mar
33 33	30 30	28 28	29 29	27 1/2	29	30 1/4	Preferred.....100	25	Dec 14	80 1/2	Feb 27	70 1/4	Dec	84 1/2	July
*19 1/4	19 19 1/4	*18 19	*18 19	*18 19	18 1/2	19 1/2	Bangor & Aroostook.....50	18	Dec 18	66 1/2	Feb 26	50 1/2	Dec	84 1/2	Mar
*60 73 1/2	*60 73 1/2	*60 73 1/2	*60 73 1/2	*60 73 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	Preferred.....100	80	Dec 8	113 1/2	Mar 9	106 1/2	Dec	116 1/2	June
*9 14	11 11 1/4	*9 11 1/4	*9 11 1/4	*9 11 1/4	10 1/2	10 1/2	Boston & Maine.....100	10	Dec 17	65	Feb 20	44	Dec	112	Feb
*7 1/2	*5 1/2	*7 1/2	*6 1/2	*6 1/2	8	8	Brooklyn & Queens Tr. No par	6 1/2	Oct 16	13 1/2	June 20	6 1/2	Dec	16 1/2	May
*46 48	*46 48	*46 48	*46 48	*46 48	47 1/4	47 1/4	Preferred.....No par	48	Dec 29	64 1/2	June 27	58 1/2	May	60 1/2	May
32 1/2	32 1/2	31 32 1/4	30 1/2	31 1/2	32 3/2	33 1/2	Bklyn-Manh Tran v to No par	31 1/2	Oct 5	69 3/4	Mar 2	55 1/2	Dec	77 1/2	May
*68 1/2	*65 70	*66 71	*68 72	*71 72	73 75	74 1/2	Preferred v t c.....No par	63	Dec 12	94 1/2	Feb 11	83	Dec	98 3/4	Sept
*1 1/2	*1 1/2	*1 1/2	*1 1/2	*1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	Brunswick Ter&Ry Sec No par	1 1/2	Dec 12	9 1/2	Feb 10	5 1/4	Nov	33 1/2	Apr
10 1/2	11 1/4	*6 5/8	11 1/4	11 1/4	12 1/2	12 1/2	Canadian Pacific.....25	10 1/2	Dec 23	45 1/2	Feb 24	35 1/2	Dec	52 1/2	May
*65 74	*65 74	*65 74	*65 74	*65 74	69	65 70	Caro Clnch & Ohio std.....100	72	Dec 22	102	Apr 30	92	Dec	105	Oct
26 1/2	23 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	28	27 1/2	Chesapeake & Ohio.....25	23 1/2	Dec 17	45 1/2	Feb 10	32 1/2	Dec	51 1/2	Sept
3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	Chicago Great Western.....100	2 1/2	Dec 17	7 1/2	Feb 10	4 1/2	Dec	17 1/2	Mar
10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2	Preferred.....100	7 1/2	Dec 15	27 1/2	July 7	12	Dec	52 1/2	May
2 1/4	1 3/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4	Chicago Mlv St Paul & Pac.....100	2 1/4	Dec 12	8 1/2	Jan 23	4 1/2	Dec	26 1/2	Feb
3	3	3	3	3	3	3	Preferred.....100	3	Dec 18	15 1/2	Feb 10	7 1/4	Dec	46 1/2	Feb
6	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	Chicago & North Western.....100	5	Dec 18	45 1/2	Feb 24	23 1/2	Dec	39 1/2	Feb
17 1/2	17 1/2	*17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	19	19	Preferred.....100	13 1/2	Dec 17	116	Mar 18	101	Dec	140 1/2	June
9	9	*8 5/8	9	9 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	Chicago Rock Isl & Pacific.....100	7 1/2	Dec 17	65 1/2	Jan 27	45 1/2	Dec	125 1/2	Feb
*15 1/2	20	15 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/4	21 1/2	7% preferred.....100	14	Dec 28	101	Mar 24	92	Dec	110 1/2	May
11 1/2	11 1/2	12	11 1/2	11 1/2	15	16 1/2	6% preferred.....100	10 1/2	Dec 18	90	Jan 28	81	Dec	104 1/2	Mar
*6 15	*6 15	*6 15	*8 15	*10 15	*10 15	*10 15	Colorado & Southern.....100	7 1/2	Dec 24	48	Jan 9	40 1/2	Dec	95	Feb
11 1/2	11 1/2	*10 15	11 11	*10 13	*10 13	*10 13	Consol RR of Cuba pref.....100	10	Dec 14	42 1/2	Feb 24	30	Dec	62	Apr
70 2	70 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	66	65 1/4	71 1/4	Delaware & Hudson.....100	64	Dec 17	157 1/2	Feb 8	130 1/2	Dec	181	Feb
19 1/4	19 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4	20	21 1/2	23 1/2	Delaware Lack & Western.....50	17 1/2	Dec 24	102	Jan 8	69 1/2	Dec	153	Feb
5	5	4 1/2	4 1/2	*4 1/2	*5 1/2	*5 1/2	Danv & Rio Gr West pref.....100	3 1/2	Dec 14	45 1/2	Feb 10	25 1/2	Dec	80	Mar
6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/4	Erle.....100	5	Dec 17	39 1/4	Feb 24	22 1/2	Dec	63 1/2	Feb
7 1/4	7 1/4	8 1/4	7 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	9 1/4	First preferred.....100	6 3/4	Dec 17	45 1/2	Feb 27	27	Dec	67 1/2	Feb
*6 1/4	6 1/4	*5 5/8	6 1/4	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 3/4	Second preferred.....100	5	Dec 17	40 1/2	Jan 5	26	Dec	62 1/2	Feb
17 1/2	16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4	17 1/2	19 1/2	22 1/2	Great Northern preferred.....100	15 1/2	Dec 17	69 1/4	Feb 24	51	Dec	102	Mar
*3 10	*2 10	*2 10	*2 10	*2 10	*2 10	*2 10	Gulf Mobile & Northern.....100	3 1/2	Dec 29	27 1/2	Feb 17	10 1/2	Nov	46 1/2	Feb
*4 14 1/2	*13	*4	*4	*3 1/2	*4 1/2	*4 1/2	Preferred.....100	13	Dec 22	75	Jan 9	55 1/2	Nov	93 1/2	Mar
*27 1/2	28 1/4	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2	Hudson & Manhattan.....100	28 1/2	Dec 29	44 1/2	Feb 17	34 1/2	Dec	53 1/2	Mar
9 1/2	9 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	11 1/2	12 1/2	Illinois Central.....100	9 1/2	Dec 17	89	Feb 24	65 1/2	Dec	136 1/2	Apr
*8 11	*8 10 1/2	*8 10 1/2	*8 10 1/2	*8 10 1/2	*9 10 1/2	*9 10 1/2	RR Sec stock certificates.....	7	Dec 14	61	Jan 23	58	Dec	77	May
5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/4	Interboro Rapid Tran v t c.....100	4 1/2	Dec 29	34	Mar 2	2 1/2	Jan	39 1/2	Mar
18	18	18	18	18	19	19	Kansas City Southern.....100	6 1/2	Dec 17	45	Feb 26	34	Dec	85 1/2	Mar
*10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4	10 1/4	11 1/2	12 1/4	14 1/2	Preferred.....100	15	Dec 15	64	Feb 9	53	Dec	70	Apr
22 1/4	22 1/4	21 1/2	21 1/2	22	23	25	Lehigh Valley.....50	8	Dec 9	61	Jan 9	40	Nov	84 1/2	Mar
7 1/4	*7 1/4	*7 1/4	*7 1/4	*7 1/4	*7 1/4	*7 1/4	Louisville & Nashville.....100	20 1/4	Dec 14	111	Feb 9	84	Dec	138 1/2	Apr
*5 1/4	*5 1/4	*5 1/4	*5 1/4	*5 1/4	*5 1/4	*5 1/4	Manhat Elev modified guar.....100	6 1/2	Dec 29	39	Feb 28	24	June	42 1/2	Sept
*1 2	*1 2	*1 2	*1 2	*1 2	*1 2	*1 2	Market St Ry prior pref.....100	5 1/2	Dec 30	22	Feb 18	13	Dec	25 1/2	Feb
*4 1/2	5	*4 1/2	5	5 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/4	Minneapolis & St Louis.....100	1 1/2	Dec 14	4 1/2	Jan 12	1 1/4	Oct	2 1/2	Apr
12 1/4	11 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	12 1/4	13 1/4	Minn St Paul & S S Marie.....100	1	Dec 29	11 1/2	Feb 10	8 1/2	Dec	35	Feb
6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	Mo-Kan-Texas RR.....No par	3 1/2	Dec 17	26 1/4	Jan 20	14 1/2	Dec	60 1/2	Apr
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	13 1/2	Preferred.....100	10 1/2	Dec 15	85	Jan 16	60	Dec	108 1/2	Mar
28 1/2	25 1/4	25 1/4	25 1/4	27 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	Missouri Pacific.....100	6 1/2	Dec 14	42 1/2	Feb 16	20 1/2	Dec	98 1/2	Mar
4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	Preferred.....100	12	Dec 14	107	Feb 11	79	Dec	145 1/2	Mar
*5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	5 1/4	Nat Rys of Mexico 2d pref.....100	1 1/2	Oct 1	7	Jan 5	1 1/4	Dec	1 1/2	July
108 1/4	107 1/8	*106 1/4	106 1/4	119 120 3/4	115 115 1/2	140	New York Central.....100	24 1/2	Dec 9	132 1/4	Jan 5	103 1/2	Dec	192 1/2	Feb
19 1/2	18 19 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	19 20 1/2	20 1/2	23 1/2	N Y Chic & St Louis Co.....100	2 1/2	Dec 14	85	Feb 11	78	Dec	102 1/2	Mar
60 60	*55 60	*53 60	62 62	64 65	65 65	66 1/2	Preferred.....100	5	Dec 2	94	Mar 9	75	Dec	110 1/4	May
8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	N Y Ontario & Western.....100	6 1/4	Oct 5	13 1/2	June 26	3 1/2	Dec	17 1/4	Mar
*11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	N Y Railways pref.....No par	5 1/2	Dec 28	119 1/2	Feb 24	106 1/2	Dec	135 1/2	Mar
67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	N Y Southern.....100	3 1/2	Dec 31	2	Feb 27	1	Oct	4 1/2	Jan
15 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	Norfolk Southern.....100	3 1/2	Dec 17	8 1/4	Jan 9	4 1/2	Dec	33 1/2	Feb
17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	Norfolk & Western.....100	105 1/2	Dec 17	217	Feb 26	181 1/2	Dec	265	Feb
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	Preferred.....100	65 1/2	Dec 21	93	Mar 31	83	Feb	92 1/2	Act
6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	Pacific Coast.....100	14 1/2	Dec 17	60 1/2	Jan 27	42 1/2	Dec	87	Feb
17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	17 1/4	Pennsylvania.....50	16 1/4	Dec 17	64	Feb 10	5 1/2	Dec	19 1/2	Apr
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	Peoria & Eastern.....100	11 1/2	Dec 16	9 1/2	Jan 9	4 1/2	Dec	10 1/2	Mar
6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	Pere Marquette.....100	4	Dec 10	85	Feb 10	76 1/2	Dec	164 1/2	Apr</

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range for Year 1931. On basis of 100-share lots.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SECOND PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Jan. 2 to Friday Jan. 8), share prices, and stock names (e.g., Allied Chemical & Dye, American Sugar Refining, etc.).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ Ex-rights.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Jan. 2 to Friday Jan. 8) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock prices and share counts.

Vertical text on the left side of the table: 'FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOTED IN THIS LIST. SEE THIRD PAGE PRECEDING.'

Table titled 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with columns for 'Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par Brigs. & Stratton', 'Brooklyn Union Gas', 'Brown Shoe Co.', etc., and 'Shares'.

Table titled 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1931. On basis of 100-share lots.' with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

Table titled 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.' with columns for 'Lowest' and 'Highest' prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. * Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1931. On basis of 100-shares lots.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Jan. 2 to Friday Jan. 8), sales for the week (Shares), stock names (e.g., Dome Mines Ltd., Dominion Stocks), and price ranges (Lowest, Highest) for 1931 and 1930.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FOURTH PAGE PRECEDING.

* Bid and ask prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-dividend. d Ex-dividend.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1931. On basis of 100-shares lots.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST. SEE FIFTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Jan. 2 to Friday Jan. 8), share prices, sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges for 1931 and 1930.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s 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 for Year 1931. On basis of 100-share lots.		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.	
Saturday Jan. 2.	Monday Jan. 4.	Tuesday Jan. 5.	Wednesday Jan. 6.	Thursday Jan. 7.	Friday Jan. 8.		Lowest.	Highest.	Lowest.	Highest.		
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	Shares	Indus. & Miscell. (Con.)	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	
141 1/2	141 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/2	131 1/2	3,200	Mechanics & Allied Works	12 Dec 18	31 1/2 Jan 3	30 1/2 Dec	51 1/2 Mar	
103 1/4	105	103 1/4	105	103 1/4	105	3,500	Preferred	104 Oct 9	125 1/2 Mar 24	115 Jan	136 Oct	
17	17	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	200	May Dept Stores	15 1/2 Dec 28	39 Mar 2	27 1/2 Dec	61 1/2 Jan	
61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	200	Maytag Co.	1 1/2 Dec 30	8 1/2 Feb 13	5 Nov	23 Mar	
35	45	35	45	35	45	200	Preferred	5 Sept 29	24 1/2 Mar 21	14 1/2 Nov	40 1/2 Apr	
18	18	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	1,100	Prior preferred	35 Dec 11	71 1/2 Mar 24	68 Dec	84 1/2 Mar	
15	18 1/2	15	15	14 1/2	17 1/2	100	McCraw Corp.	15 1/2 Dec 29	36 Jan 7	33 Dec	50 Apr	
16	19	16	16	15 1/2	17 1/2	130	McCroy Stores class A	15 Dec 31	51 1/2 Feb 17	37 Dec	74 Jan	
55	70	55	70	55	70	10	Class B	14 1/2 Dec 15	51 1/2 Feb 17	38 1/2 Dec	70 Jan	
8	20	7 1/2	15	7 1/2	15	300	Preferred	6 Dec 24	93 1/2 Mar 30	78 Oct	97 Mar	
14 1/4	16	14 1/4	15 1/2	14 1/4	15 1/2	19,600	McGraw-Hill Public's No par	12 Dec 17	26 1/2 Mar 10	15 Dec	49 Jan	
46 1/4	47	43 1/2	46	43 1/2	47 1/2	1,500	McIntyre Porcelain Mines	54 Oct 1	96 1/2 Feb 26	14 1/2 Jan	20 1/2 Dec	
16 1/2	18	16 1/2	18	16 1/2	18	700	McKeesport Tin Plate	33 1/2 Oct 5	103 1/2 Apr 3	61 Jan	89 1/2 June	
15 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	1,100	McKesson & Robbins	8 Dec 22	17 Jan 30	10 1/2 Nov	37 1/2 Apr	
2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	600	Preferred	15 Dec 17	37 1/2 Feb 26	25 1/2 Oct	49 1/2 Apr	
17	20	17 1/2	20	17 1/2	20	800	McLellan Stores	1 1/2 Dec 30	10 1/2 Mar 6	6 Dec	30 1/2 Jan	
3	4	3	3 1/2	3	3 1/2	7,400	Melville Shoe	14 1/2 Dec 18	34 Mar 5	25 Nov	42 Apr	
5 1/2	6	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,800	Mengel Co (The)	2 Sept 21	8 1/2 Feb 24	5 Dec	23 1/2 Mar	
3 1/2	4	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	200	Metro-Goldwyn Pic pref.	15 Dec 12	27 Apr 10	23 Dec	26 1/2 Mar	
44	50	44 1/2	45	42 1/2	50	800	Miami Copper	2 1/2 Sept 30	10 1/2 Feb 24	7 Dec	33 1/2 Feb	
20	20	19 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2	19 1/2	200	Mid-Cont Petrol.	5 Oct 2	16 1/2 Jan 8	11 Dec	33 Apr	
1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	Midland Steel Prod.	7 Oct 1	31 1/2 Feb 24	15 1/2 Nov	53 Feb	
7 1/2	8 1/4	7 1/2	8 1/4	7 1/2	8 1/4	800	8% cum lst pref.	35 1/2 Oct 5	94 Feb 26	74 Nov	110 Feb	
21	22	21	21	21	21	800	Minn-Honeywell Regu.	15 Dec 17	58 1/2 Feb 9	37 Dec	76 1/2 Mar	
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	1,000	Minn-Moline Pow Impi	14 Dec 18	7 1/2 Feb 10	3 1/2 Dec	28 1/2 Mar	
29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	2,400	Preferred	6 1/2 Dec 29	48 Mar 2	4 1/2 Dec	92 1/2 May	
1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	174,700	Mohawk Carpet Mills	7 1/2 Dec 17	21 1/2 Mar 10	9 1/2 Dec	40 Jan	
21	22	21	21	21	21	300	Mont Ward Co Ill Corp	8 1/2 Dec 17	28 1/2 Aug 28	18 1/2 Dec	33 1/2 Apr	
7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	300	Montell J & Co.	23 Dec 30	58 Feb 16	48 1/2 Oct	72 Feb	
29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	600	Mother Lode Coalition	4 Sept 15	4 Feb 20	1 1/2 Dec	2 Jan	
1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,700	MotoMeter Gauge & Eq	5 Dec 19	4 1/2 Mar 26	1 1/2 Oct	11 1/2 Apr	
21	23 1/2	20 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	23 1/2	600	Motor Products Corp.	15 Oct 1	47 1/2 Apr 6	25 Dec	81 Apr	
5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,900	Motor Wheel	5 Dec 28	19 1/2 Feb 18	14 1/2 Dec	34 Mar	
8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	1,900	Mullins Mfg. Co.	8 1/2 Dec 18	35 1/2 Mar 26	6 1/2 Nov	20 1/2 Feb	
20	23 1/2	20	20	22	23 1/2	160	Preferred	20 Dec 29	72 1/2 Mar 5	35 1/2 Dec	63 1/2 Jan	
11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	300	Munsingwear Inc.	11 Dec 30	31 1/2 Jan 26	25 1/2 Dec	54 1/2 Jan	
6 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	16,500	Murray Body	5 Oct 6	18 1/2 Mar 10	9 Nov	24 1/2 Apr	
16	22	16	21 1/2	16	22	200	Myers F & B Bros.	20 Oct 22	45 1/2 Mar 26	34 Oct	49 1/2 Mar	
16 1/2	17 1/2	15 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	17 1/2	21,400	Nash Motors Co.	15 Dec 12	40 1/2 Mar 20	21 1/2 Dec	58 1/2 Jan	
2 1/2	3	2 1/2	3	2 1/2	3	200	National Acme stamped	2 1/2 Dec 28	10 1/2 Mar 6	5 1/2 Dec	26 1/2 Feb	
5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	130	Nat Air Transport	4 Sept 19	13 Mar 20	6 Dec	39 1/2 Apr	
3	3 1/2	3	3 1/2	3	3 1/2	13,000	Nat Bellas Hess	7 Dec 30	10 Feb 26	4 1/2 Dec	20 Apr	
38 1/4	40 1/4	37 1/2	38 1/4	37 1/2	40 1/4	30,000	Preferred	3 Dec 24	22 Feb 27	21 1/2 Dec	32 Jan	
123	130	125	130	129 1/2	129 1/2	200	National Biscuit new	10 1/2 Dec 17	83 1/2 Feb 24	68 1/2 Nov	93 May	
8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	14,700	Nat Cash Register A w/o	36 Dec 17	163 1/2 May 8	142 1/2 Jan	152 Oct	
22 1/2	23 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	48,400	Nat Dairy Prod	7 Dec 30	39 1/2 Feb 26	27 1/2 Dec	33 1/2 Feb	
1	1	1	1	1	1	30	Nat Dept Stores	1 Dec 30	60 1/2 Mar 25	35 Dec	62 June	
7 1/2	8	7 1/2	8	7 1/2	8	300	Preferred	4 Dec 30	7 1/2 Feb 9	3 1/2 Dec	24 1/2 Jan	
17	18 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	1,400	Nat Distl Prod	16 Dec 18	36 1/2 Feb 24	18 1/2 Dec	39 1/2 Feb	
5 1/4	10	5 1/4	10	5 1/4	10	800	Nat Enam & Stamping	5 1/2 Dec 16	27 1/2 Feb 20	17 1/2 June	33 1/2 Mar	
82	90	82 1/2	90	81 1/2	90 1/2	900	National Lead	27 1/2 Dec 11	132 Jan 9	11 1/2 Dec	159 1/2 Feb	
113	130	113	130	113	130	270	Preferred A	11 Dec 28	143 June 4	135 Dec	169 Sept	
100	116	100	116	100	116	40	Preferred B	10 Dec 12	120 1/2 July 21	116 Jan	120 Nov	
13 1/4	14	12 1/2	13 1/2	13	14	19,000	National Pr & Lt.	10 1/2 Dec 12	44 1/2 Feb 24	30 Nov	68 1/2 Apr	
21	22	20 1/2	22	21 1/2	22	6,600	National Radiator	1 1/2 May 29	1 1/2 Feb 3	1 1/2 Dec	4 1/2 Jan	
6	6	6	6	6	6	400	Preferred	1 1/2 Sept 18	2 1/2 Jan 7	1 1/2 Dec	1 1/2 Jan	
26	26	26	26	26	26	100	Nat Steel Corp	18 1/2 Oct 1	58 1/2 Feb 27	41 Nov	62 July	
12	12	11 1/2	12	11 1/2	12	400	National Supply	5 Dec 10	70 1/2 Feb 27	60 Dec	124 1/2 Apr	
7	7	7	7	7	7	1,800	Preferred	20 Dec 22	111 Feb 27	106 1/2 Aug	116 July	
3 1/2	5	3 1/2	5	3 1/2	5	2,400	National Surety	210 Dec 17	76 1/2 Mar 26	35 Dec	98 1/2 Mar	
5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	1,800	National Tea Co.	6 Dec 28	24 1/2 Mar 24	13 Dec	41 1/2 Feb	
13 1/4	14	12 1/2	13 1/2	13	14	10,300	Nelsner Bros	3 Dec 1	25 1/2 Feb 9	20 Dec	54 Apr	
23 1/2	24	23 1/2	24	23 1/2	24	500	Nevada Consol Copper	4 1/2 Dec 15	14 1/2 Feb 24	9 Dec	32 1/2 Jan	
3	3	3	3	3	3	500	Newport Co.	10 1/2 June 2	20 1/2 Mar 24	15 1/2 Dec	17 1/2 Dec	
6	6	6	6	6	6	200	Class A	41 June 5	55 1/2 Oct 14	30 Dec	35 Mar	
15	15	15	15	15	15	1,000	Newton Steel	24 Dec 15	24 Feb 20	21 1/2 Dec	58 Apr	
13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	3,800	N Y Air Brake	4 1/2 Dec 30	25 Jan 23	21 1/2 Dec	47 Feb	
101	112	103 1/2	103 1/2	101 1/2	112	12,400	New York Dock	7 1/2 Dec 17	37 1/2 Jan 29	27 Dec	48 Apr	
12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	139,900	Preferred	20 Sept 29	80 Jan 26	77 1/2 Dec	85 1/2 Apr	
31 1/2	33 1/2	29 1/2	30 1/2	29 1/2	33 1/2	400	N Y Investors Inc.	80 1/2 Dec 30	12 1/2 Jan 27	9 1/2 Dec	32 Apr	
46	46	42 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2	46	6,300	N Y Steam pref (6)	9 Dec 18	107 1/2 Mar 12	98 Dec	106 1/2 Sept	
3	3	3 1/2	3 1/2	3	3 1/2	1,200	1st preferred (7)	9 Dec 18	118 Apr 20	108 1/2 Dec	117 Aug	
81	82	81	82	81	82	1,000	Noranda Mines Ltd.	10 Oct 6	29 1/2 May 1	---	---	
5	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	2,000	Preferred	26 Oct 5	90 1/2 Feb 26	57 1/2 Dec	132 1/2 Apr	
23	26	23 1/2	26	23 1/2	26	20	Northern American Co.	40 1/2 Dec 28	57 Mar 27	51 Jan	67 June	
5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	19,700	North Amer Aviation	23 Dec 14	11 Apr 13	4 1/2 Dec	14 1/2 Apr	
1	1 1/2	1	1 1/2	1	1 1/2	200	North Amer Edison pref.	79 Dec 17	107 1/2 Aug 18	99 1/2 Dec	105 1/2 Oct	
3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3,400	North German Lloyd	4 Dec 17	35 1/2 Apr 7	28 1/2 Dec	55 1/2 June	
1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	20	Northwestern Telegraph	21 Dec 22	47 1/2 May 5	41 1/2 Dec	60 1/2 Mar	
5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	19,700	Norwalk Tire & Rubber	1 1/2 Jan 9	2 1/2 Nov 9	1 1/2 Dec	4 Mar	
3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	200	Ohio Oil Co.	5 Dec 23	5 1/2 Feb 3	---	---	
1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	3,400	Oliver Farm Equip New	2 1/2 Dec 29	26 Jan 12	12 1/2 Dec	90 1/2 May	
3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	3 1/2	4 1/2	200	Preferred A	18 Oct 5	6 1/2 Mar 27	2 1/2 Oct	8 1/2 Mar	
1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	Omnibus Corp.	8 1/2 Dec 30	23 1/2 Feb 23	22 Dec	5 1/2 Apr	
6 1/4	6 1/4	6	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	100	Oppenheim Coll & Co.	4 1/2 Dec 17	7 1/2 Mar 11	6 Dec	9 1/2 Apr	
19	19	19 1/2	19 1/2	19	19 1/2	6,300	Orpheum Circuit Inc pref.	16 1/2 Dec 17	58 1/2 Jan 12	48 1/2 Nov	80 1/2 Mar	
103	103	99 1/2	100	100	103	110	Otis Elevator	97 Dec 30	129 1/2 Mar 30	118 1/2 Jan	123 1/2	

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1931.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930.

Main table containing stock prices for various companies like Pittsburgh Coal, Pitsab Screw & Bolt, Pitsab Steel, etc., with columns for daily sales and price ranges.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SEVENTH PAGE PRECEDING.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day; s Ex-dividend. y Rights.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Jan. 2 to Friday Jan. 8) and 'Sales for the Week'. Rows list various stock prices per share.

Vertical text on the left side of the main table, possibly a page number or reference.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Main table of stock listings with columns for 'PER SHARE' (Lowest, Highest) and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930'. Lists various stock names and their prices.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST. SEE EIGHTH PAGE PRECEDING.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. * Ex-rights.

New York Stock Exchange—Bond Record, Friday, Weekly and Yearly

On Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

BONDS										BONDS									
N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE									
Week Ended Jan. 8.										Week Ended Jan. 8.									
Interest Period	Price Friday Jan. 8.	Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold	Range for Year 1931.		Interest Period	Price Friday Jan. 8.	Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold	Range for Year 1931.							
		Low	High		Low	High			Low	High									
U. S. Government.																			
First Liberty Loan—																			
3 1/2% of 1932-47	J D	96 1/2	Sale	96 1/2	97 3/4	930	97 1/2	102 1/2	97 1/2	102 1/2									
Conv 4 1/2% of 1932-47	J D	100	Dec '31	100	100		99 1/2	102 1/2	99 1/2	102 1/2									
Conv 4 1/2% of 1932-47	J D	99	Sale	98 3/4	99 1/2	651	98 3/4	101 1/2	98 3/4	101 1/2									
3d conv 4 1/2% of 1932-47	J D			101 1/2	99 1/2	31	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2									
Fourth Liberty Loan—																			
4 1/2% of 1935-38	A O	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 3/4	6467	98 1/2	101 1/2	98 1/2	101 1/2									
Conversion 5% coupon	J J			100	100		100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2									
Treasury 4 1/2% of 1942-1952	A O	100 1/2	Sale	100 1/2	100 1/2	3053	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2									
Treasury 4 1/2% of 1944-1954	J D	99 1/2	Sale	99 1/2	99 1/2	2131	99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2									
Treasury 3 1/2% of 1946-1956	M S	93	Sale	92 1/2	93 1/2	225	91 1/2	93 1/2	91 1/2	93 1/2									
Treasury 3 1/2% of 1943-1947	J D	89 1/2	Sale	89 1/2	93 1/2	163	87 1/2	93 1/2	87 1/2	93 1/2									
Treasury 2 1/2% Sept 15 1951-1955	M S	83 1/2	Sale	83 1/2	87 1/2	1318	82 1/2	89 1/2	82 1/2	89 1/2									
Treasury 3 1/2% June 15 1940-1943	J D	80 1/2	Sale	80 1/2	83 1/2	738	79 1/2	83 1/2	79 1/2	83 1/2									
Treasury 3 1/2% of 1941-1943	J D	80 1/2	Sale	80 1/2	83 1/2	952	79 1/2	83 1/2	79 1/2	83 1/2									
Treasury 3 1/2% June 15 1946-1949	J D	84 1/2	Sale	84 1/2	88 1/2	1625	84 1/2	88 1/2	84 1/2	88 1/2									
Panama Canal 3%	Q M			98 1/2	98 1/2														
State and City Securities.																			
N. Y. C. 3% Corp stk. Nov 1955																			
3 1/2%	M N			92	92		92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2									
4% registered	M N			92 1/2	92 1/2		92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2									
4% registered	M N			100 1/2	100 1/2		100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2									
4% corporate stock	M N			102	102		102	102	102	102									
4 1/2% corporate stock	M N			98 1/2	98 1/2		98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2									
4 1/2% corporate stock	M N			109	109		107 1/2	109	107 1/2	109									
4% corporate stock	M N			100 1/2	100 1/2		100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2									
4% corporate stock	M N			100 1/2	100 1/2		100	100 1/2	100	100 1/2									
4 1/2% corporate stock	M S			99 1/2	99 1/2		99 1/2	100 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2									
4 1/2% corporate stock	M S			86	110 1/2		105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2									
New York State 4 1/2%	M S			112	112		112	112	112	112									
Foreign Govt. & Municipals.																			
Austria (Govt.) 3 1/2% of 1925-1959																			
3 1/2%	F A	22 1/2	Sale	22	22 1/2	26	14	22 1/2	14	22 1/2									
Sinking fund 6% A. Apr 15 1948	A O	23	Sale	23	23	5	15 1/2	23	15 1/2	23									
Akershus (Dept) ext 5% 1963	M N	51	Sale	50	51	13	40	51	40	51									
Antioquia (Dept) ext 7% A. 1945	J J	16 1/2	Sale	13 1/2	16 1/2	6	10	16 1/2	10	16 1/2									
External s f 7% ser B. 1945	J J	15 1/2	Sale	15	15 1/2	4	10 1/2	15 1/2	10 1/2	15 1/2									
External s f 7% ser C. 1945	J J	15 1/2	Sale	14 1/2	15 1/2	5	10 1/2	15 1/2	10 1/2	15 1/2									
External s f 7% 1st ser. 1957	A O	10 1/2	Sale	11 1/4	11 1/4	7	9	11 1/4	9	11 1/4									
External sec s f 7% 2d ser. 1957	A O	10 1/2	Sale	10 1/2	10 1/2	1	10	10 1/2	10	10 1/2									
External sec s f 7% 3d ser. 1957	A O	10 1/2	Sale	10 1/2	10 1/2	1	10	10 1/2	10	10 1/2									
Antwerp (City) external 6% 1953	J D	71	Sale	69 1/2	71 1/2	6	69	71 1/2	69	71 1/2									
Argentine Govt Pub Wks 6% 1960	A O	48	Sale	45	49 1/2	21	35 1/2	49 1/2	35 1/2	49 1/2									
Argentine Nation (Govt of)—																			
Sink funds 6% of June 1925-1959	J D	49	Sale	46	51 1/2	201	35 1/2	51 1/2	35 1/2	51 1/2									
Ext s f 6% of Oct 1925-1959	A O	47 1/2	Sale	45	50	63	35 1/2	50	35 1/2	50									
Ext s f 6% series A. 1937	J D	48	Sale	44 1/2	49 1/2	134	35 1/2	49 1/2	35 1/2	49 1/2									
External 6% series B. Dec 1953	J D	48 1/2	Sale	45	50	14	34 1/2	50	34 1/2	50									
Ext s f 6% of May 1926-1960	M N	47	Sale	44 1/2	49 1/2	27	35 1/2	49 1/2	35 1/2	49 1/2									
Ext s f 6% (State Ry) 1960	M S	47	Sale	45	49 1/2	45	35 1/2	49 1/2	35 1/2	49 1/2									
Ext 6% Sanitary Works. 1961	F A	48	Sale	44	48	23	34 1/2	48 1/2	34 1/2	48 1/2									
Ext 6% Pub Wks (May '27) 1961	F A	47	Sale	44 1/2	48	33	35 1/2	48 1/2	35 1/2	48 1/2									
Public Works ext 5 1/2% 1962	F A	44	Sale	40 1/2	45	52	31	45	31	45									
Argentine Treasury 5% 1945	M S	47	Sale	44	48 1/2	40	40	48 1/2	40	48 1/2									
Australia 30-yr 5% July 15 1955	J J	51 1/2	Sale	48 1/2	51 1/2	165	35	51 1/2	35	51 1/2									
External 5% of 1927-1957	M S	51 1/2	Sale	48 1/2	51 1/2	103	35	51 1/2	35	51 1/2									
External 4 1/2% of 1928-1956	M N	46	Sale	42 1/2	46	189	30	46	30	46									
Austrian (Govt) s f 7% 1943	J D	8 1/2	Sale	8 1/2	8 1/2	70	7 3/4	8 1/2	7 3/4	8 1/2									
Internal s f 7% 1943	J D	44	Sale	37	45	39	35	45	35	45									
Bavaria (Free State) 6 1/2% 1945	F A	25 1/2	Sale	27	31	8	19 1/2	31	19 1/2	31									
Belgium 35-yr ext 6 1/2% 1949	M S	83 1/2	Sale	82	88 1/2	83	79 1/2	88 1/2	79 1/2	88 1/2									
External s f 6% 1949	J D	84 1/2	Sale	83 1/2	84 1/2	152	72	84 1/2	72	84 1/2									
External 30-yr ser 1 7% 1955	J D	95	Sale	91 3/4	95	291	84 1/2	95	84 1/2	95									
Stabilization loan 7% 1956	M N	95 1/2	Sale	91 3/4	95 1/2	206	84 1/2	95 1/2	84 1/2	95 1/2									
Bergen (Norway)—																			
Ext sink funds 5% Oct 15 1949	A O	78	80	Dec '31	75	100	94	100	75	100									
External sink fund 5% 1960	M S	75	96	Sept '31	75	100	94	100	75	100									
Berlin (Germany) s f 6 1/2% 1950	A O	26	30 1/2	22 1/2	31	77	14 1/2	31	14 1/2	31									
External s f 6% June 15 1953	J D	26 1/2	Sale	20 3/4	28 3/4	97	13 1/2	28 3/4	13 1/2	28 3/4									
Bogota (City) ext s f 8% 1945	A O	20	Sale	17 1/4	20	14	14	20	14	20									
Bolivia (Republic) ext 8% 1947	M N	8 3/4	9 1/4	8 1/2	9	9	6	9 1/4	6	9 1/4									
External secured 7% (flat) 1953	J J	6 1/2	9 1/2	6	7 1/2	7	5	9 1/2	5	9 1/2									
External s f 7% (flat) 1953	J J	6 1/2	Sale	5 1/2	7 1/2	25	5 1/2	7 1/2	5 1/2	7 1/2									
Bordeaux (City) of 15-yr 6% 1934	M N	100	Sale	99 1/2	100 1/4	45	95	100 1/4	95	100 1/4									
Brazil (U S) ext 6% 1941	J D	21	Sale	18	21	47	19	21	19	21									
External s f 6 1/2% of 1936-1957	A O	18 1/2	Sale	16	18 1/2	24	13	18 1/2	13	18 1/2									
Ext s f 6 1/2% of 1927-1957	A O	13 1/2	Sale	12 1/4	13 1/2	26	12	13 1/2	12	13 1/2									
7% (Central Ry) 1952	J D	13 1/2	Sale	12 1/4	14	47	12 1/2	14	12 1/2	14									
7 1/2% (coffee secur) 2 (flat) 1952	A O	65 1/2	Sale	62 1/2	65 1/2	41	61	65 1/2	61	65 1/2									
Bremen (State) of ext 7% 1935	M S	34 1/2	38 1/2	29 1/2	36 1/2	31	24 1/2	36 1/2	24 1/2	36 1/2									
Brisbane (City) s f 5% 1957	M S	36 1/2	Sale	36 1/2	36 1/2	6	28 1/2	36 1/2	28 1/2	36 1/2									
Sinking fund gold 5% 1958	F A	36 1/2	Sale	34 1/2	37	25	28 1/2	37	28 1/2	37									
30-yr s f 6% 1950	J D	34 1/2	59	37	40	13	28 1/2	40	28 1/2	40									
Budapest (City) ext s f 6% 1952	J D	22 1/2	Sale	16	22 1/2	62	14	22 1/2	14	22 1/2									
Buenos Aires (City) 6 1/2% 2 B 1955	J D	47	Sale	40 1/4	47	10	30 1/2	47	30 1/2	47									
External s f 6% ser C-2 1960	A O	37	85	35 1/2	Dec '31	35 1/2	96 1/2	35 1/2	96 1/2	35 1/2									
External s f 6% ser C-3 1960	A O	35	67	35 1/2	Dec '31	35 1/2	93 1/2	35 1/2	93 1/2	35 1/2									
Buenos Aires (Prov) ext 6% 1961	M S	29 1/2	Sale	24 1/2	29 1/2	88	18 1/2	29 1/2	18 1/2	29 1/2									
Ext s f 6 1/2% 1961	F A	29 1/2	Sale	24 1/2	29 1/2	88	18 1/2	29 1/2	18 1/2	29 1/2									
Bulgaria (Kingdom) s f 7% 1957	J J	30	38	27	Dec '31	27	36	27	36	27									
Stabil'n s f 7 1/2% Nov 15-1968	M N	41 1/2	Sale	36	41 1/2	15	29 1/2	41 1/2	29 1/2	41 1/2									
Caldas Dept of (Colombia) 7 1/2% 46	J J																		

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Foreign Govt. & Municipals.										Chic Burl & Q—III Div 3 1/2s 1949									
Bliss (Prov of) extl 7s—1958	J D	35 1/2	31 1/2	37	77	81	80	79 1/2	81	80	79 1/2	81	80	79 1/2	81				
Silesian Landowners Assn 6s—1947	F A	26	26	26	16	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15					
Polsons (City of) extl 6s—1936	M N	100	98 1/2	100	10	98 1/2	100	100	100	98 1/2	98 1/2	100	100	100					
Styria (City) external 7s—1946	F A	—	39 3/4	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34	34					
Sweden external loan 5 1/2s—1944	M N	80 3/8	80 1/2	81 1/2	82	80 3/8	80 1/2	81 1/2	82	80 3/8	80 1/2	81 1/2	82	80 3/8					
Swissaird Govt extl 5 1/2s—1946	A O	102 1/2	103	102 1/2	64	93 1/2	107	107	107	93 1/2	107	107	107	107					
Taiwan (City) s f 5 1/2s—1955	F A	40	40	40	9	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30					
Railroad										Chic & East III 1st 6s—1924									
Alb & Susq 1st cons A 6s—1943	J D	—	95	105	Sept 31	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
Alb & Susq 2d cons B 6s—1943	J D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
Alleg & West 1st gen 3 1/2s—1946	A O	68	91 1/2	91 1/2	Aug 31	68	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	68	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2					
Alleg & West 1st gen 4s—1946	A O	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
Alleg & West 2d gen 4s—1946	A O	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
Ann Arbor 1st gen 4s—1946	J D	19 1/4	19 1/4	20 1/2	2	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14					
Atch Top & S f 6s—Gen 4s—1945	A O	80 1/2	97 1/2	83	Dec 31	80 1/2	97 1/2	83	80 1/2	80 1/2	97 1/2	83	80 1/2	80 1/2					
Adjusted gold—4 1/2s—July 1945	Nov	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	8	80	84 1/2	84 1/2	80	80	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	80					
Stamp—4 1/2s—July 1945	Nov	83	84 1/2	81	39	74	83 1/2	83 1/2	74	74	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	74					
Registered	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
Conv gold 4s of 1909—1955	J D	75	79 1/2	76 1/2	26	70 1/2	79 1/2	76 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2	79 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	70 1/2					
Conv 4s of 1905—1955	J D	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	26	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2					
Conv 4s issue of 1910—1946	J D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
Conv deb 4 1/2s—1946	J D	91 1/4	91 1/4	92	44	84 1/2	92	92	84 1/2	84 1/2	92	92	92	84 1/2					
Rocky Mtn Div 1st 4s—1946	J D	72 1/2	89	89	Dec 31	72 1/2	89	89	72 1/2	72 1/2	89	89	72 1/2	72 1/2					
Trans-Con Short 1st 4 1/2s—1952	M S	89	89	86 1/2	7	83 1/2	89	89	83 1/2	83 1/2	89	89	83 1/2	83 1/2					
Cal-Rail 1st & ref 4 1/2s—1946	J D	75	103 1/2	103 1/2	Feb 31	75	103 1/2	103 1/2	75	75	103 1/2	103 1/2	75	75					
Atl & Charl A L 1st 4 1/2s—1944	J D	51	89 1/2	90	Oct 31	51	89 1/2	90	51	51	89 1/2	90	51	51					
Atl 30-year 5s series B—1944	J D	80	85	79	1	75	85	79	75	75	85	79	75	75					
Atlantic City 1st cons 4s—1941	J D	73 1/2	73 1/2	77	78 1/2	66	73 1/2	77	66	66	73 1/2	77	66	66					
Atl Coast Line 1st cons 4s July 52	M S	78	96	80	80	57	96	80	57	57	96	80	57	57					
General unified 4 1/2s—1944	J D	64 1/2	64 1/2	64	19	67	64 1/2	64	67	67	64 1/2	64	67	67					
L & N coll gold 4s—Oct 1932	M N	24	23	24 1/2	13	15	23	24 1/2	15	15	23	24 1/2	15	15					
Atl & Dan 1st 4s—1943	J D	20	20	15 1/2	20	15	20	15 1/2	15	15	20	15 1/2	15	15					
30 4s—1943	J D	20	20	14	Sept 31	20	20	14	20	20	20	14	20	20					
Atl & Yad 1st guar 4s—1949	A O	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
Austin & N W 1st 4s—1941	J D	—	98 1/2	104	Mar 31	—	98 1/2	104	—	—	98 1/2	104	—	—					
Balt & Ohio 1st 4s—July 1948	A O	80 1/4	80 1/4	77	81	49	77	81	49	49	77	81	49	49					
Registered—July 1948	Q J	—	78	92 1/2	Aug 31	—	78	92 1/2	—	—	78	92 1/2	—	—					
30-year conv 4 1/2s—1933	M S	80 1/2	80 1/2	71	80 1/2	223	61	80 1/2	223	61	80 1/2	80 1/2	61	61					
Refund & gen 5s series A 1935	J D	67 1/2	67 1/2	59	67 1/2	50	48 1/2	67 1/2	50	48 1/2	67 1/2	50	48 1/2	48 1/2					
Registered	J D	—	80	80	Oct 31	—	80	80	—	—	80	80	—	—					
1st gold 5s—July 1948	A O	90	90	85	75	35	53 1/2	110 1/2	35	35	53 1/2	110 1/2	35	35					
Ref & gen 6s series C—1946	F A	73	73	69	73	19	62 1/2	73	19	19	62 1/2	73	19	19					
P L E & W Va 5 1/2s ref 4s—1941	M N	72	72	70	75	21	53 1/2	105 1/2	21	21	53 1/2	105 1/2	21	21					
South Div 1st 5s—1950	J D	57	57	57	10	50	57	57	10	10	57	57	10	10					
Tol & Cin Div 1st ref 4s—1959	J D	72	72	70	75	21	53 1/2	105 1/2	21	21	53 1/2	105 1/2	21	21					
Ref & gen 5s series D—2000	M S	62	70	62	53	28	50	104 1/2	28	28	50	104 1/2	28	28					
Conv 4 1/2s—1946	F A	53	53	52	33	34	53	52	33	33	53	52	33	33					
Bangor & Aroostook 1st 5s—1943	J D	74 1/2	75	81	81	2	80	105	2	2	80	105	2	2					
Con ref 4s—1951	J D	61	73	60	60	20	60	94	20	20	60	94	20	20					
Battle Crk & Star 1st gu 2s—1989	J D	—	70	71	Feb 31	—	70	71	—	—	70	71	—	—					
Beech Creek 1st gu 4s—1938	J D	—	96 1/2	100 1/2	Sept 31	—	96 1/2	100 1/2	—	—	96 1/2	100 1/2	—	—					
2d guar 4s—1936	J D	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—					
Beech Crk ext 1st 3 1/2s—1951	A O	—	88	88	Mar 31	—	88	88	—	—	88	88	—	—					
Belvidere Del cons gu 3 1/2s—1943	J D	—	86	86	10	85 1/2	86	86	10	10	85 1/2	86	10	10					
Big Sandy 1st 4s guar—1941	M S	73	73	71 1/2	48	62	73	71 1/2	48	48	73	71 1/2	48	48					
Boston & Maine 1st 5s A—1947	M S	71 1/4	71 1/4	69 1/2	72 1/2	38	60	71 1/4	38	38	60	71 1/4	38	38					
1st m 5s series 2—1955	M N	67 1/2	67 1/2	65 1/2	67 1/2	28	55	67 1/2	28	28	55	67 1/2	28	28					
1st 4 1/2s series J—1961	A O	67 1/2	67 1/2	65 1/2	67 1/2	28	55	67 1/2	28	28	55	67 1/2	28	28					
Boston & N Y Air Line 1st 4s—1955	F A	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	55 1/2	5	58	55 1/2	5	5	58	55 1/2	5	5					
Bruno & West 1st gu 4s—1938	J D	—	93	88	Oct 31	—	93	88	—	—	93	88	—	—					
Buff Roch & Pitts gen 5s—1937	M S	83	87	83	Dec 31	83	87	83	83	83	87	83	83	83					
Consol 4 1/2s—1957	M N	50	50	44	50	63	33	50	63	33	50	50	33	33					
Burl C R & Nor 1st & coll 6s—1934	A O	70	93 1/2	90	Nov 31	70	93 1/2	90	70	70	93 1/2	90	70	70					
Canada Sou cons gu 6s A—1962	A O	81	88 1/2	77	81	12	65	108 1/2	12	12	65	108 1/2	12	12					
Canadian Nat 4 1/2s Sept 15 1954	M S	74 1/4	74 1/4	72 1/2	75	42	69 1/2	102 1/2	42	42	69 1/2	102 1/2	42	42					
30-year gold 4 1/2s—1957	J D	75 1/2	75 1/2	73 1/2	75 1/2	20	68	102 1/2	20	20	68	102 1/2	20	20					
Gold 4 1/2s—1968	J D	74 1/2	74 1/2	72 1/2	74 1/2	38	68	102 1/2	38	38	68	102 1/2	38	38					
Guaranteed 6s—July 1969	J D	81	81	81 1/2	10	75 1/2	81 1/2	108 1/2	10	10	75 1/2	81 1/2	10	10					
Guaranteed 6s—Oct 1969	A O	82 1/2	82 1/2	80 1/2	83 1/2	64	76	108 1/2	64	64	76	108 1/2	64	64					
Guaranteed 6s—1970	F A	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	82 1/2	28	75	107 1/2	28	28	75	107 1/2	28	28					
Guaranteed 4 1/2s—June 15 1955	J D	76 1/2	76 1/2	75	77	31	70	104	31	31	70	104	31	31					
Guar 4 1/2s—1956	F A	75	75	74	76	11	68 1/2	101 1/4	11	11	68 1/2	101 1/4	11	11					
Canadian North deb 1 f 7s—1940	J D	93 1/2	93 1/2	92	94 1/2	67	85 1/2	113 1/2	67	67	85 1/2	113 1/2	67	67					
25-year s f deb 6 1/2s—1946	J D	93 1/2	93 1/2	93	95	17	88	121	17	17	88	121	17	17					
10-year gold 4 1/2s—Feb 15 1935	F A	83	83	83	83	3	84 1/2	103 1/2	3	3	84 1/2	103 1/2	3	3					
Canadian Pac Ry 4 1/2 deb stock—1946	M S	68	68	65	68	27	57	89 1/2	27	27	57	89 1/2	27	27					
Col tr 4 1/2s—1954	J D	73	80	77 1/2	77 1/2	2	74	107	2	2	74	107	2	2					
5e equip tr exts—Dec 1 1954	J D	73	73	70 1/4	73	20	60 1/2	105 1/2	20	20	60 1/2	105 1/2	20	20					
Coll tr 5s—1950	J D	68	68	64	68	23	59	100	23										

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North Cent gen & ref 5s A-1974	M 100 1/2	100 1/2	107	Nov 30	101 1/2	104	Seaboard All Fla 1st gu 6s A-1935	F A	1 1/2	2	1 Dec '31	9	1	1 1/2					
Gen & ref 4 1/2s ser A-1974	M 100 1/2	102 1/2	104	Sept 31	101 1/2	104	Certificates of deposit-1935	F A	1 1/2	2	1 Dec '31	9	1	1 1/2					
North Ohio 1st guar g 5s-1945	A O	65	73 1/2	Oct 31	73 1/2	87	Series 1s-1935	F A	1 1/2	2	1 Dec '31	9	1	1 1/2					
North Pacific prior lien 4s-1937	Q J	81 1/2	79 1/2	Dec 31	74 1/2	97	Certificates of deposit-1935	F A	1 1/2	2	1 Dec '31	9	1	1 1/2					
Registered	Q J	71 1/2	79 1/2	Dec 31	74 1/2	97	Seaboard & Roan 1st 6s extd 1931	F A	35	85	102	Aug '31	90 1/2	92 1/4					
Gen lien ry & id g 3s Jan 20 '37	Q F	56	56	Dec 31	50 1/2	67	S & N Ala cons gu g 5s-1936	J J	100	102	Nov '31	100	111 1/2						
Registered	Q F	56	56	Dec 31	50 1/2	67	Gen cons gu 50-yr 5s-1963 A	O	81	81	Nov '31	41	55						
Ref & Imp 4 1/2s series A-2047	J J	63	74	Dec 31	57 1/2	101	So Pac of Cal 1st con gu g 5s-1937	J D	68 1/2	68	68 1/2	41	55						
Ref & Imp 6s series B-2047	J J	85	78	85	81	70 1/2	1st 4 1/2s (Oregon Lines) A-1977	M S	73 1/2	73	75 1/2	39	70						
Ref & Imp 5s series C-2047	J J	72 1/2	75	70	Dec 31	105 1/2	20 year conv 5s-1934	J D	94	91	Dec '31	52	90						
Nor Pac Term Co 1st g 6s-1933	J J	72 1/2	72 1/2	73	10	102 1/2	Gold 4 1/2s-1968	M S	27 1/2	27 1/2	61	69	46						
Nor Ry of Calif guar g 5s-1938 A	O	101 1/2	100 1/2	Oct 31	95 1/2	103 1/2	Gold 4 1/2s with war-1969	M S	69 1/2	59 1/2	69 1/2	26 1/2	53						
Og & L Cham 1st gu g 4s-1948	J O	45	60	Nov 31	50	77	Gold 4 1/2s-1981	M S	76	76	79 1/4	1	95						
Ohio Connecting Ry 1st 4s-1943	M S	78	97	May 31	97	97	San Fran Term 1st 4s-1937	M N	99	99	99	99	11						
Ohio River RR 1st g 5s-1936	J D	83	90	103	Sept 31	101 1/2	So Pac Coast 1st gu g 4s-1937	J J	79 1/2	79 1/2	96	June '30	31						
General gold 4s-1937 A	O	85	94	89	Nov 31	99	So Pac RR 1st ref 4s-1955	J J	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	May '30	23						
Oregon RR & Nav com g 4s-1946	J O	85	81	81	Dec 31	79	Registered	J J	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	73	67 1/2						
Ore Short Line 1st cons g 5s-1946	J J	97 1/2	100	94 1/2	96 1/2	109 1/2	Stamped (Federal tax)-1955	J J	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2	May '30	23						
Guar. stpd cons 1s-1946	J J	78	78	78	22	67 1/2	Southern Ry 1st cons g 5s-1944	J J	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	73	67 1/2						
Oregon-Wash 1st & ref 4s-1961	J J	78	78	78	22	67 1/2	Registered	J J	94	94	94	July '31	114						
Pacific Coast Co 1st g 5s-1946	J D	15	19 1/4	23	Dec 31	14	Devel & gen 4s series A-1956	A O	46	46	46	54	27						
Pac RR of Mo 1st ext g 4s-1938	F A	81	90	80	Dec 31	80	Devel & gen 6s-1956	A O	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2	93	Nov '31						
2d extended gold 5s-1938	J J	83 1/2	86	86	Dec 31	86	Mem Div 1st g 5s-1956	J J	95	93	Nov '31	88	93						
Paducah & Ills 1st g 4 1/2s-1955	J J	95	95	95	1	100	St Louis Div 1st g 4s-1953	M S	72 1/2	83	Sept '31	88	93						
Paris-Lyon-Med RR ext 6s-1858	F A	94	94	94	136	100	Tex & N O Con gold 5s-1938	M S	36	39 1/2	35 1/2	2	36						
Sinking fund external 7s-1958	M S	100	94	93	100 1/2	99	Mob & Ohio coll tr 4s-1938	M S	90	101	Sept '31	98 1/2	101 1/2						
Paris-Oreans RR ext 5 1/2s-1968	M S	94	94	94	45	89 1/2	Spokane Internat 1st g 6s-1955	J J	23	23	23	8	20 1/2						
Faullata Ry 1st & ref 4 1/2s A-1972	A O	40	50	55	3	51	Staten Island Ry 1st 4s-1943	J D	87	87	Oct '30	97 1/4	97 1/4						
Pa Ohio & Det 1st & ref 4 1/2s A-1972	A O	92	92	92	4	88	Sunbury & Lewiston 1st 4s-1936	J J	95 1/4	97 1/4	Nov '31	97 1/4	97 1/4						
Pennsylvania RR cons g 4s-1943	M N	89	89	87 1/2	89 1/2	23	Tenn Cent 1st 6s A or B-1947	A O	30	40	24 1/2	26	24						
Consol gold 4s-1943	M N	89	94 1/2	85	Dec 31	85	Term Assn of St L 1st g 4 1/2s-1939	A O	86 1/2	93	101 1/2	Oct '31	99 1/2						
4s steri sptd cons 4 1/2s-1960	F A	92 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	43	90	1st cons gold 5s-1944	F A	84	99	100	Nov '31	100						
Consolidated fund 4 1/2s-1960	F A	92 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/2	43	90	Gen refund 5 1/2s-1953	F A	72 1/2	81	73	79	8						
General 4 1/2s series A-1965	J D	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2	50	65 1/2	Texarkana & F 1st 5 1/2s A-1953	F A	70	70	63 1/2	70	13						
General 6s series B-1968	J D	91	88 1/4	91	41	77 1/2	Tex & N O Con gold 5s-1943	J J	97	100 1/2	Nov '31	100 1/2	102 1/4						
15-year secured 6 1/2s-1930	F A	100	100	100	253	94 1/2	Texas & Pac 1st gold 5s-2000	J D	88 1/2	97	87 1/2	89	18						
Registered	F A	84 1/2	84 1/2	84 1/2	26	69	2nd Inc 5s (Mar '28 opn) Dec 2000	Mar	61	65	65	2	54						
40-year secured gold 5s-1964	M A	70	74 1/2	70	83	65	Gen & ref 5s series B-1977	A O	61 1/2	68	61 1/2	65	13						
Deb g 4 1/2s-1970	A O	74 1/2	79 1/2	70	74 1/2	40	Gen & ref 6s series C-1979	A O	62 1/2	67	62 1/2	63	12						
General 4 1/2s ser D-1981	A O	50	58	57	Nov 31	88	Gen & ref 5s series D-1980	J D	85	85	Dec 31	85	107						
Fa Co gu 3 1/2s coll tr A reg-1937	M S	88	88	88	Sept 31	88	Tex Pac-Mo Pac Ter 5 1/2s-1964	M S	97	92 1/2	92 1/2	1	85						
Guar 3 1/2s coll trust ser B-1941	J D	87	87	87	Sept 31	87	Tol & Ohio Cent 1st g 5s-1935	J J	102	100 1/2	Sept '31	100 1/2	100 1/2						
Guar 3 1/2s trust cts D-1944	J D	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	Dec 31	80 1/2	Western Div 1st g 5s-1935	A O	75	74	Nov '31	95	102						
Guar 4s ser E trust cts-1952	M N	75	93	75 1/2	Dec 31	75 1/2	Gen gold 5s-1935	A O	92	95	Sept '31	95	102						
Secured gold 4 1/2s-1963	M N	76	76	76	47	60	Tol St L & W 50-yr g 4s-1935	A O	100	100	Oct '30	95 1/2	96 1/2						
Peoria & Eastern 1st cons 4s 1940	A O	31 1/2	40	35	Dec 31	33	Tol W V & O 4 1/2s ser B-1933	J J	79	96 1/2	Apr '31	88	97						
Income 4s-1940	Ad	2 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2	Dec 31	13	Toronto Ham & Buff 1st g 4s 1946	J D	50	88	Dec '31	88	97						
Peoria & Pekin Un 1st 5 1/2s-1974	F A	62	62	62	Nov 31	81 1/4	Ulster & Del 1st cons g 5s-1928	J D	71	90	Jan '31	90	90 1/2						
Per Marquette 1st ser A 6s-1956	J J	41 1/2	87	35	Dec 31	30	Sptd as to pays Dec 1930 Int.	---	71	75	70	2	60						
1st g 4 1/2s series B-1956	J J	46	84	42 1/2	45	15	1st con 5s cts of deposit	---	70	70	70 1/2	7	58						
Phila Balt & Wash 1st g 4s-1934	F A	89 1/2	91 1/2	90 1/2	91	17	Cts of dep stpd Dec '30 Int.	---	71	76	70 1/2	7	60						
General 6s series B-1943	M N	77	101 1/2	89 1/4	Dec 31	89	1st refunding g 4s-1952	A O	33	49	36	Nov '31	63						
Gen g 4 1/2s ser A-1977	J J	21 1/4	21 1/4	21 1/4	7	18	Union Pac 1st RR & Id gr 4s-1947	J J	91 1/2	86 1/2	Dec '31	85	99 1/2						
Phila Creek reg 1st 6s-1932	J D	100	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	1st gen & ref 4s-1937	J J	76	80 1/2	73	Dec '31	68						
P C C & St L gu 4 1/2s A-1940	A O	90	96	96	Dec 31	98	Gold 4 1/2s-1937	M S	94	106 1/4	93 1/2	Dec '31	93						
Series B 4 1/2s guar-1942	A O	90 1/4	95	87	Dec 31	87	1st gen & ref 4s-1937	M S	72 1/2	75	71 1/2	73	16						
Series C 4 1/2s guar-1942	M N	91	97	98	Sept 31	95	U N J RR & Can gen 4s-1944	M S	90	93	93	93	1						
Series D 4s guar-1945	M N	71	97	95	June 30	95	Utah & Nor 1st ext 4s-1933	J J	80	100	July '31	100	100						
Series E 3 1/2s guar gold-1949	F A	75	98	98	Sept 31	97 1/2	Vandalla cons g 4s series A-1955	F A	70	95 1/2	June '31	95 1/2	95 1/2						
Series F 4s guar gold-1953	F A	81	89 1/2	89 1/2	Dec 31	89 1/2	Cons F 4s series B-1957	M N	70	93 1/2	Sept '31	93 1/2	95 1/2						
Series G 4s guar-1957	M N	73	97 1/2	97 1/2	Sept 31	97 1/2	Vera Cruz & P assent 4 1/2s-193	J J	11 1/2	3	Nov '31	12	15 1/2						
Series H cons guar 4 1/2s-1960	F A	80	99	100 1/2	Oct 31	100 1/2	Virginia Midland gen 5s-1936	M N	85	95	95 1/2	Nov '31	85						
Series I cons guar 4 1/2s-1963	F A	80	99	99	Sept 31	99	Va & Southw'n 1st gu 5s-2003	A O	30 1/2	42	52	Dec '31	32						
Series J cons guar 4 1/2s-1964	M N	80	98 1/2	99	Sept 31	99	1st cons 50-year 6s-1958	M N	85	85	85	30	77 1/2						
General M 5s series A-1970	J D	90	90	90	16	85	Virginia Ry 1st 5s series A-1962	M N	70	70	75	11	69						
Gen mtg guar 5s ser B-1975	A O	90	90	90	16	85	1st M 4 1/2s series B-1962	M N	73	75	70 1/2	31	59						
Gen 4 1/2s series C-1977	J J	74 1/2	74 1/2	74 1/2	1	77	Wabash RR 1st gold 5s-1939	M N	37	42	35	Dec 31	34 1/2						
Pitta MeK & Y 1st gu 6s-1932	J J	100	108	102 1/2	July 31	99 1/2	2d gold 5s-1939	F A	15	15	12	15	3						
2d guar 6s-1934	J J	100	108	102 1/2	July 31	99 1/2	Ref & gen s f 5 1/2s ser A-1975	M S	98 1/2	98 1/2	98 1/2	May '29	81						
Pitta Sh & L E 1st g 5s-1940	A O	65	85	83 1/2	Aug 28	99	Deb 6s series B registered-1939	J J	62	75	60	Dec 31	60						
1st consol gold 5s-1943	J J	65	85	83 1/2	Aug 28	99	1st gen 50-year term 4s-1954	J J	62	85	60	Dec 31	60						
Pitta Va & Char 1st 4s-1943	M N	43	50	45	46	3	Det & Chic ext 1st 6s-1941	J J	46	46	46	46	1						
Pitta & W Va 1st 4 1/2s ser A-1958	J D	44	55	44	Dec 31	38	Des Moines Div 1st 6s-1939	A O	17	59	79	Aug '31	79						
1st M 4 1/2s series B-1958	A O	46 1/2	55	45	46 1/2	18	Omaha Div 1st g 3 1/2s-1941	M F	21	59	79	Aug '31	79						
1st M 4 1/2s series C-1960	A O	46 1/2	55	45	46 1/2	18	Tol & Chic Div g 2 1/2s-1941	M F	21	59	79	Aug '31	79						
Pitta Y & Ash 1st 4s ser A-1948	J D	76	76	76	Sept 31	76	Wabash Ry 1st g 5s B-1976	F											

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Price, Week's Range, Range for Year, and various other details. Includes sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

* Cash sale. # Deferred delivery.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE									
Week Ended Jan. 8:										Week Ended Jan. 8:									
Interest	Price	Week's	Range		Bonds	Range		Interest	Price	Week's	Range		Bonds	Range					
Period.	Friday	Range	Low	High	Sold	Low	High	Period.	Friday	Range	Low	High	Sold	Low	High				
	Jan. 8.	Last Sale.			No.				Jan. 8.	Last Sale.			No.						
Milw El Ry & Lt 1st 5s B...	1061	J D	93 3/4	92 3/4	29	84	104 1/2												
1st mtg 5s...	1971	J J	91 1/4	90	69	80	104 1/2												
Montana Power 1st 5s A...	1943	J J	94 3/4	93	30	85	106												
Deb 5s series A...	1962	J D	74	74	25	73	104												
Montecatini Min & Agric...																			
Debs 7s with warrants...	1937	J J	67	77 1/2	69 3/4	67 1/2	100 1/2												
Without warrants...		J J	69 3/4	67	69 3/4	66 7/8	99 3/4												
Montreal Tram 1st & ref 5s...	1941	J J	70	80	80	72	101 1/2												
Gen & ref s f 5s series A...	1955	A O	60	96	60	60	95												
Gen & ref s f 5s ser B...	1955	A O				93 1/2													
Gen & ref s f 4 1/2 ser C...	1955	A O				87 1/2	87 1/2												
Gen & ref s f 5s ser D...	1955	A O				91 1/2	93 1/2												
Morris & Co 1st 4 1/2 A...	1939	J J	71	72	36	64	83												
Mortgage-Bond Co 4 1/2 ser 2...	1968	A O				70	70												
10-25 year 5s series 3...	1932	J J				95	99 1/2												
Murray Body 1st 6 1/2 A...	1934	J D	85	92	85	85	98												
Mutual Fuel Gas 1st g 6s...	1947	M N	90	100	100	100	109 1/2												
Mut Un Tel grid 6s ext at 5%...	1941	M N	61	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	104 1/2												
Namm (A) & Son... See Mrs Tr																			
Nassau Elec guar gold 4s...	1951	J J	43 1/2	46	41 1/2	35	53 1/2												
Nat Acme 1st s f 6s...	1942	J D	60	70	60	60	96 1/2												
Nat Dairy Prod 4 1/2 A...	1948	F A	89	89	89	83 1/2	102 1/2												
Nat Radiator deb 6 1/2 A...	1947	F A	71	12 1/2	11	11	25 1/2												
Nat Steel 1st coll 5s...	1966	A O	73 1/2	69 1/4	73 1/4	68 1/4	91 1/2												
Newark Consol Gas cons 6s...	1948	J D		102 1/2	96	102	108 1/2												
N J Pow & Light 1st 4 1/2 A...	1960	A O	82 1/2	95 1/2	96	95	103 1/2												
Newberry (J) Co 5 1/2 notes 4...	1950	A O	79	80 1/2	77 1/2	81	88												
New Engl Tel & Tel 5s A...	1952	J D	101	101	101 1/2	160	99 1/2												
1st g 4 1/2 series B...	1961	M N	94 1/2	93	95	92 1/2	108 1/2												
New OrL Pub Serv 1st 5s A...	1952	A O	72	82	73	14	60	94 1/2											
1st & ref 6s series B...	1955	A O	70	73	72	2	65	94 1/2											
N Y Dock 50-year 1st g 4s...	1937	F A	53	62	54	55	3	50	84 1/2										
Serial 5% notes...	1938	F A	37	39	37	39	32	30	81 1/2										
N Y Edison 1st & ref 6 1/2 A...	1941	A O	108 1/2	108	109	74	103	117 1/2											
1st lien 1st & ref 6s series B...	1944	A O	102	102	99 1/2	102	102	109	108 1/2										
N Y Gas El Lt H & Pr g 6s...	1948	J D	102	102	101	102 1/2	48	100 1/2	123 1/2										
Purchase money gold 4s...	1949	F A	93	93	91	93 1/2	6	90	102 1/2										
N Y L E & W Coal & RR 5 1/2 43...	1942	M N	97 1/2	102	102	100	100	100	100										
N Y L E & W Dock & Imp 6s 43...	1942	M N	101	100	100	100	100	100	100										
N Y Rys 1st R E & ref 4s...	1942	J J	40	40	40	40	40	40	40										
Certificates of deposit...	1942	A O	40	50	40	40	40	40	40										
30-year adj lnc 6s...	1942	A O	11 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2										
Certificates of deposit...	1942	A O	11 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2										
N Y Rys Corp Inc 6s...	1942	A O	11 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2										
N Y Rys Corp Inc 6s...	1942	A O	11 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2										
Prior linc 6s series A...	1965	J J	34	34	32 1/2	34	28	61	108										
N Y & Richm Gas 1st 6s A...	1951	M N	98	100	98	98	3	96 1/2	108										
N Y State Rys 1st cons 4 1/2 A...	1962	M N	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1 1/2	11 1/2											
Certificates of deposit...	1962	M N																	
50-year 1st cons 4 1/2 series B...	1962	M N	1 1/2	3	3	3	3	12											
N Y Steam 1st 25-year 6s ser A...	1947	M N	104	104	103 1/2	104	3	101 1/2	109 1/2										
1st mortgage 5s...	1937	M N	97	97	96	97	3	97 1/2	104 1/2										
N Y Telp 1st & gen 4 1/2 A...	1949	M N	97	97	96 1/2	98	304	96 1/2	108 1/2										
N Y Trac 1st 6s...	1946	J D	67	69 1/2	67	70	12	67	100 1/2										
Niagara Falls Power 1st 5s...	1932	J J		100	100	100	98	103 1/2											
Ref & gen 6s...	1932	A O		99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	100	99 1/2	103 1/2										
Niag Lock & O Pr 1st 5s A...	1955	A O	94	94	95	2	89 1/2	106											
Niagara Share deb 5 1/2 A...	1950	M N	59 1/4	64	58	63	69	55	98 1/2										
Norddeutsche Lloyd 20-yr s f 6s 47...	1947	M N	33 1/2	34	24 1/2	34	53	20 1/2	87										
Nor Amer Cem deb 6 1/2 A...	1940	M N	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	8	17	50 1/2											
North Am Co deb 6s...	1961	F A	82	82	80 1/2	82 3/4	98	74	102 1/2										
No Ed Edison deb 6s ser A...	1957	M S	82	82	82	5	75 1/2	105 1/2											
Deb 5 1/2 ser B...	1957	M S	88	88	88	18	75 1/2	105 1/2											
Deb 5s series C...	1957	M S	83	83	83	39	89	108 1/2											
Nor Ohio Trac & Light 6s...	1947	M N	95	95	94 1/2	95	15	89	105 1/2										
Nor States Pow 25-yr 5s A...	1941	A O	99 1/2	101	99 1/2	86	99	108 1/2											
1st & ref 5 1/2 ser B...	1941	A O	102	104	101	102	29	96	107 1/2										
North W T 1st Id g 4 1/2 gtd...	1944	J J	102	97	99 1/2	100	29	99	102										
Norweg Hydro-El Nit 5 1/2 A...	1957	M N	51	51	49	51	24	51 1/2	101 1/2										
Ohio Public Service 7 1/2 A...	1946	A O	103 1/2	105	105	105	1	100 1/2	114										
1st & ref 7s series B...	1947	F A	102	102	100 1/2	102	5	97	115										
Old Ben Coal 1st 6s...	1944	F A	17	15	15	1	16 1/2	50 1/4											
Ontario Power N F 1st 5s...	1943	F A		92 1/2	85	Dec 31		85	107 1/2										
Ontario Power Serv 1st 5 1/2 A...	1953	F A	47 1/2	50	44 1/2	Dec 31		44 1/2	94 1/2										
Ontario Transmission 1st 5s...	1945	M N	80	81	80	80	1	90	107 1/2										
Oriental Development... See Forel																			
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Ostia Gas & El Wks ext 5s...	1963	M S	53	53	Dec 31			53	100										
Otis Steel 1st M 6s ser A...	1941	M S	45	45	40 1/2	45	20	39	102										
Pacific Gas & El gen & ref 6s...	1942	J J	100	99	100	139	94 1/2	106 1/2											
Pac Pub Serv 5 1/2 notes...	1936	M S	86 1/2	90	87	Dec 31		86 1/2	91 1/2										
Pacific Tel & Tel 1st 5s...	1947	J J	101 1/2	100 1/2	101 1/2	76	99 1/2	106 1/2											
Ref Mtg 5s series A...	1952	M N	101	101	99 1/2	101	39	99	108 1/2										
Pan-Amer P & T conv s f 6s...	1934	M N	100 1/2	101	100 1/2	13	99 1/2	103											
Pan-Amer PetCo (of Cal) conv 6s...	1940	J D	12	13	13	13	1	12 1/2	78										
Certificates of deposit...	1940	J D	10 1/2	13	13	13	1	13	33										
Paramount-Bway 1st 5 1/2 A...	1951	J J	72	72	68	74 1/2	22	65	105										
Paramount-Fam's-Lasky 6s...	1947	J D	50	50	44 1/2	50	40	47											
Paramount Public Corp 5 1/2 A...	1945	F A	46	46	37 1/2	46	107	33	89										
Park-Lex 1st leasehold 6 1/2 A...	1953	J J	15	15	15	5	11 1/2	62 1/2											
Parnele Trans deb 6s...	1944																		

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Jan. 2 to Jan. 8, 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 for Year 1931 (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroad, Miscellaneous, Mining, and Bonds.

* No par value. s Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Jan. 2 to Jan. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

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Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1931 (Low, High). Includes sections for Butler Brothers, Canal Constr Co, Castle & Co, and many other companies.

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1931.		
		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.	
Seaboard Pub Serv—							
\$6 preferred—	38 1/2	38 1/2	10	38	Dec	85 Jan	
Seaboard Util Shares Corp	1	1 1/2	750	1	Dec	5 1/2 Jan	
Signode Steel Strap Co—							
Preferred—	8	8	100	7	Oct	20 Jan	
Sou Col Pow El A com—	25	15 1/2	100	14 1/2	Dec	24 Mar	
Southern Union Gas com.		1 1/2	250	1 1/2	Dec	12 Feb	
Super Milk Corp com.		3	50	2	Aug	7 Feb	
Standard Dredge conv pt d		2 1/2	100	2 1/2	Dec	18 Jan	
Common—		1	300	1	Sept	8 Jan	
Standard Pub Serv A—	1 1/2	1 1/2	2 1/2	1	Dec	9 Jan	
Standard Telephone pref.		65 1/2	65 1/2	30	68 1/2	Dec	80 May
Swift International—	15	20 1/2	3,450	18 1/2	Dec	40 1/2 Apr	
Swift & Co—	25	18	3,700	14	Dec	30 1/2 Jan	
Telephone Bond & Sh—							
Class A—		43 1/2	44	43	Dec	55 1/2 Feb	
1st preferred—	100	90	93	60	92	Dec	104 Feb
Tenn Prod Corp com.		1 1/2	1 1/2	30	1 1/2	Dec	7 1/2 Feb
Thompson (J R) com—	25	11 1/2	12	300	12	Dec	34 Mar
Unit Pts & Pubs—							
Common—		1	50	1	Dec	10 Jan	
US Gypsum—	20	18 1/2	21 1/2	5,400	15	Dec	49 Mar
Preferred—	100	110	110	110	109 1/2	Dec	134 June
US Radio & Telev com.		11 1/2	8 1/2	8,800	7 1/2	Dec	35 1/2 Aug
Utah Radio Prod com.		1 1/2	1 1/2	2,200	5 1/2	Dec	5 1/2 Feb
Util & Ind Corp com.		2	2 1/2	1,900	2	Dec	9 1/2 Feb
Convertible preferred—		8	8 1/2	1,450	7 1/2	Dec	19 1/2 Feb
Van Slekken Corp part A.		1/4	1/4	100	1/4	Oct	6 1/2 Jan
Viking Pump Co com.		3 1/2	3 1/2	50	4	Dec	12 1/2 Mar
Vortex Cup Co com.	13 1/2	13	14 1/2	500	11	Dec	23 Mar
Class A—	23	21 1/2	23 1/2	200	21 1/2	Dec	29 Feb
Walden Co common—		11	10	5,650	10 1/2	Dec	29 1/2 Mar
Ward (Montg) & Co A—		65	70	190	70	Dec	104 1/2 Apr
Waukesha Motor Co com.		31	31	40	30 1/2	Dec	73 Feb
Wayne Pump Co com.		1	1	100	1	Dec	2 1/2 Feb
Convertible pref.		3 1/2	4	50	3 1/2	Dec	6 1/2 Feb
Western Pow Lt & Tel cl A	6 1/2	5 1/2	7	570	5	Dec	23 1/2 July
Wisconsin Bank Shs com 10		3 1/2	3 1/2	300	3 1/2	Dec	8 1/2 Jan
Yates-Am Mach part pf.		1 1/2	1 1/2	250	1 1/2	Oct	9 Feb
Zenith Radio Corp com.		1	1	550	1 1/2	Dec	5 1/2 Feb

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Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1931.		
			Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.	
American Stores—		33 1/2	33 1/2	11,000	35 1/2	Dec	48 1/2 Mar	
Bankers Securs pref.		9 1/2	9 1/2	200	2 1/2	Dec	2 1/2 Dec	
Bell Tel Co of Pa pref—	100	106	108 1/2	600	105 1/2	Dec	120 Aug	
Budd (E C) Mfg Co—		1 1/2	2	200	2 1/2	Oct	5 1/2 Feb	
Preferred—		1	1	40	2 1/2	Oct	5 1/2 Jan	
Budd Wheel Co—		1	2 1/2	500	2 1/2	Dec	13 Feb	
Cambria Iron—	50	37	37 1/2	130	37	Dec	43 July	
Camden Fire Insurance—		14	13	140	9 1/2	Dec	21 1/2 Feb	
Central Airport—		2	1	2	400	1 1/2	Dec	5 Mar
Electric Storage Battery 100		26	27 1/2	435	20 1/2	Oct	65 1/2 Mar	
Fire Association—	10	8 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	900	5 1/2	Dec	17 Sept
Horn & Hard (Phila) com.	119	112	119	130	104	Oct	82 Mar	
Horn & Hard (N Y) com.	30	26 1/2	30	1,200	23	Dec	44 1/2 Apr	
Insurance Co of N A—	10	28 1/2	30 1/2	1,300	20	Dec	63 1/2 Mar	
Lehigh Coal & Nav.		10 1/2	11 1/2	1,900	9 1/2	Dec	27 1/2 Feb	
Lights Valley—		10 1/2	14	150	5	Dec	5 1/2 Feb	
Mittlen Bank Sec Corp—		3	2 1/2	3 1/2	400	1 1/2	Aug	13 1/2 Jan
Preferred—		2	2 1/2	7,800	3	Aug	13 1/2 May	
Penrod Corp—		17 1/2	20 1/2	8,500	16 1/2	Dec	64 Feb	
Pennsylvania RR—	50	91 1/2	91 1/2	400	88 1/2	Dec	106 1/2 July	
Phila Electric of Pa \$5 pref.		30 1/2	28 1/2	2,100	27 1/2	Dec	34 1/2 Sept	
Phila Elec Pow pref—	25	5	3 1/2	5	400	3	Dec	27 1/2 May
Phila Rapid Transit—	50	14 1/2	13	14 1/2	400	10	Dec	38 1/2 May
7% preferred—		24	25	400	30	Dec	41 1/2 May	
Phila & Rd Coal & Iron—	50	1	1	120	1	Dec	5 Feb	
Philadelphia Traction—	50	31 1/2	31 1/2	5	43 1/2	Dec	61 1/2 Sept	
Railroad Shares Corp—		3	3	100	2	Dec	7 1/2 Feb	
Reading RR—	10	36 1/2	36 1/2	8	36	Dec	50 1/2 Apr	
Reliance Insurance—		91	91	20	90	Dec	106 July	
Scott Paper—		1 1/2	1 1/2	442	1	Dec	5 1/2 Feb	
7% A—		3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2	Aug	5 Feb	
Seaboard Utilities Corp—		2 1/2	2 1/2	300	1 1/2	Jan	7 1/2 Aug	
Sentry Safety Control—	25	35 1/2	35 1/2	15	30	Oct	50 Aug	
Shreve El Dorado Pipe L 25		7	7	56	7	Mar	2 Mar	
Tacony-Palmyra Bridge—		1-16	1-16	200	1-16	Jan	1/4 Apr	
Telephone Security Corp—	1	7-16	7-16	401	3-16	Aug	3 1/2 Sept	
Tonopah Mining—	50	14 1/2	15 1/2	90	12 1/2	Dec	24 1/2 May	
Union Traction—		14 1/2	14 1/2	200	17 1/2	Oct	28 1/2 June	
Cts of deposit—		17 1/2	19 1/2	20,300	15 1/2	Dec	37 1/2 Mar	
United Gas & Power com new		90	90	100	84	Dec	106 1/2 Aug	
Preferred new—		59 1/2	60	500	58 1/2	May	64 Sept	
US Dairy Prod class A—		5	4 1/2	5 1/2	40	3 1/2	Dec	32 1/2 Feb
Warner Co—	50	46	50	35	45	Dec	62 May	
West Jersey & Seash RR—	50							

* No par value.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Jan. 2 to Jan. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1931.		
			Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.	
Arundel Corp—	26	26	26 1/2	735	25 1/2	Dec	42 June	
Ches & Po Tel of Balt pf 100		115 1/2	115 1/2	1	112	Feb	118 1/2 Mar	
Commercial Credit pf B 25		17	17	100	15	Oct	25 July	
6 1/2% 1st preferred—	100	59	55	59	47	55	Dec	91 Sept
N O preferred—		18	18	12	23 1/2	June	24 1/2 June	
Consol Gas, E L & P—	100	61 1/2	64 1/2	479	58 1/2	Dec	100 1/2 Feb	
6% preferred ser D—	100	106 1/2	107	48	106 1/2	Dec	113 1/2 Aug	
6 1/2% pref w ser E—	100	100	101	22	102 1/2	Dec	111 June	
5% preferred—	100	98	97	135	96 1/2	Dec	108 1/2 Aug	

Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1931.		
		Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.	Jan
Emerson Br Seltzer A w i		24	24	22	24	Sept	32 1/2 Jan
Mrs Finance 2d pref—	25	6	6	204	4 1/2	Jan	9 Apr
Merch & Miners Transp—		20	20	50	17 1/2	Sept	33 1/2 Jan
New Amsterdam Gas Ins—		20	20	1,317	19	Sept	36 1/2 Feb
Penna Water & Power—		48	49 1/2	130	45 1/2	Dec	70 Feb

*No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Jan. 2 to Jan. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1931.		
			Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.	
Allegheny Steel—		13	13	13	10	Dec	46 1/2 Feb	
Aluminum Goods Mfg—		10	10	5,000	10	Dec	16 Feb	
Arkansas Nat Gas pref—	10	4 1/2	4 1/2	100	4	Oct	7 June	
Armstrong Cork Co—		10	10	10	8 1/2	Dec	30 Jan	
Blaw-Knox Co—		8 1/2	7 1/2	8 1/2	1,295	6	Dec	29 1/2 Feb
Carnegie Metals—	10	1 1/2	1 1/2	3,425	1	May	3 1/2 Jan	
Clark (D L) Candy—		8	8	50	7 1/2	Dec	13 1/2 July	
Cleveland Oil Co—		5	4 1/2	5	610	4	Oct	7 Apr
Follansbee Bros pref—	100	50	50	10	40	Dec	75 Feb	
Hachmeister Lind Corp—		10	10	175	10	Jan	13 1/2 July	

*No par value. z Ex-dividend.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Jan. 2 to Jan. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1 1932.		
			Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.	
Amer Laund Mach com—	20	17	16	17	555	16	Jan	17 Jan
Amer Rolling Mill com—	25		8	8 1/2	107	8	Jan	8 1/2 Jan
Baldwin com—	20	2			100	2	Jan	2 Jan
Carey (Philip) pref—	100		99	99	10	99	Jan	99 Jan
Champ Coat Pap spl pf 100			95	95	28	95	Jan	95 Jan
Champ Fibre pref—	100		90	90	25	90	Jan	90 Jan
Cin Gas & Elec pref—	100		75	80	452	80	Jan	75 Jan
Cin Street Ry—	50		17	16	780	16	Jan	17 Jan
Cin & Sub Tel—	50		65	65	66 1/2	65	Jan	66 1/2 Jan
Cin Union Stock Yards—			16	16	175	16	Jan	16 Jan

*No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Jan. 2 to Jan. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Stocks—	Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1 1932.		
			Low.	Hgh.		Low.	Hgh.	
Bessemer Lime & Cmt cl A*			7 1/2	7 1/2	25	7 1/2	Jan	7 1/2 Jan
Central United Nat'l—	20		24	24	300	24	Jan	24 Jan
City Ice & Fuel—			26	26	466	26	Jan	27 Jan
Cleve Electric III 6% pf 100			101 1/2	103 1/2	294	101 1/2	Jan	103 1/2 Jan
Cleve Railway cts dep—	100	42	40	42	440	40	Jan	42 Jan
Cleve Securs P L pref—			1	1	50	1	Jan	1 Jan
Cleve Wor Mills com—	100		4	4 1/2	548	4	Jan	4 1/2 Jan
Columbus Auto Pts pref.			5 1/2	5 1/2	200	5 1/2	Jan	5 1/2 Jan
Dow Chemical com—		30	29 1/2	31	595	29 1/2	Jan	31 Jan
Preferred—	100		99	99	50	99	Jan	99 Jan
Elec Contr & Mfg com—			28	28	12	28	Jan	28 Jan
Enamel Prod—			3 1/2	3 1/2	126	3 1/2	Jan	3 1/2 Jan
Fed Knitting Mills com—		21	21	21	150	21	Jan	21 Jan
Firestone T R 6% pf 100			50					

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1 1932. Includes entries like Sherwin-Williams com, AA preferred, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Jan. 2 to Jan. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1, 1932. Includes Bank and Trust, Miscellaneous, and Street Ry. Bonds.

* No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Jan. 2 to Jan. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1931. Includes Balsa Chile Oil, Bway Dept St, California Bank, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Jan. 2 to Jan. 8, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1 1932. Includes Alaska Juneau, Anglo California, Anglo London Bank, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1 1932. Includes Bond Share Ltd, Byron Jackson, California Copper, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1931. Includes Admar Alaska Gold, Andes Petroleum, Atlas Util, etc.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market.—Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, Jan. 2 to Jan. 8, both inclusive, compiled from sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1931. Includes Admar Alaska Gold, Andes Petroleum, Atlas Util, etc.

* No par value.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (Jan. 2) and ending the present Friday (Jan. 8). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Table with columns: Week Ended Jan. 8, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1931. Includes Indus. & Miscellaneous, Atsworth Mfg com, All Amer General Corp., etc.

Stocks (Continued) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1931.			Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.	Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1931.						
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.	Low.				High.						
Aluminum Ltd common..*	18 1/2	17	20	300	12 1/2	Dec	102	Mar	17	17	100	17	Dec	30 1/2	Mar		
Amer Asphl Car com..*	3/4	3/4	3/4	800	3/4	Sept	1 1/2	Jan	5	5	50	5	Dec	20	Apr		
Amer Capital Corp com A..*	1/2	1/2	1/2	500	1/2	Nov	10	Feb	1,600	0 1/2	Dec	6 1/2	Mar	18 1/2	Aug		
Common B..*	1/2	1/2	1/2	100	53 1/2	Dec	6	Feb	11	9	11	800	9	Dec	18 1/2	Aug	
\$5.50 prior preferred..*	50	50	50	100	53 1/2	Dec	6	Sept	4	4	35	200	6	Dec	23 1/2	Feb	
American Corporation..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,400	1 1/2	Dec	5 1/2	June	21	21	100	18 1/2	Oct	32 1/2	June		
Warrants..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1-16	Aug	3/4	July	27	28	2,750	23	Dec	43 1/2	Mar		
Amer Cyanamid com B..*	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	5,900	2 1/2	Dec	12 1/2	Feb	700	5 1/2	6 1/2	700	5 1/2	Dec	30	Feb	
Amer Dept Sls 1st pf A..100	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	100	3	Dec	17	Mar	3 1/2	3 1/2	600	2 1/2	Oct	6 1/2	Apr		
Amerian Equities com..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	900	1 1/2	Dec	7 1/2	Feb	44	44	100	11 1/2	Nov	22 1/2	July		
Amer Founders Corp..*	3/4	3/4	3/4	2,400	3/4	Dec	5 1/2	Mar	12 1/2	12 1/2	400	11 1/2	Nov	22 1/2	July		
Am Investors com B..*	3 1/2	3	3 1/2	5,500	1 1/2	Dec	7 1/2	Feb	17 1/2	17 1/2	100	20	Dec	57	Feb		
Warrants..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	900	1 1/2	Dec	2 1/2	Feb	5 1/2	5	6	3,828	14 1/2	Dec	49 1/2	Feb	
Amer Laundry Machy..20	15 1/2	17	17	75	14 1/2	Dec	45	Jan	11	11	12	100	23	Dec	85	Mar	
Amer Maltz Prod com..*	11 1/2	11	100	100	10	Dec	32	June	29	31 1/2	500	23	Dec	63 1/2	Mar		
Amer Mfg common..100	7	6	7	75	6 1/2	Dec	28	Jan	16 1/2	16 1/2	100	3	Oct	24	Feb		
Preferred..100	45	45	50	40 1/2	Sept	50	Sept	50	29	31 1/2	500	23	Dec	63 1/2	Mar		
American Meter Co..*	30	30	100	20	Sept	51	Feb	10	2 1/2	2 1/2	600	1 1/2	Dec	9 1/2	Feb		
American Thread pref..5	3	3	700	1 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Mar	Internat Prod com..*	16 1/2	16 1/2	100	1 1/2	Dec	4 1/2	Mar		
Amer Util & Gen Cl B v t c..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	13,200	1 1/2	Dec	5	Jan	10 1/2	10 1/2	200	9 1/2	Dec	35	Mar		
Amerian Yvette Co com..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	500	1 1/2	Dec	6	Apr	6	6	200	4 1/2	June	7	Jan		
Anchor Post & Fence com..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	1 1/2	Dec	5 1/2	Feb	10	10	100	2	Dec	11	May		
Anglo-Chilean Nitrate—																	
Ex-stock distribution..*	3/4	3/4	7 1/2	200	1 1/2	Dec	1 1/2	July	4	3 1/2	4	500	2 1/2	Dec	11	May	
Arcturus Radio Tube..*	1 1/2	2	900	1 1/2	Dec	10	Apr	Jonas & Naumberg pf..*	2	2	100	2	Dec	8 1/2	Jan		
Armstrong Cork common..*	9	8 1/2	9	250	8 1/2	Dec	26 1/2	Jan	4	4	100	3 1/2	Oct	11	Jan		
Associated Eleo Industries																	
Am dep rets ord shares..21	3 1/2	2 1/2	3 1/2	3,700	2 1/2	Sept	5 1/2	Mar	4	4	100	4 1/2	Dec	14	Feb		
Atlantic Fruit & Sug com..1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	1-16	June	3 1/2	Jan	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1 1/2	Dec	2	Aug		
Atlas Plywood..*	2	2	100	1	Dec	14 1/2	Mar	Knott Corp com..*	4	4	100	4 1/2	Dec	14	Feb		
Atlas Utilities Corp com..*	6 1/2	4 1/2	6 1/2	53,000	3 1/2	Jan	8 1/2	Mar	Knolster Brandes, Am shs..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1 1/2	Dec	2	Aug	
Warrants..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,500	1 1/2	May	2 1/2	Mar	Landakawanna Secur..*	25	24 1/2	25	200	24 1/2	Dec	37	Jan	
Automatic & Cot Mach com..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	300	1 1/2	Dec	1 1/2	Feb	Land Co of Fla..*	5	3 1/2	3 1/2	300	3	Oct	3 1/2	Feb
Prior partic stock..*	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,300	4	Dec	15	Feb	Lehigh Coal & Nav..*	12	10 1/2	12	4,800	9 1/2	Dec	27 1/2	Feb	
Bellanca Alcor v t c..*	1	1	100	1	Dec	5	July	Libby McNeil & Libby..10	4	4	100	3 1/2	Dec	14 1/2	Mar		
Beneficial Indust Loan..*	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	300	8 1/2	Oct	19	Mar	Louisiana Land & Explor..*	4	4	800	1 1/2	Sept	2	Jan	
Bleekford's, Inc. com..*	9 1/2	9 1/2	100	200	9 1/2	Dec	18 1/2	Feb	Mangel Stores Corp—								
Blies (E W) Co com..*	3	3	200	2	Dec	18 1/2	Feb	6 1/2	5	5	50	5	Nov	30	Jan		
Blue Ridge Corp com..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	12,400	1	Dec	6 1/2	Feb	Manning Brown cl A..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	2	May	3 1/2	Jan		
6% opt. conv pref..50	18 1/2	17 1/2	18 1/2	1,400	15 1/2	Dec	38 1/2	Mar	Marlon Steam Shovel..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	400	3 1/2	Dec	6	Apr	
Bourjols Inc..*	4	4 1/2	700	3	Dec	10 1/2	Mar	Mavis Bottling com A..5	5 1/2	5 1/2	3,400	3 1/2	Dec	6 1/2	Apr		
Brill Corp class B..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	3	Dec	1 1/2	Mar	Mead Johnson & Co..*	46	43 1/2	46	300	43	Dec	113 1/2	Mar	
Brillo Mfg com..*	6 1/2	6 1/2	100	5 1/2	Jan	9	Nov	Mercantile Stores com..*	15	15	200	16	Dec	30	Jan		
British Amer Tobacco—																	
Am dep rets ord bearer..12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	700	12 1/2	Dec	24 1/2	Jan	Merritt Chapman & Scott..*	2	2	100	2	Dec	14 1/2	Jan		
British Celanese Ltd—																	
Am dep rets for ord reg..1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	400	3/4	Oct	1 1/2	Feb	Metrop Chain Stores..*	2 1/2	2 1/2	200	2 1/2	Dec	4 1/2	Feb		
Burma Corp—																	
Am dep rets reg..1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	500	1 1/2	June	2 1/2	Mar	Nas American Co Inc..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1	Dec	4 1/2	Jan		
Butler Bros..20	2 1/2	2 1/2	200	0 1/2	Dec	7	Jan	National Aviation..*	2 1/2	2 1/2	800	2 1/2	Dec	10	Mar		
Cable Radio & Tube v..*	3/4	3/4	100	1 1/2	Oct	2 1/2	Apr	Nat Bond & Share Corp..*	19	21	500	18 1/2	Dec	34 1/2	June		
Carman & Conv A..*	12 1/2	12 1/2	100	1 1/2	Oct	18 1/2	Aug	Nat Container \$2 pref..*	9	9	100	9	Sept	17	Mar		
Carnation Co com..*	17	16 1/2	17	700	17	Dec	28 1/2	Feb	Nat Dairy Prod pref A..100	95	95	100	95	Oct	100 1/2	May	
Celanese Corp 1st pref..100	20	20	100	16 1/2	Dec	65	July	Nat Food Prod class B..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,000	1 1/2	Dec	2	Mar		
Prior preferred..100	26	26	500	26	Dec	81 1/2	July	Nat Investors com..*	2 1/2	2 1/2	3,900	1 1/2	Dec	7 1/2	Feb		
Chain Stores Stocks..*	5 1/2	5 1/2	100	5 1/2	Dec	11 1/2	Feb	Warrants..*	11-16	11-16	100	9 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Dec		
Chic Burl & Quincey RR 100	99 1/2	99 1/2	30	95	Dec	197	Mar	Nat Rubber Mach'y..*	2 1/2	2 1/2	300	2 1/2	Oct	5 1/2	Feb		
Cities Service common..*	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2	68,300	25	Dec	20 1/2	Feb	Nat Screen Serv Corp..*	15 1/2	15 1/2	200	15 1/2	Oct	3 1/2	Mar	
Preferred..47 1/2	44 1/2	47 1/2	1,300	35 1/2	Oct	84	Feb	Nat Serv. Cos com..*	2	2	300	1	Oct	3 1/2	Mar		
Claude Neon Lights com..1	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,300	1/2	Dec	10 1/2	Jan	Nat Sugar Refining..*	22 1/2	22 1/2	23 1/2	600	22 1/2	Dec	34 1/2	Jan	
Cleveland Tractor com..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	2	Sept	10 1/2	Jan	Nat Union Radio Corp..*	200	200	200	1 1/2	Nov	5 1/2	Feb		
Club Aluminum Utensil..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	300	3 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Jan	Newberry (J J) Co com..*	17	17	500	16 1/2	Dec	26 1/2	Mar		
Colombia Syndicate..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	700	1-16	Dec	22 1/2	Feb	New Amsterdam Casty'g..10	18	18	100	22 1/2	July	26 1/2	July		
Columbia Plyc com..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	700	2 1/2	Dec	22 1/2	Feb	New Mexico & Ariz Land..1	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	3 1/2	Oct	3	Feb		
Consol Aircraft com..*	2 1/2	2 1/2	100	3 1/2	Dec	10 1/2	Jan	New Process Co com..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	2	Nov	3	Dec		
Consol Automatic								N Y Shipbild fdrs' shs..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,800	1 1/2	Dec	4 1/2	Feb		
Merchandising com v t c..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,600	1-32	Dec	6 1/2	Jan	Niagara State of Md..6	2 1/2	2 1/2	6,400	2 1/2	Dec	11 1/2	Mar		
\$3.50 preferred..100	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	Dec	1 1/2	Jan	Niles-Bement-Ornd..*	8 1/2	7 1/2	700	6 1/2	Sept	22 1/2	Jan		
Consol Retail Stores com..*	1	1	500	1	Dec	4 1/2	Jan	Nitrate Corp of Chile—									
Continental Securities..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1 1/2	Dec	3 1/2	Dec	(Cosach) etfs for ord B..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	10,100	1-16	Dec	1 1/2	July		
Cont'l Shares conv pref 100	2 1/2	2 1/2	400	1 1/2	Dec	5 1/2	Jan	Noma Electric Corp com..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,300	3	Dec	6 1/2	Mar		
Cooper Bessemer Corp—								No & So Amer Corp A..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	100	1 1/2	Dec	11 1/2	Feb		
\$3 pref with warr..100	9 1/2	9 1/2	100	8 1/2	Oct	36 1/2	Jan	Outboard Motors pref A..*	2	2	100	1 1/2	Dec	6	Feb		
Cord Corp..5	8	8 1/2	12,800	4 1/2	Oct	15	Apr	Overseas Securities Co..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	100	3 1/2	Dec	6	Feb		
Corporation Secur com..*	1 1/2	1 1/2	600	1 1/2	Dec	22	Feb	Fan American Airways..*	13	13	100	11	Dec	30 1/2	Apr		
Corroon & Reynolds com..*	2	2	200	1	Dec	6 1/2	Mar	Farmout Cab Mfg..*	3 1/2	3 1/2	500	2 1/2	Apr	6 1/2	Sept		
\$6 preferred A..10	10	7 1/2	1,900	7 1/2	Dec	51 1/2	Jan	Farker Rust-Proof Co..*	35	36 1/2	400	34	Dec	100 1/2	Mar		
Crocker Wheeler com..*	4 1/2	4 1/2	900	2 1/2	Dec	14 1/2	Mar	Fenroad Corp com v t c..*	2 1/2	2 1/2	9,000	1 1/2	Dec	8 1/2	Feb		
Crown Cork Internat A..*	1 1/2																

Mining Stocks (Continued)		Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range for Year 1931.		Friday Last Sale Price.		Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week.	Range for Year 1931.					
Par.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Shares.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	Low.	High.	\$	Low.	High.				
Hecla Mining Co.	256	4 1/2	5	200	4	June	8	Mar	Dixie Gold Gas 6 1/2	1937	62 1/2	65 1/2	15,000	58	Dec	96 1/2	June	
Hollinger Consol G. M.	100	4 3/4	1 1/4	600	3 1/4	Dec	8 1/2	Apr	With warrants.		62 1/2	65 1/2	15,000	58	Dec	96 1/2	June	
Lake Shore Mines Ltd.	100	2 1/2	2 1/4	1,200	2 1/4	Dec	6 1/4	Mar	Duquesne Gas 6	1945	7 1/2	8	3,000	7	Oct	70 1/2	Jan	
Minning Corp. of Canada	100	23 1/2	24	300	17 1/2	Sept	28 1/2	Apr	Conv 4 1/2 notes	1935	4 1/2	4 3/4	2,000	3	Sept	63 1/2	Feb	
Mohawk Mining Co.	25	1 1/4	1 1/4	100	1	Oct	2 1/2	Mar	East Utilities Investing									
New Jersey Zinc Co.	25	24 1/2	24 1/2	1,500	20 1/2	Dec	51	Jan	5 with warr	1954	24 1/2	25 1/2	91,000	19	Dec	71	Jan	
Newmont Mining Corp.	10	14 1/2	9 1/4	2,400	9 1/4	Dec	58 1/2	Feb	Edison El (Boston) 5	1933	100 1/2	98 1/2	153,000	98	Dec	104 1/2	May	
N Y & Honduras Rosario	10	13 1/2	13 1/2	100	9 1/2	Sept	15	Nov	4% notes	Nov 1 1932	99 1/2	98	10,000	98	Dec	102 1/2	June	
Nipissing Mines	5	1	15-16	2,100	1 1/2	June	1 1/2	May	Empire Power & Lt 5	2030	60 1/2	54 1/2	61 1/2	113,000	44 1/2	Dec	90	Mar
Ohio Copper	1	1/2	1-16	1,700	1 1/2	Dec	1 1/2	Apr	Electrolite Elec 5	1952	40 1/2	45 1/2	40 1/2	71,000	32	Oct	80 1/2	Jan
Pacific Tin special stock	1	2 1/4	2 1/4	1,100	2	Sept	4 1/2	Apr	Empire Oil & Ref 6 1/2	42	40 1/2	45 1/2	40 1/2	71,000	32	Oct	80 1/2	Jan
Pioneer Gold Mines Ltd.	1	2 1/2	2 1/2	1,500	2 1/2	Dec	2 1/2	Dec	Ercole Marelli El Mfg									
Premier Gold Mining	1	3 1/2	3 1/2	1,700	3 1/2	Sept	1 1/2	Apr	6 1/2 with warrants	1953	47 1/2	47 1/2	1,000	48	Oct	83	Mar	
Roan Antelope Copper Ltd		5 1/2	5 1/2	6	1,700	3	Sept	18 1/2	Mar	Without warrants								
Amer Shares		1-16	1-16	3,500	1-16	Jan	1 1/2	Jan	Fur Mfg & Inv 7 1/2	1967	33 1/2	26 1/2	35	49,000	26	Dec	90	Apr
St Anthony Gold Mines	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	600	1 1/2	Dec	2 1/2	May	Fairbanks Morse deb 5	42	50	50	2,000	50	Nov	98	Jan	
Shattuck Denn Mining	1	1 1/2	1 1/2	800	1 1/2	Dec	6	Mar	Farmers Nat Mtg Inst 7	63	17	18	4,000	66	July	81	Mar	
South Am Gold & Plat	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	800	1 1/2	Dec	2 1/2	May	Federal Sugar Ref 6	1933	31	29 1/2	32	52,000	20	Dec	90	Feb
Teok Hughes Holm Min	1	4 1/2	4 1/2	1,800	3 1/2	Dec	9	Apr	Federal Reserve Ser 5 1/2	54	29 1/2	30	22,000	22	Dec	82 1/2	May	
United Verde Extens'n	50	4 1/2	4 1/2	700	3 1/2	Dec	13 1/2	Apr	Finland Industrial Mfg									
Utah Apex Mining Co	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,500	1 1/2	Nov	1 1/2	Feb	Bank 6	1961	65	62	66 1/2	13,000	53 1/2	Dec	87	July
Wenden Copper Min	1	1-16	3-16	200	1-16	Nov	7-16	Apr	Bank 6	1961	65	62	66 1/2	13,000	53 1/2	Dec	87	July
Yukon Gold Co	5	1 1/2	1 1/2	200	1 1/2	Feb	7-16	Apr	Bank 6	1961	65	62	66 1/2	13,000	53 1/2	Dec	87	July

Bonds (Continued)—	Friday	Week's Range		Sales	Range for Year 1931.		Bonds (Concluded)—	Friday	Week's Range		Sales	Range for Year 1931.			
	Last Sale Price.	Low.	High.	for Week.	Low.	High.		Last Sale Price.	Low.	High.	for Week.	Low.	High.		
Michigan Pub Serv 5s 1947	68	68		3,000	68	Dec 92 1/4	Aug	Stinnes (Hugo) Corp—							
Middle West Utilities—								7s Oct 1 '36 without war	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	5,000	19 1/4	Dec 86 1/4	Apr
Conv 5% notes—1932	65	65	69	152,000	z60	Dec 100 3/4	Mar	7s without war—1946	27 1/4	22	29 1/2	39,000	17	Dec 80	Mar
Conv 5% notes—1933	48 3/4	48	50 1/4	54,000	37	Dec 99 1/2	Apr	Strawge & Cloth'g 5s 1948		67	67	1,000	92	Oct 98	July
Conv 5% notes—1934	45	45	48	43,000	27	Dec 97 1/2	Mar	Sun Oil 5% notes—							
Conv 5% notes—1935	45 1/4	44	48	35,000	z40	Dec 97	Jan	S f deb 5 1/2 s—Sept 1939		86	89 1/2	23,000	87	Dec 102 1/2	July
Mid-States Petrol 6 1/2 s 1947	30	30	7,000	25	Sept 54	May	Super Pow of No 11 4 1/2 s '68		69	70	8,000	65	Dec 93 1/2	May	
Milw Gas Light 4 1/2 s 1967	92 1/2	93	7,000	90 1/2	Dec 106 3/4	June	1st M 4 1/2 s—1970	69 1/2	69	70	10,000	64	Dec 93 1/2	Mar	
Minneapolis Gas Lt 4 1/2 s 1950	70	66 1/4	71 3/4	19,000	69	Dec 95	Mar	Swift & Co 1st m s f 5s 1944	100	99 1/2	100	43,000	99 1/2	Dec 104 1/2	Sept
Minn Pow & Lt 4 1/2 s 1978	75	74	76	19,000	75	Dec 98	May	5% notes—1940	88 1/2	84	88 1/2	59,000	88 1/2	Dec 102 1/2	Mar
Miss Power & Light—1957	68 3/4	65	69	54,000	68 3/4	Dec 96 3/4	July	Tenn Elec Pow 1st 5s 1956	85 1/2	83	85 1/2	5,000	84	Dec 105	June
Miss River Fuel 6s—1944								Terul Hydro-Elec 8 1/2 s '68	53	53	58 1/2	23,400	40	Dec 87	Mar
With warrants	81	81	81	11,000	79	Dec 106 1/2	Sept	Texas Cities Gas 5s—1948		42	42	2,000	40	Dec 71	May
Miss Riv Power 1st 5s 1951	96	96	98 1/2	12,000	92	Dec 106 1/2	Sept	Texas Electric Serv 5s 1950	80	76 1/2	80 1/2	46,000	71 1/4	Dec 101 1/2	Apr
Monon W P 5 1/2 s B—1953	72	67	72	2,000	66 3/4	Dec 101	May	Texas Gas Util 6s—1945		17	17	1,000	14	Oct 80	Feb
Montreal L H & P Con—								Texas Power & Lt 6s—1954	89	87	89	31,000	79 1/4	Dec 103	May
1st & ref 5s ser A—1951	86	84	88 1/2	11,000	78 1/2	Dec 105 1/2	Aug	Thermold Co 6%—1936							
Munson S S Line 6 1/2 s 1937								With warrants	29	29	29 1/2	6,000	29 1/4	Dec 79 1/4	Mar
With warrants	5	5	5	13,000	5 1/2	Dec 44	Apr	Tobacco Prod 6 1/2 s w 1 2022	77	73 1/2	77	64,000	73	Dec 87	Dec
Narragansett Elec 6s A '57	96 1/2	96	97 1/2	39,000	95 1/2	Dec 104	May	Trl Utilities Corp deb 5s '79		1 1/2	2	11,000	2	Nov 64	Jan
Nat'l Elec Power 5s—1978	38 1/2	36 3/4	38 1/2	24,000	34 1/2	Dec 77	Mar	Ulen Co deb 6s—1944		20	20	1,000	20	Dec 85	Mar
Nat Food Products 6s 1944		28	34 1/2	2,000	30	Dec 70	Apr	Union Amer Invest 5s 1948		70	70	2,000	69 1/2	Dec 286 1/2	Mar
Nat Pow & Lt 6s A—2026	80 1/2	77 1/2	80 1/2	33,000	66 1/2	Dec 107 1/2	Apr	With warrants	70	70	70	7,000	98	Dec 106 1/2	Oct
6s series B—2030	71 1/4	66 1/4	71 1/4	188,000	57	Dec 92	Mar	Union El L & P 6s ser B 87		95	99 1/2	27,000	90 1/2	Dec 103	May
Nat Public Service 5s 1978	38 3/4	34 1/4	39 1/4	82,000	33 1/4	Dec 78	Mar	Union Gulf Corp 6s Jul 1956	93	91 1/4	93	27,000	90 1/2	Dec 103	May
Nebraska Power 4 1/2 s 1981	92	92	92 1/2	18,000	88 1/2	Dec 103 1/2	June	Without warrants	53	53	56	9,000	47 1/4	Oct 92	Apr
deb 6s ser 1932	31 1/4	29 1/2	31 1/4	1,000	25	Dec 89 1/2	Jan	United Ind Corp 6 1/2 s 1941	31 1/2	22	32	34,100	15 1/2	Dec 90	May
Nelsner Bros Realty 6s 1943	31 1/4	31 1/4	31 1/4	1,000	25	Dec 89 1/2	Jan	United Lt & Pow 6s—1975	60 1/2	55 1/2	60 1/2	40,000	52	Dec 97 1/2	Mar
NEVA-Call Elec 5s 1956	73	71 1/4	73	38,000	62 1/4	Dec 98 1/2	Jan	1st llen & ref 5 1/2 s—1959		80	85	13,800	80	Dec 105	July
N E Gas & El Asen 5s 1947	60	56 1/2	62	33,000	55	Dec 94	May	Deb 6 1/2 s—1974	62	62	65	21,000	53	Dec 102	Mar
Conv deb 6s—1948	65	60	65	8,000	57	Dec 95	Mar	On Lt & Rys 6s ser A 1952		82	83 1/2	4,000	82	Dec 108 1/2	Aug
Conv deb 6s—1950	64 1/2	57 1/4	64 1/2	71,000	55	Dec 94	May	1st series 6s—1932	94	92 1/2	94	19,000	95	Oct 101 1/2	May
New Eng Power 5 1/2 s 1954	66 1/2	61	67	57,000	59	Dec 94 1/2	Apr	Deb 5 1/2 s—1952	65	57 1/2	65	109,000	53	Dec 92	July
5s—1948	62 1/2	59	64	64,000	z57 1/4	Dec 88 1/2	May	United Pub Serv 6s—1942	18	14 1/2	18	13,000	16	Dec 69	Apr
N Orleans P Serv 4 1/2 s '35		75	75	1,000	70	Dec 95 1/2	Mar	U S Rubber—							
N Y & Foreign Inv—5 1/2 s								3-year 6% notes—1933	65 1/2	59 1/2	65 1/2	32,000	57 1/2	Dec 93 1/2	June
With warrants	42	42	42	20,000	40	Dec 82	Mar	Serial 6 1/2 % notes—1932		96	99	18,800	80 1/4	Jan 99	Aug
N Y P & L Corp 1st 4 1/2 s '67	88 1/4	83 1/2	88 1/4	114,000	80 1/4	Dec 100 3/4	July	Serial 6 1/2 % notes—1933		86	86	3,000	68	Dec 94 1/2	June
Niagara Falls Pow 6s 1950	103 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	45,900	99 1/2	Dec 100 3/4	May	Serial 6 1/2 % notes—1934	63	61	63	5,000	60	Dec 84	Mar
5s series A—1953	47	47	50	11,000	43	Dec 94 1/2	Mar	Serial 6 1/2 % notes—1935		60	60	1,000	50	Dec 83 1/2	Mar
Nippon El Pow 6 1/2 s—1953		65	65	5,000	60	Dec 60	Dec	Serial 6 1/2 % notes—1936		46 1/2	46 1/2	1,000	35	Dec 77	Apr
Nor Amer Lt & Pow 5s 1938		65	65	5,000	60	Dec 60	Dec	Valvoline Oil 7s—1937		70 1/2	72	3,000	72	Dec 98 1/2	Mar
Nor Cont Util 5 1/2 s A 1946		36	36 1/2	3,000	34	Dec 75	Jan	Va Electric Power 5s 1955	97	95	97	24,000	92	Dec 105 1/2	Aug
Nor Ind P S 5s ser D—1969	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	4,000	87 1/2	Dec 105	July	Va Public Serv 5 1/2 s A 1946	70 1/2	69 1/2	70 1/2	9,000	58	Dec 98 1/2	Aug
1st & ref 4 1/2 s series E '70	80	78	80	9,000	85 1/2	Oct 99 1/2	Aug	1st ref 6s ser B—1950	64 1/2	63 1/2	65	26,000	58	Dec 91 1/4	Aug
Nor Ohio Pr & Lt 5 1/2 s 1961	91	90	92	17,000	89 1/2	Dec 103 1/2	Aug	Deb 6s—Feb 1 1954	60	56	60	11,000	55	Dec 29 1/4	Mar
Nor Ohio Trac & Lt 5s 1956		79	80	2,000	77 1/2	Dec 103 1/2	Jan	Waldorf-Astoria Corp—							
No States Pr 5 1/2 % notes '40		82 1/2	84 1/2	8,000	81 1/4	Dec 104 1/2	Sept	1st 7s with warr—1946	19 1/2	19	20	35,000	16	Dec 74	Feb
Ref 4 1/2 s—1961	85	82 1/2	85 1/2	104,000	80	Dec 99 1/2	May	Ward Baking 6s—1937		90	90 1/2	5,000	90 1/2	Dec 104 1/2	June
No-western Pow 6s A—1960	z88	z88	z88	1,000	z37 1/4	Dec 96	Jan	Wash Water Power 5s 1960		94 1/2	97	5,000	93 1/2	Dec 105 1/2	May
Ohio Edison 1st 5s—1990	95	92 1/2	95	55,000	90	Dec 105	June	West Penn Elec 5s—2030	56	53 1/2	56	16,000	50	Dec 93	Mar
Ohio Power 5s B—1952	95 1/2	95	95 1/2	4,000	90	Dec 105 1/2	June	West Penn Pow 6s H—1961	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	7,000	85 1/2	Dec 99 1/2	Sept
4 1/2 s series D—1956	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2	9,000	82	Dec 101 1/4	May	West Texas Util 5s A 1957	58 1/2	57 1/2	59 1/2	44,000	50	Dec 91 1/4	Mar
Ohio Pub Serv 5s ser D '60		88	88 1/2	2,000	81 1/2	Dec 104 1/2	Aug	West Newspaper Union							
Okla Gas & Elec 5s—1950	82 1/2	82	87 1/2	26,000	68 1/2	Dec 104 1/2	May	Conv deb 6s—1944		21 1/2	24	7,000	14	Dec 68 1/2	Jan
Pac Gas & El 1st 4 1/2 s 1967	88 1/2	87 1/2	89 1/2	41,000	86 1/2	Dec 102 1/2	July	Wickwire Spence St 7 1/2 s '32	45	45	45	2,000	60	Dec 66	Sept
1st 6s series B—1941	104	102 1/2	104	25,000	101	Dec 115	July	Wisepow & Light 5s F 1958	84 1/2	82 1/2	84 1/2	7,000	81	Dec 104	Aug
1st & ref 5 1/2 s C—1952	100 1/4	100	101 1/4	104,900	97 1/4	Dec 106 1/2	May	1st & ref 6s ser E—1956		83	84	6,000	87	Dec 104 1/2	Aug
1st & ref 4 1/2 s F—1960	88 1/4	87	89 1/2	72,000	85	Dec 102 1/2	July	Wisepow Pub Serv 6s A—1952		85	85	1,000	91	Dec 106 1/2	Aug
Pac Invest deb 5s—1948		56	56	3,000	52	Dec 75 1/2	Jan	Foreign Government							
Pac Pow & Light 6s—1955	76 1/2	72	76 1/2	67,000	68	Dec 100	Mar	And Municipalities—							
Pacific Western Oil 6 1/2 s '43		51	55 1/2	53,000	46 1/2	Oct 84 1/2	Jan	Angl Mtge Bk (Columbia							
With warrants	55 1/2	51	55 1/2	12,000	69	Dec 98	June	20-year s f 7s—1946		22	23	5,000	17	Dec 88 1/2	Jan
Penn Cent L & P 4 1/2 s 1977		72 1/2	74 1/2	4,000	60	Dec 104	May	20-yr s f 7s—Jan 15 1947	22 1/2	21	23	16,000	15	Dec 79 1/2	July
Penn-Ohio Edison 5 1/2 s '69		74	74 1/2	1,000	60	Dec 104	May	Buenos Aires (Prov) 7 1/2 s '47	33	28 1/2	33	135,200	25	Sept 97 1/2	Mar
Deb 6s series A—1950	77	77	77	4,000	75	Dec 104 1/2	Apr	Ext 7s—Apr 1952		29 1/2	32	6,000	23 1/2	Sept 90 1/2	Mar
Penn-Ohio P & L 5 1/2 s A '64	95 1/2	93 1/2	95 1/2	60,000	93	Dec 105 1/2	Aug	Cauca Valley 7s June 1 '48		11	13	2,000	10	Dec 75	Apr
Penn Elec 1st & ref 4s 1971		74	75	2,000	75	Dec 95 1/2	May	Cnt Bk of German State &							
Penn Wat & Pow 4 1/2 s B '67		86 1/2	86 1/2	4,000	84	Dec 102	Sept	Prov Banks 6s B—1951	32 1/2	26 1/2	32 1/2	22,000	19 1/2	Dec 80 1/2	Mar
Penn Water Service 5s 1968		60	60	1,000	90										

Gen. Pub. Serv. deb. 5s, 1953, April 4, \$2,000 at 93½.
 Hamburg Electric 7s 1935, Dec. 5, \$5,000 at 58.
 Hanover (City) 7s 1939, Dec. 17, \$1,000 at 20.
 Houston Gulf Gas 6s 1943, Feb. 10, \$3,000 at 91½.
 Hudson Bay Min. & Smelt., Oct. 1, 100 at 1¼.
 Idaho Power 5s 1947, Dec. 18, \$1,000 at 93.
 Indiana Electric 5s, series C, 1951, Dec. 21, \$5,000 at 53.
 Intercontinentals Power 6s, 1948, w. w., Dec. 30, \$3,000 at 3.
 Jersey Central Power & Light 5s 1947, Dec. 16, \$1,000 at 85.
 Middle West Utilities 5s 1932, Dec. 18, \$1,000 at 55.
 Middle West Utilities 5s 1935, Dec. 18, \$3,000 at 38.
 Mortgage Bank of Chile 6s, 1931, Feb. 24, \$2,000 at 100.
 National Tea Co. 5s, 1935, Nov. 16, \$1,000 at 86¼.
 National Trade Journal 6s, 1938, Feb. 28, \$2,000 at 15

Netherlands (Kingd.) 6s, 1972, Sept. 28, \$1,000 at 97¼.
 New England Power Assn. 5s, 1948, Dec. 22, \$2,000 at 58.
 Northern Texas Utilities 7s, 1935, without warrants, April 15, \$1,000 at 100¼.
 Northern Texas Utilities 7s, 1935, without warrants, April 15, \$1,000 at 100¼.
 Northwestern Power 6s 1960, Dec. 16, \$1,000 at 37.
 Poor & Co. 6s, 1939, Dec. 30, \$2,000 at 60.
 Shattuck Denn Mining, Oct. 1, 100 at 1¼.
 West G. & E. 1st 5s, 1957, May 7, \$1,000 at 100¼.
 Texas Power & Light, 7% pref., Oct. 17, 50 at 104¼.
 Trucon Steel pref., April 22, 25 at 100.
 Union Amer. Investing deb. 6s, 1948, with warrants, June 23, \$2,000 at 93.
 U. S. Radiator 5s A, 1938, March 6, \$3,000 at 86.
 Van Sweringen Corp. 6s, w. w., 1935, Oct. 22, \$15,000 at 33¼.
 Virginia Public Service Co. 6s, 1946, March 11, \$5,000 at 94¼.

Condition of National Banks Sept. 29 1931.—The statement of condition of the National Banks under the Comptroller's call of Sept. 29 1931 has just been issued and is summarized below. For purposes of comparison, like details for previous calls back to and including Sept. 24 1930 are included.

ABSTRACT OF REPORTS OF CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS IN THE UNITED STATES ON SEPT. 24 AND DEC. 31 1930 AND MARCH 25, JUNE 30 AND SEPT. 29 1931.

	Sept. 24 1930 7,197 Banks.	Dec. 31 1930. 7,038 Banks.	March 25 1931. 6,935 Banks.	June 30 1931. 6,805 Banks.	Sept. 29 1931. 6,658 Banks.
Resources—					
Loans and discounts (including rediscounts) a	14,653,078,000	14,362,039,000	13,722,072,000	13,177,485,000	12,479,935,000
Overdrafts	11,128,000	7,388,000	7,037,000	7,790,000	7,596,000
United States Government securities owned	2,817,155,000	2,654,836,000	3,192,718,000	3,256,268,000	3,289,267,000
Other bonds, stocks, securities, &c., owned	4,307,096,000	4,437,230,000	4,469,659,000	4,418,569,000	4,380,016,000
Customers' liability account of acceptances	475,549,000	613,635,000	539,284,000	434,717,000	344,459,000
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	793,808,000	811,980,000	810,789,000	795,866,000	796,324,000
Other real estate owned	129,471,000	120,722,000	122,662,000	125,681,000	124,092,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve banks	1,432,892,000	1,460,365,000	1,441,387,000	1,418,096,000	1,365,334,000
Cash in vault	339,839,000	409,084,000	334,122,000	368,589,000	389,741,000
Due from banks	2,888,481,000	3,338,017,000	2,942,432,000	3,146,951,000	2,207,530,000
Outside checks and other cash items	36,741,000	63,131,000	32,304,000	61,559,000	33,344,000
Redemption fund and due from United States Treasurer	32,768,000	32,671,000	32,427,000	32,165,000	31,688,000
Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement	228,527,000	244,489,000	215,326,000	168,137,000	98,601,000
Securities borrowed	16,505,000	15,803,000	14,910,000	11,986,000	9,534,000
Other resources	215,645,000	228,294,000	247,338,000	218,839,000	194,603,000
Total	28,378,683,000	28,799,684,000	28,126,467,000	27,642,698,000	25,746,064,000
Liabilities—					
Capital stock paid in	1,745,125,000	1,722,159,000	1,716,254,000	1,687,663,000	1,656,374,000
Surplus fund	1,592,814,000	1,548,364,000	1,529,896,000	1,493,876,000	1,470,291,000
Undivided profits—net	586,430,000	515,973,000	532,759,000	443,592,000	455,474,000
Reserves for dividends, contingencies, &c.	83,813,000	108,507,000	113,568,000	130,599,000	115,942,000
Reserves for interest, taxes, and other expenses accrued and unpaid	95,619,000	64,495,000	82,145,000	82,881,000	82,976,000
National bank notes outstanding	652,260,000	642,902,000	645,523,000	639,304,000	631,569,000
Due to banks	3,184,949,000	3,342,406,000	3,282,228,000	3,277,539,000	2,527,514,000
Demand deposits	10,334,688,000	10,638,790,000	10,046,027,000	10,105,885,000	9,393,194,000
Time deposits (including postal savings)	8,798,252,000	8,727,430,000	8,711,402,000	8,579,590,000	8,130,285,000
United States deposits	163,428,000	163,020,000	304,501,000	235,226,000	308,391,000
Total deposits	22,481,317,000	22,871,646,000	22,344,168,000	22,198,240,000	20,379,384,808
Agreements to repurchase United States Government or other securities sold	11,954,000	33,073,000	13,857,000	10,266,000	17,752,000
Bills payable and rediscounts	219,850,000	255,606,000	194,466,000	153,533,000	324,198,000
Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement	228,527,000	244,489,000	215,326,000	168,137,000	98,601,000
Acceptances executed for customers	487,102,000	625,478,000	554,866,000	442,235,000	354,464,000
Acceptances executed by other banks for account of reporting banks	9,830,000	8,242,000	8,627,000	5,874,000	6,257,000
Securities borrowed	16,505,000	15,803,000	14,910,000	11,986,000	9,534,000
Other liabilities	167,537,000	142,947,000	160,104,000	194,512,000	143,248,000
Total	28,378,683,000	28,799,684,000	28,126,467,000	27,642,698,000	25,746,064,000
Details of Cash in Vault—					
Gold coin	14,963,000	14,088,000	13,651,000	13,372,000	13,589,000
Gold certificates	33,505,000	42,652,000	36,200,000	39,628,000	44,466,000
All other cash in vault	291,371,000	352,344,000	284,171,000	315,589,000	331,686,000
Details of Demand Deposits—					
Individual subject to check	9,135,670,000	9,315,685,000	8,679,422,000	8,660,076,000	8,170,599,000
Certificates of deposit	149,036,000	137,357,000	130,095,000	132,953,000	118,246,000
State, county and municipal deposits	907,183,000	984,168,000	1,105,744,000	1,162,450,000	970,861,000
Other demand deposits	102,799,000	201,580,000	130,776,000	150,406,000	133,488,000
Details of Time Deposits—					
State, county and municipal deposits	434,178,000	412,820,000	378,057,000	372,022,000	311,269,000
Certificates of deposit	1,375,493,000	1,339,483,000	1,348,567,000	1,311,535,000	1,237,252,000
Deposits evidenced by savings pass book	6,048,765,000	6,166,360,000	6,097,531,000	6,031,314,000	5,708,071,000
Time deposits, open accounts, Christmas saving accounts, &c.	627,940,000	453,626,000	509,604,000	509,365,000	523,016,000
Postal savings	116,172,000	146,349,000	184,491,000	207,205,000	266,066,000
Deposits of other banks and trust companies located in United States	74,252,000	79,236,000	91,621,000	70,468,000	48,585,000
Foreign countries	121,452,000	129,576,000	101,531,000	77,681,000	56,026,000
Percentages of Reserve—					
Central Reserve cities	10.91%	11.22%	11.17%	11.38%	11.48%
Other Reserve cities	7.12%	7.01%	7.01%	7.00%	6.94%
All Reserve cities	8.52%	8.62%	8.53%	8.58%	8.59%
Country banks	4.83%	4.82%	4.80%	4.79%	4.76%
Total United States	6.84%	6.93%	6.87%	6.89%	6.87%

a Includes customers' liability under letters of credit.

b Includes certified and cashiers' checks, and cash letters of credit and travelers' checks outstanding.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—George Furman, formerly with B. J. Rockefeller & Co., and Martin Gilbert, formerly with Murray Furman, announce the formation of Furman, Gilbert & Co., to deal in unlisted securities, with offices at 42 Broadway, N. Y. City.

—Announcement is made of the admission of William Norman Holmes to general partnership in the firm of Appenzeller, Allen & Hill, members of New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges, effective Jan. 2 1932.

—Leonard G. Phillips, Byron L. Swan and Edward Wellington announce the formation of Phillips, Swan & Co., Inc., with offices at One Wall St., to continue the business heretofore conducted by Phillips & Zoller.

—Stout & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the retirement from the firm of Thomas R. Cox, and the admission to general partnership of Stuart M. Sperry and Marcus M. Munsill.

—F. P. Lang & Co., 115 Broadway, N. Y., announce the retirement of Ray Vance as a general partner, and the admission of Harold E. Johnson and John J. Kenny as general partners in their firm.

—Holsapple, Safford & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 59 Cedar St., N. Y., announce that William J. Rogers, formerly of Theodore Prince & Co., is now associated with them.

—Burr, Gannett & Co. announce that effective Jan. 1 1932 U. Haskell Crocker has been admitted as a general partner and Mrs. Dorothy D. Gannett as a special partner.

—John Pantou Jr. and Laurens A. Williams have formed the firm of Pantou & Co., Inc., with offices at One Wall St., New York to deal in investment securities.

—W. Rosseter Betts Jr. has been admitted as a general partner in the firm of Winthrop, Mitchell & Co., members of New York and Chicago Stock Exchanges.

—Silbron & Co. have opened offices at 99 Wall Street to deal in investment securities.

—J. G. White & Co., Inc., have established a United States Government Bond Department under the management of V. Nelson Barrington and F. Reed Fenton.

—At a meeting of the board of directors of Doremus & Co., Walter H. Burnham, who has been with the company for seven years, was elected Secretary.

—Robert Howes Garey, Manager of the trading department of P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc., for the past six years, is now associated with Allen & Co.

—Sherburne Prescott, formerly a special partner of Gude, Winmill & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, has become a general partner.

—E. C. Greenwald, formerly with Theodore Prince & Co., is now associated with Hardy & Co., members New York Stock Exchange.

—James Talcott, Inc. has been appointed Factor for the Oak Manufacturing Co., Inc., of East Point, Georgia, manufacturers of knitwear.

—Milton Steinoach has been admitted to partnership in the firm of Hilson & Neuberger, members of New York Stock Exchange.

—Alexis C. Foster, Vice-President of the United States National Bank of Denver, Colorado, is now associated with Calvin Bullock.

—J. G. White & Co., Inc. have opened a new office at 36 Pearl Street, Hartford, Conn., under the management of Leslie F. Naulty.

—Baker, Weeks & Harden, 52 Wall St., have issued a bulletin comparing dividend paying common stocks with high yield bonds.

—Irving M. Day, for many years a partner of J. K. Rice Jr. & Co., Inc. has become associated with Foster, Marvin & Co.

—Earl K. Bassett, for the past four years associated with Kidder, Peabody & Co., is now with Jackson & Curtis.

—Salomon Bros. & Hutzler announce the appointment of E. C. Kibbee as manager of their Minneapolis office.

—The firm name of Pierson, Young & Co., Inc. has been changed to F. J. Young & Co., Inc.

Quotations for Unlisted Securities

Public Utility Bonds.

Table of Public Utility Bonds with columns for bond name, bid price, ask price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Am Comth P 5 1/2% '53. M&N' and 'Broad Riv P 5s 1954. M&S'.

Investment Trusts (Concluded).

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for trust name, bid price, ask price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Public Service Trust Shares' and 'Trustee Standard Oil Shs A'.

Public Utility Stocks.

Table of Public Utility Stocks with columns for stock name, bid price, ask price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Alabama Power 7% pref.' and 'Metro Edison 7% pref B'.

Industrial Stocks.

Table of Industrial Stocks with columns for stock name, bid price, ask price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Adams Mills 7% pref.' and 'Lawrence Portl Cem \$4 10%'. This table is the largest and contains the most data.

Investment Trusts.

Table of Investment Trusts with columns for trust name, bid price, ask price, and other details. Includes entries like 'ABC Trust Shares ser D' and 'Diversified Trustee Shares A'.

Telephone and Telegraph Stocks.

Table of Telephone and Telegraph Stocks with columns for stock name, bid price, ask price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Am Dist Tel of N J \$4.' and 'New York Mutual Tel.'.

Chain Store Stocks.

Table of Chain Store Stocks with columns for stock name, bid price, ask price, and other details. Includes entries like 'Bohaco (H C) Inc' and 'Melville Shoe Corp'.

* No par value. d Last reported market. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights.

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Sugar Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Fajardo Sugar, Haytian Corp Amer, Savannah Sugar com, 7% preferred.

New York Bank Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Bank of Yorktown, Chase, Chatham-Ph Nat Bk & Tr, City (National), Columbus Bank, Comm'l Nat Bank & Tr, Fifth Avenue, First National of N Y, Flatbush National, Grace National Bank, Harbor State Bank, Harriman Nat Bk & Tr, Industrial Bank, Kingsboro Nat Bank, Lafayette National.

Trust Companies.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Banca Comm Italiana Tr, Bank of Sicily Trust, Bank of New York & Tr, Bankers, Bronx County, Brooklyn, Central Hanover, Chemical Bank & Trust, Clinton-Trust, Const. Bk & Trust, Corn Exch Bk & Trust, County, Empire.

Chicago Bank Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Central Republic, Chic Bk of Commerce, Continental Ill Bk & Tr, First National.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Adams Express 4s, 1947 & D, American Meter 6s, 1946, Amer Tobacco 4s, 1951 F&A, Am Type Fdms 6s, 1937 M&N, Debenture 6s, 1939 M&N, Am Wire Fabrics 1st 4 1/2 M&S, Bear Mountain-Hudson, River Bridge 7s, 1953 A&O, Biltmore Comm 7s '34 M&S, Chicago Stock Yds 5s, 1961, Consol Coal 4 1/4s, 1934 M&N, Consol Mach Tool 7s, 1942, Consol Tobacco 6s, 1951, Continental Sugar 7s, 1938, Equit Office Bldg 6s, 1952, Flek Tire Fabric 6 1/2s, 1935, Haytian Corp 5s, 1938, Hoboken Ferry 5s, '46 M&N, Internat Salt 5s, 1951-A&O, Journal of Comm 6 1/2s, 1937, Kans City Pub Serv 6s, 1951, Loew's New Brd Prop-6s, 1945, J&D, Mallory Steamship 6s, '32 J&J, Merchants Refrig 6s, 1937, Middle States Oil 7% notes, N O Gr No RR 5s, '55 F&A, N Y & Hob Ferry 6s, '48 J&D, N Y Shipbldg 5s, 1946 M&N, Piedmont & No Rys, '54 J&J, Pierce, Butler & P 6 1/2s '42, Realty Assoc Sec 6s, '37 J&J, Securities Co of N Y 4s, 40, 50, 61 Broadway 5 1/2s, '50 A&O, So Indiana Ry 4s, 1951 F&A, Stand Text Pr 6 1/2s, '42 M&S, Struthers Wells, Titusville, 6 1/2s, 1943, Tol Term RR 4 1/2s, '57 M&N, U S Steel 5s, 1951, Ward Baking 6s, '37 J&D 15, Witherbee Sherman 6s, 1944, Woodward Iron 5s, 1952 J&J.

Insurance Companies.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Aetna Casualty & Surety, Aetna Fire, Aetna Life, Agricultural, American Alliance, American Constitution, American Equitable, American Home, American of Newark, American Re-Insurance, American Reserve, American Surety, Automobile, Baltimore Amer Insurance, Bankers & Shippers, Boston, Bronx Fire, Brooklyn Fire Insurance, Carolina, Chicago Fire & Marine, City of New York, Colonial States Fire, Columbia National Life, Connecticut General Life, Consolidated Indemnity, Constitution, Continental Casualty, Cosmopolitan Insurance, Eagle, Excess Insurance, Federal Insurance, Fidelity & Deposit of Md, Firemen's, Franklin Fire, German Alliance, Germania Insurance, Glean Falls Fire, Globe Republic, Globe & Rutgers Fire, Great American, Great Amer Indemnity, Hamilton Insurance, Hartford, Hartford Fire, Hart St'm Boiler Ins&Ins, Home, Home Fire Security, Homestead, Hudson Insurance, Importers & Exp of N Y, Independence, Indemnity Indemnity, Kansas City Life, Knickerbocker common, Knickerbocker (new), Lincoln Fire, Lloyds Casualty, Voting trust certifis, Majestic Fire, Maryland Casualty, Mass Bonding & Ins, Merchants Fire Assur com, Merch & Mfrs Fire Newark, Missouri State Life, Morris Plan Ins, National Casualty, National Fire, National Liberty, National Union Fire, New Amsterdam Casualty, New Brunswick, New England Fire, New Hampshire Fire, New Jersey, New York Fire com, New York, North River, Northern, Northwestern National, Pacific Fire, Peoples National Fire, Phoenix, Preferred Accident, Providence-Washington, Public Fire, Public Indemnity (formerly Hudson Casualty), Reliance Ins of Phila, Republic (Texas), Rhode Island, Rochester American, St Paul Fire & Marine, Seaboard Fire & Marine, Security New Haven, Springfield Fire & Marine, Standard Accident, Sun Life Assurance, Transportation Indemnity, Travelers Fire, U S Casualty, U S Fidelity & Guar Co, U S Fire, U S Merch & Shippers, Victory, Westchester Fire.

Realty, Surety and Mortgage Companies.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Bond & Mortgage Guar, Empire Title & Guar, Franklin Surety, Guaranty Title & Mortgage, Home Title Insurance, International Germanic Ltd, Lawyers Mortgage, National Title Guaranty, State Title Mgrs, State Title (new).

Aeronautical Stocks.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Alexander Indus 8% pref, American Airports Corp, Aviation Sec of New Eng, Central Aircraft, Cessna Aircraft com, Curtiss Reid Aircraft com, Federal Aviation, General Aviation 1st pref, Kinner Airplane & Mot new, Maddux Air Lines, Sky Specialties, Southern Air Transport, Swallow Airplane, Warner Aircraft Engine, Whittelsey Manufacturing.

Quotations for Other Over-the-Counter Securities

Short Term Securities.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Allis-Chal Mfg 6s, May 1937, Alum Co of Amer 5s May 52, Amer Metal 5 1/2s, 1934 A&O, Amer Rad deb 4 1/2s, May '47, Am Roll Mill deb 5s, Jan '45, 4 1/2% notes 1933, M&N, Amer Thread 5 1/2s '38, M&N, Amer Wat Wks 5s, 1934 A&O, Bell Tel of Can 5s A Mar '55, Baldwin Loco 5 1/2s, '33 M&S, Cud Pkg deb 5 1/2s, Oct 1937, Edison Eleo Ill Boston, 4% notes Nov 1 '32 M&N, 5% notes Jan 15 '33, J&J, Gulf Oil Corp of Pa, Debenture 5s, Dec 1937, Debenture 5s, Feb 1947, General Motors Accept-5% ser notes, Mar 1932, 5% ser notes, Mar 1933, 5% ser notes, Mar 1934, 5% ser notes, Mar 1935, 4 1/2% ser notes, Mar 1938, Koppers Gas & Coke, Debenture 5s, June 1947, Mag Pet 4 1/2s Feb 15 '30-'35, Mass Gas Co 5 1/2s Jan 1946, Pree & Gamb 4 1/2s July 1947, Swift & Co, 5% notes 1940, M&S, Union Oil 5s 1935, F&A, United Drug 5s 1932, A&O, Debenture 5s 1933, A&O.

Water Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Alton Water 5s, 1956, A&O, Ark Wat 1st 5s A 1956 A&O, Ashtabula W 5s 1955 A&O, Atlantic Co Wat 5s '53 A M&S, Blrm W 1st 5 1/2s '54 A&O, 1st m 5s, 1954 ser B, J&D, 1st m 1957 ser C, F&A, Butler Water 5s, 1957, A&O, City W (Chat) 6s B '54 J&D, 1st m 5s, 1957 ser C, M&N, Commonwealth Water, 1st m 5s, 1956 B, F&A, 1st m 5s, 1957 ser C, F&A, Davenport W 5s 1961, J&J, E S L & Int W 5s, '42 J&J, 1st m 6s, 1942 ser B, J&J, 1st m 5s, 1960 ser D, F&A, Hunt'ton W 1st 6s, '54 M&S, 1st m 5s, 1954 ser B, M&S, Joplin W 5s, '57 ser A M&S, Kokomo W 5s, 1955 J&D, Monon Con W 1st 5s, '53 J&D, Monon Val W 5 1/2s, '50 J&J, Richm'd W 1st 5s, '57 M&N, St Joseph Wat 5s, 1941 A&O, South Pitts Water Co, 1st m 5s, 1955, F&A, 1st & ref 6s, '60 ser A J&J, 1st & ref 5s, '60 ser B J&J, Terre H'te WW 6s, '49 A&J, 1st m 5s, 1956 ser B, J&D, Texarkana W 1st 5s, '58 F&A, Wichita Wat 1st 6s, '49 M&S, 1st m 5s, '50 ser B, F&A, 1st m 5s, 1960 ser C, M&N.

Railroad Equipments.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Baltimore & Ohio 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s & 5s, Buff Roch & Pitts equip 6s, Canadian Pacific 4 1/2s & 6s, Central RR of N J 6s, Chesapeake & Ohio 6s, Equipment 6s, Chicago & North West 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Chic R I & Pac 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6s, Colorado & Southern 6s, Delaware & Hudson 6s, Erie 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6s, Great Northern 6s, Equipment 6s, Hoeking Valley 6s, Equipment 6s, Illinois Central 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6s, Equipment 7s & 6 1/2s, Kanawha & Michigan 6s, Kansas City Southern 5 1/2s, Louisville & Nashville 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Michigan Central 6s, Equipment 6s, Minn St P & SSM 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6 1/2s & 5s, Missouri Pacific 6 1/2s, Equipment 6s, Mobile & Ohio 5s, New York Central 4 1/2s & 6s, Equipment 6s, Equipment 7s, Norfolk & Western 4 1/2s, Northern Pacific 7s, Pacific Fruit Express 7s, Pennsylvania RR equip 6s, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie 6 1/2s, Reading Co 4 1/2s & 5s, St Louis & San Fran 5s, Seaboard Air Line 5 1/2s & 6s, Southern Pacific Co 4 1/2s, Equipment 7s, Southern Ry 4 1/2s & 5s, Equipment 6s, Toledo & Ohio Central 6s, Union Pacific 7s.

Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds.

Table with 3 columns: Par, Bid, Ask. Includes Amer Bank Stk Tr Shares, American & Continental, Amer Invest Trust Shares, Bankers Nat Invest com, Beneficial Indus Loan pref, Colonial Investors Shares, Continental Metrop Corp A, Continental Secur Corp, Preferred, Indust & Pow Sec, Invest Fund of N J, Mohawk Inv, North American Trust Sha, Old Colony Inv Tr 4 1/2% bds, Shawmut Association com, Shawmut Bank Inv Trust, 4 1/2s, 1942, 5s, 1952, Standard Corporations, Standard Oil Trust Shares A, Class B.

*No par value. # And dividend. d Last reported market. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

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 issues of Jan. 2, Dec. 26 and Dec. 19 and also some of those given in the issue of Dec. 12. 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, Dec. 11, 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 December number of the "Monthly Earnings Record" was issued.

We mean to continue giving this current index in the "Chronicle" each week, furnishing a reference to every return that has appeared since the last preceding number of the "Monthly Earnings Record." The latter is complete in and by itself, and for most persons will answer all purposes. But to those persons who are desirous of seeing the record brought down to date every week, this further and supplementary index in the "Chronicle" will furnish an invaluable addition. The "Chronicle" index in conjunction with the "Monthly Earnings Record" will enable any one at a glance to find the very latest figures of current earnings and income, furnishing a cumulative record brought down to date each and every week—an absolutely unique service. A further valuable feature is that at the end of every return, both in the "Chronicle" and the "Monthly Earnings Record," there is a reference line showing by date and page number the issue of the "Chronicle" where the latest complete annual report of the company was published.

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Akron Canton & Youngstown	Dec.	26-4320	Columbus & Greenville	Jan.	2-126	International Rys. of Central America	Dec.	19-4150
Alabama Great Southern	Jan.	2-128	The Commonwealth & South. Corp.	Dec.	26-4323	International Shoe Co.	Jan.	9-318
Alabama Water Service Co.	Dec.	12-3957	Conemaugh & Black Lick	Jan.	2-126	International Tel. & Tel. Corp.	Dec.	12-3959
Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.	Jan.	9-316	Connecticut Electric Service Co.	Dec.	19-4150	Interstate Power Co.	Jan.	9-317
Allen Industries	Dec.	12-3957	Cons. Gas. El. Lt. & Pow. Co. of Balt.	Jan.	2-131	Investors Equity Co., Inc.	Dec.	26-4324
Alton RR.	Jan.	9-314	Consumers Power Co.	Dec.	26-4323	Jamaica Water Supply Co.	Dec.	12-3966
Alton & Southern	Dec.	19-4149	Continental Motors Corp.	Jan.	9-332	Kansas City Southern Ry.	Dec.	26-4320
Amer. & Foreign Power Co., Inc.	Dec.	26-4322	Cosgrove Export Brewery Co., Ltd.	Jan.	2-140	Kansas Electric Power Co.	Dec.	26-4324
American Products Co.	Dec.	26-4333	Crown Drug Stores, Inc.	Dec.	19-4164	Kansas, Oklahoma & Gulf (George E.) Keith Co.	Jan.	2-127
American Salamandra Corp.	Dec.	12-3957	Cuban American Sugar Co.	Jan.	2-133	(B.) Kuppenheimer & Co., Inc.	Jan.	9-321
American Seating Co.	Dec.	12-3957	Cuban Cane Products Co., Inc.	Jan.	9-321	Lake Superior & Ishpeming	Jan.	2-127
American Utilities Co.	Dec.	19-4150	(The) Cudahy Packing Co.	Dec.	19-4153	Lake Terminal	Jan.	2-127
American Water Works & Elec. Co.	Jan.	9-316	Dallas Power & Light Co.	Dec.	26-4323	Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd.	Jan.	2-143
Amoskeag Co.	Dec.	26-4333	De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd.	Dec.	19-4153	Lee Rubber & Tire Corp.	Jan.	9-319
Arkansas Power & Light Co.	Dec.	26-4322	De Havilland Aircraft Co., Can., Ltd.	Dec.	26-4335	Lehigh & Hudson River	Jan.	9-315
Armour & Co. (Ill.)	Jan.	9-318	Delaware & Hudson	Jan.	2-126	Lehigh & New England	Jan.	2-127
Arnold Print Works	Dec.	26-4333	Delaware Lackawanna & Western	Jan.	2-126	Lehigh Valley RR.	Jan.	2-127
Artundel Corp.	Dec.	26-4322	Denver & Salt Lake	Jan.	2-126	Lehman Corp.	Jan.	2-127
Associated Electric Co.	Dec.	26-4322	Denver & Rio Grande	Jan.	9-314	Lexington Water Power Co.	Jan.	2-131
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.	Jan.	2-129	Derby Gas & Electric Corp.	Jan.	9-316	Loew's Boston Theatres	Dec.	12-3976
Atlanta & West Point	Jan.	2-125	Detroit & Canada Tunnel Co.	Dec.	26-4323	Loews Incorporated	Jan.	9-317
Atlanta, Birmingham & Coast	Jan.	2-125	Detroit Edison Co.	Dec.	19-4150	Loft, Inc.	Dec.	19-4151
Atlantic City	Jan.	2-125	Detroit & Mackinac	Jan.	2-12	Long Island	Jan.	2-128
Atlantic Coast Line	Jan.	2-125	Detroit Street Railways	Dec.	19-4151	Los Angeles & Salt Lake	Jan.	2-127
Atlantic Gulf & West Indies S.S. Lines	Jan.	2-131	Detroit Terminal	Jan.	9-314	Louisiana & Arkansas	Jan.	2-130
Baltimore & Ohio RR.	Jan.	2-125	Detroit, Toledo & Ironton	Jan.	9-314	Louisiana, Arkansas & Texas	Jan.	9-315
Baltimore & Ohio Chicago Terminal	Jan.	2-125	Detroit, Toledo & Shore Line	Jan.	2-126	Louisville Gas & Electric Co.	Dec.	19-4151
Bangor & Aroostook	Jan.	2-129	Dominion Bakeries, Ltd.	Jan.	2-140	Mackay Cos. (Postal Tel. Cable Co.)	Dec.	19-4151
Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.	Jan.	9-316	Dominion Bridge Co.	Jan.	2-140	Maine Central	Jan.	9-320
Beatty Bros., Ltd.	Dec.	26-4334	Dominion Glass Co., Ltd.	Dec.	19-4164	Manati Sugar Co.	Jan.	9-320
Beaumont Sour Lake & Western	Jan.	9-315	Dominion Woollens & Worsted, Ltd.	Dec.	19-4164	Manhattan Shirt Co.	Jan.	9-335
Belt Ry. of Chicago	Jan.	2-125	Dryden Paper Co., Ltd.	Dec.	12-3973	Market Street Ry.	Dec.	26-4324
Bessemer & Lake Erie	Jan.	2-125	Duluth, Missabe & Northern	Jan.	2-126	May Hosiery Mills, Inc.	Dec.	26-4338
Birmingham Electric Co.	Dec.	26-4323	Duluth, South Shore & Atlanta	Jan.	9-314	Memphis Power & Light Co.	Dec.	26-4324
T. E. Bissell Co.	Dec.	19-4162	Duluth, Winipeg & Pacific	Jan.	9-315	Mesta Machine Co.	Dec.	12-3960
Black & Decker Mfg. Co.	Dec.	26-4334	Duplan Silk Corp.	Jan.	9-316	Metro-Goldwyn Pictures Corp.	Dec.	19-4168
Boston Elevated Ry.	Dec.	19-4150	Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.	Jan.	2-131	Mexican Light & Power Co.	Jan.	9-317
Boston & Maine	Jan.	2-129	Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.	Jan.	9-316	Mexican Ry. Co., Ltd.	Dec.	12-3963
Boston Personal Property Trust	Jan.	9-330	Eastern Utilities Associates	Jan.	9-316	Mexico Tramways Co.	Jan.	9-317
Brazlian Transit, Light & Power Co.	Dec.	26-4322	Edmonton Radial Rys.	Dec.	19-4151	Midland Valley	Jan.	9-317
Brennan Packing Co.	Jan.	9-331	Elgin, Joliet & Eastern	Jan.	2-126	Minneapolis & St. Louis	Jan.	2-127
Brooklyn E. D. T. Ry.	Jan.	9-314	Empire Gas & Electric Co.	Jan.	2-131	Minn. St. Paul & S. S. Marie	Jan.	2-127
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System	Dec.	26-4323	Engineers Public Service Co.	Jan.	9-317	Mississippi Central	Jan.	2-127
Brooklyn & Lake Erie	Dec.	26-4322	Erie RR.	Jan.	2-130	Missouri Illinois	Jan.	2-127
Bruck Silk Mills, Ltd.	Dec.	19-4152	Electric & Musical Industries, Ltd.	Dec.	19-4165	Missouri Kansas Texas	Jan.	2-127
Brunswick Terminal & Ry. Sec. Co.	Dec.	19-4150	Equitable Office Building Corp.	Dec.	12-3959	Missouri & North Arkansas	Jan.	9-315
Buffalo & Susquehanna	Jan.	2-125	Federal Light & Traction Co.	Jan.	9-316	Missouri Pacific	Jan.	2-127
Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh	Jan.	2-125	Federal Mining & Smelting Co.	Dec.	12-3959	Mobile & Ohio	Jan.	2-127
Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.	Jan.	2-131	Federal Water Service Corp.	Dec.	19-4151	Monongahela Connecting	Dec.	26-4320
Burlington-Rock Island	Jan.	2-125	Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.	Jan.	2-132	Monongahela Ry.	Jan.	2-127
H. M. Byllesby & Co.	Dec.	12-3971	Florida East Coast	Jan.	2-126	The Montana Power Co.	Dec.	26-4324
(A. M.) Byers Co.	Jan.	9-330	Florida Public Service Co.	Jan.	9-317	Montour RR.	Dec.	26-4320
California Ink Co., Inc.	Dec.	19-4163	Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville RR.	Jan.	9-315	Moody's Investors Service	Dec.	26-4320
California Oregon Power Co.	Dec.	19-4150	Food Machinery Corp.	Dec.	12-3974	Moore Drop Forging Co.	Dec.	19-4168
Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc.	Dec.	12-3961	Fort Smith & Western	Jan.	2-126	(John) Morrell & Co. (& Subs.)	Jan.	2-144
Canada Maltng Co., Ltd.	Dec.	12-3971	Fort Worth & Denver City	Jan.	2-126	Mountain States Power Co.	Dec.	19-4151
Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd.	Dec.	12-3958	Fort Worth & Rio Grande	Jan.	9-315	Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis	Jan.	2-127
Canadian Indus. Alcohol Co., Ltd.	Dec.	12-3971	Fourth National Investors Corp.	Jan.	9-333	Nat'l Fabric & Finishing Co., Inc.	Dec.	12-3977
Canadian National Rys.	Jan.	2-129	Fox Film Corp.	Jan.	2-131	National Investors Corp.	Jan.	9-336
Canadian Nat. Lines in New Eng.	Jan.	9-314	Galveston Wharf	Jan.	2-130	National Rys. of Mexico	Jan.	9-323
Canadian Pacific Lines in Maine	Jan.	9-314	Gamewell Co.	Dec.	26-4320	National Pipe Co.	Dec.	19-4169
Canadian Pacific Lines in Vermont	Jan.	9-314	Gatineau Power Co.	Dec.	19-4151	National Standard Co.	Dec.	26-4339
Canadian Pacific Ry.	Jan.	9-315	General American Investors Co., Inc.	Jan.	9-320	Nebraska Power Co.	Dec.	19-4151
Caracas Sugar Co.	Jan.	9-331	Georgia RR.	Jan.	2-126	Nevada Northern	Jan.	2-127
Carolina Power & Light Co.	Dec.	26-4335	Georgia & Florida	Jan.	2-130	Newburgh & South Shore	Jan.	2-127
Carreras, Ltd.	Dec.	26-4335	Glidden Co.	Jan.	2-128	New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.	Jan.	2-131
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Central of Georgia	Jan.	2-125	Gransby Consol. Min. Smelting & Pr.	Dec.	26-4336	New Orleans & Northeastern	Jan.	2-129
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Name—	Period Covered.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).
Canadian National	3d wk of Dec	3,119,430	3,712,981	—593,551
Canadian Pacific	4th wk of Dec	3,218,000	4,054,000	—836,000
Georgia & Florida	4th wk of Dec	18,900	27,271	—8,371
Minneapolis & St. Louis	4th wk of Dec	139,660	200,504	—60,844
Mobile & Ohio	4th wk of Dec	157,809	257,685	—99,876
Southern	4th wk of Dec	2,594,892	3,729,800	—1,134,911
St. Louis Southwestern	4th wk of Dec	418,100	450,858	—32,758
Western Maryland	3d wk of Dec	250,968	316,542	—65,574

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.	Net Earnings.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
	1931.	1930.	Amount.	Per Cent.
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	111,359,329	—30,320,745	—27.23
June	98,667,807	110,264,613	—20,597,806	—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	147,379,109	—55,161,214	—37.41
October	101,919,028	157,141,555	—55,222,527	—35.14

Month.	Gross Earnings.		Length of Road.		
	1931.	1930.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	1931.	1930.
January	\$ 365,416,905	\$ 450,731,213	—85,314,308	242,657	242,332
February	336,137,679	427,465,369	—91,327,690	242,660	242,726
March	376,539,834	432,261,686	—55,721,852	242,366	242,421
April	389,106,310	450,567,319	—61,461,009	242,632	242,674
May	368,485,871	462,577,503	—94,091,632	242,716	242,642
June	369,212,042	444,274,591	—75,062,549	242,968	242,494
July	377,938,882	458,088,890	—80,150,008	242,819	234,105
August	364,010,959	465,762,820	—101,751,861	243,024	242,632
September	349,821,538	466,895,312	—117,073,774	242,815	242,693
October	362,647,702	482,784,602	—120,136,900	242,745	242,174

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.

Alton—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$1,264,848	\$1,766,499	\$2,069,059	\$2,277,280
Net from railway	171,080	160,518	351,263	426,641
Net after rents	def70,797	def168,855	87,008	164,956
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	17,538,989	22,634,823	26,509,291	26,153,495
Net from railway	3,448,145	3,736,543	6,274,022	5,530,743
Net after rents	718,731	353,182	3,115,433	2,493,442
Atch Top & Santa Fe System—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$1,668,681	\$1,898,082	\$3,068,957	\$2,718,147
Net from railway	554,553	645,674	1,407,044	1,192,859
Net after rents	284,087	448,983	1,105,979	904,644
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	17,690,418	23,689,141	27,512,857	25,494,065
Net from railway	4,007,790	6,358,965	7,978,974	7,195,964
Net after rents	1,739,027	3,840,803	5,398,617	4,620,641
Brooklyn E. D. Terminal—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$75,176	\$102,213	\$112,338	\$124,709
Net from railway	24,795	38,421	37,164	48,051
Net after rents	18,391	31,149	30,604	40,810
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,113,124	1,223,467	1,324,599	1,353,496
Net from railway	458,627	489,822	508,392	528,957
Net after rents	385,328	414,280	427,031	439,408
Canadian National System—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$98,965	\$140,825	\$150,560	\$208,956
Net from railway	def36,953	def20,436	def38,560	def34,364
Net after rents	def80,350	def75,507	def101,546	def16,841
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,332,468	1,821,020	2,122,800	2,329,751
Net from railway	def341,088	def241,343	def183,733	def151,780
Net after Rents	def1,007,094	def943,114	def911,363	def939,215

Canadian Pacific Lines in Maine—				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$115,882	\$173,056	\$124,875	\$215,869
Net from railway	877	def13,144	def35,141	20,464
Net after rents	def18,846	def34,876	def60,928	def20,547
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,869,545	2,260,323	2,523,168	2,227,671
Net from railway	def135,291	10,526	102,704	61,608
Net after rents	def454,594	def303,529	def284,040	def223,743

Canadian Pacific Lines in Vermont—				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$94,205	\$128,217	\$143,594	\$162,803
Net from railway	def6,245	def4,088	3,353	def315
Net after rents	def37,195	def35,584	def37,332	def35,986
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,250,984	1,679,604	1,953,630	1,869,731
Net from railway	def88,745	55,856	181,677	def673,849
Net after rents	def425,285	def326,894	def241,896	def1,089,523

Chicago & Eastern Illinois—				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$1,084,286	\$1,434,796	\$1,918,221	\$2,191,082
Net from railway	53,688	154,413	365,721	610,088
Net after rents	def201,982	def150,379	54,902	326,445
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	14,038,777	18,413,701	23,422,620	22,759,967
Net from railway	1,337,233	2,594,121	5,903,482	4,858,457
Net after rents	def1,542,637	def690,523	2,112,693	1,891,904

Chicago & North Western—				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$6,676,401	\$8,827,559	\$11,410,564	\$11,593,496
Net from railway	281,900	1,299,740	2,082,039	1,978,447
Net after rents	def665,481	303,077	933,428	963,348
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	95,459,371	121,303,602	143,287,327	140,622,504
Net from railway	16,605,479	27,328,943	38,187,082	34,204,407
Net after rents	6,064,192	16,297,328	26,153,816	23,175,667

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific—				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$6,096,332	\$		

Duluth Winnipeg & Pacific—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$71,135	\$120,383	\$192,963	\$201,113
Net from railway	28,139	22,411	27,342	39,139
Net after rents	23,014	32,587	20,629	29,038
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,049,310	1,647,117	2,312,342	2,374,285
Net from railway	299,602	56,117	375,422	430,365
Net after rents	322,579	26,581	267,541	294,332
Gulf & Ship Island—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$111,498	\$142,345	\$198,707	\$254,764
Net from railway	2,140	4,163	29,207	29,207
Net after rents	28,642	57,339	42,820	25,411
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,541,439	2,428,105	2,946,426	3,059,224
Net from railway	18,973	412,409	464,035	465,779
Net after rents	396,816	99,482	60,189	25,181
Illinois Central System—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$8,862,753	\$10,793,028	\$14,350,208	\$2,533,413
Net from railway	2,155,380	2,548,701	2,792,226	711,647
Net after rents	1,754,661	1,711,466	1,693,801	459,877
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	108,550,652	137,584,614	166,927,911	25,274,454
Net from railway	20,165,755	31,932,513	38,125,803	5,489,549
Net after rents	10,316,839	20,794,581	25,089,712	2,804,099
Illinois Central RR.—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$7,050,031	\$8,926,466	\$11,799,420	\$12,595,637
Net from railway	1,394,126	1,947,698	2,078,879	2,926,326
Net after rents	1,127,058	1,395,614	1,233,140	2,089,828
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	92,056,979	115,809,451	141,463,173	139,798,758
Net from railway	16,989,742	26,412,080	32,607,361	32,719,767
Net after rents	16,074,002	18,301,931	22,266,796	23,331,400
Yazoo & Mississippi Valley—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$1,812,722	\$1,866,563	\$2,533,413	\$2,579,118
Net from railway	761,254	601,003	711,647	821,715
Net after rents	627,603	315,852	459,877	568,416
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	16,493,673	21,708,819	25,274,454	24,470,566
Net from railway	3,176,013	5,511,646	5,489,549	5,328,544
Net after rents	242,837	2,489,206	2,804,099	2,698,310
International Great Northern—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$990,574	\$1,113,941	\$1,364,286	\$1,682,167
Net from railway	154,347	132,941	175,998	396,431
Net after rents	35,833	19,855	46,303	243,056
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	16,934,896	14,034,303	16,859,116	17,275,936
Net from railway	4,590,858	2,187,155	3,714,273	3,875,796
Net after rents	2,433,834	806,402	2,126,911	2,499,160
Lehigh & Hudson River—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$151,177	\$183,680	\$220,582	\$254,731
Net from railway	40,849	47,792	80,697	103,463
Net after rents	13,447	11,667	52,391	61,583
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,859,733	2,079,350	2,431,351	2,582,391
Net from railway	551,639	591,373	799,080	888,720
Net after rents	216,281	238,562	439,271	489,051
Louisiana Arkansas & Texas—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$65,046	\$76,133	\$93,900	\$100,559
Net from railway	9,209	15,233	-1,932	24,761
Net after rents	-1,843	4,298	-22,457	9,901
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	669,082	854,694	995,323	962,034
Net from railway	26,713	-5,823	48,181	33,539
Net after rents	-84,496	-168,697	-162,832	-138,080
Missouri & North Arkansas—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$111,418	\$113,211	\$159,213	\$142,786
Net from railway	13,176	-3,783	35,018	26,948
Net after rents	174	-2,714	17,156	14,584
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,102,953	1,536,340	1,800,693	1,528,036
Net from railway	49,662	199,121	218,913	135,601
Net after rents	-91,473	21,576	36,115	-20,835
New Ork Tex & Mex System—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$187,693	\$198,548	\$248,947	\$233,227
Net from railway	56,663	37,953	70,727	16,660
Net after rents	67,307	50,092	80,352	38,626
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	2,075,449	2,777,335	2,745,250	2,630,887
Net from railway	466,289	754,687	745,660	536,105
Net after rents	591,179	888,015	907,415	834,915
Beaumont Sour Lake & West—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$107,558	\$202,120	\$264,229	\$298,299
Net from railway	28,266	14,447	69,446	122,813
Net after rents	-72,728	-52,445	-2,797	49,684
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	2,364,213	2,934,556	3,318,737	3,052,958
Net from railway	655,322	667,319	934,993	820,636
Net after rents	-9,489	-72,942	133,519	20,304
St Louis-San Francisco System—				
Fort Worth & Rio Grande—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$66,217	\$58,973	\$111,898	\$159,779
Net from railway	-2,139	838	4,162	85,742
Net after rents	-15,443	-9,475	-9,801	74,190
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	631,947	757,221	1,152,450	1,197,067
Net from railway	-166,949	-122,818	-2,663	109,420
Net after rents	-315,416	-264,954	-149,984	-30,848
San Diego & Arizona—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$34,199	\$53,876	\$93,078	\$103,659
Net from railway	-14,839	-2,359	16,210	27,058
Net after rents	-16,822	-6,606	11,096	19,633
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	697,656	960,609	1,182,396	1,127,398
Net from railway	45,099	197,990	315,682	272,957
Net after rents	11,643	150,077	255,556	207,420
San Antonio Uvalde & Gulf—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$62,896	\$111,627	\$107,789	\$131,504
Net from railway	-8,824	9,386	-11,257	9,147
Net after rents	-37,836	-23,863	-42,162	-16,526
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,254,483	1,675,814	1,769,342	2,008,609
Net from railway	282,268	450,560	382,770	560,256
Net after rents	-84,478	99,746	18,978	197,707
Southern Pacific System—				
Texas & New Orleans—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$3,487,744	\$4,802,605	\$6,060,075	\$6,280,156
Net from railway	620,383	1,458,416	1,709,829	1,627,332
Net after rents	188,332	903,464	1,078,959	1,059,156
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	43,290,117	57,638,466	68,753,296	64,421,055
Net from railway	8,546,752	14,489,579	18,489,492	13,986,211
Net after rents	2,986,988	7,844,387	11,221,555	8,301,157

Spokane International—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$50,810	\$69,565	\$91,246	\$90,066
Net from railway	1,415	15,850	24,643	30,582
Net after rents	-7,683	4,569	13,464	19,184
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	714,497	884,379	1,163,359	1,108,355
Net from railway	97,518	197,462	362,456	362,192
Net after rents	-1,985	79,877	231,109	220,292
Spokane Portland & Seattle—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$431,963	\$563,197	\$713,269	\$822,489
Net from railway	93,916	160,266	273,749	315,395
Net after rents	-9,343	76,031	167,145	199,976
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	5,753,907	7,342,826	8,744,675	8,603,476
Net from railway	1,919,050	2,315,576	3,336,311	3,235,405
Net after rents	847,303	1,204,089	2,198,995	2,148,080
Texas & Pacific—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$2,296,838	\$2,828,212	\$3,663,625	\$4,618,119
Net from railway	700,322	756,692	1,094,468	1,517,519
Net after rents	466,834	500,658	741,626	1,012,825
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	27,897,803	34,711,647	42,205,549	46,232,472
Net from railway	8,845,961	10,377,694	13,031,244	14,900,082
Net after rents	5,422,026	6,528,059	8,322,399	9,560,250
Toledo Terminal—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$72,931	\$97,554	\$116,918	\$134,609
Net from railway	21,016	31,806	35,021	55,571
Net after rents	23,839	41,670	29,588	58,906
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	917,412	1,075,372	1,493,999	1,377,160
Net from railway	196,291	200,758	489,416	526,392
Net after rents	295,440	282,213	556,215	626,720
Union Pacific System—				
Oregon Short Line—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$2,089,673	\$3,064,116	\$3,488,951	\$3,517,083
Net from railway	814,865	1,228,735	1,459,888	1,462,228
Net after rents	494,206	840,007	942,721	1,002,416
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	25,306,541	31,501,221	36,658,603	35,698,472
Net from railway	7,156,290	10,147,913	12,966,481	12,063,659
Net after rents	3,055,251	5,680,370	8,165,555	7,755,514
Ore-Wash Ry & Nav Co—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$1,339,208	\$1,897,932	\$2,330,226	\$2,492,492
Net from railway	299,830	436,516	622,213	690,702
Net after rents	116,533	142,047	295,156	248,966
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	18,087,500	22,870,264	26,934,583	27,421,801
Net from railway	3,050,238	4,537,781	5,920,256	5,757,855
Net after rents	-63,875	1,239,432	2,167,708	1,899,813
Wichita Falls & Southern—				
November— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross from railway	\$46,686	\$61,769	\$107,839	\$128,996
Net from railway	17,157	9,962	44,576	66,178
Net after rents	2,544	-450	31,130	57,807
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	608,950	844,134	1,038,239	1,020,635
Net from railway	150,282	235,066	368,123	359,318
Net after rents	58,726	115,794	239,793	276,918

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 Pacific Ry.

Month of Nov.—				
1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.				
Gross earnings	\$13,560,582	\$14,781,111	\$16,121,194	\$24,358,668
Working expenses	8,785,957	9,889,498	11,571,544	17,052,558
Net profits	\$4,774,625	\$4,921,612	\$4,549,649	\$7,306,109
11 Mos. End. Nov.—				
Gross earnings	\$132,976,239	\$164,576,335		

Companies—		Operating Income.	Gross Income.	Deductions from Income.	Net Corp. Income.
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Elevated Division	Sept '31	1,374,830	126,506	464,127	—337,621
	Sept '30	1,548,395	149,071	469,781	—320,710
3 months ended	Sept '31	4,069,207	319,474	1,397,134	—1,077,660
	Sept '30	4,481,243	196,542	1,408,350	—1,211,808
Hudson & Manhattan	Sept '31	609,541	443,425	334,801	108,624
	Sept '30	679,472	467,588	335,256	132,332
3 months ended	Sept '31	1,802,520	1,281,801	1,004,868	276,933
	Sept '30	1,978,000	1,354,010	1,005,953	348,057
Manhattan & Queens	Sept '31	41,685	9,878	10,448	—570
	Sept '30	44,247	10,870	10,458	412
3 months ended	Sept '31	124,804	26,257	31,395	—5,138
	Sept '30	128,885	25,600	31,226	—5,566
New York & Harlem	Sept '31	59,135	111,252	63,246	48,006
	Sept '30	65,112	106,430	62,412	44,013
3 months ended	Sept '31	165,869	324,038	190,553	133,485
	Sept '30	179,675	301,248	187,856	113,392
New York & Queens (Receiver)	Sept '31	64,043	6,463	23,789	—17,326
	Sept '30	75,993	7,229	23,735	—16,506
3 months ended	Sept '31	202,042	21,812	73,000	—51,188
	Sept '30	218,959	15,226	71,975	—56,749
New York Railways	Sept '31	468,840	85,885	141,409	—55,524
	Sept '30	439,649	84,421	153,481	—69,060
3 months ended	Sept '31	1,398,952	239,833	423,828	—183,945
	Sept '30	1,416,536	211,866	462,108	—250,242
N Y Rapid Transit	Sept '31	2,763,447	940,871	575,097	365,774
	Sept '30	2,946,751	1,019,842	575,443	444,399
3 months ended	Sept '31	8,444,448	2,715,555	1,729,810	985,745
	Sept '30	8,943,594	2,947,215	1,719,771	1,227,444
South Brooklyn Ry Co	Sept '31	87,001	32,039	11,430	20,609
	Sept '30	85,381	19,093	12,606	6,487
3 months ended	Sept '31	304,605	118,918	35,598	83,320
	Sept '30	312,738	93,158	37,933	55,225
Stelneway Rys (Receiver)	Sept '31	56,343	3,874	5,774	—1,900
	Sept '30	62,003	—1,114	5,412	—6,526
3 months ended	Sept '31	166,950	3,491	17,637	—14,146
	Sept '30	178,144	—14,598	14,860	—29,458
Surface Transportation	Sept '31	174,392	21,983	18,126	3,857
	Sept '30	172,687	18,073	15,245	2,828
3 months ended	Sept '31	549,518	82,430	52,469	29,961
	Sept '30	525,296	39,319	45,883	—6,564
Third Avenue System	Sept '31	1,087,618	267,227	221,128	46,099
	Sept '30	1,213,085	266,895	221,258	45,637
3 months ended	Sept '31	3,271,849	751,731	662,734	88,997
	Sept '30	3,548,823	665,288	664,124	1,164

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INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS COS.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.

(And Subsidiaries)

Period End. Dec. 31—	1931—	1930—	1931—	1930—
	12 Mos.	12 Mos.	12 Mos.	12 Mos.
Gross earnings	\$262,000	\$323,000	\$3,740,500	\$3,399,500
Net profit after develop. charges, but before depreciation, depletion & Federal taxes	77,200	149,100	1,521,550	x1,127,950
x After interest.				

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American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

(And Subsidiary Companies.)

	1931.	1930.	12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1931.	12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1930.
Gross earnings	\$3,967,927	\$4,433,397	\$50,407,819	\$54,417,827
Oper. exps., maint. & taxes	1,920,320	2,271,075	25,844,408	27,668,176
Gross income	\$2,047,607	\$2,162,322	\$24,563,411	\$26,749,650
Interest & amort. of discount of subsidiaries			\$8,674,448	\$8,679,885
Preferred dividends of subsidiaries			5,635,599	5,639,644
Balance			\$10,253,363	\$12,430,121
Int. & amort. of disc. of Amer. Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.			1,314,095	1,293,782
Balance			\$8,939,268	\$11,136,339
Reserved for renewals, retirements and depletion			3,072,580	4,187,808
Net income			\$5,866,687	\$6,948,531
Preferred dividends			1,200,000	1,200,000
Balance for common stock			\$4,666,687	\$5,748,531
Shares of common stock outstanding			1,750,888	1,740,948
Earned per share			\$2.67	\$3.30

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Bangor Hydro-Electric Co.

(Month of November— 12 Mos. End. Nov. 30)

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$190,928	\$195,705	\$2,273,479	\$2,226,243
Oper. expenses & taxes	79,929	86,403	986,202	1,008,765
Gross income	\$110,999	\$109,302	\$1,287,277	\$1,217,478
Interest, &c.	24,652	19,376	290,930	229,300
Net income	\$86,347	\$89,926	\$996,347	\$988,178
Preferred stock dividend			298,539	282,658
Depreciation			141,311	133,331
Balance			\$556,497	\$572,189
Common stock dividend			432,817	424,762
Balance			\$123,680	\$147,427

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Central Public Service Corp.

(And Subsidiaries)

(Irrespective of dates of acquisition but exclusive of Canary Island properties not consolidated.)

	1930.	1931.
12 Months Ended Oct. 31—		
Total gross revenues	\$43,249,913	\$40,821,263
Operating expenses, maintenance & general taxes	25,329,431	24,720,499
Net operating revenues	\$17,920,481	\$16,100,764
Int. & pref. divs. of secur. of oper. subs. & indirectly owned holding companies		5,181,149
Int. on funded debt & property purchase obligations of sub. holding companies		4,056,581
Balance		\$6,863,034
Dividends on preferred stocks of holding companies		734,067
Balance		\$6,128,967
Interest on securities of corporation		2,922,149
Dividends on preferred stock of corporation		1,976,309
Annual 5% stock dividend on 2,111,621 shares of class A stock at declared value of \$8.75 per share		923,834
Net available for retirements, amortization & misc. charges		\$306,675

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Central States Utilities Corp.

(Including Subsidiary and Controlled Companies)

	1931.	1930.	1929.
12 Months Ended Sept. 30—			
Gross operating revenue	\$3,857,982	\$4,258,392	\$4,159,826
Non-operating revenue	Dr. 13,159	26,406	75,540
Total revenue	\$3,844,823	\$4,284,799	\$4,235,366
Operating expenses	1,643,069	1,911,543	1,976,254
x Maintenance	348,959	350,935	333,047
Taxes (exclusive of income taxes)	203,814	192,734	142,583
Fixed charges	1,064,933	1,098,779	918,512
Net income	\$584,048	\$730,809	\$864,971
Dividends on pref. stock of sub. co.	560,000	566,148	455,000
y Net income of properties prior to acquisition		32,997	121,601
y Minority interest in net income	167	211	245
Net income of C. S. U. Corp. and earns. applic. to com. stks. owned by it—before prov. for renewals & replacements & income taxes	\$23,880	\$131,451	\$288,125
x Maintenance charged to operations equals the bond indenture requirements. y After allowing for proportionate part of provision for depreciation and income taxes.			

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Cities Service Co.

(Month of November— 12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—)

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
12 Months Ended Sept. 30—				
Gross earnings	\$3,312,398	\$4,692,921	\$37,954,847	\$61,182,448
Expenses	178,096	253,242	2,300,532	2,400,995
Net earnings	\$3,134,301	\$4,439,678	\$35,654,314	\$58,781,452
Int. & disc. on debent's.	1,006,200	1,023,549	12,142,407	8,915,961
Net to stks. & reserves	\$2,128,101	\$3,416,128	\$23,511,907	\$49,865,491
Dividends, pref. stock	613,465	613,463	7,361,581	7,361,532
Net to com. stk. & res.	\$1,514,636	\$2,802,665	\$16,150,325	\$42,503,959

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Derby Gas & Electric Corp.

(And Subsidiaries)

	1931.	1930.	1929.
12 Months Ended Sept. 30—			
Gross operating revenue	\$1,369,497	\$1,471,090	\$1,618,800
Non-operating revenue	15,206	16,455	19,810
Total revenue	\$1,384,703	\$1,487,545	\$1,638,610
Operating expense	581,320	653,291	716,732
x Maintenance	107,695	124,214	135,995
Taxes (exclusive of income taxes)	60,219	62,835	65,156
Fixed charges	302,445	359,692	372,197
Net income of D. G. & E. Corp. and earns. applic. to com. stks. owned by it—before prov. for renewals & replacements & income taxes	\$333,023	\$287,512	\$348,530
x Maintenance charged to oper. equals the bond indenture requirements.			

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Duplan Silk Corp.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
6 Mos. End. Nov. 30—				
Profit before taxes	\$162,196	\$316,822	\$578,303	\$798,986
Federal taxes	19,463	46,518	131,746	110,000
Net profit	\$142,733	\$270,304	\$746,557	\$688,986
Preferred dividends	131,910	166,184	175,500	191,532
Com. dividends	146,401	174,900	175,000	175,000
Surplus	def\$135,578	def\$70,780	\$396,057	\$322,454
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (in no par)	287,643	349,800	350,000	350,000
Earnings per share	\$0.04	\$0.30	\$1.63	\$1.45

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Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.

(Month of November— 12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—)

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
12 Months Ended Sept. 30—				
Operating revenue	\$572,415	\$667,468	\$10,197,320	\$11,928,002
Operating expense	596,089	701,349	8,358,793	9,558,307
Other income	23,674	33,881	1,838,557	2,369,695
Other expense	3,845	8,773	50,101	90,911
Net income	\$76,780	\$88,162	\$1,269,018	\$1,793,323

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Eastern Utilities Associates.

(And Constituent Companies.)

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
12 Months Ended Nov. 30—				
Gross earnings	\$760,070	\$819,081	\$9,203,685	\$9,224,385
Operation	316,270	311,769	4,115,956	4,255,895
Maintenance	25,928	27,449	374,122	2,369,695
Taxes	75,100	68,595	900,675	818,803
Net operating revenue	\$342,771	\$411,267	\$3,812,931	\$3,783,465
Inc. from other sources	68,080	69,363	28,226	14,033
Balance			\$3,841,157	\$3,797,498
Interest & amortization			796,885	864,315
Balance			\$3,044,272	\$2,933,183
Dividends on preferred stock of constituent cos.			127,152	127,152
Balance			\$2,917,120	\$2,806,031
Amount applic. to com. stock of constituent cos.			93,092	94,466
Bal. applic. to res. & Eastern Utilities Assoc.			\$2,824,027	\$2,711,564

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Engineers Public Service Co.
(And Constituent Companies)

	—Month of November—		—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$4,162,817	\$4,497,031	\$51,494,677	\$53,035,496
Operation	1,705,890	1,911,076	21,716,058	22,974,330
Maintenance	230,528	245,827	2,997,535	3,509,645
Taxes	295,173	288,189	4,059,066	3,596,174
Net operating revenue	\$1,931,224	\$2,051,937	\$22,722,016	\$22,955,347
Inc. from other sources	116,497	77,057	1,130,343	978,018
Balance	\$2,047,722	\$2,128,995	\$23,852,359	\$23,933,365
Interest & amortization	714,540	625,966	8,319,221	7,534,115
Balance	\$1,333,181	\$1,503,028	\$15,533,138	\$16,399,250
Reserve for retirements (accrued)			4,828,178	4,902,970
Balance			\$10,704,959	\$11,496,280
Dividends on preferred stock of constituent cos. (accrued)			4,357,452	4,320,530
Balance			\$6,347,506	\$7,175,749
Amount applic. to common stock of constituent companies in hands of public			60,761	92,791
Balance for dividends & surplus			\$6,286,745	\$7,082,958
Dividends on pref. stock of Engineers Public Service Co. (accrued)			2,323,539	1,931,165
Balance for common stock dividends & surplus			\$3,963,206	\$5,151,792
Common shares outstanding at end of period			1,909,732	1,909,503
Earnings per share			\$2.70	\$2.70

a After deducting 9.4% of gross earnings for retirements. b After deducting 9.2% of gross earnings for retirements.
During a period averaging about 26 years for which records are available the companies in the Engineers group have expended for maintenance a total of 9.9% of their entire gross earnings for the period and in addition, have set aside for reserves or retained as surplus a total of 10.3% of such earnings.

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Florida Public Service Co.

	—12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	
	1931.	1930.
Total operating revenues	\$2,234,819	\$2,188,884
Operating expenses & maintenance	1,057,044	1,109,930
Prov. for retirement of fixed capital (renewals, &c.)	210,042	167,305
Taxes	112,960	119,195
Operating income	\$854,770	\$792,452
Other income	7,218	12,881
Gross income	\$861,989	\$805,333
Interest on 1st mtg. 6 1/2% 1949	97,413	99,428
Interest on 1st mtg. 6% 1955	565,927	454,320
Interest on 10-yr. secured 7 1/2, 1934	38,500	38,500
Interest on unfunded debt	322,880	404,651
Deficit	\$162,732	\$191,567

Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd.
(Including Subsidiary and Controlled Companies)

	—12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	
	1931.	1930.
Gross operating revenue	\$18,835,710	\$16,207,265
Non-operating revenue	724,271	436,520
Total revenue	\$19,559,982	\$16,643,785
Oper. expenses, maint. and taxes (excl. of income taxes)	13,062,309	10,813,878
Int. on funded debt	949,065	653,794
Int. on unfunded debt & other charges	181,253	64,330
Net income from operations	\$5,367,355	\$5,111,781
Divs. on pref. shares of subsidiary and controlled companies	830,609	609,013
Other deductions	277,084	364,272
Net income of oper. cos., before depreciation and income taxes	\$4,259,662	\$4,138,496
Other net income of Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd., adjusted	113,633	71,362
Net inc. of G. L. & C. Trust, Ltd., and earn. applic. to stocks owned by it—before provision for renewals & replacements & income taxes	\$4,373,295	\$4,209,858

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Haverhill Gas Light Co.

	—Month of November—		—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$56,355	\$59,588	\$713,944	\$739,071
Operation	32,418	35,610	427,050	450,629
Maintenance	3,254	3,054	28,164	23,278
Taxes	7,468	5,931	83,795	78,976
Net operating revenue	\$13,213	\$14,992	\$174,933	\$186,187
Interest charges			4,767	5,886
Balance			\$170,166	\$180,301

Indianapolis Power & Light Co.

	—12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	
	1931.	1930.
Gross operating revenue	\$10,114,786	\$10,454,208
Non-operating revenue	215,790	205,037
Gross revenue	\$10,330,576	\$10,659,245
Operating expense	3,431,695	3,551,943
Maintenance	897,589	1,071,841
Taxes (exclusive of income taxes)	940,400	965,240
Fixed charges	1,617,888	1,637,736
Net income of Ind. P. & L. Co., before provision for renewals and replacements & income taxes	\$3,443,003	\$3,432,485

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Interstate Power Co. (Del.)
(Incl. Subsidiary & Controlled Companies)

	—12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	
	1931.	1930.
Gross operating revenue	\$6,532,277	\$6,407,918
Non-operating revenue	Dr 16,617	490
Total revenue	\$6,515,660	\$6,408,408
Operating expense	2,266,766	2,136,955
Maintenance	543,760	514,133
Taxes (exclusive of income taxes)	347,168	343,527
Fixed charges	2,020,253	1,941,793
Divs. on pref. stk. of controlled co.		2,569
Minority interest in net income		6,098
Net inc. of Interstate Power Co. & earnings applic. to com. stocks owned by it—bef. prov. for renewals & replace. & inc. taxes	\$1,337,714	\$1,463,332
Maintenance charged to operations equals the bond indenture requirements. y After allowing for proportionate part of provision for depreciation and income taxes.		\$1,175,953

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Lehman Corp.

	6 Mos. End.		6 Mos. End.	
	Dec. 31 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Sept. 24 to Dec. 31 '29.	Sept. 24 to Dec. 31 '29.
Interest earned	\$522,663	\$662,147	\$1,695,996	\$1,695,996
Cash dividends	836,546	1,028,374	1,408,254	1,408,254
Commissions, syndicate profits, &c.	35,681	153,475	614,858	614,858
Total income	\$1,394,890	\$1,843,997	\$3,619,108	\$3,619,108
Expenses	241,695	268,895	403,488	403,488
Provision for taxes	13,500	30,000	120,000	120,000
Balance of income	\$1,139,694	\$1,545,102	\$3,095,620	\$3,095,620
Net loss on sales of securities	14,179,633	2,911,659	1,275,672	1,275,672
Deficit	\$13,039,940	\$1,366,556	\$189,048	\$189,048
Dividend payable	1,107,735	1,409,400	750,000	750,000
Deficit	\$14,147,675	\$2,775,956	\$1,069,948	\$1,069,948
Shares capital stock outstand. (no par)	782,100	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Earns. per sh. on cap. stk.	Nil	Nil	\$1.82	\$1.82

Note.—The unrealized depreciation of the corporation's securities, based on market quotations, has increased since June 30 1931 by approximately \$2,515,000.

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Loew's Incorporated.

	Nov. 20 '31.		Nov. 22 '29.	
	Nov. 21 '30.	Nov. 22 '29.	Nov. 18 '28.	Nov. 18 '28.
Operating profit	\$3,003,701	\$3,887,979	\$4,240,743	\$2,997,276
Depreciation, taxes, &c.	1,108,234	1,200,958	1,088,789	895,243
Net prof. bef. subs. pref. dividends	\$1,895,467	\$2,687,021	\$3,151,954	\$2,102,033

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Mexican Light & Power Co.
(And Subsidiaries)

	—Month of November—		—11 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Mexican Currency—				
Gross earnings	2,007,970	2,017,160	21,841,475	21,245,734
Operating expenses	1,085,070	1,006,740	12,317,865	10,877,544
Net earnings	922,900	1,010,420	9,523,610	10,368,190

Note.—These figures include the earnings of the Toluca Co.

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Mexico Tramways Co.
(And Subsidiaries)

	—Month of November—		—11 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
(Mexican Currency)				
Gross earnings	737,910	780,310	8,500,230	9,136,620
Operating expenses	777,270	877,370	7,688,440	8,339,680
Net earnings—Dr	33,360	97,060	811,790	796,940

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Newport Electric Corp.

	—12 Months Ended Sept. 30—	
	1931.	1930.
Gross operating revenue	\$794,725	\$763,253
Non-operating revenue	3,929	3,909
Total revenue	\$798,654	\$767,162
Operating expense	292,059	272,609
Maintenance	30,787	31,408
Taxes (exclusive of income taxes)	38,011	37,622
Fixed charges	62,074	82,302
Net income of Newport Elec. Corp. before provision for renewals & replacements & inc. taxes	\$375,721	\$343,221

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(The) Pullman Co.

	—Month of November—		—11 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Sleeping Car Operations.				
Berth revenue	\$3,376,210	\$4,404,932	\$50,729,617	\$64,236,883
Seat revenue	474,460	630,655	6,289,988	7,978,807
Charter of cars	101,603	132,638	1,258,198	1,818,176
Miscellaneous revenue	809	1,992	8,661	41,350
Car mileage revenue	221,118	237,631	1,747,072	1,858,371
Contract revenue	def 64,161	103,125	2,327,666	5,117,065
Total revenues	\$4,238,363	\$5,304,724	\$57,705,871	\$70,816,523
Maintenance of cars	1,987,345	2,223,697	24,097,928	27,433,661
All other maintenance	36,740	40,848	420,755	511,706
Conducting car ops.	2,086,251	2,662,996	25,788,273	32,642,346
General expenses	277,118	265,941	2,915,948	3,062,420
Total expenses	\$4,387,456	\$5,193,484	\$53,222,805	\$63,650,134
Net revenue	def \$149,092	\$111,239	\$4,483,066	\$7,166,389
Auxiliary Operations				
Total revenues	\$68,505	\$94,712	\$1,047,639	\$1,336,850
Total expenses	70,664	98,651	971,990	1,198,577
Net revenue	def \$2,159	def \$3,939	\$75,649	\$139,273
Total net revenue	def \$151,251	\$107,300	\$4,558,715	\$7,306,662
Taxes accrued	144,727	154,039	2,391,971	2,348,239
Operating income	def \$295,979	def \$46,739	\$2,166,743	\$4,958,423

Reynolds Spring Co.
(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Period End. Sept. 30—		—1931—9 Mos.—		—1930—9 Mos.—	
	1931—3 Mos.	1930—3 Mos.	1931—9 Mos.	1930—9 Mos.	1930—9 Mos.	1930—9 Mos.
Sales	\$493,468	\$877,931	\$1,908,491	\$3,442,216	\$3,442,216	\$3,442,216
Cost of sales	456,305	916,352	1,696,319	3,164,317	3,164,317	3,164,317
Gross profit on sales	\$37,163	def \$38,422	\$212,172	\$277,898	\$277,898	\$277,898
Other income	9,968	12,407	37,493	78,640	78,640	78,640
Gross income	\$47,131	def \$26,013	\$249,666	\$356,538	\$356,538	\$356,538
Sell., adm. & gen. exp.	64,201	134,376	217,602	463,976	463,976	463,976
Depreciation	24,027	61,612	7,786	184,561	184,561	184,561
Int. on bonds (net)	7,780	12,139	23,165	38,188	38,188	38,188
Net loss for period	\$48,878	\$234,141	\$62,887	\$330,188	\$330,188	\$330,188

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Sierra Pacific Electric Co.
(And Subsidiary Companies)

	—Month of November—		—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$131,201	\$129,151	\$1,577,991	\$1,489,800
Operation	66,888	56,529	758,630	581,359
Maintenance	7,326	6,211	74,517	82,236
Taxes	11,357	15,953	175,943	174,854
Net operating revenue	\$45,629	\$50,455	\$538,899	\$651,440
Interest & amortization			84,747	52,362
Balance			\$454,152	\$599,078

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Tampa Electric Co.

	—Month of November—		—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings	\$327,934	\$388,986	\$4,313,335	\$4,606,898
Operation	110,113	142,687	1,590,622	1,845,178
Maintenance	17,540	24,105	268,177	307,942
Retirement accruals *	42,223	45,449	475,509	517,058
Taxes	31,641	26,664	365,201	318,786
Net operating revenue	\$126,415	\$150,079	\$1,613,825	\$1,617,932
Interest & amortization			51,251	51,819
Balance			\$1,562,574	\$1,566,112

* Pursuant to order of Florida RR. 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.

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United Light & Power Co.

(And Subsidiaries)

	12 Months Ended Nov. 30—		1931.	1930.
Gross earnings of sub. & controlled cos. (After eliminating inter-company transfers)			\$88,525,545	\$95,262,412
Operating expenses			36,169,768	39,109,064
Maintenance, charged to operation			4,832,600	5,736,480
Taxes, general and income			7,928,625	7,860,932
Depreciation			8,755,778	8,379,556
Net earnings of sub. & controlled cos.			\$30,838,773	\$34,176,380
Interest on bonds, notes, &c.			10,680,239	11,244,076
Amortization of bond & stock discount & expense			815,139	850,978
Dividends on preferred stocks			4,393,555	4,203,755
Propor. of earn., attributable to minority com. stk.			3,753,752	4,654,151
Equity of United Light & Power Co. in earn. of sub. & controlled cos.			\$11,196,087	\$13,223,420
Earnings of United Light & Power Co.			112,721	1,087,614
Balance			\$11,308,808	\$14,311,034
Expenses of United Light & Power Co.			123,104	162,154
Gross income of United Light & Power Co.			\$11,185,704	\$14,148,880
Holding company deductions—				
Interest on funded debt			2,906,839	2,911,393
Other interest			4,535	16,351
Amortization of bond discount & expense			336,056	205,798
Balance available for dividends			\$7,938,274	\$11,015,338
\$6 cumul. conv. 1st pref. divs.			3,600,000	3,558,150
Balance available for common stock divs.			\$4,338,274	\$7,457,187
Aver. no. of com. shares outstanding during periods			3,473,918	3,402,506
Earnings a verge share			\$1.25	\$2.19

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Utilities Power & Light Corp.

(Incl. Subsidiary and Controlled Companies.)

	12 Mos. End. Sept. 30—		1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross operating revenue	\$50,852,550	\$52,138,414	\$48,657,573	\$28,445,175		
Non-operating revenue	854,720	614,400	1,025,625	327,916		
Total	\$51,707,270	\$52,752,814	\$49,683,197	\$28,773,092		
Operating expenses	23,221,213	22,140,402	20,577,942	10,909,399		
Maintenance	3,197,399	3,652,500	3,433,808	1,994,905		
Taxes (excl. of Fed. and State)	3,132,687	3,463,757	3,074,968	2,066,495		
Interest on funded debt	7,277,684	7,103,253	6,869,827	5,626,267		
Int. on unfunded debt	223,209	146,770	423,411	104,496		
Amort. of debt discount and expenses	394,519	407,858	428,557	363,690		
Other charges and 2% normal tax	159,489	152,353	160,854	128,494		
Net earn.—after fixed charges	\$14,101,069	\$15,685,921	\$14,713,827	\$7,579,344		
Divs. on pref. stocks of sub. & cont. co.	3,407,098	3,317,481	3,269,150	2,274,891		
Net income—before other deductions—	\$10,693,971	\$12,368,440	\$11,444,677	\$5,304,453		
Sur. net earn. of prop. prior to acqui.	Cr. 312,769	53,367	485,678			
Net inc. acqr. to minor interest	254,722	424,375	609,184	349,837		
Net inc. oper. cos. before deprec. & Fed. & State taxes	\$10,752,018	\$11,890,698	\$10,349,815	\$4,954,616		
Other net earn. of Util. Power & Light Corp.	3,358,927	3,906,480	3,511,096	1,384,041		
Total net earnings	\$14,110,944	\$15,797,178	\$13,860,911	\$6,338,657		
Fixed charges of U. P. & Light Corp.	2,991,956	2,762,128	2,477,290	1,230,007		
Depreciation	4,060,029	4,117,370	3,559,967	1,665,350		
Fed. & State inc. taxes	733,931	909,768	809,656	337,534		
Net income of Utilities Power & Lt. Corp. and earn. acqr. to com. stks. owned by it	\$6,325,029	\$8,007,911	\$7,013,998	\$3,105,765		

Maintenance charged to operations equals the bond indenture requirements of the subsidiary and controlled companies. After allowing for proportionate part of provision for renewals and replacements and for income taxes. Reserves for depreciation have been made on all properties in accordance with the renewals and replacements requirements of all bond indentures of the subsidiary and controlled companies.

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Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co., Inc.

	3 Mos. End. Nov. 30—		1931.	1930.	1929.
Net sales	\$9,707,803	\$13,907,562	\$18,238,601		
Cost of sales	8,825,195	12,971,887	17,305,577		
Depreciation	251,036	248,400	247,606		
Operating profit	\$631,572	\$687,275	\$685,238		
Other income	99,131	117,038	166,359		
Total income	\$730,703	\$804,313	\$851,597		
Interest					
Federal taxes	89,550	97,000	93,420		
Net profit	\$641,153	\$707,313	\$758,177		
Preferred dividends	335,564	365,700	400,000		
Common dividends	300,000	300,000	300,000		
Surplus	\$5,589	\$41,613	\$58,177		
Earns. per sh. on 600,000 shs. com. stock (no par)	\$0.51	\$0.57	\$0.59		

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Armour & Co. (III.).

(Annual Report—Year Ended Oct. 31 1931.)

T. G. Lee, President of Armour & Co., in his annual report to stockholders, said in part:

Notwithstanding the severe depression and the economic changes that have occurred throughout the world, the company's total quantity of sales was approximately equal to that of last year. The dollar value of the business transacted declined from about \$900,000,000 in 1930 to \$668,000,000 for 1931. This reduction in dollar sales was due, therefore, entirely to a reduction in commodity prices which also had its effect upon the inventory and on the profit and loss account of the company.

The extent of these reductions can be seen in a comparison of prices of some of our principal products at the beginning of our fiscal period and at its close. Bacon declined 45%; smoked hams decline 33%; smoke shoulders, 28%; pork loins declined 34%, and dry salt side and back meat declined 50%. Lard declined 43%; tallow declined 22%; corned beef declined 29% and principal fresh meat items declined about 20%. Hides declined 33%. Butter, one of our principal produce items, declined 19%, and in general there was a drastic decline during the year of everything that we sell.

Inventory Reduction Expected.

During the last eight months of the year sales efforts effected a material reduction in inventory over and beyond that occasioned by shrinkage in values. Our inventory at the close of the year was \$68,086,007, as against \$112,214,954 at the beginning of the year—a reduction of \$44,128,947. Our present inventory is entirely adequate for our normal trade requirements, and rigid inventory control is being exercised to keep stocks from exceeding the known purchasing demand. This reduction in inventory effected during the year proved fruitful, for price levels continually declined and the adverse effects were thereby minimized.

In this connection it seems permissible to point out that while much of our product has to be sold on a credit basis, we pay the farmers in cash for the live stock and produce which constitute our raw materials. In 1931 we paid out cash for the following supplies: Cattle, \$152,000,000; hogs, \$119,000,000; sheep, \$32,000,000; calves, \$15,000,000; produce, \$55,000,000. Undoubtedly our cash payments to farmers and livestock raisers were most beneficial in meeting the situation confronting them.

Expenses Reduced.

Realizing the acuteness of the business depression, the company has exerted every energy in the direction of reducing expenses, and operating costs have been brought down to the very minimum consistent with efficient operations and fair treatment of employees. Operating costs as far as our domestic business is concerned are now on a basis approximately 2% less than a year ago.

Current operating costs have been so adjusted that results for recent months have been on a more favorable basis and it is apparent that stabilization of commodity values and any substantial improvement in general business conditions should be favorably reflected in the earnings of the company.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND SURPLUS STATEMENT.

(Including Armour & Co. of Illinois, Armour & Co. of Delaware, North American Provision Co., and their subsidiaries.)

	Oct. 31 '31.	Nov. 1 '30.	Nov. 2 '29.	Oct. 27 '28.
Year Ended—				
Net sales (approx.)	\$668,000,000	\$900,000,000	\$900,000,000	\$900,000,000
Income	def. 2,682,619	21,388,104	29,383,210	30,592,731
Deprec. (bldgs., mach'y, equip. and cars)	7,172,289	7,314,958	8,639,617	8,535,823
Interest charges	7,484,228	9,332,119	10,933,075	10,730,481
Income before divs. loss	17,339,136	4,741,027	9,810,518	11,326,425
Guaranteed dividends:				
Armour of Del.	4,233,900	4,279,399	4,324,808	4,370,217
North Amer. provis.	243,215	516,000	516,000	559,000
Parent co. pref. divs.	1,037,722	4,150,888	4,150,888	4,150,888
Balance, deficit	22,859,064	4,205,260	sur 18,822,299	2,246,320
Special charges (net)	Dr 77,262	Cr 144,684	Dr 468,269	Dr 1,882,642
Previous surplus	43,078,092	47,138,668	46,788,115	46,424,438
Total surplus	20,141,766	43,078,092	47,138,668	46,788,115
Earns. per sh. on 2,000,000 shs. cl. A (par \$25)	Nil	Nil	\$0.40	\$1.12

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET (ILLINOIS COMPANY).

(Including Armour & Co. of Illinois, Armour & Co. of Delaware, North American Provision Co., and their subsidiaries.)

Oct. 31 '31.		Nov. 1 '30		Oct. 31 '31.		Nov. 1 '30	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Land, buildings, machinery and fixture	194,273,111	198,100,133	7% pref. stock, Delaware Co.	60,323,400	60,972,100		
Refrigerator cars			6% pref. stock, N.A. Prov. Co.		6,115,900		
delivery equipment, tools, &c.	13,987,603	15,167,345	7% pref. stock, Illinois Co.	57,231,300	59,298,400		
leasesholds and franchises	2,195,329	2,170,052	Com. stk., cl. A	50,000,000	50,000,000		
Cash	33,208,793	11,902,727	Class B	50,000,000	50,000,000		
Accts. & notes receivable	37,321,517	51,836,539	Accept's payable	533,486	8,615,743		
Inventories	x68,086,007	112,214,954	Accts. payable	13,140,691	15,883,780		
Invest'ts, stocks, bonds & adv.	15,420,231	19,691,114	Funded debt	118,433,000	123,515,000		
Deferred charges	8,846,219	10,307,763	Res. for conting.	2,000,000	2,000,000		
			Minor st'khold. equity in sub. companies	1,485,079	1,911,610		
			Surplus	20,141,766	43,078,092		
Total	373,338,722	421,390,625	Total	373,338,722	421,390,625		

x After deducting \$1,482,261 drafts drawn against foreign consignments.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET (DELAWARE COMPANY).

(Including North American Provision Co. and subsidiaries.)

Oct. 31 '31.		Nov. 1 '30.		Oct. 31 '31.		Nov. 1 '30.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Land, buildings, machinery and equipment	120,354,660	123,099,002	7% pref. stock, Delaware Co.	60,323,400	60,972,100		
Refr. cars, &c.	4,647,352	4,976,336	6% pref. stock, N.A. Prov. Co.		6,115,900		
Franchises and leasesholds	2,192,640	2,166,933	Common stock	160,000,000	60,000,000		
Cash	13,717,267	4,130,576	Dela. Co. 5 1/2%	55,768,000	60,000,000		
Notes receivable	27,547,075	13,433,389	Mor. & Co. 4 1/2%	12,665,000	13,515,000		
Accts. receivable	15,242,978	22,886,923	Res. for conting.	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Inventories	x39,410,857	62,132,708	Accept's payable	477,089	7,762,615		
Invest'ts, stocks, bonds & adv.	13,979,891	17,300,764	Accts. payable	6,336,467	8,770,842		
Deferred charges	7,346,563	8,564,622	Minor st'khold. equity in sub. companies	1,485,079	1,911,610		
			Surplus	26,384,248	38,643,187		
Total	224,439,286	258,691,254	Total	224,439,283	258,691,254		

x Packing house products at market values, less allowance for selling expenses, other products and supplies at cost or market, whichever is lower (after deducting drafts drawn against foreign consignments). y All owned by Armour & Co. (Ill.). z Including \$112,318 due from Armour & Co. (Ill.).—V. 133, p. 2765.

International Shoe Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Nov. 30 1931.)

W. H. Moulton, President, and Frank C. Rand, Chairman of the Board, state in part:

Orders received from customers during this year showed an increase of 8,500 pairs a day over last year. Company's factories produced 44,807,238 pairs of shoes—an increase of 620,716 pairs over 1930. This

ear's production is 91% of the company's average annual production for the last five years, which include the peak years of 1927 and 1929.

Net sales of \$86,802,294 against \$102,393,618 for last year show a dollar volume decrease—attributable largely to reduced prices, but also to the public demand for lower grades in all types of merchandise.

Our subsidiary plants (tanneries of sole leather and upper leather, textile mill, factories making all leather counters, heels and soles, rubber heels and soles, welting, box toms, cartons and containers, chemicals, cement, etc.) produced during 1931 shoe materials and shoe supplies amounting to \$45,677,077 which, combined with our sales, made an aggregate of \$132,479,371 business transacted.

Net earnings (after taxes) for the fiscal year were \$9,744,815 which (after payment of preferred dividends) represent an earning of \$2.55 a share on the common stock based on the average shares outstanding.

While there have been, during the year, some rather wide fluctuations in the hide and leather markets, advances have been so temporary that the net result has been the equivalent of a steady decline—reaching at the close of the fiscal year the lowest hide and skin prices that have prevailed for 15 or 20 years. Inventories are valued at those prices or at cost, whichever is the lower.

Because of the decline in merchandise values since 1929, less capital has been required in the company's operations and this has resulted in large increases in its cash balances, the profitable and safe investment of which has become more and more difficult. With this problem before us, the company has used \$12,039,365 of its cash in the acquisition of 250,000 shares of its common stock, which are being held as treasury stock—thereby reducing dividend requirements \$750,000 per annum at the present dividend rate. This has been accomplished with practically no change in the company's liquid condition—its cash and call loans at the end of the year amounting to \$21,332,688, and the ratio of current assets to liabilities remains approximately the same as the year before—20 to 1.

Several plans for aggressive sales in 1932 have been formulated. Among others, the company has acquired the well-known "Queen Quality" and "Dorothy Dodd" brands, with which we hope to increase materially our volume in cities and larger towns. In this year our high grade "Vitality Shoes" have received favorable endorsements of merchants, with continuous growth in volume of sales. These three popular brands should counteract to a large extent the widespread demand for lower grades.

The disturbed and uncertain economic conditions of all nations have necessarily been reflected to some extent in this year's operation; but the company has made progress in its distribution and has shown an earning capacity which is not only gratifying but assuring.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED NOV. 30.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
x Net sales of shoes & other manufac'd mds.	86,802,294	102,393,618	132,110,130	122,694,532
y Cost of shoes & mds. sold	74,667,870	87,246,824	112,926,442	103,395,611
Depreciation	1,701,725	1,656,123	1,551,633	1,306,662
Operating profit	10,432,699	13,490,670	17,632,054	17,992,259
Other income	655,436	1,106,929	1,575,913	-----
Total income	11,088,135	14,597,599	19,207,967	17,992,259
Int. chgs. on notes pay.	-----	-----	19,053	-----
Prov. for income taxes	1,343,320	1,723,495	2,176,533	2,211,430
Net income	9,744,815	12,874,104	17,031,434	15,761,776
Prof. dividends (6%)	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Common dividends	a10,740,584	11,280,000	9,400,000	7,520,000
Rate per share	3.00	3.00	2.50	2.00
Surplus for year	def1,595,770	994,104	7,031,434	7,641,776
Shs. com. out'g (no par)	3,510,000	3,760,000	3,760,000	3,760,000
Earnings per share	\$2.60	\$3.26	\$4.37	\$4.03

a Excluding dividends (\$539,416) on common stock held in treasury (250,000 shares). b Earned per share on average stock outstanding, \$2.55. x After deduction of returns and allowances for repayments. y After charging operating expenses maintenance of physical properties selling administrative and warehouse expenses and credit loss (less discounts on purchases).

COMMON STOCK CAPITAL AND SURPLUS ACCOUNT NOV. 30 1931.

Common stock capital & surplus, as at Nov. 30 1930	\$75,200,000
Common stock capital (outstanding 3,760,000 shares)	75,200,000
Earned surplus	21,151,235
Total	\$96,351,235
Deduct—cost of 250,000 shs. of com. stock placed in treasury	12,039,366
Net income for the year ended Nov. 30 1931	9,744,815
Dividends paid:	\$94,056,684
Preferred stock, \$6 per share	600,000
Common stock, \$3 per share	11,280,000
Less—Dividends on common stock in treasury	11,880,000
	539,416
	\$11,340,584

Common stock capital & surplus, as at Nov. 30 1931—\$82,716,100
a Divided as follows: Common stock capital (outstanding 3,510,000 shares) \$70,200,000; earned surplus, \$12,516,100.

BALANCE SHEET NOV. 30.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Physical prop. x27,790,649	28,270,706	28,270,706	Preferred cumulative stock	10,000,000	10,000,000
Inv. in stocks & bds. of oth. cos.	302,129	417,359	Common stock	a70,200,000	75,200,000
Cash	19,332,688	21,639,719	Accounts payable	1,389,249	1,496,611
Co.'s own com. stock	5,500,355	5,500,355	Officers' and employees' bal'ce	-----	-----
Accts. rec. & adv.	16,192,907	15,884,486	Deposits	263,918	259,641
Empl. notes rec.	b7,893,045	5,240,692	Reserve for taxes	1,360,000	1,700,000
Inventories	22,185,667	26,259,296	Pfd. stk. div. res.	50,000	50,000
Brokers coll. loan	2,000,000	6,500,000	Insurance res.	415,787	417,189
Def. charges, &c.	447,970	472,032	Surplus	12,516,100	21,151,235
Total	96,195,055	110,274,676	Total	96,195,055	110,274,676

a Represented by 3,510,000 shares no par value. b Secured by 273,714 shares of common stock and 2,150 shares of preferred stock. x Physical properties at tanneries, shoe factories, supply departments and sales branches after depreciation of \$15,987,232.—V. 133, p. 3797.

Lee Rubber & Tire Corp.

(16th Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended Oct. 31 1931.)

President John J. Watson in his remarks to stockholders says in part:

During the year there has been a further marked decline in the price of crude rubber and cotton fabrics which go to make up a large part of the material cost of our products. This large shrinkage in commodity values necessitated inventory write-downs during and at the close of the year of \$434,811. This brings the inventory down to the market price as of Oct. 31 1931 and in addition manufactured goods have been refigured to reflect the reduced wage scale now in operation.

All future contracts for rubber and cotton have been priced at the market for their respective delivery dates as of Oct. 31 1931 and where necessary reserves have been set up in the statement.

Accounts and notes receivable have been carefully reviewed and extra reserves set up—it being thought advisable to guard against contingencies which may arise owing to the general credit and business conditions existing today throughout the world.

After giving effect to the above inventory adjustments and reserves the current working assets show four dollars for each dollar of current liabilities.

The manufacturing plants are free and clear there being no mortgages or encumbrances on them and they have been maintained in the best physical condition.

The unit sales of tires during the year increased 11% over the previous year but the mechanical rubber goods division showed a marked decline as this department reflects closely the railroad and general industrial trend and the hand-to-mouth buying policy which has prevailed. At the time of writing this letter there is some improvement in the incoming business in this department.

During the last half of the year a contract was made with one of the large oil companies under which Lee tires are sold from their service stations in several of the western states which should add materially to the tire sales of the company. In the East the company has found it advisable to operate its own retail outlets in several of the larger cities.

Selling prices of tires still prevail at very low levels but with the present material costs and adjustments that have been made in salaries and wages it is estimated that the company can operate at a small margin of profit.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT YEARS ENDED OCT. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
a Net sales	\$3,768,461	\$5,654,847	\$10,586,785	\$11,032,914
Cost of goods, gen. exp. and depreciation	b7,389,452	8,857,172	10,060,774	10,845,805
Operating loss	\$620,991	\$202,325	prof\$526,011	prof\$187,109
Other income	53,471	115,581	75,536	111,250
Total loss	\$567,520	\$86,744	prof\$601,548	prof\$298,359
Interest paid	50,988	107,171	115,619	132,594
Loss of adj. of inventories	-----	605,196	-----	-----
Loss on dispos. of assets	1,984	-----	-----	-----
Miscellaneous	4,607	-----	-----	-----
Loss for year	\$625,100	\$799,111	prof\$485,930	prof\$165,765
Previous surplus	c1,121,932	c1,921,808	1,448,916	1,317,084
Adjustments—Debit	10,171	6,425	14,044	33,933
Surplus	\$486,660	\$1,116,272	\$1,920,202	\$1,448,916
Earns. per sh. on 300,000 shs. no par cap. stock	Nil	Nil	\$1.61	\$0.55

a After all discounts and allowances. b Also includes inventory adjustments and reserves in 1931. c Adjusted.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OCT. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Plants, real estate & equipment	7,079,954	7,104,377	Capital stock	x1,500,000	x1,500,000
Patents	1	2,756	Mtge. payable	75,620	1,690
Cash	660,222	788,714	Notes payable	700,000	950,000
Notes rec. (less res.)	183,193	296,267	Bankers' accept's against letters of credit	51,776	79,770
Accts. rec. (less res.)	1,330,178	1,782,929	Accts. payable	141,154	169,151
Inventories	1,524,351	1,712,953	Accrued expenses	56,883	100,169
Mds. in transit	19,186	13,700	Reserves	y2,922,791	2,843,125
Consigned mds.	107,257	191,708	Capital surplus	5,355,384	5,355,384
Adv. to salesmen & employees	16,519	-----	Surplus	486,660	1,116,272
Customers' notes rec. (not current)	16,820	35,332			
Real est. not used for mfg. purposes	208,209	39,927			
Loans & exps. adv. to employees	-----	14,998			
Cash in banks in possess. of state banking dept.	20,276	-----			
Investments	16,941	31,184			
Deferred charges	107,162	100,704			
Total	11,290,268	12,115,561	Total	11,290,268	12,115,561

x Represented by 300,000 shares of no par value. y Including reserve or depreciation of plant and equipment, \$2,758,124.—V. 132, p. 4253

(The) Lehman Corp.

(Report as of Dec. 31 1931.)

Arthur Lehman, President, says in part:

The balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1931 discloses that of the corporation's resources \$20,807,621 is represented by cash, U. S. Government and municipal securities.

Assets valued at market quotations, together with cash, aggregate \$41,343,178 and assets having no market quotations, taken at fair value in the opinion of the directors, aggregate \$3,477,678.

The net asset value of the capital stock as of Dec. 31 1931, upon the above basis after deducting liabilities, was approximately \$56.64 per share on the 782,100 shares outstanding in the hands of the public.

Pursuant to stockholders' action at the special meeting on Oct. 21 1931: (a) There were retired 34,300 shares of the corporation's own capital stock theretofore purchased by it at an average price of approximately \$47.64; as a result thereof the capital of the corporation was reduced by \$50 for each share retired and the surplus was increased by approximately \$2.36 for each such share.

(b) The capital of the corporation was reduced from \$50 per share to \$5 per share. There were then outstanding \$39,100 shares and the resultant difference of \$37,759,500 was charged to capital and credited to surplus.

(c) The certificate of incorporation was amended so as to decrease the authorized number of shares from 5,000,000 to 2,000,000.

Since said meeting the corporation has purchased 57,000 shares of its own capital stock at an average price of approximately \$38.36 per share. These shares are now held in the treasury.

The report contains a list of the corporation's holdings as of Dec. 31 1931.

The comparative income statement for the six months ended Dec. 31 is given under "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
	\$	\$		\$	\$
Cash in banks	1,011,555	1,532,824	Payable for securs. purch., current	-----	45,243
Municipal bonds (at cost)	222,015	1,399,650	Payable for securs. purch., 1931-32	-----	486,188
U. S. securities (at cost)	19,574,051	15,227,865	Res. for Federal & State taxes	-----	108,100
Other secs. owned (at cost)	-----	-----	Dividend payable	471,360	750,000
Bonds	3,436,673	4,034,919	Res. for accrued expenses & taxes	33,000	10,000
Preferred stocks	4,982,023	4,550,398	Unearned interest & discount	17,632	-----
Common stocks	32,163,131	61,576,515	Capital stock b. (87,931,478)	50,000,000	50,000,000
Invest in corp's own stk. (at cost)	-----	a5,578,920	Paid-in surplus	-----	50,000,000
Half interest in real estate	1,960,636	-----	Profit & loss acct	-----	-----
Adv. on short-term bldg. loans and mortgages	-----	2,839,256	Deficit	22,257,613	1,706,008
Other loans & adv.	2,505,825	2,227,357			
Divs. rec. and int. accrued	302,047	649,394			
Rec. for sec. sold	37,902	26,426			
Total	66,195,857	99,693,523	Total	66,195,857	99,693,523

a 77,700 shares. b Capital stock outstanding \$39,100 (no par) share valued at \$4,195,500; capital surplus, \$5,922,428; total, \$90,117,928 less 57,000 shares held in treasury (at cost), \$2,186,450; balance (as above), \$87,931,478.

Notes.—(1) The corporation has loan and purchase commitments under which it may make investments which will not exceed \$431,000. (2) The corporation's securities at Dec. 31 1931 taken at market quotations were less than cost by approximately \$21,375,000.—V. 133, p. 3798.

General American Investors Co., Inc.
(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

President Frank Altschul Jan. 5 wrote in part:
During the year company purchased \$300,000 5% debentures and \$600,000 preferred stock at prices substantially below the face or par value of these issues. The debentures and shares so purchased have been retired and cancelled and the difference between the face or par value and the cost, less the unamortized discount on the debentures so retired, viz. \$254,292.50, has been credited to capital surplus.
As of Dec. 31 1931 company had in cash and in short term U. S. Government or municipal obligations \$8,906,326. Taking securities owned at market value, except for \$262,500, representing the fair value, in the opinion of the directors, of securities for which no market quotations were available, the net resources of company as of Dec. 31 1931, before deducting the outstanding debentures, were \$16,751,487. This is equivalent to \$2,500.22 per debenture, or after providing for the debentures, to \$119.66 per share of outstanding preferred stock.
On the same basis, the net asset value per share of common stock was \$1.27.
[The report contains a list of corporation's holdings.]

STATEMENT OF INCOME YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.
Dividends on stocks	\$698,310	\$982,103
Interest on bonds	231,936	235,802
Interest on deposits, &c	56,883	28,616
Syndicate profits	32,930	8,901
Total income	\$1,020,060	\$1,255,423
Interest on debentures	346,700	366,613
Amortization of discount on debentures	8,400	9,000
Taxes paid and accrued	13,728	78,057
Other expenses	118,175	118,656
Net inc. for year carried to undistributed current income account	\$533,057	\$683,096
Notes—(a) Net loss realized from sale of securities during the year, which has been charged against a special account under surplus, amounts to	3,628,129	\$4,078,449
(b) Aggregate unrealized depreciation in market val. of secur. as compared with cost as of Dec. 31.	11,611,738	9,428,152
Increase in this item during year	2,183,586	4,195,782

STATEMENT OF SURPLUS YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.
Capital surplus—previous balance	\$10,214,242	\$4,779,292
Amount (\$5 per share) credited to surplus in respect of 220 shares of com. stk. without par value subscribed to at \$10 per share		1,100
Credit arising from reduction of cap. in respect of 1,300,220 shs. of com. stock from \$5 to \$7 per share		5,200,880
Credit arising from repurchase of pref. stock and debts. at a discount:		
Preferred stock	209,572	169,975
Debentures	44,720	62,995
Total capital surplus	\$10,468,535	\$10,214,242
Realized profits on securities sold—previous balance	\$4,752,957	\$8,831,406
Deduct net loss realized from secur. sold dur. year	3,628,129	4,078,449
Net realized profits on securities sold	\$1,124,828	\$4,752,957
Undistributed income—Bal. as of Dec. 31	\$524,706	\$9,252,016
Less—amt. representing realized profits on secur. sold (less taxes thereon) to that date transferred to separate account above		8,831,406
Net income for the year end. Dec. 31 (as above)	\$524,706	\$420,610
	523,057	683,096
Less—Dividends on preferred stock	\$1,057,763	\$1,103,706
	526,650	579,000
Total undistributed current income	\$531,113	\$524,706

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.		1931.	1930.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	\$1,916,687	\$181,903	6% pref. stock	\$8,400,000	\$9,000,000
Divs. rec. & int. accrued	151,648	206,552	Com. stock	1,300,220	1,300,220
Deferred charges	161,470	177,100	25-yr. 5% debts.	6,700,000	7,000,000
Partic. in time loan (sec.)	449,417	500,000	Int. accr. on debts.	139,683	145,833
Syndicate parties	97,515		Pay. for sec. purch.		201,763
Total	28,800,428	33,328,971	Reserve for taxes	10,000	52,000
			Pref. divs. payable	126,150	137,259
			Surplus	\$12,124,475	\$15,491,905
			Total	28,800,428	33,328,971

a Capital surplus \$10,468,534; realized profits on securities sold \$1,124,828 and undistributed income of \$531,113. b Represented by 1,300,220 no par shares. c The aggregate market value as of Dec. 31 1931 of securities owned (except for \$262,500, the fair value in the opinion of the Directors for securities not currently quoted) was less than the above value by \$11,611,738.

Note.—There are warrants and options outstanding providing for subscription to 667,980 shares of common stock as follows: 167,980 shares against warrants attached to pref. stock entitling holders to subscribe at \$15 per share during 1932, 1933 and 1934; (in addition, similar warrants to subscribe to 31,800 shares are held in the treasury; these warrants have been detached from the pref. stock repurchased and cancelled); 500,000 shares against options issued to Lazard Freres and Lehman Bros., as follows: 100,000 shares at \$10 per share, 100,000 shares at \$12.50 per share, 100,000 shares at \$15.00 per share, 100,000 shares at \$17.50 per share, and 100,000 shares at \$20 per share.—V. 132, p. 303.

Manati Sugar Co.

(Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended Oct. 31 1931.)

President Manuel Rionda Jan. 4 reports in part:

Your factory commenced to grind on Jan. 28 and ended April 3 1931, thus taking 66 days to cut and grind 488,868 tons of cane and produce 430,476 bags of sugar, as against 93 days last year to cut and grind 717,499 tons of cane and produce 616,384 bags of sugar. This year's daily average production was 6,522 bags as compared with 6,628 bags last year. The smaller production this year as compared with the previous year was due to limitation of the Cuban crop from 4,671,000 tons to 3,122,000 tons by Presidential decree of Jan. 31 1931.

The grinding and production per month were as follows:

	Cane		Sugar	
	Arrobas.	Tons.	Bags.	Tons.
January (from the 28th)	1,932,012	21,563	12,070	1,751
February	19,004,852	212,108	178,490	25,898
March	21,465,712	239,572	223,240	32,391
April (up to the 3d)	1,400,020	15,625	16,676	2,420
Total	43,802,596	488,868	430,476	62,460

Cuban National Sugar Exporting Corp.—Company delivered during the year to this corporation 171,545 bags of sugar, as required by the Cuban Sugar Stabilization Law of Nov. 15 1930, out of the sugars on hand at Oct. 31 1930, and received therefor Cuban Government bonds for \$651,560 par value, with certificates of participation in the said sugars, and there were withheld \$34,320 par value of the Cuban Government bonds pending shipment of the sugars. There have been paid and retired since Oct. 31 1931 \$94,560 of these bonds at par.

These sugars were valued at the equivalent of the par value of the above mentioned bonds received therefor, or 1.23c. f.o.b. per pound, contracts for the sale of these 171,545 bags of sugar of the crop 1929-1930 have been transferred to the sugars of the crop 1930-1931, and the appropriate adjustment has been made in the sugar sales account of the crop 1929-1930 and in the surplus account for the fiscal year ended Oct. 31 1931.

Sales of Sugar.—Of the 430,476 bags produced in the crop 1930-1931, 406,666 bags were sold long before the closing of the annual balance sheet on Oct. 31 1931, at an average price of 1.382c. f.o.b., equivalent to 1.511c. The sales included the contracts for the sale of 171,545 bags of sugar transferred from the sugars of the crop 1929-1930 referred to above. The remaining 23,810 bags unsold were taken in the books at .924c. f.o.b., equivalent to 1.053c. c.f. These unsold sugars, which represent the company's quota for local consumption in Cuba, have been sold since Oct. 31. The total average price for the whole crop is 1.357c. f.o.b. per pound or the equivalent of about 1.486c. c.f. The above prices are independent of the income from molasses—which appears separately in operating income.

Cost.—The cost of manufacturing and delivering the sugar aboard steamers, including all general expenses in New York and Cuba, but exclusive of the cost of cane, was .606c. per pound for 1931 as against .567c. per pound for 1930. This cost is without deducting therefrom the proceeds from molasses, the receipts from which are carried into operating income. The cost of production, including cost of cane, was 1.402c. per pound of sugar, being the lowest cost on record, and compares with the cost last year of 1.446c. per pound. Drastic economies have been introduced, and large reductions made in salaries and wages of employees. The salaries of all officers in New York are about \$5,500 per annum.

From the cost above noted of 1.402c. per pound, there may properly be deducted .106c. per pound representing the operating profit of \$148,525 of the company's wholly owned subsidiary the Ferrocarril de Tunas, which is included in "other income" which would leave a net consolidated cost of 1.296c. per pound f.o.b.

Manufacturing Results.—The sucrose in the cane this year was 14.045% as against 13.70% last year. The losses in manufacturing were 1.63% as against 1.65% last year. The final yield was 12.93% as against 12.55% the previous year. This yield of 12.93% is the highest company has ever had.

Bondholders Accept Plan.—The plan submitted to the bondholders to subordinate their bonds to present and future banking credits up to an aggregate principal amount of \$1,000,000, and any interest thereon, and to modify the sinking fund requirements of the mortgage met with a favorable response from a large percentage of the bondholders, which enabled the company to make the 1930-1931 crop and also to pay the Oct. 1 1930 and April 1 1931 bond interest.

The sinking fund installments of Oct. 1 1930, April 1 1931 and Oct. 1 1931 are in arrears.
Company has earned during the fiscal year ended Oct. 31 1931 the interest on its current indebtedness and proportion of discount and expenses on bonds, but has not earned the interest on its bonds, depreciation, adjustments in valuation of property retired or loss in investments. The company, therefore, did not meet the semi-annual interest payment due Oct. 1 1931 on its bonds.

The company has secured an extension of its bank debt and is obtaining additional funds from its banks for its dead season requirements. It is believed that the company will be able to continue to obtain funds for such dead season requirements and also to arrange additional credits to enable it to make the coming crop.

STATISTICS FOR YEARS ENDED OCT. 31.

	1930-31.	1929-30.	1928-29.	1927-28.
Output of raw sugar (in tons, 2,240 lbs.)	62,460	89,431	108,596	96,116
Receipts per pound	1.419 cts.	1.765 cts.	2.182 cts.	2.641 cts.
Cost of produc. (per lb.)	1.402 cts.	1.446 cts.	1.675 cts.	2.080 cts.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR THE YEARS ENDED OCT. 31.

	1930-31.	1929-30.	1928-29.	1927-28.
Production (bags)	430,476	616,384	746,234	662,462
Sugar sales (f.o.b. basis)	\$1,905,757	\$3,252,577	\$4,926,386	\$5,437,538
Molasses sales	66,281	276,483	390,024	265,866
Miscellaneous income	20,519	22,655	25,089	29,795
Total income	\$1,992,557	\$3,551,715	\$5,341,501	\$5,733,201
Oper. exp., f.o.b. basis	1,968,609	2,910,739	4,098,893	4,514,307
Profit from operations	\$23,948	\$640,976	\$1,242,608	\$1,218,893
Act. previous fiscal yrs.				43,072
Tunas RR. profit	148,525	237,965	219,228	201,797
Interest earned	52,746	75,533	86,333	138,305
Total income	\$225,219	\$954,474	\$1,548,669	\$1,602,067
Deductions—				
Interest charges	603,222	622,348	646,344	694,027
Disct. & exp. on bonds	21,818	34,333	28,436	64,251
Adjust. of mat'ls & supp.			1,031	3,926
Acts. rec. uncollectible				5,076
Loss on dismantled prop.				473,599
Depreciation reserve	529,062	437,132	458,408	504,686
Other reserves				
Loss on cap. stock of Cane Harvester Corp.	40,900		17,713	
Adjust. in val. of prop. retired	31,639	47,458	53,619	
Net loss	\$1,001,422	\$186,798	\$343,116	\$148,498
Earns. per sh. on 100,000 shs. (par \$100) com. stock outstanding	Nil	Nil	\$0.98	\$0.72

Consolidated Surplus Account.—Balance, Nov. 1 1930, \$644,982; add additional proceeds from molasses of the crop 1929-30, \$57,837; excess of par value over purchase price of company's 1st mortgage bond repurchased and retired \$65; total \$702,883; deduct: decrease in amount realized for sugar crop 1929-30 (net), \$37,097; adjustment in valuation of growing cane, \$15,475; additional income taxes of Ferrocarril de Tunas, S. A., \$9,167; net loss for year ended Oct. 31 1931, as per above account, \$1,001,422; reserve for Colonos' accounts, \$200,000; balance deficit, Oct. 31 1931 \$560,278.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OCT. 31.

	1931.	1930.		1931.	1930.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Property & plant	\$16,211,007	\$16,759,732	7% pref. stock	\$3,500,000	\$3,500,000
Republic of Cuba			Common stock	10,000,000	10,000,000
5 1/2% Sugar Stabilization bonds	701,905		First mtge. bonds	5,500,900	5,501,000
Investments	300	46,470	Purch. money mtgs on Cuban lands	296,000	305,938
Bal. pending on sugar, &c. contracts	3,595	330,597	Secured notes	1,142,049	1,400,000
Notes receivable	112,117	99,176	Other secured notes and drafts	703,800	17,959
Materials & supp.	471,334	489,467	Acts. payable and accrued charges	306,724	442,620
Cos. colonos, growing cane, &c.	201,940	283,541	Salaries and wages	16,098	15,646
Adv. to Colonos	2,390,141	2,672,007	Unrepresented coup. on 1st Mt. bonds	20,245	3,006
Acts. receivable	31,492	75,053	Common div. scrip	55	55
Sugar on hand	615,655	1,833,111	Accrued int. on mtge. bonds	240,664	240,669
Molasses unliquid.	23,271	28,621	Adv. ag't molasses		25,427
Cash	17,568	678,871	Advances against sugars		1,627,124
Depos. for bond int.		3,006	Surplus		644,982
Sinking fund		3			
Special deposit		20,245			
Deferred charges	365,685	427,206			
Deficit	560,278				
Total	21,726,536	23,724,526	Total	21,726,536	23,724,526

x After reserve for depreciation of \$6,835,864.—V. 133, p. 2937.

Guantanamo & Western RR.

(Annual Report—Year Ended June 30 1931.)

INCOME ACCOUNT—YEARS ENDED JUNE 30.

Ry. Oper. Revenue—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Freight	\$459,644	\$508,085	\$565,955	\$594,031
Passenger	173,772	214,014	223,639	255,612
Mail, express, &c.	196,708	175,054	316,395	299,088
Total ry. oper. rev.	\$830,124	\$897,153	\$1,105,984	\$1,108,731
Ry. Oper. Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.	81,287	86,586	88,132	112,342
Deprec. of structures	23,724	24,390	24,716	24,478
Maint. of equipment	66,071	84,347	89,567	106,636
Deprec. of equipment	56,434	56,076	56,308	56,462
Conducting transp'n	196,496	196,953	214,977	244,139
Miscellaneous	840	2,179	961	4,764
General expense	110,079	109,607	109,641	120,554
Boqueron Term. exp.	130,260	113,357	166,137	150,974
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$164,933	\$223,656	\$355,542	\$288,381
Miscellaneous Revenue—				
Profits on sales	3,718	3,267	1,566	4,195
Rents from property	38,153	36,630	37,361	25,938
Hire of equip. (net)	4,860	18,890	20,524	22,160
Miscellaneous	10,250	19,144	7,342	10,145
Gross income	\$221,914	\$301,588	\$422,337	\$350,819
Deduct—				
Int. on funded debt	180,000	180,000	180,000	177,855
Amort. of bd. dis. & exp.	17,404	17,265	17,087	14,505
Taxes, &c.	15,220	23,116	25,394	23,811
Other deductions	10,959	18,057	13,916	16,915
Net income	loss \$1,669	\$63,150	\$185,937	\$117,733

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Property	\$7,870,656	\$7,962,019	1st pref. 7% stock	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
Invest. in Ingenio Santa Cecilia S. A.	100,000	100,000	2d pref. 5% stock	250,000	250,000
Cap. stk. in treas.	1	1	Common stock	2,750,000	2,750,000
Deposits acct. custom duties, &c.	193	248	First mtge. 6s.	3,000,000	3,000,000
Loans to sug. mills	152,625	—	Cuban Govt. loan	20,721	32,696
Cuban Govt. mill service	92,426	—	Reserve for claims, conting'ies, &c.	104,995	45,404
Materials and supplies (at cost)	123,353	152,954	Accounts payable	10,174	10,880
Notes receivable	6,000	6,314	Note payable	—	100,986
Accts. receivable (less reserve)	213,157	374,365	Wages accrued and unpaid	—	6,865
Station agts' bals.	1,978	580	Unclaimed wages	—	9,037
Interest accrued	4,081	431	Interest accrued	—	252
Dep. for int. due July 1 1931 on 1st mtge. bonds	90,000	—	Employees' pension & hospital fund.	—	93
Cash	115,306	202,500	1½% gross sales tax	171	950
Bond disc. & exp.	461,178	476,477	Income tax reserve	2,090	12,468
Other def. charges	23,490	9,360	Accrued taxes on bond interest	3,280	1,800
Total	\$9,254,443	\$9,285,254	Int. on 1st mtge. bonds due July 1 1931	90,000	—
			Deferred items	—	159
			Surplus	266,145	320,199
			Total	\$9,254,433	\$9,285,254

Cuban Cane Products Co., Inc.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Sept. 30 1931.)

John R. Simpson, Pres., Dec. 24 reported in substance: The profit and loss statement shows an operating loss of \$863,838 after valuing sugars on hand Sept. 30 1931, as stated in the balance sheet, as compared with an operating loss of \$1,617,935 incurred the previous year and, after interest charges, taxes, &c., but excluding depreciation, a total loss of \$1,413,366, as compared with \$1,936,465 the previous year. Corresponding figures (except as noted) have been as follows for the past five years:

	Operating Profit.	Bond & Other Interest, and Charges.	Depreciation.	Net Profit.
1930-31	\$863,838	\$549,528	\$778,005	\$1,413,366
1929-30	1,617,933	715,836	1,750,000	3,111,771
1928-29	3,649,435	2,705,267	1,750,000	805,831
1927-28	4,366,554	2,402,285	1,750,000	214,269
1926-27	5,275,599	2,583,472	1,750,000	942,126

a Loss. b Does not include bond interest paid or accrued, for year ended Sept. 30 1931.

The loss for the year resulted from the fact that during the period in which all but a relatively small proportion of the sugar we produced was being sold, Cuban raw sugar sold at a lower average price than ever before in the history of the industry. The cost of production of our sugars was 1.453 cents per pound f.o.b. Cuban ports, the lowest cost ever recorded by us. At the date of this report substantially all our 1931 sugar has been sold, and the average price realized adjusted to give effect to sales since Sept. 30 1931, is 1.232 cents per pound f.o.b. Cuban ports.

The President of Cuba, by virtue of authority vested in him according to the Sugar Stabilization Law of Nov. 15 1930, restricted the total Cuban 1930-31 crop to 3,122,000 tons. Notwithstanding the fact that corporation's production of sugar was, by this restrictive action, reduced from 3,251,362 bags in 1929-30 to 2,308,886 bags in 1930-31, a reduction of 29%, the cost per pound of the sugar made was substantially below the cost of the previous year. Our cane cost was less, as is shown in the following comparative tabulation, and vigorous economy measures made it possible for us to reduce manufacturing and delivering costs, while still absorbing all overhead items directly chargeable to costs.

	Cost of Cane.	Cost of Manufacturing and Delivering f.o.b. Cuba.	Total Cost f.o.b. Cuba.	Sale Price f.o.b. Cuba.
1930-31	.529c.	.924c.	1.453c.	1.232c.
1929-30	.617	.967	1.584	1.309
1928-29	.704	.970	1.664	1.832
1927-28	1.156	.993	2.149	2.470
1926-27	1.415	1.078	2.493	2.843

The foregoing comparison of average sale prices has to do with sales of raw sugar only. In addition to the income from sugar, corporation received during the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 1931, \$189,274 net proceeds from sales of molasses and \$232,514 from miscellaneous sources, as compared with \$1,412,483 from molasses and \$186,328 from miscellaneous sources the previous year. This additional income, if applied to our 1931 average sale price f.o.b. Cuba, would increase such average from 1.232 cents per pound as shown in the foregoing, to 1.288 cents per pound.

The total production of sugar (in bags of 325 pounds), has been as follows during the past five crops:

	Our Production.	Total Cuban Production.	Our %.
1930-31	2,308,886	21,519,067	10.7
1929-30	3,251,362	32,195,761	10.1
1928-29	3,965,275	35,528,909	11.2
1927-28	3,232,037	27,829,987	11.6
1926-27	3,425,904	31,074,162	11.0

The National Sugar Export Corp. of Cuba, a corporation organized in Cuba under the Sugar Stabilization Law dated Nov. 15 1930, for the purpose of acquiring and selling, in an orderly manner, over a five-year period, 1,500,000 tons of Cuban raw sugar, finally fixed corporation's proportion at 913,105 bags of 325 pounds. Of this quantity, 653,326 bags had been acquired from us at the time of our last annual report. The balance of 259,779 bags, which included 23,271 bags delivered for account of colonos, was acquired during the fiscal year under review.

For this sugar acquired by the National Sugar Export Corp. we have received Cuban Government 5½% bonds at the rate of \$4 per bag of sugar f.o.b. Cuban ports aggregating in amount \$2,908,440 par value, and shall be entitled to receive \$618,700 additional amount of bonds as sugar

now held in our warehouses, is delivered by us f.o.b. Cuban ports, and when balances retained for final determination of weights and polarizations are liquidated.

Since Sept. 30 1931, the National Sugar Export Corp. has redeemed from us \$414,800 of the above, mentioned bonds at par plus interest to Nov. 21 1931, and the cash received has been applied to reduction of our bank loans secured by such bonds.

The average percentage of weight of sugar produced to weight of cane ground in our mills has been as follows for the past five years:

1930-1931.	12.83%	12.39%	12.23%	11.56%	11.23%
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The average efficiency of our sugar mills is reflected in the following comparison of losses in manufacturing:

1930-1931.	1.54%	1.54%	1.80%	1.91%	1.81%
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Corporation owns in fee 472,660 acres of land, and holds under lease 298,365 acres. Total lands owned and leased are therefore 771,025 acres.

It owns and operates for the transportation of its cane, products and supplies 983 miles of railroad, of which 799 miles are standard gauge and 184 miles narrow gauge, together with equipment consisting of 137 locomotives and 3,802 cane and other cars.

On Feb. 16 1930 corporation took over from the predecessor company, Cuba Cane Sugar Corp., the assets of the predecessor company. Properties owned were set up in the balance sheet of the new corporation at \$19,839,803, a reduction of \$44,257,594 from the sum of \$64,097,398, at which the properties had stood on the books of the predecessor company. Since the time of its incorporation, the new corporation has had to contend with a highly demoralized sugar market as indicated previously in this report, and under these circumstances, directors feel that nothing can be gained either in the interest of the security holders of the corporation, or of the corporation itself, in endeavoring now to re-value the properties owned by the corporation or its colono accounts receivable. Either the sugar industry in Cuba can become prosperous and succeed through stabilization of world raw sugar prices on a reasonable and normal basis, in which event the properties of the corporation will be worth more than the net figure at which they are carried on our books, and colono accounts can be successfully liquidated, or, if it shall become evident that the sugar industry in Cuba cannot succeed and prosper, which we do not believe will happen, no present revision of the value of our property accounts or colono accounts can be in any way beneficial.

The outstanding event in the raw sugar industry during the current year was the consummation of an International Agreement between the principal sugar producing countries of the world, except the United States and its insular possessions, providing for the segregation of surplus stocks in such a manner as to effect a curtailment of the production of such countries and the assignment of exportable quotas over a five-year period. This Agreement was made necessary by the continual decline in the price of raw sugar to a level below the cost of production—which decline not only had a detrimental effect on the earnings of all producers, but imposed heavy financial burdens upon them. Thomas L. Chadbourne, acting as counsel for Cuban producers, was the originator of the above plan and after many months of negotiations it was finally accepted by Cuba, Java, Germany, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Hungary and Belgium.

The United States demand for Cuban raw sugar during the current year has been materially below the amount allocated by Cuba to this country under the terms of the International Agreement. For this reason the carry-over in Cuba at the end of 1931 may exceed 600,000 tons, exclusive of the 1,040,000 tons segregated under the International Agreement.

Notwithstanding the many advantages of the Agreement, particularly as to the arrangement with European beet sugar producers, who so far have reduced the 1931-1932 European production (excluding Russia) by 2,400,000 tons and have segregated 740,000 tons, making an actual reduction in Europe (excluding Russia) of 3,140,000 tons, raw sugar prices have not responded satisfactorily as yet to the courageous and determined measures adopted by producers.

The Council of the Cuban producers was requested last September to discuss the situation with President Machado, in order to determine what steps could be taken to effect a balance between production and consumption by further curtailment of crops until such time as consumption shall absorb accumulated stocks. The discussion resulted in a proclamation by President Machado, which provides that the quota of Cuban raw sugar allocated to the United States in 1932 will be reduced by the amount of the carry-over in Cuba, after estimating the requirements of this country for 1932.

Delegates from the nations participating in the International Agreement are now meeting in Europe for further consideration of the world sugar situation, and there seems good reason for the expectation that additional action will be taken to ameliorate conditions that bear so heavily on the sugar industry everywhere.

It is difficult, if not impossible, to forecast what the future has in store for the sugar industry, but present prices are so low that a further material decrease in world production for the coming year can reasonably be expected not only in beet sugar but in cane sugar as well; and the natural effect from such a reduction should be a gradual improvement in the price structure.

Our usual comparative income account for year ended Sept. 30 was published in last week's "Chronicle," V. 133, p. 4335.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET SEPTEMBER 30.

[Including Eastern Cuba Cane Corp.]

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Property account	\$4,580,697	\$4,381,157	Capital stock	\$998,487	\$987,151
Roll stk. acq. under lease purch. contr.	106,000	106,000	Funded debt	32,564,000	32,987,400
Rep. of Cuba 5½% sugar stabilizat'n s. f. bonds 1940.	3,527,140	—	Install. for roll. stk.	23,500	51,000
Secur. of corp.	54,534	119,937	Bank loans	8,492,883	11,000,000
Mater. & supplies	1,444,857	1,818,598	Add. Federal tax	1,350,000	1,350,000
Growing cane	224,003	218,032	Blis. & notes pay.	40,500	524,581
Adv. to colonos	66,756,133	7,541,338	Accts. payable, &c.	383,408	405,383
Sugar on hand	1,804,411	4,806,215	Accrued interest	332,028	54,900
Accts. receivable	699,453	357,657	Accrued charges	1,016,435	521,681
Due for sugar sold	749,844	1,940,675	Liens on property	288,607	295,606
Cash	540,475	2,531,927	Def. liabil., &c.	202,385	229,298
Prepaid crop exps.	3,252	290,771	Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.	e35,996	66,241
Mtgs. receiv., less reserve	587,629	631,542	General reserve	324,873	233,305
Cash dep. for red. lens, &c.	288,607	295,606	Surplus	6,181,970	7,988,014
Adv. to assoc. co.	250,961	257,115			
Install. paid & accr. on option to purchase lands	445,919	378,919			
U. S. 3½% Liberty Bonds	150,484	100,969			
Deferred charges	691,673	938,105			
Total	\$2,235,071	\$6,714,561	Total	\$2,235,071	\$6,714,561

a After depreciation of \$2,382,081. b After reserve of \$7,258,722. c After reserve of \$429,190. d Represented by 998,487 no par common shares. e Convertible debenture bonds not exchanged (in accordance with plan of re-organization.) f Deposited with Guaranty Trust Co., as guarantee in respect of liability in connection with Cuba Cane Sugar Corp. bonds not exchanged in accordance with plan of reorganization.—V. 133, p. 4335.

(B.) Kuppenheimer & Co., Inc., Chicago.

(10th Annual Report—Year Ended Oct. 31 1931.)

Bertram J. Cahn, Chairman of the Board, says in part: Due to adverse economic conditions, the operations of the company for the fiscal year resulted in a loss of \$138,315.

The financial position of the company is excellent, the ratio of current assets to liabilities being more than 14 to 1, and to maintain its strong position, in view of present business conditions and the outlook for the immediate future, the board of directors has decided to omit dividends on the common stock.

Owing to its liquid financial condition, the company, on June 1 1931, redeemed all of its outstanding preferred stock, amounting to 3,800 shares. (See also V. 134, p. 143.)

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT.

Years Ended—	Oct. 31 '31	Nov. 1 '30	Nov. 2 '29	Nov. 3 '28.
Gross profit.....	\$1,088,771	\$2,028,068	\$2,641,761	\$2,872,006
Admin. & gen. exp., less miscellaneous income.....	1,216,671	1,724,316	1,886,195	2,134,934
Federal taxes.....	7,351	81,000	88,590	88,590
Interest paid.....	10,414	17,432	33,549	33,678
Net profit for year.....	loss\$138,315	\$278,970	\$641,016	\$614,894
Prof. dividends.....	21,310	56,007	68,218	86,760
Common dividends.....	171,369	176,287	200,000	200,000
Balance, surplus.....	loss\$330,994	\$46,676	\$372,798	\$328,134
Previous surplus.....	4,051,526	4,231,507	3,916,125	3,587,991
Prem. on pf. stk. purch. Dr. 124,911		Dr. 26,658	Dr. 57,416	
Appr. for conting. res. Dr. 100,000				
Profit & loss, surplus.....	\$3,295,621	\$4,051,525	\$4,231,507	\$3,916,125
Com. shs. outstanding (par \$5).....	72,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Earns. per sh. on com. stock.....	Nil	\$2.22	\$5.72	\$5.28
a After deducting all discounts and cost of sales.				

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET.

Assets—	Oct. 31 '31	Nov. 1 '30.	Liabilities—	Oct. 31 '31	Nov. 1 '30.
Land, bldgs., mach. and fixtures.....	x\$543,804	\$572,878	7% cum. pref. stk. Com. stk. (par \$5).....	b\$500,000	\$500,000
Trade-wills and good-will.....	1	1	Accounts payable.....	64,558	132,608
Inventories.....	677,447	1,113,409	Federal tax prov.....		13,000
Notes & accts. rec. y1.....	1,510,607	2,439,453	Accrd' payrolls, in- terest, &c.....	107,004	194,054
Cash.....	267,344	350,013	6% real estate bds.....	125,000	150,000
Invest., adv., &c.....	321,483	592,548	Res. for conting.....		200,000
Com. stock held for retirement.....	a675,677	2488,931	Surplus.....	3,295,621	4,051,526
Preferred charges.....	95,821	123,533			
Prof. stk. at cost.....					
Total.....	\$4,092,184	\$6,121,186	Total.....	\$4,092,184	\$6,121,186

a 28,000 shares. b Includes 28,000 shares treasury stock to be retired.
x After deducting \$347,624 reserve for depreciation. y After deducting
\$126,401 reserve for bad debts, return allowances and cash discounts.
z Stock held for sale to employees and for other purposes.—V. 134, p. 143

General Corporate and Investment News.

STEAM RAILROADS.

Matters Covered in the Chronicle of Jan. 2.—(a) Commissioners Meyer and Lee are renominated to I.-S. C. Commission by President Hoover, p. 71; (b) Claude R. Porter to serve as Chairman of the I.-S. C. Commission in 1932, p. 72; (c) Railroad unions and rail Presidents to meet Jan. 14 to discuss proposed wage reduction, p. 72; (d) New master tariff filed by railroads shows freight rate increases which are to become effective on Jan. 4, p. 72; (e) R. H. Ashton of American Railway Association cities rail problems, p. 72; (f) Wage cut of 10% accepted by 15,000 Southern Pacific RR. men, p. 73; (g) Denver & Rio Grande shippers agree to wage cut, p. 73; (h) New York Central's electricians take voluntary wage cut of 10%—Part of Shopcrafts Union, p. 73; (i) 10% reduction in salaries of Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry., p. 73; (j) Officers' salaries reduced by Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac Ry., p. 73; (k) Opening of Union Pacific RR. shops, p. 73; (l) Tennessee Coal Iron & RR. company to resume operations in Ensley, Ala., mill, p. 73; (m) Railroads ineligible for pool loans listed, p. 73; (n) Railroads to furnish store-door delivery for local shippers, p. 73; (o) Rail inquiry plan opposed in Senate—Senator Copeland objects to immediate action, p. 73.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class I railroads on Dec. 14 had 671,402 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced. This was an increase of 6,633 cars compared with Dec. 7 at which time there were 664,769 surplus freight cars. Surplus coal cars on Dec. 14 totaled 236,280, a decrease of 6,613 cars within approximately a week, while surplus box cars totaled 362,487, an increase of 11,165 for the same period. Reports also showed 29,612 surplus stock cars, an increase of 127 above the number reported on Dec. 7, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 14,133, an increase of 392 for the same period.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors on Jan. 5 declared a dividend of 1½% on the outstanding \$242,706,000 common stock, par \$100, payable March 1 to holders of record Jan. 29. From June 1928 to and incl. December 1931, regular quarterly distributions of 2½% were made on this issue, as compared with 1¾% each quarter from March 1925 to and incl. March 1928. In addition, an extra payment of ¼ of 1% was made quarterly from March 1927 to and incl. March 1928. Record of common dividends paid since 1901 follows:

1901 '02-'05 '06 '07 '08 '09 '10-'24 '25-'26 '27-'31.
3½% 4% p.a. 4½% 6% 5% 5½% 6% p.a. 7% p. v. 10% p. a.

Budget for 1932 Reduced.

A capital budget of \$25,353,000 for 1932 was approved at the directors' meeting, President W. B. Storey stated, comparing with that of \$51,600,000 prevailing in 1931. Contingent expenditures are \$1,157,000 for new lines, \$4,108,000 for new work and \$15,000,000 carry-over. No item for equipment is considered in this year's program, although last year \$6,100,000 was designated for that purpose.

President Storey further stated in substance:

"We reduced our operating expenses to under \$10,000,000 in November without any adverse effects on condition of the property. Transportation expenses were off about \$750,000 from a year ago as against a decrease of \$1,877,000 in total expenses. Reductions in both passenger and freight train service have been reflected not only in transportation expenses, but in maintenance of equipment. This is not the season for large expenditure on maintenance of way.

"With current low level of traffic our expenses should keep considerably under a year ago for 7 months at least despite the fact that expenses a year ago were on a reduced basis."

"Our loadings have recently been running about 20% under a year ago.

"December gross revenues were disappointing, but we will not receive the detailed figures for that month until later on in January. However, lower gross revenues in December indicate that net operating income for that month was below a year ago."—V. 133, p. 3460.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—To Trustee Western Maryland Stock Pending Final Disposition by Commission.

Arrangements have been perfected whereby the company will trustee its holdings of Western Maryland Ry. stock pending final disposition of the allocation of the latter road for consolidation purposes.

It is reported in financial circles that the Chase National Bank of the City of New York probably will act as trustee under an arrangement negotiated with the tacit consent of the I.-S. C. Commission. The bank will vote the stock while the Baltimore & Ohio holds certificates of deposit representing its equitable interest in the shares which constitute 42.88% of the outstanding stock.

It is expected that the Commission will give its formal approval of the temporary arrangement.

The action postpones the effectiveness of the Commission's order following a Clayton Act proceeding which directed the B. & O. to divest itself of its holdings on the ground that the control constituted a violation of the anti-trust statute. The order has been postponed several times since it was entered, but the latest extension expires Jan. 13 1932. It was in anticipation of this that the arrangement was negotiated.

The Baltimore & Ohio holdings represent 42.88% of the \$77,167,148 of Western Maryland stock outstanding. The B. & O. holds \$50,000,000, or 10.4%, out of the \$17,740,054 of 1st preferred stock, and \$15,905,000, 31.71%, of the \$51,797,098 of common stock. The stock was acquired in February 1927.—V. 134, p. 133.

Boston & Maine RR.—Add'l Prior Preference Stock Listed

There have been authorized for the Boston Stock Exchange list such additional shares of 7% prior pref. stock (par \$100) as may be issued through conversion of the company's various issues of 1st mtge. bonds. The original issue of these shares totaled 130,000 shares, but through the conversion during the years 1930 and 1931, the amount is now 231,310 shares.—V. 133, p. 4154.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—Trackage Rights.

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 22 issued a certificate authorizing (a) the operation, under trackage rights, by the Burlington over the railroad of the Rock Island between Mediapolis and C., B. & Q. Junction, about 13.88 miles, and from C., B. & Q. Junction to a point 19.5 feet south of the north line of Market Street, in the city of Burlington, 1.60 miles, a total distance of 15.48 miles, and (b) the use by each road of certain tracks and terminal facilities of the other at Burlington such facilities including the use of about 2,379 feet of trackage of the Rock Island and about 6,257 feet of trackage of the Burlington, all in Des Moines County, Iowa.—V. 133, p. 4326.

Appointment Approved.

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized Ralph Budd to serve as President and director of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR. and its principal component lines.

Mr. Budd assumed his new post on Jan. 1 after serving as President of the Great Northern Ry. He succeeds Frederic E. Williamson, who resigned to become President of the New York Central RR.—V. 133, p. 4326.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois Ry.—Promissory Notes.

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 28 authorized the company to issue and to renew from time to time not exceeding \$7,326,764 of promissory notes, and to pledge and repledge as collateral security therefor not exceeding \$5,262,500 of series A, and \$3,590,200 of series B, prior-lien mortgage bonds.

The report of the Commission says in part:

The applicant has submitted a statement showing that between Jan. 1 and Dec. 1 1932, there will become due and payable taxes, equipment-trust notes, short-term notes, and interest in the amount of \$7,326,764. It states that there was a deficit in its net railway operating income in the amount of \$1,340,654 for the period Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 1931, that it has no way of determining whether its income during the year 1932 will increase, and if there is no gain in its earnings it will have to borrow money to pay these obligations. The applicant proposes to secure the funds necessary to meet its cash requirements for the 1932 period stated above through the issue of notes and to pledge and repledge as collateral security therefor not exceeding \$5,262,500 of series A and \$3,590,200 of series B prior-lien mortgage bonds.

The applicant requests authority to issue and to renew from time to time to Dec. 31 1932, not exceeding \$7,326,764 of promissory notes without limitation as to the date of maturity of the notes, as it is advised that more favorable rates of interest may be obtained by issuing notes which will mature at more than two years from the date thereof. Our order to be entered herein will provide for the notes to mature not later than Dec. 31 1936, and inasmuch as the applicant has not determined the rate or rates of interest of the proposed notes, our order will also provide that the interest rate of the notes shall not exceed 8% per annum.

The applicant also requests that no limitation be placed upon the ratio of the amount of bonds to be pledged for each \$100 of notes to be issued, stating that its prior-lien bonds have never been sold or offered for sale, and therefore have no established market price, but that any pledges of the bonds which it may make will be made on the best terms obtainable.—V. 133, p. 4326.

Chicago & Erie RR.—Interest Default Covers Only Bonds Held by Erie and Not by Public.

In order to clear up any misunderstanding in connection with the statement issued by the Railroad Credit Corp. that the Chicago & Erie RR. was ineligible to assistance from the corporation, due to a default, C. R. Denney, President of the Erie RR., issued the following statement: "The Erie RR. owns the entire capital stock and more than 99% of the income bonds of Chicago & Erie RR. Interest on all bonds of Chicago & Erie RR. held by the public, including income bonds, is paid regularly when due. The Chicago & Erie RR. did not pay the interest due to the Erie RR. on Oct. 1 1931, on its income bonds held by Erie RR., and the Chicago & Erie RR. for that reason only, was considered ineligible under the provision governing participation in the marshalling and distribution plan."—V. 132, p. 844.

Chicago Great Western RR.—Applies for Authority to Acquire Kansas City Southern Ry. Stock.

Complying with the Missouri law which forbids ownership of stock in a Missouri railroad by another road without permission, the Chicago Great Western RR. has applied to the Missouri P.-S. Commission for authority to buy approximately one-third of the outstanding stock of the Kansas City Southern Ry. The Great Western's plan to acquire the stock, amounting to about 104,500 shares, from the Allegheny Corp., was announced some weeks ago.

The Commission has set the case for a hearing Jan. 15.—V. 133, p. 4326.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Hearing Jan. 20.

The I.-S. C. Commission has set for hearing on Jan. 20, proceedings involving its self-instituted investigation of the purchase of 25,000 shares of stock of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry. by the Rock Island.

Investigation was instituted in November 1931, and will also cover the purchase by the Frisco of 25,000 shares of Gulf, Mobile & Northern common stock for \$965,340, or about \$38.61 a share.

The Frisco stock, which the Rock Island bought cost \$1,747,664, or about \$70 a share.

The inquiry is intended to develop details as to the reasons motivating the purchases. Investigation is not intended as an anti-trust prosecution but mainly to ascertain the financial details involved which the Commission felt should be thoroughly examined.—V. 133, p. 4326.

Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—Asks Commission for Authority to Pledge \$23,639,000 Issues for Short Term Notes.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to pledge \$13,639,000 New York, Lackawanna & Western Ry. 5% first & ref. mtge. series A gold bonds and \$10,000,000 of the 4½% construction mortgage gold bonds series C of the Morris & Essex RR. The road proposes to pledge the bonds as collateral security for short-term notes issued or to be issued at a ratio of not exceeding \$125 in value of bonds at their market price to each \$100 face amount of notes.

The application states that the company now has outstanding an unsecured indebtedness of \$10,000,000 to the First National Bank New York, which it desires to secure by collateral or to retire. The applicant expects to issue a note for this indebtedness with the bonds pledged as security.—V. 134, p. 134.

Florida East Coast Ry.—Abandonment.

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for permission to abandon operations over its 24-mile Mayport branch, extending from South Jacksonville to a seaside resort at Mayport, Fla. The main portion of the line will be abandoned outright with the exception of three miles between South Jacksonville and Spring Glen, which will be retained as spur tracks.—V. 133, p. 4154.

Gulf & Ship Island RR.—Jan. 1 Interest Not Paid.

The interest due Jan. 1 1932 on the Gulf & Ship Island RR. 1st mtge. ref. and term. 5% gold bonds, due 1952, was not paid.—V. 133, p. 4154.

Illinois Terminal Co.—Abandonment of Eight Miles.—The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 22 issued a certificate permitting the company to abandon operation over a part of the railroad of the St. Louis & Alton Railway between Edwardsville and Mitchell, a distance of 8.589 miles, all in Madison County, Ill.—V. 130, p. 4412.

Long Island RR.—Supreme Court Upholds Road—Approves Abandonment of Whitestone Branch.—

The road and the I.-S. C. Commission won in the Supreme Court Jan. 4 in the dispute with the Transit Commission and the State of New York over the abandonment of the 4-mile branch of the Long Island which has been authorized by the Commerce Commission.

The New York interests sued for a preliminary injunction, asking that the Commission's order be annulled.

The Supreme Court refused to review the case, holding that the Commission was justified in issuing its order.—V. 133, p. 2761.

Manistee & Northeastern Ry.—Control.—See Pere Marquette Ry. below.—V. 133, p. 476.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Asks to Pledge \$35,000,000 in Bonds.—The company has asked authority from the I.-S. C. Commission to have authenticated and delivered and to pledge as collateral for short-term notes which it proposes to issue, \$35,000,000 1st & ref. mortgage 5% series I bonds. The notes will provide for cash requirements through 1932.—V. 133, p. 4327.

National Rys. of Mexico.—Earnings.—
(In Mex. Gold Pesos.)—

	Years Ended Dec. 31		18 Mo. End.	
	1930.	1929.	1928.	Dec. 31 '27.
Freight	72,501,448	75,284,838	73,554,666	105,431,819
Passenger	22,274,887	23,788,304	24,997,973	38,483,020
Express	9,762,671	10,798,257	10,870,053	17,465,331
Sundry earnings	2,916,926	2,945,603	2,978,628	4,702,939
From oper. of Ry. Port Terminals	44,951	96,264	176,393	506,884
Custom agencies	19,471	7,929	47,010	14,077
Total revenue	107,520,354	112,921,197	112,624,723	166,604,070
Expenses—				
Maint. of way & struc.	22,423,859	20,178,005	22,479,779	33,788,974
Maint. of equipment	23,968,650	23,289,860	25,234,032	38,566,437
Traffic & transport'n.	39,938,903	43,904,447	47,678,310	77,335,749
General expense	4,237,699	4,176,512	4,498,536	6,735,833
Exp. Ry. Port Terminal	22,742	20,762	192,094	543,072
Sundry expenses	2,543,893	524,530	550,220	252,790
Balance	14,384,608	20,827,078	11,991,750	9,381,214
Int. on fund. debt equip. & coll. tr. & notes pay.	23,063,274	22,761,791	22,792,833	33,704,371
Debit bal. of exch. acct.	2,481,343	1,329,714	1,632,307	4,430,138
Install. acc't sink. fund prior lien 4 1/2%	2,289,434	2,289,434	2,289,434	
Compensat'n & pensions			8,183	968,371
Various expenses	12,901	29,576	65,085	324,568
Other charges (net)	1,137,489	215,617	524,532	
Balance, deficit	14,599,833	5,799,053	15,320,626	30,046,235
Total profit & loss def.	367,696,733	353,825,618	347,981,877	332,698,763

New York Central Lines.—Reduces Pensions.—In a letter to pensioners, Frank V. Whiting, Chairman of the board of pensions, said:

"We regret exceedingly owing to the present economic conditions, that it is necessary to apply the following reductions to existing and future monthly pensions, effective with pension payments covering the month of January 1932.

"Pensions over \$25 a month and including \$65 will be reduced 10%, but no such pensions shall be reduced below \$25.

"Pensions in excess of \$65 a month will be reduced 15%, but no such pensions shall be reduced below \$58.50. There will be no reduction in pensions of \$25 a month or less."

Pension payments by the New York Central Lines in 1931 approximated \$3,500,000 to 5,786 persons, according to an announcement by Mr. Frank V. Whiting. His report showed that pension disbursements for the past 22 years totalled about \$29,100,000. The first year of the operation of pension system, 1910, pension payments totalled \$289,590. During 1931, 815 pensions were granted and 558 were terminated by death.

In all 12,016 pensions have been granted—6,672 because of the 70-year age limit rule, 4,584 for disability and 782 because of voluntary service requirements. A total of 6,790 pensions have terminated, leaving at the close of 1931 5,228 pensions in effect. In 1931 the average length of service of all retired employees was 34.63 years. There were, however, 295 employees retired who had 40 or more years of service and 35 employees who had been in service 50 years or more. The average pension increased from \$275 in 1910 to \$776 in 1931.—V. 133, p. 3628.

New York Central RR.—Seeks Authority to Pledge Bonds for \$75,000,000 Short Term Notes.—

The company has asked the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue from time to time not exceeding \$75,000,000 short-term promissory notes which are to bear interest at not more than 6% and mature not later than Dec. 31 1933. The authorization would include \$58,500,000 of promissory notes now outstanding or any others to be issued in renewal or substitution of these notes.

The company also requests authority to pledge and repledge as collateral for the notes issued or to be issued, \$100,000,000 of its 5% series C bonds which the Commission recently authorized to be issued.

Commuter Rate Hearing to be Held Jan. 21.—The New York P. S. Commission announced Jan. 7 that it will resume public hearings Jan. 21 and 22 on the application of the road for permission to increase its commutation rates.

Some months ago, following public hearings on the application, the Commission held that the company had not sufficiently proved its case and allowed the application. The company is seeking an increase of 40% in combination rates on its lines entering N. Y. City.—V. 134, p. 134.

Norfolk & Western Ry.—Recapture Case Feb. 15.—Road Prepared to Fight Government's Attempt to Collect \$40,000,000 on Earnings Since 1924.—

A fight backed by months of preparation will be opened before the I.-S. C. Commission Feb. 15 by the company against the Government's attempt to recapture \$40,000,000 from its annual earnings since 1924. The recapture case was scheduled for Jan. 5 but on the request of the carrier it was postponed until Feb. 15.—V. 133, p. 2926.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Construction Program.—The company has started a freight-car construction program involving \$4,500,000. Building of 500 box cars is under way at Laurel, Mont. The shops at South Tacoma, Wash., are turning out 1,000 refrigerator cars and the shops at Brainerd, Minn., 1,000 box cars.

Receives \$5,000,000 Special Div.—The Northwestern Improvement Co., all of whose \$24,800,000 outstanding capital stock is owned by the Northern Pacific Ry., has declared a special dividend of \$5,000,000 in addition to the regular annual dividend of 4% (amounting to \$922,000). In Dec. 1929, the Improvement company paid a special dividend totaling \$3,500,000.

The \$5,000,000 special dividend is equivalent to \$2.01 per share on the outstanding 2,480,000 shares of capital stock of the Northern Pacific Ry. V. 133, p. 4327.

Northern Pacific Terminal Co. of Oregon.—Tenders.—The City Bank Farmers Trust Co., as trustee, is requesting tenders for the sale to the sinking fund of 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1933. The amount available for purchase of such bonds is \$131,937, the redemption to be effected at not exceeding a premium of 10% upon the principal. Offers of bonds must be presented to the trustee before 12 o'clock noon on Monday, Jan. 18 1932.—V. 133, p. 951.

Pere Marquette Ry.—Acquisition Approved.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to acquire control of the Manistee & Northeastern Ry. by purchase of capital its stock and by lease. The line extends from Manistee to Traverse City, Mich., a distance of 71 miles, and there are about 20 miles of branch lines. It also leases and operates a 24-mile branch extending from Hatch's Crossing on its own line to Northport, Mich.

A condition attached to order requires the Pere Marquette to maintain existing through routes and joint rates now in effect between the Manistee and the Northeastern Ry. and other carriers, until otherwise ordered by the Commission.—V. 133, p. 2601.

Railroad Receiverships and Foreclosure Sales in 1931.—The "Railway Age" of Jan. 2 said in part:

Nineteen railroads with \$432,151,526 of securities outstanding were placed in receivership in 1931—the largest number of companies to have this misfortune in any year since 1917 when an equal number fell to the care of the courts. The securities affected, however, did not reach as high a total as they did in 1925 when the Milwaukee receivership was declared. The mileage—5,195—of roads placed in receivership in 1931 was the largest since 1925. The total mileage—12,796—in the hands of receivers at the end of the year was the largest since 1927.

Of the roads which entered receivers' hands in 1931 the largest were the Wash and the Florida East Coast. The Wash's subsidiary, the Ann Arbor, followed it. Three other important receiverships, those of the Georgia Florida & Alabama, the Florida Western & Northern and the Seaboard-All Florida, were repercussions of the receivership of the parent company, the Seaboard Air Line, which was declared at the end of 1930. Other companies, operating over 100 miles of line, which came into the hands of the courts were the Chicago Attica & Southern, the Fort Smith & Western and the Ulster & Delaware. The latter company is being acquired by the New York Central.

Railroads in the Hands of Receivers on Dec. 31 1931.

Road—	Mileage Operated.	Mileage Owned.	Date of Receivership.
a Alabama Florida & Gulf	32	32	June 23 1924
Ann Arbor	294	294	Dec. 4 1931
Apache Ry.	72	72	Sept. 29 1931
California & Oregon Coast	15	15	Feb. 19 1925
Cape Girardeau Northern	13	104	Apr. 14 1914
Caro Northern	17	17	July 23 1919
Chesterfield & Lancaster	37	35	Apr. 14 1931
Chicago Attica & Southern	155	140	Aug. 5 1931
Colorado-Kansas	23	—	July 1 1931
* East & West Coast	48	48	Feb. 2 1931
Florida East Coast	865	859	Sept. 1 1931
* Florida Western & Northern	233	233	Feb. 2 1931
Fort Smith & Western	250	197	June 1 1931
Gainsville Midland	74	72	Feb. 15 1921
Georgia & Florida	464	421	Oct. 19 1929
* Georgia Florida & Alabama	192	192	Nov. 7 1931
Jacksonville & Havana	660	42	Feb. 1 1930
Maryland & Delaware Coast	39	39	July 28 1931
Minneapolis & St. Louis	1,628	1,515	July 26 1923
Missouri & North Arkansas	365	335	May 5 1927
Murfreesboro-Nashville Southwestern	35	—	Mar. 23 1931
Nevada Copper Belt	41	41	Apr. 2 1925
Ohio & Kentucky	41	41	Aug. 1 1924
Oklahoma	40	c39	Dec. 2 1925
Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern	198	161	Aug. 1 1905
Pittsburgh & Susquehanna	18	18	Apr. 22 1931
Raleigh & Charleston	43	43	May 1 1931
Rio Grande Southern	174	174	Dec. 16 1929
Rutland Toluca & Northern	21	21	Mar. 16 1931
Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes	97	97	July 8 1923
Savannah & Atlanta	145	142	Mar. 4 1921
Savannah & Statesboro	33	33	May 1 1931
Seaboard Air Line	4,479	3,442	Dec. 23 1930
* Seaboard-All Florida	184	184	Feb. 2 1931
Tallahassee Falls Ry.	57	57	June 24 1923
Ulster & Delaware	129	129	Aug. 15 1931
Virginia Southern	9	9	May 3 1926
Wabash	2,524	2,041	Dec. 1 1931
Waco Beaumont Trinity & Sabine	115	115	Feb. 8 1930
Washington & Lincoln	20	20	Oct. 21 1930
Wichita Northwestern	100	100	Nov. 10 1922
Winifrede	11	11	Mar. 15 1927
Wisconsin Waterville & Farmington	44	44	Nov. 13 1930

* Leased to Seaboard Air Line. a Receivership terminated in March 1929, but reorganization not yet affected. b This company has the right to operate over the line of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy between Jacksonville and Waverly, a distance of 17.95 miles. c Includes leased line also.—V. 132, p. 308.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Omits Preferred Dividend.—The directors on Jan. 8 took no action on the quarterly dividend which ordinarily is payable about Feb. 1 on the outstanding \$49,157,400 6% non-cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The board had previously met last month and although it was scheduled to act on the dividend, no consideration was given to the matter.

On Nov. 12 1930, the directors declared four quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% each on the pref. stock for the entire year 1931 (see V. 131, p. 3203).

St. Louis Tax Payment Deferred—Will Have 60 Days Extra to Make Payment.—

A press dispatch from St. Louis Jan. 5 had the following: Edmund Koel, tax collector for St. Louis, stated that he had consulted with Attorney-General Stratton Shartel and they had decided to grant a 60-day extension to the company for the payment of its taxes which became due Jan. 1. The company announced it was without funds to meet its taxes in Missouri and other states and asked for an extension of time. Under Missouri statutes a collector is required to file suits against public utilities which fail to pay taxes three days after they fall due.

In connection with the tax payments, E. T. Miller, Vice-President and General Manager, is quoted as follows:

"Reports referring to the non-payment of company's taxes are misleading. The company has money to pay its taxes, but on account of a bond interest payment due Jan. 1 in sum of \$2,450,000 and of an installment on its equipment trust obligation payable Jan. 15 of approximately \$1,000,000, the company felt that better business judgment required it to pay these two obligations and defer for a brief period the payment of the taxes involved."

In three states out of nine in which the company operates its taxes became delinquent Jan. 1, namely: Missouri \$750,000, Alabama \$163,000 and Kansas \$705,000.

Except for the amount due for taxes, it is said that the Frisco has available sufficient funds to meet fixed obligations until March 1. By that time, it is expected, the company will have recourse to the proceeds collected by the roads through the higher freight rates, which became effective Jan. 4 under the pooling arrangement suggested by the I.-S. C. Commission for aiding weak roads to meet fixed charges.—V. 133, p. 4327.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Jan. 1 Interest On Underlying Bonds Not Paid.—

The interest due Jan. 1 1932, on (a) \$3,000,000 Carolina Central RR. guaranteed 1st consol. mtge. 4s, due 1949; (b) \$4,372,000 Florida Central & Peninsular RR. 1st consol. mtge. 5s, due 1943, and (c) \$6,085,000 Georgia & Alabama Ry. 1st mtge. consol. 5s, due 1945, was not paid.—V. 134, p. 135.

Southern Pacific Co.—Employees Return to Work.—Approximately 5,560 locomotive and car shopmen returned to work on Jan. 5 on a four-day-week basis at shops throughout the Southern Pacific System. The order affected 1,600 workers of Sacramento, 1,100 at Los Angeles, 700 at El Paso, 600 at South San Francisco, 400 at Oakland,

Community Water Service Co.—Omits Dividend.—The directors have decided to omit the semi-ann. dividend ordinarily payable Feb. 1 on the common stock, no par value. In Feb. and Aug. of 1930 and 1931, semi-ann. distributions of 3% each were made on this issue in common stock or non-interest bearing scrip. An initial cash dividend of 12½¢. per share was also paid on June 15 1931.—V. 133, p. 119.

Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.—Now Owns Over 99½% of Stock of New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Co.—See latter below.—V. 133, p. 3787.

Derby Gas & Electric Corp.—Earnings.—For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2602.

Detroit Edison Co.—Budget for 1932.—The company's tentative budget for 1932 calls for an expenditure of between \$36,000,000 and \$37,000,000, of which more than \$28,000,000 will be required for operation and maintenance and from \$8,000,000 to \$9,000,000 for new construction work.—V. 133, p. 4157.

Detroit Motor Bus Co.—Offers to Sell.—The company has offered to sell to the Detroit Street Ry., 92 buses, 3.25 acres of land, and garage and office buildings with shipping facilities, for \$650,000. The offer will be placed before the council with recommendation of the Street Railway Commission that it be accepted. The company proposes that the purchase price be paid either by delivery of 10-year 5% bonds of the City of Detroit of a total par value of \$650,000, or on a rental basis with monthly payments, the outstanding principle to bear 6% interest.—V. 134, p. 136.

Eastern Utilities Investing Corp.—Transfer Agent.—The Harris Forbes Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent.—V. 133, p. 4157.

Engineers Public Service Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for month and 12 months ended Nov. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Comparative Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

1931.		1930.		1931.		1930.	
Assets—		Liabilities—		Assets—		Liabilities—	
Prop. plant, &c.	325,474,647	310,370,522	Preferred stock	41,075,434	41,074,339		
Investments	14,984,203	10,063,402	Pref. stock scrip	696	1,791		
Cash	6,095,692	4,709,533	Common stock	58,057,152	58,052,862		
Notes receivable	421,451	314,859	Com. stk. scrip	6,042	7,332		
Accts. receivable	7,347,106	7,706,351	Const. cos.				
Mat'ls & suppl.	3,080,717	3,454,123	Pref. stock	71,332,659	72,437,433		
Prepayments	771,331	879,119	Prem. on stk.	103,703	108,868		
Subscr. to stock	25,234	110,219	Stk. subs. for.	48,596	321,446		
Sinking funds	7,894,162	7,304,008	Bonds	152,563,800	138,424,000		
Special deposits	497,297	581,592	Coupon notes	3,000,000	3,000,000		
Unamort'd debt			Notes payable	11,808,897	1,577,029		
disc't. & exp.	8,271,209	7,022,998	Accts. payable	1,317,688	1,883,610		
Unadj. debits	638,256	981,422	Accounts not yet due	4,088,801	4,573,337		
Treasury stock		324	Divs. declared	2,410,205	2,843,274		
			Retirement res.	23,775,611	23,195,157		
			Oper. reserves	302,612	379,585		
			Unadj. credit	781,195	767,263		
			Min. int. in cap. & surp. of directly contr. companies	726,272	778,176		
			Earned surp.	4,101,938	4,070,966		
Total	375,501,809	353,498,481	Total	375,501,809	353,498,481		

x Represented by: 158,080 shares \$5 (cum.) div. conv. pref. (1930—158,080 shares), 196,932 shares \$5.50 cum. div. pref. (1930—196,921 shares) and 75,000 shares \$6 cum. div. pref. (1930—75,000 shares), all of no par value. y Represented by: 1,909,732 shares (1930—1,909,503 shares) of no par value. z Excludes surplus of constituent companies accumulated prior to acquisition in an aggregate amount of \$8,976,053 (1930—\$8,957,186).—V. 133, p. 3788.

Florida Public Service Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for 12 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2266.

General Public Utilities Co.—Plan Operative.—The plan for refunding the \$4,000,000 issue of 6% notes due Dec. 1 1931 has been declared operative. The plan provides the exchange of the notes for a new issue of \$4,000,000 6½% notes due on Dec. 1 1933. The company is a subsidiary of American Commonwealths Power Corp. see also V. 133, p. 3254.

Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd., England.—Control Transferred to Canadian Company.—See Utilities Power & Light Corp. below.

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2602.

Hackensack Water Co.—New Directors.—Ogden H. Hammond, former Ambassador to Spain, and Philip J. Roosevelt of Roosevelt & Son, have been elected directors, filling vacancies caused by the deaths of Robert W. de Forest and H. Otto Wittmann.—V. 133, p. 3629.

Houston Gulf Gas Co.—Defers Dividends.—The directors recently voted to defer the usual quarterly dividends of 1¼% due Dec. 1 1931 on the 7% cum. pref. stocks, series A and B. The last quarterly distributions on both of these issues were made on Sept. 1 1931.—V. 132, p. 3524.

Indiana Electric Corp.—Merged Into Public Service Co. of Indiana.—See Midland United Co. below.—V. 133, p. 1925.

Indianapolis Power & Light Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3629.

International Power Co., Ltd.—Earnings Well Maintained.—In connection with the passing of the 7% pref. dividend, the directors state:

This decision has been made because of the present impossibility of marketing securities to fund the floating debt incurred in connection with the development of the properties of controlled companies, due to the prevailing condition of the security markets, including those of London and New York, which hereto have participated in such security issues.

Steps will be taken to fund this floating indebtedness as soon as conditions permit it being done on reasonable terms. While this matter is receiving the careful attention of the board, a forecast as to how soon this can be accomplished cannot be made at this date.

Meantime, the business and earnings of the properties controlled by company are well maintained notwithstanding the general business depression prevailing in all countries and the revenues which would otherwise be paid in dividends will be applied to the reduction of current indebtedness. See V. 134, p. 136.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corporation—Affiliated Company Increases Service.—

For the year ended Dec. 31 the Compania Telefonica Nacional de Espana, an associated company, reported a net increase of 28,000 telephones, bringing total to 240,000. Orders are pending for 5,000 more.

When operation of the Spanish telephone system was taken over by the corporation's Spanish associate in 1924 there were but 90,000 telephones in Spain. Since that time the plant has been entirely rebuilt and is one of the most up-to-date in Europe. During 1931 two large central offices were changed from manual to automatic systems ("Wall Street Journal").—V. 133, p. 3966.

Interstate Power Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2602.

Kutztown & Fleetwood St. Ry.—Jan. 1 Maturity.—The company informs us that the \$200,000 5% bonds due Jan. 1 1932 are all (100%) in the hands of affiliated companies and will be surrendered and mortgage cancelled in the not far distant future.

Lawrence Gas & Electric Co.—Larger Dividend.—This company, a part of the New England Power Association, has declared a quarterly dividend of 90 cents per share, payable Jan. 13 to holders of record Jan. 6. Heretofore the company has paid 65 cents per share each quarter.—V. 133, p. 1125.

Lehigh Telephone Co.—Tenders.—The Markle Banking & Trust Co., trustee, 8 West Broad St., Hazleton, Pa., will until Feb. 1 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. mgtg. bonds dated July 1 1924, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$37,500, at a price not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 133, p. 287.

Lincoln Telephone Securities Co.—Correction.—The directors declared quarterly dividends of 50c. per share (not 25c. per share as previously stated), on the no par class A common stock and 15c. per share on the no par class B common stock, in addition to the regular quar. div. of 1¼% on the 6% pref. stock, all payable Jan. 10 to holders of record Dec. 31. Previously the company made quarterly distributions of 50c. per share on the class A common and 25c. per share on the class B common stock.—V. 134, p. 136.

Lowell Electric Light Corp.—Larger Dividend.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 90c. per share, payable Jan. 13 to holders of record Jan. 4. Heretofore, quarterly distributions of 65c. per share had been made.

This company is a unit of the New England Power Association.—V. 132, p. 4240.

Maritime Coal, Ry. & Power Co., Ltd.—Control Transferred to Canadian Company.—See Utilities Power & Light Corp. below.—V. 130, p. 2961.

Memphis Natural Gas Co.—Bonds Offered.—N. W. Harris Co., Inc., are offering \$750,000 1st mgtg. 6% 5-year sinking fund bonds at 94½ and int., to yield 7.33%.

Dated Jan. 1 1932; due Jan. 1 1937. Int. payable J. & J. in Chicago at office of Harris Trust & Savings Bank, trustee. Denom. \$1,000. Red. as a whole on first day of any month or in part on any int. date on 30 days' notice at 101 and int. to and incl. Jan. 1 1934, at 100½ and int. to and incl. Jan. 1 1936, and thereafter at 100 and int.

Tax Provisions.—Company agrees to pay interest without deduction for any Federal income tax not in excess of 2% per annum, and to reimburse the holders of these bonds upon timely application for Penn. and Calif. personal property tax not exceeding four mills, and the Mass. and Missouri income tax not exceeding 6% and 1% on the interest, respectively.

Sinking Fund.—Company covenants to deposit with the trustee monthly, commencing Jan. 26 1932, funds or bonds for cancellation, sufficient to retire all these bonds now or hereafter issued in substantially equal monthly installments by Jan. 1 1937. Appropriate increase in amount of the payments provided for will be made in the event of the issuance of additional bonds under the mortgage.

Data from Letter of O. H. Simonds, President, dated Jan. 4.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware in 1928. Began delivery of natural gas from the Monroe, La., fields through its pipe-line to Memphis on Dec. 31 1928. Company performs strictly a transportation service and owns no facilities either for gas production or distribution. It purchases its gas under a contract from the United Gas Public Service Co. (successor to Industrial Gas Co.) and sells all gas transported through its pipe-line under contracts to Memphis Power & Light Co., West Tennessee Power & Light Co., Louisiana Power & Light Co., Light Co., Arkansas Power & Light Co. and Louisiana Power & Light Co. These contracts extend to 1943 or later and all are with companies under the supervision of Electric Bond & Share Co.

Property.—The property of the company consists of a main 18-inch pipe line from the gas fields adjacent to Monroe, La. to Memphis, Tenn., a distance of 211 miles, together with a 110-mile extension to Jackson, Tenn., a 22-mile lateral toward Greenwood, Miss., and a 20-mile lateral toward McGehee, Ark. Two compressor stations with an aggregate capacity of 7,500 h.p. are located on the main line and a 680 h.p. station serves the Jackson extension. Maximum capacity of the line deliverable at Memphis is 60,000,000 cubic feet per day.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct first mortgage on the main pipe-line and Jackson extension and the appurtenant compressor and meter stations and similar fixed physical equipment. Rights of way, as is customary, are held by the company subject to such farm mortgages as existed at the time grants were received. The McGehee and Greenwood laterals which were acquired subject to purchase money obligations aggregating at the present time \$309,500 are not included under the first mortgage. These bonds are further secured by deposit with the trustee of the gas purchase and sales contracts.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Issued.
1st mgtg. 6% bonds due 1937 (this issue)	\$1,500,000	\$750,000
Purchase money notes		309,500
\$7 cumulative pref. stock (no par)	20,000 shs.	8,537 shs.
Common stock (no par)	1,000,000 shs.	918,680 shs.

Earnings.—The earnings of the company as audited for the calendar years 1929 and 1930 and as shown by the company's books for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1931, are as follows:

Years Ended—	Dec. 31 '29.	Dec. 31 '30.	Nov. 30 '31.
Total revenue	\$1,086,460	\$1,571,857	\$*1,636,165
Operating expenses and taxes	562,538	749,157	742,274
Depreciation	50,000	150,000	166,667

Net earnings	\$473,922	\$672,696	\$727,224
Annual int. charges on \$750,000 bonds and purchase money notes			63,570

Balance

* Rate adjustment made annually under terms of contract with Memphis Power & Light Co. estimated for 1931.

Net earnings as above for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1931, were over 11 times annual interest charges and net earnings before depreciation were over four times total annual interest and the sinking fund charges on these first mortgage bonds.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay part of the cost of the recently completed extension of the company's pipe line from Memphis to Jackson, Tenn. Delivery of gas through this extension began in October 1931.—V. 133, p. 120.

Memphis Street Ry.—Jan. 1 Interest Defaulted.—Interest due Jan. 1 on the \$7,641,000 5% bonds due 1945 has not been paid.—V. 133, p. 641.

Middlesex & Boston Street Ry.—To Extend Bonds.—

The holders of the \$1,938,000 first & refunding mortgage 4¼% gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1932, are advised that a plan has been prepared for the extension of the bonds for a period of 10 years with interest thereon at the rate of 5¼% per annum. The holders of a substantial part of the bonds have assented to such plan. The extension has been approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities.

The company requests bondholders to become a party to this agreement by presenting their bonds to Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., 100 Franklin St., Boston, which will stamp the same as extended, annex 5¼ interest coupons thereto, and return the same to the owners. Bonds must be presented on or before Feb. 15 1932.—V. 134, p. 136.

Midland Natural Gas Co.—Reorganization Plan.—

The debentureholders' protective committee announces that it has adopted a plan of reorganization of the company on behalf of the holders of certificates of deposit and others who may become entitled to the holders of the plan by the deposit of their debentures with the committee. A statement by the committee follows:

Financial Problems of the Company.

When committee first undertook to represent the holders of debentures default had occurred by the company in the payment of its interest payable Jan. 1 1931 on the debentures and proceedings had been instituted by interests not representing the debentures for their appointment of receivers. These proceedings were successfully defended with the co-operation of counsel for the committee. At the time the appraised values of the properties of the company were reported by the engineering firm then managing the properties to be \$1,835,000 and the net income thereof available for interest and dividends after deduction of charges for depletion for the year 1931 was estimated by such engineering firm to be \$113,300. However there were then outstanding upon the properties of company purchase money mortgages or divisional liens in excess of \$1,000,000 in principal amount, all of which were of early maturities. Due to the depressed condition of the securities market, it has been utterly impossible for the company to raise the necessary funds to meet the payment of the purchase money obligations and to preserve the properties as an entirety.

Accordingly, with the consent of the committee, receivers were appointed for the properties on June 19 1931, one of the receivers being E. McLain Watters, Chairman of the committee. Since their appointment, the receivers, with the approval of the committee, have arranged for the continued extension of overdue purchase money obligations: for the return to the holders of certain purchase money obligations of their properties without further payment or liability on the part of the company; and for the sale of certain other properties for cash, using the proceeds thereof toward the reduction of the total remaining outstanding principal amount of purchase money obligations.

As a result of the concerted efforts of the receivers and the committee, the properties of the company at the present time have an appraised value reported by the above-mentioned engineering firm to be \$1,000,200, with outstanding purchase money obligations of the total principal amount of \$389,912. The net income of the company available for interest and dividends after adequate charges for depletion (at the rate of two cents per 1,000 cubic feet) for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1931 derived solely from the properties presently owned was reported to be \$102,261.

Therefore, that as a result of the efforts of the receivers and of the committee the outstanding purchase money obligations of the company have been reduced by approximately \$600,000 with a corresponding reduction in estimated net earnings of only \$11,039 and in appraised values of only approximately \$200,000 in excess of the face amount of the purchase money obligations so reduced. The committee, therefore, believes that the utmost has been done in relieving the company of the necessity of raising funds for the payment of outstanding purchase money obligations and, at the same time, preserving substantially the same amount of equity values and of net earnings of the company as were available from its original properties.

Present Situation.

Company has presently outstanding \$389,912 purchase money obligations or divisional liens which are overdue and the holders of which are pressing either for payment in cash or for the return of the properties covered by their respective liens. As the properties presently owned constitute in the main the best of the properties originally owned, the committee believes that further liquidation would be disastrous to the holders of debentures. In order to preserve the remaining properties of the company for its security holders, it is imperative that a complete reorganization of the company be effected promptly and that new funds to the extent of approximately \$400,000 be raised for the purpose of paying off the remaining outstanding purchase money obligations. Accordingly, the committee has adopted the following plan of reorganization which it believes to be in the best interests of the debentureholders.

Digest of Plan of Reorganization.

New Company.—It is proposed that a new company be organized to acquire substantially all of the presently owned properties of company and that the new company issue for cash \$400,000 first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds for the purpose of raising funds to meet the maturing purchase money obligations still outstanding on the properties. The new company will obtain sufficient cash for working capital from moneys held by the receivers. In addition, it is proposed that the new company also issue in reorganization \$400,000 general lien 4% income gold bonds and 250,000 shares of common stock (no par value).

Capitalization of the New Company After Reorganization.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st Lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds	\$500,000	\$400,000
General lien 4% income gold bonds	400,000	400,000
Common stock	250,000 shs.	250,000 shs.

Rights of Present Debentureholders.—Holders of certificates of deposit are entitled to subscribe for all or any part, but not less than \$100 for each \$1,000 of debentures represented by such certificates of deposit, of the new first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds of the new company at the principal amount thereof payable in cash in four equal quarterly instalments as follows: Jan. 15, Feb. 15, March 15 and April 15 1932. Holders of certificates of deposit who exercise their rights will receive in reorganization without further payment therefor, upon surrender of their certificates of deposit, \$100 of general lien 4% income gold bonds of the new company for each \$100 of first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds so subscribed for, together with voting trust certificates representing 30 shares of common stock of the new company for each \$100 of first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds so subscribed.

Holders of certificates of deposit who shall not exercise their rights to subscribe for the new first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds of the new company shall be entitled to receive in reorganization, upon surrender of their certificates of deposit, voting trust certificates representing common stock of the new company in such amounts as the committee shall determine out of the balance of voting trust certificates remaining available after the exercise of full subscription rights to first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds of the new company, the amount of such voting trust certificates for common stock of the new company being indefinite at this time in view of the impossibility of estimating the number of shares which will be available for the purpose. Holders of certificates of deposit who do not exercise their rights to so subscribe for first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds of the new company will not be entitled to receive any general lien 4% income gold bonds thereof or any other securities in reorganization except voting trust certificates for common stock of the new company as indicated above.

Committee reserves the right to sell all or any part of the first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds or of the general lien 4% income gold bonds of the new company to or through any banking firm, person or corporation or securities dealer, and in such event to pay or give such commission or discount as the committee shall deem proper. In case of over subscription to the new first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds of the new company, the committee reserves the right to allot the new first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds, general lien 4% income gold bonds and voting trust certificates for common stock of the new company to and among the subscribers for the first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds of the new company on such equitable basis as the committee shall deem advisable, giving preference in the premises to such subscribers as may be holders of certificates of deposit for debentures.

Holders of debentures who shall not have deposited the same with the committee under the deposit agreement dated Jan. 1 1931 on or before Jan. 15 1932 or such later date as the committee may determine, shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of the plan of reorganization.

Treatment of Holders of Participating Class A Stock.

Committee has arranged with the Class A stockholders' protective committee to offer to their depositors the right to subscribe, subject to the prior rights of holders of certificates of deposit for debentures, for all or any part, but not less than \$1 per share or a minimum of \$50, of the new first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds at the principal amount thereof payable in four equal quarterly instalments as follows: Jan. 15, Feb. 15, March 15 and April 15 1932. Such stockholders who exercise their right to subscribe for the new first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds will receive in reorganization, without further payment therefor, upon surrender of their certificates of deposit \$50 of general lien 4% income gold bonds of the new company for each \$50 of first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds so subscribed, together with voting trust certificates representing eight shares of common stock of the new company for each \$50 of first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds so subscribed for.

Stockholders who shall have deposited their stock with the class A stockholders' protective committee but who shall not have exercised their right to subscribe for the new first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds of the new company, shall be entitled to receive in reorganization, upon surrender of their certificates of deposit, voting trust certificates representing common stock of the new company in such amounts as the committee shall determine out of the balance of voting trust certificates remaining available

after the exercise of full subscription rights to first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds of the new company. The amount of voting trust certificates for common stock of the new company which will be available for distribution to stockholders of the company who shall have deposited their shares as aforesaid will of necessity be small, the amount thereof being indefinite at this time in view of the impossibility of estimating the number of shares which will be available for the purpose.

Stockholders who shall not have deposited their stock with the class A stockholders protective committee under the deposit agreement dated Jan. 1 1932 on or before Jan. 15 1932, or such later date as the committee may determine shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of the plan of reorganization.

New Securities.

First Lien 6% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds.—Authorized \$500,000, of which \$400,000 will be presently issued, dated April 15 1932, due April 1 1937, Hibernia Trust Co., trustee, a first lien upon all physical properties of the company presently owned, constituting gas acreage, plant and equipment in West Virginia, together with common stocks of the subsidiary companies operating in Pennsylvania.

Net income as of Oct. 31 1931 of the properties to be acquired by the new company after adequate charges for depletion, were over four times the annual interest charges on the new first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds and the appraised value of such properties were over 2½ times the principal amount of these bonds.

Indenture will provide that additional first lien gold bonds may be issued, from time to time, to an aggregate principal amount not exceeding 60% of the cost or fair value of permanent additions or new or additional property as to be defined in the trust indenture provided earnings applicable to bond interest shall have been, for a given period, at least equivalent to three times the annual interest requirements upon all first lien gold bonds then outstanding and those proposed to be issued.

General Lien 4% Income Gold Bonds.—Limited to aggregate amount of \$400,000, dated April 15 1932, due April 15 1947, will constitute a general lien upon all physical properties presently owned, subject only to the first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds.

Voting Trustees.—E. McLain Watters, P. D. Koontz, Charleston, W. Va., and Donald B. Adams, N. Y. City.

Properties of the New Company.

The new company will supply natural gas at wholesale in West Virginia under contracts to Hope Natural Gas Co., Peoples Natural Gas Co., South Penn Oil Co., Monongahela West Penn Public Service Co., Pittsburgh & West Virginia Gas Co., Equitable Gas Co., Manufacturers Light & Heat Co., Cumberland Alleghany Gas Co. and others and through subsidiaries will serve certain domestic consumers in Pennsylvania. 16,308 acres of gas lands are under lease, upon which there are 202 producing wells, selling, for the year ending Oct. 31 1931, 1,244,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas. The gas reserves of the new company will be adequate for its needs.

Co-operation Urged.—Committee urges upon the holders of certificate of deposit the necessity of raising the funds required to meet the overdue purchase money obligations upon the present properties of the company in order to preserve any equity for the holders of debentures. None of the proceeds from the sale of the new first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds of the new company, nor any other cash consideration, will be paid to or received by the committee for its services. The holders of the overdue purchase money obligations are pressing for payment and are anxious to procure the return of their properties in the absence of such payment. It is obvious, therefore, that further liquidation of the company will leave no value for the holders of debentures after the payment of expenses of court proceedings. Therefore, holders of certificates of deposit are requested to make their subscriptions to the new first lien 6% sinking fund gold bonds of the new company.

Hibernia Trust Co., 57 William St., N. Y. City, and Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, are the depositories for the committee.

Committee.—E. McLain Watters, William A. Smart, R. S. Link, G. Brashears, Donald B. Adams.—V. 133, p. 1452.

Midland United Co.—Simplification of Corporate and Financial Structures of Subsidiary Companies Announced.

Another step in the simplification of the corporate and financial structures of companies in the Midland United Company group has just been made possible by the approval by the Indiana P. S. Commission of the merger of the Indiana Electric Corp. into the Public Service Co. of Indiana and the Wabash Valley Electric Co. and the Attica Electric Co. into the Northern Indiana Power Co., Robert M. Feustel, President of the Midland United Co. announced.

The mergers will be accomplished by converting preferred and common stocks of the Attica Electric Co. and Wabash Valley Electric Co. into preferred and common stocks of the Northern Indiana Power Co. and preferred and common stocks of the Indiana Electric Corp. will be exchanged for common stock of the Public Service Co. of Indiana.

These mergers are in line with the policy of the Midland United Co. to simplify and strengthen the corporate structure by merging subsidiary companies into larger and stronger units, Mr. Feustel said, making possible operating economies which increase their financial stability and enable them to furnish more adequate and dependable service to customers. In addition, the financial structure of the merged companies will be materially strengthened.

These latest mergers reduce to two companies what constituted 13 separate corporations only a little more than a year ago. On Jan. 1 1931 the Indiana Electric Corp. acquired the properties of eight small companies serving the same general territory in central and southern Indiana. It now becomes a part of the Public Service Co. of Indiana, thus eliminating nine corporate identities. Merger of the two other companies into the Northern Indiana Power Co. reduces the group of 13 to two.

The principal electric and gas companies in the Midland United Co. group now, are the Northern Indiana Public Service Co., furnishing service across the northern part of the state, Public Service Co. of Indiana serving the central and southern part of the state, Indiana Service Corp. serving towns in the eastern section, Northern Indiana Power Co. supplying service to a group of towns in central Indiana and the West Ohio Gas Co. furnishing gas service in central western Ohio.

These five companies are made up of what were only eight years ago 64 separate corporations. Many of these companies formerly operated properties which were unrelated and not interconnected with others. Since the beginning of the Midland United group in 1923, these companies have been acquired and as rapidly as possible, combined into larger units and towns interconnected with electric transmission lines and in many instances with gas pipe lines. Companies in the Midland United group to-day supply service to practically all sections of the state of Indiana.

Further Simplification Proposed.

Further simplification of the corporate structure of the Midland United Co. group of public utility companies was proposed this week in two petitions filed with the Indiana P. S. Commission asking authority for purchase of the properties of two small subsidiaries by two of the larger subsidiaries.

The Public Service Co. of Indiana asks permission to acquire with the exception of a few facilities at the Ohio-Indiana State line which are used for service in Ohio, the properties of the Liberty Light & Power Co. The Northern Indiana Public Service Co. seeks to purchase the facilities of the Hobart Light & Water Co. supplies ten communities with electricity in the vicinity of Richmond in eastern Indiana. It has no generating stations of its own and its distribution lines are inter-connected with the transmission system of the Public Service Co. of Indiana.

The Hobart Light & Water Co. supplies electricity and water in Hobart, Ind., which already is supplied with gas service by the Northern Indiana Public Service Co.

In each of the proposed purchases, the petitions point out, the properties of the selling company are in territory directly adjacent to that served with electricity by the purchasing company and greater efficiency will be possible through direct operation of the properties by the larger subsidiaries.—V. 133, p. 4163.

Montreal Light Heat & Power Co.—Bonds Due Jan. 1 Paid Off.

The \$6,326,000 4½% first mortgage and collateral trust bonds, due Jan. 1 last were paid off at maturity. Company had set up in New York a credit sufficient to take care of the maturity, some time ago, before the present heavy discount on the Canadian dollar had developed.—V. 133, p. 3967.

National Gas Co., Inc.—Stock Increased, &c.—

Announcement is made that a majority of the stockholders have approved the proposed increase in common stock from 250,000 shares to 1,000,000 shares of no par value, the increase to be effective Feb. 15 1932. Stockholders of record at the close of business on that date will receive three additional shares of common stock for each share then held. The company presently pays a monthly dividend of five cents per share and the directors will meet on Feb. 4 to fix the dividend rate on the new stock.—V. 133, p. 2603.

Newark (O.) Telephone Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors recently announced an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the no par value common stock, payable Jan. 1 1932 to holders of record Dec. 23. A similar distribution was made on this issue on Dec. 31 1930.—V. 119, p. 1403.

New England Gas & Electric Association.—Tr. Agent.

The Harris Forbes Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent.—V. 133, p. 4329.

Newport Electric Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2603.

New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Co.—99 1/2% of Stock Acquired by Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.

The trustees of the Consolidated Gas Co. of New York on Dec. 31 approved the terms of an offer made for minority holdings in the New York & Queens Electric Light & Power Co. and decided to accept stock already deposited as the result of the efforts of the minority stockholders' committee, consisting of George H. Church, William Carnegie Ewen and Fred W. Gwynne.

The offer was left open to the few minority stockholders who have not already accepted it, with no time limit set for acceptance of the proposal. The plan provides for issuance of one preferred and one-half common share of Consolidated Gas Co. for each Queens company preferred share, and one preferred and 2 1/2 common shares of Consolidated for each Queens company common share. The plan is subject to the approval of the New York P. S. Commission. Stock so far deposited will give the Consolidated Gas Co. ownership of more than 99 1/2% of Queens company shares. See also V. 133, p. 3789.

New York Telephone Co.—Spent Approximately \$85,000,000 for Improvements, &c., During 1931.—

Continuing throughout 1931 its program of construction and improvement, the company, according to a review issued on Jan. 8, by President J. S. McCulloch, spent approximately \$85,000,000 during the year for plant additions, betterments and replacements in its service territory, comprising the State of New York and Greenwich, Conn. About three-quarters of this sum was expended in New York City. The total expended in 1931 exceeds the annual average expended for these purposes in the last five years, which amounted during that period to nearly \$417,000,000.

"We are expected at all times to furnish service adequate to meet every public demand," Mr. McCulloch states. "In good times these demands rise quickly to high peaks, they must be met promptly. At all times there is a substantial movement of subscribers from one location to another, requiring expenditures for rearrangements, extensions and replacements. Because of the long periods required to engineer, manufacture and install equipment, we must take the 'long look ahead' and prepare to meet the most probable future conditions.

"To promote employment and to keep our trained forces profitably employed, it has been and will continue to be the policy of this company to carry on currently all construction and other work which properly can be so carried on. Where a force surplus exists, work is being divided among all the employees on an equitable basis. Our employees are loyally co-operating in this practice.

"Fixed charges, that is, taxes, maintenance, depreciation and payment for the use of money invested in the property constitute about three-fifths of the expense of operating the company's plant. These charges are fundamental costs associated with the operation of a telephone system, and are not susceptible of material change in either prosperous or adverse times. Although each expenditure for telephone plant increases our fixed charges, these expenditures must continuously be made and the added expense must be borne by the company during periods of lessened telephone usage as well as during periods of greater usage.

"With such preparation for the future, the company contributes to, and assures itself of sharing in, the renewal of economic growth throughout the territory it serves."

Major expenditures of the 1931 program were approximately \$29,779,000 for subscribers' equipment, \$26,696,000 for central office equipment, \$17,708,000 for exchange and toll lines, and \$10,181,000 for land and buildings.

Among the projects and improvements which, the company reports, were completed or carried forward during the year, those applying particularly to New York City include the following:

Eight new dial central offices were placed in operation in this borough, and the number of the borough's telephones on a dial basis was advanced from less than half to nearly two-thirds.

Teletypewriter service was broadened to include exchange facilities, whereby any subscriber can communicate by teletypewriter, just as by telephone, with any other subscriber in the Bell System similarly equipped. About 825 Bell System teletypewriters are now located in Manhattan, compared with 387 at the beginning of 1931.

The wire system serving the borough's telephones was increased by about 98,000 miles to a total exceeding 3,800,000 miles, practically all of this being underground in cable.

The telephones served by the company numbered about 2,601,000 at the close of the year, approximately 926,000 of these being in Manhattan and 1,757,000 in the city as a whole. Mr. McCulloch points out that a net loss in 1931 of about 21,600 telephones, resulting from the unfavorable conditions, represented a decrease of less than 1%, and that the present total in the company's territory is some 130,000 higher than at the beginning of the boom year of 1929 and about 430,000 above five years ago.—V. 134, p. 136.

New York Water Service Corp.—Over 85% of Noteholders Exchange Notes.—

It is understood that over 85% of the \$2,000,000 4 1/2% notes which matured Dec. 1 has been deposited in exchange for a like amount of new 6% notes, due on Nov. 30 1932. The issue could not be refunded in the difficult bond-market conditions.—V. 133, p. 4159.

Niagara Falls Power Co.—Retires Bonds.—

A total of \$9,662,500 5% 1st mtge. bonds and 6% refunding and general mtge. bonds has been deposited in exchange for series A 5% gold bonds, due July 1 1959, to be issued under and secured by the first and consolidated mortgage given in 1919 to the Marine Trust Co. of Buffalo as trustee.

With \$3,668,000 of the 5% 1st mtge. bonds and 6% refunding and general mtge. bonds retired through sinking funds, a balance of \$5,895,000 remained for payment Jan. 1 when both issues matured. No financing is expected by the Niagara Falls Power Co. or the Niagara Hudson Power Corp. in connection with maturities, to be cared for out of current funds.—V. 134, p. 136.

North American Gas & Electric Co.—Initial Div., &c.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 10c. per share on the class A stock and an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the \$6 pref. stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Previously, the company made quarterly distributions of 40c. per share on the class A stock.—V. 133, p. 2763.

North American Light & Power Co.—Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly 2% stock dividend on the common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 20. A like amount was also paid on Feb. 16, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 16 1931.—V. 133, p. 3464.

Northern Indiana Power Co.—Consolidation.—See Midland United Co. above.—

Northern Indiana Public Service Co.—To Acquire Hobart Light & Water Co.—See Midland United Co. above.—

—V. 133, p. 4329.

Northwestern Bell Telephone Co.—Order Allowing Sale of Telephone Stock Reaffirmed.—

The Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commission Dec. 29 reaffirmed a previous order authorizing the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. to purchase the common stock of the Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Co. from the Tri-State Consolidated Telephone Co.

An application for approval of the sale is pending before the I.-S. C. Commission in which proceeding an examiner for the Commission has recommended against the purchase, holding it not to be in the public interest.

The State Commission last July approved the proposed sale, but the case was reopened on petition of the City of St. Paul, asking that the approval be set aside. A valuation and rate-making proceeding is in progress before the State Commission and it was claimed on behalf of the city that a report by the Commission's engineers indicates that the Tri-State company is now charging excessive rates.

It was asserted also that one of the factors to be considered by a rate-making body in arriving at the value of a public utility is the market value of the securities of the utility, and that the rate case now pending before the Commission will be prejudiced in that the price of the securities on the market will have had the approval of the Commission through its order accepting the prices paid by the purchasing company at that rate.

The Commission, however, called attention to a section of the July order stating that in authorizing the transfer of stock no consideration was given to the value of the stock, or the price paid therefor, or the value of the properties. It was further provided in an amendment to the July order that lower prices fixed therein should be established without prejudice to a final determination based upon a proper valuation. This amendment was said by the Commission to have been accepted by the Northwestern Bell.

"This Commission has heretofore, by a long series of orders," the present order says, "committed itself to the policy that by giving its approval to the sale and purchase of telephone exchanges by one company to another it would not by so doing give any consideration to the purchase price paid for rate-making purposes, and that the question of the purchase price paid can in no manner be prejudiced to the interests of the public or the telephone users, and the Commission should adhere to its policy thus established.

"The Commission, upon its own motion, instituted the present telephone rate investigation because of the price paid for the stock of the Tri-State company by the Theodore Gary company, and, independent of the question of the price paid for the stock, or the ownership thereof, will complete that investigation as expeditiously as it can with the limited funds available for that purpose.

"In the meantime, the Northwestern Bell Co. has offered some reductions in rates to become effective as soon as it acquires stock control of the St. Paul company. To revoke the order of July 21 and reopen the case, would result in the loss to St. Paul subscribers of this reduction in rates, which they might receive until such time as rates are established under the general rate investigation."—V. 133, p. 954.

Northwestern Power Co., Ltd.—Interest on Bonds Being Paid in Canadian Funds.—

The interest due Jan. 1 1931 on the \$10,000,000 6% 1st mtge. bonds is being paid in Canadian funds and holders of the bonds in the United States are, it is understood, accepting the payment in such funds under protest. Under the terms of the indentures, interest on the bonds is payable in American funds as well as in Canadian gold coin.

In a letter to bondholders, Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co. advised them to demand payment of interest in United States money at the agency of the Bank of Montreal in New York. The letter says: "We are advised by our counsel that failure of the company to make payment in American funds constitutes a default under the indenture securing the bonds."

The following statement was issued by Edward Anderson, K.C., President of Winnipeg Electric Co., which guarantees the bonds:

Like all other Canadian companies having bonded obligations payable at the holder's option in New York funds, the present exchange conditions are giving us grave concern.

When financing for the initial development of the Seven Sisters power plant, Northwestern Power Co., Ltd., deposited with the trustee of the bond issue sufficient funds to pay the interest falling due on bonds during construction, including interest due on Jan. 2. Owing to the unexpected depreciation of the Canadian dollar in New York, the trustee is in the position of being unable to pay these obligations in other than Canadian funds. As the Seven Sisters plant is only just passing into the operating stage, the company has no funds to pay this exchange. Winnipeg Electric Co., guarantor of Northwestern Power Co.'s bonds, has reduced the wages and salaries of its employees; it has passed its common and preference stock dividends, and does not feel justified in attempting at this time under present economic conditions to provide additional funds for Northwestern Power Co. to pay in New York exchange.

Winnipeg Electric Co.'s interest coupons maturing on Jan. 1 on its \$5,000,000 first refunding mortgage 30-year sinking fund gold bonds are payable in Canadian gold coin, and as the regulations of the Federal Government prevent the exporting of gold coin the company is therefore paying in Canadian currency.

Manitoba Power Co., having sufficient earnings during the current year, is paying interest in New York funds to the holders of coupons who require it so paid.—V. 130, p. 621.

Norwood Gas Co.—Larger Distributions.—

The directors recently declared a dividend of \$2 per share on the common stock, payable Dec. 31 1931 to holders of record Dec. 17. This compares with a distribution of \$1.50 per share made on Sept. 30 last and quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share previously paid.—V. 133, p. 121.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Estimated Earnings.

President H. D. Pillsbury estimates 1931 profit at \$7.75 a share on 1,805,000 outstanding common shares based on preliminary income summaries in a letter to stockholders accompanying the regular quarterly \$1.75 common dividend disbursement. On this basis, net profit the year would approximate \$18,908,750 and after pref. dividend requirements of \$4,920,000 would leave a balance of \$13,988,750 for the common stock.

In 1930, the net profit was \$17,652,356, equal after pref. dividends to \$7.06 a share on 1,805,000 common shares outstanding on Dec. 31 1930, and \$8.06 on the average of 1,579,004 common shares outstanding during the year.

Mr. Pillsbury points out that the net loss of 27,485 telephones up to Aug. 10 1931, had been cut down to about 10,000 as of Dec. 15 last, leaving a net loss of about 17,000 telephones or approximately 1% less than there were in service at the beginning of the year.

The company expended \$95,000,000 during 1931 in construction expenditures for additions and betterments.—V. 133, p. 2603.

Pennsylvania Water & Power Co.—Tie-up Completed.—See Safe Harbor Water Power Corp. below.—

—V. 134, p. 137.

Peoples Light & Power Corp.—Alabama and Mississippi Subsidiary Companies Placed in Receivership.—

A receiver was appointed by the U. S. District Court at Birmingham Jan. 1 for Alabama Natural Gas Corp., Mississippi Natural Gas Corp., Mississippi Public Service Co., Mississippi Service Co. and Mississippi Gas Co., all subsidiaries of the Peoples Light & Power Corp. J. H. White Birmingham, was appointed by Judge W. T. Grubb.

All of these receiverships were extended to the respective corporations and companies in Mississippi by order of Judge Cox of the Northern District and Judge Holmes of the Southern District. In the Northern District, Mr. White was appointed ancillary receiver in Mississippi for Mississippi Natural Gas Corp., Mississippi Public Service Co. and Mississippi Service Co. and in the Southern District W. S. Welch, Laurel, was appointed ancillary receiver for the Mississippi Gas Co.

It was stated by counsel who made the application for receivership that receivership proceedings had been made necessary on account of similar action involving Peoples Light & Power Corp. (Shutt), for which former Federal Judge Hugh M. Morris and Harold S. DeLott were appointed as receivers some weeks ago by the Federal Court at Wilmington, Del.—V. 133, p. 3967.

Plymouth (Mass.) Gas Light Co.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.50 per share on the capital stock, payable Jan. 11 to holders of record Dec. 18. A distribution of \$3 per share was made on Oct. 10 last.—V. 117, p. 2119.

Public Service Co. of Indiana.—To Acquire Liberty Light & Power Co.—See Midland United Co. above.—V. 133, p. 4329.

Republic Gas Corp.—Receivership Announcement Expended.—

Friendly receivership for the corporation is expected to be announced Jan. 15, when the 30-day period of grace expires.

Dec. 15 the company was unable to pay the \$467,490 interest due on its first lien collateral 6% bonds, series A, in addition to which it had \$4,333,356 current and accrued liabilities, including notes and accounts payable and installment notes payable.

Among liabilities of the company is a note of approximately \$2,800,000 to Continental Supply Co., subsidiary of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. for materials furnished for construction of a gathering system on its Kansas properties. This construction was necessary in order to fulfill the requirements of the gas sales contract to Northern Natural Gas Co.

Inability to finance obligations incurred in the expansion of properties because of the present bond market and the application of earnings to plant construction were direct causes of the present financial embarrassment.

The position of the bondholders will not be substantially changed if a receiver is appointed, it was pointed out, except that the appointment may help preserve the assets.

The \$7,029,000 of first lien collateral 6% convertible bonds, series A, and the \$762,500 principal amount of these bonds issued and pledged to secure notes of the corporation are secured by deposit of the capital stocks and first mortgage on the properties of substantially all the subsidiaries and 87 1/2% of the capital stock of the Missouri Valley Gas Co.

The company covenanted, when issuing the bonds, to acquire the capital stocks of the Argus Production Co. and Western Production Co. and first mortgage bonds representing 60% of the value of the properties of these two companies.

Any change in present financial position or avoidance of receivership is unlikely because of inability to undertake financing in this market. Under present conditions it is considered likely that the 30-day grace period will expire without action being taken and that a bondholders' protective committee will be organized at that time (Chicago "Journal of Commerce").—V. 133, p. 2268.

Rhine-Westphalia Electric Power Corp. (Rheinisch-Westfälisches Elektrizitätswerk Aktien-Gesellschaft, Germany).—Dividend Decreased.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.06 per share on the American shares, payable Jan. 22 to holders of record Jan. 15. On Dec. 17 1930 the company paid a dividend of \$2.14 per share, on Jan. 4 1930 \$2.16, and on Dec. 1 1928 \$1.92 per share.—V. 133, p. 3790.

Safe Harbor Water Power Corp.—Huge New Electric Power Tie-up Completed.—

A new 66,000-volt electric transmission line tying up the new hydro-electric power station of this corporation on the Susquehanna River, with the 66,000-volt line now operated by the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. between Holtwood and Lancaster, Pa., has just been completed, it was announced on Jan. 4.

Completion of this line further extends the outlet for electricity generated at the new Safe Harbor plant as it connects the latter with the entire 66,000-volt transmission net work of the Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. This network supplies the Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. (Lancaster division), Edison Light & Power Co. (York) and the Chester Valley Electric Co. (Coatesville). It will also make possible the delivery of energy from the Safe Harbor power plant to the Metropolitan Edison Co. over an interconnection recently completed with that company's line at York, Pa.

The \$30,000,000 Safe Harbor power plant was undertaken with the electrification of the Pennsylvania RR. in view and will furnish power to Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore, which has contracted to furnish the entire requirements for the Pennsylvania's electrification project between Havre de Grace, Md., and Washington, D. C. The Safe Harbor plant is connected with the Baltimore company's system by a 220,000-volt transmission line. Rights of way have been obtained for a second line to Baltimore which will probably be built in 1933.

The complete network of Pennsylvania Water & Power Co. transmission lines tie together power stations of the Consolidated Gas Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore, Pennsylvania Water & Power Co., and Safe Harbor Water Power Corp., which, when the initial Safe Harbor installation is completed, will have a combined installed capacity of approximately 750,000 hp., thus establishing a most important new supply of power for the territories served by these companies. These power resources can readily be increased to over 1,000,000 hp. with comparatively only small increase in investment.—V. 133, p. 3967.

Southern California Edison Co., Ltd.—Time Limit for Bond Sale Extended.—

The company has been authorized by the California RR. Commission to extend the time to July 31 1932, in which it may sell \$8,000,000 refunding mortgage 4 1/2% of 1935, previously authorized.

The Commission also granted the company permission to extend the time to Dec. 31 1932 in which to sell the balance of preferred issues authorized under previous orders.—V. 133, p. 2929.

Southern Sierras Power Co.—Plans to Issue Bonds.—

The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for permission to issue and sell \$1,202,000 of 1st & ref. mtge. bonds. The proceeds will be used to refund existing funded debt and to reimburse the company for addition and betterments already made.—V. 132, p. 1032.

Standard Power & Light Corp.—Earnings.—

Income Statement Year Ended Oct. 31 1931.	
Gross income	\$4,807,066
Expenses	33,280
Interest on loans and notes payable	3,750
Miscellaneous taxes paid and accrued	11,363
Balance to undivided profits	\$4,758,692
Undivided profits, Jan. 1 1931	2,071,410
Total income	\$6,830,102
Dividends paid and accrued on \$7 cumulative preferred stock	1,283,333
Dividends paid and accrued on common stock	2,200,000
Dividends paid and accrued on series B common stock	733,333
Balance surplus	\$2,613,438

Balance Sheet As of Oct. 31 1931.	
Resources—	Liabilities—
Cash—in banks	Preferred div. pay. Nov. 2
Investments (at cost)	Common & series B div. pay.
Accrued income receivable	Dec. 1
Organization expense	Common & series B div. acer
	Delaware franchise tax pay.
	Miscellaneous current liab.
	\$7 cum. pref. stock (220,000 shares)
	Common (1,320,000 shares)
	Common series B (440,000 shares)
	Capital surplus
	Undivided profits
Total	Total
\$159,433,540	\$159,433,540

* This represents 220,000 shares of Standard Gas & Electric Co. \$7 cum. prior preference stock and 1,160,000 shares of the common stock of the same company.

In addition there are represented small holdings in some of the subsidiaries of that company, namely, Louisville Gas & Electric Co., Mountain States Power Co., Philadelphia Co., and Southern Colorado Power Co.—V. 133, p. 3968.

Telluride (Colo.) Power Co.—Omits Dividend.—The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Jan. 20 on the common stock, par \$1. Previously, the company paid regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on this issue.—V. 95, p. 485.

Texas-Louisiana Power Co.—Receivership.—The properties of the company and 11 subsidiaries were placed in receivership Jan. 2 by order of Federal Judge J. C. Wilson at Fort Worth. A. P. Barrett of Fort Worth and Wiley F. Corl of Philadelphia were appointed receivers.—V. 132, p. 4590.

Toledo Edison Co.—December Output Off.—

Period End. Dec. 31— 1931—	Month—1930.	1931—12 Mos.—1930.
Output (in kw. h.)	38,500,000	41,500,000 450,000,000 468,000,000
	—V. 133, p. 3257.	

Tonawanda Power Co.—Stock Reduced.—

The company has reduced its capital from 80,000 to 50,000 shares. This change merely winds up action taken four years ago in which the pref. stock was retired.—V. 124, p. 113.

Trappe & Limerick Street Ry.—Sale.—

A Aaronson of New York Jan. 7 purchased the road for \$25,000 under a mortgage foreclosure action brought by the Real Estate Title and Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee, which alleged that \$21,500 was due as interest on bonds. The total indebtedness of the company was placed at \$271,000, consisting of \$250,000 of bonds and the interest.

Tri-State Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Sale to Northwestern Reaffirmed.—See Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. above.—V. 133, p. 2268, 1290.

United Gas Improvement Co.—1932 Budget.—

Utility subsidiaries of this company will spend more than \$28,000,000 in 1932 for additions and improvements to plant equipment. President John E. Zimmermann has announced. This money, Mr. Zimmermann said, largely will be spent for the extension of gas and electric service in the territories supplied by the various companies.

The principal companies and the approximate amounts they will spend follow: Allentown-Bethlehem (Pa.) Gas Co., \$126,500; Chester County (Pa.) Light & Power Co., \$118,500; Commonwealth Utilities System, \$879,000; Concord (N. H.) Gas Co., \$18,000; Connecticut Electric Service Co. and subsidiaries, \$3,400,000; Consumers Gas Co., Reading, Pa., \$365,200; Delaware Electric Power Co. and subsidiaries (Wilmington), \$1,377,000; Erie County (Pa.) Electric Co., \$112,000; Harrisburg (Pa.) Gas Co., \$117,600; Lebanon Valley (Pa.) Gas Co., \$28,700; Luzerne County Gas & Electric Corp., Kingston, Pa., \$474,700; Manchester (N. H.) Gas Co., \$50,300; Nashville (Tenn.) Gas & Heating Co., \$314,700; New Haven (Conn.) Gas Light Co., \$256,400; Philadelphia Electric Co., including amounts carried over on uncompleted 1931 projects, \$20,520,000.—V. 133, p. 3632.

United Light & Power Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Nov. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3792.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Earnings, &c.—

With an increase in gross earnings from its British properties and a decrease of only 9-10ths of 1% in the gross of its American utility properties, this corporation (for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931), shows public utility earnings to have been maintained on practically an even basis with the corresponding previous 12 months.

Net income available for dividends was \$6,325,028 equivalent to \$38.92 per share on pref. stock, \$3.22 per share on class A stock and 56 cents per share on class B and common stock outstanding as compared with \$8,007,911 for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1930 when the applicable earnings equalled \$49.27 on the pref. stock, \$4.71 per share on the class A stock, and \$1.32 on the class B and common stock.

The loss in net income in the face of maintenance of nearly equal gross earnings from utility operations was largely due to losses encountered in non-utility operations, which include the St. Louis Gas & Coke Co., engaged in the pig iron business, which industry has been at a low ebb for the year past.

For income statement for 12 months ended Sept. 30 1931 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

President Harley L. Clarke, in his letter to stockholders accompanying the report, says:

The consolidated balance sheet of your company and of its subsidiary and controlled companies shows cash of \$12,424,926 as compared with \$12,039,130 at June 30. The total current assets are \$53,128,612, while current liabilities are \$27,234,385, exclusive of \$1,600,000 notes payable, which are to be liquidated on the sale of treasury securities in amount of \$4,964,979. These notes payable of \$1,600,000 are not included in the current liabilities because the contra-treasury securities could not properly be included under current assets. The notes payable of your company, included in the \$27,234,385.58 current liabilities figures, total \$13,677,054, exclusive of a contingent liability of \$2,320,025 on notes receivable discounted of other public utility companies not affiliated with your company. The increase in the notes payable is accounted for by increased bank loans of Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd. These increased loans are more than offset by an increase in the consolidated property account of nearly \$9,000,000, \$4,000,000 of this increase being in the English subsidiaries.

During the period between June 30 and Sept. 30, your company acquired a large block of securities of a number of its subsidiaries at a cost materially less than the price at which they were originally issued and at the same time acquired securities of another public utility company not affiliated with your company, paying 25% of the purchase price in cash and issuing notes maturing in equal amounts in 12, 18 and 24 months from Sept. 10 1931.

On Oct. 22 1931 your company incorporated the Utilities Power & Light Corp., Ltd., of Canada, for the purpose of placing all of the English and Canadian investments held by the Utilities Power & Light Corp. in one subsidiary company. The latter corporation therefore exchanged the stock of the Greater London & Counties Trust, Ltd., Ontario Share Gas Co., Ltd., and Maritime Coal, Ry. & Power Co., Ltd., for all of the common stock (100,000 shares of no par value) of the new Canadian company. It also transferred the advances due from English and Canadian companies and the investments in non-affiliated British companies in exchange for demand notes of the new Canadian company. The incorporation of the Utilities Power & Light Corp., Ltd., does not in any way change the investment of your company in the British companies.

During the 12 months covered by this report, dividends on the stock of your company and the earnings per share on the respective number of shares outstanding at the end of the period have been as follows:

	No. of Shares.	Dividends Paid.	Earnings per Share.
Preferred stock	162,534	\$1,137,738	\$38.92
Class A stock	1,610,534	3,314,861	3.22
Class B stock	1,197,883	1,227,667	.56
Common stock	2,146,699	2,090,613	.56

—V. 133, p. 4161.

Wabash Valley Electric Co.—Merges Into Northern Indiana Power Co.—See Midland United Co. above.—V. 132, p. 3149.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Cotton Rates Stand.—Secretary of War Hurley will not remove suspension of the low Inland Waterway Corp. rates on cotton from Memphis to New Orleans until he has fullest information regarding the matter. "Wall Street Journal" Jan. 2, p. 2.

Spokane Plumbers Reduce Pay \$3 a Day Under Employers' Cut.—Spokane plumbers asked to accept a wage reduction from \$10 to \$8 a day, master plumbers have gone their employers one better and offered to work for \$5 a day. The offer was accepted. New York "Times" Jan. 7, p. 2.

Chicago Teamsters Take Pay Cuts.—Members of three teamsters' unions will start work at reduced wages as a result of new working agreements for 1932 made with employers' groups. The furniture teamsters' union

took a 10% cut and the two unions in general trucking business a reduction of \$2.50 a week. The men will get from \$25.50 a week to \$41.50 a week on one-horse vehicles and from \$38.50 to \$44 a week on vans and large trucks. *New York Times* Jan. 4, p. 4.

Syracuse Carpenters Sign Lower Wage Scale.—Officials of Syracuse Local No. 12 of the Carpenters' Union, with a membership of more than 1,000, announced that the union has signed an agreement for a wage scale of \$1 an hour for 1932 or 32 cents an hour under the 1931 scale. *Sun* Jan. 2, p. 1.

Stillwater Worsteds Cuts Wages.—It is the understanding in Rhode Island mill circles that Stillwater Worsteds Mills has again reduced wages in its plants at Harrisville and others centres. No fixed percentage cut has been applied, but the belief is that the reduction probably will average 12½%. *Wall Street Journal* Jan. 7, p. 4.

Coal Strikers to Arbitrate.—Coal strikers, members of Local 533 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen and Helpers, N. Y. City, have voted to arbitrate the question of a 10% wage cut. *New York Times* Jan. 8, p. 8.

Strike Looms for 3,000.—Negotiations for a new agreement between the Pleaters and Stitchers Association and Local 41, International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, have broken down, and it was said in union circles that a strike order to 3,000 hemstitchers and pleaters probably would be issued within a week unless further conferences were arranged with the employers. *New York Times* Jan. 7, p. 24.

Sales Pool Formed by Soft Coal Mines.—A program for stabilizing the bituminous coal industry, which was approved last month by operators representing the bulk of the commercial tonnage east of the Mississippi River, was set in operation when organization papers were filed in Dover, Del., by the Dover branch of the Corporation Trust Co. for a corporation to be known as Appalachian Coals, Inc. N. Y. *Times* Jan. 7, p. 39.

Values of N. Y. Stock Exchange Drop.—Stock issues listed on the N. Y. Stock Exchange declined \$4,411,480,601 in market value in December, according to the Exchange's monthly report, issued Jan. 7. In November the market value decreased \$3,141,381,918. On Jan. 1 the market value of all listed shares was \$26,695,836,532, compared with \$31,105,267,133 on Dec. 1. The value of Jan. 1, 1931, was \$49,019,878,459, making the decline during 1931 \$22,326,041,927. The values at the beginning of this year were the lowest in more than seven years.

Matters Covered in the Chronicle of Jan. 2.—(a) Life insurance sales in United States in first 10 months of 1931 decline 15% as compared with same period in 1930; November sales only 4% less than November 1930; study of life insurance growth, p. 36. (b) Henry Ford acts to aid debt-ridden workers; begins rehabilitation of a village, p. 43. (c) Contest for control of Transamerica Corporation begins, p. 74.

Alaska Gold Mines Co.—Debentureholders' Protective Committee.

A receiver having been appointed of all of the property and assets of the company, holders of a large amount of the 10-year 6% convertible gold debentures, of both series A and series B, have determined that unified action on the part of all debentureholders is essential to protect their rights, and have requested John R. Dillon (Chairman), Joseph D. Gengler, David M. Palley, Arthur J. Ronaghan and Edmond N. Skinner to act as a committee, which they have agreed to do under a debentureholders' protective agreement dated Jan. 2 1932.

In order that the committee may act promptly and effectively, bondholders are requested to forward their debentures to Hayden, Stone & Co., as depository, 25 Broad St., New York. Debentures must have all coupons maturing March 1 1918 and subsequent thereto attached.

After a sufficient amount of debentures have been deposited, it is the intention of the committee to request the receiver, with the approval of the court, to make an immediate partial cash distribution out of the moneys he now holds, which when received by the committee will be distributed to and among the depositors. Series A and B debentures rank equally and neither has any preference or priority over the other.

Chadbourne, Stanchfield & Levy, 25 Broadway, N. Y. City are counsel and Raymond B. Hindle, 25 Broad St., N. Y. City, is secretary.—V. 122, p. 1314.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for month and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 134, p. 137.

Alaska Packers Association.—Larger Pack.—See California Packing Corp. below.—V. 133, p. 3259.

Alexander Hamilton Institute, N. Y. City.—Defers Preferred Dividend.

The directors recently decided to defer the semi-annual dividend of 4% due Jan. 1 on the 8% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last regular semi-annual distribution was made on this issue on July 1 1931.—V. 131, p. 2068.

Allied General Corp.—Certificates Offered.

Announcement was made Jan. 5 of the formation of Deposited Bond Certificates convertible debenture Series 1938, an investment trust sponsored by Allied General Corp. of New York.

The portfolio of this trust, which is of a new type, will consist entirely of bonds which are convertible into common stock or carry stock purchase warrants. Deposited bonds shares issued by the trust are now being offered by a nation-wide group of investment dealers, the current price offering an indicated return of more than 7%. The Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. is the trustee and transfer agent for the certificates.

Under the terms of the trust agreement, no substitution of underlying bonds may be made, but bonds may be eliminated for the protection of principal values at any time in the discretion of the depositor, the proceeds becoming part of the distributable cash. The deposited property cannot be composed at any time of anything but bonds and cash.

By exercise of his withdrawal privilege, the individual certificate holder may withdraw at any time. The trust agreement will continue in effect until Dec. 31 1938, and the trustee's charges are paid in advance for the full period.

One of the prime factors responsible for the formation of this type of trust is the number of convertible bonds of some of the country's largest corporations which in the present market appear to be obtainable at "over-depressed" levels. Confining the portfolio to convertible and warrant attached bonds enables the trust to retain a position as creditor of the respective companies and at the same time enjoy the possibility of participating in future enhancement of the stocks by reason of the conversion or warrant features of the underlying bonds.

Eighteen of the 20 underlying bonds deposited with the trustee are listed on the New York Stock Exchange and two are traded on the New York Curb Exchange. One of each of the following securities constitute each unit.

Public Utilities.—American Telephone & Telegraph Conv. 4½% of 1939; Associated Telephone Utilities conv. deb. 5½% of 1944; International Telephone & Telegraph conv. 4½% of 1939; General Public Service Corp. conv. deb. 5½% of 1939; Niagara Share conv. deb. 5½% of 1950; International Hydro-Electric conv. deb. 6% of 1944.

Railroads.—Atchison conv. deb. 4½% of 1948; Baltimore & Ohio conv. 4½% of 1960; Chesapeake Corp. conv. coll. 5% of 1947; New York, New Haven & Hartford 6% of 1948.

Materials and Construction.—International Cement conv. deb. 5% of 1948; Warren Brothers conv. deb. 6% of 1941.

Chemical.—American (I. G.) Chemical conv. deb. 5½% of 1949.

Drug.—McKesson & Robbins conv. deb. 5½% of 1950.

Food.—California Packing conv. deb. 5% of 1940.

Household Products.—Gillette Safety Razor conv. deb. 5% of 1940; International Match conv. 5% of 1941.

Oil.—Texas Corp. conv. deb. 5% of 1944; Union Oil of Calif. deb. 5% of 1945 (with warrants).

Finance Companies.—Beneficial Industrial Loan conv. deb. 6% of 1946; Commercial Investment Trust conv. deb. 5½% of 1949.—V. 133, p. 2107.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Dividend Rate Decreased.

The directors on Jan. 8 declared a quarterly dividend of 12½% per share on the outstanding 1,360,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 23. In the preceding quarters a distribution of 25c. per share was made, as against 50c. on May 15 and Aug. 15 1931 and 75c. per share each quarter from Feb. 15 1930 to and incl. Feb. 16 1931.—V. 133, p. 3968.

Aluminum Co. of America.—Tenders.—The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, will until noon on Jan. 21 receive bids for the sale to it of 5% sinking fund debenture gold bonds, dated March 1 1927, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$1,001,040 at prices not exceeding 105 and interest.—V. 133, p. 2270.

American Car & Foundry Co.—New Member of Executive Committee.

Charles J. Hardy has been elected a member of the executive committee to succeed the late C. R. Woodin. Mr. Hardy has been general counsel of the company since its organization in 1899 and a director since April 1916.

American Cigar Co.—Minority Organize Committee—Will Meet American Tobacco Committee to Discuss Disposition of Assets.

A committee has been formed to represent the small minority interest of the company in negotiations with the American Tobacco Co., which holds large percentages of both the preferred and common stocks of the American Cigar Co. The committee is composed of Robert Lehman of Lehman Brothers, Maurice Newton of Hallgarten & Co. and John Fay of Farnum, Winter & Co. In a letter the committee says:

"The undersigned stockholders, Messrs. Lehman, Newton and Fay, who have not disposed of their shares, have undertaken as a committee for the protection of the minority to investigate the affairs of the American Cigar Co. and have accepted the suggestion of representatives of the American Tobacco Co. that plans of that company for the management and disposition of the assets and business of the American Cigar Co. be submitted to and discussed with them. It is essential that interests of the minority be represented in such negotiations and in order that our views receive due weight we ask your co-operation and support."

On Dec. 4 last, Clark, Dodge & Co., acting for the American Tobacco Co., offered \$100 for each preferred share and \$80 for each common share of the American Cigar Co. not held by the American Tobacco Co., the offer being good until Dec. 21. After the expiration of the offer, it was reported that 95% of the stock of American Cigar Co. was held by American Tobacco Co.—V. 133, p. 3968.

(The) American Corp.—Semi-Annual Distribution.

On Dec. 31 last a distribution of 22c. per share was made on the American Investment Trust shares, of which 11½% was from dividend receipts and interest on reserve fund, and 10½% out of the reserve fund. On June 30 1931, 35c. was paid.

During 1930 a total of \$1.94 per share was paid on the above stock.—V. 133, p. 1770; V. 130, p. 4610.

American International Corp.—Offers to Acquire International Trust—To Create New Issue of \$3 Conv. Pref. Stock.

The directors have authorized an offer to acquire 66 2-3% of the pref. stock, 50% of the A stock, and 330,000 shares of the B stock of the Reliance International Corp., a general management investment trust with assets currently valued at approximately \$5,714,000. The offer, which is good until Feb. 8, proposes the exchange of one share of American International \$50 par value \$3 div. pref. stock (to be created), and two shares of American International common for each 2½ shares of Reliance International Corp.

For the Reliance International Corp. A stock, the American International Corp. offers one share of its common for each five shares of the former. For the remaining stock, class B, of Reliance International, 30c. a share in cash is offered. The right is reserved to extend the time of the offer one month, by and with the consent of the Reliance Management Corp. At the annual meeting of American International Corp. on Jan. 26 stockholders will be asked to approve the issuance of 500,000 shares of the new preferred stock, which is to be non-cumulative as to dividends until Dec. 31 1936. Sufficient common stock is available to make the exchange for the Reliance A stock.

Reliance International has outstanding 176,714 shares of preferred, on which the dividends are in arrears for the past six months; also 385,000 shares of A stock and 660,000 shares of B stock. Of the latter, 330,000 shares are owned by Reliance Management Corp. The Reliance Management Corp. holds a management contract with the Reliance International Corp., for which American International Corp. is offering, in conjunction with the offer to acquire 330,000 shares of the B stock, \$512,000 cash contingent upon Reliance International stockholders accepting the terms of the exchange for the different stocks.

This will be the first investment trust acquired by the American International Corp.—V. 132, p. 1993.

American Smelting & Refining Co.—Reduces Common Dividend.

The directors on Jan. 5 declared a quarterly dividend of 12½% per share on the outstanding 1,829,940 common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. A quarterly payment of 37½% per share was made on Nov. 2 last and one of 50c. per share on Aug. 1 1931, while from Feb. 1 1929 to and incl. May 1 1931 the company made regular quarterly distributions of \$1 each on this issue.—V. 134, p. 137.

American Tobacco Co.—1931 Operations Satisfactory.

President George W. Hill on Dec. 31 stated in part: The operations of our company have been extremely satisfactory for the year 1931, although cigarette production for the industry as a whole will show a slight decrease when the complete figures for 1931 are available. This is not discouraging, however, to those companies that have faith in their products and that express that faith in constructive sales activity. As I have said before, a large part of that sales activity must be expressed in forceful advertising and in 1932 the American Tobacco Co. will continue the aggressive advertising policies that have characterized its sales efforts during the last few years.

For the 11 months of 1931 for which figures are available production of cigarettes was only about 4% below the production for 1930.

American Cigar Co. Minority Stockholders to Discuss Affairs.—See latter company.—V. 133, p. 3969.

Anglo-Persian Oil Co., Ltd.—Stock Increased.

The stockholders on Dec. 31 voted to increase the authorized capital stock from £24,000,000 to £26,500,000, by the creation of 2,500,000 shares of £1 each.

Secretary John Clark, in a recent letter to the stockholders, says: This increase of capital has become necessary in order to enable the company to implement its offer to the preference shareholders of Scottish Oils, Ltd., the Broxburn Oil Co., Ltd., the Oakbank Oil Co., Ltd., and the Pumpherton Oil Co., Ltd. to acquire their shares.

The offer to acquire the said shares is on the basis of 9% cum. 2nd preference shares of £1 each credited as fully paid in Anglo-Persian Oil Co., Ltd. for 7% non-cumul. partic. preference shares of £1 each in Scottish Oils, Ltd. in the proportion of two to three; 8% cum. 1st preference shares of £1 each credited as fully paid in Anglo-Persian Oil Co., Ltd. for 6% 1st and 2nd preference shares of £1 each in the Pumpherton Oil Co., Ltd. and for 6% cum. preference shares of £1 each in the Oakbank Oil Co., Ltd., in the proportion of two to three and for 6% cum. preference shares of £10 each in the Broxburn Oil Co., Ltd. in the proportion of 20 to three, to which offer acceptances have been received from shareholders representing more than 90% of the preference shares in each of the companies named.

On the assumption that the whole of the outstanding preference shares of the four companies above-named are acquired the transaction will involve the issue of 233,332 8% preference shares and 1,975,538 9% preference shares of Anglo-Persian Oil Co., Ltd., or 2,208,870 shares in all, which will be provided out of the 2,500,000 new shares created by the resolution.—V. 133, p. 4333.

Associated Dry Goods Corp.—Omits Common Dividend.—Financial Condition Sound.

The directors on Jan. 4 declared the regular quarterly dividends of 1½% on the 1st pref. stock and 1¼% on the 2d pref. stock, payable in

both cases on March 1 1932, to holders of record Feb. 11 1932. Speaking for the directors, President Samuel W. Reyburn declared that while the business has operated at a profit and is in a very sound financial condition, with no outstanding bank loans, the directors feel that the interests of the stockholders would best be served by maintaining this strong liquid condition and omitting the dividend on the common stock, usually declared at this time.

He further stated that although lower commodity prices have caused a reduction in sales volume and net profit, the number of transactions has been very well maintained.

On Nov. 2 last, the company paid a dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock, while from Aug. 1 1925 to and incl. Aug. 1 1931, distributions were made as follows: 63c. per share in the first and third quarters of each year and 62c. per share in the second and fourth quarters.—V. 133, p. 2438.

Atlantic Pacific & Gulf Oil Co.—Receivership.—The "Wall Street Journal" says: The company, a \$2,000,000 concern, and six subsidiary companies, were placed in receivership at Kansas City, Mo., on application of \$5,000 note holder.

Atlantic Refining Co.—Pipe Line Open.—This company has begun deliveries through its new gasoline pipe line, operated by the Keystone Pipe Line Corp., a subsidiary. Deliveries are now being made at Exton, Reading, Cornwall and Mechanicsburg, Pa. The company is considering extension of the pipe line farther west but no definite plans have yet been formulated.—V. 133, p. 2605.

Atlas Drop Forge Co.—Omits Dividend.—The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about Jan. 1 on the common stock. Previously, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 25c. per share on this issue.

Atlas Utilities Corp.—Acquires Interest in Goldman Sachs Trading Corp.—The corporation on Dec. 31 announced that it and its affiliated interests have acquired a substantial stock holding in the Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. Floyd B. Odium, President of the Atlas corporation, in making this announcement, stated that the holding in no sense constitutes control of the Trading corporation, and that the shares were acquired with the knowledge of Goldman, Sachs & Co., managers of the Goldman, Sachs Trading Corp., and that such acquisition does not contemplate any change in the management of the latter corporation.—V. 133, p. 3970.

Aviation Corp. (Del.)—Reduces Rates.—The American Airways, a subsidiary, has effected a reduction in passenger fares on its transcontinental lines amounting to approximately 20%. The new rates go into effect immediately. A comparison of the new and old rates follows:

	New Rate.	Old Rate.
New York to Los Angeles (all air).....	\$160.00	\$200.00
New York to Los Angeles (rail to Columbus).....	159.43	191.43
New York to Cleveland.....	32.00	39.75
New York to Dallas (all air).....	102.45	113.25
New York to Dallas (rail to Columbus).....	96.93	103.18
Chicago to Los Angeles.....	133.95	145.00
St. Louis to Los Angeles.....	120.00	132.85

A 10% reduction, as formerly, is allowed on round-trip fares.—V. 133, p. 4334.

Bancokentucky Co.—Denies Insolvency.—An answer denying insolvency was filed in the Delaware Chancery Court at Wilmington, Jan. 5 by the corporation to the receivership proceedings filed against it three months ago by a group of stockholders. The group includes Frank H. Lanham and Fon Rogers of Louisville. In denying insolvency the corporation asked that the suit be dismissed as a similar suit was dismissed by the Court about six months ago because it had not been proved that the company was insolvent at the time the first suit was filed in December 1930.

The complainants in the new bill alleged that the corporation is now insolvent because it is unable to meet a 100% assessment made against the company by the receiver of the National Bank of Kentucky and the Louisville Trust Co.

The answer admitted the receiver of the closed banks had made assessments against Bancokentucky but denied that any liability exists. It is denied that Bancokentucky own \$3,760,000 stock in the National Bank of Kentucky and it is also denied that it owns \$1,645,000 stock in the Louisville Trust Co.

Bancokentucky declared in the answer it is the holder of trust certificates issued by certain trustees who hold stock in the National Bank of Kentucky and Louisville Trust Co. and declared that its interest was solely a beneficial one and denied the company had any legal title to any shares in the closed banks.—V. 133, p. 2108.

Bankers Commercial Security Co., Inc.—Dividends.—The directors recently declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1½% on the 6% pref. stock, and the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 26.

We have been informed that the public has no interest whatever in the stock of this corporation, all of it both preferred and common being closely held. The \$1,000,000 of preferred stock was recently issued to one individual.—V. 133, p. 3260.

Bayway Terminal.—Interest Defaulted.—Company has defaulted in the payment of its Jan. 1 1932 coupon upon its first mortgage 6½% sinking fund gold bonds, series A. A protective committee is now in formation. Particulars respecting this committee may be obtained from Davenport Pogue, 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, who will be its secretary.

Receivership Application.—Vice-Chancellor Backes of New Jersey at Trenton, Jan. 5 signed an order calling upon the company, to show cause Jan. 12 why a receiver should not be appointed. Pending the hearing the company is restrained from disposing of its assets.

Issuance of the order came upon application of Mark A. Sullivan, representing the Oheraldo Finance Corp. and the Delta Finance Corp. The complainants alleged insolvency and set forth the company had been operating at net losses: In 1928, of \$290,854; 1929, \$234,763; 1930, \$79,468, and in 11 months of 1931, \$269,671, without including certain other sums.

It was alleged that Bayway owed Delta \$2,050,000 on eight promissory notes with matured interest of \$60,500 now due, and that Delta holds \$50,000 worth of Bayway first mortgage sinking fund bonds on which six months' interest became due Jan. 1. Bayway also was alleged to owe Oheraldo \$700,000 on two promissory notes on which six months' interest of \$26,250 due Oct. 26 last was unpaid.—V. 131, p. 2540.

(The) Best Foods, Inc., New York.—Consolidation Effective.—

All activities of The Best Foods, Inc., a division of Gold Dust Corp., and Richard Hellmann, Inc., a division of General Foods Corp., will be combined as of Jan. 2 1932 into one unit, to be known as The Best Foods, Inc. It will be the largest manufacturer of mayonnaise and salad dressings in the country, according to an announcement made on Jan. 4 by C. M. Chester Jr., President of General Foods Corp., and Randolph Catlin, President of Gold Dust Corp.

"We have decided to use The Best Foods, Inc., as the name of the new company," the announcement said, "because we feel that it appropriately describes the products which will be marketed by it now or at any future time."

"The brands of both companies will retain their identities within the new company, but the operations of the two distributing systems will be joined."

The new company will be owned jointly by Gold Dust Corp. and General Foods Corp. and no stock will be issued for sale to the public.

Both executives pointed out that this merger is of parts of their respective corporations only, and that no further amalgamation is contemplated. Jay Gould, formerly Vice-President and General Sales Manager of

The Best Foods, Inc., has been appointed General Manager of the new company. In this position he will also have charge of sales and advertising. Gustav Winkelmann, for years associated with Richard Hellmann, one of the pioneers in the manufacture of mayonnaise, and Vice-President of Richard Hellmann, Inc., will be in charge of all plant operations for the new company.

These plants will include the five—in Bayonne, N. J., Chicago, San Francisco, Streator, Ill., and Norfolk, Va.—formerly under the control of The Best Foods, Inc., and the six plants—in Long Island City, Miami, Dallas, Chicago, San Francisco and Toronto—formerly under Richard Hellmann, Inc.

The products formerly sold by each company individually will be marketed through the improved delivery systems of the new company. These include Best Foods Mayonnaise, Hellmann's Mayonnaise, Nucoa, Best Foods Gold Medal Salad Dressing, Hellmann's Sandwich Spread, and Best Foods Bread and Butter Pickles.

Mr. Gould anticipates an immediate consolidation of the two delivery systems, with great savings inselling costs, and to promote greater efficiency in service. For the present, all plants will be kept going on their existing schedule of production. All brands will be continued as at present.

The Best Foods, Inc., was taken over by the Gold Dust Corp. in 1928. Richard Hellmann, Inc., was taken over by General Foods Corp., then called the Postum Co., in 1927.

Bickford's, Inc.—Sales Increase.—

1931—December—1930.	Increase.	1931—12 Mos.—1930.	Increase.
\$666,671	\$665,874	\$100,797	\$7,867,318
—V. 133, p. 3970, 3633.		\$6,041,777	\$1,825,541

Bon Ami Co.—Extra Class B Dividend.—New Pres., &c.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the class B stock, both payable Jan. 17 to holders of record Jan. 14, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the class A stock, payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 14.

An extra of \$1 per share was paid on the A stock on July 30 and Nov. 13 1929, on July 31 1930 and on July 31 1931. An extra of 60c. per share was paid on the B stock in January 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931, in July and November 1929 and in July 1930 and 1931.

The company has set aside \$400,000 for the payment of dividends on the class A stock in 1932. This amount will cover the \$4 annual dividend on that issue.

Eversley Childs has been elected Chairman of the board and Henry D. Crippen has been elected President and General Manager. Lloyd E. Smalley has been elected Treasurer and Secretary.—V. 133, p. 2765.

Boss Manufacturing Co. (& Subs.)—Bal. Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Plant & equip.....\$1,195,814	\$1,277,673	Common stock.....\$3,250,000	\$3,237,000
Cash.....833,078	1,223,317	Preferred stock.....	662,500
Marketable secur. 366,780		Accounts payable.....	7,506
Receiv. (less res.) 361,232	657,922	Accrued wages.....	13,887
Cash surrend'r val. 84,452	70,468	Tax reserve.....	36,773
of Insur. policies.....		Res. for redemp-	
Investments.....966,719	1,610,234	tion of pref. stk.	28,785
Cash in sinking fd. for redemption of pref. stock.....	28,785	Res. for conting's.....	50,000
Invests., adv., &c. 57,318	33,683	Capital surplus.....	200,583
Deferred charges.....18,177	9,286	Earned surplus.....	374,760
			666,049
Total.....\$3,933,568	\$4,911,869	Total.....\$3,933,568	\$4,911,869

a After deducting \$1,394,986 depreciation.—V. 132, p. 315.

Boston Personal Property Trust.—Earnings.—

	1931.	1930.	1929.
Income received during year.....	\$324,242	\$340,866	\$254,727
Commissions, expense and interest.....	19,784	24,533	19,627
Taxes.....	11,646	8,992	7,919
Net income.....	\$292,812	\$307,342	\$227,180
Dividends.....	260,860	260,860	214,774
Surplus income for year.....	\$31,952	\$46,482	\$12,406
Taxes on capital gains paid were.....	1,774	37,493	9,862

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
U. S. securities.....\$97,812	\$97,812	Capital & surplus.....\$5,031,820	\$5,010,709
Real estate secur. 417,628	417,628	Accounts payable.....	10,500
Public util. secur. 1,246,599	1,189,034		
Railroad securities 1,277,372	1,277,372		
Indus. securities.....1,768,426	1,834,585		
Miscell. securities.....203,924	203,924		
Sundry securities.....1	1		
Cash.....20,057	852		
Total.....\$5,031,820	\$5,021,209	Total.....\$5,031,820	\$5,021,209

x Temporary loan paid Jan. 2 1931.—V. 133, p. 2270.

(A. M.) Byers Co.—Earnings.—

(Including operations of Orient Coal & Coke Co.)

Years End. Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Sales (net).....	\$4,977,891	\$8,012,638	\$10,154,843	\$10,606,362
Cost of sales.....	3,389,650	5,481,366	6,851,721	7,384,622

Gross mfg. profit.....	\$1,588,241	\$2,531,272	\$3,303,122	\$3,221,740
Other income.....	87,321	305,090	623,741	275,816

Total income.....	\$1,675,562	\$2,836,362	\$3,926,863	\$3,497,556
Admin., gen. & sell. exp.	848,299	992,188	1,022,960	922,092
Prov. for deprec., &c.	582,963	587,693	658,025	852,443
Amort. of patents.....	90,909			
Federal income taxes.....		122,644	268,681	145,508
Special charges.....	71,804			

Net profit.....	\$81,587	\$1,133,837	\$1,977,197	\$1,577,513
Preferred dividends.....	397,208	403,550	429,130	428,858

Surplus.....def\$315,621	\$730,287	\$1,548,067	\$1,148,655
Previous surplus.....	5,218,176	5,218,454	3,839,351
Purch. & sales of co.'s stk.		34,843	3,375,045

Apprec. on prop. abandoned prior years, &c.	238,183		
Propor. of cap. surp. (arising fr. reval. of prop.) realized during year.....	35,260		

Adjust. of Federal taxes, prior years.....	3,558	16,289	
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Total surplus.....	\$4,941,374	\$6,238,056	\$5,387,418	\$4,523,700
Profit and loss charges.....			x168,964	y684,349

Adj. of land val. charged to cap. sur. in 1925.....		463,681		
Good-will charged off.....		399,999		
Net loss on prop. aband.	125,845	156,200		

Propor. of cost pertaining to prelim. operations of Byers plant.....	276,325			
Prov. against book value of securities.....	1,208,919			

Profit & loss surplus.....	\$3,330,285	\$5,218,176	\$5,218,454	\$3,839,351
Shs. com. outst. (no par).....	262,135	266,635	266,635	199,340
Earns. per share on com.	Nil	\$2.74	\$5.81	\$5.76

a The net profit of A. M. Byers Co. was \$200,468, but the Orient Coal & Coke Co. net loss of \$121,881 reduced the consolidated net profit to \$81,587. x Applicable to prior year in respect of delivery of common stock under contract. y Loss on abandonment of Gerard blast furnace and Pittsburgh puddle mill.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Land, bldgs., mach. & equipment	\$17,608,127	\$18,012,058	7% pref. stock	\$5,674,400	\$5,674,400
Good-will	1	1	Common stock	\$2,395,575	\$2,395,575
Invest. in subs.	500,000	500,000	Cap. sur. incl. sur. arising from appraisal of prop.	1,318,466	1,389,650
Inventories	2,291,867	2,224,627	Accounts payable	80,070	1,141,586
Adv. pay. on ore contracts	7,375	7,375	Acer. gen. tax and expenses	28,346	61,690
Acc'ts & notes rec.	463,072	720,855	Wages payable	42,860	95,073
Investments	382,376	1,216,689	Acer. cur. Fed. tax	122,644	122,644
Cash on time dep.	500,000	500,000	Pref. div. payable	99,302	99,302
Cash in banks, &c.	500,162	1,895,580	Reserves	499,302	714,697
Patents	750,000	840,909	Surplus	3,330,285	5,218,176
Deferred charges	44,231	36,580	Paid-in surplus	9,070,730	9,070,730
Total	22,539,337	25,954,675	Total	22,539,337	25,954,675

x After deducting reserve for depreciation and depletion of \$1,910,483. y Represented by 262,135 shares of no par value.—V. 133, p. 4334.

Brennan Packing Co., Chicago.—Earnings.—

Year Ended—	Nov. 28'31.	Nov. 28'30.	Nov. 30'29.	Nov. 28'28.
Gross profit	\$304,133	\$687,293	\$837,472	\$1,006,011
Expenses	290,791	341,494	366,021	350,489
Operating profit	\$13,342	\$345,799	\$471,451	\$655,522
Other income	23,469	52,769	68,824	34,416
Total income	\$36,810	\$398,568	\$540,275	\$689,938
Depreciation	95,820	95,930	89,120	87,840
Federal income tax	31,977	31,977	53,234	70,000
Interest	—	—	—	1,489
Net income	loss \$59,010	\$270,661	\$397,921	\$530,609
Earns. per sh. on 100,000 shs. cl. B stock after cl. A dividends	Nil	\$2.29	\$3.53	\$4.56

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Nov. 28'31.	Nov. 29'30.	Liabilities—	Nov. 28'31.	Nov. 29'30.
Land, bldg., equip. &c.	\$1,045,810	\$1,123,240	8% cum. pref. cl. A	\$517,700	\$525,450
Invest. Board of Trade member	34,281	34,281	Class B stock	500,000	500,000
Claim against government	43,616	43,616	Invest. for claims & contingencies	38,717	40,449
Incorp. expenses	83,405	83,405	Dividends payable	35,374	—
Deferred charges	4,629	3,646	Accounts payable	5,902	10,972
Cash	1,061,371	1,304,198	Acer. exp. & taxes	25,553	62,921
U. S. Lib. loan bds	402,063	—	Capital surplus	242,832	242,832
Other assets	44,460	—	Profit & loss surpl.	1,811,075	2,028,879
Foreign drafts	6,794	1,778			
Accts. receivable	108,932	270,320			
Inventories	409,690	487,020			
Total	\$3,177,153	\$3,411,504	Total	\$3,177,153	\$3,411,504

x Represented by 100,000 shares of class B stock of \$5 par value. y After \$1,018,968 allowance for depreciation and replacements.—V. 132, p. 316.

(Godfrey L.) Cabot, Inc.—Dividend Increased.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$15 per share on the outstanding 1,600 shares of capital stock, payable Jan. 30 to holders of record Jan. 15. An initial distribution of \$10 per share was made on Oct. 31 last.—V. 133, p. 2606.

California Packing Corp.—Loss in Operation Reported—

Sales Lower.—President R. M. Barthold, Dec. 16 1931, in a letter to the stockholders, stated:

On April 9 1901 the directors declared a reduced quarterly dividend of 50c. per share. On Aug. 11 1931 a second quarterly dividend of the same amount was declared. For the third quarter the dividend has been omitted (see V. 130, p. 3260). In paying the first two quarterly dividends of 50c. each per share in dividends the directors have reasonable expectation that the year's operations would justify it.

The large carry-over from last year was moved with some profit. This year's pack generally was restricted, being approximately 60% of last year, it was felt that somewhat lower costs and retrenchments in general and factory overhead (these savings amounting to over two millions of dollars to Nov. 30 1931) would enable this pack to be moved with some margin of profit despite lower selling prices. It is rarely that a drastic selling price decline occurs in the canned food industry, but it did occur this year in pineapple. The corporation has been compelled to meet these competitive prices on this commodity. Therefore pineapple operations for the year, while usually profitable, will result in a substantial loss. The margin of profit on other lines is small.

Our export business represents about 10% of our total sales. This year's business has been somewhat affected by the suspension of the gold standard, and earnings on foreign business will not be favorable, but we expect our loss to be nominal and will not affect us seriously.

A decrease of 10% in salaries, including all executives, was made effective Nov. 1 1931. This is in addition to wage and salary decreases which were effective earlier in the year.

Total sales billing to Dec. 14 1931 was \$37,108,708, compared with \$43,189,092 for the corresponding period to Dec. 1 1930. Notes payable are \$9,750,000, against \$16,700,000 last year at this date.

The Alaska Packers Association (in which we have a stock ownership of 83%) packed 778,000 cases of salmon this year, compared with 222,961 cases for 1900. The operating profit on this pack will be subject to whatever adjustment may be made on the carry-over stock values and the insurance fund investments.

We feel that we have satisfactorily weathered one of the worst years in the history of the industry.—V. 133, p. 4334.

Caracas Sugar Co.—Annual Report.—

William H. Clafin Jr., President, says in part:

The principal sugar exporting countries of the world are continuing their endeavors to reduce the excess supply of sugar, and, in pursuance of this object, the production of company was restricted by the decree of the Government of Cuba to an output of 123,570 bags of 325 pounds, as compared with 179,042 bags in 1930, and 212,960 bags in 1929. In spite of this, the price of sugar has remained near its low point.

The grinding season lasted from Jan. 18 to March 9, during which period 12,800,000 arrobas (25 pounds) of cane were ground. Manufacturing costs, excluding cane, were reduced to \$371,808, or \$3.01 per bag, as compared with \$524,131 or \$2.93 per bag, shown for the previous year. The cost of cane per 100 arrobas was reduced from \$2.43 to \$1.79. In spite of these economic no profits can be hoped for until the property can be operated to a reasonable capacity with a fair price for sugar.

Years Ended Sept. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net earn. from sales of sugar & molasses	\$512,297	\$821,489	\$1,334,906	\$1,385,974
Operating cost	619,598	1,031,118	1,260,581	1,358,901
Interest & disc. (net)	158,548	155,713	155,293	158,879
Adjust. for prev. periods	14,186	2,320	Cr. 5,652	Cr. 610
Organization exp., proportion written off	4,185	4,185	4,185	4,185
Adjust. of cost of materials on hand	—	—	Cr. 37	5,305
Accts. rec., written off	24	102	145	996
Deprec. of mach. & equip	163,103	162,940	49,473	—
Net loss for period	\$447,348	\$534,890	\$129,081	\$141,682
Deficit at beginning of period	2,609,678	2,099,788	1,960,939	1,801,170
Res. for adv. to planters doubtful of collection	—	—	Cr. 708	18,087
Dep. of old cane fields	—	—	10,476	—
Profit on sale of Bedrinana mortgage	—	Cr. 25,000	—	—
Deficit at Sept. 30	\$3,057,026	\$2,609,679	\$2,099,788	\$1,960,939

Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Total fixed assets	\$5,057,966	\$5,209,211	7% cum. pref. stk.	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Organization exp.	66,955	71,140	Common stock	1,000,000	1,000,000
Stock in Compania Exportadora de Azucar de Cuba, S. A.	—	1,900	Cap. surp. obtained on conv. of com. stock	2,000,000	2,000,000
National Sugar Export Corp.	192,160	—	Subscrip. to cap. stk. sub. co.	100,000	100,000
Cit. of participation	1	—	Bank loans	2,848,203	2,628,202
Funds for redemp. of ground rents	48,629	47,734	Other notes pay.	977,964	970,668
Stock of General Credit Co.	100,000	100,000	Int. & rents accrd.	101,246	70,793
1st mtge. on lands	13,053	16,091	Planters' accts. pay	431	13,856
2d mtge. on lands	25,721	24,985	Merch. & current accts. payable	7,029	15,065
Supplies at cost	83,840	86,057	Sugar ship. exp.	34,020	42,147
Crop exp. account	22,660	39,330	Amt. due sub. co.	—	754
Prepaid expenses	48,253	62,293	Ground rents	48,629	47,734
Unpl. sugar	172,532	34,453	Accrued taxes	1,600	—
Sugar on hand	—	292,256			
Accts. receivable	80,748	74,237			
Cash	5,247	12,604			
Planters' accts. rec	42,474	88,498			
Planted & growing cane	101,822	118,247			
Deficit (earned)	3,057,025	2,609,678			
Total	\$9,119,122	\$8,889,221	Total	\$9,119,122	\$8,889,221

—V. 132, p. 229.

Canadian Wineries, Ltd.—Dividend Reduced.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 5 cents per share on the no par value common stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31. This compares with quarterly distributions of 12½ cents per share made on this issue from July 15 1929 to and incl. Oct. 15 1931.—V. 132, p. 4770.

Celotex Co.—Annual Report.—

Years End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net sales	\$5,953,405	\$8,557,634	\$10,317,641	\$8,979,856
Cost of sales & expenses	5,426,951	7,560,468	7,697,483	6,740,706
Net operating profit	\$526,454	\$997,166	\$2,620,157	\$2,239,152
Other earnings	114,768	20,331	91,207	69,237
Gross earnings	\$641,222	\$1,017,498	\$2,711,364	\$2,308,389
Depreciation	494,522	479,970	419,115	397,177
Int., chgs., &c., on re-fund debt	227,300	255,448	275,973	322,590
Prov. for Federal tax	—	38,000	182,000	208,000
Loss on foreign exchange	50,000	—	—	—
Special rebates—reduction in price	—	—	355,686	—
Net income	loss \$130,599	\$244,079	\$1,478,590	\$1,380,622
Preferred dividends	—	278,558	365,268	364,945
Common dividends	—	307,636	544,210	461,733
Deficit	\$130,599	\$342,116	sur \$569,111	sur \$553,944
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)	276,510	276,510	205,194	154,635
Earnings per share	Nil	Nil	\$5.42	\$6.65

a After deducting freight allowances and discounts.

Capital Surplus Account Oct. 31 1931.

Balance Oct. 31 1930	\$68,342
Add—Surplus arising from reduction of stated value of common stock to \$5 per share	5,939,001
Total	\$6,007,343
Deduct—Reduction in book value of patents	2,704,699
Writing down invest. in So. Coast Co. to a nom. val. of \$1	2,018,496
Expenses applicable to stock sold prior to Oct. 31 1930	15,768
Balance Oct. 31 1931	\$1,368,380

Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Cash	\$420,747	\$374,054	Notes payable	—	10,000
Receivables	2,023,737	1,509,333	Adv. (secured by accts. receiv.)	219,031	—
Inventories	1,314,979	1,098,708	Accts. pay. & accr. liabilities	317,104	852,382
Capital stock subscrip. employees	—	18,749	Prov. for Fed. tax	117,807	117,807
Prepaid insur. &c	32,707	19,426	1st mtge. 6½% sink. fund bonds	809,500	869,800
Property, plant & equipment	5,264,625	5,625,104	Sink. fd. require. 10-year 6% conv. debentures	1,600,000	1,700,000
Patents & patent rights	3,500,199	6,203,741	Pref. stk. 7% cum.	5,303,000	5,326,606
Inv. in So. Coast Co.	1b { a110,380	1,905,645	Common stock	1,382,550	7,321,551
Adv. to So. Coast Co.	—	147,736	Surplus (earned)	567,809	698,409
Adv. to affil. cos.	—	116,217	Capital surplus	1,268,380	68,342
Deferred charges	151,689	—			
Total	11,708,683	17,129,094	Total	11,708,683	17,129,094

a Includes 37,049 shares of common stock and 200 shares preferred stock of the South Coast Co., then in receivership. b Nominal value. x Less reserve for depreciation of \$2,396,293. y Represented by 276,510 shares of no par value. z Less reserve for doubtful accounts and freight allowances \$106,424.—V. 133, p. 2767.

Cespedes Sugar Co.—Time Extended.—

The holders of 1st mtge. 7½% sinking fund gold bonds are advised by the finance committee that more than 50% of the outstanding bonds have been deposited under the readjustment plan. The committee further states: In view of the substantial support already given to the plan by the bondholders and having regard to the unusual pressure of business incidental to this season of the year, the finance committee has deemed it advisable to extend the time within which deposits may be received to Feb. 1 1932.

Those bondholders who have not already deposited their bonds are urged to do so without delay. Bonds should be deposited with J. & W. Seligman & Co., 54 Wall St., New York, accompanied by a properly signed consent and letter of transmittal. Compare V. 133, p. 3972.

Chain Store Real Estate Trust (Boston)—Omits Div.—

The directors recently decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Jan. 5. The last quarterly payment of \$1.25 per share was made on Oct. 5 1931.

Chicago Daily News, Inc.—Tenders.—

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., 35 Wall St., N. Y. City, sinking fund agent, will until Jan. 18 receive bids for the sale to them of 10-year 6% s. f. gold debentures, due Jan. 1 1936, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$125,435 at a price not exceeding 102 and interest.—V. 133, p. 2933.

Chicago Fire & Marine Insurance Co. of Chicago, Ill.—Merger Approved.—

See Lincoln Fire Insurance Co. of N. Y. below.—V. 133, p. 3634.

Chicago Mail Order Co.—Reduces Prices.—

The company's January sale book shows a reduction in weighted average prices of 28.57% as compared to the like book last year, according to Vice-President Edgar L. Schnadig. The largest reductions are shown in dry goods and working clothes. Anticipating a late winter with consequent last-minute buying of cold weather needs, the January sale book for the first time exhibits a representative line of winter goods.—V. 133, p. 3972.

Childs Co.—Wages and Salaries Reduced.—

Effective Jan. 1, the company reduced wages and salaries ranging from 10% to 25%.—V. 133, p. 3972.

Chrysler Corp.—Over \$55,500,000 Dividends Paid in Last Six Years.—

In a letter mailed on Dec. 31 1931 to the stockholders, accompanying dividend checks for the fourth quarter of 1931, Walter P. Chrysler, Chairman of the board, points out that this distribution brings the total cash dividends paid by the company in the last six years to more than \$55,500,000.

Mr. Chrysler also states: "It has always been the policy of this corporation to welcome the co-operation of its stockholders and in turn to keep them informed about its affairs in quarterly and annual reports and in occasional letters such as this. It occurs to me, however, that the stockholders of a large automobile company like ours, as compared with other companies, have unusual opportunities to gauge the progress of their company, altogether apart from financial and other statements which are sent to them periodically. I refer to the cars themselves. An automobile displayed in a dealer's show room and advertised so the public is itself a report to the stockholders which it seems to me should be of real interest to them.

"Chrysler Corporation's progress as an automobile manufacturer has been accomplished on one fundamental principle: Anticipating what the public wants in an automobile and supplying those needs effectively and economically. The new Chrysler Motors lines constitute a report of progress to the stockholders as well as to the public in building automobiles which in engineering leadership, design, performance, style and quality of workmanship represent as great an advance over the cars of to-day as the original Chrysler achieved over its competitors eight years ago.

"It is that forward looking spirit which has enabled this company during the past year to 'swim upstream' against the current of business depression, to exceed every other manufacturer but one in the first 10 months in the percentage of this year's sales to last year's, to sell in September one out of every five cars sold as against one out of every twelve in 1930, to increase its ten months, percentage of the total automobile business by 34% as compared with the same period last year, and to produce in ten months this year more cars than it did in the same period in 1930, while the entire automobile industry produced 29% less.

"How the New Year's developments will affect general business, which to a considerable extent determines the prosperity of the automobile industry, it is impossible to say. In the automobile industry itself, there are favorable factors of substantial importance. Dealers and manufacturers alike have adjusted expenses more in line with sales volume. Passenger cars are wearing out faster than they are being produced, so that an enormous deferred demand is being accumulated. Trucks are moving only a small part of the freight of the country and the possibilities for expansion in this direction are very great. Moreover, there is nothing in sight to replace the automobile as an economical and luxurious mode of personal transportation.

Shipments Increased During 1931.—Walter P. Chrysler, Chairman of the board, on Jan. 7 authorized the following:

Final figures covering shipments of Chrysler-built cars for the full year 1931, which have just been compiled, show that notwithstanding general business conditions the Chrysler Corp. shipped more cars in 1931 than it did in 1930. Total shipments for the year just ending amounted to 102% of shipments during 1930. This compares with estimated total shipments for the entire industry of approximately 75% of the previous year. Not only shipments of the corporation as a whole, but shipments of each one of the divisions—Chrysler, Dodge, DeSoto and Plymouth—exceeded the estimated average for the industry as a whole.

The greatest gain in shipments was registered by Plymouth, which, early in July, introduced floating power engine mounting, the industry's outstanding engineering development in recent years, completely eliminating vibration. Plymouth shipments last year amounted to 152% of 1930 shipments, each month in the last quarter showing a progressive increase over the last quarter of 1930.

Although it is customary for the industry as a whole to ship fewer cars in the second half of the year than in the first half, Chrysler Corp. reversed this trend in 1931, shipments of Chrysler-built cars in the second half of that year amounting to 157% of shipments in the corresponding period of 1930.

In the Chrysler division shipments for the full year 1931 totaled 87% of 1930 shipments. In the Dodge division total shipments for 1931 amounted to 82% of shipments in 1930. In the DeSoto division total shipments during 1931 amounted to 85% of 1930 shipments. Shipments of Chrysler-built trucks, buses and taxicabs for 1931 amounted to 82% of 1930 shipments.

Complete figures for Chrysler Corp. shipments, by divisions, for the full year 1930 as compared with 1931 follow:

	Plymouth.	DeSoto.	Chrysler.	Dodge.	Trucks, Buses & Taxicabs.	Grand Total.
1930	72,033	36,608	60,549	70,270	23,709	266,169
1931	109,223	31,199	55,212	57,372	17,921	270,927

City Stores Co.—Suit Hearing Put Over.—

Hearing of the receivership suit against the company has been continued for the fifth time in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., until Jan. 13.—V. 134, p. 139.

Cleveland Worsted Mills Co.—5c. Dividend.—

The company recently declared a dividend of five cents a share on the outstanding 143,000 shares of no par value, capital stock, payable to holders of record Dec. 31 1931. This is the first payment since 1924. The dividend is being paid out of surplus.—V. 132, p. 3891.

Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc.—Dividend Rate Reduced.—

The directors on Jan. 6 declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the outstanding 192,391 shares of common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 21. This compares with quarterly distributions of 75 cents per share made on this issue from Aug. 1 1930 to and incl. Nov. 2 1931 and quarterly payments of \$1.25 per share made from May 1 1925 to and incl. May 1 1930.—V. 133, p. 959.

Columbian Carbon Co.—Dividend Rate Reduced from \$4 to \$3 per Annum.—

The directors on Jan. 5 declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. per share, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. This places the capital stock, represented by voting trust certificates, on a \$3 annual basis, and compares with a quarterly payment of \$1 per share made on Nov. 2 last.

From Feb. 1 1930 to and incl. Aug. 1 1931 the company made quarterly distributions of \$1.25 per share, and in addition paid an extra dividend each quarter from Feb. 1 1930 to and incl. Feb. 2 1931.—V. 133, p. 3466.

Consolidated Industries, Ltd.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Feb. 1. Previously, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 20 cents per share on the stock.—V. 133, p. 485.

Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.—Extra Div.—

The company on Dec. 31 paid the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the common stock and on Nov. 30 last an extra of \$1 per share. An extra of \$1 per share was also distributed on Feb. 28, May 29 and Aug. 31 of 1931.—V. 133, p. 2440.

Continental Can Co., Inc.—Earnings Substantially in Excess of Dividends Paid.—

President O. O. Huffman says "The company will enter 1932 in strong condition, with ample cash and no bank loans or funded indebtedness. Earnings during 1931 were substantially in excess of the dividends (\$2.50 a share) paid on the capital stock and during that period the company made a number of increases and improvements in its manufacturing facilities. Substantial progress was also made in co-ordinating the properties acquired in recent years, improving their operating efficiency and effecting economies. The company looks forward to the future with confidence."—V. 134, p. 139.

Copper Range Co.—Merger Completed, &c.—

The merger between the Copper Range Co. and St. Mary's Mineral Land Co. having been completed, the capital stock of the latter, on recommenda-

tion of the Committee on Stock List of the Boston Stock Exchange and with the approval of the Governing Committee, was dropped from the list Jan. 6 1932.

Further, for the number of shares of Copper Range stock now on the list of the par value of \$25 per share, has been increased to 550,000 shares without par value.

The following directors of St. Mary's Mineral Land Co. have been added to the board of directors of the Copper Range Co.: George P. Gardner, Thomas N. Perkins, Sydney M. Williams, John B. Paine and Edward Cunningham.—V. 133, p. 3634.

Continental Motors Corp.—Earnings.—

Years End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1929-30.	1928-29.	1927-28.
Gross profit	\$9,532	\$484,837	\$2,817,017	\$4,649,069
Other income	163,921	178,571	307,914	248,635
Total income	\$173,453	\$663,408	\$3,124,931	\$4,897,704
Interest	-----	-----	201,303	463,330
Other charges	-----	-----	-----	b358,239
Selling, administrative & other miscell. expenses	4340,629	c323,275	-----	-----
Federal tax reserve	1,732,168	2,377,915	2,190,133	2,005,678
Net loss	\$1,899,344	\$2,037,782	sur\$710,535	sur\$1802,835
Previous surplus	2,259,523	9,676,367	11,247,765	10,548,646
Adjustments	-----	eDrs.379,062	D662,146	Cr3,820
Total surplus	\$360,179	\$2,259,523	\$11,296,155	\$12,655,301
Dividends	-----	-----	a1,619,788	1,407,536
Profit & loss surplus	\$360,179	\$2,259,523	\$9,676,367	\$11,247,765
Shs. com. stk. outstand.	2,113,000	2,113,000	2,113,000	1,760,845
Earnings per share	Nil	Nil	\$0.33	\$1.02

a After deducting amount received by subsidiary company. b For engine development and special tools, dies and patterns written off. c Net loss and development expense of Continental Aircraft Engine Co. d Includes \$324,967 net loss of Continental Gas & Oil Co., and \$2,263 net loss of British Continental Motors, Ltd.

Composed of the following: Special charges to surplus at April 30 1930, \$5,583,969; further provision of obsolescence and losses in inventory as disclosed by physical counts and analysis made at Oct. 31 1930, including further adjustment in value of used tools, \$473,038; further adjustments in value of special tools, dies and patterns based upon new analysis made at Oct. 31 1930, \$268,743; further adjustments in value of investments in other corporations, \$53,312.—V. 133, p. 2606.

Cord Corp.—Subsidiary Doubles Foundry Pourings.—

Officials of the Locomotive Mfg. Co., a division of the Cord Corp., on Jan. 5 announced an immediate increase of 100% in foundry production to meet requirements necessitated by the volume of orders for passenger car, aircraft and truck engines now on hand. Foundry pourings will be stepped up to 150 tons daily within five days. Pourings since Dec. 1 have averaged 75 tons daily.—V. 134, p. 140.

Corporate Trust Shares.—Initial Distributions.—

Initial dividends of 9.3 cents each were paid Dec. 31 1931 on the Corporate Trust shares, Series AA and Accumulative Series. (See also offering V. 133, p. 2440).—V. 134, p. 140.

Cresson Consolidated Gold Mining & Milling Co.—Dividend Omitted.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about Jan. 10. From Oct. 10 1930 to and incl. Oct. 10 1931, the company made regular quarterly distributions of one cent per share, as compared with two cents per share previously.—V. 132, p. 318.

Cumberland Pipe Line Co. (Inc.)—\$20 Liquidation Div.—

The company has set aside \$600,000 to pay the first dividend in liquidation, amounting to \$20 a share. The dividend will be paid shortly after Jan. 25 on presentation by stockholders of their stock certificates. A liquidation receipt-certificate will be issued to each of the stockholders with the first dividend in liquidation.—V. 133, p. 3973.

Depositor Co. of Canada.—Smaller Distribution.—

On Jan. 2 the General Trust of Canada paid dividend on Canadian International Trustee Shares of 18.3176 cents per share. Shareholders have the option of reinvesting their coupons in shares at offering price less 5% to Jan. 31 next.

During 1931, the following distributions were made on the Canadian International Trustee Shares. On Jan. 1, \$1.62 1/2 per share and on July 1, 30 cents per share.—V. 132, p. 471.

Dexter Co., Fairfield, Iowa.—Dividend Omitted.—

The directors on Dec. 31 voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Dec. 1 1931. From June 1929 to and including Sept. 1 1931, the company paid regular quarterly dividends of 35c. per share. An extra distribution of 25c. per share was also made on Dec. 1 1929.—V. 133, p. 3098.

Dewey & Almy Chemical Co.—Rights, &c.—

The stockholders have voted to increase the authorized capital stock by creating 9,274 no par prior preference shares. The company has also voted to increase the class A stock from 50,000 no par shares to 65,000 shares. The stockholders are to be given the right to subscribe upon such terms as the officers of the company may determine for prior preference stock at \$66.67 a share and/or units consisting of one share of prior preference and five shares of class A common stock at \$100 per unit.

Holders of the preferred and class A preferred are entitled to subscribe for one share or unit for each 3 1/2 shares of preferred or class A preferred stock held. Other stockholders are entitled to subscribe pro rata for shares or units not subscribed for by preferred and class A preferred holders. Holders of the five-year 6% convertible notes are given the right to convert such notes as of Dec. 31 1931 into prior preference and class A stock on the basis of one share of prior preference stock and 1 1/2 shares of class A common for each \$90 principal amount of notes or one share of prior preference for each \$80 of notes.—V. 132, p. 1809.

Discount Corp. of New York.—Extra Distribution.—

The directors recently declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$2.50 per share, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 31.—V. 133, p. 487.

Dodge Building (53 Park Place Corp.)—Receiver.—

In a suit by Chase National Bank to foreclose a mortgage on the building Supreme Court Justice Churchill Jan. 6 appointed John G. Wolf receiver. The suit was brought against the 53 Park Place Corp., as owner of the property, on a balance of \$1,038,200 due on a mortgage for \$1,200,000, given in June 1928. The suit was brought at the request of a protective committee.—V. 133, p. 4336.

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—December Sales.—

4 Weeks to Dec. 26		Year to Dec. 26	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
\$1,982,482	\$2,071,830	\$89,348	\$25,200,927
Decrease.	Increase.	\$24,118,586	\$1,082,341

—V. 133, p. 4164, 3973.

Duplan Silk Corp.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 6 months ended Nov. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Consolidated Balance Sheet.			
Assets—	Nov. 30 '31	May 31 '31	Liabilities—
Cash	\$663,809	\$807,026	8% pref. stock
Call loans	185,000	500,000	Common stock
Marketable secur.	884,955	1,847,493	Accts. payable
Accts. receivable	836,228	650,873	Prov. for Federal
Inventories	1,938,409	1,617,549	taxes
Sundry investm'ts	85,150	83,150	Earned surplus
Fixed assets	\$4,305,794	4,252,908	19,463
Deferred charges	193,046	204,213	2,973,343
Total	\$9,095,391	\$9,963,214	Total

x After depreciation. y Represented by 287,643 shares of no par value. z Giving effect as of May 31 1931 to the reduction in stated value of its common stock to \$10 per share on July 9 1931, and the application

of the capital surplus of \$3,379,480 resulting therefrom to the reduction of the book values of building, machinery and plant to the original cost thereof.—V. 133, p. 1295.

Drexel Plaza Building, Chicago.—Purchased by Trust.—The building at 5210 to 5220 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, financed in 1927 by a bond issue of \$265,000 underwritten by George M. Forman & Co., was bought at master's sale Dec. 28 by the George M. Forman Realty Trust for \$30,000. The sale followed a foreclosure suit brought against the Drexel Plaza Bldg. Corp. by the trust. Of the original bond issue \$254,500 remains outstanding.

Holders of the bonds on the property will be allowed 10 days in which to accept cash for their holdings on the basis of slightly more than 11 cents on the dollar, or exchange them for bonds of the trust, William G. Lodwick, President of the Forman trust, announced after the acquisition of the property.—V. 124, p. 2597.

Eagle Fire Insurance Co. of N. J.—Subsidiaries Merged. The Essex Fire Insurance Co. and the Sussex Fire Insurance Co., both of Newark, N. J., and controlled by the Eagle Fire Insurance Co. of Newark, were merged as of Dec. 31 1931. Last year Ajax Fire was merged with Essex Fire. The newly combined company will be operated as the Essex Fire Insurance Co. with a capital of \$1,000,000.—V. 132, p. 1809.

Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.—Dividend Omitted.—The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Jan. 20. In each of the three preceding quarters a regular dividend of 12½ cents per share was paid as compared with 18½ cents per share previously.—V. 133, p. 3974.

Eitong, Schild Co., Inc.—Stock Exchange Asks Members for Complete Data on Transactions.—

The Committee on Business Conduct of the New York Stock Exchange Jan. 3 directed members of the Exchange to furnish it by noon Jan. 5, the following information concerning member transactions and position in Eitong, Schild Co., Inc., 1st preferred stock. The questionnaire calls for:

"1. List of all transactions had by you between Nov. 16 1931, and Dec. 31 1931, giving the volume, the prices, the names of the members or firms with whom the transactions were made, the names of the persons for whom you acted and whether the transactions were long or short accounts. Use trade dates and not blotter dates.

"2. The long or short position of each person interested in the stock at the close of business on each day during this period."

The inquiry is a result of the drastic decline in the 1st preferred stock of the company on Dec. 30. The break was one of the sharpest in any active issue on the Exchange in 1931. After opening at 52¼, the issue declined 2 to 5 points between sales and closed at 7½, a net loss of 44½ points.—V. 133, p. 3262.

Equity Securities Corp.—Semi-annual Distribution.—A semi-annual distribution of 12c a share was made on Dec. 31 last on the Equity Trust Shares in America. This compares with 14.30c a share paid on June 30 1931 and an initial payment of 14.25c a share made on Dec. 31 1930.—V. 131, p. 2385.

Exchange Buffet Corp.—Dividend Rate Decreased.—The directors have declared a dividend of 6¼c per share on the outstanding 250,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 30 to holders of record Jan. 15. This compares with quarterly distributions of 37¼c per share made from April 30 1925 to and incl. July 31 1931 and also with a payment of 25c per share on Oct. 31 last.

The company states it has no debts except current accounts, and is not borrowing.—V. 133, p. 3974.

(The) Fair (Department Store), Chicago.—Omits Common Dividend.—The directors on Jan. 7 decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Feb. 1 on the outstanding 375,000 shares of common stock, no par value. From May 1 1929 to and incl. Aug. 1 1931 the company made quarterly distributions of 60c per share on this issue, which was followed by a payment of 25c per share on Nov. 2 last.—V. 133, p. 4336.

53 Park Place Corp.—Receivership.—See Dodge Building above.—V. 134, p. 141.

First National Stores, Inc.—December Sales.—
Sales for 5 Weeks and 39 Weeks Ended Dec. 26.
1931—5 Weeks—1930. Decrease. | 1931—39 Weeks—1930. Decrease.
\$10,257,903 \$10,412,884 | \$154,981 \$80,306,423 | \$81,622,167 | \$1,315,744

The Massachusetts Food Index Number is approximately 16.03% lower than a year ago, indicating our tonnage sales have increased approximately 14½% for this period. During the month of Dec. 1931, 17 retail prices in our line were increased and 42 were decreased, indicating that the trend of our commodity prices is still downward.—V. 133, p. 3974, 3635.

(M. H.) Fishman Co., Inc.—Sales Increase.—
1931—December—1930. Increase. | 1931—12 Mos.—1930. Increase.
\$454,459 \$415,329 | \$39,130 | \$2,641,597 | \$2,268,079 | \$373,518
—V. 133, p. 3974, 3098.

Flintkote Co.—Forms New Subsidiary—To Become Holding Company.—

The stockholders have authorized the organization of a new subsidiary to be wholly owned and known as The Flintkote Corp. The new corporation is to be organized under the laws of Massachusetts and to it will be transferred the roofing business and what is known as the industrial emulsion business of The Flintkote Co. No change in policy or personnel will occur. The Flintkote Co. will thereby become a holding company with three major subsidiaries—The Flintkote Corp., Colas Roads, Inc. (operating the American and Canadian road companies), and Colas Flintkote, Ltd., operating through a large number of subsidiaries, the foreign road business of The Flintkote Co.

The Flintkote Corp. will occupy quarters in the Pershing Square Bldg., N. Y. City. This will be the main executive office, although the financial and accounting department will remain in Boston when the other departments are moved about Feb. 1. The Flintkote Corp. will continue to maintain New England sales offices in the Park Square Bldg., Boston.—V. 134, p. 141.

Foote Bros. Gear & Machine Co.—New President.—Franklin H. Fowler has been elected President, succeeding James F. Griswold.—V. 133, p. 2935.

Fourth National Investors Corp.—Earnings.—
—Years Ended Dec. 31— Aug. 22 '29 to
1931. 1930. Dec. 31 '29.
Interest on call loans, notes, &c. | \$92,663 | \$93,632 | \$200,439
Interest on bonds | | | 6,674
Cash dividends | 685,422 | 774,224 | 146,043
Total income | \$778,085 | \$874,530 | \$346,482
Loss realized on sale of securities | | | 1,147,055
Management fee | 135,711 | 177,531 | 54,995
Transfer agents', registrars' and custodians' fees | 20,329 | 31,708 | |
Miscellaneous expenses | 18,397 | 34,964 | 22,089
Provisions for New York State tax | 22,676 | 26,996 | 4,532
Interest | | | 32,101
Net loss | prof \$580972 | \$421,865 | \$914,291
As of July 1 1930 the method of computing the cost of securities sold was changed from a basis of charging first sales against first purchases to an average cost basis.

Security Profits Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.
Loss realized on sale of securities, based on average cost. \$600,033
Excess of cost over market value of investments at Dec. 31 1930. 6,909,193
Excess of cost over market value of investments at Dec. 31 1931. 11,627,234
Increase in unrealized loss. \$4,718,041

Change in Net Assets—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.

	Total.	Per Share.
Net assets, market value, Dec. 31 1930	\$18,679,651	\$37.36
Refund of State taxes credited to paid in surplus	19,757	.04
Total	\$18,699,408	\$37.40
Decrease for period, before dividends: Net income	580,971	1.16
Loss realized on sale of securities	600,033	1.20
Increase in unrealized loss	4,718,041	9.44
Total decrease	\$4,737,102	\$9.48
Add—Dividends on common stock	550,000	1.10
Decrease for period	\$5,287,103	\$10.58
Net assets, market value, Dec. 31 1931	13,412,306	26.82

Deficit Account Dec. 31 1931.

Security profits surplus (deficits) Dec. 31 1930	\$2,172,250
Net loss for 1931	600,033
Total	\$2,772,283
Earned surplus Dec. 31 1930	\$36,095
Net income for 1931	580,971
Total	\$1,417,066
Dividends	550,000
Balance earned surplus	\$867,066
Deficit Dec. 31 1931 (as per balance sheet)	1,905,217

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1931.		1930.		1931.		1930.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Cash	1,118,828	1,618,111	Accrued expenses	4,600	12,300		
Call loans	1,400,000		Provision for New York State tax	1,000	26,010		
Time deposits with banks	1,000,000		Unearned interest	2,253	1,621		
Short-term notes	800,000		Common stock	5,000,000	20,000,000		
Com. stks. at cost	19,455,907	20,713,870	Paid in surplus	426,444,757	6,925,000		
Bankers accept.	272,726						
U. S. Govt. short-term obligations	2,862,777						
U. S. Liberty bonds	1,248,945						
Interest receivable	20,778	2,817					
Divs. receivable	67,462	72,303					
Prepd. N. Y. State franchise tax		21,675					
Deficit (see other table)	1,905,217	1,336,156					
Total	26,952,640	26,964,931	Total	26,952,640	26,964,931		

a Obligations of Universal Credit Corp. **b** Market value Dec. 31 1931, \$7,883,113. **c** Authorized 2,000,000 shares; outstanding, 500,000 shares, at \$1 par value. 250,000 shares are reserved for exercise of purchase warrants (non-detachable except upon exercise prior to Oct. 1 1934, or such earlier date as the corporation may determine), attached to the outstanding common stock certificates entitling the holders to purchase common stock at \$60 per share until Oct. 1 1939; and 750,000 shares are reserved for exercise of additional purchase warrants on the same terms as the purchase warrants attached to the common stock certificates. **d** Representing the excess of paid in capital over the par value of capital stock, after deducting organization expenses.

The report contains a list of investments owned as at Dec. 31 1931.—V. 133, p. 3974.

(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co.—Sells Subsidiary.—The Franklin Die Casting Corp., a subsidiary has been sold to the Precision Castings Corp., it is announced.—V. 133, p. 3098.

General American Tank Car Corp.—Places Stock on a Semi-annual Dividend Basis Instead of Quarterly As Heretofore.—The corporation has issued the following statement: "On and after Jan. 1 1932, dividends on the common stock will be placed on a semi-annual basis, payable Jan. 1 and July 1, each year."

From Oct. 1 1927 to and incl. Jan. 1 1932, regular quarterly cash dividends of \$1 per share were paid. In addition 1% in stock was paid each quarter from April 1 1929 to Jan. 1 1931 incl.

Net profit of this corporation and its subsidiaries for the year 1931 was equal to around \$5 a share on 818,633 shares of no-par capital stock outstanding, according to Chairman Max Epstein. In the preceding year, the net profit was \$6,518,181 after taxes, depreciation, interest, &c., equal to \$8.06 a share on 811,647 shares then outstanding.—V. 133, p. 3636.

General Electric Co.—Stockholders Increase.—The stockholders of the company increased by 33,323 between December, 1930, and December 1931, it is announced. The total number of stockholders in December, 1931, was 150,073, the largest in the company's history.

The owners of common stock numbered 140,483 in December, 1931. Of this number a certain proportion also own special stock, and in addition, 9,590 are owners of special stock only. A year earlier there were 107,025 owners of common stock, some of whom also owned special stock, while the number owning special stock only on that date was 9,725.—V. 134, p. 141.

General Foods Corp.—Acquires Complete Control of Frosted Foods, Inc.—

The corporation has acquired the interest in Frosted Foods, Inc., held by Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. and now owns virtually all of capital stock of the Frosted company which owns the Birdseye process of quick-freezing foods. Prior to this acquisition General Foods owned 51% of the stock. Goldman Sachs Trading Corp. carried the investment at \$12,750,000 and in 1930 set up reserves against certain investments in which no adequate market quotations were available, and which prior to that time were carried on books at cost. The largest investment at that time of this type was the Frosted Foods, which was accordingly written down to \$1.

The General Foods Corp. states that more than 200 retail stores in the East are handling products of Frosted Foods and that plans for 1932 call for as rapid expansion as production and distribution permit.

Production facilities for quick freezing foods under the patent rights of the Birdseye process have been established in two plants in Boston and one each in Gloucester, Mass.; Hillsboro, Ore.; Butte, Mont., and Halifax, N. S. Nearly 100 food items, embracing meats, seafoods, vegetables and fruits are now being produced commercially.

Regular Dividend—New Director, &c.—The General Foods Corp. has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15.

Clarence Francis has been elected a director and member of the executive committee, succeeding Robert F. Herrick, resigned. Verne Burnet has been elected Vice-President.

New Subsidiary Formed.—See The Best Foods, Inc. above.—V. 133, p. 4336.

General Motors Corp.—Sales Decline in 1931.—Total sales to dealers by this corporation in December totaled 79,529 cars and trucks, compared with 29,359 units in November and 80,008 units in December 1930. December sales to consumers in the United States were 53,588 compared with 34,673 in November and 57,989 in December 1930. Sales to dealers in the United States were 68,650, compared with 23,716 in November and 68,252 in December 1930.

For the full year 1931 total sales to dealers were 1,074,709 cars and trucks, against 1,174,115 in 1930. Sales to consumers in the United States in 1931 were 937,537, compared with 1,057,710 in 1930. Sales to dealers in the United States in 1931 were 928,630, against 1,035,660 in 1930.

Buick Production.

The Buick Motor Co., a division of General Motors Corp., produced and shipped 11,629 cars in December, as compared with 9,053 cars in November and 4,992 cars in December 1930. Shipments of this division in 1931 totaled approximately 89,000 units, against 119,000 in 1930. The Olds Motor Works, another division, shipped approximately 2,000 cars in December. It reported a substantial number of orders on hand at the end of the month. C. W. Churchill has been made Vice-President in charge of sales and George H. Wallace has been made sales manager of Buick Motor Co. Mr. Churchill was formerly general sales manager and Mr. Wallace assistant sales manager.—V. 134, p. 142; V. 133, p. 4166, 3975, 3796, 3783.

General Tire & Rubber Co.—Increases Directorate—Annual Meeting Date Changed—Status.

At the annual meeting the stockholders voted to increase the directorate to nine from seven. J. R. Kraus, Vice-Chairman of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, was elected to the Board. Other directors were re-elected. The directors voted to change the date of the annual meeting from the last Thursday in December to the third Tuesday in January, to become effective in 1933. President W. O'Neil issued the following statement: "Sales during the fiscal year which closed Nov. 30 amounted to \$20,382,000. During the year the company produced and sold more units than during any previous year in its history. "We have finished the year with a profit, although we cannot yet tell how much, as the annual report will not be ready for a few weeks. "We reduced our bank indebtedness to one-half of what it was. We also subscribed to the Akron Credit Corp. to protect Akron banks or we would have reduced our bank indebtedness considerably more than we did. The company has no bonded indebtedness, no debentures and no contingent liabilities, and is in a thoroughly liquid position. It has maintained unbroken throughout the year its record of never having passed a dividend on either class of our stock since the company was organized." President O'Neil's report showed that notes payable to banks had been reduced to \$1,000,000 from \$1,900,000 during the year and that accounts payable not due, including accrued payroll, had been reduced during 1931 to \$207,853 from \$3,387,655. Cash on hand and in banks was reported to be \$1,045,175 as compared with \$1,329,656 at the end of the previous fiscal year.—V. 133, p. 3263.

Germanic Fire Insurance Co.—Consolidation.

The American Colony Insurance Co. and the Germanic Fire Insurance Co. of New York have been examined as of Sept. 30 1931, the date appointed for the merger of the companies. The combined statement reveals capital of \$750,000, net surplus, \$344,436, unearned premium reserves, \$1,029,140, and total assets, \$2,400,370. ("Wall Street Journal.")—V. 133, p. 2936.

Glidden Co.—Annual Report.

Adrian D. Joyce, President, says in part: The total sales for the fiscal year, not including inter-company and subsidiary sales and transfers, amounted to \$28,505,172. While it is true that in line with the general curtailment in business activities the company's sales for the period show a decline in dollar value, it should be understood that due to lower prices, the units of output show a much smaller decline. The company has not only succeeded in maintaining its place in the business world but has strengthened its position greatly by the addition of new customers and new sources of output, therefore, with any upturn in business it can reasonably be expected that a greatly increased sales volume will follow.

The decline in the price of commodities and raw materials currently purchased and entering into our manufacturing operations continued throughout our whole fiscal year so that it was necessary for the company to absorb heavy losses against these operations, especially on vegetable oils and on metals, of which very large quantities are used in its operations. This penalty against profits amounted to over one million dollars. The total of inventories show a large reduction as compared with the previous year and were taken at the lower of cost or market. Commodity markets are so low at this time that it can reasonably be expected that there will be no additional losses along this line.

Throughout the year a well devised plan was followed for absorbing all known losses and prospective losses against the operations and during the year a substantial non-recurring charge for advertising was also absorbed. The plants and manufacturing facilities of the company have been maintained in excellent condition, and despite the liberal charge-off for depreciation, all expenditures for maintenance and repairs have been included in our operations.

The company's policy of diversifying its products has proven to be sound and it is apparent that if business conditions become reasonably stable that the company should enjoy greatly increased profits even though the volume of dollar sales should be no greater the next fiscal year than for the previous years.

During the year the company has taken advantage of the low market prices for its securities and has made purchases in the open market in varying amounts of the respective issues. These securities have either been held in the treasury or have been retired. Since the close of the fiscal year, additional purchases of the company's debentures have been made and these will be retired shortly.

Consolidated Income Account Years Ended Oct. 31.

	c1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Sales (net).....	\$28,505,173	\$36,434,053	\$38,319,739	\$26,981,007
Operating profit.....	1,365,219	1,314,607	4,221,864	3,297,713
Other deductions.....	214,901			
Interest, &c.....	342,161	669,662	382,728	393,812
Depreciation.....	606,776	633,580	520,526	380,282
Fed. & Canadian taxes.....			359,500	262,500

	\$201,380	\$11,366	\$2,959,110	\$2,261,118
Net profits.....				
Sub. cons. pref. dividends	29,130	30,000	17,500	
Prior pref. divs. (7%)	506,139	519,841	505,712	487,693
Com. divs. (cash) (\$1.80)		1,240,763	(2)1137,147	
Common divs. (stock)		b67,380	a33,750	

Balance, deficit.....	\$333,889	\$1,846,618	pf\$1265,000	pf\$1773,425
Shs. com. out. (no par).....	670,557	695,226	681,750	500,000
Earnings per share.....	Nil	Nil	\$3.57	\$3.54

a 6,750 shares capitalized at \$5 per share. b 13,476 shares capitalized at \$5 per share. c Net earnings of Canadian subsidiary have been reduced to a basis of exchange rate prevailing at end of period.

Consolidated Surplus Account.—Balance Oct. 31 1930, \$15,420,565, deduct, subsidiary preferred dividends, \$29,130, prior preference dividends of Glidden Co., \$506,138, net excess of cost over declared or par value of capital stock of parent company retired, \$176,419, provision to reduce net assets, exclusive of permanent accounts, located in Canada to prevailing rate of exchange at Oct. 31 1931, \$53,990, balance, \$14,654,888, add: Net profit for year ended Oct. 31 1931, \$201,380, discount on 5½% gold notes purchased for retirement \$34,963, discount on subsidiary company preferred stock purchased, \$16,011, surplus Oct. 31 1931, \$14,907,242.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

1931.		1930.		1931.		1930.	
\$		\$		\$		\$	
Assets		Liabilities					
Land, buildings, equipment, &c.	14,137,417	7% prior pf. stock	6,900,000	7,444,300			
Good-will, trade-marks, &c.	3,052,062	Common stock	3,352,785	3,476,130			
Investments	1,360,840	Cap. stock sub. co.	435,500	500,000			
Cash	3,341,836	Sub. co. 1st 6s.	250,000	285,000			
Notes & accts. rec.	3,583,885	5-yr. 5½% g. notes	5,686,000	6,000,000			
Miscell. accts. rec.	162,269	Drafts for merch. in transit.		305,000			
Inventories	5,549,054	Accts. pay., misc. accounts, &c.	520,723	1,062,129			
Other assets	756,316	Accr. tax., int., &c.	335,336	362,125			
Prior pref. stock purch. for slnk. fd.	4,688	Res. for contng., &c.	142,714	178,782			
Deferred charges	581,933	Capital surplus	10,681,685	10,843,179			
		Unearned surplus	1,351,645	1,399,486			
		Profit & loss surp.	2,873,914	3,177,900			
Total	32,530,300	Total	32,530,300	35,034,031			

a Includes land, \$2,229,125, buildings, machinery, equipment, &c., \$16,255,513, less allowance for depreciation, \$4,347,221. b Good-will, trade-marks, reorganization and development expenses and unamortized bond discount, &c. c Common stock represented by 670,557 no par shares with declared value of \$5 per share. d Customers' accounts and note receivable, less reserve for doubtful accounts, discounts, &c. of \$139,298.—V. 133, p. 2770.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Plaintiffs Rest Case.—The plaintiffs have rested their case in the \$21,000,000 equity suit brought by minority stockholders against the 1930 directors of the company. The case was begun before a master last June and, after a summer recess, was resumed in October.—V. 133, p. 4336.

Globe & Republic Insurance Co. of America.—Co-Registrar.—The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed co-registrar for the \$5 par value capital stock.—V. 133, p. 3263.

Gold Dust Corp.—New Subsidiary Organized.—See The Best Foods, Inc. above.—V. 133, p. 3099.

Goldman Sachs Trading Corp.—Interest Acquired by Atlas Utilities Corp.—See latter company above.

Sells 49% Stock Interest in Frosted Foods, Inc.—See General Foods Corp. above.—V. 133, p. 809.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.—Dividend Decreased.—The directors on Jan. 4 declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share were paid on this issue on May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1931, while from Aug. 1 1929 to and incl. Feb. 1 1931, the company made quarterly distributions of \$1.25 per share.

New Directors.—Frank H. Ginn, Cleveland attorney; Clifton Slusser, Vice-President in charge of production, and R. S. Wilson, Vice-President in charge of sales, have been elected directors, succeeding James T. Begg, W. H. Omeiveny and Lord Hugh Trenchard, all resigned. P. E. H. Leroy, Treasurer, has also been elected Vice-President.—V. 133, p. 3468.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. of Canada, Ltd., New Toronto, Ont.—Dividends Earned in Full.—C. H. Carlisle, President & Gen. Mgr., Jan. 2 says in substance:

From the inception of this company in 1910, our fiscal years have closed on Sept. 30, but at our last annual meeting the fiscal year was changed to synchronize with the calendar year. Therefore, the annual report will be as of Dec. 31.

As we are all aware, Canada has had to bear its proportionate share of the burden of world-wide restricted business conditions. Export and car manufacturers' business fell off very materially this year, but other domestic business has held up quite well. There are, as yet, no indications of any marked stability for 1932 business and we are, therefore, making no bonus payment on the common stock.

During the year we have set aside very liberal reserves for plant depreciation, goods and raw materials on hand, forward commitments, accounts receivable and depreciation on our investment in Canadian Government bonds. The book loss on these bonds at this time is quite material, but no one acquainted with Canadian affairs would consider that these bonds will eventually show a loss.

After making the above liberal allowances, the company has over \$1,400,000 in accounts receivable, over \$6,000,000 in Government bonds and cash, has earned its dividends in full and has added to surplus. The company is in a sound condition.—V. 133, p. 2444.

(W. T.) Grant Co.—Sales Increase.

1931—Dec.—1930.	Increase.	1931—12 Mos.—1930.	Increase.
\$12,111,472	\$11,796,737	\$314,735	\$75,297,081
\$71,050,381	\$4,246,700		

—V. 133, p. 3797, 3099.

Gray Knox Marble Co.—Contract.—The company, it is reported, has been awarded a contract to furnish approximately \$1,500,000 worth of marble for the new United States Supreme Court building at Washington, D. C.—V. 124, p. 2917.

Gulf Oil Corp.—Tenders.—The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, trustee, Pittsburgh, Pa., will until an. 30 receive bids for the sale to it of 20-year 5% s. f. debenture gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1927, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$1,500,000, at prices not to exceed par and interest.—V. 133, p. 4337.

Hartman Corp., Chicago.—Sales.—For the third successive month the corporation reported an increase of net sales as compared with the preceding year. In December the increase was 5.80%, sales for the month totaling \$699,713.—V. 133, p. 3976.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Initial Orders.—Initial orders for more than 2,500 new Hudson and Essex cars were placed by dealers attending a pre-view showing of new models in Boston, Mass. Details of the new cars will be announced at the New York Auto Show.

Organizes Canadian Company.—The Hudson Motor Car Co. has formed Hudson-Essex of Canada, Ltd., to manufacture Hudson and Essex cars in Canada with a plant located in Tilbury, Ont. A. E. Barit, president of the new company, says that the Canadian organization is the direct result of the growing demand for the Hudson and Essex cars in Canada, where there are now 600 sales outlets in the principal cities and towns.—V. 133, p. 3469.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—December Shipments.

Shipments (No. of cars)	Month of		Calendar Years	
	Dec. '31.	Nov. '31.	1931.	1930.
	1,044	248	17,450	22,183

—V. 133, p. 3099.

Jamison Coal & Coke Co.—Larger Dividend.—The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, payable Dec. 30 1931 to holders of record the same date. On Sept. 30 last, a distribution of 25 cents per share was made, as against 50 cents per share six months ago and 75 cents the previous quarter.—V. 133, p. 2274.

Jantzen Knitting Mills.—Common Dividend Reduced.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 5 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. In each of the two preceding quarters a distribution of 15 cents per share was made as against 37½ cents previously.

Future dividend action will depend upon the amount of business booked and the outlook for the company, an official statement says.—V. 133, p. 3264.

Johnson Publishing Co., Richmond, Va.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors recently declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock, par \$10, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 21. This compares with quarterly payments of 50c. previously made on this issue.

Kellogg Co. of Del.—Outlook, &c.—W. K. Kellogg, founder and President of this company, says in part: "This past year closes the Kellogg Company's 25th anniversary with an unbroken record of progress, regardless of the several cycles of deflation through which the country has passed. Although we have adapted our business to the changing conditions, we are adhering steadily to the basic policies that have governed our actions in times of both prosperity and depression. This fact, I believe, is largely responsible for the satisfactory condition in which we find our business to-day."

Much of the credit for the continuation of the Kellogg Company's unbroken record of a quarter century of steady advances is due to the judicious use of newspaper advertising, said Mr. Kellogg. "We are taking full advantage of the flexibility permitted by this medium which may be used generally or concentrated in certain sections or wherever the need seems to be the greatest. This method has proven profitable and will be continued even more aggressively in 1932," he added.

At the same time, the Kellogg Company has provided an outstanding example of industrial adjustment to the new economic conditions. The six-hour working day, adopted by Kellogg's slightly more than a year ago, is an established success from the standpoints of both increased employment and more economical production.

Approximately 400 new, permanent jobs were created by the Kellogg plan and, even with the increased wages it provided, the system has been profitable.

"The Kellogg Company will start 1932 with a more aggressive advertising plan without any change in basic policies and is looking forward to a greater business than that we enjoyed during 1931," declared Mr. Kellogg.—V. 133, p. 4338.

(George E.) Keith Co. & Subs.—Sales, &c.—

Sales—Years Ended Oct. 31.			
1931	1930	1929	1928
\$12,200,000	\$18,400,000	\$18,400,000	\$21,700,000
1930	1929	1928	1927
\$15,600,000	\$18,400,000	\$19,000,000	\$20,850,000
1929	1928	1927	1926
\$18,800,000	\$19,000,000	\$24,700,000	\$27,000,000
1928	1927	1926	1925
\$17,900,000	\$19,000,000	\$23,000,000	\$33,000,000

Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Assets		Liabilities	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, bldgs., machinery & equip.	2,915,157	3,150,623	4,246,600
Good-will, walk-over, trade-mark, &c.	1,239,987	1,250,000	4,388,000
Cash	728,575	1,188,551	2,024,800
Inv. in foreign subs	52,775	47,768	3,871,992
Notes receivable	23,729	23,303	177,234
Accts. receivable	2,161,033	2,685,574	1,469,988
Inventory	3,085,289	4,272,401	230,006
Life insurance	114,480	89,992	Notes & loans pay.
Prepd. ins. & exps.	48,332	71,504	1,877,562
Lease premiums	61,261	84,929	Accts. pay., accruals, res. for taxes, pref. divs.
Sundry investm'ts	38,186	20,390	332,337
			Drafts payable
			70,901
Total	10,468,806	12,884,135	Total
			10,468,806
			12,884,135

x After depreciation of \$2,604,811. y Represented by 40,496 shares (no par value).—V. 133, p. 2771.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—Stock Reclassified.—

The company has notified the New York Stock Exchange that the pref. stock has been changed so that there is authorized 15,453 shares 8% pref. stock, par \$100, and 50,547 shares of \$8 pref. stock, of no par value, each outstanding share of pref. stock to be exchanged for one new share, and also that the capital represented by 160,000 shares of no par value common stock has been reduced from \$20 to \$10 per share.

Previously there were authorized 660,000 shares of 8% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, of which 50,547 shares were outstanding, in addition to the above mentioned 160,000 shares of common stock.—V. 133, p. 1936.

Kline Brothers Co.—Sales Increase.—

1931—Dec.—1930.		Increase.		1931—12 Mos.—1930.		Increase.	
\$818,094	\$694,142	\$123,952	\$5,471,956	\$4,724,084	\$747,872		

—V. 133, p. 3798, 3100.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Sales Decrease.—

1931—Dec.—1930.		Decrease.		1931—12 Mos.—1930.		Decrease.	
\$22,173,414	\$23,982,054	\$1,808,640	\$145,785,474	\$150,353,703	\$4,568,229		

At the end of December, the company had 673 American and 38 Canadian stores, a total of 711 stores in operation.—V. 133, p. 3798, 3100.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—To Purchase Special Pref. Stock.—

Secretary P. B. Scarf, in a recent letter to the holders of special pref. stock, says in substance: The company desires to purchase not exceeding 50,000 shares of its outstanding special pref. stock, at par (\$10 per share), and to effect such purchase on or before Jan. 19 1932.

Stockholders desiring to dispose of their shares at such price, accordingly may present their certificates for such special pref. stock at the office of the Lawyers Trust Co., transfer agent, 160 Broadway, N. Y. City, on or before Jan. 19 1932, and receive therefor the sum of \$10 per share, less the New York State and Federal stock transfer tax amounting to an aggregate of four cents for each ten shares or fraction thereof.

Stock will be purchased in the order that certificates therefor are presented to the transfer agent.

Sales Decrease.—

Sales for Month and 12 Months Ended Dec. 31.			
1931—Month—1930.	Decrease.	1931—12 Mos.—1930.	Decrease.
\$11,221,097	\$12,060,583	\$839,486	\$69,041,925
			\$69,283,042

—V. 134, p. 143; V. 133, p. 3976.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—To Expand.—

President Albert H. Morrill says in part: The company is about to begin the construction of a new bakery in St. Louis and a new factory in Cincinnati, involving an expenditure of about \$750,000, both of which improvements will improve the product and lessen manufacturing costs.

The company plans an orderly expansion through the establishment of about 200 new units, which may be accomplished during 1932 or later, and the rehabilitation of about 500 units during 1932.

It will continue its drive on reducing operating expenses, rents, hauling, warehouse and other costs and to improve the efficiency of its actual operations. Conditions of the last six months, and as far as we can see of the next six months, necessitate the utmost sales and operating efforts and are driving this and many other companies to accomplish economies in operations which were not thought of when sales and profits were easier to get.—V. 134, p. 143.

Landover Holding Corp.—Liquidating Dividend.—

By order of the Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore, Md., a liquidating distribution of \$1.50 per share payable Dec. 28 1931, to class A stockholders of Landover Holding Corp. on delivery of their stock certificates to W. Ainsworth Parker, receiver, at 1904 First National Bank Building, Baltimore, Md.—V. 126, p. 727.

Lane Bryant, Inc.—Sales Decline.—

1931—Dec.—1930.		Decrease.		1931—12 Mos.—1930.		Decrease.	
\$1,111,978	\$1,382,187	\$270,209	\$15,233,843	\$17,139,478	\$1,905,635		

—V. 133, p. 3976, 3798.

Lincoln Building (Lincoln Forty-second St. Corp.)—

Reversionship.—

United States Senator Robert F. Wagner was appointed Jan. 6 by Justice Churchill of the New York Supreme Court as receiver in an action to foreclose a \$16,000,000 1st mtge. instituted by the trustee, the Chase National Bank of the City of New York, under the 1st mtge. All tenants of the building are directed by the order to pay to the receiver all rents which may be unpaid as well as future rents. The Lincoln Building is a 52-story office building on 42d St. in the Grand Central zone, erected in 1928. The foreclosure action, as well as the application for the appointment of the receiver, has taken place at the instance of the protective committee, of which Charles F. Batchelder is Chairman, which already holds on deposit in excess of 25% of the outstanding certificates of interest secured by the mortgage (see also V. 134, p. 143).

Trustee to Resign.—

The Chase National Bank, New York, intends to resign the trusts created by, and as Trustee under indenture of mortgage and deed of trust from Lincoln Forty-second Street Corp. to Chase National Bank, New York, as trustee, dated June 1 1928, securing \$5,500,000 20-year 6½% sinking fund gold debentures, due June 1 1948, and \$1,600,000 6% purchase money notes, due June 1 1935, such resignation to take effect Jan. 9 1932, unless previously a successor trustee or trustees shall be appointed, in which event such resignation shall take effect immediately upon the appointment of such successor trustee or trustees.—V. 134, p. 143.

Lincoln Fire Insurance Co. of N. Y.—Merger Effective.

Formal consolidation of this company with the Chicago Fire & Marine Insurance Co., following approval of the merger by the Superintendent of Insurance of New York State on Dec. 30 1931, was announced on Jan. 3. The new company, the Lincoln Fire Insurance Co. of New York, will have a capital of \$1,000,000.

The board of directors of the new company has elected the following officers, all of whom were officers of either the Lincoln or the Chicago companies: A. T. Tamblin, President; Harold M. O'Brien, Frederick O'Brien and J. W. Cochran, Vice-Presidents; T. B. Boss, Vice-President and Secretary, and E. L. Mulvehill, Treasurer.

The stockholders of both companies approved the merger on Dec. 22 1931.—V. 133, p. 3798.

Lincoln Stores Inc.—Sales Increase.—

1931—Dec.—1930.		Increase.		1931—12 Mos.—1930.		Increase.	
\$472,113	\$447,345	\$24,768	\$3,029,440	\$2,889,477	\$139,963		

The company had the same number of stores in operation in December 1931 as during the 1930 period.—V. 133, p. 2608, 1298.

Loblaw Groceries Co.—Sales Decline.—

Sales for 4 and 28 Weeks Ended Dec. 12.			
1931—4 Weeks—1930.	Decrease.	1931—28 Weeks—1930.	Decrease.
\$1,252,215	\$1,393,601	\$141,386	\$8,059,534
			\$9,143,513

—V. 133, p. 3976, 3470.

Lock Joint Pipe Co.—Extra Distribution.—

The directors recently declared an extra dividend of \$5.50 per share on the common stock, no par value, in addition to the usual monthly dividend of 67c. per share, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record the same date. An extra distribution of \$2 per share was made on May 15 last.—V. 132, p. 3540.

Loew's Incorporated.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 12 months ended Nov. 20 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

David Bernstein, Vice-President and Treasurer, in commenting upon the business of the company, states that while the earnings for the first 12 weeks of the current fiscal year were approximately \$800,000 less than the corresponding period of the previous year, the decrease in earnings occurred mainly in the first six weeks of the fiscal year, that is, from Sept. 1 1931 to Oct. 15 1931. From Oct. 15 on to the end of the first quarter the business improved materially and is currently running at an amount equal to that of a year ago.—V. 133, p. 3470.

(Marcus) Loew's Theatres, Ltd.—Defers Dividend.—

The directors recently decided to defer the semi-annual dividend of 3½% due Jan. 15 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. Distributions at this rate were made on Jan. 15 and July 15 1931. In 1930 only one semi-annual dividend of 3½% was paid, the July 15 dividend being omitted.—V. 132, p. 4073.

Loose-Wiles Biscuit Co.—Extra Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 65c. per share on the outstanding \$13,707,575 common stock, par \$25, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 18. Like amounts were paid in each of the seven preceding quarters. From Aug. 1 1927 to Feb. 1 1929, incl., quarterly dividends of 40c. per share were paid on this issue, while from May 1 1929 to Feb. 1 1930 quarterly distributions of 65c. per share were made.—V. 133, p. 2937.

McCrorry Stores Corp.—New Director, &c.—

F. J. Humphrey has been elected a director and Roy F. Coppedge a Vice-President of the corporation. The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the pref. stock has been declared payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20 1932.

Sales for Month and Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31.

1931—Month—1930.		Increase.		1931—12 Mos.—1930.		Increase.	
\$6,879,476	\$6,782,856	\$96,620	\$43,293,068	\$43,223,531	\$69,537		

Stores in operation on Dec. 31 1931 totaled 244, as against 242 a year previous.—V. 133, p. 3976, 3101.

McKesson & Robbins, Inc.—Acquisition by Subsidiary.—

McKesson-Doster-Northington, Inc., Birmingham, Ala., has purchased the assets of the Davis & Britt Surgical Supply Co., and will move the stock of merchandise to its store. The assets taken over by the former include stock of merchandise and fixtures. The purchase was made from the Commercial National Bank of Shreveport, La., which acquired the Davis & Britt assets at court sale some time ago. In buying the assets, McKesson-Doster-Northington assumed none of the liabilities of the Davis & Britt Co. ("Oil Paint & Drug Reporter").—V. 133, p. 4167.

McLellan Stores Co.—Sales Fall Off.—

1931—Dec.—1930.		Decrease.		1931—12 Mos.—1930.		Decrease.	
\$3,748,061	\$3,968,294	\$220,233	\$21,946,670	\$24,046,536	\$2,099,866		

—V. 133, p. 3976, 3264.

Manhattan Shirt Co.—Earnings.—

Years End.	Nov. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net profits	—	\$73,981	loss \$273,232	\$1,109,804	\$1,172,144
Interest (net)	—	Cr. 28,331	23,594	18,241	26,054
Federal taxes	—	—	—	120,516	137,447
Net income	—	\$102,312	dr \$296,826	\$971,047	\$1,008,643
Pref. dividends	—	8,988	20,940	35,015	51,933
Common dividends	—	264,490	419,614	565,492	565,956
Balance	—	df \$171,166	df \$737,380	sur \$370,541	sur \$390,754
Shs. com. outst. (par \$25)	—	258,090	277,919	281,373	283,606
Earnings per share	—	\$0.36	Nil	\$3.32	\$3.37

—V. 133, p. 2773.

Marchant Calculating Machine Co.—Div. Deferred.—

The directors have voted to defer the usual semi-annual dividend of 3½% due Jan. 15 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$10. The last regular semi-annual payment was made on July 15 1931.—V. 133, p. 968.

Mead Corp.—Omits Common Dividend.—

The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Jan. 15 on the no par value common stock. On Oct. 15 a distribution of 12½c. per share was made on this issue as against 25c. per share previously each quarter. Payments of 1% each in stock were also made on Jan. 15 and April 15 1931.—V. 133, p. 2773.

Melville Shoe Corp.—Sales Fall Off.—

1931—December—1930.		Decrease.		1931—12 Mos.—1930.		Decrease.	
\$2,546,433	\$2,830,214	\$273,781	\$26,285,125	\$28,654,300	\$2,369,175		

—V. 133, p. 3976, 3265.

Mercantile Acceptance Corp. of Calif.—1½% Stock Dividend.—

The directors recently declared a quarterly 1½% stock dividend on the class A stock, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 15.—V. 132, p. 141.

Merchants Exchange, Inc., San Francisco, Calif.—

Reduces Dividend Rate.—

The directors recently declared a semi-annual dividend of 2% on the capital stock, par \$100, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 19. Previously, the company made regular semi-annual distributions of 2½%,

Montgomery Ward & Co.—Sales Fall Off.—

1931—Dec.—1930.		Decrease.		1931—12 Mos.—1930.		Decrease.	
\$21,899,269	\$28,672,184	\$6,772,915	\$219,316,585	\$272,319,625	\$52,958,040		

—V. 134, p. 144; V. 133, p. 4338.

Moscow Fire Insurance Co.—Liquidation Complete.—

All claims based on business done by the United States office of the Moscow Fire Insurance Co. have been paid, according to a report of Superintendent of Insurance Van Schaick, confirmed by Supreme Court Justice Hammer and entered in the county clerk's office Jan. 5. The company is one of five with branches here, the home offices of which were abolished in 1918 by the Soviet Government, which sequestered their assets.

Directed by the Court of Appeals to liquidate the American business of the firms, the superintendent reports having taken over \$1,466,041 in assets, received \$337,537 later, and paid claims, taxes and liquidation expenses in the total sum of \$289,606. Foreign claims estimated at \$1,155,698 remain.

After setting up necessary reserves, the superintendent reports, he can send \$194,568 to Paul Lucke of Paris, sole surviving director of the company and conservator of its property. (N. Y. "Sun".)

(G. C.) Murphy Co.—December Sales.—
 1931—December—1930. Decrease. | 1931—12 Mos.—1930. Increase.
 \$2,961,329 \$3,170,346 \$209,017 | \$19,181,558 \$17,498,022 \$1,683,536
 —V. 133, p. 3977, 3101.

Nashua (N. H.) Mfg. Co.—Wages Cut.—
 The company has reduced wages and salaries approximately 10%. About 2,000 employees in the Nashua and Jackson mills in Nashua, and in the Suffolk mills, Lowell, are affected.—V. 133, p. 1462.

National Bellas Hess Co.—Sales Decline.—
 1931—Dec.—1930. Decrease. | 1931—12 Mos.—1930. Decrease.
 \$2,645,087 \$3,524,903 \$879,816 | \$32,647,548 \$36,250,648 \$3,603,100
 —V. 133, p. 4339, 3977.

National Investors Corp.—Earnings.—
 Year Ended Dec. 31—
 Profits realized on sale of securities ----- y\$859,687 -----
 Management fees rec. from affiliated cos. \$243,633 \$324,573 180,090 \$30,741
 Fees rec. for other invest. services ----- 24,000 -----
 Interest ----- 10,591 126,448 38,074
 Cash dividends ----- 39,913 49,075 44,257 -----
 Total income ----- \$288,811 \$384,239 \$1,234,481 \$68,816
 Loss realized on sale of securities ----- 82,686 62,255 -----
 Compensation of officers & employees ----- 99,600 120,956 95,520 23,184
 Rent ----- ----- 11,088 -----
 Franchise taxes, incorp., fees, &c. ----- ----- 20,744
 Miscellaneous expenses ----- 63,145 87,782 71,188 2,870
 Transfer agents, &c. fees ----- 8,743 18,035 ----- 25,036
 New York State taxes ----- 44,609 13,339 90,728 -----
 Federal income tax ----- ----- 8,141 107,000 -----
 Net profits ----- loss\$9,973 \$73,731 \$858,957 def\$3,019
 Preferred dividends ----- 40,859 179,349 28,850 -----

Balance ----- def\$9,973 sur\$32,872 sur\$679,608 def\$31,869
 * As of July 1 1930, the method of computing the cost of securities sold was changed from a basis of charging first sales against first purchase to an average cost basis. y Includes profit from sale at \$12.50 each of purchase warrants for 65,000 shares of com. stock of Fourth National Investors Corp.

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Inv. in stocks & purch. warrants of affil. cos. at cost	\$4,745,474	\$4,745,474	Accrued expenses—	\$21,206	\$23,353
Cash	140,850	124,173	Prov. for N. Y. State taxes	2,500	—
Accts. receivable	477	—	Unearned interest	200	—
U. S. Govt. oblig.	300,000	—	5½% pref. stock	1,485,800	1,485,800
Divs. receivable	10,886	2,075	Com. stock & paid in surplus	3,844,440	3,817,757
Com. stk. of corp. (75,000 shs.) at cost	375,000	375,000	Earned surplus	699,488	709,461
Other inv. at cost	404,153	667,262			
Stk. & purch. warrants of Nat. Inv. Corp.	c77,271	82,136			
Prepd. N. Y. State franchise tax	—	39,772			
Total	\$6,053,634	\$6,036,371	Total	\$6,053,634	\$6,036,371

* Represented by 860,999 shares of common stock of \$1 par value issued and outstanding of a total authorization of 2,000,000 shares. a The market value of the stocks of affiliated companies at Dec. 31 1931 was \$470,131, the purchase warrants are not listed and market value is not available. b Market value Dec. 31 1931 \$146,075. c Purchased and held for sale to employees at cost less payments received.—V. 133, p. 2773.

National Shirt Shops, Inc.—Dividend Deferred.—
 The directors recently decided to defer the quarterly dividend of 2% due Jan. 1 on the 8% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on Oct. 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 3978.

National Tea Co.—Sales Decrease.—
 1931—December—1930. Decrease. | 1931—12 Mos.—1930. Decrease.
 \$6,474,523 \$7,408,306 \$933,783 | \$76,657,861 \$85,236,533 \$8,578,672
 There were in operation at Dec. 31 1931, 1,512 stores of which 294 were combination grocery and markets and 7 were detached markets as compared with 1,600 stores of which 264 were combination grocery and markets and 14 detached markets in 1930.—V. 133, p. 3978.

National Trade Journals, Inc.—Final Distribution.—
 On and after Jan. 5, Manufacturers Trust Co. will pay to persons holding bonds of the company a second and final distribution upon presentation of the bonds at 55 Broad St., New York.—V. 133, p. 2939.

Neisner Bros., Inc.—Sales Decrease.—
 1931—December—1930. Decrease. | 1931—12 Mos.—1930. Decrease.
 \$2,349,121 \$3,025,891 \$676,770 | \$15,958,788 \$16,507,158 \$548,370
 —V. 133, p. 3799, 3102.

(J. J.) Newberry Co.—December Sales.—
 1931—December—1930. Decrease. | 1931—12 Months—1930. Increase.
 \$5,317,057 \$5,489,703 \$172,646 | \$31,147,430 \$30,178,450 \$968,980
 —V. 133, p. 3978, 3102.

New York & Foreign Investing Corp.—Annual Report.
 Paul F. Schucker, President, says in part:
 The corporation's foreign investments are mainly in loans (secured by mortgages on improved real estate) to two of the leading chain department store companies in Germany, and in shares of one of those companies, which shares are to be repurchased by the vendors at cost plus premiums. These investments, which amounted originally to \$6,731,141, had been reduced by Dec. 31 1930 to \$5,541,761 and have since been reduced to \$4,606,344 by stipulated repayments of principal of the loans and repurchases of shares under the existing agreement.
 Funds of the corporation have been used to purchase during the year \$785,000 of corporation's 20-year 5½% gold debentures, series A, and \$199,400 of 6½% cumulative preferred stock, which have been retired, leaving outstanding \$2,305,000 debentures and \$2,749,100 pref. stock.

Earnings for Calendar Years.

	1931.	1930.	1929.
Interest collected and accrued	\$413,100	\$505,585	\$624,782
Dividends	46,399	94,127	79,289
Commissions	—	4,221	92,519
Prem. on Leonhard Tietz A. G. shs.	13,995	25,345	79,392
Total income	\$473,494	\$629,278	\$875,982
Int. on debentures, paid & accrued	153,261	208,417	327,338
Debiture discount and expenses	17,392	24,931	29,760
Miscellaneous expenses	7,888	21,247	16,737
Prov. for exps. in connection with reduction of capital	—	—	2,000
Provision for Federal income tax	30,600	28,500	22,000
Operating income	\$264,353	\$346,182	\$478,146
Net loss on sales of securities	149,147	110,804	279,033
Net income	\$115,205	\$235,378	\$199,113
Preferred dividends	183,836	233,782	325,000
Balance, surplus	def.\$68,630	\$1,596	def.\$125,887
Earnings per share on 75,000 shares common stock (no par)	Nil	\$0.02	Nil

Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Cash	\$318,855	\$228,007	Accrued interest on debentures	\$10,564	\$14,163
N. Y. City revenue warrants	300,139	—	Reserve for Federal tax	42,469	33,619
Sec. long-term loans (see table below)	b4,170,640	4,876,463	5½% gold debts	2,305,000	3,090,000
Other investments	701,279	1,116,050	Preferred stock	2,749,100	2,948,500
Acct. int. receiv.	54,990	57,857	Common stock and surplus	c993,627	556,608
Divs. declared, not yet received	—	813			
Acct. prem. receiv. on L. Tietz A. G. shares	—	12,289			
Deb. disc. & exp.	241,756	343,248			
Total	\$5,800,761	\$6,642,890	Total	\$5,800,761	\$6,642,890

a Includes Rm. 1,410,000 par value Leonhard Tietz A. G., Cologne common stock at cost (to be repurchased by vendors at cost plus premiums, on or before Jan. 30 1934), \$435,704; and bonds and other stocks at cost, \$265,575 (market value \$137,203), as follows: \$61,000 Associated Rayon Corp. 5% debentures due 1950; \$25,000 Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry. Co. 4% 1st & ref. mtge. bonds due 1934; \$50,000 German Government International 5½% bonds, loan 1930; \$99,000 Kingdom of Bulgaria Stabilization Loan of 1928 7½% bonds; 500 shs. Chesapeake & Ohio Ry. common; 500 shs. Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Corp. common; 500 shs. Corn Products Refining Co. common.

b Foreign Loans (Secured by Mortgages on Improved Real Estate).
Face Amount Outstanding.
 \$3,313,843 6½% 25-year loan (originally \$3,500,000) to Leonhard Tietz A. G., Cologne, repayable at par in whole or in part on or after Oct. 13 1933; quar. cum. sinking fund calculated to repay entire loan by Oct. 13 1933 (1929, 1930 & 1931 instalments have been paid) \$3,038,913
 920,000 7% serial loan (originally \$1,150,000) to Leonhard Tietz A. G., Cologne, dated June 20 1929, due in 10 equal annual instalments to June 20 1939; repayable at par in whole or in part on or after Oct. 13 1933 (1930 and 1931 instalments have been paid) 842,015
 304,250 7% serial loan (originally \$1,825,502) to Rudolph Karstadt A. G., Hamburg, dated June 20 1929, due in equal quar. instalments to June 20 1932—the first 4 instalments have been repaid at 95%, the next 4 at 96% and the next 2 at 97%; the last 2, due Mar. 20 1932 and June 20 1932, are to be repaid at 97% of their face amounts.—V. 132, p. 324.
 c Represented by 75,000 (no par) shares.—V. 132, p. 324.

Nicholson File Co.—Reduces Dividend Rate.—
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 30c. per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 21. Previously, the company made regular quarterly distributions of 50c. per share.—V. 128, p. 1068.

North American Match Corp.—\$1 Dividend.—
 The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 a share from net earnings for the year 1931, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 30. A similar payment was made on Feb. 5 last year, while on Jan. 30 1930 an initial distribution of \$1.50 per share was made.—V. 132, p. 325.

Northern Securities Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Total receipts	\$321,298	\$479,327	\$406,808	\$405,647
Taxes	17,449	20,994	22,770	24,985
Administrative expenses	8,159	8,847	8,109	7,767
Interest and exchange	136	715	1,352	213
Net income	\$295,554	\$448,770	\$374,576	\$372,681
Dividends (9%)	355,851	355,851	355,851	355,851
Balance, surplus	def\$60,297	\$92,919	\$18,725	\$16,830
Earn. per sh. on \$9,540 shs. stock (par \$100)	\$7.47	\$11.35	\$9.45	\$9.43
Total receipts in 1931 include divs. from C. B. & Q. R.R., \$230,630; divs. from Crow's Nest Coal Co., Ltd., \$85,671, and int., \$4,997.				

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Cost of charter	\$85,048	\$85,048	Capital stock	\$3,954,000	\$3,954,000
Cash	213,101	254,133	Divs. unclaimed & unpaid	1,816	1,650
C. B. & Q. stock	2,858,810	2,858,810	Balance, surplus	3,112,700	3,172,925
Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. stock	3,808,945	3,808,945			
Fractional scrip	97	97			
Gt. northern Ry. Co. bonds	24,969	24,969			
U. S. bonds	75,734	94,927			
Suspense acct., &c.	1,812	1,645			
Total	\$7,068,517	\$7,128,575	Total	\$7,068,517	\$7,128,575

Note.—The company on Dec. 31 1931 owned of C. B. & Q. R.R. stock 23,063 shares of \$100 each, shown in balance sheet as \$2,858,810, and of Crow's Nest Pass Coal Co. stock 28,557 shares of \$100 each, carried in the balance sheet at \$3,808,945.—V. 133, p. 4169.

Ohmer Fare Register Co.—Defers Preferred Dividend.—
 The directors recently decided to defer the usual quarterly dividend of 1½% due Jan. 1 on the 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on Oct. 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 3473.

Oliver United Filters, Inc.—Resumes Dividend.—
 The directors have declared a dividend of 50c. per share on the \$2 div. cum. conv. A stock, no par value, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 8. This distribution covers the payment which was due Nov. 1 1931. See V. 133, p. 2774.

Ontario Silknet, Ltd., Toronto, Canada.—Defers Div.—
 The directors recently voted to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 1½% due Dec. 15 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100.—V. 132, p. 4789.

Paramount Publix Corp.—Debt Extension.—
 The company has arranged to defer payment on its remaining obligations arising under the stock repurchase agreements incurred by the purchase of property two years ago. The payment of \$2,550,000 was due on Jan. 2 1932. A part payment of \$500,000 was made by the company and the remainder of this sum will be paid off in 18 monthly instalments, starting April 1 1932.
 Another payment of about \$4,000,000 is due on March 1 and it is probable that similar arrangements can be made with respect to this obligation.
 Thus, instead of closing 1931 with over \$10,000,000 bank loans, as originally anticipated, the company closed its fiscal year on Dec. 26 with \$7,500,000 bank loans. These have since been increased to \$8,500,000, due to other year-end payments. In a year and a half company has paid off \$8,500,000 in obligations arising out of stock repurchase agreements, which is the amount of current bank loans. In other words, the company has been able to handle all other current obligations out of income, in spite of poor business.
 The final payment is part of the purchase price of a 50% interest in Columbia Broadcasting System which has been showing substantial profits, although these have not been included in company's income to date.—V. 134, p. 145.

Patino Mines & Enterprises Consolidated, Inc.—Meeting Adjourned.—
 The special meeting of the stockholders which was scheduled for Dec. 29 1931 for the purpose of voting upon the proposed acquisition of not less than 90% of the capital stock of Araca Mines has been adjourned until Jan. 29.—V. 133, p. 3473.

Peaslee-Gaulbert Corp., Louisville, Ky.—Omits Div.—
 The directors recently decided to defer until this month action on the quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share due Jan. 1 on the pref. stock. The last regular quarterly payment on this issue was made on Oct. 1 1931.

Penberthy Injector Co.—\$5 Dividend.—The directors recently declared a dividend of \$5 per share on the common stock, par \$25, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 28. The last previous payment of \$7.50 per share was made on Jan. 15 1931.

(J. C.) Penney Co., Inc.—New Director.—A. J. Raskopf has been elected Secretary, succeeding L. A. Bahner, who will continue as a director.—V. 133, p. 3978.

Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities—

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.		1931.		1930.	
Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Cash & amt. on dep. with Fed. Reserve Bank	13,856,048	16,117,451	Capital	8,400,000	8,232,400
Clearing house exchange	5,605,020	6,222,895	Surplus	27,000,000	34,000,000
Due from banks & items in process of collection	26,469,027	38,248,665	Undivided prof.	581,848	2,675,083
Loans upon coll.	106,758,822	116,688,876	Res. for divs.	630,000	617,430
Investment sec.	67,493,571	61,580,605	Res. for building	781,366	721,366
Com. paper	19,747,243	23,205,303	Res. for taxes & expenses	306,132	595,757
Res. fund for the protection of "cash balances in trust assets"	10,062,156	7,512,977	Treas. check & clearing house bills outstand.	1,309,357	7,797,286
Misc. assets	2,005,565	2,230,575	Res. pay. Fed. reserve bank	16,348,667	-----
Interest accrued	1,474,920	1,281,952	Interest payable	415,153	674,561
Furn. fixtures & vaults	4,039,277	1,231,766	Misc. liabilities	977,684	98,019
Bank buildings	-----	2,829,962	Letters of credit & accept. executed for customers	333,769	2,659,849
Customers' liability acct. letters of credit issued & accept. executed	333,769	2,659,849	Deposits	190,761,444	227,739,127
Total	257,845,420	279,810,879	Res. for conting.	10,000,000	1,000,000

Total—257,845,420 279,810,879
—V. 133, p. 2610.

Peoples Drug Stores, Inc.—Sales Increase.—1931—December—1930. Increase. | 1931—12 Months—1930. Increase.
\$1,777,397 | \$1,707,203 | \$70,194 | \$17,472,674 | \$16,777,867 | \$694,807
—V. 133, p. 3266, 3103.

Petroleum Rectifying Corp.—Dissolution Completed.—President D. C. Norcross, Dec. 15, in a letter to the stockholders, stated: This corporation was dissolved in accordance with the laws of Delaware on July 30 1931, and the winding up of its affairs has now been completed. As a result there is now available for distribution to stockholders the sum of \$66,000 as a final payment in complete liquidation of the corporation, being at the rate of 55c. per share. Due to increased liabilities and certain uncollectible accounts receivable, the payment in final liquidation was somewhat less than had been originally anticipated. In accordance with resolution of the board of directors, 55c. per share will be paid in final and complete liquidation on or after Dec. 19 1931 to stockholders of record at the close of business Dec. 18 1931 upon surrender by stockholders to Union Bank & Trust Co., 8th & Hill Sts., Los Angeles, Calif., of certificates of stock for cancellation.—V. 134, p. 145.

Pickands, Mather & Co., Cleveland.—Acquisition.—The company has announced the acquisition of the pig iron and coke sales business of Pickands, Brown & Co., Chicago, and the admission to firm partnership of four former executives of the Chicago company. This addition increases the partnership of Pickands, Mather & Co. to eight, the Cleveland members being H. G. Dalton, Elton Hoyt, 2nd, Frank Armstrong and S. E. Bool. The new partners are: C. P. Wheeler, former President and one of the early partners of Pickands, Brown & Co.; Seymour Wheeler, former Vice-President of the company in charge of pig iron sales; Donald Boynton, former Vice-President in charge of coke sales; and Clifford D. Caldwell, President of the Interlake Iron Corp., and a former Vice-President of Pickands, Brown & Co.

The consolidation re-unites two firms which were together a generation ago and whose business and interests have been closely related for nearly half a century.

The acquisition will bring the sales business of the units of the Interlake Iron Corp. under a single direction. In addition to being sales agent for the latter, Pickands, Mather & Co. will be merchant pig iron sales agents for the Youngtown Sheet & Tube Co. in Chicago and coke sales agents for the Milwaukee Coke & Gas Co. and for the North Shore Coke & Chemical Co., Chicago.

During the whole of its existence, Pickands, Brown & Co. have acted as agents for merchant pig iron, domestic, foundry and furnace coke.—V. 103, p. 1511.

Pier Realty & Holding Co., Atlantic City.—Bankruptcy.—The company, owner of the Garden Pier property in Atlantic City, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court. It scheduled assets of \$1,239,923 and liabilities of \$868,084.

Pressed Metals of America, Inc.—Dividend Decreased.—The directors have declared a dividend of 6½ cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. This compares with quarterly distributions of 12½ cents per share made from Oct. 1 1930 to and incl. Oct. 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 4256.

Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.—Files Answer in Suit.—A demurrer to a petition by J. Cookman Boyd, asking that the recapitalization by the corporation be declared void because of misrepresentation of stockholders by proxies, has been filed in Circuit Court by B. B. Kahane, a Vice-President of the corporation. The demurrer contradicts the whole petition, which was filed by Mr. Boyd after the recapitalization proceedings was offered in defense of the local attorney's earlier move to have receivers named for the concern.

Right to Count Votes Granted.—Permission was granted Jan. 6 to J. Cokeman Boyd, stockholder by the Circuit Court at Baltimore to examine and count the proxies taken at the corporation's meeting last month. Holders at that time approved a new plan of management. The proxies will be brought into court and counted.

Certificates Ready.—Full-paid and part-paid certificates representing subscriptions for Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp. debentures and the accompanying shares of common stock are now ready for delivery at the office of Lehman Brothers, 1 William St., N. Y. City.—V. 134, p. 145.

(Daniel) Reeves, Inc.—Sales Decrease.—
—4 Weeks End. Dec. 26— | —Year to Dec. 26—
1931. 1930. Decrease. | 1931. 1930. Decrease.
\$2,395,485 | \$2,694,295 | \$298,810 | \$31,149,208 | \$34,007,497 | \$2,858,289
—V. 133, p. 3979, 3266.

Reliance International Corp.—Offer Made to Stockholders by American International Corp.—See latter above.—V. 133, p. 3266.

Reo Motor Car Co.—Shipments Lower.—
—Month of— | —Cal. Year—
Dec. 1931. Nov. 1931. Dec. 1930. | 1931. 1930.
Shipments (cars & trucks) x692 | 736 | 1,337 | 14,021 | 14,021
x Includes 245 passenger cars and 447 trucks.—V. 133, p. 3800, 3266.

Revere Copper & Brass, Inc.—No Action on Pref. Div.—The corporation states that no action has been taken to date on the preferred dividend, payable Feb. 1, and no meeting has been called as yet to consider this matter. Dividends on the pref. stock are cumulative at the rate of 7% per annum and the last quarterly payment on this issue was made on Nov. 2 1931.—V. 133, p. 3267.

Reynolds Spring Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30 (Including Subsidiaries).

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Cash	\$106,674	\$89,057	Class A 7% cum. preferred stock	-----	\$66,100
Accounts & notes rec.	184,576	570,877	Class B 7% cum. preferred stock	-----	8,000
Inventories	265,608	1,245,815	Com. capital stock and surplus	\$1,820,979	\$5,252,048
Accr. int. receiv.	272	991	Notes payable	50,000	-----
Investments	123,751	200,564	Accounts payable	39,732	64,831
Claims	-----	28,314	Accr. int. payable	900	33,372
Land, bldg., mach. & equipment	2,459,635	5,592,643	Accr. wages, salaries, taxes, interest, insurance, &c.	22,449	34,181
Patents, good-will & developments	1	729,460	Judgments	-----	21,932
Due from General Leathe Co.	5,663	-----	Res. for doubtful notes, accts. rec., com'ns & disc't.	181,389	40,021
Other assets	93,992	-----	Res. for deprec. of properties	690,552	1,880,900
Deferred charges	15,833	128,741	Funded debt	450,000	-----
Cash in sinking fund	-----	17,431	Total	\$3,256,005	\$8,603,897
Total	\$3,256,005	\$8,603,897	Total	\$3,256,005	\$8,603,897

x Represented by 742,830 no par shares valued at \$6,168,629, less deficit of \$916,581. y Represented by 148,566 no par shares valued at \$1,233,726 and surplus of \$587,253.—V. 133, p. 1138.

Richmond (Va.) Cedar Works.—Bondholders Protective Committee.—

Federal equity receivers have been appointed for the properties and the company was unable to pay the Jan. 1 1932 interest on the outstanding \$1,915,900 1st mtge. 6½% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1945. Immediate and concerted action by the 1st mtge. bondholders is necessary in order to enforce their rights under the mortgage securing their bonds and in particular, in order to have the earnings of the above properties impounded for their benefit. The committee (below), representing a substantial amount of the bonds, has been formed for the purpose of acting in behalf of those bondholders who shall deposit their bonds with the committee under the terms of the deposit agreement. Bonds should be deposited with Chemical Bank & Trust Co., 165 Broadway, N. Y. City, depository, and should have the Jan. 1 1932 coupons attached.

Committee.—Thomas A. Tunney, Chairman, (Hoagland, Allum & Co.), New York; Rutherford Fleet, (Fred'k B. Nolting & Co.), Richmond, Va.; and Willard T. Dodge, (Hoagland, Allum & Co.), New York, with Willard T. Dodge, 38 Exchange Place, New York, Secretary. William Osgood Morgan, 115 Broadway, N. Y. City, is counsel.—V. 125, p. 2825.

Roan Antelope Copper Mines, Ltd.—Operate at Profit.—

A. Chester Beatty, Chairman, told the stockholders at the annual meeting that the company had sold its production up to the end of November at prices which leave an operating surplus. October production was 4,529 long tons (10,144,960 pounds) of copper at a cost of \$25 2s. 6d. and November output was 4,362 long tons (9,770,880 pounds) at a cost of £30 3s. 9d. a ton. Computing the pound sterling at \$3.40, the November cost was less than 5c. a pound, or with sterling at par under 6½c.—V. 131, p. 2548.

Rolls-Royce of America, Inc.—Bondholder Petitions Court for Equity Receiver.—

A petition for the appointment of an equity receiver for the company was filed Jan. 5 in United States District Court by Mark Hurewitz of 200 Madison Ave., N. Y. City, the holder of ten \$1,000 bonds issued by the corporation.

The petition asserts that the corporation, which was said to have had a deficit of \$1,600,000 on Nov. 30 1931, lacks liquid assets with which to meet current liabilities, and has defaulted in the payment of principal and interest on its mortgage bonds and debentures.

The corporation, it is set forth by May & Jacobson, counsel for the petitioner, ceased to earn profits after Nov. 1929, when the stock market crash caused a slump in sales and reductions in the price of its automobiles. It is said that the corporation lost \$450,000 during the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1930, and \$550,000 during the following year when its assets were less than \$4,000,000.

According to the complaint, the corporation was organized in 1919 under an arrangement with Rolls-Royce, Ltd., of England, which provided for the manufacture of Rolls-Royce cars in America under English patents. The defendant, it is said, has a plant in Springfield, Mass., another operated by a subsidiary, Brewster & Co., in Long Island City, and 33 distributing branches throughout the country.

It is alleged that there is an outstanding bond issue of \$1,200,000 on which payment of \$50,000 in principal and \$29,000 in interest, due on Dec. 31 1931, was defaulted. There is also outstanding, it is charged, an issue of \$1,249,000 15-year 7% debentures issued in 1920 with the New York Trust Co. as trustee, on which there is said to have been a shortage of \$150,000 in the sinking fund last September and a default in the payment of \$43,000 interest on Sept. 1.—V. 132, p. 2407.

Russell Motor Car Co., Ltd.—Dividend Reduced.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Dec. 31. Quarterly distributions of 75 cents per share were made on this issue on Aug. 1 and Nov. 2 last, as against \$1.25 per share previously.—V. 132, p. 4781.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Sales Fall Off.—

1931—Dec.—1930. Decrease. | 1931—12 Mos.—1930. Decrease.
\$23,953,745 | \$24,923,978 | \$970,233 | \$284,926,151 | \$303,539,346 | \$18,613,195
As of Dec. 31 the company had 3,736 stores in operation as compared with 4,703 on Dec. 31 1930.—V. 133, p. 3979, 3267.

St. Mary's Mineral Land Co.—Merger Completed.—See Copper Range Co. above.—V. 133, p. 3640.

Sanford Mills.—Dividend Again Reduced.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 25c. per share on the capital stock, no par value, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 5. A distribution of 50c. per share was made on Oct. 8 last, while on Jan. 15 1931 a semi-annual payment of \$1 per share was made.—V. 133, p. 2448.

Schiff Co.—Sales Decrease.—

1931—Dec.—1930. Decrease. | 1931—12 Mos.—1930. Decrease.
\$1,119,394 | \$1,175,130 | \$55,736 | \$10,171,078 | \$9,932,214 | \$238,864
V. 133, p. 3979, 3267.

Second National Investors Corp.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Dec. 31—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Profits realized on sale of securities	\$38,149	\$32,784	\$1,125,825
Interest on call loans, notes, &c.	5,404	282,257	282,257
Interest on bonds	302,119	345,707	99,390
Cash dividends	-----	177,532	-----
Total income	\$340,268	\$383,895	\$1,685,004
Loss realized on sale of securities	-----	363,472	-----
Interest	-----	8,077	-----
Management fee	57,349	77,924	84,697
Transfer agents', registrars' & custodian's fees	20,261	19,999	-----
Miscellaneous expenses	3,375	24,299	41,436
Provision for New York State tax	18,188	20,455	25,765
Federal income taxes	-----	-----	158,195
Net profit	\$241,093	loss \$122,256	\$1,366,834
Preferred dividends	235,000	375,000	537,500
Loss	-----	\$6,093	\$497,256
			\$829,334

a As of July 1 1930, the method of computing the cost of securities sold was changed from a basis of charging first sales against first purchases to an average cost basis. b Profit.

Security Profits Account Year Ended Dec. 30 1931.

Loss realized on sale of securities, based on average cost	\$210,689
Provision for current New York State tax based on security profits of prior years	42,218
Net loss on sale of securities	\$252,908
Excess of cost over market value of investments at Dec. 31 1930	\$3,010,643
Excess of cost over market value of investments at Dec. 31 1931	5,124,791
Increase in unrealized loss	\$2,114,148
<i>Change in Net Assets Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.</i>	
	Total
Net assets, market value Dec. 31 1930	\$7,948,730
	Per Share
	Prof. Stock.
	\$79.49
Decrease for period—before dividends	
Net income	loss \$241,093
Net loss on sale of securities	252,908
Increase in unrealized loss	2,114,148
Total	\$2,125,962
Add—Dividends on preferred stock	235,000
Decrease for period—after dividends	\$2,360,962
Net assets, market value, Dec. 31 1931	\$5,587,768
<i>Earned Surplus Account Dec. 31 1931.</i>	
Security profits surplus Dec. 31 1930	\$359,373
Net loss for year 1931	252,907
Net surplus for 1931 (after preferred dividends)	\$106,465
Total surplus	\$112,558

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1931.		1930.		1931.		1930.	
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$		
Cash	549,702	621,914	Accrued expenses	1,550	3,400		
Call loans	700,000	700,000	Provision for New York State tax	11,359	69,786		
Time deposits with banks	100,000	100,000	Provision for Federal income tax	4,800	4,800		
Short-term notes	a400,000	a400,000	Unearned interest	867	850		
Com. stks. at cost b5,472,346	9,125,258	9,125,258	\$5 conv. pref. stk. c1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000		
Bankers acceptances	129,935	-----	Common stock	d300,000	1,500,000		
U. S. Gov. oblig.	1,073,851	-----	Paid-in surplus	e9,300,000	8,100,000		
U. S. Liberty bds.	468,356	-----	Earned surplus	112,558	359,373		
Interest receivable	7,018	428					
Divs. receivable	29,928	32,454					
Prepaid New York State franchise tax	-----	58,155					
Total	10,731,136	11,038,210	Total	10,731,136	11,038,210		

a Obligations of Universal Credit Corp. b Market value—Dec. 31 1931, \$3,367,752. c Represented by 100,000 no par shares convertible into two shares of common stock on or before Jan. 1 1944; dividends cumulative and payable quarterly; liquidation and redemption value \$100 per share (dividends in arrears \$3.90 per share). d Represented by 300,000 (\$1 par) shares in 1931 and 300,000 (no par) shares in 1930; 200,000 shares of common stock are reserved for conversion of preferred stock, and 200,000 additional shares are reserved for exercise of purchase warrants at \$25 per share until Jan. 1 1944. e Representing the excess of paid-in capital over the par or stated value of capital stock.

A list of the securities in the portfolio is given in the report.—V. 133, p. 3979.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Obituary—New Vice-President—Sales Decline.

Chairman Julius Rosenwald died at his home in Ravinia, Ill., on Jan. 6. Colonel G. E. Humphrey, Assistant to the President for the past two years has been appointed Vice-President in charge of factory investment and manufacturing activities of the company. He is also President of Allstate Insurance Co., a Sears subsidiary.

Sales for Four and Fifty-two Weeks Ended Dec. 31.

—4 Weeks End. Dec. 31—	Decrease.	—52 Wks. End. Dec. 31—	Decrease.
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
\$33,167,501	\$39,075,133	\$5,907,632	\$34,720,054
			\$39,038,210
			\$43,173,053

Servel, Inc. (& Subs.)—Annual Report.

Net sales for the year as compared with previous fiscal period (10 months) show an increase of 49.8% in refrigeration departments, a reduction of 57.3% in gas engine and truck body departments and net increase for all departments of 28.2%.

There was expended on plant and machinery \$912,063, which, after deducting a depreciation charge of \$256,173 and adjustment of \$1,706, leaves a net increase of \$654,184.

The popularity of Electrolux, the gas refrigerator of the continuous absorption type, without moving parts, is constantly increasing over a gradually expanding area and sale of the product has moved steadily forward. The line of Electrolux models has been extended and many improvements have been made both in efficiency and appearance which should tend to still further increase public demand for this product.

The Hermetic line of electrically operated, motor driven compressor type domestic product was introduced during the current year and its national distribution is being widened and stabilized. The models in this line have been extended so that dealers can now provide a suitable box for every domestic need.

The company's line of electrically operated, motor driven compressor type product for commercial uses has been improved in appearance and efficiency and engineered for a standardization of interchangeable parts, thus providing for lower inventories and an increased range of models without additional tooling costs.

The company's business in Hercules gas engines and Hercules better business bodies for commercial uses suffered severely in common with the general depression. It is expected, however, that an improvement in general business conditions will revive business in these two lines.

Company has recently been the successful bidder on a large United States Government order for refrigerators of both the Electrolux and Hermetic type for installation at army posts in various parts of the country. This order marks the initial entry of Electrolux gas refrigeration into Government operation.

Comparative Income Account.

Period—	Year Ended 10 Mos. End.		Calendar Years—	
	Oct. 31 '31.	Oct. 31 '30.	1928.	1929.
Gross sales	\$14,421,470	\$9,669,412	\$14,421,470	\$9,669,412
Returns	1,233,648	877,774	1,233,648	877,774
Commissions	107,430	173,406	107,430	173,406
Cost of sales	9,870,850	6,192,076	9,870,850	6,192,076
Gross profit on sale	\$4,155,426	\$3,130,055	\$3,209,541	\$2,426,155
Advertising, selling and service expenses	2,070,870	1,687,690	1,820,936	1,582,449
Admin. & general exp.	547,059	387,951	426,995	344,953
Other expenses	-----	-----	-----	140,627
Net profit on operat'ns	\$1,537,496	\$1,054,414	\$961,610	\$358,124
Other income	39,602	41,636	177,311	107,928
Total profit	\$1,577,098	\$1,096,050	\$1,138,921	\$466,052
Interest accruals	92,159	88,730	112,296	229,654
Discounts allowed	-----	-----	163,117	-----
Provision for doubtful accounts, &c.	77,542	72,711	72,278	-----
Extraordinary deduct'ns	x275,000	375,000	1,391,117	-----
Prov. for Federal taxes	65,000	-----	-----	-----
Net profit for period	y\$1,067,398	\$559,603	loss\$599,887	\$236,398
Shares common stock outstanding (no par)	1,736,426	1,729,850	1,729,850	1,729,850
Earnings per share	\$0.58	\$0.29	Nil	\$0.09

x Provision for excess factory overhead of ensuing seasonal low production period. y Charges for depreciation for 1931 amounted to \$256,174.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Plant & property	5,117,210	4,463,026	7% preferred stock	838,900
Cash	3,654,730	856,242	Common stock	b17,857,018
Call loans	-----	2,600,000	Accounts payable	383,032
Notes, trade acceptances & accounts receivable	798,479	636,931	Accruals	305,431
Inventories	2,265,094	2,399,692	Prov. for Fed. Inc. tax	65,000
Deposits and advances	28,557	44,405	1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, due 1948	1,784,600
a Balance to pay stock options	-----	21,000	1st mtge. 6% bds.	-----
Deferred charges	76,615	56,436	Res. for ontng.	275,000
Patents, &c.	11,273,967	11,260,833	Surplus	c1,498,745
			Res. for warry serv.	206,925
Total	23,214,652	22,338,565	Total	23,214,652

a Balance of amount payable on exercise of officers' and employees' option, to purchase voting trust certificates for 3,000 shares of common stock. b Represented by 1,736,426 shares of no par value. c Capital surplus, \$339,971; special surplus through appraisal, \$70,533; earned surplus, \$1,088,242.—V. 133, p. 4341.

Securities-Allied Corp.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 12 to holders of record Jan. 4.—V. 133, p. 1301.

Simms Petroleum Co.—Proposes to Purchase 100,000 Additional Shares of Its Capital Stock at \$5 per Share.

Under date of Oct. 1 1931, a letter was sent to stockholders informing them of the proposed purchase by the company of not exceeding 100,000 shares of its capital stock at a price not exceeding \$6 per share, subject to their approval. Such approval was given and transferable warrants were issued to stockholders representing their rights to sell to the company one share for each eight shares held. In exercise of these rights 85,672 shares were sold to the company at \$6 a share, and the company subsequently purchased 14,328 shares in the open market at a lesser price, thereby completing the 100,000 share authorization.

Through the foregoing, and the purchase of 381 shares additional under authorization of the directors, the number of outstanding shares of capital stock of the company, exclusive of shares held in the treasury, has been reduced to 700,000.

The company's subsidiary, Simms Oil Co., has recently sold certain partnership interests which it held in producing leases in the East Texas field, constituting about one-seventh of its proven acreage holdings in that field. The price realized showed a substantial profit on the investment, after allowing for development expenditures and operating revenues in that date of sale. The current production from the properties sold constituted less than 5% of the total current net production of the company.

The Simms Petroleum Co. has retained interests in the East Texas field equivalent to full ownership in approximately 750 proven acres, with current production of 1,000 barrels daily under restriction. It owns properties in West Texas with current production of 4,600 barrels daily under proration restriction and with large proven underground reserves, also about 750 wells on older properties with settled production of about 3,300 barrels daily, and refineries, marketing stations, pipe lines, casinghead plants, &c.

As a result of this sale, cash on hand has been increased to approximately \$1,000,000, which is in excess of operating requirements. The utilization of the surplus cash in further reducing the outstanding stock would result in increasing the proportionate ownership in the company's properties represented by each share remaining outstanding. The directors are of the opinion that the property assets represented by each share of the company's outstanding stock would thereby be increased to a greater extent than would be possible through an equivalent expenditure for the acquisition of new properties at the present time.

It is proposed, subject to the approval of stockholders, that the company make a further purchase of not exceeding 100,000 shares of its capital stock at an average price of not exceeding \$5 per share. The meeting of the stockholders will be held on Jan. 16 1932, for the consideration of the proposal. If the proposal is approved by stockholders, each stockholder of record Jan. 20 1932, will have the right to sell to the company at any time prior to the close of business on Feb. 10 1932, and to receive payment out of funds to be deposited by it with the Chase National Bank of the city of New York, up to one-seventh of his stock at \$5 per share.

In the event that the full amount of 100,000 shares shall not be so purchased in exercise of rights, the deficiency may be made up by subsequent purchases when and as obtainable at an average price of not exceeding \$5 per share. The company has effected arrangements whereby it is believed that it can acquire sufficient stock for the purpose of making up any such deficiency at the above mentioned price. If the proposed purchase of 100,000 shares is consummated, it is intended that this stock, together with the 100,000 shares already acquired, will be cancelled and retired.

The price of \$5 per share is not to be considered indicative of a valuation placed upon the stock by the directors, nor is there any request or recommendation on their part that the stockholders exercise the right to dispose of a portion of their holdings at that price. The fact that this proposed purchase is fixed at \$5 per share, as compared with \$6 per share under the previous authorization, does not result from any shrinkage in the value of the company's properties, nor from any revised opinion of the directors with regard to the company's prospects. The price of \$5 has been arrived at because of the level at which the stock has recently been traded in on the open market. As a result of the existing world-wide depression in security values, this price reflects other factors aside from the situation of the company itself and its future prospects, which is of course true of many other securities. As of Nov. 30 1931, the book value of the stock then outstanding was in excess of \$16 per share, and net current assets, adjusted to give effect to the sale of property referred to above, were approximately \$4 per share.—V. 134, p. 146.

Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.—Deny Completion of Merger.

Reports from Tulsa, Okla., that a merger of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp., the Prairie Oil & Gas Co., and the Prairie Pipe Line Co., had been completed were denied Jan. 4 in a joint statement by H. F. Sinclair, W. S. Fitzpatrick and Clark Kountz, the officials designated by their respective companies to negotiate for a merger. The reports said also that the name of the combined companies would be the Sinclair Oil Corp. "No statement respecting the consolidation of our companies is authorized," the joint statement of the officials read. "Such an announcement, to have any authority, must follow meetings of our boards, which meetings have not been held.

As to the report that the headquarters of the proposed consolidation had been selected, that matter has not even been discussed. The question of the location of the general offices of any department has not been determined, nor will such questions be considered until the consolidation is consummated, and the organization of the new company, composed of representatives of our several corporations, has an opportunity to go into all the factors that would be involved.—V. 133, p. 4341.

Sin-Mac Lines, Ltd.—Protective Committee.

The company has made default in the interest and sinking fund payments due Oct. 1 1931, on the 6% 1st mtge. sinking fund gold bonds.

Bondholders are requested to deposit their bonds at the office of Montreal Trust Co. in either Montreal or Toronto, Can. The date of deposit has been extended from Dec. 31 to Jan. 31.

The Committee consists of J. E. McLurg, Chairman, E. G. Long, T. C. J. L. Apedelle, C. A. James Hutchinson, C. A., D. B. Carswell, and W. C. Pitfield. A. T. Christie, 235 St. James St., Montreal, is Secretary.

The Committee in a letter to bondholders says: "There are now outstanding \$1,374,000 1st mortgage bonds of an original issue of \$1,500,000—the balance having been redeemed during the past two years. These bonds are secured by trust deed constituting a first, fixed and specific closed mortgage upon all the fixed assets of the company and by a first floating charge upon all other assets. The company was incorporated in 1928 as an amalgamation of five established towing, wrecking and salvaging businesses operating on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Waterway. The combined operations constitute an essential service to shipping. The Company's earning power is therefore directly dependent on shipping movement."

Business during the 1929 shipping season was fair, but the 1930 and 1931 seasons to date have proved the worst in the history of the St. Lawrence Waterway for the past 30 years or more.

With shipping movement estimated at approximately 40% of normal the company's earnings have suffered correspondingly—a condition not peculiar to this company but common to all businesses connected with shipping.

Every effort has been made to effect economies in operation—total operating and administration expenses having been reduced to approximately \$491,000 for the ten months ended October 31 last as compared with approximately \$693,000 for the corresponding period of the previous year.

Gross revenue, however, decreased from approximately \$1,039,000 for the fiscal year 1929 to about \$842,000 for 1930 and for the first ten months of the current year amounted to about \$431,000 as compared with \$658,000 for the corresponding period of the previous year—thus showing a continued decline in gross business available.

It is apparent that this decrease is due primarily to the corresponding decrease in shipping movement. A return to normal conditions should very quickly re-establish the company's earning power.

In order to conserve working capital during this period of depression, dividends on the preferred stock were deferred in Sept. 1930; and at a director's meeting held on Sept. 25, 1931, it was decided to defer for 60 days payments of bond interest and sinking fund due Oct. 1 last.

Business for the months of October and November has shown no material improvement and it is therefore apparent that bond interest and sinking fund payments already due cannot be paid without impairing the company's position to such an extent as to make it impossible to go through the winter and into next year's shipping season with sufficient working capital to operate satisfactorily.—V. 134, p. 146.

Solvay American Investment Corp.—Pref. Dividend.

The New York Stock Exchange has received notice from this corporation of the declaration to holders of pref. stock of record on Jan. 15, 1932, of a dividend of \$1.375 per share, payable Feb. 15, 1932, provided that on the latter date the pref. stock has not been impaired.

The Committee on Securities ruled that the pref. stock be not quoted ex said dividend until further notice.—V. 133, p. 3267.

(A. G.) Spalding & Bros.—Earnings.

Years End. Oct. 31—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net sales	\$22,983,321	\$28,100,216	\$27,886,334	\$26,024,700
Cost of sales	15,030,215	17,416,341	17,091,069	16,068,492
Admin., adv. & sell. exps	7,829,056	8,132,320	7,914,531	7,226,106
Depreciation	604,553	618,670	578,923	559,007
Royalties	147,927	150,010	108,889	90,566
Net operating profit..loss	\$628,431	\$1,782,873	\$2,192,921	\$2,080,530
Other income	235,212	296,627	322,320	271,210
Total income	loss\$393,218	\$2,079,500	\$2,515,241	\$2,351,740
Int. paid & misc. losses	181,966	179,490	204,595	242,192
Prov. for income taxes	13,188	222,941	260,200	266,100
Other deductions	—	41,585	—	—
Reductions in assets value acct. foreign exch.	422,894	—	—	—
Net income	loss\$1,011,267	\$1,635,484	\$2,050,446	\$1,843,447
7% 1st pref. dividends	24,605	249,673	260,887	282,963
8% 2d pref. dividends	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Common dividends	605,583	695,681	538,926	356,424
Prov. for ret. 1st pref.	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Profit	def\$2,091,455	\$460,130	\$1,020,633	\$974,060
Shs. com. stk. outstanding (no par)	349,110	349,110	349,110	x59,822
Earns. per sh. on com.	Nil	\$3.74	\$4.90	\$24.75
x Par \$100.				

Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Land, bldgs., &c.	\$5,005,202	4,980,612	7% 1st pref. stock	3,487,500	3,623,000
Leaseholds, bldgs., & improvements	1,264,403	1,306,447	8% 2d pref. stock	1,000,000	1,000,000
Patent rights	37,737	65,042	Common stock	a9,032,200	9,032,200
Cash	837,997	893,828	Accts. payable	395,100	760,674
Accts. & notes rec.	c3,384,607	4,304,910	Demand loans	410,126	401,885
Inventories	8,130,613	10,200,407	Accr. sal. wages, int., taxes, &c.	350,309	455,682
Def'd charges, &c.	211,937	239,205	Res. for inc. taxes	12,198	224,341
Sundry non-current notes & accts. rec.	231,184	922,498	Empl. sub. to stk.	—	18,655
Investments	922,498	920,307	Miscell. reserve	80,161	72,382
Treasury stock	315,258	125,358	Surplus	4,156,217	6,247,672
Cash in sink. fund.	1,280	1,268	Surp. approx. for red. of 1st pref.	1,638,075	1,502,564
Employ. cont. for purch. of stock	219,271	301,700			
Total	20,561,887	23,339,087	Total	20,561,887	23,339,087

a After reserve for depreciation of \$4,061,148. b Leaseholds, building and improvements thereon, after depreciation and amortization, \$1,289,403, less mortgage payable \$25,000, annually, \$1,264,403. c Composed as follows: accounts receivable \$3,406,317, notes receivable \$230,103, employees accounts receivable \$28,497, total \$3,664,918, less provision for uncollectible amounts of \$280,410. d Represented by 349,110 no par shares.—V. 133, p. 3106.

(A. E.) Staley Mfg. Co.—Resumes Preferred Dividend.

The directors recently declared a semi-annual dividend of 3½% on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 24, 1931 to holders of record Dec. 14, 1931. The last previous semi-annual distribution was made on this date on Jan. 1, 1931.—V. 133, p. 1140.

Standard Oil Co. of Indiana.—Expansion.

The company has acquired, through its subsidiary, Pan American Petroleum & Transport Co., a substantial interest in the Naphtha Industry & Tank Farm Co., a German concern which distributes petroleum products in Germany, handling about 420,000 barrels of refined products annually. Through this acquisition the Standard company will hereafter distribute refined petroleum products manufactured at its Aruba, D.W.I., refinery. It was understood that about \$1,100,000 was paid for the German interest. ("Oil, Paint & Drug Reporter").—V. 133, p. 4172.

Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey)—Price of Stock to Employees Fixed at \$30.50 a Share.

The directors have fixed a price of \$30.50 a share at which employees of the company and its subsidiaries may subscribe for the company's capital stock. The price applies for the first six months this year, the first term of the fourth stock acquisition plan, which went into effect Jan. 1, 1932. Six months ago a price of \$34 a share was fixed by directors for the latter half of 1931.—V. 133, p. 4341.

Standard Oil Investment Trust, Inc.—Trustee of Fixed Trust Resigns.

The Bank of New York & Trust Co. announces its resignation as trustee under the trust agreement creating Standard Oil Investment Shares, series A, dated July 1, 1930. Such resignation shall take effect on Jan. 26. The Standard Oil Investment Shares is a fixed trust investment trust sponsored by Standard Oil Investment Trust, Inc. The trust made one distribution to shareholders of 64 cents in February 1931. It is expected that the trust will be liquidated as there are but few shares outstanding.

Standard Varnish Works, N. Y.—Stock Increased.

The company has notified the Secretary of State of New York that it has increased its capital to 78,000 shares from 75,000 shares, the stock being divided into 20,000 shares of \$100 par preferred and 58,000 shares of no par common stock.—V. 131, p. 2080.

(A.) Stein & Co.—Changes Meeting Date.

The date of the annual stockholders' meeting has been changed to March 25 from Jan. 25. President Samuel M. Stein, in commenting on the company's plans for 1932 and accomplishments during 1931, said: "For 1932, we have decided upon a very aggressive advertising campaign and have augmented our sales personnel. We recently held our sales convention, at which about 100 of our sales representatives were present.

In addition to being shown our new lines for 1932 and receiving advance information about our program of advertising, our men were given in detail the nature of several style innovations in our leading lines for men, women and children, as well as the introduction of a new line of apparel accessories for men, that would be made public early in 1932. The enthusiasm with which our plans were received by our salesmen leads us to believe that we can look confidently ahead for 1932."—V. 132, p. 1633.

Stevens Hotel Co.—Jan. 1 Interest Being Paid.

The interest due Jan. 1, 1932, on the 6% 1st mtge. 20-year sinking fund gold bonds, series A, due 1943, is now being paid.

The Committee on Securities of the New York Stock Exchange rules that the bonds be quoted ex-interest 3%, Jan. 7, that the bonds shall continue to be dealt in "flat" and thereafter to be a delivery must carry the July 1, 1932, and subsequent coupons.—V. 122, p. 3615; V. 133, p. 303.

Studebaker Corp.—December Sales.

Pres. A. R. Erskine announces the following December sales of this company and its subsidiaries: Studebaker passenger cars and trucks, 5,109; Pierce Arrow, 885; and Rockne, 743; a total of 6,237. This is more than 50% in excess of December 1929, more than 100% in excess of December 1930 and is 13% higher than the five-year average for December.

Retail deliveries were such that dealers' stocks remain low. The Rockne six was not available until the last week of the month, but substantial shipments will be made in January, against a large bank of unfilled orders.—V. 134, p. 146.

Swift & Co., Chicago.—Acquires Two Concerns.

The company has purchased the physical assets of the Western Meat Packing Co. of San Francisco and the Oakland Meat Packing Co. The purchases are in line with Swift's policy of decentralizing its packing operations in order to adapt its distribution to present day requirements.

New Chairman, &c.

Edward F. Swift has been elected Chairman of the board of Swift & Co. to succeed his brother, Louis F. Swift, whose retirement was announced immediately after the annual meeting of stockholders on Jan. 7. The latter will continue to serve as a director. Edward F. Swift had been Vice-Chairman of the board.

The stockholders voted to increase the board of directors from nine to 11 members. William B. Traylor and John Holmes, Vice-President were elected.

Inventory Losses During 1931 Partially Offset by Savings in Expenses.

Continuity of operations was one of the outstanding features of Swift & Co.'s business during 1931, according to President G. F. Swift. Mr. Swift, in his address to shareholders at the 47th annual meeting of his company on Jan. 7 said, "We have not had to slow down for lack of livestock. Our volume of production is determined almost entirely by the output of livestock producers, not by the purchasing power of consumers.

"Meat and livestock prices have followed the general downward trend, in some instances going below the 1913 level.

"A drastic fall in the general level of prices creates difficult problems for everybody. Falling prices are particularly hard on farmers, livestock feeders, and raisers who have borrowed money to buy their farms or to carry on their farming operations. It is not easy for producers who contracted obligations when prices were on a higher level to pay interest on their loans or to repay the principal out of low priced products.

"We expect our business to give a good account of itself during 1932. The general price level shows signs of having reached a fair degree of stability—which is one of the first things we need. Our manufacturing and distributing costs have been greatly reduced. Our business is highly diversified. Added to these is the fact that our production varies hardly at all with the ups and downs of other industries.

"We have to maintain at all times a certain working stock of meats and other products in the process of manufacture and distribution in order to meet the requirements of our trade. On these stocks we were obliged to take a large inventory loss. This loss was offset by manufacturing profits and by profits from the sale of various capital assets, including all of our refrigerator and tank cars.

"Another partial offset to our inventory losses was the large savings we made in expenses—in the cost of our supplies, and in the further improvement of operating and selling methods. While it was impossible to get our expenses reduced by as much as the value of our products declined, we made notable economies all along the line, economies which should help us materially in future years."—V. 133, p. 4341.

Teck-Hughes Gold Mines, Ltd.—Regular Dividend.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 15 cents per share, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 16. An extra distribution of 5 cents per share was made on Nov. 2 last out of the earnings for the year ended Aug. 31, 1931.—V. 133, p. 3642.

Telautograph Corp.—New Contracts Signed.

The corporation states that new contracts for its service signed in December 1931, provide for annual rentals of \$12,200, comparing with new contracts amounting to \$8,200 in annual rentals signed in December 1930.—V. 133, p. 2942.

Tennessee Coal, Iron & RR. Co.—Tenders.

The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., as trustee, is notifying holders of gen. mtge. gold bonds, maturing 1951, that sealed proposals for the sale for account of the sinking fund of bonds sufficient to exhaust the sum of \$121,670 will be received until noon Jan. 19, 1932. Proposals should be made at a price not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 133, p. 3107.

Themis Building, Ltd., Montreal.—To Postpone Payment of the Sinking Fund.

The bondholders will meet on Jan. 26 to approve or disapprove a resolution postponing the payment of the sinking fund due on March 1, 1932, March 1, 1933, and March 1, 1934, delaying by three years the payments due in 1932 to 1940, inclusively, of \$405,000 as stipulated in the trust deed, plus the amount unpaid of \$87,000, making a total of \$492,000.

Financing was carried out early in 1927, when the 1st mtge. bonds were offered publicly. (Toronto "Financial Post.")

Third National Investors Corp.—Earnings.

Period Ended Dec. 31—	12 Months Ended—	Apr. 17 '29 to Dec. 31 '29.
1931.	1930.	Dec. 31 '29.
Profits realized on sale of securities	—	\$467,758
Interest on call loans, notes, &c.	\$26,686	76,055
Interest on bonds	1,324	—
Cash dividends	290,651	136,535
Total income	\$317,337	\$680,347
Loss realized on sale of securities	—	4,645
Interest	—	40,397
Management fee	50,573	—
Transfer agents', registrars' and custodian's fees	17,104	10,308
Miscellaneous expenses	2,330	15,262
Provision for New York State tax	5,584	1,897
Federal income tax	—	66,000
Net income	\$241,746	\$552,146
Dividends	231,000	220,000
Surplus	\$10,746	\$332,146

As of July 1, 1930, the method of computing the cost of securities sold was changed from a basis of charging first sales against first purchases to an average cost basis.

Security Profits Account—Year Ended Dec. 31, 1931.

Loss realized on sale of securities, based on average cost	\$294,757
Add provision for current N. Y. State tax based on security profits of prior years	17,541
Net loss on sale of securities	\$312,297
Excess of cost over market value of investments at Dec. 31, 1930	\$3,364,822
Excess of cost over market value of investments at Dec. 31, 1931	5,323,432
Increase in unrealized loss	\$1,958,613

Change in Net Assets—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.

	Total.	Per Share.
Net assets, market value—Dec. 31 1930.....	\$7,013,429	\$31.88
Refund of State taxes credited to paid-in surplus.....	9,184	.04
Total.....	\$7,022,613	\$31.92
Decrease for period—before dividends:		
Net income.....	\$241,746	\$1.10
Net loss on sale of securities.....	312,298	1.42
Increase in unrealized loss.....	1,958,611	8.90
Total decrease.....	\$2,029,162	\$9.22
Add dividends on common stock.....	231,000	1.05
Decrease for period—after dividends.....	2,260,162	\$10.27
Net assets, market value, Dec. 31 1931.....	4,762,451	\$21.65

Statement of Earned Surplus, Dec. 31 1931.

Security profits surplus, Dec. 31 1930.....	\$18,931
Net loss for year 1931.....	312,298
Net loss.....	\$293,365
Net profit for 1931 (after dividends).....	10,746
Earned deficit, Dec. 31 1931.....	\$282,619

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Cash.....	408,194	Accrued expenses.....	1,650
Call loans.....	89,957	Provision for N. Y. State tax.....	440
Time deposits with banks.....	600,000	Provision for Fed'l income tax.....	13,982
Bankers' acceptances.....	100,000	Unearned interest.....	663
U. S. Govt. short-term obligations.....	75,000	Common stock.....	220,000
U. S. Liberty bonds.....	824,154	Paid in surplus.....	10,148,502
Short-term notes.....	364,276	Earned surplus.....	def282,619
Invest. at cost.....	8,397,288		
Dividends receiv.....	28,066		
Prepaid N. Y. State franchise tax.....	5,640		
Int. receivable.....	10,102,618		
Total.....	10,424,178	Total.....	10,102,618

a Obligations of Universal Credit Corp. b Market value, Dec. 31 1931. \$3,089,613. c Authorized, 400,000 \$1 par shares, outstanding, 220,000 shares. 130,000 shares are reserved for exercise of purchase warrants entitling the holders to purchase common stock at \$60 per share until March 1 1934, and thereafter at \$2 more per share per annum until March 1 1939, when the warrants expire.
 A list of the securities held in the portfolio is given in the pamphlet report.—V. 133, p. 3980.

Title Securities Co.—Omits Dividend.

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Jan. 1 on the common stock, par \$100. On Oct. 1 last, a distribution of 1% was made as against 1½% previously each quarter.—V. 133, p. 2448.

Tobacco Products Corp. (Va.)—Extra Class A Div.—Time for Deposits Under Plan Extended.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 15c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 20c. per share on the no par value class A stock, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 25. A similar extra distribution was made on this issue on Feb. 16 1931. Holders of certificates of deposit under the reorganization plan on the record date will receive these dividends.

The corporation has extended until Jan. 30 the time during which it will receive deposits of its common and class A stock for exchange into debentures of Tobacco Products Corp. of New Jersey and stock of Tobacco Products Corp. of Delaware.

See also United Stores Corp. below.—V. 134, p. 147.

Transcontinental Shares Corp.—Semi-annual Div.

The Universal Trust Shares will pay a semi-annual dividend of 30c. per share on Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31. Approximately 20c. of this dividend is made up from the reserve fund.
 An initial distribution of 66.524c. was made on Jan. 15 1931, which was followed by a semi-annual payment of 30c. per share on July 15 1931.—V. 132, p. 328.

Truscon Steel Co.—Omits Dividend.

The company will not pay the cash dividend on its common stock due on Jan. 15, it was announced on Jan. 7. President Julius Kahn stated that the directors had taken no action and no meeting was scheduled for the near future.

In each of the two preceding quarters a distribution of 15 cents per share was made as compared with 30 cents per share previously. In addition, an annual 6% stock payment was made on March 10 1931.—V. 133, p. 4173.

Trustee Standard Shares, Inc.—Dividends.

Dwelly, Pearce & Co., distributors of Trustee Standard Investment Shares, announce distributable earnings of 9.2c. per share on the series C shares, and of 9c. per share on the series D shares, for the six months ended Jan. 2, both dividends being payable Feb. 1. These dividends are equivalent to a yield of 3¼% at present prices. Since organization of this investment trust a little over a year ago, 2,865,970 shares of both series have been sold to investors. It was also announced.
 Semi-annual distributions of 11c. per series C share and 10.45c. per series D share were made on Aug. 1 last.—V. 133, p. 3801.

Uhlmann Grain Co.—25% Stock Dividend.

The company has declared a 25% stock dividend, increasing the outstanding capital stock to \$3,000,000 from \$2,400,000.

United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Reduces Dividend on Preferred Stock.—The directors on Jan. 5 declared a dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding \$17,137,700 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$100, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. During 1931 four regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 per share were paid.
 Accumulations, after payment of the dividend just declared, will total \$8 per share.—V. 133, p. 977.

United States Rubber Co.—Tenders.

The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., trustee, announces that it will receive sealed proposals to sell \$670,438 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, series A, due Jan. 1 1947, at a rate not exceeding 105 and int., and \$250,000 of 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds, series B, at a rate not exceeding 110 and int. Sealed proposals will be opened on Jan. 28 1932. The bonds of both series mature Jan. 1 1947.—V. 133, p. 2117.

United Stores Corp.—To Vote on Exchange Offer.

The stockholders will vote Jan. 20 on approving the offer of the Tobacco Products Corp. (of Virginia) to exchange the latter's class A stock for debentures of Tobacco Products Corp. (of New Jersey) which will be formed to hold the lease agreement with the American Tobacco Co. and to exchange its common stock for the debentures of the Tobacco Products Corp. of New Jersey and the stock of the Tobacco Products Corp. of Delaware which will hold the stock of the New Jersey corporation.

The stockholders will also vote on approving a proposal to exchange United Stores Corp. preferred stock for debentures of Tobacco Products Corp. (of New Jersey) in the ratio of \$50 of debentures for one share of

preferred stock. If all of the preferred stockholders accept the offer of exchange, the United Stores Corp. would have remaining in its treasury approximately \$4,689,496 of the debentures, and all of its holdings, direct and indirect, of preferred and common stocks of United Cigar Stores Co.

Chairman George K. Morrow says in substance:

Because of the cumulative feature of the preferred stock of United Stores Corp. and the inability of that corporation to pay its full dividend in the past, such an offer to the preferred stockholders of United Stores Corp. would be to the advantage of the class A and common stockholders of the corporation.

The United Stores Corp. owns 1,244,540 shares of class A stock of Tobacco Products Corp., or approximately 55½% of the amount outstanding, and 1,999,124 shares of the common stock of Tobacco Products Corp., or approximately 60 3-5% of the amount outstanding.

The directors of United Stores Corp. have unanimously approved the plan of reorganization of Tobacco Products Corp. Inasmuch, however, as the board is to a large extent identical with the board of Tobacco Products Corp. and as many members of the board are stockholders in both corporations, the directors of United Stores Corp. deemed it desirable to submit to the stockholders the question of approval to be given by that corporation to the plan.

One of the reasons suggested to the stockholders of Tobacco Products Corp. for reorganizing that company was the great difference between the market value of that corporation's outstanding stock and its actual value as measured by the value of the assets of the corporation. This difference is even greater in the case of United Stores Corp. The value of the holdings of United Stores Corp. in Tobacco Products Corp. as of Nov. 30 would have been \$26,192,251. Other assets on that date had a further market value of approximately \$2,455,452, a total value for the United Stores holdings of \$28,647,703, and yet, as of the date of this letter, the market value of the stocks of United Stores Corp. was only approximately \$13,711,930, a difference of \$14,935,773. Directors believe the plan for reorganization of Tobacco Products Corp. will not only benefit United Stores Corp. but will be directly beneficial to the stockholders of that corporation.

The United Stores Corp. would receive approximately \$20,441,896 of the debentures to be issued under the plan. It would also receive about 1,999,124 shares of stock of the new Tobacco Products Corp. to be organized to hold the common stock of United Cigar Stores Co. now owned by Tobacco Products Corp. Each share of the new Tobacco Products Corp. will represent approximately 1¼ shares of common stock of United Cigar Stores Co.

The direct and indirect holdings of common stock of United Cigar Stores Co. of America to be owned by United Stores Corp., will accordingly aggregate approximately 3,126,510 shares. The new Tobacco Products Corp. will also, through its subsidiary, own the equity in the lease agreement with American Tobacco Co. from which it should derive an annual income of approximately \$175,000. The net income of United Stores Corp. may thus be slightly increased.—V. 133, p. 1778.

Utah-Apex Mining Co.—Earnings.

	1931.	1930.
Income from sales of ore after smelter charges & exp.....	\$294,713	\$908,330
Profit on realization of securities.....	4,310	28,397
Lease royalties.....	—	28,397
Int. discount & miscellaneous receipts.....	33,095	41,668
Total income.....	\$332,118	\$978,396
Mining & milling expenses.....	369,122	850,682
Mill ore purchases.....	—	128,181
Insurance.....	12,893	52,469
General expenses.....	75,725	102,911
Taxes.....	7,401	7,106
Depreciation.....	53,776	51,843
Loss on realization of securities.....	—	2,673
Net loss before depletion.....	\$186,799	\$217,469

Comparative Balance Sheet Aug. 31.		1931.		1930.	
Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Properties.....	\$2,443,577	\$2,443,577	Capital stock.....	\$2,641,000	\$2,641,000
Expenditure on development, construction, & equipment (net).....	482,268	532,771	Accts. payable & accruals.....	74,216	119,017
Investments & advances to mining companies.....	52,027	—	Sundry stockholders unpaid.....	9,873	10,039
Cash.....	13,949	15,312	General reserve.....	500,000	500,000
Securities.....	645,751	819,766	Surplus.....	498,103	684,902
Interest accrued.....	5,485	7,416			
Accts. & notes rec.....	5,217	12,198			
Ore in transit.....	—	34,083			
Materials & supplies at mine.....	71,712	80,470			
Prepaid insurance.....	3,205	9,364			
Total.....	\$3,723,191	\$3,954,958	Total.....	\$3,723,191	\$3,954,958

—V. 132, p. 1827.

Utility & Industrial Corp.—To Reduce Stated Value.

The stockholders will vote Jan. 20 on approving a proposed reduction in the stated value of the pref. stock from \$23.50 to \$7 a share and of the common stock from \$16.31 to \$5 a share. The latter is all owned by the H. M. Bylesby Engineering & Management Corp.

The changes are recommended to allow the continued payment of pref. dividends from current earnings. The net asset value of the pref. is \$19 a share, and the laws of Delaware do not permit dividend payments where there is capital impairment.—V. 133, p. 3108.

Verville Aircraft Co. of Detroit.—Receivership.

Chancellor Walcott in Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., Dec. 31, appointed E. R. Cochran, Jr., of Wilmington, as receiver, upon application of Ray S. Deering, a stockholder. The company manufactures small planes and flying boats. The bill of complaint alleges insolvency. The corporation filed an answer with the bill of complaint admitting insolvency and agreeing to the appointment of a receiver.

Virginia Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Richmond, Va.—Dividend Decreased.

The directors recently declared a semi-annual dividend of 75c. per share on the capital stock, par \$25, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 23. Previously, the company made regular semi-annual payments of \$1.50 per share.

Vick Financial Corp.—Earnings.

	Income Statement for Periods Ended Dec. 31.		June 10 to Dec. 31 '29.
	1931.	1930.	
Interest received and accrued.....	\$139,805	\$142,247	\$227,927
Dividends.....	298,713	502,537	100,825
Total.....	\$438,518	\$644,784	\$328,753
Operating expenses.....	79,205	135,693	46,185
State franchise taxes paid & accrued.....	10,936	—	—
Operating profit.....	\$348,376	\$509,091	\$282,568
Earned Surplus Account Dec. 31 1931.			
Earned surplus Jan. 1 1931.....	—	—	\$295,047
Operating profit for year (as above).....	—	—	348,376
Total surplus.....			\$643,423
Dividends paid.....	—	—	407,710
Defaulted bond int. accrued at Dec. 31 1930 written off.....	—	—	4,614
Transfer tax on cap. stock applicable to 1929.....	—	—	400
Earned surplus Dec. 31.....			\$230,700
Reserve for Investment Depreciation Dec. 31 1931.			
Transfer from capital surplus.....	—	—	\$5,250,000
Profits from sale of securities.....	—	—	94,823
Total surplus.....			\$5,344,823
Losses from sales of securities.....	—	—	3,094,565
Balance Dec. 31.....			\$2,250,258

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1931.		1930.		1931.		1930.	
Assets—		Assets—		Liabilities—		Liabilities—	
Cash	13,750	180,475	Reserve for taxes	512	3,053		
x Invest. (at cost)	9,065,177	12,013,387	Accounts payable	512			
Invest. in corp. common stock	551,812	339,803	Unearned discount	593			
Note receivable	23,000	23,000	Res. for Del. State franchise tax	794			
Interest and divs. receivable	64,169	66,290	Reserve for Invest. depreciation	2,250,258			
			Common stock—b	5,834,500	12,169,950		
			z Earned surplus	230,699	295,047		
			Surp. result. from retire. of com.	316,050	154,903		
			Capital surplus	584,500			
Total	9,217,907	12,622,954	Total	9,217,908	12,622,954		

a Par \$10. b Par \$5. x Market value at Dec. 31 1931, \$6,579,799. y 10,300 shares (at cost). z Based upon valuation of investment securities at cost.

Note.—Not to exceed 150,000 shares of the authorized 2,000,000 shares common stock are reserved for future subscription by directors, officers and employees not later than Jan. 2 1940, on yearly options, at prices of not less than \$10 per share until Jan. 2 1935, and \$15 per share thereafter until Jan. 2 1940. Under such options, stock purchase warrants for 21,500 shares were outstanding Dec. 31 1931.

Book Value of Common Stock.—The book value of the common stock, according to the audited balance sheet with investments valued at closing prices Dec. 31 1931 (except investments in corporation's common stock which is valued at cost), is \$5.77 per share.—V. 133, p. 817.

Waldorf System, Inc.—Suspension of Gurnett & Co. Has No Effect on Company's Affairs.

J. J. Curry, President, states: "The suspension of Gurnett & Co. has no effect on the affairs of the company with which the firm had been identified marketwise. The company had no funds on deposit nor was it carrying any commitments of Gurnett & Co."

"Subject to final year-end audit, Waldorf earned in 1931 \$4 a share before and \$2.50 a share after depreciation and all charges on common. Current sales and profits, despite general business depression and keen competition, are favorable."

"While dollar sales for last year were off 2.6%, number of meals served increased 1,671,412. These figures show the company continues to widen its customer account and is therefore growing healthily."—V. 133, p. 3802.

Walgreen Co.—December Sales.

1931—Dec.—1930.	Decrease.	1931—12 Mos.—1930.	Increase.
\$4,609,082	\$4,726,934	\$54,069,709	\$51,647,300
			\$2,422,409

The company had 469 stores in operation Dec. 31 1931, as against 465 on Nov. 30 last and 441 stores on Dec. 31 1930.—V. 133, p. 4174, 3981.

Wesson Oil & Snowdrift Co., Inc.—Earnings.

For income statement for three months ended Nov. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

1931.		1930.		1931.		1930.	
Assets—		Assets—		Liabilities—		Liabilities—	
Plant, equip. &c.	10,173,164	10,764,567	Capital stock	26,509,465	26,509,465		
Invest. & advances	203,558	181,532	Accounts accr. &c.	1,903,226	2,031,138		
U. S. Govt. secur.	1,772,688		Prof. divs. payable	335,564	365,700		
Invest. in cos. own preferred stock	23,465,880	1,888,744	Com. divs. payable	300,000	300,000		
Bank. cts of dep.	500,000	4,942,025	Federal tax reserve	207,885	211,076		
Loans & advances	840,034	1,075,357	Oil mill dept. re- paid reserve	280,184	601,262		
Co.'s own com. s'k. held for employ.	102,725		Insur. & conting. reserve	505,965	1,810,267		
Inventories	12,594,852	17,127,386	Paid in surplus	3,200,000	3,200,000		
Accts. & bills rec.	2,457,577	3,205,644	Capital surplus	5,203,439	5,203,439		
Cash	9,082,552	3,910,925	Revenue surplus	3,560,796	3,681,226		
Miscell. invest.	191,003	158,398					
Prepaid expenses	118,197	104,619					
Insur. fund invest.	504,294	555,040					
Total	42,006,524	43,914,238	Total	42,006,524	43,914,238		

x After depreciation of \$6,908,430. y Represented by 400,000 no-par shares of \$4 cumulative preferred and 600,000 no-par shares of common stock. z 65,299 shares at cost.—V. 133, p. 2614.

Western Assurance Co.—Pays \$2 a Share in 1931.

The directors recently declared a dividend of 40c. per share payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 26. This compares with a semi-annual distribution of \$1.60 per share made on July 1 last, and makes a total of \$2 per share paid for the year 1931.—V. 130, p. 4438.

Western Auto Supply Co.—Sales Fall Off.

1931—Dec.—1930.	Decrease.	1931—12 Mos.—1930.	Decrease.
\$971,000	\$1,056,000	\$12,426,000	\$13,885,000
			\$1,459,000

—V. 133, p. 3478, 3269.

Western Electric Co., Inc.—Sales Decline.

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Sales—	\$229,000,000	\$361,478,438	\$410,949,817	\$287,931,396

x Approximate.

The company operated under the policy of spreading the available work among as many employees as possible, and the entire force worked on shortened hours with a maximum of five days a week. At the end of 1931 there were 44,000 employees on the payroll.—V. 133, p. 2943.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—62½c. Common Dividend.

The directors on Jan. 6 declared a dividend of 62½c. per share on the outstanding \$129,317,050 common stock, par \$50, and a regular quarterly dividend of 87½c. per share on the outstanding \$3,998,700 7% cum. & partic. pref. stock, par \$50, both payable Jan. 30 to holders of record Jan. 18. Distributions of 62½c. each were made Oct. 31 last on both issues, as compared with \$1 per share on April 30 and July 31 1931 and \$1.50 per share each quarter from Jan. 31 1930 to and incl. Jan. 31 1931. Total dividends paid in 1931 amounted to \$3.87½ per share, as against \$5 per share in 1930.

The preferred stock is entitled to dividends at the rate of 7% (\$3.50) before any payments are made on the common stock. After the common receives the equivalent of 7%, both classes of stock share equally in further payments.

Chairman A. W. Robertson Jan. 6 stated:

"The operations for the year will result in a deficit when the final figures are available. However, the board declared these dividends to be paid out of the earned surplus of the company. Final figures for Dec. 31 are not available, but there should be no substantial change in current assets from Nov. 30, when the ratio of its current assets was 12.2 to 1. (Current assets as of Nov. 30 1931 were \$98,756,982 against current liabilities of \$8,102,315.)"

The directors declared a dividend of 62½c. a share on the common stock, which is the same amount as was declared for the quarter ended Sept. 30 1931, or at the rate of 5% per annum.—V. 133, p. 3981.

Westvaco Chlorine Products Corp.—Transfer Agent.

The Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for the preferred stock.—V. 133, p. 3108.

Winn & Lovett Grocery Co.—Sales Decrease.

1931—Dec.—1930.	Decrease.	1931—12 Mos.—1930.	Decrease.
\$452,267	\$455,204	\$2,937	\$5,116,609
			\$5,416,216

—V. 133, p. 3981, 3269

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—Sales Decrease.

1931—Dec.—1930.	Decrease.	1931—12 Mos.—1930.	Decrease.
\$39,712,933	\$42,323,914	\$2,610,981	\$282,666,349
			\$289,286,346

—V. 133, p. 3981, 3802.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Plans for the revival of the investment house of Lee, Stewart & Co., founders of Distributors Group and originators of North American Trust Shares, control of which was sold in the spring of 1930, were made known this week. The old firm of Lee, Stewart & Co., which comprised Thomas F. Lee, his son, Hal F. Lee, and Walter E. Stewart, was largely responsible for the development of the fixed trust in its present form as exemplified in North American Trust Shares. When Mr. Stewart disposed of his interests in North American Trust Shares he formed the firm of Stewart & Co., after which he organized the firm of Harriman, Stewart & Co. The new company takes over the businesses of both Stewart & Co. and Hal F. Lee & Co., and will maintain offices at 40 Wall St. During the last year, Thomas F. Lee, an economist and author, has devoted considerable time to research and study in South America with particular reference to Latin American dollar loans. One result of a personally conducted expedition and first hand survey of the Latin American republics was a series of brochures on Latin American problems, which are shortly to be brought out in book form. Another was in the formation last September of the Latin American Bondholders Assn., Inc., to conduct a service of unbiased information for American investors holding depreciated Latin American dollar bonds. Mr. Lee acted as Temporary Chairman of the Association's Organization Committee and upon completion of the organization withdrew in favor of Hon. William Gibbs McAdoo who became Chairman of the National Committee.

Formation of Fagan Eastland & Co., members of the San Francisco Stock Exchange and San Francisco Curb Exchange, has been announced. The firm will conduct a general brokerage and investment securities business in San Francisco, maintaining facilities for the execution of orders on the principal exchanges of the United States. Partners of the firm are Thomas B. Eastland, recently an executive of Tucker Hunter Dulin & Co., and for many years a partner in Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc.; Edward O. Pringle, member of the San Francisco Stock Exchange for the past four years, and Paul I. Fagan, San Francisco capitalist. Offices of the firm will be located in the Crocker First National Bank Bldg., San Francisco.

Election of Hugh W. Martin as Vice-President of First Service Corp., the operating subsidiary of the First Bank Stock Corp., was announced this week by P. J. Leeman, Vice-President and General Manager. In this capacity, Mr. Martin will head the central bond department of the First Bank Stock Corp. system, with offices at 403 First National-Soo Line Bldg., Minneapolis. Mr. Martin recently has been Secretary and Treasurer of First Securities Corp., the investment affiliate of the First Bank Stock Corp. group and formerly was Treasurer of the First Minneapolis Trust Co.

Formation of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Biggs, Mohrman & Co., with offices at One Wall St., has been announced. The new firm will continue the statistical and analytical business of the recently deceased John W. Pope. The partners of the new firm, formerly associates of Mr. Pope, are P. C. Mohrman, John Edwin Biggs and Richard Ellis Burdett. Associated with these partners are F. Warrington Gillet, Louis R. Ripley, Robert M. Buswell, Richard B. Fant and Harry G. McLean.

Following the dissolution of the firm of Louchheim, Minton & Co. as of Dec. 31, announcement is made of the formation of the co-partnership of D. M. Minton & Co. for the transaction of a general brokerage business in securities and commodities. The partners of the new firm are David M. Minton, Albert S. Wasserman, David M. Minton Jr. and Robert H. Minton, members New York Stock Exchange, and Herman N. Scheer.

The New York Curb Exchange firm of Dunn & Bolton and the New York Stock Exchange firm of J. G. Marshall & Co. have been dissolved. Partners of both firms have formed the new firm of J. G. Marshall & Co., with offices at 61 Broadway, consisting of J. G. Marshall, Robert Campbell, C. F. Nichols, member of the Stock Exchange, A. A. Blaicher, Robert C. Dunn and William R. Bolton, member of the Curb Exchange.

Field, Glore & Co., 38 Wall Street, announce the opening of a branch office at 102 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Md., in charge of Joseph A. W. Iglehart and Benjamin Davis Williams Jr., members of the former investment banking firm of J. A. W. Iglehart & Co. The personnel of the branch office will include Robert McLean Jr., J. S. Ewing and Martin J. Bayly, all formerly associated with the Iglehart firm.

The partnership known as F. B. Keech & Co. has been terminated and a new partnership under the same name has been formed for the purpose of carrying on the business. Members of the new firm are Frank B. Keech, Edwin J. Barry, Gilbert W. Keech, Ray P. Sackett, J. Clarke Dean and George Russhon. The partnership of Barry, Keech & Carey has also been terminated.

Announcement is made at American Gas Association headquarters that the 1932 Annual Convention of the Natural Gas Department will take place in Tulsa, Oklahoma, May 9, 10, and 11. And the Ninth Annual Conference of the Distribution Committee, Technical Section, will be held at the Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, April 6, 7, and 8.

The firm of Foster & Co., Inc. has been organized for the transaction of a general investment business, specializing in the distribution of seasoned municipal, railway, public utility and industrial securities at 141 Broadway, New York. Members of the new firm are J. Taylor Foster, S. S. Furman, W. H. Gregory and Philip Bryden.

F. A. Willard & Co. announce that Albert S. Knies, formerly with Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., has become associated with them as manager of their Trading Department, and that George V. W. Ingham, Paul Kovac and John S. Mayer, formerly with Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., have joined their sales department.

Edward B. Hixson, for several years associated with Dresser & Escher of New York, and John F. Scheetz, formerly with Camplon & Scheetz, Inc., announce the formation of the firm of Hixson & Co., to conduct a general brokerage business in unlisted securities, at 55 Broadway, N. Y.

Reuben J. Ross, Joseph H. Adams and Walter W. Schroeder announce the formation of the firm of R. J. Ross & Co. to continue the business of the firm of the same name which was dissolved on Dec. 31, and also to transact a general business in unlisted securities.

Announcement is made of the formation of the firm of Fant & Co. with offices at 1500 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, to deal in leading investment trust shares. Mr. Fant has been associated with Berdell Bros., and Holman, Watson & Rapp for the past six years.

Greene & Co., members of the Association of Bank Stock Dealers, 37 Wall St., New York, have issued, in folder form, a comparative analysis of bank and insurance companies giving latest earnings, book values and price ranges.

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, Jan. 8 1932.

COFFEE on the spot was at one time in better demand at $8\frac{3}{4}$ to $9\frac{1}{4}$ c. for Santos 4s, and 7 to $7\frac{1}{4}$ c. for Rio 7s. Fair to good Cucuta, $11\frac{1}{2}$ to 12c.; prime to choice, 12 to 14c.; washed, 12 to 13c.; Ocana, $10\frac{1}{2}$ to 11c.; Bucaramanga natural, 12 to 13c.; washed, $13\frac{1}{4}$ to 14c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 12 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Medellin, $14\frac{1}{2}$ to $14\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Manizales, $12\frac{1}{4}$ to $12\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Mexican washed, 15 to $16\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Ankola, 24 to 34c.; Mandheling, 23 to 32c.; Genuine Java, 23 to 24c.; Robusta washed, $7\frac{3}{4}$ to 8c.; Mocha, 14 to $14\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Harrar, $12\frac{1}{2}$ to 13c.; Abyssinian, $9\frac{1}{4}$ to $9\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Salvador washed, 12 to $12\frac{1}{2}$ c.; Guatemala, Bourbon, 12 to 13c.; San Domingo washed, 14 to $14\frac{1}{2}$ c. On the 4th cost and freight offers were rather scarce and steady at $8\frac{3}{4}$ to 9.70c. for Santos Bourbon 2-3s.; 8.60 to 8.95c. for 3s.; 8.80 to 9.55c. for 3-4s.; 8.40 to 9.10c. for 3-5s.; 8.60c. for 5s.; 8.55 for 5-6s.; $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. for 6s and 8.60c. for 7-8s, while Bold Bean Bourbon 2s were here at 8.80c.; 2-3s at 8.70c.; 3-5s at 8.60c.; 5s at 8.30c.; Peaberry 3s at 8.55 to 8.60c.; 4s at 8.90c.; 4-5s at 8.65c.; 5s at $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. and Victoria 7-8s at 7c. On the 4th the National Coffee Council during the week ended Saturday, Jan. 2, destroyed 22,000 bags of Rio coffee and 73,000 bags of Santos. The arrivals of mild coffee in the U. S. during Dec. were 287,869 bags; deliveries 323,737 bags. Stock of mild in the United States now 328,332 bags against 364,200 last month and 236,994 last year. On the 5th cost and freight offers were very irregular, some unchanged, some 10 points lower and others 10 points higher. A number of shippers made no offers. Prices on the offers in circulation yesterday were 9.15 to 9.55c. for Santos Bourbon 2-3s; $8\frac{3}{4}$ to 8.85c. for 3s; 8.70 to 9.10c. for 3-4s; $8\frac{1}{2}$ to 8.95c. for 3-5s; $8\frac{1}{2}$ c. for 5s; 8.45c. for 5-6s; 8.40c. for 6s; 8.60c. for 7-8s; 8.90c. for Peaberry 4s; 8.65c. for 4-5s; 8.35c. for 5s; 6.85c. for Rio 7s; 6.70c. for Victoria 7s and 6.60c. to 7c. for Victoria 7-8s. Sul de Minas 4s, well described were offered for prompt shipment at 8.45c.

On the 6th cost and freight offers were in moderate supply. Santos Bourbon 2-3s, 9.15 to 9.70c.; 3s, 8.85 to 8.90c.; 3-4s, 8.70 to 9.55c.; 3-5s at 8.65 to 9.10c.; 5s at $8\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 5-6s at 8.45c.; 6s at 8.60c.; part Bourbon 5-6s at 8.65c.; Peaberry 4s at 9.05c.; 4-5s at 8.65c.; Sul de Minas bold bean strictly soft 4s were offered for prompt shipment at 8.45c. and for shipment via Rio Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 9.10c.; 3-4s at $8\frac{3}{4}$ c. and 4s at 8.55c. Victoria 7-8s were offered for immediate acceptance on the steamer sailing next Saturday at 6.40c. On the 6th Rio cabled the New York Exchange: "Federal Government up to Dec. 31 paid for 7,705,000 bags of coffee valued at 463,000 contos." On the 7th cost and freight offers were irregular. Some unchanged; others from 5 to 40 points higher. The larger advances were made by shippers who have been the cheapest sellers heretofore. Some business has been done for prompt shipment to outports, but the particulars are not developed. Prompt shipments of Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 9.15 to 9.70c.; 3s at 8.10 to 9.65c.; 3-4s at 8.80c.; 3-5s at 8.70 to 9.05c.; 4-5s at 8.70c.; 5-6s at $8\frac{1}{2}$ c.; 6s at 8.45c.; 7-8s at 8.40c.; part Bourbon 3-5s, good to bold bean, at 9.35c.; 5-6s, medium bean, at 8.65c.; Peaberry 4s at 8.70c.; 4-5s, 8.65c., and Victoria, 7-8s at 7c. Futures on the 4th inst. closed 3 points lower to 2 higher with sales of 27 lots. It was a waiting and practically featureless market pending new developments of some sort.

On the 5th inst. futures here declined 5 to 15 points with sales of 3,000 bags of Rio and 7,000 of Santos. Brazil gave no support and there was less covering. Rio was a little the weakest. Spot coffee was steady with a moderate trade. On the 6th inst. Rio futures here closed 7 to 9 points higher with sales of 7,250 bags, and Santos ended 4 to 7 higher with sales of 1,000 bags. Covering with other commodities and the stock market higher braced a small market. On the 7th inst. futures ended 2 to 5 points higher here on Rio with sales of 2,250 bags and 2 points lower to 1 higher on Santos with sales of 15,000 bags after a rise at one time of 2 to 4 points. The spot demand was said to be better at steady prices. This infused greater firmness into futures, but the trading, as will be seen, was still on a very small scale. To-day prices declined under European selling. The trading was light. The ending was 1 to 3 points lower on Rio with sales of 15,000 bags and unchanged to 1 off on Santos with sales of 14,000 bags. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 to 5 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	7.00@	July	6.02@nom
March	5.81@5.83	September	6.12@nom
May	5.92@nom	December	6.20@nom

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	9.00@	July	8.44@8.45
March	8.24@	September	8.50@
May	8.34@nom	December	8.60@8.62

COCOA to-day ended 3 to 4 points lower with sales of 27 lots; January, 3.95c.; March, 4.03c.; May, 4.15c.; July, 4.32c.; September, 4.47c. Final prices are 21 to 22 points lower than a week ago.

SUGAR.—Spot Cuban raws were steady at 1.15 to 3.15c. with sales of 15,000 bags of Porto Rico due Jan. 20th on the basis of 3.15c. delivered and 2,000 tons of Philippines due late in Jan. at the same price, a decline of 5 points due to a postponement of the Paris conference until the latter part of this month or some time in Feb. Futures on the 4th inst. declined 5 to 7 points on a postponement of the conference at least until the end of the month. It was to have been resumed on the 5th and the disappointment was a distinct damper. Cuban interests and the trade bought for a time. They stopped when it was announced that Mr. Chadbourne and the Cuban delegates were about to return home. It was supposed the dissension had arisen between the delegate from Cuba and Java. The sales here were 15,100 tons. Refined was 4.20c. with a good demand but no advance with raw sugar futures lower. On the 4th the Sugar Institute, Inc. stated the total melt and total deliveries of Fourteen United States Refiners up to and including the week ended Dec. 26 1931 as follows: Melt.—1931, Jan. 1 to Dec. 26, 4,135,000 long tons; 1930, Jan. 1 to Dec. 27, 4,585,000 long tons. Deliveries.—1931, Jan. 1 to Dec. 26, 3,920,000 long tons; 1930, Jan. 1 to Dec. 27, 4,395,000 long tons. On the 5th London opened steady at $\frac{1}{4}$ d. off to $\frac{1}{4}$ d. up. Liverpool opened quiet at $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1d. decline. F. O. Licht estimates the European beet sugar crop, exclusive of Russia, at the end of Dec. at 5,874,000 metric tons against his previous estimate of 6,100,000 metric tons. Russia was estimated at 1,900,000 tons against 2,150,000 tons the previous month. Last year's European beet sugar crop exclusive of Russia, was 8,428,014 tons while Russia was 2,150,000 tons.

On the 4th London opened unchanged to $\frac{1}{4}$ d. lower. Liverpool opened quiet and unchanged. Havana cabled on the 4th: "Mr. Chadbourne was to leave Paris for home, while the other delegates leave on the 8th except the Secretary, who remains to receive Java's proposal, which she will not be able to make before Jan. 25. According to one Havana report, grinding of the Cuban crop may commence on the 15th."

Havana cabled: "The Cuban movement for the week ended Jan. 2 was as follows: Arrivals, 28,609 tons; exports, 45,847 tons; stocks, 695,769 tons. The exports were distributed as follows: To New York, 2,931; to Philadelphia, 4,939; to Boston, 3,697; to Baltimore, 9,273; New Orleans, 176; interior U. S., 819; United Kingdom, 24,012 tons." The consumption of sugar in this country was 3.54% less than in 1930, according to a preliminary estimate here. This means a total consumption of 5,906,000 long tons of raw sugar against 6,123,000 tons in 1930. Cuba continued to supply the largest quantity, i. e., 2,248,000 tons; but this was a decrease of 423,000 tons from 1930. Increases were noted in consumption of duty free sugars from Hawaii and the Philippines, and in the consumption of domestic beet sugar which increased its hold on second place with a gain of 161,000 tons to 1,184,000. On the 5th private London cables reported a steadier market with some 10,000 tons, including a cargo of San Domingos on offer at 7s. c. i. f., with buyers at 6s. $11\frac{1}{4}$ d. The trade demand was reported to have been checked by a strike. On the 6th London private cables reported the terminal market firm with sellers scarce. On the 5th a cargo of San Domingos sold at 7s, while to-day raws are generally held at 7s. $1\frac{1}{2}$ d. c. i. f., which at the exchange rate of 3.36c., figures out about 96c. f. o. b.

The details of Licht's beet crop estimate are as follows: Germany—1,550,000 against 1,650,000 on Nov. 30 and 2,520,591 last year; Czechoslovakia—815,000 against 830,000 Nov. 30 and 1,125,690 last year; France—870,000 against 910,000 Nov. 30 and 1,196,182 last year; Belgium—205,000 against 220,000 Nov. 30 and 283,234 last year; Holland—175,000 against 170,000 Nov. 30 and 299,523 last year; Denmark—122,000 against 125,000 Nov. 30 and 167,000 last year; Sweden—144,000 against 147,000 Nov. 30 and 186,535 last year; Poland—500,000 against 525,000 Nov. 30 and 791,951 last year; England—260,000 against 290,000 Nov. 30 and 484,476 last year; Europe, without Russia—5,874,000 against 6,100,000 Nov. 30 and 8,631,150 last year; Russia—1,900,000 against 2,150,000 Nov. 30 and 2,010,150 last year; Europe, including Russia—7,774,000 against 8,250,000 Nov. 30 and 10,641,300 last year. Licht's cable further states that the campaign is terminated. Futures on the 5th inst., after an early decline of 1 to 2 points, closed unchanged to 3 points net higher with sales of 7,550 tons. The firmer tone in the late trading was partly due to Licht's reduction

in his European crop estimate of 476,000 tons, including Russian, compared with the yield of last year. The rise from the early low was generally 2 to 3 points but the tone weakened when it was announced that President Machado of Cuba would probably fix the date for the beginning of grinding as Jan. 15. On the 6th inst. futures closed 1 to 3 points off with no stimulating news. The Cuban grinding season is to open in a week and a certain small amount of liquidation. The sales were only 3,600 tons. Spot raws were quiet at 1.15 to 3.15c., the latter delivered. Refined, 4.70c.

On the 7th inst. futures declined 2 to 4 points with sales of 16,700 tons. Large Cuban producing interests were understood to be selling for hedge account against recent purchases of raw sugar to arrive. Hedge selling against buying of Philippines also played its part in depressing prices. Of raw sugar 3,000 tons of Philippine sugar due between Feb. 5 and 10 sold at 3.10c. delivered and 2,000 tons for April-May shipment at 3.16c. On the previous day 1,000 tons due the second week in Feb. sold at 3.12c. On the 7th London opened at 3/4d. higher for Jan., but 1/4 to 1/2d. lower for later deliveries. Liverpool opened quiet at 1/2 to 1d. decline except on August which was unchanged. Exports of sugar from Java in Dec. amounted to 113,000 tons as compared with 186,000 tons for the same period in the preceding year. London according to early cables was very quiet. There were buyers for Sept. shipment at 7s. 6d., but no offerings. To-day Havana cabled: "The (Cuban) Sugar Institute decided yesterday not to announce the amount of the sugar crop for 1932 until Java makes its proposition after Jan. 25." To-day London opened unchanged to 3/4d. off. Liverpool opened quiet at 1/2 to 1d. off. Early London cables reported the sale of a cargo of raw sugar yesterday for second half Jan. shipment at 7s. c.i.f.. To-day there was a sale of 3,500 tons at the same price. The market was reported to be steady due to lack of first hand offerings. To-day futures were a little weak early with small trading, but ended 1 to 3 points higher. A Wall Street Stock Exchange house bought 1,000 Sept. supposedly for large Cuba interests. The trade bought Sept. also on a very moderate scale. A very prompt cargo of Cuban raws sold on the 7th inst. it is said at 1.17c. to Boston. Refiners though supposed to be carrying very small stocks of raw are buying cautiously. Final prices show a decline for the week of 6 to 7 points.

Closing quotations follow:

Spot unofficial	1.15@	July	1.18@
January	1.04@nom	September	1.23@
March	1.08@1.09	December	1.30@
May	1.13@		

LARD on the spot was weak at 5.45 to 5.55c. for prime Western with refined 5 1/2c. to the Continent, 6c. to South America and 6 3/4c. to Brazil. Futures on the 4th inst. declined 22 to 25 points with other commodities and stocks lower. Hogs dropped 5 to 10c. Hog receipts at Chicago were 60,000 against 71,000 a year ago. At all Western points receipts were 168,000 against 186,000 last year. Exports of lard from New York last week were 7,628,000 lbs. against 5,965,000 lbs. the week before. On the 5th inst. futures closed unchanged to 5 points higher, though hogs declined 10 to 15 points. The rise in grain and covering counted for more than the decline in hogs, though this tended to restrict the advance in lard. Hog receipts at Chicago were 13,000 against 55,000 last year, and at all Western points 139,000 against 136,000 recently. Liverpool lard was 3d. to 1s. lower. Contract stocks of lard at Chicago at the end of December were 9,918,000 lbs., all new lard, against 5,223,000 at the end of November and 17,931,000 Dec. 31 1930. Exports on the 5th inst. from New York were 1,362,000 lbs. to Antwerp, Rotterdam, Liverpool and Gothenburg. Lard prime Western 5.45 to 5.55c.; refined to Continent, 5 1/2c.; South America, 6c.; Brazil, 6 3/4c. On the 6th inst. futures advanced 2 to 5 points net with hogs strong and the stock market higher. Prime Western cash was firmer at 5.50 to 5.60c. Receipts of hogs at Chicago were 30,000, the same as a year ago. Western receipts were 104,000 against 119,000 last year. Exports of lard from New York were 1,047,000 lbs. to London, Southampton and Copenhagen. Futures on the 7th inst. advanced 2 to 5 points on moderate trading with hogs up 10 to 15c. and grain higher. Prime Western cash lard was 5.50 to 5.60c.; refined still 5 1/4 to 6 1/4c. To-day futures ended 7 to 8 points lower with grain off and more or less liquidation. Final prices show a decline for the week of 22 to 23 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March		5.00	5.00	5.05	5.07	5.00
May		5.17	5.20	5.22	5.25	5.17
July		5.30	5.35	5.37	5.40	5.32

Season's High and When Made	Season's Low and When Made
December 8.15	July 1 1931 5.00
January 6.87	Nov. 9 1931 5.17
May 6.67	Nov. 14 1931 5.30
	January 5.00
	March 5.17
	May 5.30
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PORK rather weak; mess, \$16.75; family, \$18.25; fat backs, \$14.50 to \$15.75. Ribs, Chicago cash, 5.50c. Beef dull; mess nominal; packet nominal; family, \$16 to \$17.50; extra India mess nominal; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$2; No. 2, \$4.25; six lbs., South America, \$14; pickled beef tongues, \$65 to \$68 a barrel. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 14 to 16 lbs., 8 3/4c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 9 1/4c.; bellies, clear f.o.b. New York, 10 to 12 lbs., 8 1/2c.; 6 to 10 lbs., 9c.; bellies, clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 7 1/2c.; 16 to 18 lbs., 7 1/2c. Butter, lower grades to higher than extra, 21 to 27c. Cheese, flats, 13 1/2 to 18c.; daisies, 14 to 16 1/4c.; Young American, 14 1/2 to 18c.; lower grades, 10 to 13c. Eggs, medium to premium marks, 18 to 28c.

OILS.—Linseed was lower at 6.7c. carlots cooper basis, January-April shipment. Even this price could be shaded, it is said. Of the demand that there is, it is mostly for nearby delivery by consuming plants. Coconut, Manila Coast tanks, 3 1/4c.; spot, N. Y. tanks, 3 3/8c.; corn, crude, tanks, f.o.b. Western mills, 3 1/4 to 3 3/8c.; olive, denatured, spot, 62c.; soya bean, tank cars, f.o.b. Western mills, 3c.; carlot delivered, New York, 5c.; l.c.l., 5 1/4 to 5 3/4c.; edible, olive, 1.65 to 2.15c.; China wood, New York drums, carlots, spot, 6 3/4 to 7c.; tanks, 6 1/4 to 6 1/2c.; Pacific Coast tanks, 5 1/2 to 6 1/8c.; lard, prime, 10 3/4c.; extra strained winter, New York, 7 1/4c.; cod, Newfoundland, 28 to 30c.; turpentine, 40 1/4 to 44c.; rosin, \$3.35 to \$7.60. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 11 contracts. Crude S.E., 3 1/2 to 3 3/4c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	4.25@	May	4.51@4.55
January	4.27@	July	4.60@4.64
March	4.37@4.43	August	4.65@4.74

PETROLEUM.—A feature of the week was the revision of price schedule by the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana. It advanced its tank wagon and service station prices for gasoline, kerosene and naphtha throughout its territory 1-10c. with the exception of St. Louis, Chicago and Detroit. Little or nothing new developed along the Atlantic Seaboard. The jobbing demand fell off a little owing to the unfavorable weather. United States motor gasoline was reported to have sold at as low as 5c. in tank cars but no sales of importance were heard of below 5 1/2c. Anti-knock gasoline was in fair demand and steady. Heating oils were steady. Marine fuel oils were in somewhat better demand at 60c. for Grade C bunker oil and \$1.30 for Diesel oil. Gas oil was a little more active. Kerosene was in better demand for 41-43 gravity 375 e.p. and firm at 6c. in tank cars refineries. Crude oil runs have been reduced to the lowest point in many years owing to the marked reduction in Mid-Continent refinery operations. Further curtailment is expected to take place and the Mid-Continent market as a result it is believed will show improvement.

Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."

RUBBER.—On the 4th inst. prices declined 33 to 38 points though exports fell off sharply in December. But nothing new or favorable was said about restriction. London suggestively enough dropped 1/2d. The stock market and other commodities fell. It is true that Malayan gross exports in December were the smallest since October 1928, when release of Stevenson restriction rubber sent the total up from 24,400 tons in October to 68,072 tons in November. Last month's Malayan shipments were 35,741 tons against 48,012 tons in November and with 41,889 tons in December 1930. If the average imports are deducted, Malayan net for the month was figured at possibly about 26,700 tons. Reduced imports may have in some degree accounted for the small gross total. Ceylon shipments showed an increase from 4,853 tons in November to 6,891 tons in December, and rather took the edge off the decrease from Malaya. Malayan gross for the year, on provisional figures, amounted to about 519,700 tons against 547,043 in 1930, 574,800 in 1929 and 408,693 tons in 1928. No. 1 standard contract closed with January 4.43c.; March, 4.52c.; May, 4.63 to 4.66c.; July, 4.75c.; new "A" January, 4.43c.; March, 4.52c.; spot and January, 4 7-16 to 4 9-16c.; spot first latex thick, 5c.; thin pale latex, 5 1/2c. On the 4th inst. futures trading was resumed in Antwerp for the first time since the World War with transactions of 19,800 lbs. and prices recorded on the afternoon call in Belgian francs ranged from 3.60 for the January to 3.90 for the May. On the 4th it was stated that December shipments from Malaya of 35,741 tons included 17,754 for the United States, 6,041 for the United Kingdom, 732 to British possessions, 5,994 to the Continent, 4,074 to Japan, 810 to other countries and 336 to Latex and Revertex. On Jan. 4 London opened quiet and 1-16d. to 1/2d. lower and at 2:37 p. m. was quiet, 1/2 to 3-16d. lower. January, 3 1/2d.; February, 3 3-16d. Singapore closed quiet and 3-16 to 1/2d. lower; January, 2 7/8d.; April-June, 3 1-16d.; July-September, 3 1/4d. London stock decreased 539 tons last week to 69,504 tons and Liverpool's increased 810 tons to 57,718 tons, a net change of 271 tons increase. London closed 1/2 to 3-16d. lower; January, 3 1/2d.; February, 3 3-16d.; March, 3 3-16d.; April-June, 3 5-16d.; July-September, 3 7-16d.; October-December, 3 5/8d.; January-March, 3 3/4d. Malayan shipments in December, although smaller than last month and last year at 35,741, were larger than the mid-month estimate of 30,000.

On the 5th inst. prices closed 1 to 3 points lower. Early in the day the rise on March was 8 points and on July 5 points. London closed 1-16d. lower. The tone here was in the main better after the recent severe decline. The sales of No. 1 standard fell off to 670 tons as against nearly double that total on the previous day. There were no sales of new "A." No. 1 standard contract closed on the 5th as follows: March, 4.51c.; May, 4.62c.; July, 4.74 to 4.78c.; Sept., 4.86c.; Oct., 4.95c.; sales, 670 tons. New "A," Jan., 4.40c.; March, 4.51c. Outside prices: Plantation R. S. sheets, spot and Jan., 4 3/8 to 4 1/2c.; Jan.-March, 4 1/2 to 4 3/8c.; April-June, 4 13-16c.; spot first latex thick, 5c.; thin pale latex, 5 1/2c.; rolled brown crepe, 4 1/2c.; No. 2 amber, 4 7-16c. On the 5th London opened off 1-16d. to 1/2d.; at 2:37 p. m. was quiet and 1-16d. to 1/2d. lower. Jan. and Feb., 3 1-16d. March, 3 1/2d.; April-June, 3 1/4d. Singapore closed quiet and 1/4 to 3-16d. lower; Jan., 2 5/8d.; April-June, 2 7/8d. Lon-

don closed 1-16 to 1/8d. lower; Jan. and Feb., 3 1-16d.; March, 3 3/8d.; April-June, 3 1/4d.; July-Sept., 3 3/8d.

On the 6th inst. prices advanced 7 to 12 points with sales of 700 tons of No. 1 standard and none of "A" contracts. The rise in stocks and various reports had some effect and the technical position also tended to be better. No. 1 standard closed with Jan. 4.47 to 4.50c.; March, 4.60 to 4.63c.; May, 4.72c.; July, 4.84 to 4.85c.; Sept., 4.96c.; Oct., 5.07 to 5.08c. "A" contract, Jan., 4.47c.; March, 4.60c. Outside prices: Spot and Jan., 4 9-16 to 5 3/8c.; Jan.-March, 4 9-16 to 4 11-16c.; April-June, 4 7/8c.; July-Sept., 5c.; spot first latex thick, 5c.; thin pale latex, 5 1/8c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 4 3/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 4 1/8c.; No. 2 amber, 4 7-16c.; No. 3 amber, 4 3/8c.; No. 4, 4 5-16c. On the 6th London opened steady unchanged to 1/8d. higher; at 2:37 p.m. was quiet unchanged to 1-16d. higher; Jan., 3 1-16d.; Feb., 3 3/8d.; March, 3 3-16d.; April-June, 3 1/4d.; Singapore closed 1/8d. higher; Jan., 2 3/4d.; April-June, 3d. A cable to the Rubber Exchange said Singapore steady on rumors that Barbour had chartered steamship Romney, lying at Singapore, for the purpose of carrying rubber.

On the 6th London closed quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. up; January, 3 1-16d.; February, 3 3/8d.; March, 3 3-16d. Operating schedules at rubber factories during 1931 averaged 5 to 20% below 1930, according to R. G. Dun & Co., who add: "In the automobile tire branch of the industry, which utilizes nearly 82% of the entire quantity of rubber consumed in the United States, the decline in production has been less pronounced than the falling off in retail sales. With the total number of tires produced during 1931 estimated at 50,100,000, this is only a 3.7% drop from the 52,000,000 produced in 1930. It is a decline of 36% from the peak of 78,000,000 manufactured in 1929. As a result, stocks at some of the factories have tended to increase, and dealers' holdings are considerably larger than they were in December 1930. The labor employed in this branch of the industry was reduced nearly 15% from the total of 1930." On the 7th inst. prices advanced 7 to 18 points with sales of 630 tons of Standard No. 1 and none of "A" contract. A rise in the stock market lessened offerings here and increased covering caused the advance. No. 1 standard January closed at 4.65c.; March at 4.73 to 4.75c.; May at 4.85 to 4.87c.; July at 4.95 to 4.96c.; Sept., 5.07c.; Oct., 5.15 to 5.17c.; New "A" January, 4.65c.; March, 4.73c.; Outside prices: Spot and January, 4 9-16 to 4 11-16c.; Jan.-March, 4 5/8 to 4 3/4c.; April-June, 4 15-16c.; Spot, first latex, thick, 5 1-16c.; thin, pale latex, 5 3-16c.; clean, thin, brown No. 2, 4 3/8c.; rolled brown crepe, 4 1/8c.; No. 2 amber, 4 7-16d.

To-day futures closed 7 to 13 points higher on No. 1 standard with sales of 70 lots. There were no sales of A, Jan. closing at 4.72; March at 4.80c.; May at 4.92c.; July, 5.06c. and Sept. at 5.18c. Final prices show a decline for the week of 5 to 8 points. To-day London opened steady, 1-16d. off to 1-16d. up and later quiet, and 1-16d. to 1/8d. lower; Jan., 3 1-16d.; Feb., 3 3/8d.; March, 3 3-16d. Singapore closed quiet and unchanged; Jan., 2 3/4d.; April-June, 3d.; July-Sept., 3 1/4d. Unofficial estimate of stocks Jan. 9 at London 800 tons decreased for the week and at Liverpool 50 tons decrease. To-day London closed quiet, 1/8d. lower to 1-16d. higher. Jan. and Feb., 3 3/8d.; March, 3 3-16d.; April-June, 3 3/8d.; July-Sept., 3 3/8d.; Oct.-Dec., 3 9-16d.; and Jan.-March, 3 3/4d. London cabled to-day to the Rubber Exchange: "A cable from Singapore states that the shipping conference announces a reduction in the freight rates for rubber to New York from 11 1/2 to 8 3/4 gold dollars per ton to be effective for six months from the first of the current month." Batavia cabled: "The freight rates from Java to America has been reduced from 20 1/2 guilders to 14 1/2 guilders per cubic meter. This rate will be effective until June." Amsterdam cabled to Dow Jones & Co.: "Rumors were circulated here that the Governor-General of the Dutch East Indies has cabled his approval of the British Dutch rubber restriction plan to the Department of Colonies at The Hague. It was impossible to obtain official confirmation."

HIDES.—On the 4th inst. prices fell 10 to 30 points with sales of 640,000 lbs. Spot hides were quiet with stocks in the hands of leading packers supposed to be large. Futures closed on the 4th inst. with Jan., 6.30c.; March, 6.60c.; May, 7c.; June, 7.26c.; Sept., 7.85 to 7.95c. On the 5th inst. prices advanced 20 to 25 points with sales of 1,200,000 lbs.; also 10,000 December frigorifico steers sold at 7 1/4c. and 2,500 Jan. light frigorifico steers were at 7 3-16c. At the Exchange closing prices included Jan. at 6.10c.; March at 7.40c.; June at 7.02 to 7.05c.; Sept., 7.64c. On the 6th inst. prices closed unchanged to 10 points higher with sales of 1,120,000 lbs. ending with March at 6.40 to 6.50c.; May at 6.85c.; June at 7.10c.; Sept. at 7.65 to 7.70c., and Dec. at 8.25c. Spot hides were quiet with common dry Orinoco, 8c.; Maracaibo, 7c.; La Guayra, Ecuador and Savanillas, 7c.; Central America, 6c.; Santa Marta, 8c. Packer nominal. New York City calfskins, 9-12s, 1.35c.; 7-9s, 95c.; 5-7s, 65 to 70c. On the 7th inst. prices closed 10 to 20 points higher with sales of 2,000,000 lbs.; March closed at 6.60 to 6.65c.; June at 7.23 to 7.30c.; July at 7.45c.; Sept. at 7.82 to 7.85c., and Dec. at 8.35c. To-day futures ended unchanged to 10 points higher with sales of 25 lots and Jan. at 6.40c.; March at 6.70c.; June at 7.29 to 7.30c., and Sept. at 7.87c. Final prices are 10 points lower than a week ago.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were a little more active. Rates were in some cases lower. Later business was more general,

taking in more commodities. Grain booked included 6 loads Antwerp at 5c. and a few to Rotterdam at 5c.

CHARTERS included grain booked 11 loads spot Antwerp at 5c. and a few to French Atlantic at 8c. and some from St. John. St. John-Rotterdam, 8c., 2 loads spot Antwerp, 5c., some wheat and barley to Rotterdam at 5c. and 6c., respectively. Time: North Hatteras, Jan. 13-14, West Indies round, \$1.05, north Hatteras, Feb. 1-10, W. C. S. America round, 85c., north Hatteras prompt West Indies round, 75c. Tankers: Part cargo, Constanza-London and Birkenhead, 10s., lubricating oil, Jan. 10-25, part cargo Constanza-Ghent, 8s., gas oil, Jan. 10-31, Black Sea-Hamburg, 7s. 3d., dirty, Jan. 5-25, Black Sea-Continental, 7s. 6d., dirty, Dec.-Jan., Gulf-United Kingdom or Continent, 9s., clean, Jan. 25-Feb. 15, Black Sea-Shanghai, 18s. 3d., clean, Jan., Russian Black Sea-Continent, 7s. 3d., clean, Jan., Philadelphia-Algiers, Arzew and Casablanca, 10s. 6d., three ports, clean, Jan., Vancouver, B. C., to United Kingdom or Continent, 23s. 6d., clean, Jan.-Feb., Constanza-London-Preston, 8s. 3d., clean, Feb., range 8s., Gulf 9s. 6d., Rio fuel, Trinidad, Jan., Dakar, 5s. 9d., refined and (or) spirits, Gulf, Jan., Spain, 9s. 6d. Fertilizer: Nitrates soda, Hopewell, Jan., Bordeaux-Hamburg range, \$1.90, option 2 or 3 discharges at 10c. extra for each. Sugar, Santo Domingo, second half Jan., United Kingdom-Continent, 13s. 6d.

COAL was in fair demand. At times the weather was cold, raw and rainy with a very brief snowstorm on Jan. 2. Lower January prices were announced. On average the January circular shows a cut in prices; anthracite remains the same in the East. Wholesalers and producers, it is stated, take the 6c. net ton direct rail rate increase per ton load, which is deducted from the winter circular price as quoted in the case of anthracite. Bituminous smokeless circular was off 25 to 50c. passing on the tax to the retailer. A coal drivers' strike here had halted all city deliveries; about 1,600 drivers were affected. Of late the weather has been too warm for the best results in trade. Yet there has not been much decrease. Still the demand for both hard and soft coal would be the better for decidedly colder weather.

TOBACCO.—There has been the usual holiday business here and therefore nothing of special interest. Louisville, Ky., to the "United States Tobacco Journal": "Kentucky's burley tobacco markets reopened Wednesday after a one-week holiday, with all warehouses packed with leaf. Prospects were that averages ranging from \$9 to \$12 per hundred pounds would prevail as before Christmas. Dark leaf sales were not to be resumed until Jan. 4, and a movement is under way to pledge farmers not to deliver leaf to the floors until a month after that, so as to permit time to form co-operative marketing associations with Federal Farm Board aid." New Albany, Ind., was quite active last week. The initial auction attracted a crowd of 4,000 growers and buyers. It was the opening sale of the New Albany Loose Leaf Tobacco Warehouse. Representatives from all large domestic concerns were on the floor. More than 200,000 pounds, which filled three large warehouses, were on the market. Other sales followed Thursday and Friday. Prices ranged from \$1 to \$25. Richmond, Va.: Unsteady prices marked the close of the Kentucky markets. Last Wednesday's sales: Burley—Lexington, 1,597,960 lbs., average \$10.99; Maysville, 1,697,440 lbs., average \$7.82; Richmond, 328,445 lbs., average \$9.44; Louisville, 265,350 lbs., average \$9.25; Glasgow, 237,692 lbs., average \$8; Mt. Sterling, 222,135 lbs., average \$9.25; Owensboro, 199,115 lbs., average \$7.80. Dark leaf—Owensboro, 193,495 lbs., average \$3.05. Knoxville, Tenn.: Total receipts in the burley markets of Tennessee and contiguous territory thus far are about 30% less than in the same time last season and prices barely half those of last season. Greenville, Green County, east Tennessee, leads in volume of receipts; Morristown, east Tennessee, leads in average price, 10.60c. Lowest average was at La Follette, Campbell County, 8.03c.

As to the crop, less wrapper and binder, and more fillers were produced in the 1931 yield of cigar leaf. The Shade-grown crop was smaller. The Pennsylvania, with its big crop, brings up the total, but the entire cigar leaf production is 7,000,000 pounds under that of 1930, as the "Journal" points out. The production of cigar leaf tobacco for the United States at 185,524,000 pounds for 1931 compares with a total of 178,244,000 pounds in 1930. The increase over last year is due largely to the much better yield of Pennsylvania Seedleaf obtained in 1931. The increase of this type was only partially offset by decreases elsewhere, including Connecticut Valley Havana Seed and Shadegrown in both the Connecticut Valley, Georgia and Florida. In the Connecticut Valley the crop of Havana Seed tobacco was 15,173,000 lbs. against with 17,885,000 in 1930 and 17,807,000 in 1929. Hail damage reduced the acreage harvested somewhat this year. Broadleaf production was 18,613,000 against 18,540,000 last year, and 12,057,000 lbs. in 1929. Broadleaf was not damaged to any serious extent by hail in 1931. Quality and burn of both Havana Seed and Broadleaf are generally excellent. The crop has dried out to rather light weights and damage from pole sweat has not been an important factor. The acreage planted to Shadegrown tobacco in the Connecticut Valley was materially reduced in 1931. Production was 5,693,000 against 7,712,000 last year and 10,215,000 in 1929.

The crop of cigar filler types for 1931 was 91,857,000 lbs. against 73,271,000 lbs. in 1930. The increase is due to a bigger Pennsylvania crop where 58,000,000 lbs. was grown against 39,500,000 lbs. in 1930. The crop of binders in 1931 was 84,750,000 lbs., against 93,500,000 in 1930. Shadegrown wrapper production fell off from 11,500,000 lbs. last year to 8,750,000 in 1931, New England contributing principally to the decrease. New England produced in 1931 5,700,000 lbs. of Shade wrappers against 7,700,000 in 1930; Florida, 3,100,000 lbs. against 3,800,000 in 1930. Washington, D. C.: For the first 11 months of the calendar year 1931, total consumption of all classes of cigars showed a decline of 8.98%.

From 5,822,847,644 cigars withdrawn during the 11 month period of 1930, figures for 1931 dropped to 5,300,081,070, a decline of 522,766,574.

SILVER.—On the 4th inst. prices closed 9 points lower to 5 higher with sales of 1,325,000 ounces. On the 5th inst. prices closed 15 to 44 points lower with sales of 1,075,000 ounces, ending with Jan. 30.25c., March 30.55 to 30.60c., May at 30.95c., Sept. 31.27c. and Oct. 31.40c. On the 6th inst. prices closed 19 to 35 points lower with sales of 900,000 ounces, closing with Jan. 29.95c., March 30.20c., May 30.65c., July 30.88c., Aug. 30.98c., Sept. 31.08c. and Oct. 31.10c. On the 7th inst. prices closed 15 points lower to 30 higher with sales of 1,650,000 ounces; March closed at 30.30 to 30.50c., May at 30.95c., July at 31.09c., Sept. at 31.23c., Oct. at 31.27 to 31.50c. and Dec. at 31.47c. To-day futures closed 35 to 52 points higher with sales of 760,000 ounces. Jan. closed at 30.16 to 30.45c., March at 30.70 to 30.90c., May at 31.16 to 31.25c., July at 31.40c. and Oct. at 31.75c. Final prices, however, are 5 to 9 points lower than a week ago.

COPPER for domestic delivery advanced to 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. as a result of the approval by directors of Copper Exporters, Inc., of revised marketing rules. Export sales early to-day were large with estimates placing the total up to noon at close to 1,200,000 lbs. at 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ c. c.i.f. European ports. The most important changes in the regulations are understood to be provision that the export price must be based on the domestic price established by actual sales of custom smelters, allowing individual members to sell copper abroad below Copper Exporters' price at their wish and inclusion of fire-refined copper under control of Copper Exporters along with electrolytic. London on the 7th inst. rose 15s. on standard to £39 7s. 6d. for spot and £39 15s. for futures; sales, 100 tons spot and 700 futures; the bid price of electrolytic rose £1 10s. to £47, the asked price rising £1 to £48 10s.; at the second session standard copper was unchanged with sales of 350 tons of futures. There was no trading in futures on the Exchange here on the 7th inst. and prices closed 25 points higher. To-day 50 tons sold with prices 10 to 35 points higher for the day, January ending at 6.10c.; March at 6.20c.; May at 6.30 to 6.50c.; July, 6.40c.; Sept., 6.50c.

TIN rose to 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. on the 7th inst., but demand was small. London at the first session on that day rose £2 17s. 6d. on all descriptions while at the second session prices advanced 5s. more with sales for the day of 900 tons. There was no trading in standard tin futures on the Exchange here but the closing was 55 to 65 points higher. To-day there were no sales on the Exchange here of futures and the ending was 10 to 30 points lower with Jan., 21.45c.; March, 21.75c.; May, 22.05c., and July, 22.35c.

LEAD was in better demand of late with London higher and further gains on the Stock Exchange. Prices were unchanged at 3.75c. New York and 3.55c. East St. Louis. Stocks of lead at refineries and smelters in the United States amounted to 210,434 short tons on Dec. 1 against 209,912 tons on Nov. 1 and 145,011 tons on Dec. 1 1930, according to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics. In London on the 7th inst. spot lead advanced 3s. 9d. to £15 7s. 6d.; futures up 2s. 6d. to £15 7s. 6d.; sales 50 tons spot and 100 tons of futures.

ZINC.—Prime Western slab zinc sold on the 7th inst. at 3.07 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. East St. Louis, a new low since 1894. Yet most producers would not sell below 3.10c., and it was reported in some quarters that all zinc cheaper than this price had disappeared. There was a better demand at the lower price. In London on the 7th inst. prices advanced 3s. 9d. to £14 11s. 3d. for spot and £15 for futures; sales 50 tons spot and 200 futures; at the second session prices were up 1s. 3d. on sales of 250 tons of futures.

STEEL has remained quiet. Nobody had expected any real improvement in business so early in the year. In Chicago makers of bars, plates and shapes recently raised prices \$2 per ton. Wire products are reported steady at the advances made late in 1931. Steel strip is said to be firm on the first orders for first quarter shipment. The average output is stated to be at the rate of 24%, though in some parts of the country it seems it is 40 to 50%. Automobile and farm machinery are increasing their output a little. Chicago was firmer at 1.70c. for plates, shapes and bars, or a rise of \$2 from the recent prices. On the other hand, auto body sheets are down \$2 and cold rolled strip and fender stocks prices are said to be lower or weak at Cleveland and Pittsburgh. The production of steel ingots in the United States in 1931 is stated at 24,900,195 tons against 39,286,287 in 1930.

PIG IRON was still quiet at \$14.50 to \$15 for Buffalo. Last week's sales in the New York district are said to have been less than 1,500 tons, the smallest of any week in 1931.

WOOL.—Boston wired a government report as follows: "A few mills are buying quantities of the finer quality Western grown wools. Prices are fairly firm on 64s and finer quality Western grown wools. Prices are fairly firm on 64s and finer French combing graded territory wools with prices ranging 52-55c. scoured basis. Strictly combing 58s, 60s, territory wools are quite firm at 53-55c. scoured basis. Current purchases are accompanied by urgent requests for prompt delivery." Boston quotations were as follows:

Ohio & Penn. fine delaine 24c., fine clothing, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., $\frac{1}{2}$ blood combing, 23 to 24c., $\frac{1}{2}$ blood clothing, 19c., $\frac{1}{2}$ combing, 23 to 24c., $\frac{1}{2}$ blood combing,

19c., $\frac{1}{2}$ combing, 23 to 24c., $\frac{1}{2}$ clothing, 21c., $\frac{1}{2}$ combing, 21 to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., Territory clean basis, fine staple, 58 to 60c., fine, fine medium French combing, 52 to 55c., fine, fine medium clothing, 48 to 51c., $\frac{1}{2}$ blood staple, 47 to 50c., $\frac{1}{2}$ blood, 53 to 55c., $\frac{1}{2}$ blood, 40 to 43c., Texas clean basis, fine 12 months, 54 to 55c., fine 8 months, 47 to 48c., fall, 38 to 39c., Pulled, scoured basis, A super, 47 to 50c., B, 40 to 43c., C, 38 to 40c., Mohair original Texas adult, 22 to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., fall kid, 50 to 52c., original Texas spring kid, 40 to 44c., Australian clean bond, 64s combing, 37 to 38c., 60s, 33 to 35c. New Zealand clean bond, 56-58s, 30 to 32c., 50-56s, 30 to 32c., Montevideo grease bond 58-60s, 17c., 1 (56s), 16c., Buenos Aires, grease basis in bond III S, 10 to 11c., IV S, 9 to 10c., VS, 8 to 9c.

At Wellington on Jan. 6, offerings 19,000 bales and sales 17,100. Offerings of crossbreds acceptable but of merinos poor. Yorkshire and Germany bought freely. Compared with last Dunedin sales crossbreds were unchanged; fine grades wanted and firm; merinos super, 9 to 10d. average 7 to 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; crossbreds 50-58s, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; 48-50s, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 9d.; 40-44s, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 6d.

London cabled Jan. 5 that the first series of Colonial wool auctions will open on Jan. 12. Offerings will total 152,000 bales, comprising the following: Australian, 80,400 bales; New Zealand, 65,390; Cape, 2,200; Puntas, 2,500; Falklands, 100; English, 200; sundries, 100. According to present arrangements, the sales will close on Feb. 2. Liverpool cabled Jan. 7: "The next East India wool auction has been set for Monday, Jan. 18, continuing for five days. Offerings, 23,000 bales, revealing a tone of confidence in the local market."

WOOL TOPS to-day ended unchanged to 50 points lower with Jan. 68 to 69.70c.; Feb., 68c.; March, 68.50c.; April, 68c.; May and June, 68c.; July, Aug. and Sept., 69c.; Oct., 67.50 to 69c.; Nov., 67c., and Dec., 68c. Roubaix-Tourcoing 20 to 30 higher; sales, 103,400 lbs. Boston spot market unchanged at 73.50c. Antwerp unchanged to $\frac{1}{2}$ d. lower with sales of 130,000 lbs.

SILK to-day opened 1 to 5 points lower but rallied and closed 1 point lower to 2 points higher with Jan. \$1.71; March, \$1.80 to \$1.82; May, \$1.82, and July, \$1.82 to \$1.83. Final prices are 1 to 3 points higher than a week ago.

COTTON

Friday Night, Jan. 8 1932.

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 353,609 bales, against 218,440 bales last week and 191,637 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1931 6,534,712 bales, against 6,924,853 bales for the same period of 1930-31, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1931 of 390,141 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	8,875	23,618	31,420	11,813	10,948	8,957	95,631
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	14,536	14,536
Houston	48,747	20,511	14,944	9,354	5,853	24,550	124,059
Corpus Christi	1,030	—	896	228	138	323	2,615
Beaumont	—	—	—	750	—	—	750
New Orleans	10,969	6,473	17,490	13,581	18,419	19,655	86,587
Mobile	—	1,682	4,281	1,285	9,816	2,077	19,141
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	487	—	487
Savannah	556	603	515	697	355	586	3,312
Charleston	—	54	106	213	674	91	1,138
Lake Charles	1,440	—	—	—	—	1,317	2,757
Wilmington	238	168	183	81	333	277	1,280
Norfolk	—	87	135	66	271	108	667
Boston	—	—	—	—	198	—	198
Baltimore	266	—	—	—	—	185	451
Totals this wk.	72,121	53,196	69,970	38,068	47,492	72,762	353,609

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1931 and the stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Jan. 8.	1932-31.		1931-30.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1931.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1930.	1932.	1931.
Galveston	96,631	1,577,797	21,057	1,160,070	942,153	662,487
Texas City	14,536	141,858	1,334	1,01,587	67,983	50,614
Houston	124,059	2,563,974	42,991	2,526,112	1,628,365	1,470,500
Corpus Christi	2,615	404,576	1,691	558,937	95,521	120,013
Beaumont	750	14,298	—	18,473	—	—
New Orleans	86,587	924,725	21,338	1,001,968	925,884	757,475
Gulport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	19,141	274,485	11,744	412,639	227,654	181,495
Pensacola	—	37,309	—	50,996	—	—
Jacksonville	487	21,897	20	445	15,632	1,312
Savannah	3,312	239,596	7,655	566,142	300,146	313,861
Brunswick	—	23,201	—	49,050	—	—
Charleston	1,138	90,302	4,170	252,178	153,811	170,039
Lake Charles	2,757	110,857	—	38,504	60,825	—
Wilmington	1,280	36,848	1,012	47,356	20,751	15,944
Norfolk	667	54,893	2,284	125,666	69,868	95,355
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
New York	—	—	—	716	220,881	229,077
Boston	198	590	—	661	12,792	2,503
Baltimore	451	17,495	274	13,353	1,581	1,288
Philadelphia	—	1	—	—	5,313	5,201
Totals	353,609	6,534,712	115,570	6,924,853	4,749,160	4,076,714

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1932-31.	1931-30.	1930-29.	1929-28.	1928-27.	1927-26.
Galveston	95,631	21,057	32,896	48,505	30,106	85,041
Houston	124,059	42,991	43,457	63,653	26,740	76,955
New Orleans	86,587	21,338	34,682	39,102	35,449	56,303
Mobile	19,141	11,744	9,802	6,608	2,279	4,286
Savannah	3,312	7,655	2,998	2,598	5,945	21,325
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charleston	1,138	4,170	1,702	956	3,581	5,766
Wilmington	1,280	1,012	1,510	1,140	1,455	2,492
Norfolk	667	2,284	4,480	1,887	2,192	1,796
N'port News	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others	21,794	3,319	6,172	7,891	9,584	5,815
Total this wk.	353,609	115,570	137,699	172,340	117,331	264,749
Since Aug. 1—	6,534,712	6,924,853	6,795,533	7,227,074	6,291,501	9,060,858

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 249,657 bales, of which 23,633 were to Great Britain, 7,315 to France, 51,207 to Germany, 21,267 to Italy, nil to Russia, 122,898 to Japan and China and 23,337 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 173,686 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 4,176,766 bales, against 4,073,729 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Week Ended Jan. 8 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston.....	6,606	2,843	6,038	10,209	---	36,985	9,753	72,434
Houston.....	4,953	2,497	27,606	9,108	---	29,972	9,983	84,119
Texas City.....	---	---	1,841	---	---	2,429	112	4,382
Corpus Christi.....	979	---	---	---	---	6,630	---	7,609
Beaumont.....	---	700	---	---	---	---	50	750
New Orleans.....	3,893	475	8,004	1,400	---	3,998	2,189	19,959
Mobile.....	3,100	800	2,999	550	---	5,488	1,050	13,987
Savannah.....	2,406	---	3,077	---	---	21,558	---	27,041
Charleston.....	---	---	848	---	---	---	---	848
Norfolk.....	464	---	---	---	---	---	---	464
New York.....	1,014	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,014
Los Angeles.....	50	---	400	---	---	12,823	---	13,273
San Francisco.....	150	---	---	---	---	3,015	---	3,165
Lake Charles.....	18	---	394	---	---	---	200	612
Total.....	23,633	7,315	51,207	21,267	---	122,898	23,337	249,657
Total 1931.....	34,327	22,413	32,529	11,186	---	58,255	14,976	173,686
Total 1930.....	30,112	23,765	27,946	10,631	---	54,079	26,962	173,495

From Aug. 1 1931 to Jan. 8 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston.....	131,335	38,203	131,201	85,134	---	476,096	141,891	1,003,860
Houston.....	144,314	106,021	365,624	140,201	---	586,206	210,695	1,563,061
Texas City.....	8,880	3,347	20,517	3,145	---	14,381	3,105	53,375
Corpus Christi.....	69,734	11,075	18,408	29,370	---	123,971	29,734	279,292
Beaumont.....	5,217	1,380	3,365	50	---	---	1,308	11,320
New Orleans.....	81,088	16,314	64,831	78,171	---	130,843	37,357	408,604
Mobile.....	57,664	1,350	50,166	2,996	---	112,042	5,350	229,568
Jacksonville.....	3,463	---	4,011	---	---	---	122	7,596
Pensacola.....	8,138	---	39,993	174	---	5,304	300	53,909
Savannah.....	52,811	129	53,334	750	---	154,753	5,248	267,025
Brunswick.....	3,764	---	18,987	---	---	---	450	23,201
Charleston.....	34,989	---	29,610	---	---	15,562	10,517	90,678
Wilmington.....	---	---	8,051	7,150	---	---	1,458	16,659
Norfolk.....	15,590	22	5,153	---	---	5,508	42	26,315
New York.....	2,182	50	1,029	---	---	2,500	1,879	7,640
Boston.....	110	---	42	---	---	---	860	1,012
Baltimore.....	8	---	---	---	---	---	---	8
Los Angeles.....	1,070	50	5,300	---	---	81,379	1,722	89,521
San Francisco.....	150	---	100	---	---	21,940	266	22,466
Seattle.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	45	45
Lake Charles.....	3,262	5,986	12,560	3,363	---	---	6,450	31,621
Total.....	620,769	183,927	832,282	350,504	---	1,730,485	458,799	4,176,766
Total 1930-31.....	791,864	674,267	1,125,296	300,845	---	29,279	747,572	4,073,729
Total 1929-30.....	883,920	578,996	1,220,476	423,672	---	78,015	777,438	4,011,664

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:

Jan. 8 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.	Total.	
Galveston.....	4,500	4,500	6,500	4,300	2,000	21,800	920,353
New Orleans.....	15,233	3,409	5,224	21,715	1,500	47,081	878,803
Savannah.....	---	---	---	---	200	200	299,946
Charleston.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	153,811
Mobile.....	5,502	---	---	23,007	---	28,509	199,145
Norfolk.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	69,868
Other ports*.....	4,000	3,000	5,000	31,500	500	44,000	2,085,644
Total 1932.....	29,235	10,909	16,724	80,522	4,200	141,590	4,607,570
Total 1931.....	16,718	14,967	13,117	67,289	4,260	116,351	3,960,393
Total 1930.....	29,354	16,150	24,007	81,551	4,717	155,779	2,431,340

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been small. The business has been mostly for home and foreign trade account. Buying orders are constantly met on any decline. And they tell. In other words, they head off any substantial decline. The South continues to offer sparingly. The stock market has helped cotton. So did the grain markets early in the week. Many are bearish owing to big supplies and the lack of outside speculative trading, but the constant trade demand, as already intimated, acts as a brake on any decline.

On the 4th inst. prices declined 10 to 20 points on an accumulation of hedge selling orders over the holidays, reports of the failure of 46 banks in South Carolina after 11 late last week in North Carolina, lower stocks and grain, and general selling. The trade was the only buyer besides the shorts, and the trade will buy only on a scale down. Liverpool, Wall Street, and, seemingly, co-operatives, sold. The Southwest sold March and May freely. The American trade, Japanese interests, and the Continent and New Orleans bought. There was an uneasy feeling. It was the traditional "blue Monday." Some stress the belief that the failures, among banks at the South and West tend to cause hoarding, and at the South to lead to more or less putting of money into cotton as a cash commodity on which money can be had at any time. Many farmers seem still inclined to hold their cotton or to sell only a little at a time as they need funds. The belief of not a few is that cotton cannot go much lower, and that a drastic cut in the acreage will be made this spring and cause higher prices. Worth Street was quiet, with raw cotton declining. Liverpool reported hedge selling, and Bombay liquidation offset, in a measure, by calling by mills. In Manchester the arrest of Gandhi and other disturbing East Indian news tended to restrict export business with the Far East. But the trade continued to buy futures in New York, and Far Eastern spinners also bought. The Far Eastern buying thus far has been remarkable. It

is attributed to the big expansion in the business of the Japanese, Chinese and East Indian mills due to the low price of silver, the dropping of the gold standard, and the cheap prices for goods. Another cause, it is believed, was the partial failure of this season's cotton crop in China, owing to the disastrous floods in the Yangtsee River Valley calling for the purchase of some 600,000 to 700,000 bales to make up the loss to Chinese and Japanese mills. Still another cause was the lateness of the Indian crop and the fact that it is said to be some 600,000 to 800,000 bales smaller than last year. Finally, and perhaps overtopping everything else in importance, there is the price inflation going on in India. The Continent as well as Japan bought on the 4th inst. The spinners' takings last week, according to one statement, were 293,000 bales against 267,000 in the previous week and 175,000 last year, and the total for the season 5,989,000 bales, or 914,000 bales more than in the same time last year. Exports crossed 4,000,000 and were 23,000 bales above the total a year ago. But it was pointed out that domestic and European spinners were buying only on declines.

On the 5th inst. prices advanced 5 to 10 points, with stocks and grain higher, with offerings much smaller especially on hedge account, and covering as other stimulatings. The southern selling was small. New Orleans bought distant months freely. The selling was offset by trade buying and covering. The central belt was rainy making for a slower movement of the crop. Spot markets were 5 to 12 points higher with sales of 65,050 bales against 13,233 on the same day last year. But the advance was not sharp. Speculation was still largely absent. Worth Street was quiet and none too steady. Manchester was doing only a small business for home and export account. New Delhi, India wired that iron clad repression was clamped down yesterday by four new sweeping ordinances which constitute in effect a declaration of ruthless war upon the whole-India, National Congress movement. London reported that the British government has announced its determination to go ahead with its Indian policy. It is believed the Indian boycott against British goods will be more rigorous than ever. Liverpool closed 5 to 7 points lower after hedge selling and also selling by London and Bombay. But the tone here was better. Domestic and far Eastern spinners were fixing prices and Liverpool and the West bought. Some stressed the Washington wires seemingly showing the reconstruction Finance Corporation will be put into effect very soon. One of its features will be the use of about \$500,000,000 for the purpose of furthering the sale of cotton, wheat and other farm products of this country in foreign markets. It is important to observe that American cotton is selling much below the average of past relationships with Indian cotton as pointed out by the New York Cotton Exchange Service. As a result, foreign spinners, in Europe and the Orient, are showing a pronounced tendency to revert to a larger relative use of American cotton. A rough indication of comparative prices of American and Indian cottons is afforded by the prices of middling seven-eighths inch American cotton and fine Oomra Indian cotton, both on the spot at Liverpool. The price of fine Oomra Indian is equal to 91.5% of the price of middling American compared with 70.6% a year ago, 74.7 two years ago, 78.9 three years ago, 82.7 four years ago and 90.5 five years ago. It will be recalled that five years ago the relatively high price of Indian cotton resulted in foreign spinners changing from Indian to American cotton to the extent of hundreds of thousands of bales. American cotton mills fared better than in 1930 during most of 1931 whatever the popular impression to the contrary. In 1931 the index for cotton goods production contrary to the usual order of things the index for cotton goods production was actually higher than that for all other manufactures in July and August, September and November was well above it. Hence it would appear that the present low price of cotton has the usual effect of stimulating consumption. The cotton spinning industry is doing better than other industries, and is doing so not simply without the help of advancing prices but in the face of declining prices of recent months. A "seat" sold at \$15,000, an advance of \$500.

On the 6th inst. prices advanced some 15 to 20 points, with contracts scarce, the stock and grain markets higher, and trade, home and foreign interests buying. The co-operatives were supposed to have bought 10,000 March, May and July. Wall Street bought. And Bremen news had a distinct effect. There was an advance there of 25 to 29 points, owing to scarcity of contracts, with a high basis on spot cotton. The stock in Bremen of all kinds, according to the "Chronicle," was only 366,000 bales against 578,000 a year ago, 532,000 in 1929, and 713,000 in 1928. The impression here is that of the recent stock of 366,000 bales much is owned by the mills. That reduced the available cotton to a total which might conceivably, in given circumstances, produce a pinch. Bremen was some 80 points over New York, the widest spread in a long time. Also German mills are understood to be less apprehensive of debenture legislation being passed in this country. They appeared to be fixing prices here on the 6th inst. A noticeable rise in German bonds attracted attention as the rumor ran that England and France had granted a moratorium to Germany of three years. Some think a period of inflation is ahead, with higher prices for everything that men trade in. Bulls stress the

Reconstruction Finance Corp. bill as likely to help much when it is passed, as seems likely. The undertone on the 6th inst. was noticeably better. The holding back movement at the South is persistent. There is not a sign of its relaxing. Spot markets were firm, with heavy rains in the Mississippi Valley eastward to the Atlantic seaboard. Low grades were especially strong. Montgomery, Ala., advices state that the South has had, so far, a most unusual winter; temperatures have been very high, and the rainfall copious, making good the moisture lost during the drouth of last fall. Vegetation has even begun to bud again, and grasses are green. It is stated that apparently dead cotton stalks have put on new foliage and, in some instances, blooms—a remarkable if not unprecedented condition at this time of the year. Thus far there has been no winter work done. Uncertainty prevails as to the prospective acreage. Whether the decrease will be moderate or radical remains to be seen. The South is more hopeful than the rest of the country. It has a cash crop readily salable at home or abroad, especially abroad, this year. It was reported on the 6th inst. that Japanese and Chinese interests were large buyers of spot cotton, and that some dealers who had engaged to deliver strict low middling for midwinter shipment had been obliged to deliver middling owing to the scarcity of low grades.

On the 7th inst. prices advanced some 10 points early on home and Far Eastern trade buying, with another rise in stocks and wheat. There were renewed predictions of coming inflation. Bremen advanced 7 to 10 points further. But later the rise here was lost, and a little something more. On the rise hedge selling had increased somewhat. Covering fell off. Liverpool sold to some extent, and local traders also sold. But the reaction was considered natural enough. The undertone was declared by not a few to be better. Cotton prices had been ground long enough between the upper and the nether grindstone. Relief seemed to some to be ahead. The renewed rise in stocks and bonds seemed significant, especially the rise of 1 to 10 points in German bonds. Liverpool reported an optimistic feeling as to plans to ease up on reparation payments by Germany. French interests were buying German securities. Heavy rains fell in the Central and Western belt, tending naturally to slow down the movement. The levee broke at Swan Lake, Miss., threatening an inundation of 40,000 acres, while 60,000 are already overflowed in the Mississippi Valley. But this was of course a side issue. The main thing was the steady domestic and Far Eastern trade demand, coupled with a rising stock market and an apparent stirring of reconstructive forces. Worth Street was a little more active and firm. Manchester admittedly was quiet. Business there is only slowly developing. The political unrest in India and the stern measures adopted by the British authorities are expected to intensify the Indian boycott of British goods. But China, with its 400,000,000 of population, offers a big field for British goods, especially as the Japanese invasion of Manchuria is causing a more determined Chinese boycott than ever of Japanese goods. It is said that Japanese mills felt this boycott keenly.

To-day prices advanced 10 points, with offerings small, stocks higher, and more or less home trade, and Far Eastern buying. The speculation, however, was on a very small scale. But the South was still disinclined to sell, and on declines the price runs into trade and other buying. Some Southern reports said the basis was firm. Certain print cloths were said to be in fair demand, though in general Worth Street was quiet. So was Manchester. Bremen, after distinguishing itself of late by rising prices, was 4 to 8 points lower to-day. The West, New Orleans and scattered interests sold. But offerings were readily taken. Stocks were lower early in the day, but rallied later. Eastern belt rains continued. They are not wanted. Spinners' takings were stated in one report at 266,000 bales against 241,000 for the same week last year. Exports for the week were 224,000 bales, according to one computation, against 172,000 for the same week last year. The world's visible supply of American cotton, according to one statement, was 88,000 bales against a decrease for the same week last year of 61,000. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1 to 5 points. Spot cotton ended at 6.55c. for middling, an advance for the week of 5 points.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 2 to Jan. 8—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland—	Hol.	6.25	6.35	6.45	6.45	6.55

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS:

1932	6.55c.	1924	35.70c.	1916	12.60c.	1908	11.30c.
1931	10.30c.	1923	26.50c.	1915	8.00c.	1907	10.85c.
1930	17.15c.	1922	18.75c.	1914	12.30c.	1906	11.75c.
1929	20.00c.	1921	17.10c.	1913	13.10c.	1905	7.30c.
1928	19.65c.	1920	39.25c.	1912	9.60c.	1904	13.40c.
1927	13.15c.	1919	31.60c.	1911	15.00c.	1903	8.90c.
1926	20.75c.	1918	33.05c.	1910	15.85c.	1902	8.19c.
1925	24.05c.	1917	18.55c.	1909	9.40c.	1901	10.25c.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't	Total.
Saturday	HOLIDAY.				
Monday	Quiet, 25 pts. dec.	Barely steady	300	2,000	2,300
Tuesday	Steady, 10 pts. adv.	Quiet	---	200	200
Wednesday	Steady, 10 pts. adv.	Steady	100	2,600	3,350
Thursday	Quiet, unchanged	Easy	750	2,600	2,300
Friday	Steady, 10 pts. adv.	Steady			
Total week.			1,150	12,700	13,850
Since Aug. 1			73,524	75,000	148,524

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 2.	Monday, Jan. 4.	Tuesday, Jan. 5.	Wednesday, Jan. 6.	Thursday, Jan. 7.	Friday, Jan. 8.
Jan.—						
Range—	6.12-6.26	6.10-6.18	6.19-6.35	6.32-6.38	6.28-6.38	6.28-6.38
Closing—	6.12	6.18	6.30	6.28	6.38	6.38
Feb.—						
Range—	6.17	6.22	6.34	6.31	6.43	6.43
Closing—	6.17	6.22	6.34	6.31	6.43	6.43
Mar.—						
Range—	6.22-6.35	6.21-6.31	6.28-6.46	6.38-6.50	6.35-6.49	6.35-6.49
Closing—	6.22-6.23	6.27-6.28	6.39	6.38	6.48-6.49	6.48-6.49
Apr.—						
Range—	6.30	6.35	6.47	6.45	6.55	6.55
Closing—	6.30	6.35	6.47	6.45	6.55	6.55
May—						
Range—	6.38-6.47	6.37-6.48	6.46-6.63	6.52-6.66	6.52-6.66	6.52-6.66
Closing—	6.38-6.40	6.44-6.45	6.56	6.53	6.63-6.65	6.63-6.65
June—						
Range—	HOLIDAY.					
Closing—	6.47	6.53	6.65	6.62	6.72	6.72
July						
Range—	6.56-6.65	6.55-6.66	6.65-6.81	6.71-6.85	6.70-6.84	6.70-6.84
Closing—	6.57	6.62-6.63	6.75	6.71	6.81-6.82	6.81-6.82
Aug.—						
Range—	6.66	6.71	6.83	6.78	6.89	6.89
Closing—	6.66	6.71	6.83	6.78	6.89	6.89
Sept.—						
Range—	6.76	6.75-6.75	6.90	6.88	6.96	6.96
Closing—	6.76	6.80	6.90	6.88	6.96	6.96
Oct.—						
Range—	6.82-6.93	6.79-6.90	6.89-7.02	6.94-7.07	6.93-7.05	6.93-7.05
Closing—	6.82	6.87-6.88	6.97-6.98	6.95	7.04-7.05	7.04-7.05
Nov.—						
Range—	6.89	6.94	7.04	7.02	7.11	7.11
Closing—	6.89	6.94	7.04	7.02	7.11	7.11
Dec.—						
Range—	6.98-7.05	6.96-7.00	7.05-7.16	7.09-7.20	7.07-7.18	7.07-7.18
Closing—	6.96	7.02	7.12	7.09	7.17-7.18	7.17-7.18

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Jan. 8 1932 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Dec. 1931—	5.47	Oct. 8 1931 12.32 Feb. 25 1931
Jan. 1932—	6.10 Jan. 5	5.55 Oct. 10 1931 12.42 Feb. 25 1931
Feb. 1932—	6.21 Jan. 5	6.25 Nov. 30 1931 6.96 Nov. 10 1931
Mar. 1932—	6.21 Jan. 5	5.75 Oct. 8 1931 11.59 Apr. 6 1931
Apr. 1932—	6.37 Jan. 5	6.80 Nov. 4 1931 6.99 Nov. 6 1931
May 1932—	6.55 Jan. 5	5.96 Oct. 5 1931 11.40 June 27 1931
June 1932—	6.55 Jan. 5	6.62 Nov. 23 1931 9.74 July 27 1931
July 1932—	6.55 Jan. 5	6.15 Oct. 5 1931 9.15 Aug. 1 1931
Aug. 1932—	6.55 Jan. 5	6.67 Nov. 27 1931 7.57 Oct. 30 1931
Sept. 1932—	6.75 Jan. 5	6.75 Jan. 5 1932 7.68 Oct. 30 1931
Oct. 1932—	6.75 Jan. 5	7.07 Jan. 7 1932 7.67 Nov. 9 1931
Nov. 1932—	6.96 Jan. 5	7.20 Jan. 7 1932 7.31 Dec. 30 1931
Dec. 1932—	6.96 Jan. 5	7.20 Jan. 7 1932 7.31 Dec. 30 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.

	1932.	1931.	1930.	1929.
Jan. 8—				
Stock at Liverpool—	bales. 740,000	843,000	828,000	893,000
Stock at London—	173,000	186,000	103,000	91,000
Stock at Manchester—	173,000	186,000	103,000	91,000
Total Great Britain—	913,000	1,029,000	931,000	984,000
Stock at Hamburg—	360,000	589,000	545,000	717,000
Stock at Bremen—	197,000	349,000	292,000	255,000
Stock at Havre—	15,000	14,000	9,000	11,000
Stock at Rotterdam—	93,000	118,000	92,000	83,000
Stock at Genoa—	76,000	62,000	72,000	45,000
Stock at Ghent—	---	---	---	---
Stock at Antwerp—	---	---	---	---
Total Continental stocks—	741,000	1,132,000	1,010,000	1,109,000
Total European stocks—	1,654,000	2,161,000	1,941,000	2,093,000
India cotton afloat for Europe—	39,000	99,000	136,000	178,000
American cotton afloat for Europe—	371,000	384,000	436,000	614,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe—	70,000	73,000	131,000	92,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt—	759,000	709,000	438,000	481,000
Stock in Bombay, India—	404,000	666,000	999,000	925,000
Stock in U. S. ports—	4,749,160	4,076,714	2,587,119	2,256,530
Stock in U. S. interior towns—	2,206,968	1,750,859	1,477,345	1,203,459
U. S. exports to-day—	39,594	4,214	---	1,300
Total visible supply—	10,292,722	9,923,787	8,135,464	7,844,289

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

	American—	Other—	Total—
Liverpool stock—	335,000	455,000	407,000
Manchester stock—	87,000	93,000	71,000
Continental stock—	679,000	1,006,000	938,000
American afloat for Europe—	371,000	384,000	436,000
U. S. ports—	4,749,160	4,076,714	2,587,119
U. S. interior stocks—	2,206,968	1,750,859	1,477,345
U. S. exports to-day—	39,594	4,214	1,300
Total American—	8,467,722	7,769,787	5,916,464
Total East India, &c.—	---	---	2,219,000
Total visible supply—	10,292,722	9,923,787	8,135,464

Continental imports for past week have been 143,000 bales. The above figures for 1931 show an increase over last week of 99,989 bales, a gain of 368,935 over 1930, an increase of 2,157,258 bales over 1929, and a gain of 2,348,433 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 periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Jan. 8 1932.				Movement to Jan. 9 1931.			
	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Jan. 8.	Receipts.		Shipments.	Stocks Jan. 9.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birmingham	1,461	60,430	848	40,994	748	83,699	1,052	32,671
Eufaula	186	11,207	477	4,974	559	27,680	799	16,291
Montgomery	47	36,315	958	69,395	712	59,505	354	63,928
Selma	828	74,544	2,085	85,101	1,123	92,722	993	77,924
Ark., Blytheville	3,243	95,264	3,600	58,936	389	75,094	837	34,925
Forest City	360	26,286	640	18,770	69	13,370	303	11,439
Helena	1,790	57,723	1,025	51,780	222	39,670	679	32,625
Hope	333	55,501	741	23,728	169	30,734	879	10,108
Jonesboro	207	18,903	370	5,233	236	25,461	213	4,994
Little Rock	3,732	145,369	4,444	82,130	1,707	91,778	1,572	52,767
Newport	1,037	39,122	904	18,913	552	26,541	797	8,583
Pine Bluff	3,476	129,791	3,123	64,181	1,157	77,850	1,895	38,421
Walnut Ridge	913	41,894	895	14,922	91	23,405	702	7,529
Ga., Albany	56	5,208	12	4,662	1	7,330	17	4,110
Athens	950	22,829	500	33,245	275	37,671	309	33,330
Atlanta	2,658	10,871	161	9,066	4,328	159,916	4,022	151,629
Augusta	2,329	152,676	3,208	132,957	3,389	269,361	5,737	123,610
Columbus	2,275	39,553	895	24,551	1,780	35,153	400	8,540
Macon	3,184	24,451	279	34,888	376	79,219	1,562	34,761
Rome	330	9,256	-----	8,458	50	20,031	250	16,747
La., Shreveport	1,879	95,057	1,916	117,792	333	104,652	1,511	85,984
Miss., Clarksdale	2,991	143,633	4,372	103,196	796	106,818	2,322	67,017
Columbus	202	19,286	84	15,996	104	23,721	406	15,861
Greenwood	1,670	160,982	2,144	124,487	-----	136,141	2,846	89,143
Meridian	-----	25,652	-----	28,785	1,536	47,196	475	18,870
Natchez	306	10,121	43	10,447	33	10,851	915	9,101
Vicksburg	1,170	37,441	1,017	25,601	258	33,645	909	20,797
Yazoo City	1,100	43,290	1,396	29,089	74	32,127	1,185	20,568
Mo., St. Louis	3,766	89,425	3,805	1,196	9,176	140,131	8,320	14,163
N.C., Greensboro	96	13,669	684	23,417	1,882	28,275	1,694	29,891
Oklahoma—								
15 towns*	24,580	507,033	32,137	113,483	7,906	503,250	11,246	78,899
S. C., Greenville	3,695	76,221	3,252	53,888	1,546	98,441	3,133	70,032
Tenn., Memphis	62,754	1,282,849	63,859	494,589	28,844	949,251	31,943	390,022
Texas, Abilene	1,958	45,769	3,107	2,428	390	24,392	346	669
Austin	262	24,863	-----	5,219	100	23,741	100	1,555
Brenham	36	16,528	-----	9,066	42	18,915	165	6,986
Dallas	2,676	121,601	3,788	48,009	1,070	134,439	4,441	29,002
Paris	3,086	77,959	2,369	21,145	140	61,882	385	5,905
Robstown	17	30,980	239	2,584	60	54,570	102	11,955
San Antonio	345	14,934	118	1,306	351	22,439	154	1,548
Texarkana	2,312	51,610	2,077	20,995	282	31,122	900	7,613
Waco	631	71,400	724	25,254	469	58,603	599	10,343
Total, 56 towns	144,927	4,047,426	152,241	220,968	75,325	3,920,792	97,458	175,089

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 12,595 bales and are to-night 456,109 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 69,602 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Shipped—	1932-31		1931-30	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	3,805	96,652	8,320	139,970
Via Mounds, &c	1,105	16,451	1,705	38,556
Via Rock Island	68	442	31	1,209
Via Louisville	101	4,942	274	9,760
Via Virginia points	3,523	87,757	3,406	90,487
Via other routes, &c	22,038	200,251	13,950	232,837
Total gross overland	30,645	406,495	27,689	512,819
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c	649	18,352	274	14,730
Between interior towns	342	6,185	375	6,890
Inland, &c., from South	5,648	132,981	4,668	143,458
Total to be deducted	6,639	157,518	5,317	165,078
Leaving total net overland*	24,006	248,977	22,372	347,741

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 24,006 bales, against 22,372 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 98,764 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1932-31		1931-30	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Jan. 8	353,609	6,534,712	115,570	6,924,853
Net overland to Jan. 8	24,006	248,977	22,372	347,741
South'n consumption to Jan. 8	90,000	2,070,000	75,000	1,750,000
Total marketed	467,615	8,853,689	212,942	9,022,594
Interior stocks in excess	*12,595	1,416,941	*26,222	1,189,164
Excess of South'n mill takings over consumption to Dec. 1	-----	451,277	-----	388,393
Came into sight during week	455,020	-----	186,720	-----
Total in sight Jan. 8	10,721,907	-----	10,600,151	-----
North'n spinners' takings to Jan. 8	35,623	505,775	39,220	556,050

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1930-Jan. 11	259,680	1929-30	11,661,189
1929-Jan. 12	270,636	1928-29	11,523,281
1928-Jan. 13	214,910	1927-28	10,386,088

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended Jan. 8.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs. day.	Friday.
Galveston	6.10	6.15	6.25	6.25	6.35	6.35
New Orleans	6.08	6.13	6.26	6.26	6.35	6.35
Mobile	5.70	5.75	5.85	5.85	5.95	5.95
Savannah	5.97	6.02	6.14	6.13	6.23	6.23
Norfolk	6.07	6.13	6.25	6.25	6.33	6.33
Baltimore	6.40	6.20	6.30	6.40	6.40	6.40
Augusta	5.88	6.00	6.06	6.06	6.19	6.19
Memphis	5.45	5.50	5.65	5.65	5.75	5.75
Houston	6.05	6.10	6.20	6.20	6.30	6.30
Little Rock	5.42	5.49	5.65	5.60	5.68	5.68
Dallas	5.60	5.65	5.80	5.80	5.90	5.90
Fort Worth	5.60	5.65	5.80	5.80	5.90	5.90

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.

	Saturday, Jan. 2.	Monday, Jan. 4.	Tuesday, Jan. 5.	Wednesday, Jan. 6.	Thursday, Jan. 7.	Friday, Jan. 8.
January	6.09	6.13	6.13	6.26	Bid.	6.25
February	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
March	6.22	6.27	6.28	6.39	6.38	-----
April	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
May	6.38	6.45	6.56	6.54	-----	-----
June	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
July	6.54	6.56	6.62	Bid.	6.72	6.71
August	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
September	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
October	6.75	6.76	6.83	6.92	6.91	Bid.
November	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
December	6.89	6.97	Bid.	7.09	7.05	Bid.
Jan. (1933)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Spot	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.
Options	Barely steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Quiet.

K. G. JUDSON ELECTED TREASURER OF NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE, SUCCEEDING LATE T. LURELLE GUILD.—Kenneth G. Judson of Judson & Co. was elected Treasurer of the New York Cotton Exchange on Jan. 6 to fill the vacancy created by the death of T. Lurelle Guild. Charles S. Montgomery was elected member of the Board of Managers in place of Mr. Guild.

T. Lurelle Guild, Treasurer of the New York Cotton Exchange, died suddenly at his home in Stamford, Conn., Dec. 31. He was 58 years of age. Mr. Guild, who joined the Cotton Exchange in November 1904, had been Treasurer since 1929.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that the week generally has been too wet and damp in most sections of the Cotton Belt and little effort is being made to gather cotton remaining in the fields, which is of low grade due to continued dampness. Temperatures have been mild.

Memphis, Tenn.—The height of the river is now 25.2 feet above zero gauge and rising.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer
Galveston, Texas	3 days	1.13 in.	high 69 low 45 mean 57
Abilene, Texas	2 days	0.72 in.	high 62 low 26 mean 44
Brownsville, Texas	3 days	0.71 in.	high 76 low 50 mean 63
Corpus Christi, Texas	3 days	0.40 in.	high 74 low 44 mean 59
Dallas, Texas	3 days	2.20 in.	high 54 low 30 mean 42
Del Rio, Texas	1 day	0.06 in.	high 66 low 32 mean 49
Houston, Texas	3 days	1.32 in.	high 72 low 40 mean 56
Palestine, Texas	3 days	5.62 in.	high 64 low 32 mean 48
San Antonio, Texas	2 days	2.30 in.	high 76 low 38 mean 57
New Orleans, La.	2 days	1.61 in.	high -- low -- mean 57
Shreveport, La.	2 days	3.72 in.	high 61 low 36 mean 49
Mobile, Ala.	2 days	1.27 in.	high 68 low 38 mean 55
Savannah, Ga.	2 days	0.20 in.	high 74 low 40 mean 57
Charleston, S. C.	(?) days	0.12 in.	high 74 low 40 mean 57
Memphis, Tenn.	2 days	1.72 in.	high 60 low 34 mean 44

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:

	Jan. 8 1932.	Jan. 9 1931.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	11.4
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	25.2
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	1.98
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	24.7
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	37.2

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.
Sept. 29	322,698	385,693	368,535	811,978	818,124	573,923	384,682	489,038	519,474
Oct. 2	445,906	555,848	437,422	945,683	949,334	728,959	579,611	687,058	690,458
9	517,721	509,927	512,983	1,141,682	1,098,865	881,858	713,700	650,458	667,832
16	519,398	423,079	569,510	1,349,792	1,225,720	1,041,622	727,528	549,934	729,374
23	380,980	441,613	518,799	1,559,483	1,395,237	1,185,728	590,671	611,130	662,906
30	453,232								

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1931-32—	2,000	3,000	20,000	25,000	9,000	83,000	462,000	554,000
1930-31—	5,000	20,000	49,000	74,000	69,000	320,000	722,000	1,111,000
1929-30—	2,000	22,000	22,000	46,000	28,000	293,000	454,000	775,000
Other India—								
1931-32—	6,000	12,000	—	18,000	44,000	115,000	—	159,000
1930-31—	—	8,000	—	8,000	46,000	187,000	—	213,000
1929-30—	—	5,000	—	5,000	49,000	258,000	—	307,000
Total all—								
1931-32—	8,000	15,000	20,000	43,000	53,000	198,000	462,000	713,000
1930-31—	5,000	28,000	49,000	82,000	115,000	487,000	722,000	1,324,000
1929-30—	2,000	27,000	22,000	51,000	77,000	551,000	454,000	1,082,000

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 132,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 39,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 611,000 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1932-31.		1931-30.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Dec. 31—	10192733		9,897,159	
Visible supply Aug. 1—		6,892,094		5,302,014
American in sight to Jan. 8—	455,020	10,721,907	186,720	10,600,151
Bombay receipts to Jan. 7—	63,000	474,000	195,000	994,000
Other India ships to Jan. 7—	18,000	159,000	8,000	213,000
Alexandria receipts to Jan. 6—	35,000	998,000	34,000	911,900
Other supply to Jan. 6—* b	14,000	289,000	12,000	336,000
Total supply—	10777753	19,534,001	10332879	18,357,065
Deduct—				
Visible supply Jan. 8—	10292722	10,292,722	9,923,787	9,923,787
Total takings to Jan. 8— a	485,031	9,241,279	409,092	8,433,278
Of which American—	390,031	6,770,279	258,092	5,869,378
Of which other—	95,000	2,471,000	151,000	2,563,900

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,070,000 bales in 1931-32 and 1,750,000 bales in 1930-31—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 7,171,279 bales in 1931-32 and 6,683,278 bales in 1930-31, of which 4,700,279 bales and 4,119,378 bales American. b Estimated.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Alexandria, Egypt, Jan. 6.	1931-32.	1930-31.	1929-30.
Receipts (Cantars)—			
This week—	175,000	170,000	230,000
Since Aug. 1—	4,977,310	4,567,695	5,101,828
Export (Bales)—			
This Week.	Since Aug. 1.	This Week.	Since Aug. 1.
To Liverpool—	105,896	69,712	82,164
To Manchester, &c—	9,000	64,563	8,000
To Continent and India—	14,000	255,070	15,000
To America—	9,485	4,245	55,368
Total exports—	23,000	453,988	23,000

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weight about 75 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Jan. 7 were 175,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 23,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.

	1931.				1930.			
	32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lb. Shirts-ings, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds.		32s Cop Twist.	8 1/4 Lb. Shirts-ings, Common to Finest.	Cotton Midd'l'g Upl'ds.	
Sept.—	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.
18—	7 @ 8 1/4	7 2 @ 7 4	3.74	9 1/2 @ 10 1/4	9 1/2 @ 10 1/4	9 2 @ 9 6	5.26	5.26
25—	8 1/4 @ 9 1/4	7 6 @ 8 2	5.19	9 1/2 @ 10 1/4	9 2 @ 9 6	9 2 @ 9 6	5.89	5.89
Oct—								
2—	8 @ 9 1/4	7 6 @ 8 2	4.31	9 1/2 @ 10 1/4	9 0 @ 9 4	9 0 @ 9 4	5.76	5.76
9—	7 1/4 @ 9 1/4	7 6 @ 8 2	4.58	9 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 7 @ 9 3	8 7 @ 9 3	5.54	5.54
16—	8 @ 9 1/4	7 6 @ 8 2	4.77	9 @ 10	8 7 @ 9 3	8 7 @ 9 3	5.73	5.73
23—	8 @ 9 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	4.57	9 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	8 6 @ 9 2	6.05	6.05
30—	8 1/2 @ 10	8 0 @ 8 4	4.97	9 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	8 6 @ 9 2	6.24	6.24
Nov—								
6—	9 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.12	9 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	8 6 @ 9 2	6.03	6.03
13—	8 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.06	9 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	8 6 @ 9 2	5.98	5.98
20—	8 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	4.89	9 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	8 6 @ 9 2	5.98	5.98
27—	8 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	4.90	9 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	8 6 @ 9 2	5.91	5.91
Dec—								
4—	8 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.14	9 @ 10	8 6 @ 9 2	8 6 @ 9 2	5.70	5.70
11—	9 1/4 @ 11	8 0 @ 8 4	5.21	8 1/2 @ 9 1/4	8 5 @ 9 1	8 5 @ 9 1	5.43	5.43
18—	8 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.20	8 3/4 @ 9 3/4	8 5 @ 9 1	8 5 @ 9 1	5.32	5.32
24—	8 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.30	8 3/4 @ 9 3/4	8 5 @ 9 1	8 5 @ 9 1	5.31	5.31
31—	8 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.39	8 3/4 @ 9 3/4	8 5 @ 9 1	8 5 @ 9 1	5.33	5.33
Jan.—								
8—	8 1/2 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.33	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2	8 5 @ 9 1	8 5 @ 9 1	5.40	5.40

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail:

	Bales.
GALVESTON—To Liverpool—Dec. 30—Otto Petersen, 109—	3,346
Jan. 6—Barbadian, 3,237—	3,280
To Manchester—Jan. 6—Barbadian, 3,260—	879
To Havre—Dec. 30—Otto Petersen, 879—	1,964
To Dunkirk—Dec. 30—Otto Petersen, 449—Jan. 5—Swane-	26,389
holm, 1,515—	
To Japan—Dec. 30—Vulcan City, 5,249; Lisbon Maru, 7,329—	10,596
Dec. 31—Oakbank, 7,804—Jan. 2—Liberator, 1,348—	
Jan. 6—Toba Maru, 3,972; Santos Maru, 687—	
To China—Dec. 30—Vulcan City, 4,517—Dec. 31—Oakbank,	5,803
3,964—Jan. 2—Liberator, 1,365—Jan. 6—Santos Maru,	3,279
750—	400
To Bremen—Dec. 30—Niedenfels, 2,507—Jan. 4—Murla,	5,934
3,298—	225
To Hamburg—Dec. 30—Niedenfels, 135—Jan. 4—Murla, 100	150
To Venice—Dec. 31—Giulia, 3,279—	200
To Trieste—Dec. 31—Giulia, 400—	247
To Barcelona—Dec. 31—Mar Cantabrico, 5,934—	6,270
To Lisbon—Dec. 31—Ogontz, 225—	260
To Oporto—Dec. 31—Ogontz, 150—	2,492
To Bilbao—Dec. 31—Ogontz, 200—	505
To Passages—Dec. 31—Ogontz, 247—	18
To Genoa—Dec. 31—Montello, 6,270—	100
To Leghorn—Dec. 31—Montello, 260—	100
To Rotterdam—Jan. 4—Murla, 199—Jan. 5—Boschdijk,	394
2,293—	
To Copenhagen—Jan. 5—Svaneholm, 505—	
LAKE CHARLES—To Manchester—Dec. 27—Barbadian, 18—	
To Ghent—Dec. 26—Nashaba, 100—	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 26—Nashaba, 100—	
To Bremen—Dec. 27—Tripp, 394—	

	Bales.
HOUSTON—To Bremen—Dec. 31—Neidenfels, 5,378; Murla,	24,105
7,954—Dec. 30—Western Queen, 5,417—Jan. 7—Rio	
Bravo, 2,238; Tripp, 3,118—	
To Hamburg—Dec. 31—Neidenfels, 15; Murla, 58—Dec. 30	1,613
—Western Queen, 590—Jan. 7—Grete, 950—	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 31—Boschdijk, 2,440; Murla, 445—	3,590
Jan. 6—Nashaba, 705—	222
To Ghent—Dec. 31—Boschdijk, 50—Jan. 6—Nashaba, 172—	250
To Lisbon—Jan. 7—Ogontz, 250—	1,529
To Oporto—Jan. 2—Ogontz, 1,529—	353
To Passages—Jan. 2—Ogontz, 353—	2,732
To Liverpool—Dec. 31—Barbadian, 2,722—	2,231
To Manchester—Dec. 31—Barbadian, 2,231—	846
To Dunkirk—Jan. 4—Svaneholm, 807—Jan. 6—Nashaba, 39	695
To Copenhagen—Jan. 4—Svaneholm, 695—	4,340
To Genoa—Dec. 30—Montello, 4,340—	
To Japan—Jan. 2—Toba Maru, 4,038; Atlantic City, 15,524	23,125
—Jan. 5—Queen City, 3,563—	6,847
To China—Jan. 5—Queen City, 6,847—	364
To Olo—Jan. 5—Topeka, 364—	1,888
To Gothenburg—Jan. 5—Topeka, 1,888—	950
To Gdynia—Jan. 5—Topeka, 950—	1,800
To Norrkoping—Jan. 5—Topeka, 1,800—	1,000
To Naples—Jan. 5—Alberta, 1,000—	3,036
To Venice—Jan. 5—Alberta, 3,036—	732
To Trieste—Jan. 5—Alberta, 732—	1,651
To Havre—Jan. 6—Nashaba, 851—Jan. 7—Grete, 800—	230
To Canada—Jan. 5—Point Fermin, 230—	1,501
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Dec. 31—Dellilian, 1,501—	1,568
To Bremen—Jan. 7—Tortugas, 1,568—	905
To Manchester—Dec. 31—Dellilian, 905—	1,509
To Hamburg—Jan. 7—Tortugas, 1,509—	10,208
To Japan—Dec. 31—City of Pittsburg, 800; Menestheus, 9,408	
To China—Dec. 31—City of Pittsburg, 10,750; Menestheus,	11,350
600—	1,014
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Dec. 30—Baltic, 1,014—	
NEW ORLEANS—To Bremen—Dec. 31—West Cambo, 3,702	7,276
Minden, 3,574—	728
To Hamburg—Dec. 31—Minden, 453—Dec. 31—Grete, 275	3,025
To Japan—Dec. 31—Santos Maru, 3,025—	600
To China—Dec. 31—Santos Maru, 600—	475
To Havre—Dec. 31—Memaha, 400; Grete, 75—	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 31—Memaha, 373—Jan. 2—Fidelitas,	1,236
863—	1,076
To Ghent—Dec. 31—Memaha, 976; Grete, 100—	750
To Genoa—Jan. 6—Jolee, 750—	150
To Porto Colombia—Jan. 1—Atenas, 150—	100
To Bogota—Jan. 1—Atenas, 100—	600
To Venice—Jan. 6—Jolee, 600—	2,761
To Liverpool—Jan. 4—Abercos, 2,761—	50
To Trieste—Jan. 6—Jolee, 50—	1,107
To Manchester—Jan. 4—Abercos, 1,107—	25
To London—Jan. 5—West Harshaw, 25—	50
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Liverpool—Jan. 2—Lucille de Larrinaga, 50	929
To Manchester—Jan. 2—Lucille de Larrinaga, 929—	4,680
To Japan—Jan. 5—Aden Maru, 4,680—	1,950
To China—Jan. 5—Aden Maru, 1,950—	50
LOS ANGELES—To Liverpool—Jan. 2—Vancouver City, 50—	
To Japan—Dec. 31—Japanese Prince, 2,800—Jan. 4—Asama	9,275
Maru, 5,175; President Vanburen, 1,300—	
To China—Dec. 31—Japanese Prince, 1,050; Asama Maru, 48	3,548
Jan. 4—President Vanburen, 2,450—	400
To Bremen—Jan. 4—Seattle, 400—	150
SAN FRANCISCO—To Great Britain—Dec. 31—(?)—, 150—	2,740
To Japan—Dec. 31—(?)—, 2,740—	275
To China—Dec. 31—(?)—, 275—	700
BEAUMONT—To Havre—Jan. 5—Grete, 700—	50
To Antwerp—Jan. 5—Grete, 50—	1,550
MOBILE—To Liverpool—Dec. 31—Gateway City, 1,550—	1,550
To Manchester—Dec. 31—Gateway City, 1,550—	800
To Havre—Dec. 29—Grete, 800—	450
To Genoa—Dec. 26—Jolee, 450—	100
To Venice—Dec. 26—Jolee, 100—	2,999
To Bremen—Dec. 31—City of Alma, 2,999—	150
To Rotterdam—Dec. 31—City of Alma, 1,050—	5,488
To China—Jan. 5—Talyin, 5,488—	100
CHARLESTON—To Bremen—Dec. 29—Tortugas, 100—	748
To Hamburg—Dec. 29—Tortugas, 748—	14
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Jan. 7—Coelleda, 14—	450
To Manchester—Jan. 7—Coelleda, 450—	1,841
TEXAS CITY—To Bremen—Jan. 4—Murla, 1,841—	112
To Rotterdam—Jan. 4—Murla, 112—	1,126
To Japan—Jan. 2—Liberator, 1,126—	1,303
To China—Jan. 2—Liberator, 1,303—	249,577

LIVERPOOL.—Sales, stocks, &c., for past week:

	Dec. 18.	Dec. 24.	Dec. 31.	Jan. 8.
Sales of the week—				
Of which American—				
Sales for export—				
Forwarded—	53,000	36,000	50,000	65,000
Total stocks—	688,000	728,000	747,000	740,000
Of which American—	280,000	315,000	338,000	335,000
Total imports—	70,000	71,000	105,000	60,000
Of which American—	28,000	54,000	77,000	29,000
Amount afloat—	242,000	214,000	158,000	151,000
Of which American—	162,000	140,000	99,000	93,000

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, 1215 P. M.	Quiet.	Quiet.	More demand.	More demand.	Quieter.	Quieter.
Mid. Upl'ds	5.34d.	5.27d.	5.28d.	5.39	5.33d.	5.33d.
Sales	HOLID					

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Jan. 8 1932.

FLOUR was quiet, and on the 4th inst. about 10c. lower, with a small business and little done for export. Last week only 81 barrels and 21,000 sacks were exported from New York against 76 barrels and 41,000 sacks the week before. On Saturday total exports from all Atlantic ports were only 3,000 barrels, and these from New York. On the 5th inst. both flour and feed were firmer. Feed was advanced 50c., with a somewhat better demand. On the 7th inst. prices advanced 5 to 10c., with a fair trade only. Exports from New York were 15,000 barrels.

WHEAT has acted very well during the week, with reports of a larger export demand. Europe, it is felt, will be obliged to buy North American wheat more freely than it has for some time past. But it appears that Argentina and Australia are now beginning to offer more freely in European markets. The crying need is for a big and sustained export demand for United States wheat.

On the 4th inst. prices declined 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c. net on lower stocks and cotton and scattered liquidation. Local traders sold. The decline was checked by buying against bids and covering. The weakness of the stock market was distinctly a wet blanket. All eyes were riveted on it. Also there were beneficial rains and snows in the Southwest. Moreover, the export demand was poor. Only small lots of Manitoba were sold for export via the Pacific Coast. As was expected, the world's shipments for the week proved to be small. The total was only 10,199,000 bushels. Stocks afloat were only 29,816,000 bushels. Buenos Aires on the 4th inst. was 1/4 to 5/8c. higher on news of the revolt, though suppressed, and rains in some parts of Argentina. The news of smaller world's shipments decreased stocks afloat and higher offers by shippers was bullish enough but was offset by the decline in stocks and cotton and the lack of an export demand.

On the 5th inst. prices advanced 3/4 to 1 1/2c., with rumors of a good business for export. Some were as high as 3,500,000 bushels, of which 2,500,000 via Vancouver and 1,000,000 at Atlantic ports, all of which was Manitoba wheat. These reports seemed to have been exaggerated, but the next day it was said that China had bought 2,000,000 bushels of Manitoba on the 5th inst. Something of a rally in stocks, as usual, helped wheat prices. September led the rise. The weather in the belt was favorable. The snow covering was said to be ample.

On the 6th inst. prices advanced 5/8 to 1c., with stocks and cotton higher. It was said that China had bought 2,500,000 bushels of Manitoba on the 5th inst., as already intimated. Professionals bought heavily. Offerings were light and the market was called the best for many days past. The advance in stocks was considered an important factor. In Chicago it was pointed out that the United States holds the greatest surplus, yet is exporting very little, but for the remainder of the season to next June 30 export countries outside of the United States, it is contended, will probably export nearly 50,000,000 bushels less than they exported last year, owing to the smaller crops in Argentina, Australia and Canada, and the decrease in Russian exports. The estimate of importers' needs for the season is higher than the estimate of a year ago, and importers cannot very well, it is argued, obtain larger supplies or even as much as last year without coming to the United States.

Exports sales in two days were reported late as 4,000,000 to 4,500,000 bushels, mostly Manitoba, via the Pacific, but the Federal Farm Board, it seems, sold some hard winter abroad. Also there were some exchanging of futures for cash wheat. That seemed to be domestic business. Winnipeg was 1 to 1 1/2c. higher. Liverpool reported a better demand from the Continent. There was less covering, but the attitude of the trade seemed more bullish.

On the 7th inst. prices closed 5/8 to 3/4c. net higher despite heavy realizing. Stocks were higher and the political and financial international situation was considered better. The cash demand was reported larger. Shipping sales were 183,000 bushels. It was said that the export demand was more general, but actual sales were apparently small. Moreover, reports earlier in the week of sales of 2,000,000 bushels of Manitoba wheat to China were not confirmed. Small quantities were said to have been sold on both the Atlantic and the Pacific Coasts to United Kingdom and the Continent. To-day prices closed 1/2c. lower. The cables were off. Argentine and Australian offerings were larger in Europe. Export demand on this side was smaller. The technical position had been weakened by the advance of three days in succession and heavy covering. Winnipeg dropped 7/8c., being the weakest of all the markets. This had some effect. The depression in corn also counted. On the other hand, there was a good domestic milling demand. This and the rise in the stock market stopped the decline in wheat. Final prices show prices unchanged to 3/8c. higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT AT NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	56 1/4	56 1/2	57 1/2	58 3/4	57 3/4	57 3/4
July	57 1/4	57 1/4	58 3/4	59	58 3/4	58 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	71 3/4	72 3/4	73 1/2	73 3/4	73 3/4	73 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March	53 3/4	54 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2	55 3/4	55 3/4
May	55 3/4	56	57	57 3/4	57 1/2	57 1/2
July	54 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/2	56 3/4	56 1/2	56 1/2
September	55 1/4	56 3/4	57 1/4	58	57 3/4	57 3/4

Season's High and When Made—			Season's Low and When Made—		
March	71 3/4	Nov. 9 1931	March	47 3/4	Oct. 5 1931
May	73	Nov. 9 1931	May	48 3/4	Oct. 5 1931
July	73 1/4	Nov. 7 1931	July	49	Oct. 5 1931
September	58 1/4	Jan. 7 1932	September	55 1/4	Jan. 4 1932

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	62	62 1/2	63 1/2	64	63 1/2	63 1/2
July	62 1/2	63 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64	64

INDIAN CORN has shown a certain steadiness in spite of the disappointing smallness of the cash demand and some increase in country offerings just at the close of the week. Illinois and Indiana are beginning to sell more freely. On the 4th inst. prices declined 1 to 1 1/2c., with wheat off and cash trade slow. On the 5th inst. rains and snows, higher prices for wheat, and small offerings combined to cause a net rise of 3/8 to 1/2c. Shorts covered. Cash corn, however, was dull. On the 6th inst. prices closed 1/2c. higher, with stocks and wheat higher and the weather bad and country offerings at first small. Local Chicago dealers bought 56,000 bushels to arrive. Shipping sales were only 32,000 bales, mostly to points in Wisconsin.

On the 7th inst. prices advanced 1/2 to 5/8c. under the influence of the rise in wheat, but part of the advance was lost on local selling. Cash business, too, was disappointing. To-day prices ended 3/8 to 5/8c. lower on larger offerings from the country and a dull cash market. Realizing by shorts was something of a feature towards the end. Chicago bought 58,000 bushels to arrive. Illinois and Indiana points offered on a larger scale. Final prices show a decline for the week of 3/8 to 3/4c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	51 3/4	51 3/4	52 1/4	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March	38 3/4	39 1/4	39 3/4	40 1/4	39 3/4	39 3/4
May	40 3/4	41 3/4	41 3/4	41 3/4	41 3/4	41 3/4
July	42	42 1/2	43	43 1/2	42 3/4	42 3/4
September	42 3/4	43 3/4	43 3/4	43 3/4	43 3/4	43 3/4

Season's High and When Made—			Season's Low and When Made—		
March	51 1/4	Nov. 9 1931	March	34 3/4	Oct. 5 1931
May	53 1/4	Nov. 9 1931	May	36 3/4	Oct. 5 1931
July	55	Nov. 9 1931	July	38 3/4	Oct. 7 1931
September	44	Jan. 7 1932	September	42 3/4	Jan. 4 1932

OATS have declined very slightly as the intrinsic merits of this grain and a good demand for the better grades of cash oats tend to prevent any marked decline. On the 4th inst. prices ended 3/4 to 7/8c. lower under the bearish influence of other grain, with trading light. On the 5th inst. prices closed 1/4 to 3/8c. higher, with corn up and the shipping demand rather better and commission houses buying on a fair scale. On the 6th inst. prices advanced 1/4 to 3/8c. net, with other grain higher, and the shipping demand better, with sales of 48,000 bushels. On the 7th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/2c. higher on a moderate demand. To-day prices closed 1/4c. lower in a small market, affected more or less by the decline in other grain. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1/4 to 3/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white	36 3/4-37 3/4	37 3/4-38 3/4	37 3/4-38 3/4	37 3/4-38 3/4	37 3/4-38 3/4	37 3/4-38 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	25 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
July	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2

Season's High and When Made—			Season's Low and When Made—		
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 1/2	Oct. 5 1931

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	31 1/4	31 1/4	32 1/4	33 1/4	32 3/4	32 3/4
July	31 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2	33 3/4	33 3/4	33 3/4

RYE has been, on the whole, well sustained, in spite of the fact that the export demand has been disappointing. On the 4th inst. prices declined 1 1/4 to 1 1/2c., with wheat, and to all appearance no export demand. On the 5th inst. prices advanced 5/8 to 3/4c., in answer to the rise in wheat and other grain. On the 6th inst. prices advanced 1 to 1 1/2c., with a fair export business in Canadian rye, with Scandinavia and wheat higher. On the 7th inst. prices advanced 1/2 to 3/4c., with wheat, but reports of a good export demand for Canadian had little effect, if any. To-day prices closed 7/8 to 1c. lower, under the stress of "long" selling and an apparent absence of export demand. Shorts were about the only buyers. Final prices are unchanged to 1/2c. higher, compared with a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	45 3/4	46	46 1/2	47 1/2	46 3/4	46 3/4
July	45 3/4	46	47 1/2	47 3/4	46 3/4	46 3/4

Season's High and When Made—			Season's Low and When Made—		
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	41 3/4	Dec. 10 1931

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Wheat—New York—		Oats, New York—	
No. 2 red, C.I.F., new	73 3/4	No. 2 white	37 3/4 @ 38 3/4
Manitoba No. 1, f.o.b. N.Y.	78 3/4	No. 3 white	36 3/4 @ 37 3/4
		Rye—No. 2, f.o.b. bond	60 1/2
		Chicago, No. 1	60 1/2
Corn, New York—		Barley—	
No. 2 yellow, all rail	51 3/4	No. 2, L. & R., N. Y., dom.	56
No. 3 yellow, all rail	50 3/4	Chicago, cash	42 @ 58

FLOUR.

Spring pat. high protein	\$4.65 @ \$5.00	Rye flour patents	\$4.10 @ \$4.45
Spring patents	4.35 @ 4.60	Seminola, bbl., Nos. 1-2	5.55 @ 6.45
Clears, first spring	4.10 @ 4.50	Oats good	1.90 @ 1.95
Soft winter straights	3.30 @ 3.60	Corn flour	1.55 @ 1.60
Hard winter straights	3.70 @ 4.10	Barley goods—	
Hard winter patents	4.10 @ 4.60	Coarse	3.20 @
Hard winter clears	3.50 @ 4.10	Fancy pearl, Nos. 2, 4 and 7	6.15 @ 6.50
Fancy Minn. patents	5.45 @ 6.15		
City mills	5.45 @ 6.15		

For other tables usually given here, see page 280

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED DEC. 30—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Jan. 6, follows:

So far as temperatures are concerned, the week ending Jan. 5 brought little change in conditions that have prevailed for several months. Abnormal warmth was again rather general over the central and eastern portions of the country, but wintry conditions were experienced in many more western sections. Rainfall was frequent in most districts east of the Great Plains, and, at the close of the week, a pronounced depression was central over eastern Oklahoma and northwestern Arkansas, moving northeastward, and bringing additional precipitation over large areas of the interior.

The table on page 2 shows that the temperature for the week ranged rather generally from 4 deg. to as much as 17 deg. above normal east of the Great Plains, with the relatively warmest weather again experienced from the lower Ohio and lower Missouri Valleys northward. On the other hand, from the Continental Divide westward over the Great Basin, the weekly means were mostly from 4 deg. to 10 deg. subnormal, while seasonable temperatures were the rule over Pacific coast sections.

In Atlantic coast districts freezing weather did not extend farther south than southern New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania, and in the Mississippi Valley south of Cairo, Ill. Subzero temperatures were confined to small areas in the interior of the Northeast and the Northwest, with local reports of readings below zero in some other elevated western districts. As an indication of temperature abnormalities so far during the present winter, it may be stated that freezing has not as yet been reported in the Mississippi Valley farther south than Memphis, Tenn., and Little Rock, Ark., nor along the Atlantic coast south of North Carolina; this is unprecedented for nearly midwinter.

The table on page 2 indicates also that precipitation was heavy to excessive in the central and southern trans-Mississippi States, with the amounts from Iowa southward ranging mostly from 2 to more than 6 inches. Moderate to rather heavy falls occurred throughout the Atlantic area, with weekly totals exceeding 1 inch in a good many places, while precipitation was again generous in most of the Pacific States. The Rocky Mountains, in general, had only light falls, and the totals were small in the more northern sections between the Lake region and Rocky Mountains.

The small areas in the Southeast, principally in Florida, that have been persistently dry were favored with good rains and the outlook is very much improved, especially for citrus fruit and truck in the Florida Peninsula. Elsewhere in the Southern States the continued warmth and abundant moisture have promoted good growth in winter crops, with truck doing well rather generally in the more southern sections. It was too wet, however, for field work and outside operations on farms were largely at a standstill. Considerable bottom lands in the lower Mississippi Valley, especially parts of northern Mississippi, are inundated from stream overflow.

In the central portions of the country wet weather and muddy fields were unfavorable for field work, with considerable corn remaining unhoisted in some sections, especially in Missouri and southeastern Iowa. Because of heavy rains, many small streams are out of bank in the upper Mississippi Valley area.

In the North, especially north of Missouri and Kansas, the ground has been rather generally blanketed with recent snows, and heavier feeding of livestock is necessary in the northern half of the Great Plains. Rains of the week were helpful in replenishing soil moisture in the Middle and North Atlantic States.

A very unusual condition exists at this time in many central and northern sections through the absence of frost in the ground and ice on streams and ponds. The soil is still unfrozen well northward in the interior of the country, with some plowing still possible, while pastures remain green as far north as central Illinois, and there are reports of flowers blooming in the southern part of that State. Glaze storms did some damage in portions of Michigan and Iowa. The Pacific Coast States are now unusually well supplied with soil moisture for the season, with rather ample snow protection to grain fields in northern districts.

Small Grains.—The unbroken, mild weather continued favorable for winter wheat throughout the main belt, although in parts of the Ohio Valley the crop is reported jointing or ready to joint and in poor condition to stand a hard freeze. In the western third of Kansas wheat is very poor to poor, but elsewhere in the Southwest it is mostly good to excellent. There is ample snow protection in many portions of the northern Great Plains westward, with deep snow reported in the Big Bend country of Washington. In the Pacific area condition is good, with sufficient soil moisture, while in the Southeast and more eastern States winter grains are doing well, except for some rank growth in the Carolinas.

Miscellaneous Crops.—In most parts of the country east of the Great Plains pastures are still green and in good to excellent condition. Increased snow cover necessitated renewed yard feeding in the northern Plains, while in the central Rocky Mountain region increased shrinkage of stock was noted, due to brisk winds or additional snow. In the Southwest range and livestock are good in parts, but poor locally, with feeding necessary and condition unsatisfactory.

The additional moisture and mild temperatures were favorable for truck in the Southeast, especially in Florida, where heavy rains broke the drought locally and enabled the resumption of soil preparation. Winter truck is doing well in most other districts, while citrus were favored in Florida and valencias are maturing satisfactorily in California. The weather favored tobacco handling, except locally.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 8 1932.

Spotty business at retail, in dry goods, with good buying by the public, in some lines, notably household requisites, offset by unexpected hesitance in others, is considered by many to be without any special significance, on the theory that present conditions mark the usual irregularity which is wont to characterize so sudden a transition from one season to another as takes place at the end of a year. With the immediate retail outlook subject to considerable uncertainty, the prevailing sentiment in this respect appears hopeful. Retail holiday turnover, concerning which accurate information is still scarce, is nevertheless estimated to have been generally better than expected, consumption of dry goods for the year, while substantially lower than in 1930, when computed in dollars, makes a far better comparison in point of volume. Primary markets have not yet begun any vigorous recovery from the traditional inertia in which they were sunk over the year-end holidays. Business is developing only very slowly. Inquiries for gray goods are broadening gradually, it is reported; better feeling is cited in silk goods markets, where recent advances in the raw product and a firm stand by finishers in regard to charges for weighting, printing, and shrinkage, are clarifying the outlook. Demand for suitings is increasing in woolen goods markets, and the women's wear trade is receiving an improved call for diagonals, crepes, flannels, and "pebbly-surfaced" goods, it is reported. All eyes are turning on the situation in the raw markets. While irregularity has by no means been eliminated in that direction, recent trends have nevertheless been preponderantly toward a stabler basis, and should this prove an indication of an upturn in

coming months, in raw materials, even if only gradual, material benefit should accrue to textiles. Meanwhile expectations are that another fortnight will witness a decided increase in general activity as buyers begin to take spring goods in volume. It is expected that work shirts, dresses of the washable variety, underwear, and piece goods will be sales leaders. The maintenance of a relatively stable undertone in prices in the meantime might greatly accelerate the movement of goods, it is thought.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Cotton goods markets, though by no means generally active in the new year's first week, now drawing to a close, nevertheless experienced a noticeable firming tendency in the undertone of the coarse goods markets, coincident with an improved movement of print cloths, and somewhat greater activity in certain sheetings and lower count broadcloths, the aggregate of buying and inquiry including a measurably wider range of fabrics than have been called for simultaneously in some time. Recent advances on percales have spread practically throughout that division, and the outlook is for their continued sustentation. Buyers are said to be seeking out slightly shop-soiled goods, and "out of print" prints, with other discontinued lines, for offering in their January sales. Stocks in mills are mostly in fairly small volume, but instances where mills are having difficulty in getting fair prices as a result of the existence of accumulations continue to be only too frequently cited. An outstanding instance of this condition is seen in the cotton ducks division, where stocks are at present about double what they were a year ago, reflecting, it is pointed out, the slump in shipbuilding, automobile manufacture, and general transportation, which comprise outlets for a very large proportion of such goods. Another and less necessary instance is seen in wide sheetings, which are overstocked in primary quarters notwithstanding a higher rate of consumption, stimulated by the extremely low prices at which they are now available to the consumer. Curtain and drapery materials are also in existence in superabundant quantities, and print cloths, though already benefiting to some extent from curtailment of production, have still to make much progress in reducing stocks before they can be said to be in sound shape. Much attention is again being given to the production problem in printed goods, with a view to regulating output sufficiently to reinforce prices against further declines during 1932. Meetings, at which co-operative sentiments find expression, continue to be held from time to time among manufacturers, and millmen appear to generally concede the futility of such reckless merchandising as demoralized the market for printed goods last year. However, great difficulty continues to be encountered in getting individual mills to see eye to eye, and a definite policy remains to be decided on. Details of current negotiations are not being made available, but it is believed in many quarters that progress is being made toward some agreement which will greatly aid producers of printed goods in stabilizing values and thus laying the groundwork for sustained recovery when fundamental improvement in general business materializes. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's constructions are quoted at 2 1/4c., and 28-inch 64x60's at 2 5/8c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 3 5/8c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 5 1/4c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—The woolens and worsteds trade, though not yet emerging from its year-end lethargy, is characterized by generally favorable sentiment regarding the future. The discouraging conditions of last year, especially the persistent downward readjustments in prices, and the marked absence of confidence on the part of buyers, both as a result of an aggravated subsidence in purchasing power and the weak prices situation in primary quarters, are not expected to be so visible in coming months. Many observers take the view that woolen goods have been brought closer into line with reduced purchasing power than have many other lines of merchandise, and the statistical position in the trade as a whole is an excellent one, and bids fair to continue so, judging by the current low rate of production in most directions. The trade expects a busy year, and thinks, according to such expressions as are available, that there will very soon be a decided upturn in demand, more especially as the last two months have witnessed an insistent delay on the part of buyers in taking needed goods, with the result that they have only relatively poor supplies at present. Buyers continue, currently, to sample spring coatings and dress goods, in the women's wear division. Fair sized orders have already been placed for these, with the result that a number of mills have been encouraged to increase production rates. It is predicted that fully 70% of the 1932 business in men's wear will be included in garments retailing at from \$17.50 to \$25.00, but value to the consumer, it is pointed out, will still be at a higher figure than would have been represented in clothing at the same price 15 years ago.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Linen markets, like other textile divisions, are in a seasonal lull, but expect an early revival in activity in suitings and dress goods for spring, but expect an early revival in activity in suitings and dress goods for spring. Burlaps were slightly firmer on the announcement of a sharp reduction in stocks at Calcutta, though little or no disposition to buy was manifested on the strength of this news, the political disturbances in India being a restraining influence. Light weights are quoted at 3.40c., and heavies at 4.50c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN DECEMBER AND FOR THE YEAR 1931.

State and municipal permanent bond issues sold during the month of December aggregated \$40,988,470, which compares with \$54,584,462 for November and with \$186,773,236 in December 1930. The market in December continued in the same depressed and inactive state as during the preceding months. Numerous municipalities again were unsuccessful in attempting to dispose of their bond issues, either because of the failure to receive a bid or the rejection of bids submitted as unsatisfactory. Such abortive offerings in December comprised 85 issues with an aggregate par value of \$36,081,129. In this figure we do not include certain issues that were announced for award, but withdrawn from the market prior to the date set for the reception of bids. In November the issues numbered 56 with a value of \$26,756,210, while in October 80 such issues were unsold having a par value of \$29,472,000. A table showing the loans unsuccessfully offered during the past month is given immediately following these remarks.

Long-term municipal bonds sold during the year 1931 amounted to \$1,249,989,128, as compared with \$1,487,313,248 in the 12 months of 1930; \$1,430,650,900 in 1929; \$1,414,784,537 in 1928; \$1,509,582,929 in 1927; \$1,365,057,464 in 1926, and \$1,399,637,992 in 1925. The City of New York contributed \$152,000,000 to the volume of permanent financing in 1931, having sold an issue of \$100,000,000 4 1/4% corporate stock due in 1981, and serial bonds due in from one to 40 years, in March on an interest cost basis of 4.134%, and a \$52,000,000 3% four-year rapid transit issue in May at a cost basis of 2.997%. The Port of New York Authority sold \$66,000,000 4 1/2% bonds in March, due in 1933 to 1960 on a 4.35% basis. The largest amount of bonds sold in a single month occurred in March when the figure was \$279,258,181, while the smallest total of \$16,041,410 was made in October.

Figures showing the aggregate of all municipal financing in 1931, long and short-term, including Island Possession loans and Canadian municipal issues, also indicating the month by month volume of United States municipal loans floated in the years 1930 and 1931 will be found at the conclusion of this article.

ISSUES WHICH FAILED OF SALE.

Page.	Name.	Int. Rate.	Amount.	Report.
4187	Alcorn Co., Miss.	5 1/4%	\$47,000	No bids
3816	Amarillo, Tex.	4 3/4%	864,000	Bids rejected
3816	Arkansas (State of)	5%	2,864,500	Postponed
4354	Belleville, N. J.	z	915,000	No bids
4187	Berea, Ohio	6%	10,683	No bids
4187	Bessemer, Ala.	6%	85,000	Not sold
4187	Birmingham, Ala.	not exc. 5%	1,130,000	Bids rejected
3817	Buchanan Co., Iowa	z	20,000	No bids
4188	California (State of)	4 1/2%	6,000,000	Part. awarded
4355	Chicago, Ill.	4%	5,200,000	No bids
162	Christian Co., Ill.	5%	100,000	No bids
4355	Closter, N. J.	not exc. 5%	182,000	No bids
4002	Croyle Twp., Pa.	4 1/4%	33,000	No bids
4188	Defiance Co., Ohio	5%	48,500	No bids
4189	East Stroudsburg, Pa.	4%	217,000	No bids
4355	Eaton, Ohio	6%	233,000	No bids
162	Elizabeth, N. J.	4 1/4%	4,998,000	No bids
4188	Fitchburg, Mass. (temporary loan)	z	500,000	No bids
4356	Flint, Mich.	z	562,000	Part. awarded
4189	Geneva, N. Y.	4 1/4%	33,000	No bids
162	Girard, Ohio	5 1/2%	24,908	No bids
4189	Hamport, Pa.	4%	85,000	No bids
162	Hammack, Mich.	4 1/4%	225,000	Bid rejected
4189	Hobart, Okla.	z	250,000	No bids
4003	Hoboken, N. J.	not exc. 6%	1,975,000	No bids
163	Keansburg, N. J.	not exc. 6%	100,000	No bids
4190	Klamath Falls, Ore.	not exc. 6%	36,249	No bids
4356	Lake Co., Ind. (notes)	not exc. 6%	800,000	No bids
163	La Salle Co., Tex.	5%	600,000	No bids
163	Llano Co., Tex.	z	9,000	No bids
4356	Lochmoor, Mich.	5 1/4% to 6%	48,500	No bids
4190	Long Branch, N. J.	not exc. 6%	300,000	No bids
163	Los Angeles Co. Impt. District No. 30, Calif.	not exc. 7%	122,505	No bids
4190	Lowell, Mass.	z	50,000	No bids
164	Madison Co., Ohio	6%	420,000	No bids
164	Martin Co., Ind.	4%	25,000	No bids
164	Meeklenburg Co., N. C. (notes)	z	200,000	No bids
164	Melvindale, Mich.	5 1/4% to 6%	182,750	No bids
164	Menands, N. Y.	not exc. 6%	137,000	No bids
4357	Millford Twp., Ohio	5%	10,500	No bids
4357	Mississippi, State of	not exc. 5%	1,500,000	No bids
4357	Mississippi, State of (5-20 yr. opt.)	not exc. 6%	1,000,000	No bids
3820	Mobile Co., Ala.	not exc. 4 1/4%	240,000	Bid rejected
4191	Mountain Lakes, N. J.	not exc. 6%	185,000	No bids
4357	Muskegon, Mich.	not exc. 5%	15,000	Bid rejected
3820	Neptune City, N. J.	not exc. 6%	90,000	No bids
4005	Newton Co., Ind.	4%	14,000	No bids
165	Niles, Ohio	4 1/2%	10,019	No bids
4191	North Olmstead, Ohio	6%	18,250	No bids
165	North Shore San. Dist., Ill.	4 1/4%	140,000	No bids
4191	Oakland, N. J.	not exc. 6%	120,000	No bids
4357	Oakland Co., N. J.	not exc. 6%	1,000,000	No bids
4357	Ocean Co., N. J.	6%	30,000	No bids
4006	Paducah, Ky.	5 1/2%	350,000	Postponed
4006	Parma, Ohio	6%	184,200	No bids
4358	Passaic Co., N. J.	not exc. 6%	1,000,000	No bids
4006	Pennington, N. J.	not exc. 6%	24,000	No bids
4191	Pennville, Ind.	4 1/4%	4,000	No bids
4192	Penn. Marion Sch. Dist., Pa.	5%	14,000	No bids
165	Pontiac, Mich.	not exc. 6%	174,700	No bids
165	Preble, Truxton, Tully, &c., Sch. District No. 2, N. Y.	not exc. 6%	25,000	No bids
165	Raymondville, Tex.	z	128,000	Not sold
4192	Ridgway Twp. Sch. Dist., Pa.	4 1/4%	18,000	No bids

Page.	Name.	Int. Rate.	Amount.	Report.
165	Sacramento Sch. Dist., Calif.	4 1/2%	1,146,000	No bids
4358	St. Clair Co., Ala.	not exc. 5 1/2%	65,000	No bids
4192	San Clemente Sch. Dist., Calif.	5%	30,000	No bids
4006	Salt Lake City, Utah (notes)	5%	1,000,000	No bids
4193	Shelbyville, Tenn.	5%	23,000	No bids
4359	South Carolina (State of)	Alternate offering of temporary notes or long-term cts. postponed	\$10,000,000	No bids
4193	South Euclid, Ohio	6%	164,261	No bids
166	Springdale, Pa.	4 1/2%	50,000	No bids
4193	Stamford (Town of), Conn. (temporary loan)	z	750,000	No bids
166	Tarrytown, N. Y.	z	97,000	Bids rejected
4359	Tecumseh Twp. School District No. 7, Mich.	z	20,000	No bids
360	Tyrone, Pa.	4 1/2%	400,000	No bids
166	Vigo Co., Ind.	4%	6,800	No bids
4193	Wadsworth, Ohio	4 1/2%	72,083	No bids
4359	Waterbury, Conn.	5%	1,090,000	No bids
4359	West New York, N. J.	not exc. 6%	131,000	No bids
4194	Wichita, Kan.	3 1/2%	30,000	No bids
4194	Wilmington, Del.	4 1/4%	400,000	Postponed
4359	Williams Co., No. Dak.	z	200,000	Not sold
166	Wooster, Ohio	5%	17,241	No bids
166	Wyandotte, Mich.	z	75,000	No bids

z Rate of interest was to have been named in bid. a Offering was scheduled for Dec. 16, but continuance of poor market conditions resulted in withdrawal of issues. b Issue re-advertised for award on Jan. 26. c Subsequently, sinking fund of water department bought issue of \$174,000, and the city obtained \$500,000 from local banks at 2% interest. d Issue was re-offered for award on Jan. 7 with interest rate increased to 5%—V. 133, p. 4356. e Issue was previously offered unsuccessfully as 4s on Dec. 14. f Block of \$460,000 bonds was sold later at a price of par—V. 133, p. 4356. g Amount of issue was reduced to \$400,000 and re-offered for award on Jan. 11—V. 134, p. 164. h Rejected bid was a price of 95.36 for 5s, offered by Stranahan, Harris & Co., Toledo. i Award postponed pending court decision on legality of issue. j Injunction was granted restraining issuance of the bonds. k Proposed sale was cancelled pending improved market conditions.

The municipal bond sales of \$1,000,000 or over made during December are reported herewith:

- \$5,000,000 Detroit, Mich., 6% bond anticipation notes, dated Dec. 31 1931 and due on or before Dec. 31 1933, sold on Dec. 30 as follows: \$4,000,000 to the city sinking fund and \$1,000,000 to United States Senator James Couzens of Michigan.
- 3,194,000 Philadelphia, Pa., bonds of the issue of \$15,000,000 being offered by the City Treasurer as 4 1/4s, at a price of par, were subscribed for during the month of December, bringing the aggregate amount sold to \$12,143,300. In November sales totaled \$5,494,700. The issue was originally offered on Oct. 26 at which time the bids accepted were for only \$2,500,300 bonds. Since that date subscriptions have been solicited from investors in the city.
- 2,750,000 California (State of) 4 1/4% veterans' welfare bonds, due serially from 1936 to 1953, incl., awarded at a price of par to a syndicate headed by R. H. Moulton & Co., of Los Angeles. The State offered a total issue of \$6,000,000, but the one bid received was for only that amount of the bonds awarded.
- 1,900,000 Passaic, N. J., tax revenue bonds, sold privately as 6s, at a price of par, following the failure to receive a competitive bid at the formal offering on Dec. 31. Name of purchaser not yet available. Issue matures serially from 1933 to 1935, incl.
- 1,800,000 Boston, Mass., bonds, comprising eight issues, of which \$900,000 are 4 1/4s and \$900,000 4 1/2s. The 4 1/4s were awarded to a group headed by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., of New York, at a price of 100.02, a basis of about 4.49%. The \$900,000 4 1/2s were sold at a price of par to the City Retirement Board. The 4 1/2s mature serially from 1932 to 1946, incl., and the 4 1/4s from 1932 to 1951, inclusive.
- 1,500,000 Kearny, N. J., water supply bonds sold privately as 5 1/4s, at a price of par, to a group headed by B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York. The issue was at first offered formally at not to exceed 6% interest on Dec. 2, at which time no bids were received. Due serially from 1933 to 1970, inclusive.
- 1,000,000 Fort Wayne, Ind., 4 1/4% water works plant improvement bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, at 100.063, a basis of about 4.24%. Due \$40,000 annually from 1933 to 1957, inclusive.
- 1,000,000 Mercer Co., N. J., road, bridge and county building bonds were sold during the latter part of December as follows: \$250,000 due Dec. 1 1932, as 6s, at a price of par, to Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., of New York; \$250,000, due Dec. 31 1933, sold as 5 1/4s, at a price of par, to the First National Co. of Trenton, which also purchased a block of \$250,000, due Dec. 31 1937, as 5 1/4s, at a price of 100.63, a basis of about 5.38%. The remaining \$250,000 bonds, due July 1 1937, were sold as 5 1/4s to George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. of New York, at a price of 100.59, a basis of about 5.38%. The above sales were effected after the county had failed to receive a bid at an offering on Dec. 18 of an issue of \$1,000,000, which was to mature from 1933 to 1956, incl. Rate of interest was limited to 4 1/4%.

Temporary loans negotiated during the month of December aggregated \$92,451,000, to which figure the City of New York contributed \$76,200,000, as a result of the sales of corporate stock notes and revenue bills, of which \$64,200,000 bear interest at 5 1/2% and \$12,000,000 at 4%. The interest rate of 5 1/2% is the highest the city has had to pay for short-term funds in quite a number of years and is an indication as to how rates on short-term municipal obligations have advanced as compared with those prevailing up until September of the year just ended. In that month the city borrowed \$77,000,000 on three months notes at rates of 1 3/4%, 1.45%, 1.50% and 1 5/8%. During November \$22,500,000 was borrowed at 4 and 4 1/4%.

Canadian municipal bond sales effected during December totaled \$116,260. In November the public subscription of \$215,000,000 Dominion of Canada National Service Loan 5% bonds augmented the figure for that month to \$215,130,042. No Canadian bonds were purchased by American investors in December.

No interest was displayed by investment bankers in the issues of Island Possession bonds offered for sale during the month. Of the offerings announced, only the issue of \$72,000 5% Kauai Co., Hawaii, bonds was sold. This loan was awarded to an investor in Hawaii. No bids were received in this country for the issues of \$350,000 5% City and County of Honolulu bonds, \$400,000 5% Hawaii County bonds, \$287,000 Maui County, Hawaii, bonds, \$482,000 5% San Juan, Porto Rico bonds, or the \$150,000 4 1/2% Government of Porto Rico loan.

Below we furnish a comparison of all various forms of obligations sold in December during the last five years:

Table with 6 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927), and rows for various loan types like Perm. mun. loans, Canadian loans, etc.

* Includes temporary securities issued by New York City in December 1931, \$76,200,000 in 1931, \$55,150,000 in 1930, \$21,850,000 in 1929, \$9,740,000 in 1928 and \$28,975,000 in 1927.

The number of municipalities emitting bonds and the number of separate issues made during December 1931 were 160 and 212, respectively. This contrasts with 184 and 210 for November 1931, and with 259 and 396 for December 1930.

The following table shows the aggregate of State and municipal permanent issues for December, as well as the 12 months for a series of years. The 1931 figures are subject to revision by later advices:

Table with 4 columns: Year (1931-1913), Month of December, For the Twelve Months, and For the Twelve Months.

The monthly output in each of the years 1931 and 1930 is shown in the following table:

Table with 4 columns: Year (1931, 1930), Month (Jan-Aug), and Amount.

The total of all municipal loans put out during the calendar year 1931 was \$2,605,866,382, including \$1,249,989,128 of new issues of long-term bonds by the States, counties and minor civil divisions of the United States, \$935,827,606 temporary municipal loans negotiated, \$419,182,648 obligations of Canada, its Provinces and municipalities (not incl. \$6,000,000 temporary issues), \$500,000 of the Government of Porto Rico and the Philippines, \$367,000 of the Territory of Hawaii, none of the City of Honolulu, and no "general fund bonds" of New York City.

Table with 5 columns: Year (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928, 1927) and rows for Permanent loan, Temp'y loans, Canadian loans, etc.

* Includes temporary securities issued by New York City as follows: \$51,522,000 in 1931, \$55,150,000 in 1930, \$53,990,500 in 1929, \$29,778,500 in 1928 and \$423,925,000 in 1927.

* 1931 includes a loan of \$215,000,000 subscribed for by citizens of the Dominion, 1930 includes a 30-year Dominion loan of \$100,000,000, and a 2-year loan of \$40,000,000, 1927 includes a Dominion loan of \$45,000,000.

In the following table we give a list of December 1931 loans in the amount of \$40,988,470, issued by 160 municipalities. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page in the "Chronicle" where accounts of the sale are given:

Table with 6 columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal loans with their details.

Continuation of the table from the previous block, listing municipal loans with details like Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
4193	Tyhee S. D., Idaho	5	20 years	20,000	-----	-----
4359	University of Colo., Colo.	---	---	600,000	-----	-----
4007	Utica, N. Y. (2 iss.)	5	1932-1937	162,398	100	5.00
4193	Waller County, Tex.	6	1932-1938	21,000	100	6.00
166	Wayne, Neb.	5	1952	195,000	100	5.00
4008	Wayne County, Ind.	4½	1933	44,000	100.70	4.08
166	Westchester Co., N. Y.	4	1 year	80,000	-----	-----
166	Westchester Co., N. Y.	4½	2 years	80,000	-----	-----
166	Westchester Co., N. Y.	4½	3 years	80,000	-----	-----
4194	Westmoreland Co., Pa.	4½	1943-1947	500,000	-----	-----
4359	Westmoreland Co., Pa.	4	1942-1952	300,000	-----	-----
4194	West View, Pa.	4½	1940-1960	75,000	100	4.75
166	Wheelock, Vt.	4½	1933-1952	28,000	-----	-----
4359	White County, Ill.	5½	1932-1941	95,000	100	5.50
4008	White County, Ind.	4½	1933-1943	9,400	101.09	4.28
4359	Wichita, Kan.	4½	1932-1941	59,716	100	4.50
166	Wildwood, N. J.	5	-----	425,000	-----	-----
166	Wilmette, Ill.	4½	-----	7,000	100	4.50
166	Windsor, Vt.	4½	1933-1951	90,000	94.25	5.22
4359	Wolcott, N. Y.	5½	1932-1945	14,000	100.23	5.40
166	Wood Co., Ohio (3 iss.)	5	1933-1937	13,400	100	5.00
4359	Yates Creek S. D., Tex.	5	1-10 years	10,000	100	5.00

Total bond sales for December (160 municipalities covering 212 separate issues)-----\$40,988,470

d Subject to call in and during the earlier years and to mature in the later year. k Not including \$92,451,000 temporary loans. r Refunding bonds.

The following item included in our total for October should be eliminated from the same. We give the page number of the issue of our paper in which reasons for this elimination may be found.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
4193	Tooele, Utah (October)	---	---	\$50,000	-----	-----

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
4001	Abie, Neb.	4½	5-20 yrs.	28,500	100	4.50
4002	Castle Rock, Colo. (Oct.)	5	1932-1951	27,000	95	5.65
4002	Dover, Ohio	5½	1933-1942	3,750	100	5.50
4356	Fort Leavenworth, Mo.	6	1932-1937	69,000	101.11	5.70
4006	Patoka Twp., Ind.	4	1932-1946	5,000	100	4.00
4006	Santa Ana Acquis. & Impt. Dist. No. 7 Calif.	6½	1-10 yrs.	36,862	100	6.50
4193	Scottsboro, Ala.	6	1933-1942	15,000	100	6.00
4008	Whitfield Co., Ga.	5	-----	50,000	103.64	-----
4008	Williston, No. Dak. (4 iss.)	---	1932-1934	25,000	100	-----

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for November. These additional issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$54,584,462.

BONDS OF U. S. POSSESSIONS ISSUED IN DECEMBER.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
163	Kauai Co., Hawaii.	5	1936-1942	72,000	-----	-----

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN DECEMBER.

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
4194	Kenogami, Que. (4 iss.)	5	1932-1961	92,500	96	5.46
4194	Leamington, Ont.	5½	-----	15,760	100	5.50
166	Mille Isles, Que.	5	1932-1951	8,000	100	5.00

Total amount of Canadian debts sold in Dec.-----\$116,260

NEWS ITEMS

Asheville and Buncombe County, N. C.—*Extension of Time Limit for Deposit of Bonds Announced.*—On Jan. 4 it was announced by the Bondholders' Protective Committee that they will continue to receive deposits of bonds of the city, county, and of the special districts therein, under the Deposit Agreement for a further indefinite period (see V. 133, p. 3283). The Committee has determined to credit all bonds of the political subdivisions from which collections have been made, which are deposited with them on or before Jan. 30, with the funds collected up to that time from such respective subdivisions. Although the Committee may in its discretion accept deposits of bonds after Jan. 30, those deposited after that date will share only in collections made after that time. Bondholders are therefore urged to deposit their bonds at once with the depository, the Chase National Bank of New York.

California.—*Pamphlet Issued on Municipal Statistics.*—A pamphlet has been issued by Dean Witter & Co. of San Francisco, containing information of value for ready reference by investors in California municipal bonds. There are shown tabulations of current figures on assessed valuation, bonded indebtedness, and population for the State and its various political subdivisions, a total of 1,539 individual statements. In addition to these statistics the pamphlet also contains comment and tabulations relative to composite "general purpose" indebtedness by counties and the California municipal bonds approved as legal investments in New York State are also listed.

Chicago, Ill.—*Court Decision Voids 1928 and 1929 Tax Assessments.*—In a decision handed down on Dec. 31 by County Judge Edmund K. Jarecki, the Cook County assessment rolls of 1928 and 1929 were held invalid, thereby leaving the City of Chicago in a very unfortunate condition. The ruling was made on the basis that personal property had not borne its share of the burden as specified under the constitution of the State. This decision is regarded as voiding nearly \$400,000,000 in unpaid taxes in Cook County. In addition to the unpaid portions of the 1928 and 1929 tax levies, amounting to approximately \$120,000,000, it is presumed to affect the 1930 tax levy of \$288,000,000 similarly, inasmuch as the same tax base was used in the latter year and the assessing methods were the same. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 5 stated that on the previous day Mayor Cermak, on his way to appeal to the Legislature at Springfield, said that he could see no immediate aid in view, even with legislative help.

Connecticut.—*Changes in List of Legal Investments.*—In a bulletin issued by the State Bank Commissioner on Jan. 2

the following changes are made in the list of investments considered legal for savings banks:

	Additions.
Norwood, Ohio.	
Huntington Park, Calif.	
Chicago & Northwestern Ry.	
All issues including Equipment Trusts.	
Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville Ry.	
All issues.	
Michigan Central RR.	
All issues.	
Mobile & Ohio RR.	
All issues including Equipment Trusts.	
Ohio Public Service Co.	
First & Refunding 5s, 6s, 7s and 7½s.	
Pere Marquette Ry.	
All issues including Equipment Trusts.	

Coral Gables, Fla.—*Bondholders' Protective Committee Issues Statement.*—A recent decision of the Florida Supreme Court bearing directly upon the position of holders of defaulted municipal bonds is commented upon by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, attorneys of New York, in a report issued by the above committee on Jan. 6 to depositing bondholders. This decision, the committee's counsel point out, sustains its contention that under the law the most energetic creditor of a municipality who takes the necessary steps to enforce his claims, is entitled to payment in full, regardless of the fact that the city has not on hand sufficient funds to pay all its creditors. (The official advertisement of this notice appears on page xx of this issue.)

Hartford, Conn.—*Delay on Payment of Jan. 1 School District Bond Interest Reported.*—We give herewith the text of a letter dated Jan. 5 from Geo. H. Gabb, City Treasurer, assuring the holders of bonds of the two school districts whose obligations were paid through a local bank that recently closed its doors, that the default on the payment of interest is only a temporary condition:

Commercial and Financial Chronicle, New York, N. Y. Gentlemen:

In order that there may be no undue anxiety on the part of holders of the bonds of the city of Hartford and its several school districts I would like to state that there never has been, nor is there any likelihood of being a default in the payment of interest or principal of any of these bonds. The suspension of business by the City Bank & Trust Co. of this city, at whose banking house interest on bonds of the Arsenal and Second North School Districts were payable, necessarily delays the payment of the Jan. 1 interest due on their bonds until such time as a new treasurer can be selected and proper machinery set up. These matters are being pushed with all possible despatch and all obligations of these districts I am sure will be taken care of in a few days. I would thank you to give this statement such publicity as you feel it merits, and beg to remain,

Very truly yours,
GEO. H. GABB,
City Treasurer.

Jacksonville, Fla.—*South Jacksonville Consolidates With City.*—According to news dispatches from Jacksonville on Jan. 5 the city of South Jacksonville formally went out of existence Dec. 31 with the consolidation of the two municipalities.

Maine.—*U. S. Supreme Court Limits State Inheritance Taxes.*—On Jan. 4 the Supreme Court of the United States reversed a judgment of the Supreme Judicial Court of Maine and held that inheritance taxes on transfers of stock can only be levied by the State where the owner lives, according to dispatches from Washington to the New York "Times" of Jan. 5 which went on to say:

The decision, which is regarded as of great interest, was in the case of the First National Bank of Boston, executor of the estate of Edward H. Haskell, against the State of Maine.

Associate Justice Sutherland gave the opinion for the majority. Associate Justices Stone, Holmes and Brandeis dissented.

The question, Justice Sutherland stated, was whether Maine has the power, under the 14th Amendment, to tax a transfer of stock in a Maine corporation as part of the estate or a man whose residence at the time of his death was in Massachusetts.

The record showed that whereas Massachusetts laid an inheritance tax of \$32,000 on stock in the Great Northern Paper Co., Maine levied an inheritance tax of \$62,000. Maine allowed credit for the Massachusetts tax and sued for the balance, and Maine's highest court said the stock was within the State's jurisdiction and subject to the tax.

Justice Sutherland quoted several cases, among them that of the estate of Henry C. Frick, whose residence was in Pennsylvania but who died owning property in New York and Massachusetts, and in whose case the Supreme Court decided that a tax by Pennsylvania contravened the 14th Amendment.

Miami, Fla.—*Completion of Proposed Plan and Agreement for Bond Refunding Announced.*—The Municipal Securities Association of Jacksonville, announced on Jan. 5 that it has completed its proposed plan and agreement for refunding the bonds of this city, Coconut Grove and Silver Bluff, maturing on dates between June 30 1931 and June 30 1941. (See V. 133, p. 3998.)

Missouri.—*Taxable Wealth of State Put at \$4,788,153,970.*—On Dec. 28 a recapitulation of the State's assessed valuation for taxes of 1931 was made public and it shows that real estate is paying about seven-ninths of the total property taxes collected in Missouri. It is stated that this fact will be the basis on which Attorney General Stratton Shartel proposes to wage a fight for a reduction in the assessment of real property the coming year. Mr. Shartel is said to have declared that he proposes to introduce to the Board of Equalization in February a movement looking toward a more equitable assessment of real property. A report from Jefferson City to the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of Dec. 29 reads as follows:

Final figures of the State Board of Equalization on the assessed valuation of Missouri for 1931 taxes, were made public to-day by the State Tax Commission. The grand total of taxable wealth of the state is \$4,788,153,970, compared with \$4,968,850,691 for 1930, a shrinkage of \$180,696,721.

The total value of real estate for taxes in 1931 is \$3,518,767,447, divided as follows: Land, \$1,274,568,982; town lots, \$2,244,198,465. The figures for 1930 were: Total value of real estate, \$3,574,971,189; land, \$1,364,102,186; town lots, \$2,209,979,003.

Personality Value \$656,913,291.
 The total valuation of personal property for 1931 taxes is \$656,913,291, compared with \$572,981,782 for 1930. Total value of public utilities for 1931 taxes is \$474,693,654, compared with \$499,955,020 for 1930.
 The total value of steam and terminal railroads, street and electric railways, bridges, telephone companies, oil pipe lines and electric light companies each showed a decrease, compared with the valuation for taxes in 1930.

Assessed Valuation.	
A recapitulation showing total assessed valuation of the state for 1931 taxes follows:	
Land	1,274,568,982
Town lots	2,244,198,465
Total	\$3,518,767,447
Total personal property valuation.—	
Horses	\$10,355,836
Mules	8,974,819
Asses and jennets	21,617
Cattle	48,725,016
Sheep	2,882,862
Hogs	9,430,151
All other live stock	1,887,226
Farm machinery	10,164,124
Household property	76,907,242
Money, notes, bonds, &c.	127,037,110
Bee colonies	36,898
Motor vehicles	94,631,518
Corporate companies (bank stock)	74,789,737
Corporate companies other than banks	152,621
All other personal property	106,975,005
Total value of personal property	\$572,981,782
Real estate	\$3,518,767,447
Personal property	572,981,782
Total real and personal property	\$4,091,749,229
Total public utilities valuation.—	
Steam and terminal railroads	\$254,067,647
Street and electric railways	48,806,083
Bridge companies	8,094,557
Telephone companies	48,888,083
Telegraph companies	6,525,111
Oil pipe lines	22,544,039
Electric light and transmission companies	85,768,134
Total	\$474,693,654
Grand total taxable wealth (not including private cars and merchants and manufacturers)	\$4,566,442,883
Total assessed valuation of private cars	3,604,758
Total assessed valuation of merchants and manufacturers	218,106,329
Grand total taxable wealth of the state	\$4,788,153,970

New York State.—Legislature Convenes.—In his fourth annual message to the State Legislature, when that body convened in its 154th annual session on Jan. 6, Governor Roosevelt stated, in calling for a reformation of banking and financial practices, as well as for four tax proposals to meet the increasing State deficit, that although no new tax for emergency purposes will be recommended, an increase in the rate on personal incomes, which will embrace all the classes, will be introduced at this session, as well as a proposed increase in the gasoline tax and the stock transfer tax—V. 134, p. 160. It is said that among the proposals that will come up for consideration there is one calling for a new tax on motor trucks which is designed to save the railroads from ruinous competition and bring their securities back to a more normal basis. The Governor again commented upon the prison system of the State and recommended the construction of new institutions for mental defectives and younger delinquents. In regard to the old age pension law, the revision of which was suggested by Governor Roosevelt at the opening of the 1931 session, he urged this year the creation of a contributory system to supplement the present straight pension plan. Speaking of local taxation the Governor stated that he will submit recommendations made by a committee of experts on local government in which is embodied the suggestion that the only relief from the onerous tax levies on real estate must come through the reduction of the cost of local government. The following summary of the major recommendations of the Governor is taken from the New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 7:

- Banking.**—More flexible laws to meet emergencies. Creation of advisory council to Superintendent of Banks. Management of savings distinct from commercial accounts. Stricter regulation of sale of securities. Restriction of concentration of banking resources.
- Unemployment.**—Too early to determine whether further State aid will be needed.
- Population Distribution.**—"An immediate gain can occur if as many people as possible can return closer to the sources of agricultural food supply." Will submit plan of unofficial committee.
- Local Taxes.**—Relief for taxation on real estate must come through reduction of cost of local government. Will submit recommendations of committee for simplifying local government.
- State Finances.**—Will recommend as emergency measures, increase of taxes on personal incomes, gasoline, sales of shares of stock and heavy motor vehicles.
- State Land Policy.**—Continuation of State land survey in conjunction with reforestation of lands already found unsuitable for agriculture.
- Prisons.**—Construction of two new institutions for mental defectives and for younger delinquents. An indeterminate sentence law, extension of probation system.
- Administration of Justice.**—Remodeling of civil and criminal codes in accordance with recommendations of Commission on subject.
- Old Age Pensions.**—Creation of contributory system to supplement present straight pension plan.
- Congressional Redistricting.**—Drafting of law by conference between Governor and legislative leaders to avoid election of Congressmen-at-large in autumn.
- Water Power.**—Law authorizing municipalities to form public utility districts to generate, distribute and sell electricity.
- Labor.**—Extension of workmen's compensation to cover all occupational diseases. State regulation of fee-charging employment agencies, declaration by law that labor is not a commodity, establishment of advisory minimum fair wage board for women and children, guaranteeing of jury trials for persons accused of violating injunctions in labor disputes.
- Election Law.**—Bi-partisan election machinery for Nassau, Oneida, Suffolk, Westchester, Niagara and Monroe Counties.
- Miscellaneous.**—Provision for referendum on proposed amendments to Federal Constitution. Provision for popular initiation of amendments to State constitution, election of Governor for four-year term in non-Presidential years. Redistricting of Legislature to provide fairer representation.

New York State.—Superintendent of Banks Urges Changes in Banking Laws.—In his annual report submitted on Jan. 6 to Governor Roosevelt and the Legislature about 30 amendments to the State banking laws were recommended by Joseph A. Broderick, Superintendent of Banks. The recommendations include most of the major proposals made last year and which the Legislature failed to enact.

(A more detailed description of these recommended amendments will be found in the department of Current Events and Discussions on a preceding page.)

North Bergen, N. J.—Township Now Clear of Default.—The following report on the present satisfactory financial condition of this municipality, which had been in straitened circumstances for the past two years—V. 133, p. 4186—is taken from the Jersey "Observer" of Dec. 30:

"For the first time in two years the Township of North Bergen has been lifted out of default on its obligation.

"This was announced by Mayor Julius Reich at a conference in the office of the Hudson County National Bank in Jersey City yesterday of members of the State Finance Commission, officials of the township and President Frank C. Ferguson of the bank which has become the official depository for bond and note holders of North Bergen paper.

"He stated that approximately \$400,000 in interest on obligations totalling \$7,600,000 had been accepted.

"Mayor Reich questioned the legality of notes or bonds totalling \$560,000 and the conference checked up on that paper to-day, and examination proved that \$110,000 was legal indebtedness of the township. A further checkup on the remaining \$450,000 in dispute will be made.

"The obligations referred to were passed by the McMahon-Jager regime in North Bergen, and Mayor Reich questions whether the amount in dispute was ever legally authorized.

"Before the examination into this feature is completed plans for a sinking fund for the maturing of obligations was held over. A removal of the bonds and notes until Dec. 15 1932 has been arranged."

Pennsylvania.—Legislature Adjourns.—A resolution was adopted by the House on Dec. 28 memorializing Congress to float a \$5,000,000,000 public improvement bond issue; another resolution was adopted providing for an investigation of the operating costs of the State government, and then the Legislature decided to adjourn sine die on Dec. 30. A dispatch from Harrisburg to the "United States Daily" of Dec. 30 reports on the legislative activities as follows:

"The House last night adopted a resolution memorializing Congress to float a \$5,000,000,000 bond issue for public improvements. There were 109 votes in favor and that being a constitutional majority no tabulation was made of those opposed.

"The House voted 135 to 33 against a resolution to reduce salaries of State employes. Representative Spangler, who offered the resolution, said it would have saved from \$3,300,000 to \$3,500,000. It proposed to reduce salaries of \$2,000 or less by 5% and larger salaries by 10%, and was to have been effective only during 1932.

Government Costs Studied.
 "Both branches adopted a resolution providing for an investigation of the cost of operating the State government and to ascertain which activities of the Commonwealth may be safely discontinued. The inquiry is to be made by a joint legislative committee created in 1929 and continued by the 1931 regular session to devise ways and means of financing the government.

"The Dauphin County Poor Board has made formal demand upon the State Welfare Department for \$208,000 of the relief fund provided under the provisions of the Talbot \$10,000,000 relief measure which Governor Pinchot allowed to become a law without his signature. It was announced that the demand is in the nature of a test of the constitutionality of the measure.

Highway Appropriations.
 "The Governor has vetoed a bill providing for the appropriation of \$1,850,000 out of the motor license fund to Philadelphia County for highway work in the county. He said that the failure of the Legislature to impose an emergency gasoline tax will render it necessary to reduce to a minimum next Summer's road program in rural Pennsylvania.

"Governor Pinchot also vetoed a bill to appropriate \$500,000 to the City of Philadelphia for maintenance and repair of city streets.
 "Both Senate and House last night adopted a resolution to adjourn sine die at noon Dec. 30."

Texas.—Governor Sterling Declines to Call Special Legislative Session.—According to press dispatches from Austin on Jan. 2 Governor Ross S. Sterling has announced that he will not call a special session of the Legislature at any early date to repeal the cotton acreage reduction law which was passed last September—V. 133, p. 2294—to revise the tax laws, to enact congressional redistricting, or to act on any of the other questions over which various requests have been made to him for a session.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—TEMPORARY LOAN AUTHORIZED.—A temporary loan of \$350,000 has been authorized to provide funds to permit of the re-opening of the public schools in the city.

AKRON, Summit County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The city failed to receive a bid at the offering on Jan. 4 of three issues of 6% special assessment improvement bonds aggregating \$799,790.58—V. 133, p. 4187. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932 and mature serially on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1952, incl.

AUSTIN, Travis County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Dec. 21 the voters approved the issuance of \$150,000 in 6% school site bonds by a count reported to have been 827 for to 368 against. Due \$10,000 from 1936 to 1950 incl.

AVON LAKE, Lorain County, Ohio.—BONDS REOFFERED.—The issue of \$15,712.30 6% special assessment paving bonds unsuccessfully offered on Sept. 30—V. 133, p. 2294—is being readvertised for award at 12 m. on Jan. 20. Sealed bids should be addressed to W. R. Hinz, Village Clerk. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1931. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1933; \$2,000, 1934; \$1,000, 1935; \$2,000, 1936; \$1,000, 1937; \$2,000, 1938; \$1,000 in 1939; \$2,000 in 1940 and 1941, and \$1,712.30 in 1942. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$200, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

BALTIMORE, Md.—CITY REJECTS SINGLE BID RECEIVED AT BOND OFFERING.—At the offering on Jan. 5 of various issues of 4% bonds aggregating \$4,200,000, fully described in V. 134, p. 161—the city rejected the one bid received, a price of 84, figuring about a 5.16% interest cost basis, submitted by a syndicate composed of the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., National City Co. and Dewey, Bacon & Co., all of New York; the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, the Union Trust Co. and the Baltimore Gillet Co., both of Baltimore; R. H. Moulton & Co. and Schauburg, Rebhann & Osborne, the latter two of New York.

Following the unsuccessful offering of the bonds, the City Register was authorized to borrow up to \$5,000,000 on short-term loans in anticipation of tax collections. Negotiations are said to be now in progress looking toward the private sale of the bonds to banking interests.

BARRON COUNTY (P. O. Barron), Wis.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—A \$61,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. highway impt., series No. 3 bonds was authorized by the County Board of Supervisors, according to report, Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due on June 1 1937.

BATTLE CREEK, Calhoun County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the special election held on Dec. 31—V. 133, p. 3658—the voters defeated the two proposed sewer bond issues aggregating \$200,000. Only about 10% of the registered electorate appeared at the polls. The \$100,000 sewage disposal issue failed by 148 votes to obtain the necessary three-fifths majority, while the \$100,000 sewer construction issue failed by 55 votes to obtain the ordinary majority vote.

BEDFORD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,122.95 6% water supply bonds offered on Dec. 29—V. 133, p. 4001—were

awarded at a price of par to the Cleveland Trust Co., of Bedford. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due serially on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1941, incl. (The \$5,225 6% poor relief bonds also offered on Dec. 29 were not sold.)

BELLAIRE, Belmont County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$5,000 6% emergency poor relief bonds offered on Dec. 26—V. 133, p. 4001—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Sept. 15 1931. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 15 from 1933 to 1937 incl. The issue was sold subsequently at private sale.

BENSON (P. O. Hollisopple), Somerset County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—N. O. Border, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Jan. 15 for the purchase of \$6,000 5% funding bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$500. Due one bond annually on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1944 incl. Int. is payable in January and July. The issue has been submitted for approval of the Department of Internal Affairs of the State.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Fowler), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$8,696 6% drainage improvement bonds offered on Jan. 4 (V. 133, p. 4187) were not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Nov. 10 1931. Due serially on May 10 from 1933 to 1942, inclusive.

BETHLEHEM, Northampton County, Pa.—BOND REPORT.—V. E. Tice, City Clerk, informs us that the borough will offer at public sale about April 1 an issue of \$275,000 funding bonds.

BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Belmar), Albany County, N. Y.—BIDS REJECTED.—The district rejected all of the bids submitted at the offering on Jan. 4 of two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$382,500—V. 133, p. 4354. Bidder was to name rate of interest not in excess of 6%. Offers received were as follows:

Bidder	Rate of Int.	Prem.
M. & T. Trust Co., Buffalo	5 3/4%	\$248.63
Guaranty Co. of New York	6%	195.00

BEVERLY, Essex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—John C. Lovett, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. on Jan. 13 for the purchase at discount basis of a \$200,000 temporary loan. Dated Jan. 13 1932. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due Nov. 8 1932. The notes will be authenticated as to genuineness and validity by the First National Bank of Boston, under advice of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

BEXLEY (P. O. Columbus), Franklin County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The three issues of 5% special assessment storm sewer construction and street impt. bonds aggregating \$59,325, offered on Jan. 4—V. 133, p. 4355—were not sold, as no bids were received.

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—It was reported on Jan. 4 by C. E. Armstrong, City Comptroller, that the \$1,130,000 issue of not to exceed 5% semi-ann. drainage bonds unsuccessfully offered on Dec. 11—V. 133, p. 4187—has not as yet been sold and if not sold by Jan. 8 a new offering date will probably be fixed.

BOUND BROOK, Somerset County, N. J.—OPTION GRANTED.—B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York, have obtained an option for 30 days on the issue of \$75,000 coupon or registered general improvement bonds, for which no bids were received when offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Dec. 29—V. 133, p. 3817. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1932 to 1936, incl., and \$4,000 from 1937 to 1951, incl.

BRAZORIA COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 30 (P. O. Angleton), Tex.—MATURITY.—The \$10,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-ann. road bonds that was purchased by the First State Bank of Sweeney at par—V. 134, p. 161—is due \$500 from 1932 to 1951 incl.

BREVARD COUNTY (P. O. Titusville), Fla.—BOND REPORT.—It is stated that the Board of County Commissioners has recently cancelled \$1,250,000 in bonds which had never been sold out of a total issue of \$2,500,000 in bonds for road and bridge construction that were approved by the voters in 1926.

BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The local banks that agreed to purchase as 5s, at a price of par, the issue of \$200,000 coupon or registered public impt. bonds offered on Dec. 21—V. 134, p. 161—include the Bridgeport-City Trust Co., the First National Bank & Trust Co., City Savings Bank, the Mechanics and Farmers Savings Bank, and the Bridgeport Peoples Savings Bank. The issue is dated Jan. 2 1931 and matures \$40,000 annually on Jan. 2 from 1933 to 1937 incl.

BURLINGTON, Chittenden County, Vt.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held on Dec. 29 the voters authorized the issuance of \$135,000 sewer construction bonds, the vote being 791 to 128.

BYRD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Decatur), Brown County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,500 school bonds offered on Dec. 28—V. 133, p. 4188—were awarded as 5 1/2s, at a price of par, to the Bank of Russellville, the only bidder. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due semi-annually as follows: \$150 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl., and \$200 April 1 and Oct. 1 from 1943 to 1956 incl.

CALHOUN COUNTY (P. O. Anniston), Ala.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election has been called for Jan. 19 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$76,000 in court house bonds.

CAPE MAY COUNTY (P. O. Cape May C. H.), N. J.—BONDS SALE.—The issue of \$200,000 coupon or registered tax revenue bonds offered on Dec. 31—V. 134, p. 4355—was awarded as 6s, at a price of par, to Stroud & Co. of Philadelphia. The bonds are dated Dec. 30 1931 and mature \$40,000 Dec. 30 1932, and \$40,000 June and Dec. 30 in 1933 and 1934.

CHILLICOTHE, Ross County, Ohio.—BIDS REJECTED.—The following bids were rejected at the offering on Dec. 30 of \$19,800 5 1/2% North West Drainage District special assessment bonds (V. 133, p. 4002):

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
Well, Both & Irving Co., Cincinnati	5 3/4%	\$17.00
First National Bank, Chillicothe	6%	38.00

As offered, the bonds were to mature Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,000 from 1932 to 1935, incl.; \$3,000 in 1936; \$2,000 from 1937 to 1939, incl., and \$2,800 in 1940.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—FINANCIAL STATISTICS.—According to the annual report of the trustees of the sinking fund, the city has a total bonded debt of \$102,586,186.99, which includes a general debt of \$97,223,967.13 and assessment bonds of \$5,362,219.86. The gross debt on Dec. 31 1930 was \$105,580,000.75, of which \$100,154,103.13 constituted general obligations and \$5,425,897.62 of special assessments. During the past year the city paid off \$13,622,196.24 of its aggregate indebtedness. The report, as contained in the Cincinnati "Enquirer" of Jan. 1, included the following table:

Water works bonds	\$14,680,530.48
Cincinnati Sou. Ry. construction bonds	14,932,000.00
Cinc. Sou. Ry. term. & betterment bonds	6,900,000.00
Other general bonds	\$36,512,530.48
Total general debt	\$60,711,436.65
Assessment bonds (paid by special assess't)	\$5,362,219.86
Total bonded debt	\$66,073,656.51

Sinking fund for all bonds	\$35,595,016.38
Deduct sinking fund for water and railway bonds, which are self-supporting, and for which the sinking fund is:	
Water	\$8,183,458.97
Railway	6,507,086.80
Deduct assessment fund	284,573.40
	14,975,119.17
	20,619,897.21

Net amount not self-supporting \$40,091,539.44
 Note.—The annual rental of the Cincinnati Southern Ry. is far in excess of the amount necessary for sinking fund and interest charges on the Southern Ry. construction bonds. This excess under the present rental is equivalent to sinking fund and interest charges on approximately \$10,000,000 25-year 4% bonds, and if deducted from \$40,091,539.44, would make the net amount not self-supporting \$30,091,539.44.

The present rental is \$1,250,000 annually, plus a contingent rental which is based on the net profits of the lessee company, and was for the year 1930, payable 1931, \$39,784.76.

The sinking fund and interest charges on the Southern Ry. terminal and betterment bonds are paid by the lessee company.

The sinking fund and interest charges on water works bonds are paid from the earnings of the Water Works Department.

The general bonds include \$22,991,347 serial bonds, which are paid, principal and interest as they mature, from special levies for that purpose; hence there is no sinking fund required for these bonds.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$125,000 emergency poor relief purpose bonds authorized recently by passage of an ordinance—V. 134, p. 162—has been purchased by the sinking fund trustees. Issue bears interest at 4 1/2% and was sold at a price of par.

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 37 (P. O. Vancouver), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$94,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Jan. 2—V. 133, p. 4355—was purchased by the State of Washington as 5s at par. There were no other bids for the bonds.

CLARKSVILLE, Red River County, Tex.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—A \$199,847 issue of 5% funding bonds is reported to have been authorized recently by the City Council, to be purchased by the city's sinking fund.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—NOTE SALE.—The City Council recently authorized the Finance Director to issue \$3,000,000 in notes, to bear interest at 6% and mature July 1, made necessary because of the delay in sending out tax bills for the first quarter of 1932. The money will be used to pay salaries and to finance other municipal expenditures.

COCKE COUNTY (P. O. Newport), Tenn.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$85,000 issue of court house bonds that was purchased by Little, Wooten & Co. of Jackson at a price of 98—V. 134, p. 2162—bears interest at 5 1/2%, payable semi-annually. Due on March 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1936 to 1944, and \$10,000, 1945 to 1948, giving a basis of about 5.74%.

COLUMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Hudson), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—H. McC. Potter, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Jan. 19 for the purchase of \$375,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: \$200,000 (1932) highway bonds. Due \$20,000 Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl. 175,000 series A (1932) highway bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1933 to 1949 incl., and \$5,000 in 1950.

Each issue is dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. 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 (Jan. and July) are payable at the Bankers Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 2%, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$247,772 offered on Jan. 7—V. 133, p. 4355—were awarded as 6s to the BancOhio Securities Co. of Columbus at par plus a premium of \$252, equal to a price of 100.10, a basis of about 5.98%:

\$205,768 street impt. bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$20,758 in 1934, \$21,000 from 1935 to 1939 incl., and \$20,000 from 1940 to 1943 incl.	
33,464 sanitary sewer bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$6,464 in 1934, \$7,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl., and \$6,000 in 1938.	
8,550 boulevard lighting system bonds. Due March 1 as follows: \$1,550 in 1934, \$2,000 from 1935 to 1937 incl. and \$1,000 in 1938.	

Each issue is dated Jan. 15 1932.

COSHOCOTON, Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Ella Williams, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 19 for the purchase of \$27,000 5% storm sewer construction bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denoms. \$500 and \$200. Due \$2,700 on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1943 incl. Interest is payable in Jan. and July. 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 \$270 must accompany each proposal.

CUMBERLAND, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—ISSUE RE-OFFERED.—The \$400,000 4 1/2% water supply system improvement bonds offered on Dec. 28—V. 133, p. 4188—were not sold. The issue is being readvertised for award at 9:30 a. m. on Jan. 11. Sealed bids will be received by Samuel Wertheimer, Commissioner of Finance and Revenue. The bonds are dated April 1 1931 and will mature April 1 1971. Denom. \$1,000. These bonds are part of an authorized issue of \$900,000.

DANVILLE, Pittsylvania County, Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. refunding bonds that was offered for sale without success on Sept. 21—V. 133, p. 2131—is reported to have since been purchased at par by an undisclosed investor. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Due \$3,000 from Sept. 1 1932 to 1951, inclusive.

We have not been advised as to the disposition of the \$150,000 issue of 4 1/2% army and auditorium bonds that was also offered on Sept. 21 without success. Due \$6,000 from July 1 1932 to 1956, inclusive.

DAYTON, Montgomery County, Ohio.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—Financial statistics prepared in connection with the proposed award on Jan. 15 of \$250,000 5% grade crossing elimination bonds, mentioned in—V. 134, p. 162—are contained in the following:

Financial Statement.			
Total amount of all general bonds issued and outstanding not including the \$250,000 grade crossing elimination bonds—1932 series "F", offered for sale Jan. 15 1932			\$15,924,725.00
Sinking fund applicable thereto			2,355,386.55
Water works bonds included in the total amount of all general bonds issued and outstanding, payable from earnings			4,832,000.00
Sinking fund applicable thereto, included in the \$2,355,386.55 sinking fund applicable to general bonds			679,259.25
Special assessment bonds separate from and not included in the general bonds, issued and outstanding			1,663,036.55
	1928-1929.	1929-1930.	1930-1931.
Tax Year—	\$	\$	\$
Ass'd val. tax. property	347,277,780	353,679,050	401,263,260
	x328,806,320	x27,796,424	x27,796,424
Tax rate per \$1,000 val.	24.40	25.40	25.20
x Local levy.			
Population: Census, 1928,	191,500,	1930,	200,763.

Delinquent Tax Statement.

Taxes Payable—	Amount to be Collected Including Delinquent Taxes.	Amount Remaining Delinquent After Final Settlement.	Percent of Delinquent.
1925	3,070,681.52	127,907.92	.04165
1926	3,338,552.07	149,781.56	.04486
1927	3,515,405.20	194,267.44	.05526
1928	3,645,704.35	250,483.34	.0687
1929	3,744,332.93	329,871.67	.08809
1930	3,887,311.58	468,353.22	.1282
1931	4,560,898.67	910,567.29	.1996

The above schedule applies only to taxes payable and due the city of Dayton, and in each instance includes the delinquent amount carried forward from the previous year.

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP, Camden County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on Dec. 28 of an issue of \$100,000 coupon or registered tax title bonds—V. 133, p. 4188. Bidders were asked to name an interest rate within a 6% limitation. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932. Offered to mature \$10,000 on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Previously the issue had been unsuccessfully offered on Nov. 9.

DENNISON, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$17,119.28 5 1/2% refunding special assessment bonds offered on Dec. 29—V. 133, p. 4188—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due serially on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1941 incl.

DES MOINES, Polk County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Jan. 14 by Emmett C. Powers, City Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$125,000 4 1/2% airport bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1932. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$7,000 in 1934; \$18,000, 1935; \$12,000, 1937; \$25,000, 1938 to 1940, and \$13,000 in 1941. Interest payable M. & N. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago will be furnished. These bonds are to be issued to pay a portion of the

cost of an airport for said city and are issued in anticipation of a special ad valorem tax levied on all the taxable property in the city. A certified check for \$2,500, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

DETROIT LAKES, Becker County, Minn.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$7,800 issue of certificates of indebtedness offered on Jan. 4—V. 134, p. 162—will be taken up by the Water and Light Commission, according to report. Due in 10 years.

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Doylestown), Bucks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, purchased during November an issue of \$17,500 4½% funding bonds, due as follows: \$500 in 1933; \$1,000 from 1939 to 1953 incl., and \$2,000 in 1954.

EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The city has been authorized to issue \$6,000 5% water supply system improvement bonds, to be dated Dec. 1 1931 and mature \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1938 incl. Principal and interest (April and Oct.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

EAST COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$9,650.90 6% special assessment road improvement bonds offered on Dec. 26—V. 133, p. 3817—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1933 to 1940 incl., and \$1,650.90 in 1941.

EAST DEER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Tarentum), Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Board of Commissioners has adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$35,000 4½% funding bonds, to be dated Jan. 2 1932 and mature Jan. 2 as follows: \$15,000 in 1942, \$10,000 in 1947 and \$5,000 in 1952 and 1957.

EAST LANSING SCHOOL DISTRICT, Ingham County, Mich.—TAX RATE REDUCED.—The tax rate for the year 1931 has been fixed at \$12.21 per \$1,000 of valuation, as compared with the levy of \$14.40 that prevailed in 1930, and that of \$14.30 in 1929. The tax decrease is attributed to the rise of about \$1,000,000 in the assessed valuation figures and to the fact that during 1931 the district retired \$21,000 in bonds.

EAST PATERSON, Bergen County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$200,000 coupon or registered sewer bonds offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Dec. 29—V. 133, p. 4189—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1932 to 1951 incl., and \$6,000 from 1952 to 1971 incl.

EDDYSTONE, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph J. Higler, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 11 for the purchase of \$55,000 4¼, 4¾ or 5% bonds, registerable as to principal. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1936 and 1941; \$10,000 in 1946, 1951 and 1956; and \$15,000 in 1961. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. The bonds are being issued subject to the favorable legal opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia.

ELMORE, Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—William A. Summers, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on Jan. 30 for the purchase of \$7,000 5% fire department apparatus purchase bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1922. Denom. \$500. Due \$1,000 annually on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1939 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and Oct. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$350, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert Topping, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Feb. 1 for the purchase of \$531,800 5½% bonds, divided as follows: \$270,000 storm sewer construction bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1933; \$14,000, 1934; \$13,000, 1935; \$14,000, 1936; \$13,000, 1937; \$14,000, 1938; \$13,000, 1939; \$14,000, 1940; \$13,000, 1941; \$14,000, 1942; \$13,000, 1943; \$14,000, 1944; \$13,000, 1945; \$14,000, 1946; \$13,000, 1947; \$14,000, 1948; \$13,000, 1949; \$14,000, 1950; \$13,000 in 1951, and \$14,000 in 1952.

248,000 road and street improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$24,000, 1933; \$25,000 from 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$24,000 in 1938, and \$25,000 from 1939 to 1942 incl.

13,800 special assessment imp. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,800, 1933; \$3,000 from 1934 to 1936 incl., and \$2,000 in 1937.

Bonds to be dated as of the day of sale. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5½%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

FAIRPORT, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$442.86 6% judgment funding bonds offered on Dec. 21—V. 133, p. 4189—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Dec. 1 1931. One bond for \$242.86, other for \$200. Due respectively on April 1 in 1933 and 1934.

FALL RIVER, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY FINANCING.—The city recently obtained a total of \$900,000, through the sale of \$500,000 temporary notes, due July 25 1932, to a group headed by the Fall River National Bank at 4½% discount basis, and \$400,000 to a syndicate headed by the First National Old Colony Corp., of Boston, at 5% discount basis. Of this last amount, \$100,000 matures on June 1 and July 10 1932, and \$200,000 on July 26 1932. This current financing brought the aggregate of temporary notes outstanding as of Jan. 1 1932 to \$1,500,000, the smallest figure in many years. Assessed valuation for 1931 was \$123,000,000. Taxes delinquent for that year total approximately \$1,600,000, according to report.

FIRTH, Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$4,000 issue of 4½% semi-ann. electric distribution system bonds that was purchased at par by the State of Nebraska—V. 133, p. 2297—is due in 20 years and optional after 5 years.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$197,684 Spring St. road bridge bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 133, p. 4189—were awarded as 6s to the Banc Ohio Securities Co., of Columbus, at par plus a premium of \$85, equal to a price of 100.04, a basis of about 5.99%. Dated Jan. 15 1932. Due semi-annually as follows: \$6,684 March and \$7,000 Sept. 15 1933; \$6,000 March and \$7,000 Sept. 15 from 1934 to 1945 incl. and \$7,000 March and Sept. 15 in 1946 and 1947. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder—

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
BancOhio Securities Co. (successful bidder)	6%	\$85.00
Well, Roth & Irving Co., and the Huntington Securities Co., jointly	6%	44.85
Magnus & Co.	6%	19.78

GARDEN CITY, Nassau County, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.—Eugene R. Courtney, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 12 for the purchase of \$239,000 not to exceed 6% interest bond anticipation general improvement notes. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 1933. Interest payable in Jan. and July. A certified check for 2% of the amount of the issue bid for must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

GASTONIA, Gaston County, N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 12, by Chas. M. Johnson, Director of Local Government, at his office in Raleigh, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 revenue anticipation notes. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated Jan. 25 1932. Due on May 25 1932. Deliverable at the place of purchaser's choice on Jan. 25 1932. Bidders will name the bank or trust company at which principal and interest will be payable and the denomination or denominations desired. The approving opinion of Masslich & Mitchell of New York, will be furnished. A certified check for \$500, payable to the State Treasurer, must accompany the bid. This borrowing was recently authorized by the City Council.

GLEN OLDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 4½% coupon school bonds offered on Dec. 15—V. 133, p. 4003—were awarded at a price of par to the First National Bank, of Darby. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932 and mature Jan. 1 1962.

GLOUCESTER, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on Jan. 6—V. 134, p. 162—was awarded to the Cape Ann National Bank at 5.87% discount basis. The loan is dated Jan. 7 1932 and matures June 15 1932.

GREENE COUNTY (P. O. Bloomfield), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of 4% road improvement bonds aggregating \$12,000 offered on Dec. 29—V. 133, p. 4356—were not sold, as no bids were received.

Included in the offering were \$8,600 bonds, due one bond of \$430 each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943, and \$3,400 bonds, due one bond of \$170 each six months from July 15 1933 to Jan. 15 1943.

GREENSBORO, Guilford County, N. C.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that a resolution has been adopted recently by the City Council providing for the issuance of \$500,000 in not exceeding 6% refunding bonds.

HANCOCK AND TOMKINS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Hancock), Delaware County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$538,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered at not to exceed 5% interest on Jan. 4—V. 134, p. 162—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due serially on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1962, inclusive.

HEMPSTEAD (P. O. Hempstead), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$231,000 coupon or registered street imp. bonds offered on Jan. 5—V. 134, p. 162—were awarded as 5.70s to George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, at a price of 100.48, a basis of about 5.62%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932 and mature Jan. 1 as follows: \$16,000 from 1933 to 1946 incl., and \$7,000 in 1947. Bids on a 4¾% int. rate basis were submitted by Batchelder & Co. and B. J. Van Ingen & Co., both of New York.

HEMPSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Valley Stream), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND ELECTION.—James F. Traver, Clerk of the Board of Education, informs us that an election has been called for Jan. 25 at which time a proposal providing for the issuance of \$275,000 school bonds will be acted upon by the voters.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28 (P. O. Long Beach), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter Schwajke, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 20 for the purchase of \$225,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$6,000 in 1935 and 1936; \$10,000, 1937; \$5,000, 1938; \$6,000 from 1941 to 1943 incl.; \$8,000, 1944; \$13,000, 1945; \$12,000, 1946; \$20,000 in 1947 and 1948; \$22,000, 1949; \$31,000, 1950; \$30,000 in 1951, and \$24,000 in 1952. Rate of int. to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%, and must be the same for all bonds. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) are payable at the Empire Trust Co., New York. A certified check for \$4,500, payable to Joseph G. Gerson, District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

HIGHLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Durant City), Elk County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on Dec. 21 of \$5,000 5% coupon school bonds—V. 130, p. 3818. The bonds are dated April 1 1931 and mature \$1,000 on April 1 from 1947 to 1951 incl.

HORNELL, Steuben County, N. Y.—BOND AND CERTIFICATE AWARD.—The \$61,836.59 coupon or registered obligations offered on Jan. 6—V. 134, p. 163—were awarded as 6s at a price of par as follows: \$50,000.00 certificates of indebtedness were sold to the Citizens National Bank and the Steuben Trust Co., both of Hornell, jointly.

Due July 1 as follows: \$20,000 in 1932 and \$15,000 in 1933 and 1934.

11,836.59 street imp. bonds went to the Merrill Hosiery Co. of Hornell. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$1,836.59 in 1933; \$2,000 in 1934 and 1935, and \$3,000 in 1936 and 1937.

Each issue is dated Jan. 1 1932.

HOUSTON, Harris County, Tex.—BOND REPORT.—The following report on the proposed future financing of this city is taken from the Houston "Post" of Jan. 5:

"With most of 1932 lying before it, the city of Houston Monday had \$4,148,000 in unsold bonds on hand, according to figures obtained from City Comptroller Harry Giles.

"Surplus bond funds on hand from issues already sold total more than a million, but the exact figure was not available at this time.

"There are \$1,700,000 in bonds authorized but not issued, and \$2,448,000 in bonds which have been issued but not sold. Mr. Giles said there isn't a chance of disposing of the bonds until the bond market recovers."

HUDSON, Columbia County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The Hudson City Savings Institution purchased on Dec. 28 a total of \$18,000 6% emergency relief certificates of indebtedness, of which \$10,000 mature May 1 1934 and \$8,000 on May 1 1932.

HUTCHINSON, Reno County, Kan.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on Jan. 11 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$30,000 in park bonds.

IRONDEQUOIT COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, Monroe County, N. Y.—PRICE PAID.—The Genesee Valley Trust Co., of Rochester, paid a price of par for the issue of \$25,000 5½% 11 to 20-year serial coupon school bonds purchased recently.—V. 133, p. 4356. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1931.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Beaumont), Tex.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$75,000 issue of time warrants that was jointly purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co., and the Dunne-Davidson-Ransom Co., both of Wichita—V. 133, p. 4356—bears interest at 5½% and matures serially in 40 years. These warrants are said to be part of a total issue of \$175,000.

JELLICO, Campbell County, Tenn.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the special election held on Jan. 2—V. 133, p. 4190—the voters rejected the proposal to issue \$150,000 in light and power plant bonds.

JENNER TOWNSHIP (P. O. Boswell, R. D.), Somerset County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 4½% coupon road bonds offered on Dec. 26—V. 133, p. 4190—were sold to citizens of the community at a price of par. Due Oct. 1 1938; optional Oct. 1 1932.

JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—B. J. Van Ingen & Co., of New York, are making public offering of a block of \$400,000 3¾% bonds, due Aug. 1 1934, priced at 96.50, to yield 5%. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey and other States, according to the bankers.

KANSAS CITY, Wyandotte County, Kan.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$177,070 (not \$178,000) issue of 4¾% coupon street widening bonds that was purchased at par by the State School Fund Commission of Topeka.—V. 133, p. 4356—is dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$70. Due serially in from one to 10 years. Interest payable J. & D.

KING COUNTY (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 issue of coupon King County-Lake Union bridge bonds offered for sale on Jan. 5—V. 134, p. 163—was purchased by the State of Washington as 4¾s at par. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due serially in from 2 to 30 years from date.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Knoxville), Tenn.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The County Court is reported to have voted to issue \$1,000,000 in bonds divided as follows: \$500,000 Hensley Street Bridge and \$500,000 Central High School bonds.

KUTZTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Berks County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$118,000 school improvement bonds authorized by a vote of 505 to 15 in election on Sept. 15—V. 133, p. 2297—was sold subsequently to the State Retirement Board at Harrisburg.

LAGUNA BEACH, Orange County, Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$180,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. sewage disposal plant bonds offered on Jan. 6—V. 134, p. 163—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$9,000 from Jan. 1 1933 to 1952 incl.

LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Lake Worth), Palm Beach County, Fla.—BOND PAYMENT.—In regard to the payment of principal and interest on the bonds of this district, we quote the "Florida Times-Union" of Jan. 5 as follows:

"The Lake Worth Drainage District by making current interest and principal payments amounting to \$180,000 on outstanding bonds has maintained its reputation for never having been in default on its bonded debt, Capt. A. S. Andersen, Chairman of the district commission, announced to-day.

"Of the total, \$113,000 was paid out for interest and \$67,000 on principal, Captain Andersen said."

LAS VEGAS, Clark County, Nev.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$128,000 issue of 6% coupon (J. & J.) sewer mains and sewage disposal plant bonds that was purchased by the State Industrial Commission—V. 133, p. 4356—was awarded at par, and mature \$8,000 from 1933 to 1948 incl. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1931.

LAUREL SPRINGS, Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—E. C. Kitchen, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 18 for the purchase of \$51,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: \$23,000 assessment bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000 in 1934, \$3,000 in 1935, \$4,000 in 1936 and \$14,000 in 1940. 22,000 tax revenue bonds. Due Dec. 31 as follows: \$2,000 in 1933, \$7,000 in 1934 and \$13,000 in 1935. 6,000 sidewalk improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1939 inclusive. Each issue is dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable at the Laurel Springs National Bank. 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 the order of the borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN NOT SOLD.—Charles D. Hamden, City Treasurer, reports that no bids were received at an offering on Jan. 6 of a \$75,000 temporary loan. Bids were asked on a discount basis. The loan was to be dated Jan. 7 1932 and payable June 15 1932 at the First National Bank of Boston. Legal opinion of Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins of Boston.

LIVINGSTON, Park County, Mont.—BONDS CALLED.—Certain bonds of the various special improvement districts were called for payment at the office of the City Treasurer, on Jan. 1, on which date interest ceased.

LORAIN, Lorain County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. M. Pollack, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 27 for the purchase of \$47,679.83 5% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1932. One bond for \$679.83, others for \$1,000. Due Sept. 15 as follows: \$2,679.83 in 1933 and \$5,000 from 1934 to 1942 incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest (March and Sept. 15) are payable at the office of the sinking fund trustees. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 5% expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. (Notice of the passage of the ordinance authorizing the above issue was given in V. 134, p. 163.)

LORAIN, Lorain County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Council has adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$38,256.93 5% special assessment impt. bonds to be dated Jan. 15 1932 and mature Sept. 15 as follows: \$6,256.93 in 1933 and \$8,000 from 1934 to 1937 incl.

LYNN, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The City Treasurer informs us that an issue of \$60,000 5% bonds, due Oct. 1 1932, has been sold.

MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mount Clemens), Mich.—BOND SALE.—Walter C. Steffens, County Comptroller, reports that an issue of \$315,000 refunding bonds was sold at a price of par at private sale on Jan. 2. The bonds were probably taken as investments by the State Sinking Fund Commission, although the amount intended for sale to the Commission was originally \$350,000—V. 133, p. 419.

MAJOR COUNTY (P. O. Fairview), Okla.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that the County Commissioners recently passed a resolution providing for the issuance of road bonds amounting to \$100,000.

MAMARONECK, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$422,000 offered on Jan. 5—V. 134, p. 164—were awarded as 6s, at a price of par, to George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc. of New York: \$288,000 public improvement bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$22,000 in 1932; \$24,000 from 1933 to 1936, incl.; \$11,000 from 1937 to 1946, incl. and \$12,000 from 1947 to 1951, incl. 134,000 water works system bonds. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1950, incl., and \$4,000 from 1951 to 1970, incl.

Each issue is dated Dec. 1 1931. The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for general investment at prices to yield 5.50%.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—NOTE SALE.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The following issues of notes aggregating \$570,000 offered on Dec. 30—V. 133, p. 404, 419—were awarded as 6s, at a price of par, to the Merchants National Bank, of Indianapolis, and associates, the only bidders: \$350,000 general fund notes. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due June 1 1932. \$220,000 twp. poor relief notes. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$110,000 on May and Nov. 15 1932.

BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The issue of \$384,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % refunding bonds also announced for award on Dec. 30 was not sold. The bonds are being readvertised for award at 10 a. m. on Jan. 23. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$32,000 on Jan. 1 from 1941 to 1952 incl. Prin. and int. (Jan. and July) payable at the County Treasurer's office. A cert. check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, is required. No conditional bid will be considered and the opinion as to the validity of the bonds is to be furnished by the successful bidder. Affidavit of non-collusion must also accompany proposal.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Fairmont), Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$24,000 issue of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % semi-ann. ditch bonds is reported to have been purchased at par by the State Board of Investment. Due in from five to 20 years.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2:30 p. m. on Jan. 15 by D. C. Miller, City Clerk, for the sale of an issue of \$1,000,000 revenue notes, series of 1932. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. These notes are offered at the option of the bidder as to maturity as follows: Dated Jan. 1 1932, due on June 16 1932, without option of prior payment. The interest will be evidenced by one coupon for 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ months' interest, due on June 16 1932. Alternative offer: Dated Jan. 1 1932, due on Sept. 16 1932 without option of prior payment. The interest will be evidenced by coupons thereto attached, maturing on March 1 and Sept. 16 for two and for six months' and 15 days' interest, respectively.

These notes shall be issued in the uniform denom. of \$1,000 each or in uniform multiples of \$1,000 each at the option of the successful bidder, provided, however, that should the bidder not exercise this option, the notes shall be issued in the uniform denom. of \$10,000 dollars each.

These notes will be payable, both as to prin. and int., in lawful money of the United States of America at the fiscal agent of the City of Memphis in the City of New York or at the city hall in Memphis, Tenn., at the option of the holder, provided, however, that holders of notes and coupons desiring local payment shall give ten days' written notice to the City Clerk of such desire.

These notes shall not be sold for less than par plus accrued int. to date of delivery, if from all commission and brokerage, provided, however, that should it be necessary, a bid as low as \$99 on the \$100 of face value, plus accrued int. to date of delivery and free from commissions and brokerage may be accepted by a four-fifths vote of the Board of Commissioners.

In the preparation and sale of these notes the legal steps have been taken under the direction of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, attorneys-at-law, 120 Broadway, N. Y. City. Their full and final opinion of aforesaid legislation, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of said City of Memphis, Tenn., will be furnished by the Board of Education together with Treasurer's receipt for proceeds of sale, certificate of genuineness of signatures on notes attested by the Union Planters National Bank & Trust Co., Memphis, Tenn., and a full transcript of proceedings by the Board of Commissioners in authorizing and selling these notes.

Payment shall be made in Memphis or New York funds. Delivery will be made within 10 days after the date of sale. A certified check on some solvent bank or trust company in the sum of 1% of the amount of notes bid for and made payable to the order of the City of Memphis, shall accompany the proposal as good faith deposit. No int. will be paid on deposit check. However, said check will be held uncashed until delivery of and payment for said notes.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by D. C. Miller, City Clerk, until 2:30 p. m. on Jan. 12 for the purchase of an \$800,000 issue of revenue notes, series of 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due on Oct. 1 1932. These notes are to be issued under and in pursuance of the Charter Amendment known as Chapter 5 of the Private Acts of the General Assembly for the year 1921, and amendment thereto, Chapter 127 of the Private Acts of the General Assembly for the year 1921.

Said notes shall be issued in the denomination of \$10,000, and shall bear date of Jan. 1 1932, and said notes shall bear interest at the rate of not to exceed 6% per annum, as may be required to procure a sale at face value of said bonds, or at least a sale at a price of \$99 on the \$100, plus accrued interest to date of delivery. The rate which they shall bear shall be determined by the Board of Education of the Memphis City Schools by resolution at the time of making sale of said notes, provided, however, that no higher rate shall be used than shall be necessary to procure a sale at face value, plus accrued interest to date of delivery. Said notes shall not be sold for less than par and accrued interest, except by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members of said Board of Education, when a price of \$99 on the \$100 may be accepted. The interest on said notes shall be evidenced by coupons attached thereto. Coupons for 3 months' interest due April 1 1932, and coupons for 6 months' interest due Oct. 1 1932.

In preparation and sale of these notes, the legal steps have been taken under the direction of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, Attorneys-at-Law, New York City. Their full and final opinion that these notes, when sold and delivered pursuant to the terms of aforesaid legislation, will constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Board of Education of the Memphis City Schools, will be furnished by the Board of Education together with Treasurer's receipt for proceeds of sale, certificate of genuineness of signatures on notes attested by the Union Planters National Bank & Trust Co., Memphis, Tenn., and a full transcript of the proceedings by the Board of Education in passing resolutions and selling these notes.

These notes will be delivered in Memphis, in New York, or equivalent of New York, at the option of the purchaser. Payment shall be made in Memphis or New York funds. Bidder will state in proposal point of delivery desired, which shall be taken in consideration in determining the best bid. In case of a New York purchaser, legal opinion will be delivered at the same time as notes, otherwise within 4 days thereafter. A certified check on some solvent bank or trust company in the sum of \$5,000 made payable to the Board of Education of the Memphis City Schools shall accompany the proposal as good faith deposit.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Trenton), N. J.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The \$250,000 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon or registered bonds sold recently to George B. Gibbons & Co. Inc., of New York, at a price of 100.59, a basis of about 5.385%—V. 134, p. 164—are being reoffered for general investment priced at 102.38 and interest, yielding 5%. The bonds mature July 1 1937. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York and New Jersey.

MERCER COUNTY (P. O. Celina), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,660 road improvement bonds offered on Dec. 18—V. 133, p. 3820—were awarded as 6s, at a price of par, to the Commercial Bank of Celina, the only bidder.

MIDDLETOWN, Orange County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$54,000 coupon or registered street paving bonds offered at not to exceed 5% interest on Jan. 5—V. 134, p. 164—was not sold, as no bids were received. The bonds are dated Jan. 2 1931 and mature \$6,000 annually on Jan. 2 from 1933 to 1941, incl.

MILLCREEK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Erie County, Pa.—BOND ELECTION.—A bond election has been called for Jan. 19 on which date a proposed \$140,000 school bond issue will be considered by the voters. The township has an assessed valuation of \$5,779,759 and the existing debt of the school district amounts to \$158,121.47.

MISSISSIPPI, State of (P. O. Jackson).—BOND EXCHANGE.—An arrangement has been made between the State Bond Commission and the holders of the bank deposit guaranty certificates of indebtedness whereby the bonds to be used to retire these certificates, having been offered for sale without success on Oct. 31 (V. 133, p. 3125), will be exchanged for the certificates. We quote in part as follows from the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of Jan. 1:

"Exchange of \$1,000,000 bonds of the State of Mississippi for approximately that amount of certificates of indebtedness against the suspended bank guaranty fund was perfected late to-day. There remain \$4,000,000 additional bonds for similar exchange.

"The bonds to-day went to 'six or eight' banks, J. S. Love, State Superintendent of Banks, declared. He said that another \$1,500,000 in bonds would be issued for certificates, also to banks, Saturday. To-morrow is a State holiday.

"The remaining \$2,500,000 is to be distributed among some 25,000 individual depositors in banks that failed prior to March 11 of last year. Just when these bonds will be exchanged has not been revealed."

MONACA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—William O. King, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until Jan. 11, for the purchase of \$65,000 series D 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1934 to 1954, incl., and \$2,000 in 1955. Interest is payable in June and Dec. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the District must accompany each proposal. (These bonds were previously offered on Nov. 9 at not to exceed 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest.)

MONTCLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—The First National Bank, the Bank of Montclair, and the Montclair Trust Co., jointly, purchased on Dec. 21 an issue of \$20,000 emergency unemployment relief notes at 6% interest.

MONTROSE CENTRAL SCHOOL DIST. NO. 3 (P. O. Buchanan), Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS VOTED.—At the general election held on Dec. 10 the voters approved of the issuance of \$215,000 school bonds by a count of 260 to 90. Issue will mature as follows: \$5,000 in from 1 to 10 years, and \$11,000 from 11 to 25 years.

MURFREESBORO, Rutherford County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until noon on Jan. 14, by W. M. Draper, City Recorder, for the purchase of an issue of \$106,000 coupon funding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 15 1932. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1933 to 1946, and \$6,000, 1947 to 1952, all inclusive.

NATICK, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on Jan. 6 of a temporary loan of \$100,000 which was to mature Nov. 4 1932. This loan was previously offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 29—V. 134, p. 164.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—Following the acceptance of the offer of Henry Difany, a local investor, to purchase a block of \$40,000 6%, six-months tax anticipation notes of an authorized issue of \$6,000,000, Director Howe of the Department of Revenue and Finance stated that he expected to sell \$400,000 additional notes to individual investors.

NEW CASTLE WATER DISTRICT NO. 1, Westchester County, N. Y.—PRICE PAID.—The issue of \$38,000 coupon or registered bonds awarded on Dec. 22 as 6s to the M. & P. Trust Co., of Buffalo—V. 133, p. 4357—was sold at par plus a premium of \$262.16, equal to a price of 100.69, a basis of about 5.94%. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1936 to 1970, incl., and \$3,000 in 1971.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—LOANS SOLD DURING DECEMBER AGGREGATE \$76,200,000.—During the month of December the city sold various temporary loan issues aggregating \$76,200,000, divided as follows:

Rapid Transit Construction Notes.				Amount. Maturity. Int. Rate. Issued.			
\$4,000,000	April 15 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 24	3,000,000	Mar. 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 24
3,000,000	April 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 24	2,000,000	Dec. 15 1932	4%	Dec. 15
2,000,000	Dec. 28 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28	1,000,000	Dec. 28 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28
1,500,000	Dec. 30 1932	4%	Dec. 30	Tri-Borough Bridge Notes.			
1,000,000	Dec. 15 1932	4%	Dec. 15	1,200,000	June 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28
400,000	April 15 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28	500,000	Dec. 15 1932	4%	Dec. 15
50,000	June 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28	Brooklyn-Richmond Vehicular Tunnel Notes.			
Various Municipal Purpose Notes.				50,000	June 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28
3,000,000	May 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 24	Mid-Manhattan East River Tunnel Notes.			
2,500,000	June 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28	100,000	June 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28
700,000	Dec. 28 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28	Revenue Bills of 1931.			
School Construction Notes.				18,000,000	Mar. 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 24
500,000	Dec. 28 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28	5,000,000	April 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 23
500,000	June 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28	Tax Notes of 1931.			
Dock Department Notes.				3,750,000	Dec. 15 1932	4%	Dec. 15
2,200,000	June 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28	Special Revenue Bonds of 1931			
500,000	Dec. 15 1932	4%	Dec. 15	17,000,000	June 14 1932	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Dec. 28
500,000	Dec. 30 1932	4%	Dec. 30	2,250,000	Dec. 15 1932	4%	Dec. 15

NEW HAVEN, New Haven County, Conn.—TEMPORARY BORROWING.—City Comptroller Barnes has arranged for the sale of \$250,000 6% notes to R. W. Pressprich & Co. of Boston, who also obtained a 10-day option on the remaining \$750,000 of an issue of \$1,000,000 authorized in anticipation of the collection of taxes. The notes sold are dated Dec. 31 1931 and will be payable June 15 1932 at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York.

NEW MIAMI (P. O. Hamilton), Butler County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. H. Kilburn, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 23, for the purchase of \$2,872.59 6% Highland Ave. improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1931. One bond for \$172.59, others for \$300. Due semi-annually as follows: \$172.59 April 1 and \$300 Oct. 1 1932, and \$300 April and Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1936, incl. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$300, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

NORFOLK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Norfolk), Madison County, Neb.—ELECTION NOTICE.—We are now informed that the election on the proposed issuance of \$130,000 in school building bonds that was previously scheduled for Jan. 19 (V. 134, p. 165) has been definitely set for Jan. 26.

NORTH BEND, Coos County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Jan. 12, by J. H. Greves, City Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$44,958.55 issue of funding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & J. Denom. \$500, one for \$458.55. Dated Jan. 15 1932. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$2,500, 1937 to 1953, and \$2,458.55 in 1954. Prin. and int. payable in gold at the rate of the City Treasurer. The approving opinion of Teal, Winfree, McCulloch & Shuler of Portland, will be furnished. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD (P. O. Manhasset), Nassau County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on Jan. 5 of \$27,000 Manhasset-Lakeville Fire Department equipment purchase bonds—V. 134, p. 165. Bidder was to name an interest rate not in excess of 6%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932 and mature \$5,400 annually on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl.

NORTHUMBERLAND, Northumberland County, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The borough council has approved of the issuance of \$18,000 4 1/2% funding bonds, to mature \$1,000 annually; optional after 1937.

OAKWOOD, Paulding County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$24,900 6% refunding special assessment bonds offered on Dec. 26—V. 133, p. 4191—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Nov. 1 1931. Due Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,900, 1933, \$3,000, 1934 to 1936 incl., \$2,000, 1937, \$3,000 from 1938 to 1940 incl., and \$2,000 in 1941.

OIL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Venango County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—E. W. Egan, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Jan. 22 for the purchase of \$350,000 4 1/2, 4 1/4 or 4 1/8% coupon school bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1938 to 1947, incl., \$15,000 from 1948 to 1957, incl., and \$30,000 from 1958 to 1962, incl. Interest is payable in Jan. and July. A certified check for 1% of the par value of the bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

OSHKOSH, Winnebago County, Wis.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$250,000 4 1/2% semi-ann. bonds that were reported sold—V. 133, p. 4357—were awarded as follows: \$177,000 school building and equipment bonds to the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee, at a price of 96.00, a basis of about 4.59% Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1933 to 1940, and \$27,000 in 1941. 23,000 school building and equipment bonds to local investors, at par. Due \$23,000 on Sept. 1 1941. 50,000 school building and equipment bonds to the various city funds, at a price of 98.00, a basis of about 4.22%. Due \$50,000 on Sept. 1 1942.

OSWEGO, Labette County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that at a special election held on Dec. 29 the voters approved the issuance of \$32,000 in gas plant bonds by a count of 523 "for" to 54 "against."

PAINESVILLE, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$68,789 5% coupon street improvement bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 133, p. 4191—was sold at a price of par and accrued interest to the Sinking Fund Commission. Dated Jan. 2 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,789 in 1933, and \$7,000 from 1934 to 1942 incl.

PASSAIC, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—Although no competitive bids were received at the offering on Dec. 31 of \$1,900,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered tax revenue bonds—V. 133, p. 4358—the issue was sold privately on the same day as 6s, at a price of par. Name of purchaser not disclosed. The bonds are dated Dec. 30 1931 and mature Dec. 30 as follows: \$700,000 in 1933, and \$600,000 in 1934 and 1935.

BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The group is making public offering of the entire issue of \$1,000,000 5 1/2% bonds at prices to yield 5%. Maturities on Jan. 1 as follows: \$20,000 from 1933 to 1970 incl. and \$30,000 from 1971 to 1978 incl. Legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York and New Jersey, according to the bankers, who also state that the bonds are direct and general obligations of the entire county, payable from unlimited taxes levied against all taxable property thereto. Legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of New York.

PASSAIC COUNTY (P. O. Paterson), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$1,000,000 coupon or registered park bonds for which no bids were received at the offering on Dec. 22—V. 133, p. 4358—was sold subsequently at private sale as 5 1/2% at a price of par, to a group composed of B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Inc., and C. A. Peim & Co., both of New York, also Charles P. Dunning & Co., of Newark.

PATERSON, Passaic County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$251,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered city hall annex bonds offered on Dec. 31—V. 133, p. 4191—were awarded at a price of par to the Board of Trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Paterson, the only bidder. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1934 to 1958 incl., and \$1,000 in 1959.

PAXTANG, Dauphin County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 coupon (registerable as to principal) bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 133, p. 4006—were awarded as 4 1/2% to the Commonwealth Trust Co., of Harrisburg, at par plus a premium of \$439.14, equal to a price of 100.57, a basis of about 4.70%. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due serially on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1961 incl. E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Philadelphia, bid par plus a premium of \$56.25, while Singer, Deane & Scribner, of Pittsburgh, bid par plus a premium of \$42.1.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—\$3,750,000 LOANS REPAID—ADDITIONAL BONDS SOLD.—It was announced on Jan. 2 that sufficient money in taxes had been received to repay the loans of \$3,750,000 due Dec. 31 1931, obtained from banks in the city for municipal payroll purposes earlier in the month. Provision has not yet been made, however, for the payment of the municipal payroll of \$1,625,000 which was due on Dec. 31.

Subscriptions for the issue of \$15,000,000 4 1/2% bonds being offered at the office of the city treasurer at a price of par amounted to \$500 on the last day of December, bringing the aggregate of sales to \$12,143,300. During the entire month a total of \$3,194,000 bonds was subscribed for.

An additional \$8,000 bonds was subscribed for on Jan. 7 bringing the total of sales to \$12,160,200.

PITTSBURGH, Allegheny County, Pa.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—A summary of the financial condition of the city is contained in the statement below, issued in connection with the proposed award on Jan. 12 of \$420,000 4 1/2% bonds, described in V. 133, p. 4358.

Official Financial Statement Dec. 22 1931. Assessed values (estimated) 85% of real valuation \$1,196,631,240.00 Total bonded debt, outstanding 61,186,300.00 Bonds authorized, but unissued 6,450,000.00 Water works bonds (included in above) 8,370,000.00 Amount in sinking fund 1,511,528.29 Water works sinking fund (included in above) 64,159.17 *Total floating debt (Nov. 30 1931) 2,633,835.47 Present population, census 1930 669,817 Tax rate for 1931 per \$1,000—Lands, \$25.50; buildings, \$12.75. Tax rate for 1932 per \$1,000—Lands, \$23.00; buildings, \$11.50.

PIEDMONT, Calhoun County, Ala.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$20,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. refunding bonds offered on Dec. 15—V. 133, p. 3821—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$2,000 from Jan. 1 1933 to 1942 incl.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$200,000 temporary loan for which no bids were received at the offering on Dec. 23—V. 133, p. 4358—was purchased subsequently at 5 1/4% discount by the First National Old Colony Corp., of Boston. Due June 22 1932.

PLAIN TOWNSHIP (P. O. North Canton) Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Willaman, Clerk of the Board of Trustees, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 15 for the purchase of \$10,000 4 1/2% poor relief bonds. Dated Dec. 21 1931. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,500 annually on Dec. 21 from 1933 to 1936 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 4 1/2%, expressed in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$100, payable to the order of the Board of Trustees, must accompany each proposal.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Osceola) Neb.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The issuance of \$54,000 in court house refunding bonds is reported to have been authorized through the passage of a resolution by the Board of County Commissioners.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Dutchess County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The M. & T. Trust Co., of Buffalo, purchased on Dec. 31 an issue of \$56,000 coupon or registered Arlington Water District bonds as 5.70s, at a price of 100.28, a basis of about 5.67%. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Jan. 1 from 1937 to 1964 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July) are payable at the Poughkeepsie Trust Co. Legal opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

PREBLE, Truxton, Tully, Lafayette, Fabius, Otisco and Spafford Central School District No. 2 (P. O. Tully) Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$25,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Dec. 28, at which time no bids were received—V. 134, p. 165—will be purchased by local banks, according to Michael J. Dempsey, District Clerk. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl.

PRESCOTT, Yavapai County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Jan. 25, by the City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of water works construction bonds. These are the bonds that were scheduled for sale on Oct. 23 but were held up pending their validation—V. 133, p. 2796. They were recently held valid by the Supreme Court.

PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—NET DEBT SHOWS INCREASE.—The annual report of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, recently submitted to the City Council, fixes the gross debt of the city as of Jan. 1 1932 at \$52,339,000, against which there are sinking funds of \$15,683,079.46, making the net debt \$36,656,920.54, an increase of \$3,429,607.28 over the net figure of \$33,227,313.26 at the same period in 1931. At that time the gross debt was \$48,039,000 and sinking funds amounted to \$14,811,686.74.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Brewster), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward D. Stannard, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 15 for the purchase of \$110,000 series No. 28, coupon or registered, not to exceed 6% interest highway improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 from 1930 to 1954 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 (January and July) are payable at the First National Bank, Brewster. A certified check for \$2,000, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York will be furnished the successful bidder.

RANDOLPH, Cold Spring, Conewago and Napoli Central School District No. 1 (P. O. Randolph), Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Nellie H. Babbitt, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Jan. 14 for the purchase of \$290,000 not to exceed 5% interest coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1933, \$5,000, 1934 to 1937, \$6,000, 1938 to 1941, \$7,000, 1942 to 1944, \$8,000 in 1945 and 1946, \$9,000 in 1947 and 1948, \$10,000 in 1949 and 1950, \$11,000 in 1951 and 1952, \$12,000 in 1953 and 1954, \$13,000 in 1955 and \$17,000 in 1961 and 1962. 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 (Jan. and July) are payable at the State Bank of Randolph, or at the Chase National Bank, New York, at the option of the holder. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to Leo E. Covert, Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

Financial Statement. Valuations: Assessed Valuation, 1931-1932 \$2,004,982 Valuation as determined by State Tax Commission 2,666,088 Debt: Bonded indebtedness of district (this issue) 290,000 (There are no bonds outstanding of school districts included in the Central School District.) Population, estimated 1932, 2,200.

RAPID CITY, Pennington County, S. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$175,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. sewage disposal plant bonds offered on Jan. 4—V. 133, p. 4192—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Due on Nov. 15 1951.

RIPLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Brown County, Ohio.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The State Teachers Retirement System, of Columbus, paid a price of par, for the issue of \$30,000 school building construction bonds sold recently—V. 133, p. 4358. Rate of interest is 5%. Maturities as follows: \$500 March and \$1,000 Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1944 incl., and \$500 March and Sept. 1 from 1945 to 1956 inclusive.

RIVERSIDE, Washington County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.—It is reported that bids were received until 8 p. m. on Jan. 7, by H. E. Doud, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. street impt. bonds.

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. McDonald), Washington County, Pa.—Sealed bids will be received by the Secretary of the Board of School Directors until Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$28,000 school improvement bonds.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—At the offering on Jan. 6 of \$2,600,000 note issues, G. F. Argetsinger, City Comptroller, received bids for \$2,300,000 notes at 6% interest, and withdrew the remaining \$300,000 from the market. The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., of New York, was awarded a block of \$1,000,000 and Robert Winthrop & Co., of New York, purchased \$100,000. Banks in Rochester subscribed for the additional \$1,200,000. The issues offered were as follows: \$1,200,000 emergency relief notes. Dated Jan. 11 1932. Due July 11 1932. 555,000 bridge design and construction notes. Dated Jan. 11 1932. Due April 11 1932.

345,000 special local improvement notes. Dated Jan. 11 1932. Due April 11 1932.

300,000 school construction notes. Dated Jan. 11 1932. Due April 11 1932.

200,000 municipal bldg. construction notes. Dated Jan. 11 1932. Due April 11 1932.

The notes are payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York. Legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York.

ROCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank A. Lawson, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 11 for the purchase of \$15,000 4 1/2% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$1,000 from 1940 to 1948 incl. and \$2,000 from 1949 to 1951 incl. Interest is payable in January and July. A certified check for \$150, payable to the order of the district, must accompany each proposal.

ST. JOSEPH, Berrien County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$40,000 (1931) current tax anticipation bonds or notes offered on Jan. 4—V. 134, p. 165—was not sold. Dated Dec. 1 1931 and due Sept. 30 1932.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,000,000, offered for sale on Jan. 5—V. 133, p. 4358—were purchased by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp. of New York, and the Wells-Dickey Co. of Minneapolis, as 5s, for a premium of \$300, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 4.99%. The issues are as follows:

\$700,000 general impt. bonds. Due from Jan. 1 1933 to 1962.
 300,000 general impt. bonds. Due from Jan. 1 1933 to 1952.
BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful bidders re-offered the above bonds for public subscription priced to yield 4.70% for all maturities. They are stated to be legal investment for savings banks in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut and other States. They are Federal tax exempt and are also stated to be tax exempt in Minnesota.

The second highest bid was an offer of \$275 premium tendered by a group composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co., the Harris Trust & Savings Bank and Ames, Emerich & Co., for \$300,000 at 5% with an option of 15 days on the remainder at the same price.

SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that of the \$1,000,000 issue of tax anticipation bonds that was offered for sale without success on Dec. 9—V. 133, p. 4006—a block of \$750,000 has since been purchased privately by seven local banks at 5%. Due on Dec. 5 1932.

BOND DETAILS.—The \$200,000 issue of sewer impt. bonds that was purchased by R. W. Pressprich & Co. of New York, as 4½s, at a price of 99.75—V. 134, p. 166—is dated Dec. 15 1931 and due on Dec. 15 1951, giving a basis of about 4.77%.

SAN DIEGO, San Diego County, Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$2,695,000 issue of 5% coupon semi-ann. El Capitan Dam bonds offered on Jan. 4—V. 134, p. 166—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated Jan. 1 1925. Due from Jan. 1 1933 to 1965. It is stated that these bonds will probably be re-offered in February.

SANDSTON (P. O. Richmond), Henrico County, Va.—BOND ELECTION.—We are officially informed that a special election will be held on Jan. 28 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of probably \$50,000 in sewage disposal plant bonds. They will be sold by the Henrico County Board of Supervisors.

SHAKER HEIGHTS, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,886 4¼% special assessment bonds authorized recently by passage of an ordinance—V. 133, p. 2300—has been purchased at a price of par by the Board of Sinking Fund Trustees. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1931 and mature \$12,943 on Oct. 1 in 1933 and 1934.

SHERRILL-KENWOOD WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Sherrill), Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Lewis W. Morrison, Commissioner of the District, informs us that the sinking fund will absorb a block of \$3,000 bonds of the issue of \$10,000 authorized recently.

SOMERSET COUNTY (P. O. Somerville), N. J.—MATURITY.—The \$100,000 5% public impt. bonds sold at a price of par equally to the Second National Bank of Somerville and the Somerville Trust Co.—V. 134, p. 166—mature \$20,000 annually on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1936 incl.

STARKVILLE, Oktobeha County, Miss.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$21,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. refunding bonds that was purchased by Saunders & Thomas of Memphis—V. 134, p. 166—was awarded at par and matures from 1932 to 1956.

TORONTO, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert R. Bell, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 18 for the purchase of \$20,276.43 6% street improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. One bond for \$776.42, others for \$500. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,776.42 in 1933 and \$2,500 from 1934 to 1940, incl. Interest is payable in March and September. Bids for the bonds to bear interest at a rate other than 6%, expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%, will also be considered. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the city, must accompany each proposal.

TORRANCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16 (P. O. Estancia), N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 issue of 5% semi-ann. refunding bonds offered for sale on Dec. 7—V. 133, p. 3497—was purchased at par by the State of New Mexico. There were no other bids received.

BONDS CALLED.—The entire issue of 6% school bonds maturing on Jan. 1 1932 are called for payment at par, interest ceasing on Jan. 1 1932.

TULSA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. Tulsa), Okla.—BONDS OFFERED.—It is reported that sealed bids were received until 7 p. m. on Jan. 8, by J. H. Yearout, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$16,700 issue of school bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1936 to 1951, and \$700 in 1952. Interest rate to be named by bidder.

TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT (P. O. Twin Falls), Twin Falls County, Ida.—BOND NOTICE.—It is reported that the district bonds and coupons heretofore payable at Kountze Bros. in New York will be paid at the office of the district in New York.

TYRONE, Blair County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—J. H. Harkelrode, Borough Secretary, reports that no bids were received at the offering on Dec. 30 of an issue of \$400,000 4¼% bonds—V. 133, p. 4193. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due serially from 1933 to 1962 incl.

UNION CITY, Obion County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 15 by D. A. Box, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of funding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Elizabeth), N. J.—BID REJECTED.—The offer of George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., of New York, of a price of 100.21 for 6s, submitted at the offering on Jan. 5 of \$300,000 4¼% coupon or registered park bonds—V. 133, p. 4359—was rejected. Only one bid was received. The bonds are dated Jan. 15 1932 and mature Jan. 15 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1957 incl., and \$7,000 from 1958 to 1982 incl.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The village council recently adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$10,000 6% special assessment improvement bonds, to be dated Dec. 1 1931 and mature \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1942 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and Oct.

UPPER SANDUSKY, Wyandot County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,000 sewer bonds offered on Dec. 29—V. 133, p. 4193—were awarded as 6s at a price of par to the First National Bank of Upper Sandusky, the only bidder. Dated Dec. 8 1931. Due \$350 June 8 and Dec. 8 from 1932 to 1941 incl.

VALLEY STREAM, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$89,000 coupon or registered public improvement bonds offered on Jan. 6 (V. 134, p. 166) were awarded as 6s to Batchelder & Co. of New York, the only bidder, at a price of 100.12, a basis of about 5.98%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932 and mature Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1933; \$10,000 from 1934 to 1936, incl.; \$11,000, 1937; \$3,000 from 1938 to 1951, incl., and \$2,000 in 1952.

WALLA WALLA, Walla Walla County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received, according to report, until 10 a. m. on Jan. 27, by Ray Appling, City Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$123,900 flood control funding bonds. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

WALTHAM, Middlesex County, Mass.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—H. W. Cutter, City Treasurer, reports that no bids were received at the offering on Jan. 7 of \$122,000 coupon bonds, the rate of interest for which was optional with the bidder. Included in the offering were: \$95,000 water bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$7,000 from 1933 to 1937, incl., and \$6,000 from 1938 to 1947, inclusive.

\$27,000 street bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$3,000 from 1933 to 1939, incl., and \$2,000 from 1940 to 1942, incl.

Each issue is dated Jan. 1 1932. Principal and interest (Jan and July) payable in Boston. Legal opinion of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

Financial Statement Dec. 28 1931.

Assessed valuation for year 1931	\$61,540,912.00
Total debt (including these issues)	3,026,500.00
Water debt (included in total debt)	454,000.00
Sinking funds other than water	30,999.86
Population	39,425.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$6,360 5% fair grounds street appropriation bonds offered on Dec. 31—V. 133, p. 4193—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$360 in 1933 and \$1,000 from 1934 to 1939 incl.

WARREN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Tiltonville) Jefferson County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Joseph W. Granger, Township Clerk, will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 20, for the purchase of \$1,500 6% notes, to mature \$500 annually on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1935, inclusive. Denom. \$500.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Jonesboro), Tenn.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is stated that the Legislature has authorized the issuance by the County Court of not to exceed \$200,000 school bonds.

WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Chipley), Fla.—BOND ELECTION.—We are informed that a special election will be held on Jan. 16 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$6,800 in school building bonds.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN NOT SOLD.—The temporary loan of \$400,000 offered at discount basis on Jan. 5—V. 134, p. 166—was not sold. The loan was to have matured Nov. 21 1932.

WAYNE, Wayne County, Neb.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$195,000 issue of coupon refunding bonds that was purchased by the State National Bank of Wayne as 5s at par—V. 134, p. 166—is dated Jan. 2 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially to Jan. 2 1952. Interest payable J. & J.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY (P. O. White Plains), N. Y.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The sale of \$240,000 emergency work relief certificate of indebtedness, mentioned in V. 134, p. 166, was made at a price of par as follows:

- \$80,000 4s to the Citizens Bank of White Plains. Due Jan. 5 1933.
 - 80,000 4½s to the Westchester County National Bank of White Plains. Due Jan. 5 1934.
 - 30,000 4½s to the First National Bank of Port Chester. Due Jan. 5 1935.
 - 30,000 4½s to the Westchester County National Bank of White Plains. Due Jan. 5 1935.
 - 20,000 4½s to the National City Bank of New Rochelle. Due Jan. 5 1935.
- Each issue is dated Jan. 5 1932.

WESTERVILLE, Franklin County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The village council recently adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$22,000 6% refunding bonds, to obtain funds for the redemption of bonds that matured Oct. 1 1931. The bonds are to be dated not later than Oct. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due annually on Oct. 1 from 1935 to 1943 incl.

WILDWOOD, Cape May County, N. J.—PRICE PAID.—The city received a price of par for the issues of 5% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$425,000 sold recently, as reported in V. 134, p. 166.

WOODBURY, Gloucester County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Walter B. Woolley, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Jan. 14 for the purchase of \$125,000 4, 4½, 5, 5½, 5¾ or 6% coupon general impt. bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1937 incl.; \$5,000, 1938 to 1942 incl., and \$7,000 from 1943 to 1952 incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) are payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Woodbury. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$125,000. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of 4¼% semi-ann. spec. impt bonds aggregating \$46,000, offered on Dec. 31—V. 133, p. 4359—were not sold as there were no bids received. The issues are divided as follows: \$39,000 47th St. road bonds. Due from Jan. 1 1933 to 1947. 7,000 Holcomb Ave. road bonds. Due from Jan. 1 1933 to 1947.

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The city council has adopted an ordinance providing for the issuance of \$18,113.62 5% judgment funding bonds. Dated Dec. 21 1931. One bond for \$113.62, others for \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,113.62 in 1933, \$3,000 in 1934, and \$4,000 in 1935 and 1936.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

CAP DE LA MADELEINE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—R. Rocheleau, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on Jan. 18 for the purchase of \$7,700 5½% bonds, dated Jan. 2 1932 and due serially on Jan. 2 from 1933 to 1952 incl. Payable at the Banque Canadienne Nationale at Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers or Cap de la Madeleine.

DORVAL, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—H. Meloche, Secretary-Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 6 p. m. on Jan. 15, for the purchase of an issue of \$60,000 5¼% filtration plant construction bonds, to mature serially on Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1961, incl.

HAMILTON, Ont.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., Bell, Gouinlock & Co., and Dymont, Anderson & Co., purchased on Dec. 23 a block of \$600,000 5% bonds of a total issue of \$1,594,000. The sale was made on an interest cost basis of 5.95% to the city, and the purchasers obtained a 10-day option on the remaining bonds.

LEEDS AND GRENVILLE (United Counties of), Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William Holmes, County Treasurer, at Brockville, until 12 m. on Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$250,000 5½% provincial highway and county road construction bonds, to mature annually in from 1 to 10 years.

LUCEVILLE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to J. Cote, Secretary-Treasurer of the village, will be received until 12 m. on Jan. 18 for the purchase of \$6,100 5% bonds, dated May 1 1931 and due serially on May 1 from 1949 to 1956 incl.

NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of),—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—A syndicate composed of the Bank of Montreal, the Dominion Securities Corp., the Royal Bank of Canada, A. E. Ames & Co., the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Wood, Gundy & Co., Bank of Nova Scotia, Hanson Bros., Inc., McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Royal Securities Corp., Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., Bell, Gouinlock & Co., W. C. Pitfield & Co., R. A. Daly & Co., Eastern Securities Co., and T. M. Bell & Co., is offering for public investment an issue of \$5,062,000 5½% coupon (registerable as to principal) non-callable sinking fund bonds at a price of 97 and accrued interest, to yield over 5.75%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932 and will mature Jan. 1 1952. More than 60% of the proceeds of the sale will be used for refunding purposes, the remainder being for roads and the Provincial hospital. Legal opinion of Long & Daly, of Toronto. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in lawful money of Canada in Halifax, Saint John, Fredericton, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver, at the option of the holder.

Financial Statement.
 (As officially reported Dec. 30 1931.)

Assessable value of property within Province (estimated)	\$200,000,000
Gross funded debt (including present issue)	\$3,516,996
Less: Deposited with Dominion Government	\$529,299
Self-sustaining debt	6,170,000
Total sinking funds	\$5,710,631
Less sinking funds on self-sustaining debt	788,471
	4,922,160
	11,621,459
Net funded debt	\$41,895,537

* In addition, the Province has a floating debt estimated at \$2,289,000 and a contingent liability in respect to guaranteed obligations of \$1,157,000. Population, 408,255. Area, 27,985 square miles.

ONTARIO (Province of),—NEW FINANCING IMMINENT.—New financing to the amount of \$40,000,000 will shortly be arranged by the Province and will probably be obtained in Canada, according to the Jan. 1 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto.

SANDWICH, Ont.—BOND AUTHORIZATION SOUGHT.—The Town Council has petitioned the Provincial Legislature for authority to issue \$150,000 in bonds in anticipation of the collection of taxes now in arrears.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The two bond proposals providing for the issuance of \$600,000 sewer and water works bonds and \$150,000 paving bonds were defeated at an election held recently—V. 133, p. 4194.

WALKERVILLE, Ont.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At an election held recently the voters rejected the proposed \$140,000 sewer debenture by-law.