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The Financial Situation.

While there have been a number of developments this week which appear to be of a constructive character, not much satisfaction is to be derived from the wearisome way in which the negotiations for a reduction in the pay of railroad labor have been dragging along. For many months the Railway Presidents have been doing nothing but defer to the labor executives, in the hope that these latter, realizing the dire distress in which the roads find themselves, would consent to a voluntary reduction in the scale of pay. But these labor heads have done nothing but carp, and have raised point after point of objection with reference to matters having no relevancy to the question at issue until a stage has been reached in the discussion where it is difficult any longer to believe in the sincerity of these labor executives. The Railroad Presidents have certainly shown wonderful patience, a degree of patience, indeed, in which the public has found it impossible to share, and it would seem that the time has now arrived for a change.

There have been a series of conferences this week, and the usual reassuring statements have been given out as to how near agreement the two sides were, but the fact of the matter is that the week ends with nothing more tangible to report than that the labor heads are still engaged in a sort of baiting of the Railroad Presidents, who really look foolish as they are called before these mighty chieftains to justify their action for wanting to hold expenses down to the limit of shrinking revenues. Clearly an end should be brought to the persistent delay. Has not the time arrived for the Railroad Presidents to assert themselves and proceed without further circumlocution to put the lower wage scales into effect? There

is to-day no more pressing problem than that of restoring the credit of the railroads, and there is no way of doing this except by putting them on a paying basis where they can at least earn their fixed charges and also some moderate return on their share capital.

As indicating the tactics pursued by these labor executives, they asked the roads this week to justify the wage reduction and explain exactly why a 10% cut in wages was deemed necessary, as if these labor leaders were unaware of the fact that the traffic of the roads had gone all to pieces and their revenue had in like manner shrunk almost to the vanishing point. David B. Robertson, the head of the Firemen's Brotherhood and leader of the entire labor delegation, said that railway labor could not accept the argument that wages should be reduced because the cost of living was lower. He declared that labor was unwilling to accept as arguments for wage reductions either the claim of "inadequate return" or comparisons of the cost of living. After the meeting on Tuesday he was said in Associated Press advices from Chicago as having revealed the details of his reply to the plea of the roads for a voluntary reduction. The labor head wants to make sure, too, that the properties are not overvalued, a thing the Inter-State Commerce Commission has been trying to do for nearly 20 years. "As to the value of railroad properties and the claim of inadequate return, employees could not accept the contentions of the railroads, and it would be well to avoid useless argument," Mr. Robertson said. "Employees did not agree, and the Inter-State Commerce Commission did not agree with the railroad claims, concerning the value of railroad properties." All of which indicates how far afield these labor leaders are going in discussing a matter which involves nothing, or ought to involve nothing, except how to deal with the tremendous falling off in railroad traffic and railroad revenues.

These labor leaders demanded that the roads produce statistics. The railroad executives, always conciliatory and obliging, undertook to furnish these statistics. Labor asked for the "whole picture" of the financial difficulties of the carriers, and got it. Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio, answered with statistics which, we are told, took two days to compile. The picture, he said, was of an industry rapidly losing credit and facing additional bankruptcies unless help arrived.

The labor leaders put forth various other proposals. They wanted assurance that the roads would stabilize employment if organized labor should agree to a wage reduction; they put forth again their proposition for a six-hour day, asked for co-ordination of train crews and train lengths, protection of labor in railroad consolidations, and a \$1,000,000,000 issue for grade crossing elimination. Each and all of these things was clearly out of the question, and the labor

leaders, by lugging them into the controversy, furnished occasion for impugning their good faith. However, the roads made a dignified and convincing reply, furnishing statistics galore, to show how the earning capacity of the roads had become impaired. "We believe," said the Committee of Presidents, in a formal statement, "a reduction in the compensation of all persons engaged in railway service is an essential step towards enabling the railways to improve their credit, increase their employment and purchases, and thereby contribute toward a general revival of business."

As to the necessity of the saving of approximately \$215,000,000, which would result from the pay reduction, Mr. Willard said 72 railways failed to earn their fixed charges last year, and that unless the net earnings could be increased this year the number would be "much larger." "The railway companies failing to earn their fixed charges are plainly in danger of becoming bankrupt," he said. "In addition, in 1932 there will become due and payable the principal of \$405,000,000 of railroad mortgage bonds, equipment trust obligations and other loans." These obligations must be satisfied to avoid bankruptcy." Mr. Willard put the gross earnings of the roads for 1931 at \$4,259,000,000 against \$5,342,957,046 for the calendar year 1930 and \$6,360,302,775 in 1929.

Let the reader ponder well what these figures mean. They show that as compared with two years ago the gross revenues of the roads suffered a reduction in amount of over \$2,000,000,000. This alone ought to be sufficient to convince labor that the roads are in need. With traffic so seriously reduced the operating forces were necessarily greatly curtailed, since there was no work for them to do, and, accordingly, the average number of employees fell from 1,686,769 in 1929 to 1,285,000 in 1931. And this is the unemployment situation the labor leaders ask the railroads to stabilize, as if it were in their power to do anything of the kind. As to the net results of operations, the net railway operating income for 1931 was only \$534,000,000 against \$1,274,595,403 in 1929. In other words, the 1931 net (out of which fixed charges have to be met) was \$740,000,000 less than the amount two years ago. And yet the labor executives ask the roads to justify a wage reduction and at the same time insist upon the *stabilization* of employment. What logic; what puerile claims!

Yet in all this Mr. Robertson has simply been pursuing the same course and indulging in the same nonsensical talk that he did last November when he originally rejected the proposition of the roads for a reduction in wages. It will be recalled that this labor leader at that time asserted that the roads were engaged in an attempt "to increase the present wages of capital," and then proceeded as follows: "You are asking that the employed workers take 10% from their earnings to support idle capital. We submit that the first duty of the employed workers, after their duty to their dependents, is an obligation to their fellow employees who are *denied* an opportunity of employment." Another similar statement then made was to the following effect: "We have been asked to contribute, not to the relief of our fellow employees, but to the relief of those who have no claim upon our charity. We submit that impartial public opinion will support our answer *that labor cannot be called upon to pay a dole to idle capital.*"

Nothing is to be expected from men who talk and act in this insensate fashion. They certainly injure

any cause for which they act, and, in our estimation, it is a mistake to continue further negotiations with a body of men thus represented. It is also a mistake to arrange for a mere temporary decrease, since in that event the matter must come up afresh in a very short time. Voluntary reduction is to be for merely one year. No one who has any knowledge as to the facts supposes that within the brief space of 12 months the railroad system of the country can be so rehabilitated that the roads will again be able to pay the wages which they now find themselves utterly unable to pay. With the reduction limited to a single year, uncertainty as to its continuance will be an unsettling factor from the very start, and certainly the labor executives will fight against its continuance as hard as they are now fighting against having the wage reduction made at all. And the fact that the question must in that event remain an open one would militate against that restoration of railroad credit which is so essential for the welfare of the roads and without which they will not be able to serve the public in the way demanded for the best interests of the whole community.

The railroads will need large new supplies of capital, and they cannot get these supplies until they are put upon a permanent paying basis. A balance upon the right side of the account for a single year, or even for two or three years, will not suffice for the purpose. There must be assurance that they can permanently earn a return upon the money invested in the properties. There should therefore be no further temporizing in the matter. There must be a permanent saving in labor costs, and it should be of sufficient amount to be ample for the purpose. It does not now seem that a 10% saving will be ample, and hence all interests will be best served if that doubt also is removed. It is certainty that is now demanded, and in order that a general revival of business shall be assured the railroads cannot afford to take any chances in the matter.

For the present the railroads would appear to have more certain prospects of immediate relief from the organization of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation which the present week has been pushed through Congress with great speed. It is a gigantic proposition, with provision for a capital of \$500,000,000, to be subscribed by the United States Government, and with authority to issue also \$1,500,000,000 of debentures. It is very broad and comprehensive, too, in its scope and application. Under its provisions it would seem possible to extend aid and relief in every direction. The title describes it as "An Act to provide emergency financing facilities for financial institutions, to aid in financing agriculture, commerce and industry, and for other purposes." For instance, under Section 5 of the Act the Corporation is authorized to aid "in financing agriculture, commerce and industry, including facilitating the exportation of agricultural and other products, and empowered to make loans, upon such terms and conditions not inconsistent with this Act as it may determine, to any bank, savings bank, trust company, building and loan association, insurance company, mortgage loan company, credit union, Federal Land Bank, Joint Stock Land Bank, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, agricultural credit corporation, livestock credit corporation, organized under the laws of any State, or of the United States, including loans secured by the assets of any bank that is closed, or

in process of liquidation, to aid in the reorganization or liquidation of such banks, upon application of the receiver or liquidating agent of such bank, and any receiver of any National bank is hereby authorized to contract for such loans and to pledge any assets of the bank for securing the same: Provided, that not more than \$300,000,000 shall be used for the relief of banks that are closed or in the process of liquidation."

In order to aid the railroads the Corporation, under the same section of the Act, "may make loans at any time prior to the expiration of one year from the date of the enactment hereof; and the President may from time to time postpone such date of expiration for such additional period or periods as he may deem necessary, not to exceed two years from the date of the enactment hereof. Within the foregoing limitations of this section, the Corporation may also, upon the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, make loans to aid in the temporary financing of railroads and railways engaged in inter-State commerce, to railroads and railways in process of construction, and to receivers of such railroads and railways, when in the opinion of the Board of Directors of the Corporation such railroads or railways are unable to obtain funds upon reasonable terms through banking channels or from the general public, and the Corporation will be adequately secured:

"Provided that no fee or commission shall be paid by any applicant for a loan under the provisions hereof in connection with any such application or any loan made or to be made hereunder, and the agreement to pay or payment of any such fee or commission shall be unlawful.

"Any such railroad may obligate itself in such form as shall be prescribed and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Corporation with respect to the deposit or assignment of security hereunder, without the authorization or approval of any authority, State or Federal, and without compliance with any requirement, State or Federal, as to notification, other than such as may be imposed by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and the Corporation under the provisions of this section."

The Corporation is given a life of 10 years, and the railroads seem likely to get quickest relief under the measure, since their situation is so serious and the process of obtaining loans is so simple in that case. But it is always to be remembered that this means borrowing, which will be very helpful right now, but that the real need is of larger revenues and lower costs, so that the roads will be relieved of the necessity of such borrowing and be able to earn their fixed charges out of their own operations.

The thing always to be feared in the case of a body with such extensive powers is that these powers will be abused. On that point, fortunately, reassurance against anything of the kind is furnished by the selections President Hoover has made of those who are to have charge of the management of the affairs of the Corporation. General Charles G. Dawes is to be President of the Corporation, and Eugene Meyer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, is to be Chairman of the Board of the new Corporation. These are both capable men, tested by experience in the identical class of work which the new Corporation will be called upon to perform, and no better and wiser choice could probably have been made.

We are glad to know, too, that the Corporation securities are not to find lodgment in the vaults of the Federal Reserve banks, Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, that valiant defender of the integrity and soundness of our Federal Reserve System, along with Senator Robert J. Bulkley, of Ohio, having won their fight to make the Corporation securities ineligible for rediscount at the Federal Reserve banks. The Corporation's obligations are not to be subject to rediscount or purchase by the Federal Reserve System. They will, however, be eligible for purchase and sale by the United States Treasury.

There is reason for gratification, too, in the fact that through the aid of the various banking houses the crisis in the financial affairs of the city of New York, which appeared to be reaching an acute stage a week ago, has been readily surmounted. The trouble arose out of the fact that the city has in more recent times been constantly adding to the volume of its indebtedness, and, unfortunately, was carrying a huge amount of it in the form of short-term obligations. These finally reached such a large sum that in the present unsettled condition of the municipal bond market difficulty was encountered in effecting the necessary renewals, as they came with recurring frequency. All matters have now been satisfactorily arranged for a considerable time to come, and embarrassment for the future avoided. As part of the arrangement the group of bankers, one of the largest ever organized, yesterday offered \$100,000,000 City of New York special corporate stock notes, dated Jan. 25 1932, with \$25,000,000 principal amount maturing Jan. 25 1935, \$25,000,000 maturing Jan. 25 1936, and \$50,000,000 maturing Jan. 25 1937. The whole issue (which was authorized under a special Act of the New York Legislature the present week so as to carry through the agreement entered into with the bankers) was quickly oversubscribed. It is rather a blow to the city's pride to have to pay 6% interest, but it was absolutely necessary to guard against any slip-up in the sale of the bonds, and in the present condition of the municipal bond market and the unfortunate state of the city's finances, the terms of the offering had to be made exceptionally attractive in order to insure in advance the unqualified success of the offering. City pride had to be left out of consideration for the time being.

Incidentally much good will result from the difficulty in which the city became temporarily involved. The city has been very prodigal in its financial administration, and it was time that a halt be called. This has now been done. The group of bankers who came to the rescue of the city saw to it that assurances were given that a policy of retrenchment and economy in the conduct of the city administration be pursued for the future. As a consequence, the credit of the city ought to be speedily restored, while at the same time the burden of the taxpayers will be lightened.

Another favorable event the present week has been the passage by the Legislature at Albany of the Campbell bill eliminating 1931 earnings in determining railroad bonds as legal investments for savings banks. The measure was urged by the Cheney Banking Commission as an emergency measure, and is intended to relieve the distress which the banks who have such large investments in railroad bonds have experienced. Railroad securities not only suffered

enormous depreciation during the past year, but the earnings of the roads were so heavily reduced that on the basis of the requirements of the law many of the securities of the railroads would no longer be eligible for savings bank investment if the provisions of the law applied to the 1931 income as well as to the income of previous years. Hence the elimination of the 1931 figures in applying the test of the law.

The returns of the Federal Reserve banks the present week show surprisingly little change, considering the action of the New York Federal Reserve Bank last week in lowering its buying rate for acceptances and the talk so freely indulged in within recent periods, more particularly in Europe, to the effect that by reason of the various emergency measures providing for the expenditures of large amounts of money, to which Congressional approval is being given (the \$2,000,000,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation being one of these), the country was embarking upon headlong inflation. Gold withdrawals from the Federal Reserve banks have recently again been heavy, and advices from the other side have been to the effect that owing to this fear of inflation, several of the European Central Banks were withdrawing their balances held here. For the week ending Wednesday night the exports from the United States reached no less than \$36,363,000, \$24,269,000 going to France, \$8,233,000 to Belgium, \$3,260,000 to England, \$346,000 to Switzerland, and \$255,000 to Holland. But \$16,100,000 of this seems to have been gold previously held under earmark, since that amount of the metal was released from earmark during the week. At the same time, also, \$8,307,000 of gold arrivals were reported at New York, mainly from Argentina and Colombia. Yesterday \$20,474,000 more gold was taken for export to France and \$230,000 for export to Switzerland, while \$12,000,200 was released from earmark.

In view of all this, as already said, the changes shown for the week in Wednesday's returns of the Federal Reserve banks are surprisingly slight. In the first place the lowering of the buying rate for acceptances has proved ineffective in securing new supplies of bills for the Reserve banks. This appears from the fact that bill holdings of the 12 Reserve institutions, instead of increasing, were further reduced during the week from \$213,801,000 to \$188,041,000. Parenthetically it may be noted that the acceptances held on behalf of foreign banks remained virtually unchanged, the amount last week having been \$285,141,000 and the present week being \$285,299,000. The discount holdings of the 12 Reserve banks also show only a minor change, as far as the 12 Reserve institutions as a whole are concerned, the total this week at \$818,986,000 comparing with \$818,341,000 last week. Here, however, it must be observed again that while the total of the discounts remained virtually unchanged, the distribution of the holdings among the different Reserve institutions has nevertheless altered somewhat, as appears from the fact that at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York the discount holdings fell during the week from \$191,210,000 to \$167,556,000. It follows that with the holdings of the New York Reserve Bank reduced in amount of \$24,000,000, there must have been an increase to the same amount at the Reserve banks outside of New York. Holdings of United States Government securities show inconsequential changes both at the New York Reserve Bank and for the 12

Reserve institutions as a whole. The amount for the 12 institutions is \$751,468,000 this week and was \$751,575,000 last week.

"Other securities," consisting of Federal Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, have recently been slowly growing, and this item stands at \$36,846,000 the present week against \$29,732,000 last week. Altogether the total of bills and securities, which constitutes a measure of the volume of Reserve credit outstanding, is a little smaller the present week at \$1,795,341,000 as against \$1,813,449,000 last week. Gold reserves, notwithstanding the heavy outflow of the metal, have slightly increased, rising from \$3,001,836,000 Jan. 13 to \$3,005,914,000 Jan. 20. The volume of Federal Reserve notes in circulation is also slightly larger, having risen from \$2,635,766,000 to \$2,642,140,000. The ratio of total reserves to deposit and Federal Reserve note liabilities combined stands a little higher, having moved up from 66.9% to 67.3%. It remains only to say that foreign bank deposits in the care of the Reserve banks are also slightly larger, standing at \$81,830,000 the present week against \$75,129,000 last week.

There is little of an encouraging nature in the December foreign trade statement. Merchandise exports from the United States were again reduced in value as compared with the preceding month, and imports, while a little higher than in November, which was the low point for many years, are below those of any other month in 1931 excepting only November. The value of exports for the final month of last year was \$184,000,000, which, with the exception of July, August and September, was under that of any other month in 1931. Furthermore, the figures last month compared with \$274,856,000 for December 1930, the reduction for the month just closed being \$90,856,000, or 33.1%. Imports in December amounted to only \$153,000,000. For December 1930 the value of imports was \$208,636,000, the decline last month from the preceding year thus being \$55,000,000 or 26.4%. The ratio of loss for December, from the figures of the preceding year, was somewhat less than shown by the report for the twelve months of 1931. The fact just stated might be considered a favorable condition, were it not for the further fact that both exports and imports of merchandise in December 1930 were also considerably below the amount usually returned in the December statement. The decline for December 1931 was, in consequence, somewhat less than it otherwise might have been.

For the year 1931, merchandise exports were valued at \$2,424,183,000 against \$3,843,181,000 for the preceding year, a reduction last year of \$1,418,998,000 or 36.9%. Merchandise imports in 1931 amounted to \$2,090,107,000 compared with \$3,060,908,000, the reduction shown for the past year being \$970,801,000 or 31.7%. Merchandise exports for the year were the smallest in value since 1914 and imports since 1915.

The balance of trade in December on the merchandise movement continued on the export side, exports for the month exceeding imports by \$31,000,000—for the year previous the excess value of exports over imports in December was \$66,220,000. For the calendar year of 1931, exports were in excess of imports by \$334,076,000, whereas for the preceding year the amount was \$782,273,000 on the export side.

Many years have passed since the trade balance has been so low as it was in 1931—not since 1910 in fact. Cotton exports in December contributed considerably to the movement abroad for that month, as it did in November; also, in October, although the increase for the month last mentioned was not as large as it was in November and December. In December, cotton exported from the United States was not only larger than in that month of the preceding year, but the value was larger also than it was in 1930. Quite a period has passed since cotton exports have been higher in value than in the same time in the preceding year. On the other hand, the decrease in the value of cotton exports for many recent months has been very heavy. The reversal of this condition in December is therefore worthy of note.

Last month's cotton exports amounted to 1,195,258 bales, the largest movement in any month since October 1929—in December 1930 cotton exports were 778,973 bales. The value of cotton exports last month was \$47,304,000 against \$47,220,000 in the preceding December. For the calendar year of 1931 cotton exports show a small gain over the preceding year—6,862,000 bales comparing with 6,487,000 bales in 1930. The increase last year was 375,490 bales, or 5.8%. Contrariwise, values last year for cotton were much lower than in 1930. Cotton exports for the year just closed were valued at \$323,949,200 against \$493,876,000 for 1930, a decrease in 1931 of \$169,927,000 or 34.4%. This heavy loss in value appears, in the face of an increase of nearly 6% in quantity shipped abroad and reflects the large decline that has occurred in cotton prices during this period. There are many other commodities, all of those entering into the foreign trade of the United States probably, which show something of the same conditions as appears for cotton—at least the heavy decline in the value of the exports or imports of most of them, does not measure anything like an equal loss in the quantity moved.

The gold movement in December again became somewhat erratic, especially in exports. The latter increased again quite largely, and while gold imports last month continued heavy, the amount was less than in November. Gold exports last month were \$32,651,000 and imports \$89,509,000. A year ago in December exports were only \$36,000 and imports \$32,778,000. For the year 1931, gold exports amounted to \$466,794,000 and imports \$612,119,000, the excess of imports being \$145,325,000. Except for the heavy exports of \$398,604,000 in gold in October, the export movement for the year just closed would not have been important. In 1930, gold exports were \$115,967,000 and imports \$396,054,000, the latter also exceeding exports, the excess being \$280,087,000. For the past three years imports of gold have been larger than exports. For the ten additional years back to 1920, imports have been in excess of exports seven years, while the reverse condition has been the case only three years, exports of gold being larger. The silver movement in December continued very small. For the year 1931, silver exports were \$26,485,000 and imports \$28,664,000. In 1930 silver exports amounted to \$54,157,000 and imports to \$42,761,000.

There is very little to be said about the stock market the present week. Dealings have been light and price changes rather irregular, with the fluctuations narrow except in a few separate issues. Prices

were inclined to recede at the half-day session last Saturday and again in the dealings on Monday. On Tuesday there was a slight rally about the middle of the day, but it did not hold at the close. On Wednesday and Thursday the trend was upward, but on Friday the market again turned weak. The railroad list displayed strength at times, but the lack of progress in the conferences held at Chicago between the railway executives and the labor executives, with reference to lowering wage scales, proved a damper that held advances in check. There have been further dividend reductions and omissions. Among the companies that have lapsed altogether in their dividend declarations may be mentioned Warner Bros. Pictures in the quar. div. on the \$3.85 cumul. pref. stock; the Revere Copper & Brass, Inc., on the 7% cumul. pref.; the Gruen Watch Co. of Cincinnati on the 7% cumul. pref. stock, and the American Commonwealth Power Corp. in the quarterly dividends on its various issues of stock. The Ingersoll Rand Co. reduced the quar. div. on common from \$1 a share to 75c.; Oppenheim, Collins & Co., Inc., reduced the quar. div. on common from 50c. a share to 25c., after having previously reduced from 75c. to 50c. a share. A. Stein & Co. reduced the quar. div. on common from 40c. a share to 25c.; Houston Oil Co. of Texas reduced the semi-annual div. on the 6% cumul. pref. stock from 75c. a share to 37½c. a share, and the H. C. Bohack Co. reduced the quar. div. on common from \$1 a share to 62½c. a share. The Freeport Texas Co. reduced the quar. div. on common from 75c. a share to 50c. The call loan rate on the Stock Exchange again remained unchanged at 2½%.

Trading has been quite light. At the half-day session on Saturday last the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 733,315 shares; on Monday they were 1,383,440 shares; on Tuesday, 1,090,025 shares; on Wednesday, 1,211,715 shares; on Thursday, 1,240,168 shares, and on Friday, 1,561,404 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 137,115 shares; on Monday, 200,130 shares; on Tuesday, 159,316 shares; on Wednesday, 206,980 shares; on Thursday, 219,160 shares, and on Friday, 244,330 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, prices are mostly lower. General Electric closed yesterday at 21 against 25⅝ on Friday of last week; North American at 33⅜ against 36¼; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 33⅞ against 35¾; Standard Gas & Elec. at 29 against 32⅝; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 60¼ against 64⅞; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 13⅞ against 14¾; Brooklyn Union Gas at 77 against 81; Elec. Power & Light at 11½ against 13⅞; Public Service of N. J. at 54⅞ against 57¼; International Harvester at 25 against 28¼; J. I. Case Threshing Machine at 38½ against 41⅞; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 33½ against 35¾; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 8½ against 9⅞; Woolworth at 40½ against 43⅞; Safeway Stores at 46⅞ against 48; Western Union Telegraph at 40½ against 43½; American Tel. & Tel. at 117⅞ against 122¼; Int. Tel. & Tel. at 9⅞ against 10⅞; American Can at 60⅞ against 64⅞; United States Industrial Alcohol at 25¼ against 29; Commercial Solvents at 8⅞ against 9⅞; Shattuck & Co. at 10 against 10, and Corn Products at 42 against 44.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 69 against 73½ on Friday of last week; E. I. de Nemours at 52 against 56¼; National Cash Register at 9¼ against 11¼; International Nickel at 3¼

against $8\frac{3}{4}$; Timken Roller Bearing at $19\frac{5}{8}$ against 22; Mack Trucks at 14 against $15\frac{3}{4}$; Yellow Truck & Coach at $4\frac{1}{8}$ against $4\frac{5}{8}$; Johns-Manville at $19\frac{7}{8}$ against $23\frac{1}{8}$; Gillette Safety Razor at $12\frac{1}{4}$ against $13\frac{1}{8}$; National Dairy Products at 24 against $25\frac{5}{8}$; Associated Dry Goods at $6\frac{7}{8}$ against $8\frac{1}{4}$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at $23\frac{1}{2}$ against $25\frac{1}{8}$; American & Foreign Power at $7\frac{5}{8}$ against $8\frac{3}{4}$; General American Tank Car at $30\frac{1}{2}$ against $32\frac{1}{8}$; United Gas Improvement at $18\frac{5}{8}$ against $20\frac{1}{8}$; National Biscuit at $40\frac{5}{8}$ against 43; Coca Cola at $109\frac{1}{2}$ against $112\frac{1}{8}$; Continental Can at 35 against $36\frac{3}{4}$; Eastman Kodak at $82\frac{1}{4}$ against 86; Gold Dust at 17 against $18\frac{3}{4}$; Standard Brands at 13 against $13\frac{1}{2}$; Paramount Publix Corp. at $9\frac{5}{8}$ against $10\frac{5}{8}$; Kreuger & Toll at $7\frac{5}{8}$ against $6\frac{3}{4}$; Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. at $25\frac{7}{8}$ against 30; Drug, Inc., at $52\frac{1}{4}$ against 54; Columbian Carbon at $33\frac{3}{4}$ against $37\frac{1}{4}$; American Tobacco at 77 against 75; Liggett & Myers class B at 55 against 58; Reynolds Tobacco class B at $38\frac{1}{8}$ against $39\frac{1}{2}$; Lorillard at $13\frac{3}{4}$ against $14\frac{1}{4}$, and Tobacco Products class A at 8 against $7\frac{3}{4}$.

The steel shares have moved lower. United States Steel closed yesterday at $42\frac{5}{8}$ against $45\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at $19\frac{1}{8}$ against $22\frac{3}{8}$; Vanadium at $13\frac{3}{4}$ against $15\frac{3}{4}$; Crucible Steel at 21 against $22\frac{1}{4}$, and Republic Iron & Steel at $5\frac{1}{4}$ against 6. In the auto group Auburn Auto closed yesterday at $140\frac{7}{8}$ against $147\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; General Motors at $20\frac{7}{8}$ against $23\frac{7}{8}$; Chrysler at $13\frac{3}{8}$ against $15\frac{1}{8}$; Nash Motors at $17\frac{1}{2}$ against $18\frac{1}{4}$; Packard Motors at $4\frac{7}{8}$ against $4\frac{7}{8}$; Hudson Motor Car at $9\frac{5}{8}$ against 11, and Hupp Motors at $4\frac{3}{8}$ against 5. In the rubber group Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at $15\frac{1}{4}$ against $16\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at $4\frac{7}{8}$ against 5, and United States Rubber common at $4\frac{3}{4}$ against $4\frac{5}{8}$.

The railroad shares have made an occasional display of strength, but have suffered, as already stated, because of the lack of progress in the labor negotiations. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at $21\frac{1}{8}$ against $22\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe at $86\frac{1}{2}$ against $91\frac{3}{8}$; Atlantic Coast Line at 40 against $39\frac{3}{4}$; Chicago Rock Island at $14\frac{1}{8}$ against $14\frac{7}{8}$; New York Central at $31\frac{7}{8}$ against 36; Baltimore & Ohio at $18\frac{3}{8}$ against $20\frac{5}{8}$; New Haven at $28\frac{1}{2}$ against $29\frac{5}{8}$; Union Pacific at 78 against $83\frac{1}{2}$; Southern Pacific at $34\frac{5}{8}$ against $36\frac{3}{4}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at $6\frac{1}{2}$ against 7; Missouri Pacific at $9\frac{5}{8}$ against $9\frac{1}{2}$; Southern Railway at 12 against $12\frac{5}{8}$; Chesapeake & Ohio at $28\frac{7}{8}$ against $30\frac{1}{4}$; Northern Pacific at 21 against $22\frac{5}{8}$, and Great Northern at $23\frac{3}{8}$ against 23.

The oil shares have declined with the rest of the list. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $27\frac{5}{8}$ against $29\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Standard Oil of Calif. at $24\frac{1}{4}$ against $26\frac{1}{8}$; Atlantic Refining at $9\frac{5}{8}$ against $10\frac{1}{4}$; Freeport-Texas at 18 against $19\frac{1}{8}$; Sinclair Oil at $5\frac{1}{2}$ against 6; Texas Corp. at $12\frac{1}{8}$ against 13; Phillips Petroleum at $4\frac{3}{4}$ against $5\frac{1}{8}$, and Pure Oil at $4\frac{1}{2}$ against $4\frac{7}{8}$.

The copper stocks are likewise lower. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at $10\frac{1}{8}$ against $11\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at $10\frac{5}{8}$ against $12\frac{1}{4}$; Calumet & Hecla at $3\frac{5}{8}$ against $3\frac{5}{8}$ bid; American Smelting & Refining at 16 against $16\frac{7}{8}$; Phelps Dodge at $6\frac{7}{8}$ against $7\frac{1}{2}$ bid, and Cerro de Pasco Copper at $11\frac{5}{8}$ against 14.

Price movements on the Stock Exchanges in London and Paris were somewhat irregular this week, with the main trend toward slightly lower levels. Uncertainty regarding political developments was apparent in both markets, with the reparations and debts discussion in the foreground. The Paris Bourse was especially sensitive to the developments, as they are likely to prove a disturbing factor in French domestic politics owing to the impending elections. But the London market likewise was swayed by the disappointing course of the discussions regarding the political debts, which have assumed a position of commanding importance in the politics and economics of all the leading countries. European trade and industrial reports, meanwhile, remain gloomy. Commodity price averages are virtually at the lowest points reached in the current depression, while industrial production tends still to decline. Foreign trade returns also are becoming more unfavorable. In the central European countries severe exchange restrictions remain in effect and economic life is approaching stagnation. The Berlin Boerse is still idle under orders of the German Government and the Reichsbank, and there is no indication of an early resumption of activity. On the Berlin curb market, however, price trends are said to parallel those in the London, Paris and other markets.

The London Stock Exchange was quiet in the initial session of the week, and prices showed weakness here and there. The week-end news regarding the reparations conference was unsettling and German bonds sagged sharply. British funds also were easy, while industrial stocks followed a similar trend with the exception of a few issues. Tuesday's dealings were again dull, and softness in the sterling rate caused renewed selling of British Government securities. The gilt-edged list was firm otherwise. British industrial shares were irregular in light trading, while Anglo-American securities moved off on overnight advices from New York. After a quiet but firm opening, Wednesday, activity increased on the London exchange and prices also advanced. Rumors were circulated of important developments in the reparations matter and buying increased in consequence. British funds moved upward and foreign bonds also advanced. The industrial list was firm, both British and international stocks participating in the movement. The tone was cheerful at the opening, Thursday, but the disappointing developments in the reparations negotiations caused selling later in the day and most issues showed small net losses. There were some expectations of a lowered bank rate, but when these were not realized selling of securities increased. Foreign bonds were a good feature, however, and home rails also were fairly steady. After early firmness yesterday, prices dropped back to levels about equal to the previous close.

Liquidation began on the Paris Bourse early last Monday, and it increased as the session progressed, carrying quotations sharply downward. The lack of any agreement on the political debts proved disconcerting. Professional traders hastened to sell, dispatches said, and the general public also appeared pessimistic. Losses were heaviest in Bank of France and Suez Canal shares, but others also showed severe drops. The tendency Tuesday was irregular, the market moving alternately upward and downward, but with losses more pronounced than the gains. The declines were small, however, in comparison with

those of the previous session. A better tone resulted Wednesday from the favorable parliamentary reception of Premier Laval's Ministerial declaration and the insistence of the Premier on continued reparations payments. There were sharp gains in Bank of France and Suez Canal shares, while others also rose steadily. The tendency Thursday again became uncertain, with the declaration of the German Government declining a prolongation of the current debt moratorium the chief disrupting factor. The tone softened decidedly toward the end and most active stocks showed large losses. Trading yesterday was quiet and quotations off a little owing to the political uncertainties.

Kaleidoscopic changes in the outlook for the conference of governments on the German reparations problem occurred all this week, with the fact gradually emerging that the Lausanne meeting scheduled for Jan. 25 will be postponed for some time. The numerous reports from Paris and London left no doubt that various ways of dealing with the question were under consideration in both centers. In France especially, it was suggested, there appears to be great unwillingness to take a definite stand on the reparations matter in advance of the elections of next spring. It appeared also that feelers had been put out in regard to the policy of the United States Government on intergovernmental debts, Secretary of States Stimson reiterating, in response, that Washington does not recognize any connection between reparations and the war debts and does not consider an extension of the Hoover moratorium year feasible. Following these developments, efforts were made to postpone for a year the readjustment of reparations so plainly called for in the recent report of the B. I. S. Advisory Committee, but Germany defeated this plan by a positive stand for action before July 1 next, when the Hoover year expires. It seems likely, in view of the various national attitudes, that the Lausanne conference will be held in the late spring or early summer.

Paris reports of last Saturday began to suggest the advisability of a delay in the Lausanne meeting, called to act on the recommendations of the Basle Advisory Committee. Premier Pierre Laval conferred, early in the day, with United States Ambassador Walter E. Edge, following discussions with Lord Tyrrell, the British Ambassador, and Dr. Leopold von Hoesch, diplomatic representative of Germany. "According to sources usually well informed," a dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" said, "the French are opposed to the opening of the Lausanne conference on Jan. 25 because, at the moment, there is no prospect of successful agreement and failure, it is felt, would be disastrous. It is pointed out that if the conference is held this month, Germany would be obliged by the force of her own public opinion to stand adamant on Chancellor Heinrich Bruening's declaration that Germany cannot pay further reparations, either now or in the future. France would be driven equally by public opinion to oppose such a stand. Italy and Great Britain hardly could withdraw so quickly from the positions that there should be an all-around annulment of debts. Thus the conference would be obliged to lay the whole problem before world public opinion under the worst possible conditions, with an agreed solution virtually impossible." French opinion was said to incline toward extension of the Hoover moratorium for another

year, and postponement of the Lausanne parley for six months.

The problem received equally comprehensive consideration in London, dispatches from that center reflecting a gradual relinquishment of the plan for a meeting to begin next week and acceptance of postponement, which was formally announced in London Wednesday. The British Government has the great advantage of disinterestedness in its consideration of the problem, as it rests on the Balfour declaration, has an enormous Parliamentary majority, and will not have to face a national election for years to come. It was understood in London last Saturday, reports stated, that Britain was proposing, with the support of Italy, that the Lausanne conference meet for only a few days and draw up a scheme for extension of the general moratorium on intergovernmental debts until the end of this year, giving time for a later meeting at Lausanne for definitive action on reparations. A growing uncertainty regarding the plan for an immediate conference was reported last Sunday and Monday.

A further complication was introduced Tuesday, when Premier Laval went before the Chamber of Deputies for the first time since reorganization of his Cabinet, and in his Ministerial declaration set forth that the French claim to reparations payments will be firmly maintained. The policy of his regime on this point, he said, would be to make no sacrifices unless war debts were correspondingly reduced. A semi-official resume of the reparations situation, made public the same day in Paris, indicated that Britain and France were agreed on the need for extension of the moratorium on reparations for six months or a year, and would take action along this line provided the United States agreed to a similar postponement of the war debt payments due Washington. This suggested solution of the impasse proved impracticable, however, owing to interposed considerations of both the German and United States Governments.

The Foreign Office in London took the next step, Wednesday, when it was announced officially that the Lausanne conference will not begin next Monday. "The conversations which have been taking place between the governments chiefly concerned with the conference at Lausanne are not yet concluded," the statement said, "and it is evident the conference cannot begin as early as next Monday, the date which had been previously fixed. Further conversations are now in progress, and the British Government entertains the hope that it may be possible to come to a satisfactory agreement regarding the procedure to be adopted in the course of a few days." Although the announcement caused keen disappointment in London, the action was not unexpected, dispatches said, in view of the protracted efforts to arrive at some understanding on the outlines of the problem. "There has been no disposition lately in official quarters here to persuade anybody that preliminary arrangements for the conference were going smoothly," an Associated Press report from London said.

The German position was made plain in an official notification by Chancellor Bruening to Sir Horace Rumbold, the British Ambassador, that Franco-British suggestions for a temporary adjustment would prove unacceptable. The British representative called at the Foreign Office, it was indicated, to learn whether Germany would consent to a 12-

month prolongation of the present reparations despite, pending final action. This proposal was definitely rejected by the Chancellor, a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Times" said, and the stand taken that definitive solution of the problem must be undertaken before July 1. "The proposal that the formal conference be deferred to some date next autumn, before the Allied war debt payments to the United States are due, also was rejected," the dispatch added. "To-day's announcement was supplemented by a positive declaration that the German Government would stoutly oppose any sort of provisional adjustment which sought to evade a final showdown. The Government, it was said, had reached the conclusion, supported by the Basle experts, that the resumption of payments under the Young plan, including the non-postponable annuities, was no longer within the capacity of German economy."

Belated disclosure in Washington, Wednesday, of a memorandum on the debt problem presented by Secretary of State Stimson to Paul Claudel, the French Ambassador, last month, made plain the position of the United States in this matter. Five chief points were set forth in the communication, it was said. These are, first, that there is no connection between reparations and war debts; second, that the European powers must take the initiative on reparations; third, that a request for extension of the Hoover moratorium could not obtain the approval of Congress; fourth, that the United States would look with displeasure on the formation of a united front by debtor nations against this country; fifth, that the existing debt arrangements, having been concluded separately, can be revised eventually only by separate accords. "The memorandum to France," a Washington special dispatch to the New York "Times" said, "was one of several that were given to the various governments interested in the debt problem after Congress had approved the Hoover debt holiday year with the proviso asserting its unwillingness to have the debts to this country revised downward or canceled."

Apart from the definite decision to postpone the Lausanne conference, the immediate reaction in Europe to this series of developments was a stiffening of the nationalistic spirit in European countries. British opinion accepted the incidents with customary calmness, a report to the New York "Herald Tribune" said, but it was suggested that British policy hereafter "should consist simply in disregarding both reparations and debts, and concentrating upon the conclusion of arrangements for a self-contained Empire." In France much disappointment was apparent regarding the attitude of the Washington authorities and the American Congress, and this found expression in a prolonged debate in the Chamber of Deputies, which continued until the small hours yesterday morning. Orator after orator returned to the subject, a Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" states, and the point was made frequently that "the United States proposed this moratorium and now refuses to extend it." The debate, the report indicated, was an "almost endless lament over America's policy of meddling and then dropping." Leaders like Louis Marin declared stoutly, in the course of the session, that French claims to the unconditional payments cannot be abandoned, and it was also maintained that "either Germany must pay or France will not pay." In Washington it was indicated Thursday that the Hoover Adminis-

tration will refrain from making any formal statement of policy on the intergovernmental debt problem before the reparations question has been crystallized through a conference at Lausanne or otherwise.

That further efforts will promptly be made to reach an understanding on the reparations problem was indicated last night, when Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald invited Premier Laval to spend the week-end in London, discussing international affairs. Reparations, debts and disarmament are to be included in the discussion, it was stated. Lord Tyrrell, the British Ambassador, extended the invitation, and M. Laval's acceptance was held up only pending the vote of confidence in his new Cabinet in the Chamber of Deputies. The French stand on reparations was again repeated by the French Premier in the course of the Chamber debate yesterday. His Government, he said, will surrender none of the rights to reparations gained by preceding Cabinets. He reviewed the developments since President Hoover's moratorium declaration, and stated that he had filed a protest with the German Government against Chancellor Bruening's assertion that the Reich cannot make further payments. M. Laval cited the report of the Advisory Committee to the effect that the potential economic power of Germany is tremendous, notwithstanding her temporary difficulties.

Preparations for the General Disarmament Conference which is to begin at Geneva on Feb. 2 have been almost completed and delegates from more distant countries are already proceeding toward the Swiss center with preliminary instructions from their respective governments in hand. Expectations in regard to the conference are not very high, as the present international atmosphere hardly seems propitious for an adjustment of the opposing views that prevail on disarmament procedure. In the series of preparatory disarmament conferences which laid the foundation for the meeting now in prospect, France and her European allies consistently maintained that security must precede disarmament and every attempt was accordingly made to foster a system of international alliances. Almost all the rest of the world believes, on the other hand, that security cannot be achieved without disarmament. The notable lack of harmony on this point has persisted to the present day, and the differences will probably dominate the months of negotiations now ahead. In addition to this difference on policy, there are also grave divergencies among the nations regarding practical methods of limitation of arms. There are equally important supporters of blanket control of armaments through the budget, and specific control of the number of men, of ships, and of war material. These problems will again be aired by the representatives of virtually all the nations of the world, but a means for settling the differences is not yet apparent.

An important change in the personnel of the United States delegation to the Geneva conference was announced by President Hoover, Tuesday, as a result of the appointment of General Charles G. Dawes as President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Ambassador Dawes was to have headed the delegation from this country, until his recent resignation as the diplomatic representative in London was given effect. Mr. Hoover made it plain that Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson will

replace Mr. Dawes as the leader of the United States group. The Secretary of State will not go to Geneva until the conference has been organized, and in the meantime Hugh S. Gibson, Ambassador to Belgium, will head the American delegates. Members of the delegation held their final conferences with Administration leaders Monday, and they were instructed, dispatches said, to leave the initiative in the disarmament problem to the military powers of Europe. They began their journey to Geneva, Wednesday, on the steamer President Harding, accompanied by a large group of military and naval advisers.

French policy in regard to the outstanding questions of the day was outlined by Premier Pierre Laval before the Chamber of Deputies, Tuesday, in the course of a Ministerial declaration accompanying the presentation of the reconstructed French Cabinet. The chief change effected in the swift Cabinet crisis last week was the replacement of Foreign Minister Aristide Briand by the Premier, who assumed the Foreign Affairs portfolio in addition to his duties as President of the Council. In the Ministerial declaration, accordingly, the foreign policy assumed the dominant place. The Premier was particularly emphatic in his references to reparations. France, he said, will not permit her right to these payments from Germany to be suppressed. "A discharge in favor of our debtors is asked of us," M. Laval said. "A double duty is imposed on us. Toward the generations which suffered from the war there is the duty of fairness—to sacrifice nothing of our credit without a corresponding remission of our own debts. Toward future generations there is the duty of prudence—to subordinate all agreements to a just balance of the conditions of production and of existence. This balance will be broken if, when this crisis is past, a disproportion of financial charges burdening the activities of the peoples places us in any state of inferiority in the international markets."

Turning to the pressing question of disarmament, M. Laval declared that France stands by the preliminary condition to any arms limitation scheme which has been successively laid down at Geneva by her various representatives at conferences in recent years. He reiterated that there must be respect for signed engagements, arbitration, definition of an aggressor and mutual assistance. "In other words," a Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" remarked, "there must be security before there is disarmament." In internal affairs, the Premier urged the passage of the budget before the elections for the Chamber in the spring, and declared that the Government would continue to take appropriate measures to combat the economic depression. "The Premier's declaration was read before a crowded Chamber," the "Times" report said. "He was cheered on the Right and in the Center. From the Left rose repeated cries of the name of Aristide Briand. It was the shade of the former Minister of Foreign Affairs which dominated the debate from which he was absent in person. Every orator mentioned him." Numerous interpellations on the foreign policy of the Laval Ministry were presented. The question of confidence was posed in the Chamber last night, and the Laval Cabinet was upheld by a vote of 303 to 265.

Credit and exchange difficulties in the Central European countries showed no improvement this

week, the lack of progress being due in good part to the virtual impasse that has been reached in the reparations and debt discussions. There were further conferences in Berlin this week between German financial and governmental authorities and the international committee of bankers which is negotiating an extension of the "stillhaltung" agreement covering German private debts beyond the present expiration date of Feb. 29. Chancellor Heinrich Brüning joined the discussion last Saturday, an Associated Press dispatch said, and he presented an outline of the German financial position. Final conclusions are now looked for at an early date, as several subcommittees have already been appointed to embody in legal form the decisions so far arrived at. "Slowly and painfully the negotiations are arriving at a compromise state which is far from satisfactory to either side, but inevitable in view of the menacing state of German finances," a Berlin dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" states.

A re-examination of the Austrian financial position was started by the League of Nations Finance Committee late last week, attention being directed especially to budget and credit questions. The Committee heard Chancellor Buresch, Finance Minister Weidenhofer, and Dr. Richard Reisch, President of the Bank of Austria, a Geneva dispatch to the New York "Times" indicated. In New York it was made plain last Saturday that the committee of bankers in charge of working out a "standstill" agreement between American institutions and Hungarian private debtors has abandoned efforts along this line because of notifications from Hungary that there would not be sufficient exchange available to pay the interest and commissions on short-term Hungarian debts. Vienna reports regarding the Central European situation as a whole, outside Germany, indicate that the position is becoming steadily more difficult. The recent Hungarian declaration of a moratorium on public debts is likely to be emulated soon, a dispatch of Sunday to the New York "Times" stated, by Austria, Bulgaria and Greece. "Austria's vitality is still drained by the Creditanstalt, and her savings banks have been seriously embarrassed by hoarding of schillings," the report remarks. "Bulgaria has been successively crippled by peace treaties, earthquakes and agricultural depressions. Greece was hard hit by the fall in the pound sterling."

In line with the heightened interest throughout the world in national budget figures, much attention was attracted last Saturday by the preliminary consideration of the Italian estimate for the year from July 1 1932 to June 30 1933, completed that day by the Cabinet Council in Rome. Expenditures for the period were fixed at \$1,055,000,000, or somewhat less than the sum of \$1,103,000,000 originally suggested last month. National revenues for the fiscal year were fixed at \$979,000,000, leaving an estimated deficit of \$76,000,000. In an official statement containing these figures, it was emphasized that the Government would re-examine the estimates from time to time and would take whatever measures might be necessary to balance the budget. Mounting unemployment totals in Italy are occasioning much concern, a dispatch of last Saturday to the New York "Times" indicates, and are hastening the efforts to fortify the national exchequer. The official report for December showed 982,000 unemployed, an in-

crease of 104,000 from the November figures. "With a heavy deficit already showing in the current year's budget and a still larger deficit foreseen next year, and with unemployment figures at the unprecedented total of nearly 1,000,000, the Government is making vigorous efforts to reorganize all Italian industries, placing them in the best position to weather the storm," the dispatch remarks. "Only a short time ago it was announced that a merger had been effected of all the important Italian steamship companies into two powerful organizations. And to-day a Government decree established a compulsory consortium of all steel producers in Italy."

A grave and menacing uprising by Communists in the Province of Catalonia in Spain was reported yesterday in dispatches from Madrid, Premier Azana describing the movement as the "forerunner of a gigantic plot, carefully planned." Red flags were raised in numerous towns in the Llobregat and Cardenas Valleys of Catalonia by Syndicalists and Communists, a report to the New York "Times" said. They proclaimed that a "Soviet Republic of Spain" had been established. "The strikers cut telephone wires and cables and railway tracks in all directions in order to isolate themselves," the dispatch said. "Arming themselves with guns or anything else handy, workers and miners in blue jeans have taken possession of the entire northern district, from Manresa to Figols, according to Government reports." Action was swiftly taken by the Madrid authorities to quell the uprising, 2,500 troops under General Mugaeda being dispatched to the area. A squadron of airplanes also was ordered into the district to assist the guards. In Barcelona numerous persons suspected of a connection with the plot were rounded up. Premier Azana stated that the disorders at Manresa were intended to concentrate the Government's attention there while more serious assaults were made elsewhere.

The diplomatic record covering the Manchurian adventure of Japan was practically completed last Saturday, when the Tokio Government replied in rather stiff terms to the Washington note of Jan. 7 insisting on maintenance of the "Open Door" policy of the Nine Power Treaty. The note, handed by Foreign Minister Kenkichi Yoshizawa to Ambassador W. Cameron Forbes, was immediately made public. It makes the interesting assertion that the Tokio Government "is well aware that the Government of the United States could always be relied upon to do everything in their power to support Japan's effort to secure full and complete fulfillment in every detail of the treaties of Washington and the Kellogg treaty for the outlawry of war." In regard to the policy of the Open Door, the Japanese Government restated its adherence to that principle and added its regret "that its effectiveness is so seriously diminished by the unsettled conditions which prevail throughout China." Japanese territorial aims or ambitions in Manchuria were again denied. It was indicated in Washington last Saturday that no reply to the note was considered necessary. There were no developments of note within the disputed territory. The Japanese forces under General Shigeru Honjo continued their campaign to rid the country of "the curse of banditry," and sanguinary engagements were reported at a number of points. A tense situation developed in Shanghai this week, owing to the

aroused feelings of the Chinese and Japanese. A Chinese attack on five Japanese monks was followed by reprisals on the part of a Japanese patriotic association in the treaty port. Forty members of the group invaded a Chinese district and burned down two factories which were considered the headquarters of the attacking Chinese. Several Japanese vessels carrying a large landing party were rushed to Shanghai.

The Hungarian National Bank on Tuesday, Jan. 20, reduced its discount rate from 8% to 7%. On Thursday the Banco de Republica of Colombia lowered its discount rate 1% to 6%. Rates are 12% in Greece; 8% in Austria and Hungary; 7% in Germany, Portugal, India, Italy and Hungary, 6½% in Spain and Ireland; 6% in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Danzig, Czechoslovakia, Colombia and in England; 3½% in Belgium; 3% in Holland, and 2½% in France and Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills on Friday were 4¾@5½% as against 5¼@5¾% on Friday of last week, and 5⅛@5⅞% for three months' bills as against 5¼@6% on Friday of last week. Money on call in London on Friday was 3¼%. At Paris the open market rate continues at 1⅞%, but in Switzerland the rate was reduced 1-16 of 1% to 1 11-16%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Jan. 20 shows a loss of £9,664 in gold holdings, bringing the total down to £121,321,171, as compared with £142,861,766 a year ago. As circulation contracted £6,865,000, however, reserves rose £6,855,000. Public deposits fell off £1,548,000 while other deposits increased £9,312,125. The latter consists of bankers accounts and other accounts, which increased £8,780,041 and £532,084 respectively. The proportion of reserve to liability is up to 35.42% from 32.24% a week ago. The ratio was 45.29% in the corresponding week last year. Loans on Government securities fell off £1,130,000 and those on other securities rose £2,059,720. The latter includes discounts and advances which decreased £1,814,856 and securities which increased £3,874,576. The discount rate remains at 6%. Below we show a comparison of the different items for five years:

	1932 Jan. 20.	1931 Jan. 21.	1930 Jan. 22.	1929 Jan. 23.	1928 Jan. 25.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation a.....	357,879,000	346,461,899	346,399,540	355,366,406	134,640,060
Public deposits.....	20,812,000	22,323,852	29,151,416	16,850,494	16,525,703
Other deposits.....	115,925,709	102,197,129	95,960,328	98,323,558	98,707,639
Bankers accounts.....	77,481,720	68,812,580	59,948,356	60,841,865	-----
Other accounts.....	38,443,989	33,384,549	36,011,972	37,481,693	-----
Government securities.....	52,430,806	49,246,247	57,665,855	49,486,855	35,304,777
Other securities.....	53,951,564	36,953,788	20,658,442	25,824,593	56,717,327
Disc. & advances.....	14,031,271	10,994,845	5,779,566	10,763,570	-----
Securities.....	39,920,293	25,958,943	14,878,876	15,061,023	-----
Reserve notes & coin.....	48,441,000	56,399,867	64,889,435	57,976,556	41,312,893
Coin and bullion.....	121,321,171	142,861,766	151,288,975	153,342,962	156,202,953
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	35.42%	45.29%	51.86%	50%	35 13-16
Bank rate.....	6%	3%	5%	4½%	4½%

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

The weekly statement of the Bank of France dated Jan. 15, shows a gain in gold holdings of 567,356,957 francs. The total of gold is now 69,846,822,715 francs, which compares with 54,402,709,513 francs a year ago and 42,736,924,580 francs two years ago. A decrease appears in credit balances abroad of 726,000,000 francs, while bills bought abroad rose 179,000,000 francs. Notes in circulation contracted 913,000,000 francs, reducing the total of the item to 84,-

007,954,190 francs. Total circulation last year was 76,992,418,285 francs and the year previous it was 68,688,312,760 francs. French commercial bill discounted records a loss of 372,000,000 francs, while advances against securities and creditors current accounts increased 4,000,000 francs and 680,000,000 francs respectively. The proportion of gold on hand to sight liabilities this week is 62.28% as compared with 61.65% last week and 53.92% last year. A comparison of the various items for the past three years is furnished below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Jan. 15 1932.	Jan. 16 1931.	Jan. 17 1930.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	567,356,957	69,846,822,715	54,402,709,513	42,736,924,580
Credit bals. abr'd.....Dec.	726,000,000	10,405,219,771	7,032,726,544	7,046,119,262
a French comm'l bills discounted.....Dec.	372,000,000	5,528,787,427	7,381,290,012	6,602,471,232
b Bills bou't abr'd.....Inc.	179,000,000	10,101,771,296	19,330,196,018	18,695,469,860
Adv. agst. secur's.....Inc.	4,000,000	2,865,921,132	2,988,780,738	2,519,212,813
Note circulation.....Dec.	913,000,000	84,007,954,190	76,992,418,285	68,688,312,760
Cred. curr. acct's.....Inc.	680,000,000	28,132,463,737	23,909,560,767	18,270,204,566
Proport. of gold on hand to sight liabilities.....Inc.	.63%	62.28%	53.92%	49.15%

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

The Reichsbank statement for the second quarter of January records a decrease in gold and bullion of 12,802,000 marks. The total of gold now stands at 966,241,000 marks, which compares with 2,215,828,000 marks last year and 2,283,777,000 marks the year before. Reserves in foreign currency, bills of exchange and checks, other daily maturing obligations and investments show decreases of 7,409,000 marks, 260,143,000 marks, 32,896,000 marks and 1,000 marks respectively. Notes in circulation decreased 193,997,000 marks, reducing the total of the item to 4,381,554,000 marks. Total circulation at the corresponding period a year ago was 3,962,289,000 marks and the year previous it was 4,187,045,000 marks. Increases appear in silver and other coin of 37,476,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 2,612,000 marks, in advances of 9,470,000 marks, in other assets of 7,933,000 marks and in other liabilities of 4,029,000 marks. The item of deposits abroad shows no change. The proportion of gold and foreign currency to note circulation stands this week at 25.6%, which compares with 62.7% last year and 64.3% the year before. A comparison of the different items for three years is shown below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Jan. 15 1932.	Jan. 15 1931.	Jan. 15 1930.
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion.....Dec.	12,802,000	966,241,000	2,215,828,000	2,283,777,000
Of which depos' abr'd.....	Unchanged	111,916,000	222,445,000	149,788,000
Res' ve in for'n curr'.....Dec.	7,409,000	154,843,000	268,085,000	397,672,000
Bills of exch. & checks.....Dec.	260,143,000	3,610,979,000	1,678,737,000	1,893,771,000
Silver and other coin.....Inc.	37,476,000	177,529,000	189,723,000	139,601,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....Inc.	2,612,000	8,082,000	18,034,000	18,710,000
Advances.....Inc.	9,470,000	108,486,000	114,948,000	67,859,000
Investments.....Dec.	1,000	160,645,000	102,519,000	92,602,000
Other assets.....Inc.	7,933,000	937,904,000	514,303,000	578,468,000
Liabilities				
Notes in circulation.....Dec.	193,997,000	4,381,554,000	3,962,289,000	4,187,045,000
Oth. daily mat. oblig'.....Dec.	32,896,000	384,316,000	322,757,000	543,353,000
Other liabilities.....Inc.	4,029,000	871,508,000	323,204,000	299,674,000
Proport. of gold & for'n curr. to note circula'.....Inc.	0.7%	25.6%	62.7%	64.3%

Money rates in the New York market were unchanged this week, call loans on the Stock Exchange prevailing at 2½% for all transactions, whether renewals or new loans. This also is the rate charged all of last week. Although funds were in great supply with demand light, few offerings at concessions were made in the unofficial or street market. The only offerings of this nature were made yesterday, when a rate of 2¼% was quoted. Time loans were unchanged. The trend as indicated by Treasury discount bill financing was slightly easier, an issue of \$50,000,000 on 93-day bills being sold Thursday at an average cost to the Treasury of 2.48%, as against

2⅞% average on a \$50,000,000 issue sold Jan. 11. Brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral were down \$32,000,000 for the week ended Wednesday night, according to the tabulation of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Gold movements for the same period consisted of \$36,363,000 and imports of \$8,307,000. The exports were partly offset by a net decrease of \$16,100,000 in the stock of gold held earmarked for foreign account. It was disclosed Tuesday that the Bank of France had arranged for transfer from New York to Paris of \$125,000,000 gold held earmarked for the French bank here. Shipments are to be made by all available vessels in amounts of about \$12,500,000 each.

Dealing in detail with call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, 2½% was the rate ruling all through the week for both new loans and renewals. The time money market remains practically unchanged, with little possibility of change in the near future rates are nominally quoted at 3½@3¾% for all maturities. The market for prime commercial paper has been dull. Very little paper is available but the supply was generally sufficient to meet the 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 has been virtually at a standstill this week. There was a slight flurry of business on Monday but few bills are coming out. Rates remain unchanged. The quotations of the American Acceptance Council for bills up to 90 days are 2⅞% bid, 2¾% asked; for four months' bills, 3⅞% bid, 3% asked; for five and six months, 3⅞% bid and 3¼% asked. The bill buying rate of the New York Reserve Bank remains unchanged at 2¾% on maturities up to 45 days, 3% on maturities of 46 to 120 days and at 3¼% on maturities of 121 to 180 days. The Federal Reserve banks show a falling off this week in their holdings of acceptances, the total having dropped from \$213,801,000 to \$188,041,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents further increased from \$285,141,000 to \$285,299,000. Open market rates for acceptances are as follows:

	SPOT DELIVERY.					
	—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
	Btd.	Asked.	Btd.	Asked.	Btd.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	3½	3¼	3½	3¼	3½	3
	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
Prime eligible bills.....	Btd.	Asked.	Btd.	Asked.	Btd.	Asked.
	2½	2¼	2½	2¼	2½	2¼
	FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.					
Eligible member banks.....						3½ bld
Eligible non-member banks.....						3½ bld

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. 22.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	3½	Oct. 17 1931	2½
New York.....	3½	Oct. 16 1931	2½
Philadelphia.....	3½	Oct. 22 1931	3
Cleveland.....	3½	Oct. 24 1931	3
Richmond.....	4	Oct. 20 1931	3
Atlanta.....	3½	Nov. 14 1931	3
Chicago.....	3½	Oct. 17 1931	2½
St. Louis.....	3½	Oct. 22 1931	2½
Minneapolis.....	3½	Sept. 12 1930	4
Kansas City.....	3½	Oct. 23 1931	3
Dallas.....	4	Oct. 21 1931	3
San Francisco.....	3½	Oct. 21 1931	2½

Sterling exchange is steady, although the market is thin, with every indication of hesitancy on the part of traders, arising this week chiefly from the circumstance that on both sides of the water reductions in bank rates were expected—at London and New York. The range this week has been from 3.44 to 3.49 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills, compared with 3.37 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 3.49 $\frac{5}{8}$ last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 3.44 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3.49 $\frac{1}{2}$, compared with 3.37 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 3.49 $\frac{7}{8}$ a week ago. The firmness in sterling which developed a week ago seems to have been based largely upon beliefs entertained by European bankers that the banking authorities here would further reduce money rates and enter upon a period of credit inflation. They based their ideas upon the reduction in bankers' acceptance rates here last week and upon the rapid passage of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation bill, as well as upon numerous unfounded statements in the press here in all sections of the country exaggerating the banking difficulties, municipal credit stringency, and other phases of the general business depression. These fears were reflected more in the movement of Continental currencies than in the fluctuation or activity of the pound.

It would appear from the action of the market that the international difficulties arising out of reparations problems, international payments, the suggested extension of the German moratorium, and all related questions which have persistently affected the market have had no influence during the past week. That these factors seem to have been completely discounted in foreign exchange operations suggests that the entire banking community here and abroad have reached the conclusion that these problems will at last be definitely settled in such a way as to cease to interfere with the operation of real economic forces and that from now on heedless political talk and large newspaper headlines, innocuous in themselves, are all that remains of the international debt questions. In other words, the attitude of bankers seems to be that the business world is going to arrange its own settlement upon economic and commercial lines and the political elements are being forced into conformity. Although no change was made in rediscount rates either in New York or in London this week, the market will continue to reflect anticipation of reductions from week to week until changes are actually made, either upward or downward. The Bank of England, according to newspaper talk has already repaid more than \$60,000,000 of the \$75,000,000 credit still standing with the Federal Reserve banks. In addition the dollar balances of the Bank of England are growing steadily and the indications are that the entire \$75,000,000 will be wiped out upon maturity at the end of this month. In well informed banking circles it is thought probable that the Bank of England is reimbursing the Bank of France in a similar manner and that no extension of the credit appears necessary now. On Aug. 1 1931, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in conjunction with other Federal Reserve banks announced that it had agreed to purchase from the Bank of England "up to the approximate equivalent of \$125,000,000 of prime commercial bills." The Bank of France extended a similar credit, making a total of \$250,000,000. This credit was granted to permit the Bank of England to support sterling and was followed by a \$400,000,000 one-year banking credit to the British Treasury at the end of August, divided

equally between France and the United States. The Federal Reserve Bank did not participate in the Treasury credit, of which the American portion was granted by a banking syndicate. The strain on sterling continued at such a rate as speedily to exhaust these credits, resulting in the suspension of gold payments by England on Sept. 21. Gold continues to be sold in London at a premium, and it is interesting to note that private individuals operating probably under the direction of speculators in London are scouring England buying up sovereigns at 25s., the gold sovereign being worth of course 20s. These gold coins are again sold at a further premium and are being surreptitiously melted down, although the melting of the coin of the realm is a penal offense, punishable by two years' imprisonment. The sovereign is coined to contain .256 ounces of 22 carat gold, which is now worth roughly 30 shillings. Hence, despite restrictions and penalties, Gresham's law is operating—"inferior money drives out good." This week gold seems to have sold in the London market at from 118s. 6d. to 120s. an ounce. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Jan. 20 shows a further slight decrease in gold holdings of £9,664, the total standing at £121,321,171, which compares with £142,861,766 a year ago.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week ended Jan. 20, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$8,307,000, of which \$4,625,000 came from Argentina, \$2,941,000 from Colombia, \$300,000 from India, \$234,000 from Peru, \$117,000 from Mexico, and \$90,000 chiefly from Latin American countries. Exports totalled \$36,363,000, of which \$24,269,000 was shipped to France, \$8,233,000 to Belgium, \$3,260,000 to England, \$346,000 to Switzerland, and \$255,000 to Holland. There was a decrease of \$16,100,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Jan. 20, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, JAN. 14-JAN. 20, INCLUSIVE

<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$4,625,000 from Argentina	\$24,269,000 to France
2,941,000 from Colombia	8,233,000 to Belgium
300,000 from India	3,260,000 to England
234,000 from Peru	346,000 to Switzerland
117,000 from Mexico	255,000 to Holland
90,000 chiefly from Latin American countries.	
\$8,307,000 total	\$36,363,000 total
<i>Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.</i>	
Decrease \$16,100,000.	

On Thursday gold imports were \$869,600, of which \$766,600 came from India and \$103,000 came from the Straits Settlements. There were no exports of the metal and gold earmarked for foreign account decreased \$300,000. Yesterday there were no imports. Gold exports, however, amounted to \$20,704,000, of which \$20,474,000 was shipped to France and \$230,000 to Switzerland. There was a decrease of \$12,000,200 in gold earmarked for foreign account. During the week \$1,900,000 of gold was received at Chicago from Canada. There were no reports of gold being received at Pacific ports during the week.

Canadian exchange continues at a severe discount though transactions this week show a considerable improvement over the 19% and 20% discount rates prevailing some weeks ago. On Saturday Montreal funds were quoted at 15 5-16% discount, on Monday at 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ %, on Tuesday at 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ %, on Wednesday at 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ %, on Thursday at

14¼%, and on Friday at 14¼%. The Canadian rate has been improving very slowly since the latter part of December, but current rates are at about the highest since the latter part of November. Two causes seem to account for the recovery. In the first place, owing to general nervousness the rate declined far below rates considered justified by foreign exchange authorities. A salutary effect was produced by announcements made early in the week that the Canadian Bankers Association had decided after a conference with Premier Bennett to permit the purchase of foreign securities by Canadian nationals and to furnish exchange for such purposes. However, a recovery to anywhere near par is not expected in banking circles under existing circumstances. The Canadian dollar was subjected to severe pressure in the past month through remittances of funds to New York for debt service. This pressure existed up to the middle of January. No further heavy interest payments are due for the time being. Canadian municipalities, bankers, and industrial leaders are making concerted efforts to do their financing at home. To the extent that they accomplish this object, there will be improvement in the relation of the Canadian dollar to that of the United States.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was firm. Bankers' sight was 3.47⅞@3.49¼ cable transfers 3.48⅞@3.49½. On Monday the market was quiet with sterling fractionally easier. The range was 3.46¾@3.47⅞ for bankers' sight and 3.47@3.48⅞ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling moved lower. Bankers' sight was 3.44½@3.45⅝; cable transfers 3.44¾@3.45⅞. On Wednesday the market was more active and sterling fractionally firmer. Bankers' sight was 3.44½@3.46⅝ cable transfers 3.44¾@3.46⅞. On Thursday the market was steady. The range was 3.45@3.46¼ for bankers' sight and 3.45¼@3.46½ for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was lower, the range was 3.44@3.45 for bankers' sight and 3.44½@3.45¼ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 3.44½ for demand and 3.44¾ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 3.44, 60 day bills at 3.40, 90 day bills at 3.38½, documents for payment (60 days) at 3.40 and seven day grain bills at 3.43¼. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 3.44.

Exchange on the Continental countries has in the main been firmer than at any time in several weeks. German marks, however, prove an exception. French francs have been exceedingly firm, ruling for the greater part of the time at and sometimes above the export point for gold from New York to France. French interests have been drawing gold from New York in rather large amounts for several weeks, but this week their withdrawals have been especially heavy. As noted above, the Federal Reserve Bank reported that gold exports to France up until Friday night were \$44,743,000. The latest Bank of France statement is as of Jan. 15 and can hardly be expected to include the \$4,370,000 of gold taken from here during the week ended Jan. 13, and of course does not include the present transfers. The current statement of the Bank of France shows an extraordinary increase in gold holdings of 567,356,957 francs, again establishing a new record high of 69,846,822,715 francs, which compares with 54,402,709,513 francs on January 16 1931 and with 28,935,000,000 francs

in June 1928, following stabilization of the unit. The Bank's ratio of gold to liabilities is also at a new record high, standing on Jan. 15 at 62.28%, which compares with 61.65% on Jan. 8, with 53.92% on Jan. 16 1931, and with legal requirement of 35%. Local banking authorities attribute the strength of the franc in the New York market this week, as also the strength displayed by other Continental currencies, to fears entertained on the other side, especially in France, of pending currency inflation on this side. Despite assertions by officials on every hand in this country that the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Federal Reserve system's more liberal credit policies are not designed to promote inflation and probably will not cause any, the state of nervousness abroad is apparently such that any constructive measures taken here are seized upon as justification for wholesale repatriation of funds.

In addition to these private withdrawals, the withdrawals of the Bank of France are very heavy, but this movement has nothing to do with inflation fears. It is thought in banking circles that the movement of French, Dutch, and other funds from this market will subside and be followed by a reverse movement as soon as it is realized abroad that recent measures taken in this country are for the purpose of releasing "frozen assets" and of checking an unwarranted deflation of prices, and by no means to inflate the currency. Of course, it will not be long before the European countries discover that if they choose to withdraw all the gold that they have any claim upon by reason of documents of whatever sort calling for gold realization, there will still be left on this side very much more gold than our legal requirements demand.

German marks, although only nominally quoted because of the restrictions which were established after the crisis in June and especially since the September crisis in London, nevertheless moved down to new low ground in this week's trading, when the New York rate was quoted on Tuesday at 23.52. In foreign exchange circles various explanations are advanced for the decline, none of which seem plausible in view of the fact that the general technical position of traders seems to be based on the idea that the German situation with respect to reparations and international settlements is steadily being eliminated from the bitter political controversy which has surrounded these questions since the Peace of Versailles.

Even the imminent advent to power of Herr Hitler seems to cause the banking world both here and abroad much less apprehension. Berlin dispatches on Thursday stated that the discussion with respect to the German short-term credits under the "standstill" proposal have resulted in complete agreement on all points, including repayments, security, eligibility of bills, and liquidation of cash credits. The only point of difference concerns the interest rates payable next year. In the view of German bankers the stability of the reichsmark seems to be in no danger since the "standstill agreement" does not impose too onerous conditions of payment. The political news which might be expected to have any bearing on mark exchange appears in detail in other columns. This week the Reichsbank shows a decrease in gold holdings of 12,802,000 reichsmarks, the total standing on Jan. 15 at 966,241,000 reichsmarks, which compares with 2,215,828,000 reichsmarks a year ago. The Bank's ratio shows a slight improvement over a week

ago, standing at 25.6%, which compares with 62.7% a year ago. A few days ago Herr Wagemann, President of the German Statistical Office, published a plan for the reform of the monetary system of the Reichsbank and of private banks. The basis of the plan is the proposal that only large bank notes and bankers' deposits be covered with gold, while the 3,000,000,000 reichsmarks of small bank notes which are not used for production purposes or international transactions are to be covered by Government bonds. It is understood that German Government officials view this publication as a report of purely private character and regard the plan as an inflationary project. The Reichsbank opposes any change in the current German monetary policy.

A special Brussels dispatch to the "Wall Street Journal" on Monday relating to the status of the National Bank of Belgium said:

"At the close of 1931 the National Bank of Belgium showed roughly as strong a position as at the end of 1930 but with considerable shifting in the various sections of both the assets and liability sides of the balance sheet, due in part to the general depression and in part to the sterling crisis.

"Just prior to the fall of the pound from the gold standard, the Bank changed its entire visible foreign exchange portfolio of 4,300,000,000 Belgian francs into gold, thus avoiding the big losses on sterling which have been absorbed by the central banks of France and Holland. Nevertheless, the Belgian Bank still holds sterling values hidden elsewhere in the portfolio—on which losses are estimated at 300,000,000 francs. The entire cover against sight engagements is now shown in gold only and amounts to 66% or approximately the same percentage as one year ago."

The Czechoslovak Finance Minister, according to recent press dispatches, has announced further currency restrictions as a result of the adverse effect on Czechoslovak trade of the financial restrictions imposed by her neighbors. The Minister said that it has become necessary to restrict allotments of foreign exchange for import payments. For the time being all future applications for foreign exchange must be for vital necessities, such as food-stuffs, and will be subject to rigorous examination by experts, who will forward their recommendations to the National Bank.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 87.40 on Friday of this week, against 88.43 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished on Friday at 3.93 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 3.92 $\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 3.93 $\frac{7}{8}$, against 3.93, and commercial sight bills at 3.93 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 3.92 $\frac{5}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.94 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 13.95 for cable transfers, against 13.88 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.89. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.64 for bankers' sight bills and 23.66 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.73 and 23.75. Italian lire closed at 5.02 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.03 for cable transfers, against 5.07 and 5.07 $\frac{1}{4}$. 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 $\frac{5}{8}$; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25, and on Finland at 1.45, against 1.50. Greek exchange closed at 1.28 $\frac{7}{8}$ 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 continues in all important respects along the trends which developed after the crises of June and September. The Scandinavian currencies have been weaker and the market is thin and quotations are nominal. The fluctuations of the Scandinavians ordinarily follow closely those of sterling exchange. During the greater part of the week Holland guilders have been steady and have ruled slightly above par with respect to the dollar. Despite the fact that the guilder is below the export point of gold from New York, fairly good size shipments of the metal continue from this side to Amsterdam. This movement is not on an exchange basis, but is due to the insistence of numerous Dutch investors who demand the sale of their American holdings and the remittance of the proceeds in gold.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.27, against 40.15 on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.28, against 40.16, and commercial sight bills at 40.05, against 39.90. Swiss francs closed at 19.50 $\frac{3}{4}$ for checks and at 19.51 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 19.50 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 19.51. Copenhagen checks finished at 19.00 and cable transfers at 19.05, against 19.20 and 19.25. Checks on Sweden closed at 19.30 and cable transfers at 19.35, against 19.35 and 19.40, while checks on Norway finished at 18.80 and cable transfers at 18.85, against 18.95 and 19.00. Spanish pesetas closed at 8.35 for bankers' sight bills and at 8.35 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 8.42 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 8.43.

Exchange on the South American countries presents no new developments since the time of the British crisis, when so many of the South American countries declared moratoria. For the most part these units are nominally quoted. On Jan. 19 the Argentine Government imposed emergency taxes on incomes, property, and business, to be retroactive from Jan. 1. Enrique Uriburu, Minister of Finance, in discussing the new taxes, said that Argentina is a rich country and a moratorium is unthinkable. He stated that a balanced budget is essential. The new taxation program, he added, will not only accomplish this object, but should yield a surplus for reduction of the floating debt.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 25 15-16 for bankers' sight bills against 25 15-16 on Friday of last week, and at 26 1-16 for cable transfers, against 26.00. Brazilian milreis are nominally quoted 5.95 for bankers' sight bills and 6.00 for cable transfers, against 5.95 and 6.00. Chilean exchange is nominally quoted 12 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 12 $\frac{1}{8}$. Peru is nominally quoted 27.80, against 27.81.

Exchange on the Far Eastern countries, while presenting no new angles of importance since the Japanese suspension of gold in December, is of interest this week owing to the dissolution of the Japanese Diet, which calls for new elections on Feb. 20. This step has been expected for some time, as it has been increasingly apparent that the Seiyukai Party is not strong enough to hold the position gained following the overthrow of the Minsieto Government on December 10. Premier Inukai had been counting upon the support of Kenzo Adachi, who had bolted from the Minsieto Party, apparently bringing with him enough followers to insure the maintenance of the balance of power by the Seiyukai. Mr. Adachi's following,

however, dwindled to ten, which was not sufficient to maintain the Government in power on a vote of confidence. To avoid an overthrow of the Government it was therefore necessary to dissolve the Diet and call for new elections. The Minsieto Party promises to encourage rationalization of business, to expand the export indemnity system, and to stabilize exchange. This party will also conduct an intensive campaign against the gold embargo, which they claim has penalized the whole Nation for the benefit of a small number.

Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 37.00, against 37³/₄ on Friday of last week. Hong Kong closed at 25¹/₈@25.70, against 25⁵/₈@25 13-16; Shanghai at 33.00, against 33⁵/₈@34; Manila at 49⁵/₈, against 49⁵/₈; Singapore at 41¹/₈, against 40³/₈; Bombay at 26 3-16, against 26 7-16, and Calcutta at 26 3-16, against 26 7-16.

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. 16 1932 TO JAN. 22 1932, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers in New York, Value in United States Money.					
	Jan. 16.	Jan. 18.	Jan. 19.	Jan. 20.	Jan. 21.	Jan. 22.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	139192	139556	139539	139535	139542	139539
Belgium, belga	138960	139197	139210	139268	139210	139318
Bulgaria, lev	007150	007150	007150	007150	007150	007150
Czechoslovakia, krone	029625	029628	029616	029627	029628	029628
Denmark, krone	191888	191093	189916	190044	190183	189911
England, pound sterling	3.489702	3.471309	3.451250	3.463333	3.454375	3.448630
Finland, marka	014818	014925	015033	014777	014717	014710
France, franc	039355	039358	039352	039329	039350	039377
Germany, reichsmark	237155	236178	235430	235785	236350	236505
Greece, drachma	012882	012882	012870	012864	012884	012879
Holland, guilder	402445	402430	402355	402245	402185	402470
Hungary, pengo	174604	174614	174566	174504	174416	174566
Italy, lira	050553	050305	050061	050298	050222	050253
Norway, krone	189705	189182	187616	188076	188050	188005
Poland, zloty	111935	112028	111935	111921	111862	111942
Portugal, escudo	031825	031825	031775	031750	031650	031650
Rumania, leu	005947	005948	005951	005952	005950	005947
Spain, peseta	084442	084410	084285	084317	084170	083502
Sweden, krona	193400	193233	193127	193266	193205	193044
Switzerland, franc	195120	195247	195155	195205	195875	195152
Yugoslavia, dinar	017775	017806	017784	017781	017784	017786
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	345000	339791	339583	339583	338958	340000
Hankow tael	334687	329843	329687	329687	329843	331250
Shanghai tael	329375	323482	324375	324701	324687	326875
Tientsin tael	346666	341458	341666	341666	341041	342083
Hong Kong dollar	250833	248035	247812	247187	247916	248125
Mexican dollar	237812	233125	234375	233750	233125	233750
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	241666	237916	239166	238333	239166	239166
Yuan dollar	238750	235000	236250	235416	236250	236250
India, rupee	061421	061981	061681	061493	061431	061493
Japan, yen	370892	368071	369218	370000	371714	368906
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	402500	402500	400000	401250	408875	399375
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	846250	847695	860902	865110	851323	854264
Cuba, peso	999300	999268	999268	999300	999300	999300
Mexico, peso (silver)	395400	395400	394000	394066	393116	391566
Newfoundland, dollar	844000	845250	858000	863000	848500	851250
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	581889	582375	582394	582141	581762	582203
Brazil, milreis	120500	120500	120500	120500	120500	120500
Chile, peso	449333	450500	450500	450500	450500	453833
Uruguay, peso	952400	952400	952400	952400	952400	952400

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

Banks of	Jan. 21 1932.			Jan. 22 1931.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 121,321,171	---	£ 121,321,171	£ 142,861,766	---	£ 142,861,766
France a	558,774,581	d	558,774,581	435,301,676	d	435,301,676
Germany b	42,716,250	c994,600	43,710,850	99,529,900	994,600	100,524,500
Spain	89,911,000	20,587,000	110,498,000	97,599,000	27,949,000	125,548,000
Italy	60,854,000	---	60,854,000	57,297,000	---	57,297,000
Netherl'ds.	73,294,000	2,203,000	75,497,000	35,510,000	2,004,000	37,514,000
Nat. Belg.	72,853,000	---	72,853,000	39,222,000	---	39,222,000
Switzerl'd.	61,042,000	---	61,042,000	25,757,000	---	25,757,000
Sweden	11,435,000	---	11,435,000	13,377,000	---	13,377,000
Denmark	8,015,000	---	8,015,000	9,558,000	---	9,558,000
Norway	6,559,000	---	6,559,000	8,134,000	---	8,134,000
Tot. wk.	1106775 002	23,784,600	1130559 602 964,147,342	30,947,600	995,094,942	30,947,600 995,094,942
Prev. week	1102828 061	23,894,600	1126722 661 963,213,505	30,966,600	994,180,105	30,966,600 994,180,105

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £5,595,800. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

What Next with Reparations and Debts?—The Franco-German Impasse.

When the history of reparations and war debts comes to be written, the historian will be likely to point out, among other things, the dramatic turns which the long controversy has from time to time taken. There have been many such episodes since the Treaty of Versailles became operative, and they have seemed to multiply rather than grow less. The past two weeks have witnessed no less than three of these dramatic moments. The first came on Jan. 9, when Chancellor Bruening announced that Germany had reached the end of its ability to pay reparations, and that no compromise looking to a mere mitigation or readjustment of payments would be worth while considering in the conference at Lausanne. The second came ten days later, on Tuesday, when Premier Laval, in presenting his reconstructed Ministry to the Chamber of Deputies, announced that France would not give up its right to reparations. The third, which followed naturally from the second, came on Wednesday night in the announcement by the British Foreign Office that the conversations which had been taking place between the Governments concerned in the Lausanne conference had not been concluded, and that the meeting of the conference which it had been expected would begin next Monday would have to be postponed.

Back of these last two events lie some circumstances which help to explain their significance. It was known, before the former Laval Ministry resigned, that the Anglo-French conversations were not bringing agreement between the two Governments regarding the policy to be pursued in face of the German ultimatum, and that the apparent disposition of the British Government to concede much force to the German contention was irritating to France. The situation in this respect was not improved by evidences of some slight shifting of position on the part of the British Government, nor by reports from London of criticism in financial circles of what was regarded as the hesitating course of the Government. In France, on the other hand, Chancellor Bruening's statement had had the effect of strengthening, to an appreciable extent at least, the demand for adherence to the Young Plan, and even those party groups which had appeared to favor concessions to Germany underwent some change of heart when Germany at last drew the line. Before M. Laval led his Ministerial associates into the Chamber on Tuesday he knew, as did everybody else, that his Government would have small chance of survival if either the substance or the form of the German demand were conceded. When, accordingly, in his speech, he declared that "we shall not accept for future solutions things which, while powerless to dispel the crisis, will hurt France in her essential interests, and in her rights affirmed in freely accepted treaties," that "we shall not permit the right of reparations to be taken away," and that the duty of France toward the generations which suffered from the war was "to sacrifice nothing of our credit without a corresponding remission of our own debts," and toward future generations "to subordinate all agreements to a just balance of the conditions of production and existence," he said what French political opinion, with more unanimity than has sometimes been shown of late, expected him to say.

There is every reason to believe that M. Laval's uncompromising repudiation of the German demand, and his reiteration of the contention that reparations and debts must go hand in hand, was due in part to his knowledge of the official attitude of the Hoover Administration as set out in a secret memorandum handed to Ambassador Claudel at Washington some three weeks ago, but carefully kept from the public until the Paris "Figaro" published a summary of its text on Wednesday. According to the summary as given in a Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" on that day, the memorandum included five points: "1. There is no connection between war debts and reparations. 2. The European Powers must take the initiative on reparations. 3. A demand for a new debts moratorium could not obtain approval in Congress, and the Senate opposes a cancellation or reduction of the debts. 4. The United States Government would look with displeasure on the formation of a united front by the debtor nations. 5. The existing debt arrangements, having been concluded separately, can be eventually revised only by separate accords."

With the exception of the fifth point, the foregoing summary appears on its face to contain nothing except what the United States has several times affirmed regarding its attitude and a restatement of the policy of Congress as set forth when the Hoover moratorium was approved. The Paris correspondent of the New York "Evening Post" observes, with some justice, that "the mystery of the memorandum is why Washington did not make it public." Its publication in summary form on Wednesday appears to have been due to the statement of the American position regarding an extension of the Hoover moratorium, made known through Ambassador Edge on Tuesday in response to an inquiry from M. Laval. According to the Paris correspondent of the New York "Herald Tribune," M. Laval was informed that "any further American action" regarding international debts was "conditioned upon previous agreement among the European reparations Powers." "This agreement," the dispatch continues, "is far from being achieved, but the attitude of the United States is understood to be that no urgent necessity exists for haste in settlement of the problem, since the next instalment of annuities to America is not due until Dec. 15 1932."

The fifth point in the American memorandum seems clearly to imply that while the United States would resist any concerted move on the part of its European debtors to reopen the debt question, it would not turn a deaf ear to representations that were made by the debtors separately. That the Administration, in spite of the declared policy of Congress, is even now dallying with the debt issue is suggested by some remarks in a Washington dispatch on Tuesday to the New York "Times." Speaking of the sudden substitution of Secretary Stimson for Ambassador Dawes as a delegate to the disarmament conference, the correspondent writes that while denial was made "that the selection of Mr. Stimson to go overseas indicated any intention on his part or on the part of the Administration to open the way for discussions there of governmental debts or reparations," Mr. Stimson would nevertheless meet at Geneva the Prime Ministers of Great Britain, Germany and France and the Foreign Minister of Italy, and that "it was admitted that it might be difficult for Mr. Stimson to avoid discus-

sions on other topics than armament limitation, but these discussions, if any are held, will be informal, it was said, and any formal discussions, particularly on governmental debts and reparations, will be held in Washington, where a high official declared that they should be held." In other words, the Secretary of State will be on hand, and while he may not raise the issue himself, he can probably be induced to listen if anyone else raises it.

The response of the German Government to M. Laval's speech has been thus far only a reaffirmation of Chancellor Bruening's position. An extension of the Hoover moratorium for a year, the British Ambassador at Berlin was told on Wednesday, would be equivalent to conceding the French contention, whereas Germany insists that the Young Plan is no longer applicable and that a definite settlement of the whole question should now be made. The suggestion that the difficulty might be adjusted by issuing bonds against the German railways, and applying the proceeds of their sale to the cancellation of reparations, appears to be entirely unofficial. It could hardly be otherwise if Chancellor Bruening intends to adhere to the stand he has taken, since the bonding of the railways would merely effect a shifting of the reparations load when Germany insists that it must be thrown off altogether.

The debate on M. Laval's speech in the Chamber of Deputies, which ended on Friday with a vote of 303 to 265 in favor of the Government, appears to have been notable chiefly for its unexpected moderation. Without concealing their disappointment at the attitude of the United States as shown in the Stimson memorandum, the spokesmen of the various parties contented themselves, for the most part, with expressions of regret that the United States still held aloof from European councils, and with insistence upon preserving the claim to reparations however much the amount or method of payment might be modified. There was nothing in the debate to suggest that M. Laval would not have, in general at least, the backing of all the important parties in maintaining the French thesis at Lausanne if the conference actually meets, and even the spirited attack by former Premier Herriot upon the United States for its isolation policy merely strengthened M. Laval's position. On the other hand, the debate was of much less importance than it might have been if a general election had not been near. With only about three months of office remaining, party leaders are cautious about committing themselves to anything that might embarrass them in the coming electoral campaign. This is especially true of the parties of the Left, whose leaders believe, with some show of reason, that public opinion has swung strongly in their direction, and that the election may oust from power the Right and its coalition supporters. Chancellor Bruening and his Cabinet, it should be noted, are under no such handicap, for while it is possible that the course of events may turn them out of office, the Chancellor has made it impossible for any succeeding Government, however hostile it may be to the present regime, voluntarily to reinstate reparations in a Government program.

It is probable that the Lausanne conference, after some delay, will be held, not because of the likelihood of substantial agreement between Great Britain and France regarding the German demand, but because it is obvious that things cannot go on in-

definitely as they are. As matters stand now, France needs the conference quite as much as does Germany. M. Laval may insist, as he did in his speech, that reparations and debts are not the only causes of the world wide depression, and that in any case it is impossible to do anything about reparations unless the United States is prepared to cancel or reduce the debts, but an overwhelming body of opinion has reached the conclusion that the prolongation of the controversy is contributing directly to the prolongation of the depression, and that for such prolongation the obstructive tactics of France are primarily responsible. It would be well for France, and for other European countries also, to accept the fact that American public opinion will not tolerate any attempt to bind together reparations and war debts, or allow either the legal or moral obligation of the debt settlements to be called in question. It is for Europe to settle with Germany on any terms that may be found practicable. It will then remain to be seen whether Germany, freed from the throttling hand of its political creditors and aided, to such extent as may be necessary, in managing its commercial credits, may not open the way to general economic recovery and a much-to-be desired regime of political stability.

The Lines Along Which the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Is Likely to Work.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation measure having become a reality it will be interesting to indicate in a general way the lines along which the Corporation is likely to operate, and to suggest in a broad way the possibilities of good and the danger of harm inherent in the new undertaking.

Aside from what are commonly termed psychological benefits of which a great deal—we sincerely hope not too much—has been made, the nature of the results of the operations of the Corporation depend upon (1) the sources from which it obtains its funds, and (2) the use to which these funds are put. Exploration of the modes of procedure possible under the measure as it is likely to reach the statute books is instructive.

The share capital of the Corporation is to be provided solely by the United States Treasury. The amount is \$500,000,000. Obligations, of a somewhat varied sort, but none to run longer than five years, are authorized in the maximum amount of \$1,500,000,000. These obligations are not eligible either as collateral for loans from the Federal Reserve banks or for purchase by the Reserve institutions. They may, however, be purchased in unlimited amounts by the Federal Treasury, which, in turn, is empowered to raise funds for that purpose by the sale of its own obligations which, of course, would be eligible for purchase by the Reserve banks and as collateral for loans to member banks. The obligations of the Corporation may, however, be offered directly to the investing public, and the rate of interest upon such bonds and notes is left entirely to the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Board of Directors of the Corporation. So far as the raising of capital funds is concerned, then, this makes the situation about as follows:

(1) The \$500,000,000 to be provided by the United States Treasury, representing the entire capital stock of the Corporation, may be provided either by sale of Treasury obligations to the general public or by the method that has unfortunately of late been

the usual practice of the Treasury Department. *i.e.*, virtually forcing short-term Treasury issues upon the banks of the country—with the aid, where necessary, of the Federal Reserve banks. Common report in financial circles is positively to the effect that the latter method of procedure will be employed in this instance also. Indeed, it would hardly be going too far to say that this is taken more or less for granted.

(2) As to the rest of its capital, the Corporation may, with the consent of the Secretary of the Treasury, simply issue its obligations and hand them over to the United States Treasury for cash; it may issue and sell its obligations to the general public for cash; conceivably it may prefer, as is its right under the terms of the measure reported by the Senate and House conferees, simply make its loans (apart from those made from the funds obtained from the Treasury in return for its capital stock) not in cash but in the form of its own obligations, leaving it to the borrower to obtain cash as best he may in case he needs it; or it may proceed with some combination of these methods, which may well prove to be what it actually will in practice do.

Since the obligations of the Corporation (although without qualification guaranteed by the United States Treasury) are not acceptable at the Reserve banks as collateral for loans to member banks, and are not eligible for purchase by the Reserve banks, they would have to bear a much higher rate of interest than do Government issues in order to be attractive as investments for the banks. But since they are the equivalent, as to security, of governments and at the same time do not carry any special features, such as eligibility, to give them a unique standing at the banks that they do not possess for the ordinary investor, they ought to be peculiarly well-suited media through which to appeal to the investor with hoarded cash or inactive bank balances. It is the belief of a good many whose judgment ought to be excellent that these obligations bearing a reasonable rate of interest could be made to serve the excellent purpose of drawing idle funds into active work.

Let us now turn to the use to which these funds are to be put. A sum, in amount not less than \$50,000,000 or more than \$200,000,000, is to be placed at the disposal of the Secretary of Agriculture to be loaned at his discretion to farmers in need of credit for their ordinary farm operations during 1932. Another sum, in amount not to exceed \$300,000,000, may be allocated to the work of relieving depositors in failed banks. The remainder of the funds of the Corporation (amounting, if and when full advantage is taken of the borrowing power vested in it, to \$2,000,000,000 less the \$200,000,000 allocated to the Secretary of Agriculture and less whatever part of the \$300,000,000 that may go to aid depositors of failed banks is actually so used) may be loaned at the discretion of the Board of Directors to banks, savings banks, trust companies, building and loan associations, insurance companies, mortgage loan companies, credit unions, Federal Land Banks, Joint Stock Land Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, agricultural credit corporations, livestock credit corporations, organized under the laws of any State or of the United States, and to the railroad companies when these latter, in the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Corporation are unable to obtain funds upon reasonable terms through banking channels or from the public. Enough has now been

said to make it clear that the funds of the Corporation will in some undesignated and as yet rather unpredictable proportion be devoted to (a) carrying long-term investments, such as mortgage loans, bonds and other obligations representing fixed capital investments, or shorter term paper which must sooner or later be funded into long-term obligations, and (b) providing commercial banking accommodations to individuals and firms unable for one reason or another to obtain such facilities through regular channels.

The vital significance of the source from which the funds of the Corporation are in the first place derived now becomes apparent. To the extent to which the commercial banks themselves furnish these funds, and to the extent the moneys thus provided are employed directly or indirectly in taking over long-term commitments from the banks, the net effect of this rather involved set of transactions is to leave the commercial banks, taken altogether, in possession of Government obligations in place of the somewhat less liquid and much less shiftable long-term assets they now hold. This would mean that the commercial banks, again viewed as all lumped together, would be in what is popularly termed a more liquid condition (since Government bonds are more salable than other long-term obligations, and, what is of much greater importance, can be used effectively at the Reserve banks) and in a position to defend themselves to better advantage in case of large withdrawals by depositors.

In actual practice another advantage of substantial importance is likely in one degree or another to emerge. That benefit grows out of the fact that the individual bank that provides the funds by the purchase of Government bonds may not be, and in practice often will not be, the same institution that receives the advances from the Corporation. The stronger banks, many of which have hesitated to come to the aid of weaker or threatened banks directly, would probably take up Treasury issues, the proceeds of which would go to relieve these weaker members of the banking fraternity. In other words, one effect of the operations of the Corporation under conditions here assumed would probably be—to what extent it would be very difficult to determine in advance—to induce the stronger banks to come indirectly to the aid of the weaker ones, a consummation long desired in one form or another by many careful observers.

This whole matter of the ultimate effect of the Corporation taking over so-called frozen assets from the commercial banks is of first rate importance, for it is more than probable that a very substantial proportion of the assets of the Corporation, perhaps it would not be going too far to say that the larger part of the assets of the Corporation will in the end be found to have been devoted in one way or another to the work of relieving banks of slow assets they now carry or of rendering it unnecessary for them to make further loans of this variety in order to prevent bankruptcies of going and in other respects solvent concerns.

At this point it is well to add that to the extent that the funds devoted to purposes of this sort are in the last analysis obtained from the Federal Reserve banks, the net effect will be to freeze this central reservoir of commercial banking funds, which ought to be kept as liquid as possible at all times, with commitments which in the nature of the case can be

liquidated only over a long period of time. Should the Reserve System go further than is needed merely to enable ordinary commercial banks to absorb Government issues to provide capital for the Corporation it would, by increasing the reserves of the member institutions disproportionately, enlarge the funds available for lending by the commercial banks of the country. If this inflated lending power of the commercial banks should then be employed unwisely, that is to say, in making loans that are not truly liquid and do not represent really short-term commercial needs of safe and sound business operations, the results could of course be simply disastrous.

But a substantial part of the funds of the Corporation ought, one would suppose, go either directly or through the Secretary of Agriculture into really short-term commercial banking types of loans. One danger here is that the Department of Agriculture will not turn out to be a wise commercial banker. Inexperience in such matters and the pressure of politics may result in many loans being made which are not only illiquid but perhaps not even "good." The same may well prove to be true of advances made to some of the supposedly commercial borrowers directly by the Corporation itself. However, neither the Corporation nor the Department of Agriculture can under the arrangements to be set up lend more than they receive, that is to say, they are not empowered as are member banks to lend largely to customers on the basis of a relatively small reserve held on deposit at the Reserve banks, although the funds thus advanced may, and in large degree doubtless will, in practice find their way to the commercial banks where they could be employed as reserve for lending on the part of member banks. Certainly it may be safely said that if funds obtained directly or indirectly by the process of mere book entries at the Reserve banks, or for that matter at the member banks, are employed for the purpose of taking on further burdens of uncommercial commitments, for speculating in either securities or commodities, or for mere hoarding purposes by individuals or concerns, our last state is likely to be much worse than the first.

The ideal toward which those charged with the operation of the Corporation ought, it would seem, to aim is that of obtaining working funds from bonafide long-term investors who now carry idle funds either on deposit or else in hiding places, and to use these moneys for the purpose of taking off the hands of commercial lending institutions some of the assets they now have which are not suitable for their portfolios because of their non-liquid character. Such a policy to the extent that it was successful would serve the double purpose of putting idle funds to tasks suitable for them and of releasing banking funds that are now "tied up" for employment in ways that are much more suitable for funds held on demand deposit. It ought moreover to be able to accomplish a good deal in the way of stopping bank failures and consequently of restoring confidence which is so lacking now and so much needed—confidence not only on the part of hoarders but in the breasts of bankers and business men generally. To give practical effect to this general line of policy it would be necessary to issue obligations bearing a really attractive rate of interest and to make an effort to place them in the hands of long-term investors who do not now trust most ordinary kinds of securities and cannot find really gilt-edged obliga-

gations that yield enough to attract them. The law under which the Corporation will function leaves the way wide open to those in charge to formulate and adopt such a policy.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York Proposes \$3,500,000 Farm Aid—Recommends to Legislature Program for Roads and Rural Credit Corporation—Emphasizes Need of Demonstration Farm-to-Market Roads at Agricultural Dinner—Plan for Credits Involves Revising Four Statutes—Secretary Hyde Stresses Crop Limitation.

A program of aid for New York State farmers, by inference applicable to those of the Nation, through the establishment of rural credit corporations and farm-to-market roads, was set forth by Governor Roosevelt on Jan. 20.

In a special message to the Legislature and in an address delivered at the hundredth anniversary dinner of the State Agricultural Society, says a dispatch from Albany to the New York "Times," the Governor stressed the need of co-ordinated planning of farm aid. The Secretary of Agriculture, Arthur M. Hyde, also spoke at the dinner. From the "Times" we also quote as follows:

The Governor's proposal for "getting the farmer out of the mud" called for expenditure by the State of \$3,500,000 for 636 miles of special type hard surfaced rural roads, perfected by State highway experts. The program he laid down would require no increase in the total of State expenditures.

The recommendation to the Legislature of measures allowing the creation of rural credit corporations was based on a proposal of the Governor's Agricultural Advisory Commission, headed by Henry Morgenthau Jr., Conservation Commissioner. Proposed changes in various laws would permit the formation of rural credit corporations in regions where unusual conditions in recent months have stripped the farmer of ordinary banking facilities.

Points to Current Examples.

Maintaining that unrelated efforts to insure all year around transportation for rural areas through the construction of hard surfaced roads had been extravagant and unfruitful, the Governor in addressing the Agricultural Society described the benefits to be gained by definitely co-ordinated efforts. He mentioned the general agricultural survey being carried on by the State College of Agriculture in the interest of soil utilization and the extension of the reforestation program as instances of the success of projecting connected plans simultaneously.

He reviewed the broad aspects of his general agricultural readjustment plan, linking it to population shift and the establishment of a better balance between rural and urban populations. Pointing out that the \$3,500,000 proposed for the special rural roads could merely be shifted from the lump sum allotted for highway construction without the need of any addition to the budget, he continued:

"Recognizing the fact that the State is legitimately concerned with the problem of improving and making more efficient rural road construction, the Legislature at my request three years ago appropriated \$100,000 for the use of the State Highway Department in the experimental construction of rural market roads.

"The Highway Department has been carrying on its experiments since that time. It has tried out plain gravel roads, field stone roads and combinations of these with various sorts of surface treatment. Careful account of the cost of each type has been kept and there has been constant observation of their endurance under traffic.

"The Highway Department has now adequate information on which it could proceed to build on an economical basis and on a broader scale a series of roads which would be demonstration roads rather than merely experimental roads.

"It seems to me that is a logical next step. I think that if the State should build through the Highway Department—not through any indirect State-aid process—ten miles or more in each county of the State of inexpensive rural market road of an approved type to replace dirt roads, it would have a powerful influence in reforming road-building methods in the rural towns and introduce a new spirit of emulation and rivalry in good road building throughout the State. Besides that, it would add substantially to the mileage of improved road available to the farmers of the State.

Details of Road Program.

"Consequently, I have to-day made a proposal substantially along these lines to the Legislature: First, that approximately \$3,500,000 out of State highway funds, available from the motor fuel and motor vehicle taxes, be diverted to the construction of these demonstration rural roads, the amount so appropriated to be deducted from the funds for new construction of State highways.

"We are now well ahead of schedule on State highway construction, and this deduction will permit us to do the one-seventh of the construction of State highways which remains to be done in the next seven years in order that the program shall be maintained.

"Second, that these new roads shall be built by the State Highway Department, either by contract or by direct employment of labor, in which

case local labor would be given the preference and the use of its own or rented equipment.

"Third, the roads to be so improved would be selected by the Superintendent of Public Works upon the suggestion or approval of the State State College of Agriculture and with the consent of local authorities.

"Fourth, that the mileage to be built in any one county shall be the same in relation to the total mileage to be built as is the mileage of rural roads outside the State system in that county to the total of such mileage in the State.

"Fifth, that the Highway Department shall be charged with the continued maintenance of these demonstration roads.

"The costs of the experimental roads of this type built by the Highway Department have ranged from \$3,640 a mile to \$8,582 a mile. It has been estimated for me by Commissioner Brandt that a highly satisfactory type of rural road can be built for not to exceed \$5,500 a mile. This would be a gravel or stone road in most cases, with surface treatment applied after it had been under traffic for a year. At this average cost we should be able to build 636 miles of these roads this year with a \$3,500,000 appropriation, which means a little more than 10 miles to the county.

Comparison for Taxpayers.

"When we consider that on the average there are approximately 1,300 miles of rural road in each county of the State, it can be seen that this program does not by any stretch of the imagination mean taking rural road construction out of the hands of the counties and towns.

"It does distinctly mean putting the State Highway Department into competition with the local road-building authorities to demonstrate which can do the best and most economical job of rural road building. It will give local taxpayers an opportunity to judge whether they are getting the worth of their money, and it should result in the working out of far better methods of farm road construction in the State, methods which may not bear quite so heavily on the rural taxpayer as those of to-day.

"I think my purpose in asking that the State College of Agriculture shall have a voice in determining where these roads shall be built will be entirely plain to you. I want definitely to hook up rural road building with the soil and economy survey of which I spoke earlier in this address.

"This road project which I am laying before you to-night and which I have asked the Legislature to approve is in fact a unit in a program intended to give intelligent direction to the development of the farming regions of the State. The aim is to stabilize agriculture so far as possible and to eliminate some of the needless tragedies which are incidental to economic changes.

"If it be true that people left the country districts in part because of poor transportation difficulties, it is, I think, a sound guess that thousands of them will return to villages and farms if we can improve communication by highway.

"There are two essentials to this improvement: First, there must be some guarantee that the roads will be kept from being snowbound in the winter months, and, secondly, there must be a guarantee that mud and mire will be replaced by hard surfaces.

"I am sufficiently optimistic to be very certain that the Legislature will, in accordance with these recommendations, pass the first practical legislation this winter to solve the problem of mud roads. If this State can show the way in this great practical reform I shall be very happy, because our example will without question be followed by many of our sister Commonwealths.

"In the long run, if this policy is adopted throughout the nation we shall have brought the producer closer to the consumer and at the same time we shall have done something toward relieving a national condition of unemployment by restoring the balance between city and country."

Message to Legislature.

In his message to the Legislature, recommending revisions to four statutes to permit the creation of rural credit corporations, the Governor said:

"I believe these amendments will make possible formation of rural credit corporations to finance operations of farmers in those regions of the State where the usual banking facilities do not exist, by reason of the closing of banks or lack of funds in banks to meet seasonal needs. Our statutes do not now permit the formation of credit corporations to take advantage of the rediscount facilities offered by the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank.

"Such corporations will provide additional credit facilities, now so badly needed by the farmers of the State. Time is of the essence in this matter, by reason of the necessity of setting up the corporation structures and providing the necessary machinery in time to take care of this spring's farming operations."

Two of the proposed revisions would amend the co-operative corporations law to authorize credit corporations to be owned either by marketing organizations or farmers. A third would amend the stock corporations law to permit such corporations to discount farmers' notes with the Federal Credit Bank, and the fourth would amend the banking law to allow the State to own stock in credit corporations for this purpose, within limits to be determined later.

Secretary Hyde's Address.

Secretary Hyde also recommended organized planning on a wide scale to meet agricultural problems. Asserting that the National Government had begun a movement of this kind about eight years ago, he continued:

"Our traditional national policy of planless agricultural development should be replaced without delay by a program based upon such a utilization of our land resources as will yield greater economic and social values, stay erosion and soil depletion, preserve and conserve our land inheritance and limit our agricultural plant to such size as will supply the nation's needs, without the ruinous blight of overproduction.

"The cure for overproduction is production balanced to market demand. That is the cure adopted by industry, and that is the cure that agriculture, now that it has become an industry, must likewise adopt."

Bank Clearings in 1931 and the Course of Trade and Speculation

The calendar year 1931 was a period of intense business depression from beginning to end, and, naturally, records of bank clearings (or bank exchanges), which are trade indicators of no mean character, reflect that fact. All the country's industries were in the grip of the paralysis which began

to settle over the country towards the close of 1929, and no relief was experienced from the prostrating influences that were operating to that end and from whose combined force in diminishing trade and reducing the volume of business activity to the lowest level seen in years, no escape could be found.

At the beginning of the year there was still some doubt among a few of those who make a study of such subjects and regard themselves as experts in the matter, and who usually take kindly to the designation of "economists," as to whether the country was passing through a commercial and financial crisis which might be termed a major one or was to be considered simply as one of those minor setbacks with which every country has to contend every few years in the ordinary course. At the close of the year there was no one left who had the least doubt on that point. The facts were so overwhelming in establishing the period as one of the very worst in the country's history, with gloom and despair and distress of a very acute type its undeviating characteristics, and with activity steadily dwindling. In the closing month business came almost to a complete standstill, with enterprise almost absolutely dead, business leaders having abandoned hope of any change for the better in the immediate future and seeing little chance of success attending ventures of any kind in any direction.

At no time in the trade annals of the country was pessimism so completely regnant in manufacture, in agriculture, in transportation, and in every division of human activity. In finance, no less than in commerce, multiplying evidences of collapse were seen, with market values of securities depreciating as never before, with commodity prices sinking lower and still lower, with new financing cut to figures so low that two years before they would have been deemed impossible, and with the whole situation made infinitely worse by the fact that this state of things was not confined to the United States, but that the rest of the world was suffering no less deeply than this country, and with idleness and unemployment everywhere such as to baffle description. Bank clearings furnish mute testimony to all this, in showing huge further shrinkage in volume following the prodigious contraction of the previous year.

No one needs to be told that the times were bad in 1931, since he knows that from the painful experience in his own case, but trade statistics are valuable in showing the extent of the contraction and make it plain that the complaints on that score encountered everywhere during the year were in no sense in the slightest degree exaggerated. And these trade statistics, with reference to the volume of business done, in some of the leading lines of industry to which we propose to refer in the course of this analysis of bank clearings, serve unerringly to indicate the underlying cause of the enormous contraction disclosed by our compilations in the volume of these bank clearings, which in themselves furnish, as already stated, the strongest testimony to the business affliction which the country has been suffering, and the whole of which affliction it cannot yet be said lies behind us. And such analysis is certainly not without value when we find (as the figures will show as we proceed) that for all the clearing houses in the country the aggregate of the clearings in the two years from 1929 to 1931 has dropped from \$726,000,000,000 to only \$410,000,000,000, a falling off of 25.4% in 1930 from 1929 having been followed by a further falling off in 1931 as compared with 1930 of 24.3%.

Now, what do the trade statistics show? Beginning with the quantity of coal mined and which ultimately finds its way into consumption, we find that

the total production of soft coal in the United States during the calendar year 1931 (including lignite and coal coked at the mines) is estimated at 378,110,000 net tons. This compares with 467,526,000 net tons in the calendar year 1930, and with 534,989,000 tons in the calendar year 1929. This is a falling off of over 156,000,000 tons in two years. If, however, we go back to 1926, when the output of soft coal was 573,367,000 tons, it is seen that as compared with that year the falling off has been over 195,000,000 tons. This most assuredly furnishes an idea of the extent to which coal mining, by reason of the business depression as its main cause, has dwindled and shrunk. In addition, however, the mining of hard coal was also reduced. The Bureau of Mines estimates the production of Pennsylvania anthracite for the 52 weeks of 1931 at 59,531,000 net tons as against 69,385,000 tons in 1930; 73,828,000 tons in 1929, 75,348,000 tons in 1928, and 80,096,000 tons in 1927. The falling off here, however, cannot be ascribed entirely to business depression, since hard coal, by reason of its high price, has been steadily losing its market to other classes of fuel, more especially oil.

Turning to the iron and steel statistics, it is found that the make of iron in the calendar year 1931 was only 18,275,165 tons against 31,399,105 tons in the calendar year 1930 and 42,285,769 tons in 1929, a drop in the two years of 24,000,000 tons. Every month in 1931 shows a lower total than the corresponding month in 1930, and the latter year had shown for each month a lower total than the same month of 1929. In December 1931 the make of iron dropped to less than a million tons, being reported for that month by the "Iron Age" at only 980,376 tons. The "Age," in commenting on this result, said that both the daily average in December and the total for the month made new low records for the past 10 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 August and July 1921 it is necessary to go back to November 1900, or over 31 years, to find a lower average daily rate. The record in the case of steel is the same. The American Iron and Steel Institute estimates the production of steel ingots at 24,900,195 tons for 1931 against 39,286,287 tons in 1930 and 54,312,279 tons in the calendar year 1929, a loss, compared with the latter year, of almost 30 million tons. Here, too, every month of 1931 showed a lower production than the same month of 1930, and this latter in like manner showed a loss every month as compared with 1929. For December 1931 the output of ingots was only 1,302,399 tons, or the smallest of any month of any year since August 1921.

The automobile trade, it is needless to say, suffered an almost complete collapse. For the calendar year 1931 the output of motor vehicles in the United States was estimated at 2,468,000 as against 3,355,986 in the calendar year 1930 and 5,358,420 in the calendar year 1929. It will be observed that in round amounts 1,000,000 less cars were turned out in 1931 than in 1930, and 3,000,000 less than in 1929. The building trades are another industry which suffered a severe slump. The F. W. Dodge Corp., in its compilations, shows that during the 12 months of 1931 the construction contracts awarded in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains involved a money outlay of \$3,092,849,500 against \$4,523,114,600 in 1930, \$5,754,290,500 in the 12 months of 1929, and \$6,628,286,100 in 1928. S. W. Straus & Co., in their com-

pilation dealing with building permits in 577 cities find the permits covering the calendar year 1931 involved contemplated expenditures of \$1,336,050,037 against \$1,928,392,507 in 1930, \$3,379,977,311 in 1929, \$3,827,821,447 in 1928, \$3,927,901,236 in 1927, \$4,378,424,073 loss in 1926, and \$4,578,593,689 in 1925. Of course the lumber business suffered most severely from this reduction in contemplated new construction and from business depression generally. According to the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, production of lumber, as shown by reports by an average of 660 mills to the Association, aggregated only 9,603,981,000 feet for the 52 weeks of 1931 against 14,101,648,000 feet in 1930, a decrease of 32%. The same mills for 1929 showed a total cut of lumber of approximately 18,469,200,000 feet, and as compared with that year the falling off reaches 48%.

Independent of the general business depression, the agricultural sections had troubles of their own to contend with, the same as in the previous year, only a great deal worse, and their lot was indeed a hard one. Prices of agricultural products, already exceedingly low in 1930, dropped still lower in 1931. And this remark applies to both the grain growing sections of the West and the cotton growing sections of the South. The drift of prices in the markets of the world was almost continuously downward. On the one hand, supplies were overabundant both in the case of wheat and cotton, the one the money crop of the West and the other the money crop of the South, and, on the other hand, with trade depression worldwide, consuming capacity was impaired. Estimates of the size of the growing cotton crop, under unusually favoring weather conditions, kept steadily getting larger as the season progressed, and on Dec. 8 the Department of Agriculture at Washington estimated the 1931 crop at 16,918,000 bales of 500 pounds as against a crop the previous season of only 13,932,000 bales, placing the crop second in size only to the bumper crop of 1926, when the yield was 17,977,370 bales. Spot cotton in New York on Oct. 5 dropped to only 5.50c. a pound, but recovered somewhat towards the end of the year on the measures taken to limit the acreage for next season's crop. The area planted to cotton in the spring had been substantially smaller than that sown in the previous season, the area in cotton July 1, according to the returns furnished in December, having been only 40,954,000 acres as against 46,078,000 acres, the area under cultivation on July 1 1930, but this was more than offset by the extraordinarily favorable weather conditions and by the fact that less acreage than usual was abandoned during the course of the season, and that the spring weather had retarded weevil propagation. Some agreement for cutting down, in a very substantial fashion, the acreage to be devoted to cotton in 1932 became imperative. In a statement issued at Washington, under date of Nov. 22, the consummation of arrangements to that end was announced by the Federal Farm Board at Washington. Previously many of the Southern States had passed laws of one kind or another providing for drastic cuts in the 1932 acreage, and in the loaning arrangement referred to by the Federal Farm Board a disposition was evinced to withhold financial aid in 1932 from cotton planters who may ignore the laws adopted by the Cotton Belt States for the reduction of the 1932 acreage. The Farm Board's announcement was as follows:

On Oct. 12 1931 a group of bankers from the cotton-growing States met in conference at New Orleans with Chairman Stone and Mr. Williams of

the Federal Farm Board and the directorate of American Cotton Co-operative Association for consideration of cotton financing and marketing problems. Subject to ratification by the Farm Board, its representatives there present agreed that if the banking groups of the South would undertake to finance not less than 3,500,000 bales of cotton through making or renewing loans, secured by cotton collateral of this aggregate baleage, the Farm Board would agree to extend the obligations of the American Cotton Co-operative Association covering approximately 2,000,000 bales of cotton of the seasons 1930-31 or earlier years, to July 31 1932, unless such cotton could be sold at a price of more than 12½c. per pound on the near month of the New York Cotton Exchange, and would further agree that the Cotton Stabilization Corporation would be authorized to maintain its present baleage of approximately 1,300,000 bales for an equal period subject to the same exception as to price.

This arrangement was subsequently ratified by the Farm Board.

The Farm Board is now in receipt of a report from Mr. Nathan Adams of Dallas, Tex., the Chairman of the Bankers' Committee appointed by the New Orleans conference to receive pledges, stating that he holds definite pledges from Southern banks to finance 3,100,000 bales of cotton in accordance with the terms of the above understanding.

The Farm Board appreciates the difficulties inherent in securing pledges for financing so large an amount of cotton within the limited time available. Although the number of pledges reported is 400,000 bales short of the goal set, we hope and expect that additional pledges covering at least this amount will be received. The willingness of Southern bankers to guarantee credit on cotton to such an extent abundantly evidences their sympathetic attitude towards cotton, their conviction as to the basic soundness of loans on the low price level of this year's crop and their co-operation with the Farm Board in its efforts to help Southern farmers.

The Farm Board announces at this time that it will carry out its part of the agreement tentatively reached at New Orleans on Oct. 12 1931.

The consummation of these arrangements will definitely remove at least 6½ to 7 million bales from the supply of American cotton available for sale during the current season. The Farm Board appreciates the earnestness which Mr. Adams and the other bankers of the South, especially the small country banks, have shown in carrying through these arrangements, and congratulates them on their success.

This had the effect of stiffening market prices in the closing weeks of 1931, especially as planters showed a decided disposition to withhold cotton from market in view of the low prices prevailing. However, the price for spot cotton here in New York on Dec. 31 1931 was only 6.50c., which compared with 10c. Dec. 31 1930, and 17.25c. on Dec. 31 1929. This shows what a predicament the South was in, besides which, it must be remembered, as pointed out by us in previous articles with regard to bank clearings, that the South has never fully recovered from the bursting of the real estate boom which for a time spread over parts of the Southern territory, especially the winter resorts, or from the destruction wrought by hurricanes and other visitations of nature. That is the reason why the South suffered beyond all other sections from the business prostration which was common to the whole country.

The West suffered in the same way from the general fall in the prices of agricultural products, and in wheat in particular. The Farm Board continued to extend assistance in the early months of the year, but finally was obliged to withdraw all support. The Board confined itself to operations in the old crop. In the spring of 1931, while the process was kept up, market prices ruled substantially higher than futures for the new crop. The change came at the end of May, when the Farm Board, in accordance with an announcement made the previous March, definitely concluded its stabilizing operations in connection with the 1930 crop of wheat. George S. Milnor, President of the Grain Stabilization Corporation, then issued a statement summarizing the stabilization operations and speaking in eulogistic terms of what had been accomplished. A telegram from Chicago, May 29 (this was the last business day of the month, May 30 having been Memorial Day and a holiday, and May 31 having been Sunday), after noting that Government wheat purchases had terminated when the closing gong of the Chicago Board of Trade had been sounded, stated that this was in accordance with the Farm Board's announcement on March 22 that the Grain Stabilization Corporation would cease purchases in the open market with the cessation of trading in the 1930 crop.

Telegraphic dispatches from Chicago also stated that the closing left Government agencies in posses-

sion of more than 200,000,000 bushels of wheat, and this large hold-over of Government-owned wheat hung like a wet blanket over the market the rest of the year. Mr. Milnor noted that the final quotation on May wheat was 83 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. a bushel, or higher than the 81c. at which the Corporation had "stabilized" the crop. He stated that American wheat prices had been stabilized well above world levels for seven months, a fact which had aided banks holding loans against wheat to liquidate them. Since the previous November, Mr. Milnor declared, the price of No. 3 hard cash wheat in Chicago had advanced from 76c. to 84c. a bushel, "with the result that farmers and others have been able to liquidate their wheat holdings at an average price of from 20 to 30c. a bushel above world level prices, which declined in Winnipeg to 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; in Liverpool to 60 $\frac{1}{8}$ c., and in Buenos Aires to 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ c." This was corroborated by the course of prices for the different future options subsequent to May, all of which tumbled badly and remained low and depressed for the remainder of the year except for a spurt upward which occurred in October and November, but was only in part maintained. While the March option at Chicago during May advanced in the way indicated by Mr. Milnor, that is, from 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ @83c. a bushel May 1 to 86 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. on May 21, and was 84@85c. on May 29, on the other hand, the July option, after opening May 1 at 62 $\frac{3}{4}$ c., and reaching 64 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. May 13, sold down to 58c. on May 25, and closed May 29 at 60 $\frac{1}{8}$ c. All the different Canadian options ruled at a level of 20@25c. a bushel lower than the manipulated May option at Chicago, but corresponded closely to the levels of the Chicago options for July and subsequent months.

The Farm Board undertook to lighten its load by moderate sales from time to time to different foreign countries—to China, to Germany, and even made an exchange with Brazil of 25,000,000 bushels of wheat in exchange for 1,050,000 bags of coffee. All this proved of no avail, and on Oct. 5 the December option for wheat at Chicago sold down to only 44 $\frac{5}{8}$ c. a bushel. The price now recovered, and on Nov. 9 the December option at Chicago sold as high as 68 $\frac{1}{8}$ c., after which, however, a sudden collapse occurred, and on Dec. 31 December wheat at Chicago ranged between 52 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. and 55c., which compared with 76 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. on Dec. 31 1930 and with \$1.27 $\frac{3}{8}$ on Dec. 31 1929.

These facts are cited here simply to show how deplorable was the condition of the Western farmer right up to the very close of the year. In the spring wheat sections of the Northwest there was the further disadvantage that the crop was heavily reduced as a result of prolonged drouth. The drouth worked such havoc that the crop proved almost a complete failure in some areas. The Department of Agriculture in Washington, in its final estimate in December, put the spring wheat yield at only 104,806,000 bushels against 256,320,000 bushels in 1930 and 235,564,000 bushels in 1929. As against this, however, the winter wheat yield in the West and Southwest proved unusually abundant and yielded 787,465,000 bushels against 601,840,000 bushels in 1930 and 577,009,000 bushels in 1929, with the result that the total wheat crop of 1931 aggregated 892,271,000 bushels as compared with 858,160,000 bushels in 1930 and 812,573,000 bushels in 1929. Perhaps the best way to indicate how greatly the purchasing power of the agricultural classes of the country was reduced by the low prices to which agricultural products have fallen, is by referring to the customary annual statis-

tics regarding the farm value of the crops issued by the Department of Agriculture at Washington on Dec. 16. On the basis of Dec. 1 farm prices the total value of the crops produced in the United States in 1931 was estimated by the Department at \$4,122,850,000, compared with \$5,818,820,000 in 1930 and \$8,088,494,000 in 1929. The decline in crop values, compared with two years earlier, it will be seen, has been nearly \$4,000,000,000, or 49%.

The financial markets contributed their part towards making the year one of exceptional gloom and disappointment. As pointed out in previous annual reviews, it sometimes happens that the course of financial transactions does not run parallel with the course of trade and business, because financial sentiment continues optimistic notwithstanding that some of the trade currents may be adverse. Not so in 1931. In that year financial movements fell under the same spell of adverse influences as everything else. One illustration of this is seen in the big shrinkage which occurred in the amount of new securities brought out during the year. This was shown in our article on the New Capital Flotations for the 12 months of 1931, published in our issue of Jan. 16. Eliminating the financing which was merely for refunding, that is for taking up or retiring of existing issues, and confining ourselves entirely to the financing that represented strictly new capital, the new financing of 1931 reaches a total of no more than \$3,108,465,343 against \$7,023,388,282 in 1930 and \$10,182,766,518 in 1929. In the case of corporate issues the amount of new capital involved was only \$1,763,448,723 in 1931 as compared with \$4,944,403,166 in 1930 and \$8,639,439,560 in 1929. The financial markets were completely demoralized, and prices melted away as perhaps never before in the country's history, bonds suffering as severely, if not more severely, than stocks in that respect. This alone would have been sufficient to restrict new financing to a very considerable extent. Then the United States Government had increasing troubles to contend with in its financial operations, arising out of the growing budget deficit (owing to the shrinkage in revenues because of the business depression) and the certainty that extensive new financing would have to be done on that account. Furthermore, the old Congress the previous February, before adjournment, passed another Soldier Bonus Act over the veto of the President calling for outlays in the neighborhood of a billion dollars. The budget deficit for the Government fiscal year ending June 30 was estimated at not less than \$2,000,000,000, and the likelihood that it would reach and exceed that amount was made more certain with the lapse of every succeeding month as Government revenues continued steadily to shrink. The latter part of 1931 the various relief measures recommended by the President and which the new Congress convening in December evidenced quick readiness to approve afforded additional evidence going to show that Government financing would have to be done and on a very extensive scale. One of these relief measures, namely, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Act, provides for an initial Government subscribed capital of \$500,000,000, with authority to issue debentures or like obligations to a maximum of \$1,500,000,000. In these circumstances United States Government securities suffered declines in market prices only second to those of security prices in general, and at the close of 1931 all the different United

States obligations traded in on the Stock Exchange sold below par with one solitary exception.

In Europe things turned from bad to worse, and in June President Hoover got the nations of the world to agree to a one-year moratorium on German reparation payments and intergovernmental debts, which Congress ratified the following December, without, however, relieving Germany of the necessity of applying for an extension of time on its short-term indebtedness. In September Great Britain, after having obtained the previous month two large banking credits, found itself under the necessity of suspending gold payments, and the Scandinavian countries and a few other countries were obliged to follow suit, the whole reflecting a highly disturbed state of things.

In the transportation industry the railroads suffered really frightful losses, with the result that hosts of them were obliged to reduce dividend payments or let them lapse altogether. On the extent of their falling off in traffic—as a result, of course, of the all-pervading character of the depression in trade—and their losses in revenues, it is only necessary to say that the loading of revenue freight on the railroads of the United States for the 52 weeks of 1931 comprised only 37,272,371 cars against 45,877,974 cars in the 52 weeks of 1930 and 52,827,925 cars in the 52 weeks of 1929. It will be observed that 15½ million less cars were loaded with revenue freight in 1931 than two years before, in 1929. As to the falling off in earnings, the gross operating earnings for the eleven months ending with November (the figures for December are not yet available) aggregated only \$3,947,947,077 in 1931 against \$4,965,707,401 in 1930, a falling off of over a billion dollars, and \$5,890,912,371 in 1929, while their net operating income (out of which fixed charges must be paid) dropped to only \$509,018,849 in 1931 as compared with \$835,525,665 in 1930 and \$1,202,707,319 in 1929.

Hosts of roads failed to come anywhere near earning their fixed charges, while still others, among them some of the strongest systems in the country, barely earned their fixed charges, though in 1929 they were able to earn handsome dividends. In not a few cases the net earnings of 1931 were only one-third or one-fifth, or less, of what they had been in 1929. As a few instances of the kind, we may mention that the New York Central for the 11 months of 1931 reported net operating income of \$27,511,513 as against \$98,167,812 for the same period of 1929; the Pennsylvania RR. only \$48,136,625 against \$129,602,881; the Atchison, \$30,504,313 against \$65,339,450; the Southern Pacific, \$21,616,233 against \$56,658,938; the Chicago Milwaukee St. Paul & Pacific, \$7,740,175 against \$24,978,406; the Illinois Central, \$10,316,839 against \$25,089,712, and the Southern Railway, \$7,931,306 against \$27,957,905. The railroads sought relief from this state of things in two directions. First they asked for a 15% increase in freight rates, and secondly they sought a reduction in wage schedules and got little satisfaction in either direction. On Oct. 20 the Inter-State Commerce Commission turned down the proposition for a flat increase of 15% in freight rates, but offered instead limited and partial increases estimated to yield additional revenue in the sum of \$100,000,000 to \$125,000,000 on condition, however, that the additional revenue be applied first of all to meet deficiencies of revenues to meet fixed charges in the case of

the weaker lines. The railroads demurred to this and suggested that instead of the allowances to the weak lines being in the nature of gratuities they be treated as loans, later to be repaid. To this the Commerce Commission on Dec. 7 gave assent, but none of the higher rates went into effect before Jan. 1 1932.

As to the lowering of wage schedules absolutely nothing was accomplished beyond the holding of repeated conferences between the executives of the labor unions and the Presidents of the roads, first at one place, then at another. The Presidents, acting collectively, sought to get the labor leaders to consent to a voluntary reduction of 10%, to be effective for only a year, but the labor leaders talked of a six-hour day (so as to provide employment for a greater number of hands) and a lot of other things that were wholly out of the question if not absolutely irrelevant, and the year closed with everything still hanging in the air except that another conference was to be held on Jan. 14. The railroads, on their part, gave the notice required by the law of a proposed reduction in wage schedules of 15%, but agreed to hold further action in abeyance, and to continue the parleys with the labor leaders, and await the outcome. All this has reference to the unionized forces—to the members of the different brotherhoods. The higher officials saw their wages or compensation scaled down quite early in the year, and many bodies of other classes of labor were also induced to accept wage cuts without much difficulty.

In all of the foregoing we see depicted a state of things the logical outcome of which, as far as bank clearings are concerned, could not be otherwise than the huge further shrinkage already indicated, namely, a reduction in the grand total of all the clearing houses in the country to \$410,338,166,564 in 1931 following a drop from \$726,884,632,647 in 1929 to \$542,243,060,904 in 1930, or, stated in another way, after a contraction of 25.4% in 1930 as compared with 1929 we have a further reduction of 24.3% in 1931 as compared with the diminished amount of 1930. Other logical conclusions and deductions also follow from the condition and circumstances outlined in the extended remarks further above. One of these conclusions is that inasmuch as the depressing influences were all-pervading, no line of trade or section of the country being exempt, the clearing returns likewise are almost uniformly of the same character, that is, highly unfavorable. It is rather noteworthy in the first instance that while in ratio the falling off in 1930 from 1929 at New York was much larger than outside of New York, it having been 27.3% at New York and only 21.8% outside of New York, the reason for this being that speculative operations during the stock market craze in 1929 were more pronounced here than elsewhere, and the resulting drop in 1930 correspondingly greater. This difference no longer appears in the further decline in 1931 as compared with 1930. In this last case the percentages of falling off are almost identical, the ratio at New York being 24.2% and that outside of New York 24.6%.

The truth appears to be that the growth outside of New York, as has been repeatedly depicted in these annual reviews, whenever it is in progress, is slow and steady, rather than spectacular, while on the other hand when business reverses come these outside cities feel the effects more keenly than the country's financial center. Ordinary trade setbacks seem to find quicker and fuller expression at the outside cities than at New York, especially where financial transactions,

SALES OF STOCKS ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
	No. Shares.	No. Shares.	No. Shares.	No. Shares.	No. Shares.
Month of January	42,503,382	62,308,290	110,805,940	56,919,395	34,275,410
February	64,181,836	67,834,100	77,968,730	47,009,070	44,162,496
March	65,658,034	96,552,040	105,661,570	84,973,869	49,211,663
Total first quarter	172,343,252	226,694,430	294,436,240	188,902,334	127,649,569
Month of April	54,346,836	111,041,000	82,600,470	80,478,835	49,781,211
May	46,659,525	78,340,030	91,283,550	82,398,724	46,597,830
June	58,643,847	76,593,250	69,546,040	63,886,110	47,778,544
Total second quarter	159,650,208	265,974,280	243,430,060	226,763,669	144,157,585
Total six months	331,993,460	492,668,710	537,866,300	415,666,003	271,807,154
Month of July	33,545,650	47,746,090	93,378,690	39,197,238	38,575,576
August	24,828,500	39,869,500	95,704,890	67,191,023	51,205,812
September	51,040,168	63,545,145	100,056,120	90,578,701	51,576,590
Total third quarter	109,414,318	141,160,735	289,139,700	196,966,962	141,357,978
Total nine months	441,407,778	633,829,445	827,006,000	612,632,965	413,165,132
Month of October	47,896,533	65,497,479	141,668,410	98,831,435	50,289,449
November	37,355,208	51,946,840	72,455,420	115,360,075	51,016,335
December	50,158,818	68,764,397	83,861,660	92,837,350	62,092,302
Total fourth quarter	135,410,559	176,208,716	297,985,490	307,028,860	163,398,086
Tot. second six mos	244,824,877	317,369,451	587,125,190	503,995,822	304,656,064
Total full year	576,818,412	810,038,161	1,124,991,490	919,661,825	576,563,218

in the closing months of 1929, though in the other months of 1929 Stock Exchange transactions were still on the increase, and the shrinkage did not begin in these other quarters until 1930. For the whole of 1931 sales reached only 576,818,412 shares, as against 810,038,161 shares in 1930 and 1,124,991,490 shares in 1929. What doubtless was an active agency in influencing further shrinkage in clearings in the last quarter of 1931 was that new financing then, on account of unfavorable market conditions, dropped to exceedingly low figures. Our article of last week on the New Capital Flotations during the calendar year 1931 furnished striking illustration to that effect, showing that the aggregate of new issues brought out in the last quarter of 1931 was no more than \$316,110,292 against \$1,111,990,774 in the closing three months of 1930, \$1,834,944,200 in the last three months of 1929 and \$2,937,735,241 in the final quarter of 1928.

For the year as a whole, as already stated, the sales on the New York Stock Exchange during 1931 aggregated only 576,818,412 shares, against 810,038,161 shares in 1930 and 1,124,991,490 shares in 1929. In the table we now present we show the aggregate of the sales on the New York Stock Exchange for each year back to 1880. It will be observed the total for 1931 is almost identical with that for 1927 when the number of shares dealt in was 576,563,218 shares, but that notwithstanding the big contraction in Stock Exchange speculation which occurred in 1930 and 1931 the sales in 1931, nevertheless, were in excess of all years prior to 1927.

NUMBER OF SHARES SOLD AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE BY CALENDAR YEARS.

Cal. Year.	Stocks. Shares.	Cal. Year.	Stocks. Shares.	Cal. Year.	Stocks. Shares.	Cal. Year.	Stocks. Shares.
1931	576,818,412	1918	144,118,469	1905	263,081,156	1892	85,875,092
1930	810,038,161	1917	185,628,948	1904	187,312,065	1891	69,031,689
1929	1,124,991,490	1916	233,311,993	1903	161,102,101	1890	71,282,885
1928	919,661,825	1915	173,145,203	1902	188,503,403	1889	72,014,000
1927	576,563,218	1914	47,900,568	1901	265,944,659	1888	65,179,106
1926	450,845,256	1913	83,470,693	1900	138,380,184	1887	84,914,616
1925	454,404,803	1912	131,128,425	1899	176,421,135	1886	100,802,050
1924	281,931,597	1911	127,208,258	1898	112,699,957	1885	92,538,947
1923	236,115,320	1910	164,051,061	1897	77,324,172	1884	96,154,971
1922	258,652,519	1909	214,932,194	1896	54,654,096	1883	97,049,909
1921	172,712,716	1908	197,206,346	1895	66,583,232	1882	116,307,271
1920	226,640,400	1907	196,438,824	1894	49,075,032	1881	114,511,248
1919	316,787,725	1906	284,298,010	1893	80,977,839	1880	97,919,099

It deserves to be noted, however, that while dealings in stocks were so heavily reduced, the sales in 1931 having been only a little more than half those in 1929, dealings in bonds after only a moderate falling off in 1930, as compared with 1929, actually increased somewhat in 1931. As already stated, bonds suffered depreciation no less than stocks and in not a few instances registered even larger declines on continued liquidation along with more or less short selling—this latter being a new feature in the bond market prices often dropping two to three points and even more between sales—all of which kept the bond market in quite a state of activity most of the time. Yet the fact remains that the bond total for 1931 is larger than that for 1930 entirely because sales of U. S. Government securities were on such a greatly enlarged scale. These U. S. Government issues suffered heavy declines, as already pointed out in the early portion of this article, inasmuch as the growing budget deficit made it certain that the Government would have to put out increasing amounts of new issues, while the soldier bonus act served further to add to the probabilities in that respect; and to cap the climax the various measures of

relief devised, of one kind or another, and for which Congressional approval became assured with the meeting of the New Congress in December, still further added to the likelihood of considerable amounts of new U. S. Government issues. Accordingly dealings in Government bonds reached proportions not witnessed for a long period previously. Our compilations show that dealings in U. S. Government issues reached an aggregate of \$908,455,600 in 1931, against \$115,785,250 in 1930, \$142,079,800 in 1929 and \$187,634,250 in 1928. Sales of railroad and miscellaneous bonds, notwithstanding the continued activity in the bond market, did not quite reach the total for 1930 and were considerably less than for 1929, the 1931 total being \$1,846,035,700 as compared with \$1,927,021,400 in 1930 and \$2,182,392,300 in 1929. Sales of state, foreign and other bonds, on the other hand, suffered a heavy reduction notwithstanding that attention was strongly concentrated all through the year on foreign Government issues. Including United States issues and the foreign Government issues, as well as the different corporate issues, the total par value of bonds of all description dealt in during 1931 was \$3,050,608,850, against \$2,763,567,550 in 1930, \$2,982,299,200 in 1929 and \$2,903,434,325 in 1928 as will be seen by the following:

SALES OF STOCKS AND BONDS ON NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Description.	12 Mos. 1931.	12 Mos. 1930.	12 Mos., 1929.
Stock—Number of shares	576,818,359	810,038,161	1,124,991,490
Railroad and miscellaneous bonds	\$1,846,035,700	\$1,927,021,400	\$2,182,392,300
United States Government bonds	908,455,600	115,785,250	142,079,800
State, foreign, &c., bonds	296,117,550	720,760,900	657,827,100
Total par value of bonds	\$3,050,608,850	\$2,763,567,550	\$2,982,299,200

In treating of stock speculation at New York it is not possible to ignore the dealings on the New York Curb Exchange where the business involves a very extensive body of other stocks and bonds; here the shrinkage has been proportionately even larger than in the case of business on the New York Stock Exchange. On the Curb Exchange sales for the twelve months of 1931 aggregated only 110,349,651 shares, as against 222,286,725 shares in 1930 and 477,278,229 shares in 1929, but only 221,171,781 shares in 1928 and no more than 125,116,566 shares in the calendar year 1927. In the case of this Exchange, too, bond sales were larger in 1931 than in 1930, the par value of the sales reaching \$979,895,000 in 1931, as compared with \$863,568,000 in 1930, \$554,874,500 in 1929 and \$833,056,000 in 1928. In the following we compare the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for a series of years past.

TRANSACTIONS ON NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

1931	Shares	Stocks.	Bonds.	1925	Shares	Stocks.	Bonds.
1931	110,349,651	\$979,895,000		1925	38,406,350	\$500,533,000	
1930	222,286,725	863,568,000		1924	72,243,900	200,315,000	
1929	477,278,229	554,874,500		1923	50,968,680	90,793,000	
1928	221,171,781	833,056,000		1922	21,741,230	55,212,000	
1927	125,116,566	575,472,000		1921	15,522,415	25,510,000	
1926	115,531,800	525,810,000					

Turning now to the records of clearings, classified according to Federal Reserve Districts, the main point to attract attention is again the common decrease shown by all the different Reserve districts. But, while in 1930 the contraction at New York ran far in excess (as far as percentage of decrease is concerned) of that in the other districts this being due to the greater prominence of the speculative business the present year, on the other hand the further contraction at New York does not run quite as large as that outside of New York as already indicated further above. The further decrease at New York is 24.0% and in several other Reserve districts it is much the same; in the Philadelphia Reserve it is 24.7%; in the Cleveland Reserve district 23.8%; in the Atlanta Reserve district 23.4% and in the San Francisco Reserve district 23.0%. The Reserve districts which fared worst are the Chicago Reserve district with 30.4% contraction, the St. Louis Reserve district with 28.4% decrease, and the Kansas City Reserve district third with a shrinkage of 27.1%.

The Boston Reserve district records for 1931 a falling off of only 20.1% and the Reserve districts which have fared best are Richmond with 17.9% decrease, Dallas with 19.4% decrease and Minneapolis with 19.9% decrease. The Richmond Reserve district for 1930 also made the best comparisons with 1920, the falling off in that district in that year having been only 7.7%. However, the ratios of falling off in that district are heavy at most of the cities and it is only the good showing made at Washington, D. C. where the decrease in 1931 from 1930 is only 6.4% that has helped to prevent the total from being pulled lower. In the Minneapolis Reserve district the good showing at St. Paul, with a decrease of no more than 15.3% has served to hold down

in 1922; \$53,096,390 in 1921; \$31,330,450 in 1920, and \$5,635,800 in 1919. In the Baltimore market 504,880 shares of stock were sold in 1931; 712,780 shares in 1930; 1,300,707 shares in 1929; 1,019,056 shares in 1928; 919,365 shares in 1927; 590,730 shares in 1926; 951,426 shares in 1925, and 468,063 shares in 1924. The value of the bond sales was \$3,034,300 in 1931 against \$6,436,900 in 1930; \$7,947,300 in 1929; \$9,004,106 in 1928; \$12,032,800 in 1927; \$7,882,500 in 1926; \$9,623,000 in 1925, and \$8,246,000 in 1924.

On the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange the sales in 1931 were 1,625,014 shares against 3,542,446 shares (not including 446,433 sales of "rights") in 1930; 5,300,096 shares in 1929; 2,013,255 shares in 1928; 1,347,563 shares in 1927; 1,562,769 shares in 1926; 1,778,138 shares in 1925; 1,372,711 shares in 1924; 2,506,032 shares in 1923; 2,230,146 shares in 1922; 2,630,740 shares in 1921; 4,153,769 shares in 1920; 5,579,055 shares in 1919, and 6,072,300 shares in 1918. Total value of bonds sold in 1931 aggregated \$100,000 as compared with \$284,000 in 1930; \$125,000 in 1929; \$187,000 in 1928; \$214,000 in 1927; \$168,000 in 1926; \$396,500 in 1925; \$475,000 in 1924; \$801,350 in 1923; \$1,145,150 in 1922; \$1,318,950 in 1921; \$2,986,050 in 1920, and \$4,069,800 in 1919.

At the St. Louis Stock Exchange transactions aggregated 380,354 shares, valued at \$11,032,467, in 1931, against 548,800 shares, valued at \$19,560,938, in 1930; 1,304,229 shares, valued at \$60,028,711, in 1929; 1,077,984 shares, valued at \$58,959,638.40, in 1928; 500,601 shares, valued at \$25,451,565.28, in 1927; 382,839 shares, valued at \$17,101,763, in 1926; 591,667 shares, valued at \$32,087,323, in 1925, and 139,482 shares, with a value of \$12,193,180, in 1924. Bond sales were \$590,212 par value in 1931 against \$1,730,224 par value in 1930; \$1,838,556 par value in 1929; \$2,365,928 par value in 1928; \$3,840,360 par value in 1927; \$2,325,000 par value in 1926; \$2,355,200 in 1925, and \$2,424,100 in 1924.

At Cleveland the transactions in stocks aggregated 519,460 shares in 1931 against 779,056 shares in 1930; 2,007,110 shares in 1929; 2,117,549 shares in 1928; 1,263,708 shares in 1927; 1,035,383 shares in 1926; 1,859,390 shares in 1925; 736,976 shares in 1924; 846,055 shares in 1923; 833,957 shares in 1922; 843,644 shares in 1921; 943,257 shares in 1920; 725,970 shares in 1919; 176,463 shares in 1918; 329,478 shares in 1917; 399,507 shares in 1916, and 88,065 shares in 1915.

Dealings on the Detroit Stock Exchange in 1931 aggregated 3,843,225 shares against 5,065,720 shares in 1930; 11,838,350 shares in 1929, and 10,605,183 shares in 1928. Trading had previously kept dwindling because of the discontinuance of dealings in unlisted stocks in October 1925. In 1927 the aggregate of dealings in listed stocks was 2,786,915 shares, and in 1926, 1,852,451 shares. This compares with 3,264,164 shares of listed and unlisted stocks combined in 1925 and 2,485,894 shares combined in 1924.

On the San Francisco Stock Exchange the sales of listed and unlisted stocks during the year 1931 amounted to 9,876,057 shares, having a value of \$160,870,689, against 15,263,133 shares, having a value of \$434,911,735, in 1930; 19,188,822 shares, having a value of \$889,697,434, in 1929; 31,530,016 shares, having a value of \$2,066,781,634, in 1928; 15,552,507 shares, having a value of \$653,521,804, in 1927; 8,611,169 shares, having a value of \$344,925,947, in 1926; 9,272,598 shares, with a value of \$267,653,230, in 1925, and 6,848,625 shares, valued at \$102,778,333, in 1924. Bond sales at this exchange were \$2,381,000 in 1931 against \$2,457,500 in 1930; \$3,384,500 in 1929; \$2,857,000 in 1928; \$4,947,000 in 1927; \$13,027,500 in 1926; \$25,971,500 in 1925, and \$38,426,000 in 1924. For the Los Angeles Stock Exchange the dealings are reported at 5,450,543 shares, valued at \$93,344,696, in 1931, as against 9,171,442 shares, valued at \$247,673,930 in 1930; 15,406,993 shares, valued at \$458,514,

236, in 1929; 49,403,086 shares, valued at \$840,384,806, in 1928; 27,082,349 shares, valued at \$242,272,278, in 1927; 44,067,288 shares, valued at \$184,727,444, in 1926; 36,230,111 shares, valued at \$88,955,330, in 1925, and 24,131,544 shares, valued at \$38,585,898 in 1924. The bond sales are reported at \$623,500 for 1931 against \$2,800,500 for 1930; \$779,500 for 1929; \$11,351,500 for 1928; \$10,707,000 for 1927; \$18,392,900 for 1926; \$33,243,300 for 1925, and \$26,513,400 for 1924.

Stock dealings on the Canadian stock exchanges were likewise heavily reduced in 1931 as compared with 1930. On the Montreal Stock Exchange stock sales of listed shares for the 12 months of 1931 were 5,264,818 shares against 11,047,472 shares during 1930; 23,203,463 shares during 1929; 18,990,039 shares during 1928; 9,992,627 shares during 1927; 6,751,570 shares in 1926; 4,316,626 shares in 1925; 2,686,603 shares in 1924; 2,091,002 shares in 1923; 2,910,878 shares in 1922; 2,068,613 shares in 1921; 4,177,962 shares in 1920, and 3,865,683 shares in 1919. The bond sales in Montreal were \$6,611,580 in 1931 against \$11,023,025 in 1930; \$13,212,555 in 1929; \$20,139,200 in 1928; \$16,077,600 in 1927; \$17,807,921 in 1926; \$17,715,503 in 1925; \$22,153,753 in 1924; \$38,003,500 in 1923; \$48,519,402 in 1922; \$67,776,342 in 1921; \$27,340,080 in 1920, and \$71,681,901 in 1919. On the Toronto Stock Exchange the stock sales totaled 2,973,358 shares in 1931 against 6,638,594 shares in 1930; 10,471,819 shares in 1929; 5,916,923 shares in 1928; 4,663,042 shares in 1927; 2,470,167 shares in 1926; 1,999,218 shares in 1925; 907,871 shares in 1924; 1,025,923 shares in 1923; 1,214,543 shares in 1922; 548,017 shares in 1921, and 670,064 shares in 1920.

As to the Canadian bank clearings their record runs parallel to that of the bank clearings in the United States just as was the case in the previous year. There is this difference, however, namely that in both years the ratios of decline are smaller than in the case of clearings in the United States taken as a whole. The grand aggregate of the Dominion clearings for 1931 are down to \$16,840,412,406, which compares with \$20,094,909,690 in 1930, \$25,085,039,125 in 1929 and with \$24,556,298,549 in the twelve months of 1928 and \$20,566,490,856 in the calendar year 1927. Out of the 31 Canadian cities contributing returns not a single one failed to show a decrease in either 1931 or 1930. In the Canadian total of clearings by quarter year periods in the table below it will be noticed that the final quarter had already suffered a decrease in 1929, the amount having fallen from \$7,171,369,336 in 1928 to \$6,857,231,902 in 1929; for 1930 there was a further drop to \$5,164,057,073 and now for 1931 there is a shrinkage to \$4,256,846,075.

CLEARINGS IN THE DOMINION OF CANADA

Table with 6 columns: Clearings Reported, First Quarter, Second Quarter, Third Quarter, Fourth Quarter, Total Year. Rows list years from 1931 to 1916 with corresponding dollar values.

To complete our analysis we now give the complete statement of the clearings at the different cities in the United States for the last eight years, classified according to Federal Reserve districts, and also the ratios of increase or decrease as between 1931 and 1930. The Canadian bank clearings in detail for the last eight years are added to the extreme end of the compilations:

BANK CLEARINGS IN DETAIL FOR THE LAST EIGHT CALENDAR YEARS ACCORDING TO FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.

Large table with columns for Year 1931, Year 1930, Ine. or Dec., Year 1929, Year 1928, Year 1927, Year 1926, Year 1925, Year 1924. Rows list various Federal Reserve Districts and a Total for 14 cities.

BANK CLEARINGS IN DETAIL FOR THE LAST EIGHT CALENDAR YEARS ACCORDING TO FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS—(Continued).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Year 1931, Year 1930, Inc. or Dec., Year 1929, Year 1928, Year 1927, Year 1926, Year 1925, Year 1924. Rows include Second Federal Reserve District—New York—Albany, Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia, Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland, Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond, Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta, Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago, Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis.

BANK CLEARINGS IN DETAIL FOR THE LAST EIGHT CALENDAR YEARS ACCORDING TO FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS—(Concluded).

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Year 1931, Year 1930, Inc. or Dec., Year 1929, Year 1928, Year 1927, Year 1926, Year 1925, Year 1924. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts: Ninth (Minnesota-Duluth, Minneapolis, Rochester, St. Paul, North Dakota-Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, South Dakota-Aberdeen, Sioux Falls, Montana-Billings, Great Falls, Helena, Lewistown), Tenth (Nebraska-Fremont, Hastings, Lincoln, Omaha, Kansas-Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita, Missouri-Joplin, St. Joseph, Oklahoma-McAlester, Tulsa, Colorado-Colorado Springs, Denver, Pueblo), Eleventh (Texas-Ansthn, Beaumont, Dallas, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Houston, Port Arthur, Texarkana, Wichita Falls, Louisiana-Shreveport), and Twelfth (Washington-Bellingham, Seattle, Spokane, Yakima, Idaho-Boise, Oregon-Eugene, Portland, Utah-Ordan, Salt Lake City, Nevada-Reno, Arizona-Phoenix, California-Bakersfield, Berkeley, Fresno, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Modesto, Oakland, Pasadena, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Santa Rosa, Stockton). Total (179 cities) and Outside New York.

CANADIAN BANK CLEARINGS FOR THE LAST EIGHT CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Year 1931, Year 1930, Inc. or Dec., Year 1929, Year 1928, Year 1927, Year 1926, Year 1925, Year 1924. Rows include Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Ottawa, Quebec, Halifax, Hamilton, Calgary, St. John, Victoria, London, Edmonton, Regina, Brandon, Lethbridge, Saskatoon, Moose Jaw, Brantford, Fort William, New Westminster, Medicine Hat, Peterborough, Snerbrooke, Kitchener, Windsor, Prince Albert, Moncton, Kingston, Chatham, Sarnia, Sudbury. Total (31 cities). Footnote: a Now refuses to report clearings. x Ten months figures.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Jan. 22 1932.

Unseasonably mild weather, accompanied by widespread rains, undoubtedly has hurt business, especially retail business, in this country. Clearance sales are being held in many parts of the United States, but they are not so successful, as they might be, if normal winter weather prevailed in all parts of the country. Temperatures in the East and Central West have been too high. Snow in New England is so scanty that the usual carnivals have had to be suspended. Collections are still slow. In some lines, business has improved, but the purchases are for the most part in small lots. The demand for heavy clothing has been greatly reduced by the persistence of warm weather. Special sales to stimulate trade in such goods have been far from satisfactory. Wholesale orders have fallen below expectations, though in some cases have been a little more encouraging. The steel output has increased slightly, but the increase compares unfavorably with that in former years at this time. The railroads and builders are not buying much. Neither is the automobile industry. The automobile trade is said to be a trifle more active, owing to the production of new models, though none has appeared from the Ford establishment. The production of crude petroleum has been reduced by persisting in the Sunday shutdown. Yet gasoline stocks continue to increase. Oil well drilling seems to be confined to east Texas. There appears to be little "wildcatting." In the Pacific Northwest not half the lumber mills are operating, so that production and shipments are about balanced. In Boston, the outlook for the shoe industry is said to be better, owing to a condition that seems to be well-nigh universal in the United States, and which may yet come to the front as one of the really stimulating factors in American business. That is the smallness of retail stocks throughout the immense ramifications of American trade. Retailers, in some cases, are said to be buying a little more freely for the spring trade. But this is an exception that proves the rule. The great body of retailers still stick to the policy of buying from hand-to-mouth. At the same time there is, here and there, some increase in the trade in dry goods and millinery. Wool in Boston and Philadelphia has been rather more active and prices are firm, but most mills are not buying freely. The London wool sales are going off at firm prices. In many cities the wholesale trade in men's furnishings is still dull. Wholesaling and jobbing failures have recently increased slightly. Here in New York cotton goods of late have been less active, and though in general steady enough, have in a few cases, notably in narrow print cloths, been reported weaker. On the other hand, some Carolina centers of the textile business report a better trade, as an outstanding feature of that section.

Wheat has advanced 2 to 3 cents, partly in sympathy at times, with a higher stock market, and partly from heavy buying by large Eastern interests predicated apparently on the expectation of beneficial effects from financial relief legislation which has just been passed at Washington. At the same time, export trade in wheat has remained dull, with increasing shipments from Argentine and Australia to Europe at prices so low as to deprive this country of the European market. Corn prices have simply advanced because of the rise in wheat, but the rise has not been so great as that in wheat for the reason that the cash trade in corn has been dull. Mild weather over big areas of the county resulted in a large saving of feed grains. Other grains, such as oats and rye, have moved with wheat and corn. Provisions have been firmer and lard futures are up 7 to 10 points. Cotton has been, in the main, firm, though the close is at a net decline of some half a dozen points. The South continues to sell very sparingly, and, in a general way, is still fighting the low prices. Many farmers are still holding back their cotton. At the same time, the Far East is buying more American cotton than it has for a year or more. Exports are increasing, and naturally the spinners takings make a better showing. In fact, these two items largely exceed the figures of a year ago.

Coffee has declined 6 to 12 points, with light trading and less spot demand. The project to destroy 400,000,000 coffee trees has not taken definite shape. About the only support

has been moderate buying by Brazil and Europe, more particularly by Brazil. The coffee market is really a waiting affair pending more definite and constructive news from Brazil. Sugar futures have declined 2 to 4 points and spot Cuban raws are quoted as low as 1.08c. c. & f. Cuba has sent a kind of ultimatum to Java, calling for a clear statement of its intentions in the matter of production this year and next by Jan. 30 1932, with an intimation that unless this information is forthcoming by that date, Cuba will not be interested in carrying on further negotiations looking to the regulation of sugar crops. Rubber has declined 25 to 30 points as Malayan exports have increased and trade certainly has not. Hides have declined 20 to 25 points in a dull market and with producers supposed to be holding large stocks. Cocoa was down 16 to 18 points and silk 11 points. Silver has declined 62 to 72 points.

But an outstanding event of the week was undoubtedly the signing to-day by the President of the \$2,000,000,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation bill. The design, of course, is to unfreeze frozen corporation assets and increase credits on a vast scale in all parts of the country. It will tend to put a stop to bank failures, liquifying assets. And it is also gratifying to observe that the President of this powerful organization will be General Charles G. Dawes, who may be relied upon to blend conservatism with telling measures of relief in just the right proportion. It is expected to have an effect on trade in general that will be profoundly beneficial, although it is admittedly a measure for a period of storm and stress and not one to be recommended for an indefinite period. But if it stimulates trade by increasing credits, lessening unemployment and augmenting the buying power of the American people it may prove to be one of the signal events in American history. Detroit wired: "The employment index of the Detroit Board of Commerce on Jan. 15 was 67.2%, against 64.0% on Dec. 31 and 76.4% on Jan. 15 1931, according to the Industrial Division. The latest figure is the fifth consecutive increase since Oct. 31, when the index reached the low point for 1931 of 41.7. The 1931 high was May 15, at 84.0. A marked improvement in the stabilization of employment in Detroit area in 1931 was shown over the preceding year." The increase then since Oct. 31 last year is, it seems, 25½%.

On the 16th inst. the stock market ended in most cases at a fractional decline. In other words, the market on the whole, acted very well. On the 18th inst. stocks declined. Noteworthy rallies occurred at times, but the technical position had been weakened to some extent by the recent rather heavy covering. Some thought the reports of financial strain in Austria and some smaller countries had a certain effect. Fluctuations were rather wide in so small a market but the net declines were not generally very severe. They reached in many cases 2 to 3 points. United States Steel common at the close was practically unchanged showing a loss of some ⅛ net as the shorts found it no easy matter to cover; the premium at one time was as high as ⅜ to ½ of a point; \$37.50 to \$50 to pay on every 100 shares borrowed plainly intimidated many a short and caused him to cover. At one time Steel was nearly 2 points higher than on Saturday as commission houses and others were unwilling to lend the stock. Auburn fell 6 points; American Can, 2¼; Case, 1¼; Western Union, 1½; New Haven, 3; Union Pacific, 4½, and Allied Chemical, 2½. It was considered no more than a healthy reaction. Bonds declined 1 to 5 points and industrial and foreign bonds also fell but U. S. Government issues were firm. On the other hand, commodities advanced. Wheat rose 2½ to 3 and cotton 10 to 15 points and higher prices were reached for coffee, sugar and rubber. Some think that commodities are destined to take the lead in an advance, stocks simply following.

On the 19th inst. stocks quietly advanced ½ to 2 points, railroad issues leading the rise in a day of uneventful trading. The sales were only about 1,100,000 shares. Norfolk & Western rose 5½ points. Taking part in the advance were Auburn, up 2½ points; International Business Machines 1⅞ and Shell Union Oil and Mohawk Carpet and Homestake Mining each 1½. Bonds were unusually quiet at some decline. Late on the 20th inst. stocks suddenly advanced 1 to 3 points, including 1¾ in U. S. Steel. The total

trading was little more than 1,200,000 shares, but the undertone was good. Railway bonds advanced 2 to 5 points, and other domestic issues also moved upward. Some of the foreign bonds advanced though French, Italian, Russian and Hungarian declined. As regards stocks, it was plainly very much of a trading market awaiting the effect of the passage of Financial Reconstruction legislation at Washington and the settlement of the railroad wage problem. But there was a manifest tendency to take a hopeful view of the situation and to eye the short side askance. On the 21st inst. there was an advance in some stocks of 1 to 2 points, though in a sluggish market the average rise in 50 stocks was fractional. The transactions were approximately only 1,240,000 shares in a day lacking striking features. U. S. Steel was irregular, closing at a net rise of $\frac{1}{8}$ on the common and a decline of $\frac{1}{2}$ on the preferred, with the crystal gazers, of course, hard put to it to foretell the action of the directors in the matter of the dividend at their meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 26. Some foresee a reduction; others are not so sure. New York City bonds and traction issues were active and higher. Railroad bonds made the best gains. U. S. Government bonds were firm and German issues steady. A Stock Exchange "seat" sold at \$150,000, as against \$152,000 paid last week through the acquisition of four rights and \$132,000 on Jan. 8.

To-day stocks fell 1 to 3 points the railroad shares leading the decline with no rail wage decision, the impending U. S. Steel dividend meeting on Tuesday next and the certainty of the passage to-day by the United States Senate of the \$2,000,000,000 falling flat for the moment. Some invariably sell when the "good news is out." Trading still kept within very moderate bounds. The stormy and nerve-racking markets of the worst days of depression seem to have been left definitely behind. The transactions were some 1,400,000 shares, comparatively little attention was paid to the quick sale of the issue of \$100,000,000 of New York City corporate stock notes sugared with a rate of nearly 6% interest. That the issue was largely oversubscribed was hardly surprising. Some railroad bonds declined a little while others advanced. United States Government bonds declined and then partly recovered the loss. Foreign bonds were irregular.

Boston wired on the 19th inst.: "The improvement evident in the cotton goods industry for the past week has extended to the fine goods department. As yet it is mostly the market tone rather than the actual level of prices which has firmed, but in certain plain types of fine goods, quotations have been marked up from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ a yard. Sales are distinctly larger indicating that the spring buying season should shortly be in full swing. Fine goods mills have probably gone farther than any other group in curtailing operations. This was necessitated by a virtual collapse of business in the leading types of plain goods in the last three months of 1931. In some weeks during that period operations of the mills as a whole were down to 30% of capacity."

Providence, R. I., wired that delays on the part of cotton goods wholesalers in ordering spring wear requirements during the late months of 1931 because of their desire to hold inventories to a minimum, has brought the bulk of such purchasing into the present month and manufacturers at the close of last week reported a marked pick-up in business. Wages of the 2,000 employees at Pequot Mills, Salem, Mass., and Danvers Bleachery, Peabody, will be reduced 10% beginning Monday, it was announced to-day. The plants are now operating four days a week. Greenville, S. C., wired Jan. 21 that at a meeting to-day of a representative committee of print cloth mill executives and selling agents, it was recommended that a shorter work week policy, not to exceed 80 hours for double shift for day and night mills and 50 hours for mills operating exclusively in the daytime, be voluntarily effected by the print cloth mills to start March 1 and to run for six months. Charlotte, N. C., wired "Southern cotton manufacturers last week reported the most encouraging situation since last December. A steadily broadening demand for gray goods at higher prices and the proposed program for the most systematic year-round regulation of production, higher cotton and stock markets are cited as basic factors." To-day Charlotte advices stated that Southern cotton manufacturers report another week of broadening demand, sustained sales, better prices and more satisfactory market conditions in every respect. Elkin, N. C., wired that the Chatham Manufacturing Co. has resumed a full-time day and night capacity operating schedule, following the curtailment for the holiday season. It is also understood that enough orders have been received

to justify a capacity operating schedule for some time to come. This plant manufactures blankets.

London cabled the United Press: "The largest Russian cotton transaction in the history of the Liverpool cotton market has been completed with the purchase by the Lancashire Cotton Corp. of £500,000 worth of Soviet cotton. This large scale Soviet invasion of the British cotton market apparently indicates that Russia is seeking to displace certain grades of United States and South American cotton in the Lancashire mills. Soviet representatives said completion of the Turkestan-Siberian RR. enabled earlier and quicker shipments of cotton." This is supposed to refer to a recent sale by Russia of 40,000 bales. American sales of cotton to the Far East, on the whole, are notably large.

Manchester cabled Jan. 19: "Manufacturers in weaving industry of Lancashire decided in a meeting held for the purpose of resuming negotiations on the question of more looms for each operative. This invitation has been accepted by the operatives. The outlook for a successful outcome is regarded as favorable."

Manchester cabled Jan. 21: "A meeting of manufacturers and operatives in the cotton weaving section of Lancashire, after a discussion of the question of more looms to be assigned to each operative, adjourned until Monday. At the end of the meeting an official statement was made that there had been considerable progress in the negotiations for a new agreement and that on both sides there were strong hopes that a settlement of the dispute would be reached."

Manchester cabled to-day: "Although there has been a steady increase in the volume of inquiries coming into the Manchester cotton market for the past week, the amount of actual turnover is disappointing. From India the demand continues to be restricted by political troubles. With China, trade is quiet. There is a fair turnover in the trade with Egypt. Colonial markets are buying quietly. From South America there is a better inquiry. The Continent and the home trade furnished a steady demand. Slow conditions prevail in both the American and the Egyptian yarn sections of Lancashire."

Chicago wired that mid-western retailers reported a very active demand for textile lines, while the recent firming of cotton goods prices is expected to discourage the hand-to-mouth buying that has been in progress. Detroit reported that retailers had been finding it difficult to move winter goods owing to the continued fair and warm weather. St. Louis wholesale houses complained of a spotty demand but low inventories throughout the rural sections lead them to expect better sales soon. Charlottesville, Va. wired Jan. 18 that the Charlottesville Woolen Mills of this city have declared a regular semi-annual dividend of 12% (\$6 per share) on stock of \$50 par, also the usual bonus of 5% of a year's wages to all employees other than the president of the company. At Elmira, N. Y., Stearns and Company's silk mill has been closed for an indefinite period.

Total sales by 41 chain-store companies, including three mail-order concerns for 1931 according to one report were \$3,643,963,329 against \$3,864,474,367 in 1930, a decline of 5.70%. The mail-order companies alone had sales of \$599,218,187 in 1931 against \$698,952,380 in 1930, a decrease of 14.27%.

It was colder here early in the week. On the 18th inst., the temperatures were 40 to 54 and on the 19th inst. 32 to 41. At times it threatened snow. There was a light rainfall on the 17th. Over the 19th inst., Chicago had 24 to 40; Cincinnati, 26 to 50; Cleveland, 28 to 42; Detroit, 26 to 36; Kansas City, 36 to 54; Milwaukee, 24 to 42; Minneapolis, 6 to 38; Montreal, 16 to 26; Omaha, 28 to 48; Philadelphia, 36 to 44; Boston, 36 to 38; San Francisco, 44 to 54; Seattle, 42 to 44; Spokane, 34 to 40; St. Louis, 32 to 52; Winnipeg, 6 to 10. On the 20th inst., the temperatures were 34 to 51 here, 36 to 40 in Chicago, 44 to 60 at Kansas City, 20 to 30 at St. Paul, and 2 to 20 below at Winnipeg. Four big carnivals have been postponed in New England owing to the mildness of the weather and the lack of snow, including some in Maine and New Hampshire. The Boston & Maine RR. Co. has cancelled the usual Sunday sports trains for the past three weeks. There is still time for plenty of snow in New England and elsewhere. Otherwise the water supply might suffer. To-day, however, Albany reported rain and warmer weather after snow and low temperatures on Thursday. Rain elsewhere in Northern New York to-day was washing away the snow.

To-day the temperatures here were up to 42 to 52 degrees. The forecast was for cloudy or rainy and colder weather to-morrow, but cloudy and warmer on Sunday. Overnight

alone show sales for December of \$57,711,857, against \$71,272,220 in December 1930, a decrease of 19.02%. Excluding the mail order concerns, 38 chain store companies show sales for December 1931 of \$317,695,747, against \$342,696,249 in December 1930, a decrease of 7.29%. A comparative table follows:

Table with columns: Month of December (1931, 1930, Dec.), Calendar Years (1931, 1930, Dec.). Rows list various companies like Gt. Atl. & Pacific, F. W. Woolworth, Sears Roebuck, etc., with sales figures and percentages.

a Five weeks to Jan. 2. b Five weeks to Dec. 26. c Four weeks to Dec. 26. d Includes MacMarr Stores, Inc. e Increase.

United States Department of Agriculture Reports Farm Employment Lowest in 13 Years.

"Farm employment is the lowest in 13 years of statistical record by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, of the United States Department of Agriculture," says the Department on Jan. 18.

"The demand for farm hands is only 60.5% of normal," the Department continues, "but the supply is 120.9% of normal, making the ratio of supply to demand 199.8% in the Bureau's index." We further quote from the Department's survey as follows:

Numerous instances, particularly in the North Central States, of farm laborers working for food and lodging alone, have been reported to the Bureau in its January survey of the farm labor and wages. Eliminating those reports of farm hands working without any cash pay, average wage rates on Jan. 1 were 98% of the 1910-14 average in the Bureau's index, a drop of 12% since Oct. 1, whereas the average decline from October to January the last eight years was 9%.

The Bureau finds lowest day wages in the South Central and South Atlantic States, at 72 to 74 cents a day with board, and 96 cents to \$1.02 a day without board. Highest day wages are being paid in the North Atlantic States where the average rate is \$1.70 with board and \$2.37 without board. Monthly wage rates range from \$14.43 with board in the South Atlantic States, to \$32.39 with board in the Far Western States; and without board, from \$21.80 in the South Atlantic States to \$51.45 in the Far Western States.

Decrease of 2% in Retail Food Prices Between November 15 and December 15—16 2-3% Decrease in Year.

Retail food prices in 51 cities of the United States, as reported to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor, showed an average decrease of about 2% on Dec. 15 1931, when compared with Nov. 15 1931, and an average decrease of about 16 2-3% since Dec. 15 1930. The bureau's weighted index numbers, with average prices in 1913 as 100.0, were 137.2 for Dec. 15 1930; 116.7 for Nov. 15 1931; 114.3 for Dec. 15 1931; and 121.3 for the year, 1931. The Bureau further reports under date of Jan. 16:

During the month from November 15 1931, to December 15 1931, 32 articles on which monthly prices were secured decreased as follows: Pork chops, 13%; oranges, 11%; lard, 8%; sliced bacon, 6%; sliced ham, and leg of lamb, 5%; sirloin steak, round steak, chuck roast, fresh milk, and strictly fresh eggs, 3%; rib roast, plate beef, hens, butter, cheese, vegetable lard substitute, cornmeal, navy beans, canned corn, sugar, and prunes, 2%; canned red salmon, oleomargarine, bread, cornflakes, macaroni, rice, canned peas, canned tomatoes, and coffee, 1%; and wheat cereal, less than 5-10ths of 1%. Six articles increased: Onions, 18%; cabbage, 13%; potatoes, 6%; bananas, 2%; and rolled oats, and raisins, 1%. The following

4 articles showed no change in the month: Evaporated milk, flour, pork and beans, and tea.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food by Cities.

During the month from November 15 1931, to December 15 1931, 48 of the 51 cities from which prices were received showed decreases in the average cost of food as follows: Buffalo, 9%; Manchester, 6%; Boston, and Portland (Me.), 5%; Milwaukee, Newark, New York, and Providence, 4%; Atlanta, Birmingham, Cincinnati, Jacksonville, Norfolk, Omaha, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, and Scranton, 3%; Baltimore, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Fall River, Memphis, Minneapolis, Mobile, Peoria, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Salt Lake City, Springfield (Ill.), and Washington, 2%; Bridgeport, Butte, Charleston (S. C.), Columbus, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, New Haven, New Orleans, Richmond, Rochester, St. Paul, Savannah and Seattle, 1%. Two cities, Dallas and Houston, showed increases of 2%. In Portland (Ore.) there was no change in the month.

For the year period December 15 1930, to December 15 1931, all of the 51 cities showed decreases: Springfield (Ill.), 23%; Birmingham, 22%; Buffalo, Jacksonville, and Little Rock, 21%; Cleveland, Norfolk, Omaha and Peoria, 20%; Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit, Memphis, Mobile, and Savannah, 19%; Boston, Cincinnati, Columbus, Houston, Louisville, Manchester, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Pittsburgh, and St. Louis, 18%; Charleston (S. C.), Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Richmond, St. Paul, and Washington, 17%; Baltimore, Fall River, Kansas City, New Haven, New York, San Francisco, and Scranton, 16%; Chicago, Newark, Portland (Me.), Providence and Rochester, 15%; Salt Lake City, 14%; Bridgeport, Denver, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia, 13%; Seattle, 11%; and Butte and Portland (Ore.), 10%.

United States Department of Labor's Survey of Building Operations in United States—Decrease of 14.9% in Estimated Cost of Building During December as Compared with November.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor has received building permit reports from 348 identical cities having a population of 25,000 or over for the months of November 1931 and December 1931. According to these reports there was a decrease of 28.5% in the number and a decrease of 14.9% in the estimated expenditures for total building operations, comparing the permits issued in December with those issued in November. New residential buildings decreased 31.3% in number and 37.9% in estimated cost. New non-residential buildings decreased 35.0% in number but increased 0.7 of 1% in estimated cost. Additions, alterations and repairs decreased 24.8% in number and 18.8% in estimated cost. During December 3,508 family dwellings were provided. This is a decrease of 38.4% as compared with November. The Bureau further reports in its survey issued Jan. 21 as follows:

Various agencies of the United States Government awarded 101 building contracts during December at a total cost of \$11,901,912.

Comparing permits issued in 297 identical cities in December 1930 and December 1931, there was a decrease of 42.5% in the number of new residential buildings and a decrease of 68.6% in the estimated cost of this class of building. New non-residential buildings decreased 22.2% in number and 41.7% in estimated cost. The number of additions, alterations and repairs decreased 9.1%, while their cost decreased 45.7%. Total building operations decreased 18.5% in number and 51.7% in cost. The number of family dwelling units provided decreased 64.7%.

Permits were issued during December 1931 for the following important building projects: In Boston, Mass., for a building for the State Department of Public Works to cost over \$1,000,000; in the Borough of Brooklyn for a new tuberculosis hospital to cost nearly \$5,000,000; in Chicago for a nurse's home to cost \$2,000,000; in Minneapolis for a school building to cost \$755,000; in Nashville for two amusement buildings to cost over \$600,000 and for an office building to cost \$750,000. Contracts were awarded by the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, for a post office and Federal court house in Pittsburgh to cost nearly \$5,000,000; for a hospital for defective delinquents in Springfield, Mo., to cost \$1,700,000, and for a Federal court house in Portland, Ore., to cost nearly \$1,200,000.

ESTIMATED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS IN 348 IDENTICAL CITIES, AS SHOWN BY PERMITS ISSUED IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1931; BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS.

Table with columns: Geographic Division, Cities, Estimated Cost (Nov. 1931, Dec. 1931), Families Provided for in New Dwellings (Nov. 1931, Dec. 1931). Rows include New England, Middle Atlantic, East North Central, West North Central, South Atlantic, South Central, Mountain and Pacific, Total, and Percent of change.

six months' interest and sinking fund require \$7,931,000 on the outstanding bonds. The announcement, issued Jan. 21, also says:

There should have been received from the sale of pledged coffee and from the special tax, a total of \$9,287,000 which includes provision for the reserve account. November remittances have all been received and the equivalent of the \$1,030,000 balance for December has been deposited with the Bankers' agents in Sao Paulo, in milreis at the rate of 16 milreis per dollar, and its remittance to the Fiscal Agents is expected in the near future.

Receipt of Funds Announced to Cover Feb. 1 Interest on German Consolidated Municipal 7% Loan.

Chase Harris Forbes Corp., as paying agent, announce the receipt of \$692,020 to cover Feb. 1 interest on the outstanding \$19,772,000 German Consolidated Municipal Loan 7s due 1947.

World's Visible Supply of Coffee on Jan. 1 Highest in History.

The world's visible supply of coffee on Jan. 1 1932, was 34,695,599 bags, or the highest figure in history, according to statistics released by the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange on Jan. 15. The Exchange reports:

The visible supply on Dec. 1 1931, was 33,517,684 bags and on Jan. 1 1931, was 29,768,940 bags.

Statistics from Sao Paulo indicate that the current Santos coffee crop is moving into interior Sao Paulo warehouses with unusual rapidity. During December 1931, a total of 2,507,000 bags went from the plantations to the warehouses, making the total receipts for the last six months of 1931 equal to 14,418,350 bags. This compares with receipts of 7,429,540 bags for the last six months of 1930 and 13,236,399 bags for the similar period in 1929.

Cubans Start Sugar Mills—Visit of T. L. Chadbourne to Cuba.

Eighteen sugar mills in Cuba started grinding on Jan. 15 in accordance with a recent Presidential decree, although as yet no quotas have been assigned nor is restriction established in conformity with the Chadbourne plan. Havana advices Jan. 15 to the New York "Times" reporting this, went on to say:

This is due to the delay of Javanese producers, it is asserted here, in advising the international sugar conference of her attitude on restriction of the coming crop.

News that Thomas L. Chadbourne, author of the Chadbourne plan for the stabilization of the sugar market, will arrive in Havana on Tuesday, Jan. 19, has created a great deal of conjecture in sugar circles here. Notwithstanding recent optimistic declarations of Mr. Chadbourne, a strong opinion prevails throughout Cuba that Java will evade the restrictions demanded by Cuba and the possibility of an unrestricted harvest is widely discussed.

Regarding Mr. Chadbourne's visit to Cuba, the "Times" of Jan. 19 said:

Thomas L. Chadbourne, author of the Chadbourne plan for stabilization of the world's sugar industry, will arrive in Cuba to-day to confer with President Machado in a final effort to save his plan. He sailed on Friday, two days after having returned from the adjourned international sugar conference in Paris.

The purpose of Mr. Chadbourne's hurried trip is a last-minute attempt to persuade the Cuban growers that the island must make a further drastic cut in the production if the efforts to stabilize the price of the commodity are to be successful. It is felt by some that if Cuban growers refuse to reduce their production the world output will be so large as to glut the market the coming year.

Mr. Chadbourne will remain about 10 days in Havana before returning here, after which it may be necessary for him to return to Paris to reassemble the international conference. At present it is understood that Cuba will be asked to take a cut of about 800,000 tons to a total of about 2,200,000 tons.

The principal differences over the international agreement have been between Cuba and Java. Cuban delegates to the conferences have steadfastly maintained that Java should participate in any further substantial reductions in world production. Java, on the other hand, has maintained that it has adhered to the very letter of the original Chadbourne agreement which permits the grinding of 2,400,000 tons in 1932.

Finally, an agreement was reached under which the Cuban delegates would lay before their growers a plan for sharp curtailment of the 1932 grinding, while the Dutch interests in Java, representing about 75% of the Javanese output, agreed to present a program for drastic curtailment in the crop for 1933.

Grinding of the 1932 crop has already begun in Cuba by official decree of President Machado, although the sugar companies do not yet know what their quotas are to be.

Cuban Sugar Statistics.

The following from Havana is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 13:

Cuban sugar exported from Cuba for the year ended Jan. 1 1932, aggregated 2,654,903 long tons, of which 2,027,708 went to the United States and 627,195 to other countries. This compares with 3,050,123 tons exported in corresponding period of 1929-1930, of which 2,077,271 went to the United States.

Available sugar stock in Cuba on Jan. 2, was 859,492 tons, compared with 190,877 on the like 1931 date.

E. D. Babst Sees Menace to Cuba in Sugar Imports.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 18 we take the following from Havana:

Earl D. Babst, Chairman of American Sugar Refining Co., declared on arriving in Cuba that the most serious menace to the island now is the

importation into the United States of refined sugar from Germany and England. He also pointed out that shipments of refined sugar from Cuba to the United States increase demoralization of raw sugar prices in the United States' market.

Java Sugar Head Fears Price Fall.

From The Hague (Holland) Associated Press advices Jan. 19, published in the New York "Evening Post," said

Expressing grave fears of a further fall in prices, Mymbeer Hartman, head of the Java delegation to the international sugar council, said to-day that the question of restricting more severely the production of sugar would be reopened.

It was clear that the limits of the Chadbourne plan had been too wide for Java, whose production would not reach the quota specified in the first year of the agreement, he said, and producers therefore would examine proposals for a more drastic scheme of restriction.

He added that the union of Java sugar producers controls 86% of current production, but if there were any more deflections from that body it would surely collapse at the end of the year and a calamitous fall of prices would ensue.

Thomas L. Chadbourne Returns from Meeting in Paris of International Sugar Council, Tentatively Adjourned—European Production of Sugar in 1931 Under International Agreement 40% Less Than in 1930—Further Curtailment Looked For—Cuba and Java's Production and Export Viewed as Serious Problem.

With his return from Europe on Jan. 13 on the steamer Berengaria, Thomas L. Chadbourne issued a statement with regard to the conference in Paris of the International Sugar Council, Mr. Chadbourne indicates that on Jan. 5 the conference adjourned for some weeks to assemble additional data. The results of the workings of the international agreement in the first year of its operations were brought out at the Paris conference, according to Mr. Chadbourne, who expresses the belief that further limitations on both export and production will be made. "The countries whose production and export still constitute a problem, are," says Mr. Chadbourne, "Cuba and Java." His statement follows:

I went to Europe to attend the meeting of the International Sugar Council in Paris Dec. 14, which, after a four-day session, adjourned tentatively until Jan. 5. It was found, however, on Jan. 5, that further adjournment for some weeks was necessary in order to assemble the additional data required to enable the Council to make decisions on the vital questions remaining unsettled. Those questions revolve around the problem of what further limitation upon sugar production and exportation is necessary in order to establish an equilibrium between world supply and demand.

The International Agreement, or so-called Chadbourne Plan, concluded at Brussels last May (and to which the nine chief exporting countries are now signatory), was based upon the principle that if the world consumed as much sugar in 1931 as it did in 1930, the scheme of export limitations agreed upon would secure correspondence between demand and available supply. It is now clear, however, that the depths to which the business depression would go were never plumbed when the Agreement was made, and as a consequence, in spite of all the export limitations which were imposed and the crop reductions which were made, there is still more sugar available than the people are buying.

I am quite certain that further limitations upon both export and production, which the situation now obviously requires, will be made. I was never more confident than now, accordingly, of the attainment by the International Agreement of the purpose for which it was effected. The sugar industry now understands itself as never before. The countries which export sugar are making their production plans in accordance with that understanding. Another year should see the sugar business out of the woods.

The meeting at Paris brought into clear relief the results of the working of the International Agreement for its first year. Production of sugar in Europe in 1931 was nearly 3,000,000 tons, approximately 40% less than in 1930. There is reason to believe that the production of Europe for 1932 will be even less than in 1931, and that by the end of 1932 Europe's surplus stock will have been virtually absorbed. This is a great achievement, and the European beet countries deserve every credit.

The countries whose production and export still constitute a serious problem are Cuba and Java, the chief exporting countries. When the International Agreement was made, Cuba had on hand unsold surplus stocks of 1,300,000 tons and Java nearly 700,000 tons. These stocks were segregated and it was planned to market them pro rata over the next five years and to reduce current crops accordingly.

Cuba reduced its production in 1931 by 1,550,948 tons, nearly 47%, less than its production of 4,671,000 tons in 1930. Cuba sold the whole of its export quota of 655,000 tons to countries other than the United States. The International Agreement does not govern Cuba's export to the United States, but Cuba had planned exports to the United States of 2,800,000 tons. Owing, however, to reduction in American demand, Cuba was not able to realize its expected American export in 1931 by 500,000 tons. Thus, though during 1931 Cuba sold 260,000 tons from her segregated surplus, she will enter upon her new crop year in a few days with approximately 1,540,000 tons of sugar still on hand. Cuba will certainly limit her new crop with due regard to this fact.

When the International Agreement was made, Java was in process of grinding her 1931 crop. Java's output of sugar in 1931 was, accordingly, only 4.4% less than in 1930. Furthermore, when the International Agreement was signed, Java had already made most of the commitments for its crop of 1932, and it is expected that Java's production this year will, accordingly, be reduced by only some 17%. The full effect of the International Agreement on Javan production will not be realized until its crop in 1933, arrangements for the planting of which are now in process. There is every reason to believe that Java's crop for 1933 will accordingly represent an extremely drastic reduction.

Java had on hand, as stated above, nearly 700,000 tons of surplus sugar on May 1 1931. Owing to the great falling off in the demand for her sugars in the Far East (her normal market), it is likely that on April 1

1932, Java will have an additional surplus of some 700,000 tons. Java's new crop for 1932 will give her, on April 1 1933, a probable surplus of 600,000 or 700,000 tons more. Thus, Java will have on hand at the beginning of the 1933 crop, total unsold sugar amounting to some 2,000,000 tons—approximately two-thirds of her normal annual yield.

Aside from the obligations of the International Agreement not to continue accumulating surplus stocks, the financial burden of carrying such huge surpluses is stupendous. On April 1 1932, Java's surplus sugars will represent \$40,000,000 tied up in money at present Far Eastern sugar prices, and some \$49,000,000 at Java's cost prices. On April 1 1933, Java will have in surplus sugars a value of \$52,000,000 at present Far Eastern prices, to produce which cost Java more than \$64,000,000.

The Cuban surplus stocks of 1,540,000 tons on hand as Cuba starts her new grinding season, tie up in money at present prices, \$32,000,000. To produce this same sugar cost Cuba at least \$52,000,000.

Thus, Java and Cuba together, at the beginning of the new crop season, will have on hand sugar to produce which cost them more than \$116,000,000. If that sugar could be sold at present prices it would yield only \$72,000,000, a loss of at least \$44,000,000. If this same sugar were to be dumped on the present saturated markets, there would be such demoralization in prices that the greater part of the whole of this huge cost-investment would be lost.

It is clear that the only way by which either Java or Cuba can save itself from further disastrous losses is by restricting new production to a point which will make possible the marketing of these unsold surpluses at the earliest possible moment, and before further stocks accumulate. There is no doubt, accordingly, that all of the countries concerned will adapt their future production, and particularly their 1932 export. It is because of the earnest determination of all the countries involved to take the necessary additional steps, in the light of changed conditions, to bring supply into actual equilibrium with demand, that I am optimistic as to the outcome.

When one considers the magnitude of the sugar industry and the varying conditions under which sugar is produced and marketed by the different countries, the results of the first year of the International Agreement demonstrate the value of this, probably the first, attempt to bring about, with governmental sanction, co-operation among the factors in a world-wide industry producing a commodity of universal consumption. It represents an attempt at industrial world-planning which should have salutary consequences not only to sugar but possibly to other commodities.

Mr. Chadbourne's departure for Europe was referred to in our issue of Dec. 12, page 3878. One of the press accounts from Paris Dec. 14, regarding the conference, is taken as follows from the New York "Times" Dec. 15:

The first day's meeting of the International Sugar Council here gave evidence of both strength and weakness of the Chadbourne agreement established last May to control world sugar production and the marketing of vast surpluses.

The fact that Peru joined to-day after having been with the Dominican Republic, one of the two large exporting countries not participating, shows there is no intention of dropping the understanding.

But it was learned to-night that the difficulties of getting Java producers to accept a further large cut in production next year are proving formidable. Likewise it was reported the Cubans had brought complaints against the proposed increased production of United States beet sugar growers as well as objections to the heavy cuts they are being asked to make in production. The Council received last night a cablegram from a Cuban labor leader, Senor Blanca, saying that further reduction would mean ruin.

Java did not have to cut her production this year, her crop having been planted at the time of the Chadbourne agreement. Thus she will have a surplus next spring of about 1,200,000 tons. As Java can sell profitably at a price lower than any other producer, she is in a strong bargaining position.

On Dec. 14 the International Sugar Conference voted to admit Peru to membership, it was learned from a Paris account to the New York "Journal of Commerce," which also said:

The country's export quota in the consortium will amount to 360,000 tons this year and 373,750 tons in succeeding years. Peru will have five votes in the Conference.

Jugoslavia is to be admitted to the consortium as soon as it meets the same obligations respecting production as govern the present members.

The New York Hide Exchange Reports that Leather Consumption Gains as Stocks Decline.

Statistics released Jan. 19 by the New York Hide Exchange reflect an increase of 4.2% in the consumption of leather during the first 11 months of last year, against the same period in 1930. The Exchange states that the total stocks of all cattle hide leathers in all hands on Nov. 30 1931 were equivalent to 7,302,000 hides, a decline of 7.6% from Nov. 30 1930.

Unusual Increase Shown in December Shoe Output, According to the New York Hide Exchange—Total Production for Last Year Up 3.8%.

The New York Hide Exchange preliminary shoe production estimate released Jan. 14 shows that in direct contrast to the usual seasonal decline in the output of footwear, the production registered a marked and unusual increase during December, when 19,200,000 pairs were manufactured, against 18,470,000 pairs in November and an increase of about 10% over December 1930. The Exchange further says:

The upturn in production last month brought the total for the year to 315,836,000 pairs, or 3.8% over the output during 1930, regardless of the fact that production during the first two months of last year was appreciably below the corresponding months in 1930.

During March considerable activity developed which continued well into the summer and reflected a consistent monthly increase in production over the same time in 1930. In October and November, however, the output showed the usual seasonal decline only to register a marked gain during the last month of the year. Accompanying the increased activity in shoe

production circles, an almost steady monthly decline was reflected in the wholesale shoe price index throughout the year.

Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for December 1931.

The Department of Commerce announced on Jan. 21 that according to preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census 32,326,526 cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on Dec. 31 1931, of which 24,637,864 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 24,860,684 for November, 25,188,112 for October, 25,236,916 for September, 25,622,526 for August, 25,825,718 for July, and 25,549,782 for December 1930. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 5,950,905,474. During December the normal time of operation was 26 days (allowance being made for the observance of Christmas Day), compared with 24 1/4 for November, 26 3/4 for October, 25 1/2 for September, 26 for August, and 26 for July. Based on an activity of 8.93 hours per day, the average number of spindles operated during December was 25,630,569, or at 79.3% of capacity on a single-shift basis. This percentage compares with 85.8 for November, 85.1 for October, 88.1 for September, 81.8 for August, 86.0 for July, and 75.9 for December 1930. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 184. The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindle-hours, and the average hours per spindle in place, by States, are shown in the following statement:

State.	Spinning Spindles.		Active Spindle Hours for December.	
	In Place Dec. 31.	Active During December.	Total.	Average per Spindle in Place.
United States.....	32,326,526	24,637,864	5,950,905,474	184
Cotton growing States	19,083,052	16,855,940	4,585,822,924	240
New England States	11,873,558	6,791,252	1,190,862,068	100
All other States.....	1,369,916	990,672	174,220,482	127
Alabama.....	1,852,494	1,686,614	462,268,028	250
Connecticut.....	1,067,036	702,742	125,379,087	118
Georgia.....	3,243,208	2,833,404	735,500,377	242
Maine.....	877,796	703,248	133,653,800	137
Massachusetts.....	6,511,472	3,479,682	595,326,059	91
Mississippi.....	206,048	127,720	39,267,195	191
New Hampshire.....	1,186,870	749,486	146,590,261	124
New Jersey.....	373,276	207,422	41,506,236	111
New York.....	638,296	496,208	84,097,958	132
North Carolina.....	6,196,406	5,340,240	1,284,267,717	207
Rhode Island.....	2,013,120	998,846	170,969,845	85
South Carolina.....	5,702,584	5,383,062	1,601,896,476	281
Tennessee.....	621,200	552,522	181,367,894	293
Texas.....	282,100	181,248	45,430,011	16
Virginia.....	679,254	586,072	147,363,354	217
All other States.....	775,366	549,348	105,707,176	136

More Cloth Sold by United States Cotton Mills in United States in Week of Jan. 16 Than in Any Week in Several Months, According to New York Cotton Exchange Service.

The cotton mills of this country sold more cloth in the week ended Jan. 16 than in any other week for several months, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. Distributors and users, it is said, bought freely on numerous lines of both unfinished and finished goods, with deliveries on some contracts running through the second quarter of the season. Total sales were doubtless in excess of total production. The Exchange Service on Jan. 19 also said:

With the raw material strengthening and goods moving more freely, prices of numerous standard goods advanced appreciably. Print cloths were up a quarter of a cent a yard and sheetings an eighth of a cent, while percales have been advanced twice by a quarter of a cent in each instance. The improvement in the volume of turnover was attributed partly to seasonal influences, partly to the rise in the raw material and in security markets, and partly to indications of continued curtailment of production. Manufacturers and finishers are more disposed to-day than in the past to formulate their production and price policies with a view to the welfare of the industry as a whole rather than from the standpoint of their individual advantage, and this has given buyers more confidence in current values and more willingness to buy ahead. This is largely a result of the long-continued, intensive work of the Cotton Textile Institute.

Total Stock Nov. 30 of Indian Cotton in India 4,982,000 Bales, Compared with 5,905,000 Bales on Same Date in 1930.

As a result of the fact that the Indian cotton crop is about one million bales less than last year and far below the average of recent seasons, the total stock of Indian cotton in India on Nov. 30 was only 4,982,000 bales compared with 5,905,000 on the corresponding date last season and 6,489,000 two seasons ago, according to the New York Cotton Exchange Service. The latter on Jan. 12 said:

These figures on the Indian stock include the estimated unpicker portion of the crop as computed on the basis of latest available crop estimates.

While India has exported much less cotton to Japan and China this season than last season, the United States has exported very much more to

those countries. Exports from India to the Orient during the first four months of the season, from Aug. 1 to Nov. 30, totaled only 430,000 running bales against 625,000 in the same period last season, while exports from the United States to Japan and China in the same period were 1,122,000 against 504,000 last season.

Hogs Touch Record Low.

The following from Chicago is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 20:

Average price of \$4.01 a hundred weight for hogs here during the week ended Jan. 16 touched the lowest weekly average for 33 years, and was a decline of 11 cents from the preceding week and compared with \$7.71 cwt. in the like 1931 week. Receipts at seven principal markets totaled 636,644 head against 666,747 in the previous week and 705,972 in the like 1931 week. Average price of all grades of beef steers sold at Chicago out of first hands for slaughter was \$6.62 cwt., against \$6.88 in the preceding week, and \$9.66 in the like 1931 week.

Production of Linseed Oil Decreased During Quarter Ending Dec. 31 1931 As Compared with Corresponding Quarter Last Year.

The Department of Commerce announced on Jan. 19 that according to preliminary Census figures there were 25 mills in the United States which crushed flaxseed during the quarter ending Dec. 31 1931, reporting a crush of 199,149 tons of flaxseed and a production of 130,478,580 pounds of linseed oil. The announcement by the Department adds:

These figures compare with 206,944 tons of seed crushed and 131,256,804 pounds of oil produced for the corresponding quarter in 1930, 278,525 tons of seed and 182,227,710 pounds of oil in 1929, 313,346 tons of seed and 206,273,130 pounds of oil in 1928, 355,571 tons of seed and 238,046,103 pounds of oil in 1927, and 310,382 tons of seed and 206,496,046 pounds of oil in 1926.

Stocks of flaxseed at the mills on Dec. 31 1931, amounted to 104,192 tons compared with 125,218 tons for the same date in 1930, with 121,782 tons in 1929, with 214,578 tons in 1928, with 252,554 tons in 1927, and with 172,324 tons in 1926. Stocks of linseed oil reported by the crushers were 123,626,578 pounds on Dec. 31 1931, compared with 83,035,584 pounds for the same date in 1930, with 99,738,526 pounds in 1929, with 120,724,853 pounds in 1928, with 152,980,476 pounds in 1927, and with 129,437,691 pounds in 1926.

Import and export figures for December not yet available.

Gas Utility Revenues Off in November 1931.

Revenues of manufactured and natural gas utilities aggregated \$52,909,372 in November, a decline of 8.4% from the same month of the preceding year, according to reports to the American Gas Association from companies representing nearly 90% of the utility distribution of manufactured and natural gas. The Association states:

The manufactured gas companies reported revenues of \$31,158,738 for November, a drop of 4% from a year ago, while revenues of the natural gas concerns totaled \$21,750,634, or approximately 14% less than for November 1930.

Sales of manufactured gas reported for November totaled 28,361,647,000 cubic feet, a decline of 6.4%, while natural gas sales for the month were 54,953,333,000 cubic feet, a drop of nearly 10%. Natural gas sales for industrial purposes declined from 18,466,767,000 cubic feet in November 1930 to 16,822,902,000 cubic feet in November 1931, a drop of approximately 9%.

A factor contributing materially to the decline in both manufactured and natural gas sales was the abnormally high temperatures which characterized all sections of the country excepting the Pacific Coast during November. This is strikingly indicated by the fact that in the East North Central States, comprising Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin, sales of gas for househeating purposes were down nearly 40% for the month, despite a gain of some 2% over the preceding year in the number of househeating customers. Somewhat the same trend was manifest in New England, where househeating sales declined nearly 20%, although the number of customers using gas for this purpose was 6% above the preceding year.

Petroleum and Its Products—Conservation Policy Guiding Industry Into Firm Position for Opening of Heavy Consumption Season—Spring Price Advances Anticipated.

With consumption of refined products being maintained at an unusually high level due to the open winter being experienced in many sections of the country, and with continued curtailment of crude production in many of the larger producing areas, the petroleum industry's leaders feel that they will enter this year's heavy consumption season in a position comparatively much stronger than for several years past. As a result it is anticipated that crude prices will show an active upward movement during the latter part of February and through March.

Sentiment among directors of the American Petroleum Institute reflects the generally improved status of the industry, statements issued at the close of a meeting held this week disclosed. Amos L. Beaty, Institute President, who warned against "over-optimism" a short time ago, states now that several "favorable factors" have developed which change the entire outlook. He adds that "the most depressing influence at this time is the uncertainty of the East Texas situation. The trade is uncertain that curtailment and proration will continue. It is generally believed that

the Federal Court in Texas will hold that martial law is invalid. However, the case undoubtedly will be taken to the Supreme Court."

Reports yesterday from Austin indicated that the Federal Court's decision will be made known next week. It is generally believed that an adverse decision would have no immediate detrimental effect on curtailment, as the martial law rule now in effect would be superseded by the Texas Railroad Commission which, in turn, could secure as strict an observance of Governor Sterling's curtailment measures as has the military.

Completions in the East Texas field up to Jan. 20 totaled 3,851. Under the present ruling each well is restricted to an output of 100 barrels per day. However, the rising number of completed wells will necessitate a further lowering of per well allowables to hold total production within the required volume.

Operators in the Hobbs, N. M., oil field have unanimously voted for continuation of production proration for another year. The agreement permits any well owner to withdraw from its obligations after giving 30 days' written notice of his intention.

One price change of importance occurred during the week when, on Jan. 18, the Stoll Oil Refining Co. reduced the price of oil in its Kentucky lines 15c. per barrel, making the new price 60c. per barrel.

Maintenance of prices throughout Mid-Continent, Texas and adjacent fields has been well sustained through the winter thus far, and indications are that there will be no reductions before the spring upward movement.

Price changes follow:

Jan. 18.—Stoll Oil Refining Co., Kentucky, reduces prices of oil in its lines 15c. per barrel; new price 60c. per barrel.

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

Bradford, Pa.-----	\$1.35	Eldorado, Ark., 40-----	\$0.63
Corning, Pa.-----	.80	Rusk, Texas, 40 and over-----	.68
Illinois-----	.80	Salt Creek, Wyo., 40 and over-----	.55
Western Kentucky-----	.60	Dart Creek-----	.60
Midcontinent, Okla., 40 and above-----	.85	Sumburst, Mont.-----	1.05
Hutchinson, Texas, 40 and over-----	.66	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 40 and over-----	.75
Spindletop, Texas, 40 and over-----	.66	Winkler, Texas-----	.71
Winkler, Texas-----	.71	Huntington, Calif., 26-----	.72
Smackover, Ark., 24 and over-----	.55	Petrolia, Canada-----	1.75

REFINED PRODUCTS—TANK CAR GASOLINE PRICES HERE RETURN TO 6½-CENT LEVEL—FURNACE OILS STRONGER—KEROSENE FIRMER WITH 13-CENT PRICE RESUMED IN OHIO.

Marketers in the New York area made swift price adjustments this week. Monday and Tuesday saw a ½c. markdown in posted prices of U. S. Motor tank car gasoline, and Wednesday brought the first move of the return to the former 6½c. per gallon level.

Last week the Standard Oil Co. of New York cut tank car prices ½c. to the new 6c. level. This company's move was followed immediately by Standard of New Jersey. On Monday and Tuesday of this week the reduction was met by Colonial Beacon Oil Co., the Texas Co. and Gulf Refining Co. On Wednesday Standard of New York reinstated the 6½c. price posting, followed by Sun Oil Co. and others who had met the reduction, with the exception of Standard of New Jersey, which holds to the 6c. level.

A sudden reversal of conditions among distributors led to the quick price adjustment, it is declared. Whereas a week ago it was generally believed that price-cutting activities had disrupted the general market, it developed that sales volume at cut prices had been overestimated and that the market as a whole was in a firm position and that conditions did not warrant the ½c. reduction.

Standard Oil Co. of Ohio also withdrew a 1½c. cut in kerosene service station prices, announced last week, and the price was returned to its previous 13c. level on Jan. 21. However, the same company made a further reduction in gasoline prices in Hamilton County, which includes Cincinnati. Here Ethyl is now 18c. service station; X70 is 15c., and Renown Green is 13c.

The Chicago market continues strong, with U. S. Motor now being quoted from 3c. to 3½c. a gallon. Although buying is on a "spot needs" basis, current consumption continues heavy enough to keep the price scale well sustained.

Price cutting has been renewed in San Francisco and Los Angeles, with independents selling from 2c. to 3c. below the 16½c. level maintained by the larger companies. It is reported that the major companies may adopt their practice of last year and meet these price cuts as they occur.

Kerosene sales are well maintained, with the price structure here firm at 6c. per gallon, bulk, at refineries, for 41-43 water white. Furnace oils are moving in good seasonal

volume. Bunker fuel oil is quiet and steady at 60c. a barrel, refinery, and Diesel unchanged at \$1.30 a barrel, same basis.

Price changes of the week follow:

Jan. 18.—Colonial Beacon Oil Co. reduces tank car gasoline prices 3/4c. per gallon to 6c.
 Jan. 18.—Texas Co. reduces tank car gasoline prices 1/2c. per gallon to 6c.
 Jan. 19.—Gulf Refining Co. reduces tank car gasoline prices 1/2c. to 6c. per gallon.
 Jan. 20.—Standard Oil Co. of New York advances tank car gasoline prices 1/2c. to 6 1/2c. at New York; 3/4c. at Providence and Boston; 7c. at Portland, Me. In northern Maine tank wagon and service station prices were reduced 1c.; tank wagon and service station prices in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, southern New Hampshire and southern Maine were advanced 1c. per gallon.
 Jan. 20.—Sun Oil Co. advances tank wagon and service station prices 1c. per gallon in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, southern New Hampshire and southern Maine.
 Jan. 21.—Texas Co. advances tank car gasoline prices 1/2c. per gallon to 6 1/2c.
 Jan. 21.—Colonial Beacon Oil Co. advances tank car gasoline price 1/2c. to 6 1/2c.
 Jan. 21.—Gulf Refining Co. advances tank car gasoline 1/2c. per gallon to 6 1/2c.
 Jan. 21.—Standard Oil Co. of Ohio advances kerosene prices throughout its territory 1 1/2c. a gallon, making new service station price 13c., tank wagon prices unchanged.
 Jan. 22.—Standard Oil Co. of Ohio reduces gasoline prices 1c. a gallon in Hamilton County, including Cincinnati. New prices are 18c. for Ethyl; 15c. for X70, and 13c. for Renown Green.

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

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

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York-----\$1.43	Cincinnati-----\$.15	Kansas City-----\$.149
Atlanta-----.195	Cleveland-----.16	Minneapolis-----.162
Baltimore-----.159	Denver-----.19	New Orleans-----.118
Boston-----.17	Detroit-----.131	Philadelphia-----.11
Buffalo-----.143	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) \$0.06	Chicago-----\$0.2 1/4-.03 1/2	New Orleans, ex. \$0.03 1/4
North Texas-----.03	Los Ang., ex. .04 1/4-.06	Tulsa-----.04 1/4-.03 1/2

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)-----	California 27 plus D	Gulf Coast "C"-----\$5.55-.55
Bunker "C"-----\$.60	-----\$.75-1.00	Chicago 18-22 D. .42 1/4-.50
Diesel 28-30 D.-----1.30	New Orleans "C"-----.55	

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

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

Net Crude Oil Stock Changes for December 1931.

Pipe line and tank farm net domestic crude oil stocks east of the Rocky Mountains decreased 556,000 barrels in the month of December 1931, according to returns compiled by the American Petroleum Institute from reports made to it by representative companies. The net change shown by the reporting companies accounts for the increases and decreases in general crude oil stocks, including crude oil in transit, but not producers' stocks at the wells.

Crude Oil Output in United States Declines.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Jan. 16 1932, was 2,193,450 barrels, as compared with 2,234,200 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 40,750 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended Jan. 17 1931 of 2,094,000 barrels daily, the current figure represents an increase of 99,450 barrels per day. The daily average production east of California for the week ended Jan. 16 1932 was 1,684,450 barrels, as compared with 1,728,600 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 44,150 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production, by districts:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS).

Weeks Ended—	Jan. 16 '32.	Jan. 9 '32.	Jan. 2 '32.	Jan. 17 '31.
Oklahoma-----	441,550	481,650	493,300	441,150
Kansas-----	99,200	101,150	103,150	107,550
Panhandle Texas-----	49,200	52,450	49,800	57,450
North Texas-----	49,450	49,750	50,050	60,350
West Central Texas-----	25,600	24,250	24,150	25,300
West Texas-----	175,250	172,850	172,950	246,650
East Central Texas-----	51,150	51,600	50,950	40,400
East Texas-----	333,100	329,500	290,900	2,750
Southwest Texas-----	53,350	51,800	52,100	78,850
North Louisiana-----	28,700	29,200	27,800	40,550
Arkansas-----	34,250	34,250	33,700	51,000
Coastal Texas-----	111,350	112,650	114,700	163,000
Coastal Louisiana-----	27,900	26,350	29,850	29,150
Eastern (not including Mich.)-----	107,400	110,750	107,950	99,500
Michigan-----	14,700	15,950	17,100	9,650
Wyoming-----	34,550	38,450	37,350	43,750
Montana-----	5,700	6,100	6,600	7,100
Colorado-----	3,550	3,600	3,550	4,100
New Mexico-----	38,500	36,300	43,250	43,150
California-----	509,000	505,600	499,700	542,400

Total-----2,193,450 2,234,200 2,209,100 2,094,000

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 ended Jan. 16 1932 was 1,340,800 barrels, as compared with 1,378,450 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 37,650 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover (Arkansas)

heavy oil, was 1,317,400 barrels, as compared with 1,355,000 barrels, a decrease of 37,600 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-			-Week Ended-	
	Jan. 16.	Jan. 9.		Jan. 16.	Jan. 9.
Oklahoma-----	13,300	11,450	Southwest Texas-----	1,700	1,750
Bowlegs-----	11,750	11,850	Chapman-Abbot-----	16,250	14,800
Bristow-Slick-----	11,700	11,750	Darst Creek-----	7,450	7,300
Burbank-----	17,900	17,500	Lulling-----	8,250	8,250
Carr City-----	14,350	12,450	North Louisiana-----	800	800
Earlsboro-----	14,100	11,900	Sarepta-Carterville-----	6,750	6,300
East Earlsboro-----	4,100	5,050	Zwolle-----		
Konawa-----	5,150	6,350	Arkansas-----		
Little River-----	17,450	16,550	Smackover, light-----	3,000	3,000
Little Little River-----	2,050	1,850	Smackover, heavy-----	23,400	23,450
Maud-----	1,950	2,100	Coastal Texas-----		
Mission-----	7,750	6,750	Barbers Hill-----	18,800	18,000
Oklahoma City-----	104,000	144,650	Raccoon Bend-----	4,800	4,600
St. Louis-----	18,050	19,950	Refugio County-----	12,950	13,450
Searight-----	3,650	3,550	Sugarland-----	9,450	9,700
Seminole-----	12,000	12,950	Coastal Louisiana-----		
East Seminole-----	1,300	1,000	East Hackberry-----	3,300	4,400
Kansas-----			Old Hackberry-----	600	600
Ritz-----	12,300	12,800	Wyoming-----		
Sedgwick County-----	15,150	16,100	Salt Creek-----	21,350	23,550
Voshell-----	10,100	10,500	Montana-----		
Panhandle Texas-----			Kevin-Sumburst-----	3,350	3,350
Gray County-----	30,400	32,500	New Mexico-----		
Hutchinson County-----	11,600	12,900	Hobbs High-----	32,250	30,150
North Texas-----			Balance Lea County-----	3,950	3,900
Archer County-----	11,100	11,150	California-----		
North Young County-----	6,150	6,350	Elwood-Goleta-----	16,500	16,400
Wilbarger County-----	10,000	10,000	Huntington Beach-----	23,000	20,500
West Central Texas-----			Inglewood-----	13,900	13,800
South Young County-----	4,000	3,700	Kettleman Hills-----	61,000	61,800
West Texas-----			Long Beach-----	79,000	78,000
Crane and Upton Cos.-----	19,600	19,500	Midway-Sunset-----	49,800	49,100
Ector County-----	5,400	5,500	Playa Del Rey-----	21,000	22,000
Howard County-----	22,500	22,400	Santa Fe Springs-----	66,300	63,900
Reagan County-----	26,250	23,700	Seal Beach-----	13,100	13,100
Winkler County-----	32,000	32,100	Ventura Avenue-----	40,600	41,700
Yates-----	56,800	56,750	Balance Pecos County-----	1,800	1,800
East Central Texas-----			Pennsylvania Grade-----		
Van Zandt County-----	44,650	44,800	Allegheny-----	8,050	7,750
East Texas-----			Bradford-----	26,700	30,950
Rusk County-----	108,650	110,800	Kane to Butler-----	6,650	6,550
Kilgore-----	112,100	108,100	Southeastern Ohio-----	5,400	6,150
Gregg Co.—Longview-----	112,350	110,600	Southwestern Penna.-----	3,250	2,850
			West Virginia-----	13,100	12,500

Bulk Terminal Stocks of Gasoline and Gasoline in Transit.

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 reports as 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. 16 1932.	Jan. 9 1932.	Jan. 17 1931.	Jan. 16 1932.	Jan. 9 1932.	Jan. 17 1931.
East Coast-----	7,188,000	7,217,000	7,468,000	1,579,000	1,469,000	1,770,000
Appalachian-----	330,000	319,000	331,000	-----	-----	-----
Ind., Ill., Ky.-----	2,751,000	2,874,000	1,737,000	-----	6,000	-----
Okla., Kans., Mo.-----	691,000	628,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Texas-----	176,000	207,000	154,000	-----	-----	20,000
Louisiana-Arkans.-----	419,000	393,000	445,000	139,000	10,000	121,000
Rocky Mountain-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total east of Calif.-----	11,555,000	11,636,000	10,185,000	1,718,000	1,485,000	1,911,000
Texas Gulf-----	146,000	179,000	125,000	-----	-----	20,000
Louisiana Gulf-----	363,000	359,000	420,000	127,000	-----	121,000

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

Reports compiled by the American Petroleum Institute for the week ended Jan. 16 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 2,124,900 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 39,853,000 barrels of gasoline, and 130,330,000 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 3,034,000 barrels of cracked gasoline

during the week. The complete report for the week ended Jan. 16 1932 follows:

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLs, GASOLINE STOCKS AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED JAN. 16 1932.
(Figures in Barrels of 42 Gallons Each.)

District.	Per Cent Potential Capacity Report- ing.	Crude Runs to Still s.	Per Cent Oper. of Total Capacity Report.	Gasoline Stocks. a	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast.....	100.0	2,869,000	64.7	4,937,000	7,684,000
Appalachian.....	91.8	591,000	61.4	1,418,000	1,450,000
Ind., Illinois, Kentucky	93.9	1,851,000	61.3	4,789,000	5,235,000
Okla., Kans., Missouri.	89.6	1,648,000	54.1	3,309,000	3,960,000
Texas.....	91.3	3,560,000	66.4	8,509,000	10,946,000
Louisiana-Arkansas.....	98.9	1,025,000	63.5	1,261,000	4,189,000
Rocky Mountain.....	89.4	302,000	30.0	1,854,000	748,000
California.....	97.1	3,028,000	48.7	*13,776,000	96,118,000
Total week Jan. 16.....	95.2	14,874,000	58.0	39,853,000	130,330,000
Daily average.....		2,124,900			
Total week Jan. 9.....	95.2	15,159,000	59.1	39,106,000	131,579,000
Daily average.....		2,165,600			
Total Jan. 17 1931.....	95.7	15,528,000	62.1	539,171,000	133,728,000
Daily average.....		2,218,300			
c Texas Gulf Coast.....	99.8	2,825,000	75.9	6,754,000	8,204,000
c Louisiana Gulf Coast.....	100.0	665,000	64.4	1,137,000	3,306,000

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 U. S.—(stocks in transit thereto). b Revised and all sales distributing stations, including products at refineries, water terminals and 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. 16 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."

New Low Ebb in Non-Ferrous Metals Market—Copper Business Small.

The unsettled status of the political and financial situation has been communicated to the metal markets, with the result that demand in the third week of the new year reached a new low ebb, "Metal & Mineral Markets" reports, adding:

Not even the dispatch with which Congress has pushed through the plans for the Restriction Finance Corp. has inspired metal consumers with any desire to purchase additional supplies. Copper is being offered in several directions at 7 1/2c. a pound, delivered Connecticut, although the majority of the producers' as well as the exporters' price remains on the 7 1/2c. basis. Lead is steady at 3.75c. a pound New York, although demand has fallen off. Zinc has declined to 3c. a pound. Tin demand has been fair with little fluctuation in the price. Silver weakened early in the week but is now held at 29 1/2c. an ounce.

The domestic market for copper has been extremely dull all week. Although the majority of producers adhere firmly to the quotation of 7 1/2c. a pound, delivered Connecticut, an ambitious buyer could have picked up a fair tonnage at 7 1/4c. a pound from several sellers. In many quarters, the feeling is growing that domestic users of copper have covered their requirements for the first half of the year and that they are not likely to come into the market for any large volume of copper at present. This feeling, of course, is largely based on present rates of consumption. Any general improvement in credit or business would be immediately reflected in renewed interest in copper.

Trade authorities estimate that December copper shipments to domestic consumers were less than 30,000 tons. Apparently, January shipments will not be much, if any, higher. With the construction and utility industries virtually at a standstill, so far as expansion is concerned, because of the credit stringency, increases in consumption from these two major copper consumers are hardly to be expected. The one bright spot is the automobile industry, which may exceed the 1931 output this year.

Copper Exporters, Inc., continues to quote 7.625c. a pound, c.i.f. usual European ports. Business has been very small, however, during the current market week. The exporters organization appears to be satisfied for the present with the differential of 12 1/2 points over the Connecticut delivered price, although there may be later alterations. A reduction in ocean freight rates to \$4.25 per long ton from Atlantic seaboard points to usual European ports through 1932 may help to maintain the lowered differential. Apparently the new marketing plan is working smoothly.

Steel Operations and Orders Increase—Output at 28% of Capacity—Prices Weaker.

Improvement in steel business is more in the promise than in the performance, reports the "Iron Age" of Jan. 21. However, ingot output has increased to an average of 28% for the entire country, compared with a little above 25% last week, and there has been a more generous flow of small orders, particularly at Pittsburgh and Chicago, both for replenishment of depleted stocks and for immediate consumption. The "Age" further goes on to say:

Delays in certain developments are at least in part responsible for the slowness of steel to reflect the usual seasonal influences. The automobile industry is to some extent marking time pending the final disclosure of the new Ford model; the release of some expected railroad buying is undoubtedly held back by the prolonged negotiations over railroad wage reductions, and a good deal of public construction work that has been authorized is in abeyance because of financing difficulties. Tin plate contracts expected from two large can companies have been postponed until after the canners' convention last week.

Such gains in orders and operations as have occurred are in the main due to the automobile industry, notwithstanding that it is expanding its schedules slowly and cautiously, and to the requirements of miscellaneous consumers. Building construction and the railroads are playing a very small part in current releases.

Business is spotty as regards products and districts. The best operations are at Birmingham, where the rate is above 50%, and in the Youngstown area, which has an average schedule above 35%. In both instances increased activity of subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corp. has brought up the district averages. The Pittsburgh and Chicago districts are both 25%. Cleveland is at 35% and Wheeling at 40%.

Bar and sheet mills are doing relatively better than other finishing departments. A Chicago bar unit is operating at 50%, while sheet mills in the central district have stepped up output to an average of 30%. Bars and sheets, being the most widely used products, are usually the first to respond to general business improvement. A large independent company who capacity is dominated by structural shapes, plates and rails has had little gain in its orders this month. Some companies report increases in bookings of 10 to 15% over the corresponding period of December.

Included in pending business of outstanding size is 35,000 tons of 20-inch pipe for a pipe line, on which a New York engineering firm is taking bids. A pipe line from Montana to Minnesota is also in prospect. The Erie RR. is distributing its orders for 31,377 tons of rails, of which Steel Corporation mills will receive more than 25,000 tons. The New York Central rail inquiry probably will be for not more than 100,000 tons, as part of its last purchase of 175,000 tons is still unused.

Until the Ford Motor Co. releases volume orders for production of its new model, there appears to be no likelihood of any important increase in buying of steel by the automobile industry. The Ford orders may not come before February. This month's automobile output is estimated at 140,000 units, against 120,000 in December, a small gain for this time of year, and the February schedules are uncertain pending the consummation of the Ford plans and the outcome of sales drives at current automobile shows.

The price situation continues to be of major concern to steel companies, particularly makers of sheets. No. 24 hot-rolled annealed sheets are now generally available to large buyers at 2.15c., Pittsburgh, and some other grades are notably lower or very weak. Some effort to strengthen prices may be expected, though it is clearly recognized by the steel trade that such a move is difficult when volume demand is lacking. On the other hand, experience has shown that declining prices discourage buying. Pittsburgh and Youngstown mills are trying to re-establish a 1.60c. a lb. Pittsburgh price on bars, and this figure is being quoted to small buyers not covered by contracts. Most of the larger buyers are protected through the quarter at 1.50c.

Following the recent \$1 reduction on Alabama pig iron for shipment to the North, the Birmingham producers have lowered the price to consumers in that district in like amount.

More activity in the purchase of heavy melting steel by Chicago district mills has had the opposite of the usual effect, having reduced prices instead of strengthening them. A 50c. decline in this grade at Chicago brings the "Iron Age" scrap composite price down to \$8.33. The finished steel composite price is lower at 2.037c. a lb., only 78c. a ton above the low point of the 1921-1922 depression. The pig iron composite is unchanged at \$14.65. A comparative table follows:

Finished Steel.

Jan. 19 1932, 2.037c. a Lb.	Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and sheets.
One week ago.....	2.052c. These products make 87% of the United States output.
One month ago.....	2.095c.
One year ago.....	2.142c.

	High.	Low.
1932.....	2.052c. Jan. 5	2.037c. Jan. 13
1931.....	2.142c. Jan. 13	2.052c. Dec. 29
1930.....	2.362c. Jan. 7	2.121c. Dec. 5
1929.....	2.412c. Apr. 2	2.362c. Oct. 25
1928.....	2.391c. Dec. 11	2.314c. Jan. 3
1927.....	2.453c. Jan. 4	2.293c. Oct. 25
1926.....	2.453c. Jan. 5	2.403c. May 18
1925.....	2.560c. Jan. 6	2.396c. Aug. 18

Pig Iron.

Jan. 19 1932, \$14.65 a Gross Ton.	Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.
One week ago.....	\$14.65
One month ago.....	14.79
One year ago.....	15.90

	High.	Low.
1932.....	\$14.79 Jan. 5	\$14.65 Jan. 12
1931.....	15.90 Jan. 6	14.79 Dec. 15
1930.....	18.21 Jan. 7	15.90 Dec. 16
1929.....	18.71 May 14	18.01 Dec. 17
1928.....	18.59 Nov. 27	17.04 July 24
1927.....	19.71 Jan. 4	17.54 Nov. 1
1926.....	21.54 Jan. 5	19.46 July 13
1925.....	22.50 Jan. 13	18.96 July 7

Steel Scrap.

Jan. 19 1932, \$8.33 a Gross Ton.	Based on heavy melting steel quotations at Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago.
One week ago.....	\$8.50
One month ago.....	8.58
One year ago.....	11.33

	High.	Low.
1932.....	\$8.50 Jan. 12	\$8.33 Jan. 19
1931.....	11.33 Jan. 6	8.50 Dec. 29
1930.....	15.00 Feb. 18	11.25 Dec. 9
1929.....	17.58 Jan. 29	14.08 July 2
1928.....	16.50 Dec. 31	13.08 Nov. 2
1927.....	15.25 Jan. 11	13.08 Nov. 22
1926.....	17.25 Jan. 5	14.00 June 1
1925.....	20.83 Jan. 13	15.08 May 2

Steel demand is more definitely on the upgrade, stimulated moderately by reviving confidence and the closer approach of seasonal influence, reports "Steel," of Cleveland, on Jan. 18. None of the major consuming groups exhibits a marked tendency toward improvement, but practically all are contributing in larger measure to the rising volume of steel orders. This has led to the second conservative increase in steelworks operations, the rate advancing one point to 26% in the past week, with prospects for a further slight gain this week, adds "Steel," which further states:

Encouraged by the outlook, steelmakers are building up resistance to pressure against prices, a determined effort being made to put heavy finished steel on a more remunerative basis. Leading producers are endeavoring to stabilize plates, shapes and bars at 1.60c., Pittsburgh, for ordinary buyers, with quotations at Cleveland, Chicago and Birmingham on a commensurate basis. In sheets and strip, however, price weakness persists, due mainly to competition for the more attractive orders from the automotive industry. In raw materials, prices appear a little steadier, except scrap, larger buying having developed lower levels.

Steelmakers consider as a practical certainty a much larger inflow of orders from railroads as revenue increases from recent freight advances, and the anticipated wage adjustment. Railroad rolling stock is reported in the worst condition since the 1922 shop strike; rail buying in the past two years was the lowest in 25 years; bad-order cars are the highest on record. New York Central's rail inquiry, out soon, probably will be for less than the 170,000 tons purchased last year. The Erie has purchased 31,377 tons. Northern Pacific has bought 150 hopper cars, and Western Fruit Express is expected to place 300 underframes shortly.

In the automotive industry no important plant is down, in contrast with a month ago when many were closed entirely. Chevrolet is leading, with

9,000 units a week; Ford making 1,600 on the revised 4-cylinder models, designated as "B" in sheet and strip orders. In numerous miscellaneous lines the trend is for the better: Demand for bolts, nuts and rivets at Pittsburgh is heavier; reinforcing steel for roadbuilding is more active; ferroalloy shipments are up; a net gain of three active blast furnaces is noted since Jan. 1. General Motors' recent order for 10,000 tons of pig iron is influencing smaller consumers to cover, lake furnace sales being the largest since last fall. Substantial contracts for tin plate have been placed by Standard of New Jersey and Continental Oil; and the American Can Co. is about to close on a large order. The Shell Oil Co. has placed 40,000 tons with South Wales mills.

Shipments are being completed on a number of steel contracts which were not fully specified by the close of 1932. It is understood that if the United States Steel Corp. had not wiped off its books on Dec. 31 tonnage which had been carried along for some time with little prospect of being specified, its unfilled orders would have increased, instead of decreasing 198,538 tons to the lowest point since December 1910.

Structural awards for the week, amounting to 20,000 tons, and reinforcing bar orders, 6,000 tons, represent good advances from the preceding week. Pipe projects this year are expected to provide considerable tonnage; an inquiry is current for 35,000 tons of 20-inch steel pipe for a 200-mile line. Washington has purchased 4,500 tons of cast iron pipe; Minneapolis is taking bids on 2,700 tons; Cincinnati, on 2,000 tons.

Reflecting the stronger tone in plates, shapes and bars, "Steel's" finished steel composite is up 60 cents to \$47.62, and the iron and steel composite is up 12 cents to \$30.08. These are the first advances in these composites since last July. The scrap composite is down eight cents, to \$8.04.

Bituminous Coal and Pennsylvania Anthracite Output Continues Below Rate a Year Ago.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, production of bituminous coal during the week ended Jan. 9 1932 amounted to 6,930,000 net tons as compared with 6,050,000 tons in the preceding week and 9,184,000 tons in the corresponding period last year. Pennsylvania anthracite output totalled 1,147,000 net tons as against 1,465,000 tons during the week ended Jan. 10 1931 and 974,000 tons during the week ended Jan. 2 1932.

During the coal year to Jan. 9 1932 production of bituminous coal amounted to 282,505,000 net tons as compared with 351,787,000 tons during the coal year to Jan. 10 1932. The Bureau's statement reports as follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal (including lignite and coal coked at the mines) during the first full week in 1932 is estimated at 6,930,000 net tons. Although this figure does not reach the pre-holiday level, the average daily rate of output is approximately 1.1% higher than that for the week of Jan. 2.—Production during the week in 1931 corresponding with that of Jan. 9 amounted to 9,184,000 tons.

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

Week Ended—	1931-1932		1930-1931	
	Week.	Coal Year to Date.	Week.	Coal Year to Date-a
Dec. 26	5,331,000	269,325,000	6,980,000	334,169,000
Daily average	1,066,000	1,187,000	1,396,000	1,473,000
Jan. 2, b	6,050,000	275,575,000	8,434,000	342,603,000
Daily average	1,142,000	1,186,000	1,591,000	1,476,000
Jan. 9, c	6,930,000	282,505,000	9,184,000	351,787,000
Daily average	1,155,000	1,185,000	1,531,000	1,477,000

a Minus one day's production first week in April to equalize number of days in the two years. b Revised since last report. c Daily average based upon 5.3 days. c Subject to revision.

The total production of soft coal during the present coal year to Jan. 9 1932 (approximately 238 working days) amounts to 282,505,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent coal years are given below:

1930-31	351,787,000 net tons	1928-29	386,704,000 net tons
1929-30	408,858,000 net tons	1927-28	362,798,000 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 Jan. 2 is estimated at 6,050,000 net tons, in comparison with 5,331,000 tons during Christmas week. New Year's Day is a holiday in most bituminous fields. The following table shows the source of the tonnage, by States, and gives comparable figures for other recent years:

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

State—	Week Ended—				Jan. '23 Average, a
	Jan. 2 '32.	Dec. 26 '31.	Jan. 3 '31.	Jan. 4 '30.	
Alabama	169,000	142,000	257,000	388,000	434,000
Arkansas	27,000	20,000	34,000	41,000	30,000
Colorado	125,000	116,000	197,000	205,000	226,000
Illinois	890,000	756,000	1,129,000	1,165,000	2,111,000
Indiana	238,000	232,000	314,000	406,000	659,000
Iowa	75,000	58,000	84,000	85,000	140,000
Kansas	60,000	61,000	65,000	59,000	103,000
Kentucky—Eastern	444,000	347,000	686,000	942,000	607,000
Western	173,000	133,000	222,000	294,000	240,000
Maryland	34,000	27,000	41,000	49,000	55,000
Michigan	9,000	11,000	16,000	15,000	32,000
Missouri	78,000	64,000	75,000	93,000	87,000
Montana	43,000	47,000	57,000	55,000	82,000
New Mexico	30,000	31,000	35,000	46,000	73,000
North Dakota	39,000	29,000	35,000	43,000	50,000
Ohio	313,000	283,000	421,000	466,000	814,000
Oklahoma	35,000	28,000	54,000	85,000	63,000
Pennsylvania (bitum.)	1,435,000	1,321,000	2,085,000	2,521,000	3,402,000
Tennessee	65,000	55,000	108,000	114,000	133,000
Texas	9,000	7,000	8,000	13,000	26,000
Utah	83,000	92,000	151,000	115,000	109,000
Virginia	162,000	121,000	219,000	262,000	211,000
Washington	27,000	33,000	40,000	48,000	74,000
W. Va.—Southern, b	1,043,000	904,000	1,433,000	1,953,000	1,134,000
Northern, c	362,000	324,000	532,000	673,000	762,000
Wyoming	78,000	85,000	126,000	126,000	186,000
Other States	4,000	4,000	10,000	2,000	7,000
Total bituminous coal	6,050,000	5,331,000	8,434,000	10,267,000	11,850,000
Pennsylvania anthracite	974,000	705,000	1,097,000	1,327,000	1,968,000
Total all coal	7,024,000	6,036,000	9,531,000	11,594,000	13,818,000

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

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite in Pennsylvania during the week ended Jan. 9 1932 is estimated at 1,147,000 net tons. This is an increase of 173,000 tons over the output in the preceding week, when working time was curtailed by the New Year's Day holiday. The average daily rate, however, was less than in the holiday week—191,200 tons as against 194,800 tons.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended—	1931-32		1930-31	
	Week.	Daily Average.	Week.	Daily Average.
Dec. 26 1931	705,000	141,000	965,000	193,000
Jan. 2 1932, a	974,000	194,800	1,097,000	219,400
Jan. 9 1932, b	1,147,000	191,200	1,465,000	244,200

a Revised since last report. b Subject to revision.

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke during the week ended Jan. 9 1932 is estimated at 22,500 net tons in comparison with 19,500 tons in the preceding week. The following table apportions the tonnage by regions:

Estimated Weekly Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Region—	1932		1931	
	Jan. 9 1932, b	Jan. 10 1931, Date.	Jan. 10 1932, Date.	Jan. 21 1931, Date.
Pennsylvania	18,700	16,100	25,100	24,100
West Virginia	1,800	1,300	3,800	1,700
Tennessee and Virginia	1,500	1,300	3,300	2,000
Colorado, Utah and Washington	1,000	800	1,500	1,200
United States total	22,500	19,500	33,700	29,000
Daily average	3,750	3,250	5,617	3,625

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The daily average volume of Federal Reserve Bank credit outstanding during the week ending Jan. 20, as reported by the Federal Reserve banks, was \$1,838,000,000, a decline of \$49,000,000 compared with the preceding week and an increase of \$774,000,000 compared with the corresponding week in 1931. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

On Jan. 20 total Reserve Bank credit amounted to \$1,807,000,000 a decline of \$27,000,000 for the week. This decrease corresponds with decreases of \$22,000,000 in member bank reserve balances and \$6,000,000 in money in circulation and an increase of \$7,000,000 in Treasury currency, adjusted, offset in part by a decrease of \$7,000,000 in the monetary gold stock and an increase of \$2,000,000 in unexpended capital funds.

Holdings of discounted bills increased \$26,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and \$5,000,000 each at Philadelphia and Chicago, and declined \$23,000,000 at New York, \$7,000,000 at Boston and \$5,000,000 at Cleveland, combined holdings of all Federal Reserve banks being substantially unchanged. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$26,000,000 and of Treasury certificates and bills \$3,000,000, while holdings of United States Treasury notes increased \$3,000,000.

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. 20 in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages, namely, pages 638 and 639.

Changes in the amount of Reserve Bank credit outstanding and in related items during the week and the year ending Jan. 20 1932, were as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)		
	Jan. 20 1932.	Jan. 13 1932.	Jan. 21 1931.
Bills discounted	819,000,000	+1,000,000	+589,000,000
Bills bought	188,000,000	-26,000,000	+36,000,000
United States securities	751,000,000	-1,000,000	+126,000,000
Other Reserve bank credit	48,000,000	-2,000,000	+34,000,000
TOTAL RESERVE BANK CREDIT	1,807,000,000	-27,000,000	+787,000,000
Monetary gold stock	4,450,000,000	-7,000,000	-181,000,000
Treasury currency adjusted	1,785,000,000	+7,000,000	-2,000,000
Money in circulation	5,613,000,000	-6,000,000	+1,020,000,000
Member bank reserve balances	1,972,000,000	-22,000,000	-469,000,000
Unexpended capital funds, non-member deposits, &c.	458,000,000	+2,000,000	+54,000,000

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 cover-

ing 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 \$32,000,000, the amount of these loans on Jan. 20 1932 standing at \$531,000,000. The present week's decrease of \$32,000,000 follows a decrease of \$5,000,000 last week and a decrease of \$795,000,000 in the 17 preceding weeks. Loans "for own account" decreased during the week from \$488,000,000 to \$453,000,000, but loans "for account of out-of-town banks" increased from \$69,000,000 to \$73,000,000, while loans "for account of others" decreased from \$6,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The amount of these loans "for account of others" has been reduced the past 10 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 that banks loans secured by stocks, bonds and acceptances. The present week's total of \$531,000,000 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. 20 1932.	Jan. 13 1932.	Jan. 21 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total	6,838,000,000	6,988,000,000	7,880,000,000
Loans—total	4,416,000,000	4,465,000,000	5,563,000,000
On securities	2,205,000,000	2,216,000,000	3,061,000,000
All other	2,211,000,000	2,249,000,000	2,502,000,000
Investments—total	2,422,000,000	2,523,000,000	2,317,000,000
U. S. Government securities	1,578,000,000	1,676,000,000	1,263,000,000
Other securities	844,000,000	847,000,000	1,054,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	682,000,000	685,000,000	859,000,000
Cash in vault	45,000,000	51,000,000	53,000,000
Net demand deposits	5,003,000,000	5,066,000,000	5,820,000,000
Time deposits	779,000,000	789,000,000	1,201,000,000
Government deposits	118,000,000	124,000,000	17,000,000
Due from banks	58,000,000	61,000,000	82,000,000
Due to banks	862,000,000	867,000,000	1,271,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	15,000,000	45,000,000	-----
Loans on secur. to brokers & dealers:			
For own account	453,000,000	488,000,000	1,101,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks	73,000,000	69,000,000	330,000,000
For account of others	5,000,000	6,000,000	326,000,000
Total	531,000,000	563,000,000	1,757,000,000
On demand	401,000,000	425,000,000	1,312,000,000
On time	130,000,000	138,000,000	445,000,000

Chicago.			
	Jan. 20 1932.	Jan. 13 1932.	Jan. 21 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total	1,526,000,000	1,546,000,000	1,997,000,000
Loans—total	1,057,000,000	1,062,000,000	1,423,000,000
On securities	612,000,000	611,000,000	834,000,000
All other	445,000,000	451,000,000	589,000,000
Investments—total	469,000,000	484,000,000	574,000,000
U. S. Government securities	255,000,000	272,000,000	277,000,000
Other securities	214,000,000	212,000,000	297,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	152,000,000	147,000,000	184,000,000
Cash in vault	19,000,000	18,000,000	13,000,000
Net demand deposits	1,007,000,000	1,004,000,000	1,265,000,000
Time deposits	402,000,000	411,000,000	611,000,000
Government deposits	11,000,000	12,000,000	12,000,000
Due from banks	93,000,000	117,000,000	160,000,000
Due to banks	243,000,000	256,000,000	346,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	3,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000

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

As explained above, the statement 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 Jan. 13:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on Jan. 13 shows decreases for the week of \$92,000,000 in loans and investments, \$138,000,000 in net demand deposits, \$11,000,000 in time deposits, \$31,000,000 in Government deposits and \$27,000,000 in reserves with Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on securities declined \$12,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district, \$6,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$27,000,000 at all reporting banks. "All other" loans declined \$14,000,000 in the Cleveland district, \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$5,000,000 in the San Francisco district and \$19,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Holdings of United States Government securities declined \$46,000,000 in the New York district and \$61,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other securities increased \$10,000,000 in the Cleveland district and \$15,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Borrowings of weekly reporting member banks aggregated \$469,000,000 on Jan. 13, the principal changes for the week being decreases of \$12,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, \$9,000,000 at New York and \$7,000,000 at Philadelphia, and an increase of \$15,000,000 at Cleveland.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Jan. 13 1932, follows:

	Jan. 13 1932.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
		Jan. 6 1932.	Jan. 14 1931.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total	20,287,000,000	-92,000,000	-2,379,000,000
Loans—total	13,031,000,000	-46,000,000	-2,891,000,000
On securities	5,660,000,000	-27,000,000	-1,862,000,000
All other	7,371,000,000	+19,000,000	-1,029,000,000
Investments—total	7,256,000,000	-46,000,000	+513,000,000
U. S. Government securities	3,996,000,000	-61,000,000	+850,000,000
Other securities	3,260,000,000	+15,000,000	-338,000,000
Reserves with F. R. banks	1,516,000,000	-27,000,000	-354,000,000
Cash in vault	249,000,000	-7,000,000	-6,000,000
Net demand deposits	11,643,000,000	-138,000,000	-2,219,000,000
Time deposits	5,843,000,000	-11,000,000	-1,216,000,000
Government deposits	265,000,000	-31,000,000	+150,000,000
Due from banks	927,000,000	-60,000,000	-783,000,000
Due to banks	2,427,000,000	-145,000,000	-1,271,000,000
Borrowings from F. R. banks	469,000,000	-14,000,000	+389,000,000

Condition of Paul M. Warburg Unchanged

The condition of Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of the Board of the Manhattan Company, who has been ill at his home in this city since early in December, continues unchanged, according to the latest advices.

Gates W. McGarrah, Chairman of Bank for International Settlements, Arrives in New York—Says Increased Taxes and Less Federal Financing is Needed to Effect Business Recovery.

Gates W. McGarrah, Chairman of the Bank for International Settlements, arrived in New York yesterday (Jan. 22) on the steamer "Europa." Mr. McGarrah is reported as saying that the world is confident that America will lead the way to recovery. The New York "Evening Post" of last night said:

To it he added the assurance that no one worries about the future of America.

Mr. McGarrah, although he refused to comment upon European affairs or the policy of the Bank for International Settlements, was definite in his conviction that the United States was showing signs of returning confidence.

"The big problem facing the Government to-day," he said, "is of placing its house in order, and the sooner this is accomplished along sound economical lines the quicker the return to normal progress. Increased taxation and less Federal financing to meet unbalanced budgets should be the order of events. Following this course, the United States will have little difficulty in overcoming its present difficulties."

Mr. McGarrah expects to remain for only a short period.

Death of Sir Herbert Hambling Deputy Chairman of Barclay's Bank, London.

Sir Herbert Hambling, one of London's leading bankers and Deputy Chairman of Barclay's Bank, died suddenly at his country home, Yoxford, Suffolk on Jan. 19 said a London message to the New York "Times." He would have been 75 years old in July. The following is also from the "Times":

From 1924 until 1930 Sir Herbert, who received his knighthood in 1917 and his baronetcy in 1924, was a government nominee on the board of directors of Imperial Airways, Ltd. He was formerly General Manager and a director of the London, Provincial and Southwestern Bank.

In 1924 he was High Sheriff of Suffolk, from 1923 to 1925 President of the Institute of Bankers.

Bank of England Repaying Credit Granted by Federal Reserve—Banks Greater Part of \$75,000,000 Retired by Dollar Balances.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 21 we take the following:

The Bank of England has already repaid between \$55,000,000 to \$60,000,000 of the \$75,000,000 credit granted by the Federal Reserve Bank. In addition, the dollar balances of the Bank of England are growing steadily and indications are the entire \$75,000,000 credit will be wiped out upon maturity at the end of this month.

Probably the Bank of France is being reimbursed similarly to the Federal Reserve. No extension of the credit appears necessary now.

On Aug. 1 1931, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in conjunction with other Federal Reserve banks, announced that it had agreed to purchase from the Bank of England "up to the approximate equivalent of \$125,000,000 of prime commercial bills." Bank of France extended a credit of a similar amount, making \$250,000,000 in all.

References to the credits to the Bank of England and the Bank of France appeared in these columns Aug. 8 1931, page 878. Further items were given in our issues of Oct. 24, page 2683 and Oct. 31, page 2840.

Mauritius Loan Oversubscribed.

The following London cablegram Jan. 18 is from the New York "Times":

The Mauritius Government loan amounting to £600,000 in 5% stock, offered at 98½, was subscribed about fourfold in an hour when the lists were opened here to-day.

Great Britain Postpones Lausanne Conference on Reparations.

The conference on reparations, scheduled to open at Lausanne on Monday next (Jan. 25) has been postponed, an announcement as follows in the matter having been issued in London on Jan. 20 by the British Foreign Office:

"The conversations which have been taking place between the governments chiefly concerned with the conference at Lausanne are not yet concluded, and it is evident the conference cannot be begun as early as next Monday, the date which had been previously fixed. Further conversations are now in progress, and the British Government entertains the hope that it may be possible to come to a satisfactory agreement regarding the procedure to be adopted in the course of a few days."

The New York "Times" London cablegram from which we take the foregoing, said:

The news of the postponement was regarded in all political quarters tonight as "profoundly depressing," and "The London Times," which strongly supports the National Government, goes so far as to say, "It is worse than folly to pretend that a mere delay can bring an improvement."

On Jan. 21 Associated Press accounts from London stated:

The British Government's announcement that the Lausanne reparations conference would be postponed does not mean that the conference has been abandoned, it was said today in official circles. Preliminary work for the meeting is being continued, a competent spokesman said, and the government hopes the conference will be held and will prove to be successful.

No one in official quarters took seriously what one of the London newspapers described as a "new" plan to solve the reparations problem by allowing Germany to meet her obligations with railroad bonds instead of cash.

Departure of United States Delegation to Geneva Conference on Disarmament.

Senator Swanson of Virginia, delegate to the Geneva arms conference, and 44 members of the American party en route to Geneva sailed on Jan. 20 on the steamer President Harding. The Geneva conference opens Feb. 2. From the New York "Evening Post" of Jan. 20 we take the following:

The group traveling to the conference includes Mrs. Swanson, Commander Richmond K. Turner, chief of the planning division of the Bureau of Aeronautics, United States Navy; S. Pinkney Tuck, member of the foreign service staff; Brigadier-General George S. Simonds, assistant chief of staff of War Plans Division of the War Department, and Theodore Marriner, chief of the division of Western European Affairs of the Department of State.

Other members of the American party are David McK. Key, Claton S. Becker, Leo J. Vincelette, George C. Windle, H. G. Hurtz, Francis Flaherty, Douglas Dean Hall, Captain and Mrs. H. H. Van Keuren, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Wile, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Kinkaid, Captain Kent C. Melhorn, Admiral and Mrs. Arthur T. Hepburn, Lieutenant Colonel George V. Stron and Major and Mrs. James E. Chaney.

Women Observers on Board.

Six unofficial women observers to the conference who are sailing on the President Harding are: Mrs. Frank Day Tuttle of New York, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the League of Nations Association; Mrs. Ben Hooper of Oshkosh, Wis., an official of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. L. Henry Fradkin, member of the New Jersey League of Women Voters, and Mrs. Hannah Clothier Hull, Miss Katherine Oevereux Blake and Mrs. Meta Berger, members of the national board of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

As we note in another item, in view of the fact that Gen. Charles G. Dawes is to become President of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, his place as Chairman of the American delegation to the Arms Conference will be taken by the Secretary of State. Announcement of this was made as follows on Jan. 19 by President Hoover:

In view of the change in General Dawes' plans, Secretary Stimson has undertaken the Chairmanship of the delegation to the arms conference at Geneva. The Secretary will not attend the opening meetings, but will take part in the work of the commission after the preliminaries have been disposed of. Ambassador Gibson will be Acting Chairman of the delegation.

Senator Reed Contends European Debts to United States Bear No Relation to Reparations—Declares Amounts Due United States Must Be Paid.

The fact that Germany is, or may be, unable to pay her reparation obligations will make no difference respecting the obligations of European powers to the United States as to which the policy remains unchanged, according to statement Jan. 15 by Senator Reed (Rep.), of Pennsylvania. In giving Senator Reed's Senate statement the "United States Daily" of Jan. 16 said:

Senator Reed asserted that debts and reparations were separate questions and that in so far as the United States is concerned, the failure of Germany to pay her obligations would not be permitted to alter the amounts due the United States. The debts due the United States, he added, were for money borrowed and reparations were for indemnity.

Senator Reed's statement follows in full text:

The constant press reports from Europe attempting to class debts due to us with reparations will not meet a responsive chord in the United States. The debts were for monies advanced, not for indemnities. They were gen-

erously funded by the United States and the agreement voluntarily signed by the representatives of the various governments. In their present form and amount they represent only a small part of the money actually advanced by this country and including the interest adjustment, cover in some cases not much more, in some cases no more than, the money advanced for reconstruction after the signing of the Armistice. They represent money realized by the sale of United States bonds to the people of the United States, most of which bonds are still outstanding and must be paid by the United States Government.

It is, therefore, impossible for the United States to admit that if Germany is or may be unable to pay further reparations this automatically cancels the debts, since the debts have no relation to the reparations. When the debts were created, no reparations existed. At the time of funding, the amount of the debts was estimated on the normal capacity of the various nations to pay, irrespective of reparations.

Economic Changes Cited.

It is obvious that since that time the world-wide economic crisis has in certain nations deeply affected that capacity and that certain nations, may in consequence have to request consideration from the American Government as to their temporary capacity. I have in mind, for example, the situation in Great Britain at the present time. Everyone knows the difficulty there is the very heavy taxation, and knows that if the depreciation of the pound continues, it will probably affect the British capacity to make the payments which fall due next December. It is inconceivable that the United States would not sympathetically consider a proposal for a temporary adjustment based on temporarily diminished capacity.

What I have been steadily trying to bring out is that the debts are in a totally different status from reparations and that there should be no repudiation of the principle that they are valid and sacred obligations and that these obligations are individual to each nation, not collective to the debtors as a whole or to be dealt with in that fashion.

Urge Cancellation of All Reparations—Directors of Federation of German Industries See Threat of Disaster.

The directors of the Federation of German Industries at a meeting in Berlin on Jan. 15 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Gustav Krupp von Bohlen went on record for cancellation of reparations, fully backing up Chancellor Bruening's statement of Jan. 9. This reported in a Berlin cablegram Jan. 15 to the New York "Times" which further said:

The Federation believes that the economic situation makes it impossible for Germany to continue political payments, and that any attempt to maintain such payments would lead to a catastrophe, not only for Germany but for the whole world.

"The necessary premise of economic welfare of the world is the free interchange of goods, which, however, is prevented by reparations, because they force the debtor countries to increase exports, while other countries try to bar them through all available means," it is said in the statement.

The board of directors heard a report on the work of the Franco-German committee from Dr. Ernst von Simson, chairman of the first subcommittee, who declared the discussion had made "relatively satisfactory progress, if not within the last few days, but that the measures of the French Government had provided for a certain element of disturbance."

Sir Walter Layton Says Germany Can Pay Something—Opposes New Moratorium on Reparations.

Sir Walter Layton who drew up the report of the Wiggin committee of international bankers on German credits last Summer and was also part author of the recent Basle experts' report on reparations, declared on Jan. 13 (according to a London cablegram to the New York "Times") that Germany could clearly pay something and a plan could be devised which would not be greatly harmful. The cablegram continued:

Sir Walter, describing the present financial situation as "desperately difficult and urgent," told the members of the Eighty Club, however, that the reserve of the Reichsbank was extremely small and Germany's ability to repay "rapidly dwindling to nothing."

A moratorium, he added, would be "no good" because it meant waiting and the root of the problem was to get a settlement without any possibility of a recurrence of the present situation, with its check to the flow of capital.

The German viewpoint that the whole of the war debts should be wiped out, Sir Walter said, was largely economic.

"Supposing they were all wiped out, somebody is going to pay," he declared. "Britain is going to pay. There is £1,600,000,000 of Britain's national debt still remaining on this country in respect of the money which was raised here and loaned to the Allies, and we have got to go on paying interest thereon until the bonds have been repaid out of taxes in this country."

"The internal debt remains. Germany would be left with only £500,000,000 of internal debt, of £8 per capita. France would be left with approximately £2,300,000,000 of debt, which is £56 per capita. Britain would be left with £6,600,000,000 of internal debt, or £150 per capita, and the United States with an internal debt of £3,200,000,000, or £27 per capita."

There should be an agreement now enabling immediate reconstruction, Sir Walter emphasized.

Sir Ernest Benn, publisher, declared at a luncheon of the Individualists to-day that reparations and intergovernmental debts were now "dead as a dodo."

"We know now that, whatever may appear upon documents, not another cent or centime of the reparations to intergovernmental debts will ever be paid or extracted," he said, his remarks being enthusiastically cheered.

George Lansbury, Leader of Labor Opposition in British Parliament Demands Reparations End—Says Great Britain Must Cease Collecting and Paying United States.

The following from London Jan. 15, is from the New York "Times":

George Lansbury, leader of the Labor Opposition in Parliament, to-night expressed the following view on reparations:

"The government must be told that the reparations business shall end and we shall tell America we won't pay any more. The world knows the day of reparations and indemnity is over. You can't make Germany pay, either. You cannot take out of that nation and try to ruin that nation without ruining ourselves at the same time. The temple of capitalism in Europe may be pulled down quite involuntarily by the German nation collapsing and then no one can tell what will happen."

Former Secretary of War Baker Sees Danger of War in Reparations Question—Says France Would Have Seized Rhine Year Ago if Germany's Reparations Announcement Had Come Year Ago.

Newton D. Baker, former Secretary of War, is of the opinion that France would have seized the left bank of the Rhine had Germany's reparations announcement come a year ago. An Associated Press despatch from Cleveland Jan. 11, stating this continued:

"I am inclined to believe that if Herr Bruening's statement had been made a year ago instead of now, the French Army would have marched up the Rhine as far as Dusseldorf, taken over the left bank of the Rhine and seized the German ports in order to collect the customs, and then taken over the German railroads, which produce considerable revenue.

"Fortunately, Germany didn't say it a year ago. And France has learned something, but not much, in the last year."

Mr. Baker said he was not surprised at Herr Bruening's announcement on reparations. "The surprising thing is that she (Germany) paid any," he said.

The reparations question, he said, is one "out of which anything can happen," for the danger of war is greater now than in 1914.

"Up to 1918," Mr. Baker said, "Europe was organized on the basis of economics. Now, under the Treaty of Versailles, it is organized on the basis of nationalism.

"It is difficult to reconcile economics and nationalism in Europe. But only when that is done will the danger of war be removed. The World Court provides machinery for removing that danger."

"Nations fight," he said, "over economic and nationalistic matters."

Initiative on Reparations Left to Europe—Washington Authorizes Ambassador Edge to Tell Premier Laval We Will Not Take First Step—Secretary Stimson's Memorandum to France Asserts There Is No Connection Between War Debts and Reparations.

Under date of Jan. 20 a Paris cablegram to the New York "Times" made known the principal points enunciated in a memorandum from Secretary of State Stimson to the French Ambassador at Washington, in which among other things it is declared that there is no connection between war debts and reparations, and that Europe must take the initiative as to reparations.

The Paris message to the "Times" follows:

The United States' position on war debts and reparations, as communicated in a memorandum from Secretary of State Stimson to Ambassador Claudel in Washington, was made clear here to-day. Although the memorandum was handed to the French Ambassador three weeks ago, its contents were revealed only to-day. Five points are set forth. As summarized here, they are:

- 1.—There is no connection between war debts and reparations.
- 2.—The European powers must take the initiative on reparations.
- 3.—A demand for a new debts moratorium could not obtain approval in Congress, and the Senate opposes a cancellation or reduction of the debts.
- 4.—The United States Government would look with displeasure on the formation of a united front by the debtor nations.
- 5.—The existing debt arrangements, having been concluded separately, can be eventually revised only by separate accords.

The French papers to-day prominently displayed a dispatch from Washington announcing that Premier Laval in his conversation with Mr. Edge last Saturday had sounded him on the subject of the prolongation of the Hoover moratorium and had received the reply that the United States could not commit itself in advance.

Despite the fact that the French papers, with the exception of "Figaro," have only an incomplete version of the Stimson memorandum, they all have definitely grasped the fact that the United States' attitude continues inflexible, which has served the purpose of clearing the air, but has given new opportunity for the press to become disgruntled with the United States.

It was confirmed that Premier Laval did sound out Ambassador Edge last Saturday regarding the prolongation of the moratorium, but it is incorrect to say that Mr. Edge had been instructed to inform the French Government that the Administration could not commit itself to a further moratorium now. In fact, M. Laval was given to understand that the question of debts and reparations was closed for the time being, barring new developments.

The same paper had the following to say in a Washington dispatch Jan. 19:

Walter E. Edge, American Ambassador in Paris, was authorized by the State Department to-day to tell Premier Laval that the initiative with respect to intergovernmental debts should be taken by Europe, and the United States intends to make no move in the situation, at least not before Europe has taken some step. Ambassador Edge had previously made such a statement to Premier Laval in their conversation of last Saturday. The Ambassador then informed the State Department concerning what he had said, and inquired whether his statement of the American position was correct. The Department replied in the affirmative and told him he could reiterate the statement, if he desired. No note was sent, it was said to-day, and the Department does not think that the authorization it has given to Mr. Edge was even equivalent to instructions.

The conversation between the Premier and Ambassador Edge, it is held, strictly required no action here, as Premier Laval made no definite request of the United States and the position of this Government was well known. A month ago, when Congress approved the Hoover moratorium, the State Department formally notified the interested governments that the initiative with reference to any further step rested with Europe.

Confirms Previous Stand.

This was done through memorandums and conversations with Ambassadors and Ministers. It constituted official confirmation of what the Department had previously announced informally through the press.

Four months ago the French Government had officially confirmed its position against a reduction in German reparations unless accompanied by corresponding cuts in debts owed by France. This notice was given in a note from Paul Claudel, French Ambassador, and was in line with previous informal declarations in Paris. It was accepted by the State Department as having been delivered merely for information and requiring no reply.

Reiteration of the French attitude by Premier Laval before the Chamber of Deputies to-day was expected, but occasioned no comment other than that the United States did not intend to intervene in the situation at this time or make preliminary commitments in advance of action by Europe in the reparations problem.

Tells of Deadlock.

The Premier, it was explained, summoned Ambassador Edge Saturday to discuss another subject, and then veered to reparations. Outlining the preliminary negotiations between France and Great Britain for an understanding prior to the Lausanne conference, he described how a deadlock had developed, hinted that confusion might develop in Europe if no accord were reached, and mentioned that Great Britain favored approximately a six months' extension of the holiday year, something to which France was not amenable in the present circumstances.

In her present non-committal attitude, it is understood, the United States has no desire to be blunt or to close the door to reasonable action later, although this question is bound up fundamentally in the stand of Congress, which has declared against revision or cancellation of debts owed to this country.

Ambassador Edge at Paris Forwards to Secretary Stimson Memorandum from Premier Laval on Extension of Moratorium on Inter-Government Debts.

Associated Press advices from Washington on Jan. 18 stated that Premier Laval of France has taken diplomatic steps to determine the American Government's attitude toward possible European extension of the moratorium on inter-governmental debts. The account continued:

Ambassador Edge in Paris to-day reported to Secretary Stimson by cablegram that the Premier had personally sought information on the Administration's attitude. The Premier's action followed a memorandum handed by the Secretary of State recently to Ambassador Claudel of France in which the position of the American Government on the debt question was outlined.

In brief, the memorandum was similar to views expressed by President Hoover and Premier Laval in their joint statement after the French statesman's visit to Washington. The American position was and still is that any initiative on the debt problem must come from Europe.

Premier Laval told Ambassador Edge it would be difficult for him to go before the French Parliament with any suggestion of a European moratorium extension without knowing the attitude of the United States if such action was taken. The question of extending the moratorium over a specific period was not taken up.

American officials said to-night they did not regard the recent memorandum to Ambassador Claudel as a reply to a previous note from France several months ago outlining that government's general position on war debts and reparations.

The French note was never made public, but it was said authoritatively to-night to contain two principal points. They were that France would expect a corresponding reduction in debt payments for any slash in Germany's reparations, and that France believed governmental obligations should have priority of payment over private obligations, if at the expiration of President Hoover's one-year moratorium on June 30 all could not be paid.

Administration officials interpreted M. Laval's action as seeking to determine whether there was any possibility of a change in the Congressional attitude on the subject of war debts.

Congress, in approving the present moratorium, emphasized it would not countenance any reduction or cancellation of war debts. An extension of the moratorium was not specifically mentioned.

"Sacrifice" on War Debts Is Barred by Premier Laval of France—Says France Will Not Reduce Claims Without Cut in Her Obligations—Restates Stand on Arms—Demands "Security" Before Disarmament and Declares "Panaceas" for World.

A cablegram from Paris Jan. 19 to the New York "Times" stated that in very definite terms, despite their envelopment in somewhat obscure language, Premier Laval set forth on that day in his Ministerial declaration the policy of his reconstructed Cabinet before the Chamber of Deputies on what France wants with regard to reparations, cancellation of war debts and arms limitation. The Paris correspondent of the "Times" continued:

France, he said, will not permit the right of reparations to be suppressed. She does not regard cancellation of reparations and war debts as panaceas for the present world depression. She will sacrifice nothing of what is owed to her unless there is a correlative remission of her own debts.

To that he added a phrase which is interpreted as indicating that France adheres to her claim to part, at least, of the unconditional payments under the Young Plan, whether or not the American debt in the amount of the postenable payments is canceled. That indication was contained in the phrase, "It is our duty to future generations to subordinate all agreements to a just balance of the conditions of production and existence."

Emphatic for Security.

With regard to disarmament M. Laval was equally emphatic. France stands by the memorandum of July 15 and by the preliminary condition to any arms limitation scheme which her successive representatives at Geneva, Leon Bourgeois, Edouard Herriot, Aristide Briand, Joseph Paul-Boncour and others, have constantly defended, that there must be respect for signed engagements, arbitrage, definition of an aggressor and mutual assistance. In other words, there must be security before there is disarmament.

The Premier's declaration was read before a crowded house. He was cheered on the right and in the centre. From the left rose repeated cries of the name of Aristide Briand. It was the shade of the former Minister of Foreign Affairs which dominated the debate from which he was absent in person.

Every orator mentioned him. Then there fell on the Chamber a startling pronouncement from Louis Marin, leader of the Nationalist party, which supports the present government.

M. Frossard, Socialist, was speaking. He had mentioned that a number of times the last government had been saved from defeat because of the support which M. Briand brought it.

Standing in his place, M. Marin retorted: "To achieve success one must often make an attempt. To-day there is one man missing—disappeared. To-morrow it will be his policy which will disappear."

Even the centre and some of the right were amazed at this frank acknowledgment that the policy of M. Briand with regard to peace and security which the Premier had been lauding was not only unacceptable but utterly opposite to what nearly a hundred of his supporters regarded as a sound policy for France.

Statement Is Challenged.

M. Frossard immediately took up the challenge.

"What!" he exclaimed. "Has M. Laval, who has been described as a pupil of M. Briand, taken his master's place to destroy his work? That question is essential. It is the only one of importance. It concerns the whole future of France and the world."

M. Laval was silent, reserving his reply for Thursday, when the debate will be resumed.

Leon Blum was the second orator of the afternoon.

"If this Government persists in supporting the terms of the memorandum of last July," he said, "there is no need of holding a disarmament conference for France is isolated, even intellectually isolated. You are in disagreement with the conscience of the world."

Fernand Bouisson, President of the Chamber for the seventh year in succession, in a speech of thanks to the Deputies for his re-election, said: "Without, I hope, exceeding the limits of reserve which my office imposes, I think I may say that this country will never abandon anything of its credits without a guarantee of an equivalent reduction of its debts. I believe that in saying so I interpret exactly the spirit in which all former accords have been concluded and ratified by you."

His statement was cheered by all parties.

Premier Sees Grave Task.

The principal passages of Premier Laval's declaration were:

"Our Government must face a grave task in the field of foreign affairs. It must deal with those two problems which are at this moment the object of international discussion: Reparations and the limitation and reduction of armaments.

"The crisis, of which the economic interdependence of nations makes us feel the effect, has not only disturbed people's opinions, it has further given rise to many systems, founded more on the imagination of the doctrinaires than on the reality of facts.

"The world, greedy for formulas which promise a cure for the ills from which it is suffering, unfortunately welcomes with too much favor the theories which are brought to it as panaceas. The demands for annulment of reparations and war debts comes out of that state of mind.

"We shall not accept for future solutions things which, while powerless to dispel the crisis, will hurt France in her essential interests and in her rights, affirmed in freely accepted treaties.

"We shall not permit the right of reparations to be taken away. We are being asked for a quit-claim in favor of our debtors.

"A double duty lies on us.

"Toward those generations which suffered from the war there is the duty of fairness: To sacrifice nothing of our credit without a corresponding remission of our own debts.

"With regard to future generations there is a duty of prudence: To subordinate all agreements to a just balance of the conditions of production and of existence."

Will Adhere to Old Principles.

This balance would be broken if, when this crisis is past, a disproportion of financial and fiscal charges burdening the activity of the peoples placed us in any state of inferiority in the international market.

The Premier made a reference to negotiations which it must undertake to adapt to this period of economic depression the existing agreements regarding war debts will continue to follow strictly these fundamental principles which the French Parliament has always approved."

The Premier made a reference to the internal situation of the country, insisting that the situation was far from being as good as represented abroad. He urged that the budget be voted before the end of the fiscal year. Then he said:

"A conference for the limitation and reduction of armaments will begin on Feb. 2. France's policy in this matter has been defined in the memorandum of July 15.

"This policy, included in the covenant, has been for 12 years that of France as well as that of the League of Nations. Our country has never ceased to appreciate its economic, political and humanitarian importance:

"Leon Bourgeois's proposal for an international force and the control of armaments; Article VIII of the covenant; Resolution 14 of the Third Assembly; the formula of arbitrage, security and disarmament voiced in debate by Edouard Herriot; the protocol of 1924 negotiated by Joseph Paul-Boncour and Louis Loucheur, which remains, although unratified, the most complete expression of the French conception; the successive applications of these ideas in the accords of Locarno, the Pact of Paris and the act for general arbitrage, to all of which it attached the name of Aristide Briand. Such are the successive titles which support our policy, which has been repeatedly approved by our Parliaments.

"It is sufficient to recall these titles to mark without any need for insistence that it is the policy of the whole nation, that all parties adhere to it, that all will support it."

American Embassy at Paris Reassures French on Debt Inflation—Cites Assertion by President Hoover That Budget for 1932-1933 Would Balance—Statement by H. Parker Willis.

A Paris cablegram Jan. 18 to the New York "Times" stated that the American Embassy issued a statement to the French press on that date calling its attention to a declaration by President Hoover on Jan. 9, not previously published in Paris, in which the President asserted that the budget of the United States would be balanced for the year beginning July 1. "The policy thus enunciated by the President would

seem to insure against inflation of the public debt," the embassy's announcement concludes according to the cablegram, which continued:

The statement is believed to have been called forth by two dispatches from Professor H. Parker Willis, New York banking expert, to a French financial daily, which have been widely quoted here. Professor Willis writes that there are reports in New York that the Bank of France is recalling its foreign holdings, including dollars, at which there is no surprise. The report, however, was denied here to-day by a qualified source.

Comment in the French press is much to the same effect as the Willis dispatches. Frederic Jenny, financial writer of *Le Temps*, charges that recent moves by the Federal Reserve Board are a reversal of its former policy and break the promises President Hoover is alleged to have made to Premier Laval regarding the maintenance of the gold standard.

"How will the international financial world judge the new credit expansion of the United States?" he asks. To this question the exchange movement has already given the first answer. The mere idea has sufficed to bring down the dollar quotation in two days from the metallic par to the immediate vicinity of the gold point and to provoke a sensible increase in the outflow of gold from America to Europe."

One source declared, however, that it was quite well known here that credit expansion and currency inflation were two different things.

The dollar hovered between 25.40 and 25.41 francs to-day, which is just about the gold point.

Senator Reed Denies Threat to France's Assets—Disputes Herriot's Statement That He Said United States Might Seize Deposits.

Indicating that Secretary of State Stimson said on Jan. 18 that there had been no change in the American attitude with respect to the intergovernmental debt problem and the decision not to send an American observer to the Lausanne conference on reparations. A dispatch Jan. 18 from Washington to the New York "Times" added:

Senator David A. Reed, Republican, of Pennsylvania, denied to-day in the Senate that he had ever said the United States might seize French assets in the United States as part payment for debts owned by France to the United States, in replying to a statement contained in a signed article by Edouard Herriot printed in the New York "Times" of last Saturday. Senator Reed said:

"In the Saturday edition of the New York "Times" I am told there appeared an article by the former Prime Minister of France, M. Herriot, in which he says:

"David A. Reed, United States Senator, has told us that his country might under certain circumstances seize our assets."

"I never made any such statement. It would have been silly of me to have made any statement like that, or any statement susceptible of such construction. In discussing the intergovernmental debts in a radio speech last week I did make a statement that the French Republic had on deposit in New York 10 times as much money as was necessary to make the annual installments due on her debt to us; that she had enough on deposit there to pay for 10 years' installments on her obligations to this country.

"I made that statement for the purpose of showing that no question of exchange or balance of commodities or trade balance was involved in her capacity to pay. I did not say this country would or could attach those balances which she has in New York City. It would have been silly to say so. If we were at war with her we might seize them as enemy property, but we are not going to war to collect that debt.

"In any other circumstances an attachment might issue only as an accompaniment to a suit at law, and it is elementary law that a foreign sovereign cannot be sued in an American court. The court would have no jurisdiction to maintain such a suit or issue the attachment. Consequently, it would be foolish to say any such thing as M. Herriot quotes me in his article as having said. I want to disclaim that in this public way and to say that I cannot imagine anything other than malice that could have caused such a complete distortion of what I actually did say."

British Federation of Chambers of Commerce Urges an Empire Currency—Addresses Note to Various Governments.

A plea for a uniform empire currency was made in London on Jan. 13 by the Council of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce of the British Empire, which consists of representatives of 157 individual chambers of commerce and 10 associations of chambers of commerce in all parts of the Empire. A London cablegram, Jan. 13, added:

The Council addressed a memorandum to all Empire Governments stating that a uniform monetary system throughout the Empire was of vital importance. The memorandum pointed out that most of the Empire countries were off the gold standard and obliged to depress prices by currency contraction in order to compete in the world's markets. "If a uniform Empire monetary system were enforced," said the memorandum, "it shouldn't be difficult to devise machinery for close collaboration between their respective Central banks, which would enable timely steps to be taken to keep balance payments between them in equilibrium and so substitute same co-operation for insane and suicidal competition."

Great Britain Will Aid Pound Sterling—Chancellor Declares Stabilized Currency Is Sought, Externally and Internally.

Great Britain intends stabilization of its currency externally as well as internally, and will take such steps as are practicable in order to bring about this end at the earliest possible moment, the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated recently in the House of Commons, according to a report from the British Embassy at Washington to the British Empire Chamber of Commerce in the United States of America. This is noted in the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 12 from which we quote further as follows:

Referring to the British Government's abandonment of the gold standard, the Chancellor pointed out that the depreciation of currency was

not a voluntary and deliberate act, nor an attempt to force down wages and costs in order to give some special advantage and stimulation to industries.

"There is not any ground for imagining that there is going to be any deficit in the budget of this year and still less in the budget of next year; and I have every reason to suppose that the Government will be able to meet all their obligations out of current annual revenue and at the same time make a substantial contribution to the provision for debt redemption," he said.

"I fancy 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 debts, still we remain the greatest creditor nation in the world; and when the world conditions settle down I have not the slightest doubt that we shall find sterling resume its place as the principal standard of international credit."

John Maynard Keynes Looks for Other Countries to Follow Great Britain in Going Off Gold Standard.

Under date of Jan. 8, a cablegram from Hamburg to the New York "Times," said:

Speaking before a large audience to-night, John Maynard Keynes, British economist, predicted that in 1932 many countries, and especially Germany, South Africa, the Middle European countries and possibly The Netherlands, would follow Great Britain in abandoning the gold standard.

With respect to reparations he declared that all parties and other groups in Britain were in favor of cancellation. He warned Germany, however, not to insist on immediate cancellation, saying that the possibility of a small annuity after three years must be preferred to the dangers of failure to reach an agreement at Lausanne.

"I have often doubted the wisdom of Germany's policy of fulfilment, but now that the fruit is beginning to ripen, Germany should not lose patience," he said. He added that a definite solution must be found before the end of 1932.

Sir Josiah Stamp Assails Americans As Great Britain's Critics—Asserts That Attacks on Abandonment of Gold Began Here—Step Held As Inevitable.

Sir Josiah Stamp, director of the Bank of England, in addressing a luncheon at Birmingham (Eng.) on Jan. 14, said there was much mischievous misunderstanding abroad concerning the circumstances in which Britain departed from the gold standard. The New York "Times" reports this in a London wireless message, from which the following is also taken:

"Certain American publicists practically said it was a craven thing for England to have thrown up her hands and gone off the gold standard with the bank rate still at 4½%, and that to put it up to distress rates would have prevented the drain of gold and even attracted balances," he asserted.

Sir Josiah added that he believed this diagnosis was profoundly wrong. "Not only would rapid rises have increased the foreign apprehension and the desire to get out quickly," he said, "but any balances retained or attracted by such a method would have been the source of equal danger at a very early date.

"Any position maintained by such measures would have had to meet a day of reckoning. The state of other countries three months later did not in any way show that they would have postponed their demands permanently. The passion for liquidity, which made everything too solid to move, was already on the world.

"It is probably true to say that if the politicians had done two years ago what many economists urged as imperative and forced the country to adopt in time those measures forced recently in desperation, our departure from the gold standard might at any rate have been delayed for a good time.

"Whether it could have been permanently avoided, having regard to the terrific fundamental forces at work for world gold deflation, is, however, open to doubt.

Living Prices and Gold Standard—First Advance in England Since September Followed by Reaction.

The following from London, Jan. 15, is from the New York "Times":

British cost of living has shown no serious increase since the quitting of the gold standard. In the middle of November food prices had risen 8% above their level prior to that action. At the year-end they were 5½% above the September figure, while industrial materials had risen 9%.

Taking the year as a whole, the heaviest fall in commodities was 15.5% in meat and fish products. Cereals declined 2%, metals and minerals, excluding coal, 14%; cotton 10.7% and wool 10.3%. Electrolytic copper at £33 in August was £12 cheaper than in January, but part of the decline was recovered later.

"Neue Freie Presse" Says Wiser Policy of Governments Is Needed in Better Use of Gold.

The following from Vienna, Jan. 15, is from the New York "Times" of Jan. 18:

In the economic field, the "Neue Freie Presse" declares in its forecast for the new year, "1932 will be of enormous importance in the history of mankind. Rebuilding of the brokendown economic situation is conditional on the reaching of an understanding between the nations, but it is also necessary that governments should gradually abandon the economic privileges which they have arrogated to themselves, or else use them in such a way as will do justice to the idea of economic development."

It is pointed out as an important influence that "large quantities of gold which had been immured in America have now been sent to Europe. If common sense should finally prevail, Europe could make better use of gold reserves accumulated in France and in Western Europe than was possible in 1931 under American predominance."

Melting of Gold Coins Increases in Britain.

The following (United Press) from London Jan. 18, is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 18.

The melting of gold coins, an offense punishable by two years' imprisonment, was reported rapidly increasing as a result of Britain's abandonment of the gold standard.

It was claimed an organization had appointed agents throughout the country offering 25 shillings for a gold sovereign, ordinarily valued at 20 shillings. A sovereign is coined to contain .256 ounces of 22-carat gold, which now is worth about 30 shillings.

It was reported a trader in Manchester made £500 in a week trading in sovereigns.

Austria Bans Gold for Teeth to Prevent Dental Hoarding.

Associated Press advices as follows from Vienna, Jan. 13, are taken from the New York "Times":

Vienese who have taken to hoarding gold in their mouths in the form of gold fillings, crowns and bridgework have run into difficulties.

Under a new law restricting foreign exchange, the right to buy and sell gold is taken from the firms which regularly cast gold bridges and similar material for dentists. They have been doing a good business lately.

The National Bank, which now has the sole right to sell gold, has taken the position that temporary fillings will have to do until the gold crisis is past.

Canada Sent \$31,737,899 in Gold Bullion to United States in 1931.

Canadian gold bullion sent to the United States in December amounted to \$6,521,648, making a total of \$31,737,899 shipped to that country in 1931, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics announced on Jan. 20, according to a Canadian Press account from Ottawa, which also said:

The only other country that got bullion was Newfoundland, which took \$150,000.

Besides gold bullion there were exports of raw gold in December amounting to \$398,608. The total for 1931 was \$17,682,563. Of this amount the United States got \$16,745,196 and Great Britain \$937,367.

France Withdrawing \$125,000,000 Earmarked Gold from United States—Belgium Also Withdrawing Earmarked Gold—Gold Shipments to England.

The tide of gold which is flowing from this country to Europe assumed larger proportions on Jan. 20, when \$19,393,100 was withdrawn from the Federal Reserve Bank for export to France, Belgium and England. We quote from the New York "Evening Post" of Jan. 21, which likewise said:

Of the total \$12,500,000 was intended for shipment to the Bank of France and was carried on the steamship President Harding. This is the second shipment of about the same size which has gone to France on the present movement and is part of a total withdrawal of about \$125,000,000 which is to go to Paris in ten consignments as rapidly as fast steamers can be found to carry it. A third consignment is scheduled to go out to-morrow on the Europa.

Of the withdrawals yesterday \$4,147,800 was designated for the National Bank of Belgium and \$3,250,800 for England. As against the total of more than \$19,000,000 withdrawn for export, the amount held under earmark in the Reserve Bank was decreased by \$4,027,200, leaving the net loss at \$15,365,900.

This, however, does not mean a loss to the country's monetary gold stock for the yellow metal sent to France and Belgium had been owned by the national banks of those countries for weeks or months and was merely stored in the vaults of the New York Reserve Banks. Consequently its shipment has no effect either upon our monetary gold stock or upon the reserve of New York banks.

The gold taken by the National Bank of Belgium was the second withdrawal of the present movement to that country, as a shipment of \$4,091,000 went to Brussels last Friday [Jan. 15].

These two shipments appear to confirm reports received from London that the Belgian bank was planning to withdraw a large amount of its gold earmarked here.

In its issue of Jan. 20 referring to the movement of gold to France, the New York "Times" stated:

The Bank of France has arranged to repatriate \$125,000,000 of gold which it holds under earmark in the vaults of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The transfer, which is to be made in ten shipments of about \$12,500,000 each, will not involve any increase in the gold holdings of the French central bank nor any decrease in the monetary gold stocks of this country, which amounted on last Wednesday to \$4,457,000,000.

In discussing the operation yesterday bankers here explained that the Bank of France had conveyed its intention of taking home its store of earmarked gold last October, when two representatives of the French bank were in this country. Since no loss of gold to this country is involved, the action will be without effect upon the money market, bankers said.

The first of the ten shipments was made last Friday, when the Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced simultaneously that \$15,723,000 gold had been released from earmark and \$12,269,000 had been shipped to France. The second shipment will leave to-day on the liner President Harding and the third Friday on the Europa. Subsequently shipments are expected to be made as rapidly as shipping facilities are available.

\$400,000,000 Earmarked Metal.

About \$400,000,000 gold is set aside in the vaults of the Federal Reserve Bank under earmark for foreign account, of which the Bank of France owns \$125,000,000; the National Bank of Belgium is estimated to hold nearly as much, and the rest is owned by other central banks, including the Central Bank of Switzerland and the Bank of the Netherlands.

None of this gold is included in the \$4,457,000,000 of monetary gold stocks of the United States. The foreign central banks for whose account the earmarked gold has been set aside regard the metal as though it were lodged in their own vaults and include it in their statements of gold reserves.

A large part of this stock of earmarked gold was built up last September and October when, following the suspension of the gold standard in England, a large number of European banks of issue, particularly those of Belgium, Switzerland, Holland and France, converted their dollar balances into gold to reassure their own nationals by presenting a strong gold reserve in their statements. In the two months in question there was a net loss to the gold stocks of the country of \$386,700,000 through increases in the amount of gold earmarked for foreign account.

In addition to the \$125,000,000 of earmarked gold which the Bank of France holds in this market, the French bank of issue is estimated to have about \$100,000,000 of deposits with commercial banks and to own the bulk of the \$75,129,000 of deposits and \$285,141,000 of acceptances held by the Federal Reserve banks for the account of foreign correspondents.

France Has Cut Holdings.

Total dollar balances of the Bank of France were estimated last fall to amount to \$600,000,000, but since then the Bank of France has repatriated some of its funds, little by little, and the total amount now held in this market is believed to be substantially less, possibly \$400,000,000 or \$450,000,000.

It is the understanding among bankers that the Bank of France intends gradually to reduce the volume of its foreign balances by recalling funds from time to time when the course of exchange is favorable. This process is largely responsible for the buoyancy of French exchange in the face of an unfavorable movement of the French balance of trade.

Recent reports from Paris have indicated that the Bank of France may accelerate the repatriation of its foreign balances. Bankers here are without information on the subject, but see no cause for concern. The opinion has been current for some time that a diminution in the volume of Bank of France dollar balances would be a healthy development.

Last October interest was focused on the subject because the Bank of France, on the eve of Premier Laval's visit to President Hoover and while the tremendous outflow of gold from this country to Europe was in progress, notified New York banks that the rate of interest being paid by them on foreign central bank deposits was unsatisfactory. In some quarters this action was construed as tantamount to a threat to withdraw the funds, but bankers here were unmoved and said that the French bank of issue was welcome to recall its balances if it cared to.

\$18,769,000 Shipped This Year.

Total shipments of gold to France since the first of this year have amounted to \$18,769,000, of which the bulk consisted of small parcels of United States gold coin taken by French interests to be sold to small French hoarders. Gold hoarding in France has been active for some time, and as the United States is the only country which will pay out gold coin on demand, small French hoarders, who cannot afford to purchase bar gold from the Bank of France have been willing to pay a high premium for United States gold coins. In 1931 a total of \$362,161,000 gold was sent to France from this country, exclusive of the gold earmarked here for the account of the Bank of France.

From the "Post" of Jan. 20 we take the following:

In addition to the coming transfer to Paris of about \$125,000,000 in earmarked gold held here by the Bank of France, it was learned to-day that the National Bank of Belgium also is planning to withdraw the gold which it has held under earmark in the Federal Reserve Bank here for several months.

One estimate from abroad placed the total to be recalled by the Belgian central bank as high as 600,000,000 Belgian francs, equivalent at par to about \$84,000,000, but it was learned here that that estimate is too high, though the amount now held by that bank here is not known.

Has No Effect Here.

The most important fact is that this gold like that to be recalled by France has been bought by the Belgian francs some time ago. Its transfer will have no effect upon New York banks or the monetary gold stocks of the United States. The move merely means a shifting of gold, already owned abroad, from New York to Brussels.

Evidence that the Belgian bank was moving in that direction was seen last Friday, when \$4,091,000 in gold was withdrawn by the bank from the Federal Reserve vaults and shipped to Brussels.

French Minimize Gold Withdrawal from United States—No Particular Significance Said to Be Attached to Repatriation of \$125,000,000.

Despite a continued campaign in the Paris press, French financial and banking circles are displaying full confidence in American finances generally and the dollar in particular, said a cablegram Jan. 21 to the New York "Times," from which we also quote as follows:

To-day, for instance, the newspapers make much of the fact that the United States is planning heavy exports of gold for the account of the Bank of France. As it happens, the Bank of France is only repatriating \$125,000,000, which it has had earmarked over a period of several months. No particular significance is attached to the movement in responsible quarters here, particularly as it is well known that the Federal Reserve Bank would view the gradual withdrawal of all of the Bank of France's gold holdings with equanimity.

One thing being emphasized here is that the Bank of France is acting in accord with the Federal Reserve Bank and, so far as ascertainable, has no intention for the present to withdraw more than the gold now earmarked. While the Bank of France statement as of Jan. 15, issued to-day, shows a drop of about \$30,000,000 in foreign holdings, this is understood to be due to the liquidation of its sterling.

Bourse Continues Strong.

The Bourse likewise is demonstrating confidence in the American situation. On the whole, the market has been consistently strong ever since the effect of President Hoover's recent financial moves on Wall Street began to be reflected here. To-day, despite the bad news from Berlin and Washington regarding reparations and war debts, the Bourse held its own. The dollar dropped slightly but it still remains at a safe margin above the gold point at 25.415 francs.

It would be misleading, however, to say that France is so confident that she is not keeping the closest watch on American financial developments, and it is a striking fact that all financial writers in the Paris press display at best doubts and at worst extreme pessimism. The chief reason is that they are reflecting the opinion of a certain school of American thought which is widely quoted here to the effect that the United States has embarked on a course of inflation which endangers the monetary system.

The "Paris-Midi," for instance, sees the United States under the necessity of creating new dollars without provoking depreciation of the old ones.

"Europe manifestly is a bit disturbed by this program," says the newspaper. "The American moves go counter to some of America's own ideas in the mechanism of crises and the virtues of deflation. The shade between the stopping of deflation and having recourse to inflation seems rather vague."

More Borrowing Seen.

Some writers assert that the United States Government is faced with the necessity of borrowing more money before the end of the fiscal year than the public can supply and hence it will have to resort to monetary inflation.

Others say that the present plans will only stimulate production, whereas what is needed is to stimulate consumption. Still others fear that a rise in prices in America will cause the dollar to lose part of its purchase power and, unless there is a corresponding rise in prices here, it will cause difficulties to exports. Only the fall of the dollar, it is said, could compensate for that.

While there is some fear in financial circles that these alarming reports may cause panicky feelings among the public, it is expected the present tension will pass off without untoward effect.

Officials of Bank of France Decline to Comment on Gold Withdrawals from United States.

Associated Press accounts from Paris Jan. 20 stated:

Officials of the Bank of France declined to comment to-day on the withdrawal of French gold from the United States, nor would they say how much was to be withdrawn. The financial newspaper "L'Information" said the move was decided upon some time ago with the agreement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Federal Officials at Washington Not Disturbed by Withdrawal of Gold by France.

Treasury and State Department officials professed to be undisturbed on Jan. 19 by the plan for the withdrawal of \$125,000,000 gold by France from the United States, contending that it must be merely a technical movement unconnected with any general policy. In reporting this, a Washington dispatch Jan. 19 to the New York "Times" added:

They have not been officially advised of the movement or of any change in the French attitude toward withdrawals.

Confidence was expressed that the withdrawal implied no departure from the policy of co-operation between the Central Bank of France and the Federal Reserve System. This common point of view was reflected in reports at the time of the visit here of Premier Laval last October to the effect that, as a result of conversations between French and New York financiers there would be no more withdrawals of gold by France from the United States without prior consultation between the central banking interests of both countries.

It was pointed out that both France and the United States were too much interested in the maintenance of the gold standard to permit withdrawals designed to weaken the gold standard in either country.

France Gets South African Gold.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 19 reported the following from Paris:

It is believed here that the bulk of the South African gold which is shipped to London is coming into the vaults of the Bank of France through purchase by the latter with its own holdings of sterling while American and other banks are also buying Indian gold after it has been refined in London and are delivering it to the Bank of France. Small shipments are also arriving almost daily from Holland and some is coming from Belgium.

United States War Stocks Sale at Fr. 3,168,000,000—Figure for Disposals in France Covers Up to March 31 1931—French Profit About \$40,000,000.

Paris advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 19 stated that net sales of American War stocks up to March 31 1931, amounted to Fr. 3,168,000,000, according to a statement accompanying the 1932 French budget estimates. The account added:

This sum was erroneously described as "net profits" in an article from Paris published in the "Wall Street Journal" of November 26.

The official statement shows that up to July, 1925, when the special account for liquidation of American stocks was closed, net sales had brought in fr. 2,864,000,000 and since that date fr. 304,000,000 additional. In the past seven years operations have been under the charge of what is called Service d'Apurement des Comptes Speciaux du Tresor, whose work is to clear up all the special accounts resulting from the war. As regards American stocks its tasks has been to collect bills, settle disputes, &c., and there is now but little business left to be done. Over half the stocks were ceded to ministries and public services, and at one time as many as 6,000 persons were employed in the service of liquidation. When the special account was closed 10% interest was charged on overdue payments.

The stocks were bought in 1919 at the price of \$400,000,000, 10-year bonds being issued to this amount at 5% interest. France was absolved from specific repayment of the \$400,000,000 in 1929 under the war-debt agreement, but paid \$20,000,000 interest annually for 10 years. When the contract was made, the dollar was worth fr. 7.25, its value increasing thereafter until the franc was stabilized de facto at end of 1926 at about 25 to the dollar.

Minister of Finance, Clementel, in July, 1924, made a calculation showing that stocks ceded up to that date (practically all) were valued at fr. 3,317,000,000, or \$270,000,000, based on the average quarterly market rate, while net sales were put at fr. 2,593,000,000, or \$220,000,000. Since the middle of 1924, net sales have amounted to fr. 575,000,000, but in 1925 and 1926 the dollar, averaging over 35, represented more francs than in any of the previous years, while after 1926 it was also dearer at around 25. At most, then, the additional net sales can be put at \$20,000,000, making a total net-sale proceeds for the entire business some \$240,000,000.

This sum can be set against the \$200,000,000 paid by France in interest on the \$400,000,000 loan, and the net profit can then be reckoned at \$40-

000,000, though this makes no allowance for the fact that the loan played a role in determining the total of the French war debt. Of course the real value of the stocks in 1919 was never ascertained since no inventory was taken, the price finally agreed upon being a compromise between the original demand of fr. 6,000,000,000 (then roughly \$660,000,000) and the original offer of fr. 1,500,000,000 (roughly then \$160,000,000).

French Lottery to Aid Jobless.

United Press advices from Paris are taken as follows from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 15:

Alarmed by a further jump of 32,000 in the weekly unemployment figures, now totaling 246,709, the Chamber of Deputies will hurry along consideration of the proposed Fr. 200,000,000 lottery to aid jobless. If the chamber votes the project, it will be rushed through in order to create work schemes within the next two months.

Stock Market Losses at Paris Last Year—Heaviest Decline was in Shipping Shares and in Foreign Securities.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Paris Jan. 15:

The index numbers of average prices on the Bourse during December make the following comparisons with the November average and with those for December, 1930:

	Dec. 1931.	Nov. 1931.	Dec. 1930.		Dec. 1931.	Nov. 1931.	Dec. 1930.
French securities	221	243	349	Railroads	99	107	135
Bank shares	169	187	276	Shipping	96	113	211
Insurance shares	569	590	764	Gas	451	481	535
Coal mines	209	242	386	Electricity	412	452	560
Other mining	141	153	285	Industrials	234	252	307
Steel shares	71	83	167	Commercial shares	162	184	239
Naval construction	34	36	49	Colonials	169	192	314
Building materials	292	335	468	Foreign securities	165	187	411
Chemicals	158	181	306				

The December index number of fixed-income securities is as follows: Government 3 per cents 91, compared with 96 in November and 98 in the preceding December; railroad 3 per cents 93.1, against 94.7 the month before and 94.9 a year before; industrial 3 per cents 9.19, as compared respectively with 97.6 and 96.9. The general index of fixed-revenue securities was 90.8 last month; in November it was 94.4 and in December of 1930 it was 94.1.

National Belgian Bank—Losses Avoided in Sterling Drop by Conversion of Balances to Gold.

Brussels advices as follows are taken from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 18:

At the close of 1931 the National Bank of Belgium showed roughly as strong a position as at the end of 1930 but with considerable shifting in the various sections of both the asset and liability sides of the balance sheet, due in part to the general depression and in part to the sterling crisis.

Just prior to the fall of the pound from the gold standard, the bank changed its entire visible foreign exchange portfolio of 4,300,000,000 Belgian francs into gold, thus avoiding the big losses on sterling which have been absorbed by the central banks of France and Holland. Nevertheless, the Belgium Bank still holds sterling values hidden elsewhere in the portfolio—on which losses are estimated at 300,000,000 francs. The entire cover against sight engagements is now shown in gold only and amounts to 66% or approximately the same percentage as one year ago.

Reduce Belgian National Bank Dividend.

A Paris cablegram to the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 14 stated that the National Bank of Belgium has declared a dividend of fr.50 for the second half of 1931. The cablegram also said:

In the first half of the year and in both periods of 1930, dividends of fr.62½ were paid. Net income for 1931 was fr.12,800,000, compared with fr.16,000,000 in 1930.

Germany Demands Full Debts Parley—Turns Down the Anglo-French Proposal to Prolong Hoover Moratorium for a Year—Bans Provisional Accord—Insists Definite Adjustment Be Undertaken by Creditor Powers Before July 1.

The German Government definitely rejected on Jan. 20 the British-French proposal for a year's extension of the reparations moratorium granted to Germany under the Hoover holiday year and will insist that a definite adjustment of reparations be undertaken by the creditor powers before July 1. This is indicated in a cablegram from Berlin Jan. 20 to the New York "Times", which further reported:

The official notification of the German position was communicated by Chancellor Bruening to Sir Horace Rumbold, the British Ambassador, when the latter called at the Foreign Office to learn whether Germany would consent to a 12-month prolongation of the present reparations respite pending final action.

The proposal that the formal conference be deferred to some date next autumn before the allied war debt payments to the United States are due was also rejected.

Bans Provisional Settlement.

To-day's announcement was supplemented by a positive declaration that the German Government would stoutly oppose any sort of provisional adjustment which sought to evade a final showdown. The Government, it was said, had reached the conclusion, supported by the Basle experts, that the resumption of payments under the Young Plan, including the non-postponable annuities, after July 1 was no longer within the capacity of German economy.

Diplomatic and political circles in Berlin are now convinced that the German official position as enunciated by Dr. Bruening definitely disposes of the Lausanne conference, although it was suggested at the Foreign Office that there was no reason why it could not be held next week as the interested

governments not only were thoroughly informed on the position of the German Government but also had the benefit of the guidance provided in the report of the Basle experts.

The decision of the Government, as communicated to the British Ambassador by Dr. Bruening does not come as a surprise to political and diplomatic circles here. It was recognized that the "temporizing tactics" indulged in by France in the course of the preliminary negotiations with the British Government during the past two weeks had provoked no small measure of irritation, if not disgust, in German official quarters.

The latter believe that following the report of the Basle committee and Dr. Bruening's recent declaration that Germany has reached the end of her capacity to pay reparations, the only course now open to Germany is to demand final action before next July if the reparations incubus, which is held to be paralyzing German economy and convulsing the internal political situation, is to be effectually lifted.

In giving utterance to that statement, the Chancellor, it is argued here, not only gave expression to what is in the heart and mind of every German man and woman, but also definitely burned his reparations bridges behind him.

He is held to have created a precedent which, it is predicted in parliamentary circles, will prevent any future Chancellor from attempting to coax the Reichstag into voting more money to pay reparations.

In the German opinion it is now up to the creditor governments to challenge the findings of the Basle experts, and as the governments have had time to contemplate these findings and the technical preparations for the Lausanne conference have been almost completed there is no cogent reason, it is felt here, why the conference cannot proceed.

In view of its anticipated postponement, however, the German Government will now move that the date for its substitute be fixed for a period well in advance of the expiration of the Hoover moratorium year.

In connection with the British proposal that the Germans consent to the extension of the present moratorium until Dec. 15 of this year, it was reported that Dr. Bruening might have accepted such a transitional solution on condition that the creditor powers guaranteed an ultimate reparations settlement at that time, although even such a postponement was not viewed as a wholly ideal solution.

The proposal that the Hoover year be followed by another 12 months' respite, however, was frankly suspected as an attempt to prevent any future scheme for a final solution as it tacitly supported the French demand for recognition of the Young Plan, for which, it is assumed here, the report of the Basle experts sounded the death knell.

Semi-official comment on Premier Laval's statement to the French Chamber of Deputies assumes that he is not as much concerned about securing peace as about perpetuating the status quo.

The German press gives considerable prominence to the State Department's reply to M. Laval's feeler with respect to the official attitude of the United States on the extension of the debt moratorium. The reply, it is observed, was of a nature to be expected, and while it meets with general approval here it is felt that the reiteration of the American position may only serve further to stiffen French intransigence.

"The door has not been barred—it has only been locked and it is now up to Europe to find the key," says the "Mittagsblatt," while other comments refer to "the Americans' cold shoulder."

French Senators Charge Germany Prepares for War.

A cablegram as follows from Paris Jan. 20 is taken from the New York "Times":

Charges that Germany was secretly preparing a powerful army and a vast supply of war materials, in defiance of the restrictions of the treaty of Versailles, caused a considerable sensation at to-day's meeting of the Senate Foreign Affairs Commission.

Senators Bourgeois and Ecard submitted what they claimed to be documentary evidence supporting these claims, which will be examined at a later meeting of the commission.

Senator Bourgeois's statement indicated that the Reichswehr was adopting a system similar to that used in Germany after the Napoleonic restrictions, succeeding in training large numbers of non-commissioned officers by rapid rotation of enrolment. He charged that by this means and by means of secret military schools Germany already had prepared to put a large army of shock troops into the field.

Among the population, he said, a military spirit was being constantly fostered through training athletic organizations and through the continuation as private societies of associations of officers of disbanded regiments.

In German industry, according to Senator Bourgeois, a rationalized system for producing armaments had been achieved so that, on short notice, factories could produce all the munitions Germany might need. These preparations, he concluded, had been accompanied by systematic propaganda, throughout Germany, fostering the spirit of revenge for her defeat in the last war.

Senator Ecard's statement related principally to the German budget, in which, under various items, he charged, the amounts camouflaged armaments expenditures, as well as military training costs.

From members of the commission it was learned also that there was some discussion of the situation in Italy, where it was charged war stocks were considerably greater than in 1915 and the regular army had been supplemented by a militia of 1,100,000 men.

Senators Bourgeois and Ecard last week made sensational revelations of secret war preparations in Soviet Russia. All of this material is expected to be used by the French experts at the Geneva disarmament conference.

Reform of Monetary System of German Reichsbank and Private Banks Proposed by President of German Statistical Office—Proposes Expansion of Note Circulation.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 20 announced the following from its Paris bureau:

Herr Wagemann, President of the German Statistical Office, has published a plan for the reform of the monetary system of the Reichsbank and private banks. The basis of the plan is a proposal that only large bank notes and bankers' deposits be covered with gold, while the Rm. 3,000,-000,000 of small bank notes which are not used for production purposes or international transactions will be covered by government bonds.

From the New York "Times" we take the following from Berlin Jan. 20:

Professor Ernst Wagemann, head of the Federal Bureau of Statistics, has surprised governmental and financial circles with the publication of a program for a comprehensive reform of the German currency and credit system along Anglo-American lines.

As Professor Wagemann, on the basis of his proposals, advocated a certain expansion of note circulation, the government, anxious to forestall the impression that it was considering any inflationary measures, immediately issued a statement characterizing the project as a private scientific paper which would not for the time being be made the basis for governmental reform plans.

The chief point in Dr. Wagemann's proposals for reform of the Reichsbank law is a demand that notes of denominations up to 50 marks (about \$12) shall no longer be covered by gold, as they serve only the daily needs of the consumer within Germany. A gold or foreign-exchange coverage of 40 marks per 1,000 of the deposits in all banks which could be called off at less than thirty days' notice would be required.

Dr. Hermann Dietrich, Minister of Finance, stated today that the government "is considering certain ideas with respect to the banks which represent something entirely new." This remark is understood to refer to plans for the mobilization of the frozen assets, constantly threatening the liquidity of the banks.

German Decree Affecting Balance Sheets.

Advices as follows from Berlin are taken from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 20:

In order to enable annual balance sheets to be drawn up without showing enormous losses on securities, a decree recently issued permits companies to strike a mean between the average prices during the entire month of June and those during the period in September when the Boerse was allowed to remain open, and to estimate the value of their holdings accordingly for purposes of statements for Sept. 30 and Dec. 31. Book values, however, must not be higher than those adopted in the preceding balance sheets.

Furthermore, companies are not permitted to cover, out of profits or reserves, large losses incurred through depreciation of stocks prior to June. They must announce their losses but can distribute them over the next five years by establishing a special *entwertungskonto* or depreciation account.

Germany's Export Surplus at Record—Imports in 1931 Less by Rm. 2,875,000,000 Than Sales Outside—Trade Volume Off.

From its Berlin bureau the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 20 reported the following:

Germany in 1931 had an export trade balance of rm. 2,875,000,000, the highest ever recorded, and compared with an export balance of rm. 1,643,000,000 in 1930. Exports in 1931 totaled rm. 9,600,000,000 and imports rm. 6,725,000,000.

Against 1930, imports were down 34%, while exports lost only 20%. A German governmental bureau estimates that on the basis of volume, exports in 1931 were down only 8%. Exports of steel, electrical equipment and chemicals were practically unchanged from 1930.

Germany's exports in December totaled rm. 738,000,000 and imports rm. 488,000,000, leaving a surplus of rm. 250,000,000, which, while smaller than in November, is considered as a favorable showing.

In connection with the country's export trade it is significant that a large part brought no profits but was made necessary by the enormous decrease in interior sales.

For the first half of 1931 the export surplus totaled rm. 961,000,000, whereas in the second half, when conditions were less favorable, a surplus of rm. 1,914,000,000 was achieved. A considerable portion of exports was made against credit and this should improve the devisa situation only this year.

Credit Position Held Artificial in Berlin—Bankers Consider Government Action Would Cause Capital Export Under Ordinary Circumstances.

The following from Berlin, Jan. 15, is from the New York "Times":

As a consequence, first of the quarterly tax payments and afterward of the mid-month settlement, demand for money at Berlin has increased. Day loans on Thursday went at 7½@8½%. Banks consider that the Government's new enforced reduction of interest rates on deposits will cause a movement of money out of the short-term market and into the capital market. The view taken is that this movement and the simultaneous reduction of interest rates on bank credits cannot be long maintained.

The system, it is felt, is practicable even now only because Germany is divorced from the international credit market. No new credits are coming in and old credits cannot go out. If exports of money were permitted, German depositors dissatisfied with the compulsory reduction in home rates would seek better markets abroad.

Strength in Stocks Continues at Berlin—Some Shares Above Mid-September Prices, When Boerse Closed.

The unofficial curb market for stocks has been firm at Berlin during the whole week, potash and electrical shares leading said a Berlin message Jan. 15 to the New York "Times," which also had the following to say:

In bonds the tendency was undecided. Early in the week slight declines predominated, but the 6% inscribed loan of the Reich was freely bought.

Prices to-day on the curb market were as follows, compared with those of a week ago and with those of Sept. 18, just before the official Boerse closed down:

	Jan. 15.	Jan. 8.	Jan. 18.		Jan. 15.	Jan. 8.	Sept. 18.
Reichsbank.....	87	85	103	Farbenindustrie....	87	84	92
Deutsche Bank.....	41	41	61	Vereinigte Stahlwerke	17	17	19
Hamburg-America....	23	21	25	Mannesmann Tubes	40	37	31
General Electricity..	34	33	44	Aschersleben Potash	74	63	62
Siemens & Halske..	117	115	101				

Rhenish Westphalian Electricity sold on Friday at 62, Schultheiss Brewery at 42.

German Budget Balances—But Heavy Accumulated Deficit for Previous Years Remains.

An account as follows from Berlin, Jan. 15, is taken from the New York "Times":

The Reichsbank's ordinary revenue during the completed eight months of the financial year were 5,909 million marks; expenditure was 5,818

million. Extraordinary revenue was 26 million; extraordinary expenditures, 137 million.

Although this reflects a fairly balanced budget for the fiscal year, the inclusion of deficits carried over from the preceding year would bring the total existing deficit to 1,031 million marks.

Increase in Germany's Floating Debt.

Associated Press advices from Berlin, Jan. 12, said:

Germany's floating debt rose from 1,746,700,000 marks on Nov. 30 to 1,912,600,000 marks on Dec. 31 1931, according to official statistics published to-day.

Polish Customs Manipulation Tax Increased by One Tenth.

Effective Jan. 14 1931, the customs clearance tax on goods imported into Poland was increased by one-tenth, says a radiogram from Commercial Attache Clayton Lane, Warsaw, to the Department of Commerce. The Department on Jan. 18 likewise said:

The manipulation tax in operation since 1926, chargeable on most goods imported into Poland, will now be as follows, (former charges in parentheses):

On ordinary commercial shipments, 11% of the duty (10%); on parcel post and express shipments, 22% of the duty (20%).

Committee of New York Bankers Abandons Debt Parley with Hungary—Unable to Pay Interest on Short-Term Loans.

The committee of New York bankers in charge of working out a "standstill" agreement between the American creditor banks and the Hungarian debtor banks has abandoned further efforts along this line because the Hungarian banks have notified them that they would not have sufficient exchange to pay the interest and commissions on the short-term debts due American bankers. The New York "Times" of Jan. 17, authority for the foregoing further said:

Toward the close of last year Hungary declared a moratorium on most of its foreign debts, but excepted the short-term loans of foreign bankers, at the same time saying that it would seek to obtain a "standstill" agreement regarding these credits for six months.

The amount of American short-term credits to Hungary is estimated at approximately \$35,000,000, of which about \$18,000,000 is said to be in the form of acceptance credits. The total of short-term banking advances made to Hungary is estimated at \$90,000,000, exclusive of the \$20,000,000 central banking credit to the Hungarian National Bank late last summer, in which the Federal Reserve Banks here are said to have participated to the extent of about \$4,000,000.

As a result of the failure of the bankers to carry through the "standstill" agreement, it is understood that the American banks have refused to honor checks drawn upon them by the Hungarian banks. It is possible that some of the American banks have balances in Hungary, which, as a result of the moratorium, they have not been permitted to draw upon.

Last summer when Germany restricted the withdrawal of foreign funds, some of the American banks refused to honor the drafts of their German correspondents for a few days on the ground that since their own balances with German banks were tied up they were not obligated to release German balances in New York banks. The majority of banks, in view of conditions then existing, disapproved of this step and it was quickly abandoned.

American investments and credits in Hungary are estimated to total about \$179,000,000, including \$134,400,000 of Government and corporate securities. Nearly all of these, except the short-term credits, are in the hands of private investors. On Dec. 22 the Hungarian Government announced that the payment of interest on these obligations, except the short-term credits, would be deferred for a year.

Last November, Premier Karolyi asked American, British and other bankers for a reduction on interest rates on Hungary's foreign debts. He said that the interest rates on the foreign loans averaged about 8% annually and that the country could carry on for not more than three months on that basis.

According to data supplied in connection with the investigation last fall by the League of Nations of Hungary's finances, the total foreign debt of Hungary was placed at \$715,000,000, of which \$455,000,000 is for a long-term and \$260,000,000 for a medium or short-term. Of the latter, it was estimated that about \$175,000,000 would fall due within 12 months.

League of Nations to Aid Hungary—Finance Minister Indicates Committee Will Make Deal with Creditors.

From the "Times" we quote the following from Budapest, Jan. 20:

Finance Minister Koranyi of Hungary, on his return to Budapest from Geneva last night, said the proposed Financial Committee of the League of Nations to aid Hungarian foreign creditors would form a national financial committee which would send delegates to an international committee to be formed under the guidance of neutral experts.

He said it was impossible for Hungary to negotiate with each creditor. The international committee would negotiate with Hungary a general settlement of her debts.

M. Koranyi said the proposal was sympathetically received by the League.

Commercial Bank of Pest, Hungarian Institution Doubles Reserves.

Hungary's biggest commercial bank, the Commercial Bank of Pest, doubled its reserves during 1931 and increased deposits and current accounts by 21% said Associated Press accounts Jan. 21 from Budapest, which also stated:

The net earnings decreased slightly, being \$1,000,000, as compared with \$1,050,000 in 1930. To protect the reserves, the dividend was reduced from 7 to 5%.

Austria Delays Payments—Further Postponement Announced on Short-Term Debts.

Advices as follows from Vienna, Jan. 20 are from the New York "Times":

A fresh postponement of the settlement of foreign short-term debts of all Austrian banks except the Creditanstalt amounting to \$23,000,000 was announced to-night.

The National Bank, which three weeks ago notified foreign creditors that Austrian banks were unable to continue their quarterly amortization payments of 15% of the sums due then, later agreed to a continuance of these payments, which, however, were subsequently reduced from 15 to 5%. But it announced to-night that it was unable to sanction this agreement just reached between the Austrian banks and their foreign creditors.

The National Bank is supporting its action by a reference to the insistence of the League of Nations on the necessity of maintaining Austria's reserves in foreign exchange and says it must press for a further reduction in the amortization payments.

Earlier advices from Vienna (Jan. 13) to the "Times" said:

As a result of protests from the Vienna banks, which feared injury to their credit abroad, the Austrian National Bank's veto on further amortization payments on their short- and middle-term obligations to American and English bankers was modified to-day to permit them to repay 5% of the principal every three months.

The original arrangement was that the sum, which now amounts to \$20,000,000, would be repaid at the rate of 15 to 20% each quarter. The Austrian National Bank, fearing a further decrease of its note issue cover, now only a fraction above the minimum necessary to keep the currency on the gold standard, had ordered the other banks to continue paying only the interest, which would have amounted to a partial moratorium.

Call Vienna Stock Market "Completely Isolated"—Government's Restrictive Measures Declared to Be Preventing Traffic with Neighbor States.

Under date of Jan. 15 a Vienna message to the New York "Times" stated:

After a timid show of improvement shortly before the year-end, the Vienna Stock Market relapsed into complete stagnation. This is ascribed to the fact that the rigid provisions regarding trade in foreign currencies have now made traffic with neighboring States virtually impossible. Many financial observers go so far as to say that the Vienna market is now absolutely isolated. Improvement in that regard is considered improbable in the near future. Contrary to expectations, the strict ordinances concerning foreign exchange bills have not thus far led to restriction of imports into Austria, from which it would seem that the foreign sellers, owing to the general stagnation of trade, are ready to deliver large quantities of goods on credit.

Austria has vetoed the plan of private clearing between importers and exporters, and, moreover, the Government plans to prohibit importations of luxury goods of all kinds and from all countries. For this the Government hopes to obtain international consent at Geneva for the purpose of avoiding commercial complications.

Swedish Workers Vote to Reject Wage Cut.

Workers in the iron and steel and mechanical workshops have voted to reject the proposals offered by the mediation commission for wage-cuts averaging 3%, according to a cable to the Commerce Department from Acting Commercial Attache H. C. McLean, Stockholm. Under date of Jan. 12 the Department of Commerce also says:

Employers have announced that a reduction of about 12% will be made effective in the iron and steel industry on January 17, the cable states, as well as in the mechanical workshops.

Approximately 90,000 workers are affected by the wage decision, and it is stated in commercial circles here that partial strikes are probable.

Currency Restrictions Imposed by Czecho-Slovakia Finance Ministry.

From Prague a cablegram Jan. 20 to the New York "Times" stated:

The Czecho-Slovak Finance Ministry has announced further currency restrictions. As a result of the adverse effect of the financial restrictions of her neighbors on Czecho-Slovak trade the Ministry said it had become necessary to restrict allotment of foreign exchange for import payments.

All future applications for foreign exchange must be for vital necessities, such as foodstuffs, and will be subject to rigorous examination by a commission of experts, who will forward their recommendations to the national bank.

Yugoslavian Default on Loans Is Denied—Consulate General Says Country Has Paid All Obligations on Dates Due.

In its issue of Jan. 19 the New York "Times" under the above head said:

The following statement was forwarded to the New York "Times" yesterday by the Consulate General of Yugoslavia in New York:

"The Consulate General of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia hereby officially denies that Yugoslavia has been in default on its loan annuities, as stated in an article published by the New York "Times" on Jan. 9 1932, p. 6.

"Furthermore, it is hereby officially denied that Yugoslavia is 'on the brink of default,' as stated in a wireless dispatch dated Jan. 17 1932, sent from Vienna, as published in the New York "Times" Jan. 18 1932, under the title of 'Four European Nations on Brink of Default.'

"The Kingdom of Yugoslavia has paid until now all its loan obligations and has not defaulted on any, as stated by the bankers of Yugoslavia in New York.

"Concerning the rumors that the State Mortgage Bank of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, Belgrade, had defaulted on its annuities, the Consulate General officially certifies that the annuity of the said bank due in October 1931, has been promptly paid, and that the next payment is due April 1 1932.

"RADOYE YANKOVITCH, Consul General."

Bogota Paper Scores Loans in Colombia Attacking United States.

Special correspondence from Bogota, Jan. 17, published in the New York "Times" of Jan. 21 said:

"How We Were Deceived" is the title of an editorial in "El Tiempo" regarding Colombian foreign loans which have recently received the attention of the Senate Finance Committee's investigation of Latin-American loans floated in the United States.

After referring to the loans as a sad inheritance from past administrations, both as to their enormous amount and the stupid and absurd manner in which they were contracted, the paper deplores the "audacity of the leaders and the lamentable ignorance of the Colombian negotiators." It also sees the danger to the sovereignty of the country in some of the contracts.

The contracts, according to "El Tiempo," grant the lenders the right to collect the government revenues in case of delay in payments.

"These are things they are accustomed to doing in Santo Domingo and Haiti" the editorial says, "but never with a free and responsible people like ours."

This is one of the things, "El Tiempo" believes, that the proponents of a moratorium on foreign debts have not considered, and it asks how things would be if the creditors demanded the execution of such clauses of the contracts and Colombians should see employees of the Americans collecting revenues pledged for the service of the debts.

President Olaya Herrera Revises Colombian Taxes—Decreases Increased Levies.

The following Bogota cablegram Jan. 21 is from the New York "Times":

President Olaya Herrera has revised his revenue decree of Dec. 18, but the new form continues the stamp, consular and sales taxes, including the 1% tax on foreign exchange transactions. It creates a new sales tax of 1 cent a package on foreign cigarettes and the \$1 tax on automobile tires is increased 50%, and 100% on tires selling above 20 and 50 pesos, respectively.

It reduces personal exemptions on income taxes from 1,500, 1,200 and 360 pesos for married couples, bachelors and minor dependents, respectively, to 900, 600 and 200, respectively. The Bank of the Republic's 7% discount rate to member banks and the National Government was reduced to-day.

Bank of Republic (Colombia) Reduces Rates on Loans.

From Bogota, Jan. 21 Associated Press advices stated: The Banco de Republica lowered its rediscount rate on commercial loans from 7 to 6% to-day and its rate on agricultural loans from 6 to 5%.

Argentina Imposes New Drastic Taxes—Levies on Incomes, Property and Business Expected to Balance Nation's Budget—Imposts Range From 1/2 of 1% to 7% for Emergency Five Years.

The Argentine Government imposed emergency taxes on incomes, property and business on Jan. 19 in one of the most drastic steps of Argentina's financial history said Associated Press advices from Buenos Aires, Jan. 19, which, as given in New York "Times," continued:

The taxes were imposed to balance the country's budget, put its finances on a permanently sound basis and silence talk of a moratorium.

Shifting from customs duties, upon which the government has depended for revenue for more than half a century, the Cabinet of Provisional President Uriburu issued a decree for taxes ranging from one-half of 1% to 7% on salaries, lands, property, securities, commerce and industry for an emergency period of five years.

Special graduated taxes on all personal incomes over 25,000 pesos—about \$6,500—were imposed, as well as increased levies on gasoline, insurance, matches, cigarettes, tobacco, business licenses, perfume, pharmaceutical products and foreign exchange transactions.

Taxes Retroactive From Jan. 1.

Enrique Uriburu, Minister of Finance, said the taxes were retroactive from Jan. 1.

Argentina is a rich country and a moratorium was unthinkable, he said, but a balanced budget was essential. The new tax program, he added, not only would assure this but should yield a surplus for reduction of the floating debt.

The income taxes are divided into two groups, of which the first embraces four classes: Income on lands and property, income on stocks, bonds, bank deposits and similar "movable capital," income of commerce and industry and salaries.

Farm lands are taxed 6% or 4% annually, depending on whether they are operated by tenants or the owners.

City properties are taxed 6%, "movable capital" 6%, revenues from commerce and industry 5%, salaries one-half of 1% to 4%, depending on the size, with a minimum income tax of 1.75 pesos—now 45 cents—per month.

In the second income tax group the taxes are graduated from one-half of 1% on incomes above 25,000 pesos to 7% on incomes over 250,000 pesos annually.

Within the Federal capital (Buenos Aires) an additional territorial surtax of two mills is levied on properties, according to the existing assessments.

The taxes on stipulated commodities vary. The announcement did not state specific percentages and failed to name all the affected products, which are soon to be listed specifically. The present temporary 10% tariff surtax is continued on all importations.

Deficit for 1932 Threatened.

The Government announced that the budget had not been balanced in 1931 and there would have been a deficit this year if the new measure had not been taken immediately. It said expenses had been cut sharply and the program of public works for 1932 reduced to \$13,000,000, which could easily be financed. The 1931 deficit was said to have been \$32,000,000.

Recommendations of the League of Nations and the International Chamber of Commerce were heeded in the drafting of the tax program to avoid double charges and to place the tax at the source of income.

"Thanks to these taxes," Finance Minister Uriburu said, "the 1932 budget, which will be ready within a few days, will be balanced, leaving a surplus. The total revenues are calculated at \$30,000,000 pesos (\$214,-

000,000) and expenditures at about the same amount, including 50,000,000 pesos for public works and 5,000,000 pesos on armament contracts to which the country already is committed, and payments of principal and interest on foreign debts."

Services on the debts payable in dollars and pounds were computed for budget purposes at the present rate of foreign exchange, although the Government said it hoped it would improve.

The tax on personal incomes does not apply to industries or corporations, but to individuals only.

Further Buenos Aires advices Jan. 20 to the "Times" stated:

Local opinion on yesterday's decree for sharply increased taxation appeared mainly favorable to-day. Such a step is regarded as preferable to an emission of currency, which President-elect Agustin P. Justo asserts his new government will not allow.

There is some dissatisfaction, nevertheless, and Victor M. Molina, former Minister of Finance, said to-day he believed it improbable Congress would confirm the new program without drastic revisions.

Since there is general inactivity in all lines of commerce, it is not clear whence Argentina's current financial needs will be obtained and no credence is placed in the rumored offers of a French loan. An effort will be made to restrict gold shipments, with the government striving to increase the offerings of export bills.

Finance Minister Enrique Uriburu explained to-day that the new program would not only insure a balanced budget for 1932 but would permit Argentina to avoid the two evils of inflation or a moratorium on foreign debts.

"This effort," he said, "signifies the national mobilization of our moral and material resources in a direct drive for the consolidation of Argentina's credit and prestige."

Peru Gives President Extraordinary Power—New Law Provides for Suppression of Anti-Government Outbreaks, Including Strikes.

From Lima (Peru) Jan. 9 Associated Press advices published in the New York "Times" said:

President Luis M. Sanchez Cerro received extraordinary powers from the Assembly today to suppress any anti-government outbreak in Peru, such as a strike called for next Monday.

The new law, intended for the preservation of public order, was passed by the National Assembly after several hours of heated debate, in which accusations were exchanged between the Government and its Opposition.

Patterned after Spain's "law for the defense of the republic," the measure placed in the hands of the Peruvian Executive the necessary means, the Government said, to maintain order and guarantee social peace.

Members of the Aprista (Opposition) party and others who opposed the legislation described it as "dictated by vengeance and political hatred."

Ecuador Feels Gold Drain—Newspapers Disturbed but Oppose Suspension of Standard.

A cablegram as follows from Guayaquil (Ecuador) Jan. 21 appeared in the New York "Times":

The newspapers Univero and Comercio announce there is grave peril in the loss by the Central Bank of 7,000,000 sucres from the gold reserve in the last six months (a sucre is nominally 48.7 cents), but oppose suggestions for the suspension of the gold standard.

"We observe that the idea of suspension of the gold standard gains ground in popular opinion," says Univero, "but we hold this to be a new error in the present circumstances."

"The government, the bankers and the economists should search for a remedy, escaping from the ideas of the alleged experts which caused the disaster."

Bolivia Again Cuts Estimate of Income—Government Asks Congress to Authorize 15,000,000 Boliviano Loan to Meet 1932 Deficit.

A further reduction of 25% in the budget estimate of Bolivia's 1932 income was revealed in a message to Congress on Jan. 20, said a La Paz (Bolivia) cablegram to the New York "Times", which also stated:

Without allowing for any payments on the foreign debt, expenses are expected to amount to 34,870,657 bolivianos (the boliviano is worth 38.9 cents at par), of which 31,398,657 are on the budget. The estimate of income is reduced from 25,642,158 to about 19,350,000 bolivianos, which would leave a deficit of 15,520,657 bolivianos, aside from the foreign debt service, which calls for payments of 23,316,380 bolivianos.

Congress already has under consideration a proposal for a loan of 10,000,000 bolivianos, which the message points out is not enough and suggests that a loan of 15,000,000 be authorized instead.

The message concludes that circumstances force the country to resort to extraordinary resources to meet its obligations.

The previous estimate showed expectation of 1932 income as follows: Sale of national properties, 3,000,000 bolivianos; postal and telegraphic receipts, 1,932,584; direct and indirect taxation, 20,897,851; miscellaneous, 2,808,723.

Restrictions on Foreign Exchange in Costa Rica Said to Have Resulted in Speculation and Drop in Value of Colon.

In its issue of Jan. 12, the New York "Times" published the following special correspondence dated Jan. 12:

Confusion regarding restrictions on exchange and the possibility of an issue of paper money may be the cause of a drop in the value of the colon, the monetary unit of Costa Rica, which has been stabilized at 25 cents in American gold for many years as the result of the operation of the so-called "caja de conversion," an exchange deposit. The exchange business may again be taken over by street runners and speculators who did a thriving business before stabilization. Recent so-called curb quotations show the colon at 4.35 for each dollar.

Some of the difficulties encountered at present are described in the "Diario de Costa Rica," as follows:

"Merchants and parents wishing to send drafts abroad—the former to pay for merchandise ordered, and the latter for educational fees for their

children at school in European countries—are finding it exceedingly difficult to obtain them. Recently many of them were unable to buy a single draft at the Banco de Costa Rica, in spite of their urgent need to send money abroad.

"According to information received from persons, who approached the Banco de Costa Rica, with regard to the purchasing of drafts in liras, dollars and sterling, they were told that they must pay for the drafts in dollars or in the currency of the country on which they wanted to draw, as the bank would not accept Costa Rican currency."

For those who need them, the only way to obtain dollars is to buy them in the street, from speculators, and pay 4.35 colones for each dollar

Haiti to Refund American Loan to End Control by United States.

The following (Associated Press) from Washington yesterday (Jan. 22) is from the New York "Sun":

Minister Bellegarde of Haiti said to-day that his Government had proposed refunding its American loan to end control by the United States Government over Haitian finances.

The Minister said a note on the subject had been sent to the State Department, but that he could not make public its text.

Reports here said the chief contention of the note was that a "financial dictatorship" was being maintained in the interest of New York bankers and American holders of Haitian bonds and that Haiti proposed to set up a fiscal agency without American supervision or else to refund its loan before it was due.

M. Bellegarde said the note had been sent to the State Department in answer to references made to Haitian treaty obligations by President Hoover in his recent message to Congress.

India Reported to Have Shipped \$100,000,000 in Gold to Great Britain Since Gold Standard was Abandoned by Latter.

Associated Press advices from Bombay, Jan. 16, said:

India has shipped more than \$100,000,000 worth of gold to London since Great Britain abandoned the gold standard on Sept. 21, and if shipments are continued at the present rate, they are expected to double last year's entire world output of gold, which was approximately \$420,000,000.

Despite adverse trade conditions created by the disturbed political situation in India, more than \$9,000,000 in gold was shipped to London to-day. This steady outgo is regarded by financiers as an important contributing factor to the recent rise in the pound sterling.

More than in any other country in the world, gold is the standard of value in India. All classes hoard it in the form of settings for jewelry, coins and other valuables, and banking systems are scarcely known in the Indian villages. Whenever an Indian in the interior wants paper money he ships his articles of gold to the government mint at Bombay, where they are melted and coined.

The enormous importance of the part gold plays in India's life caused Mahatma Gandhi to appeal to the nation just before his recent imprisonment not to export the metal.

"If the outflow of gold continues," he warned, "India soon will become bankrupt. We shall therefore be fools if we part with our gold in exchange for rupees or notes whose future value promises to depreciate toward zero as did the value of the German mark."

"England is bankrupt and she is sure to pounce upon our gold reserves by all means, fair or foul. Moreover, we are at war with England and we are not bound to help her at present."

India Gold Tabulated—Statement Shows Total of £40,000,000 in Reserve Dec. 31.

The following from London, Jan. 12 is from the New York "Evening Post":

The India Office statement showing the form of the balance of reserve held Dec. 31 1931, indicates £27,676,200 gold in India, £2,152,334 gold in the Bank of England and more than £10,000,000 in securities, making a total of £40,000,000.

India Cuts Debt £11,213,428.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 14 we quote the following from London:

The Indian Government is repaying in cash on Friday £11,213,428 representing the outstanding balance of a £22,500,000 5½% sterling loan issued in 1921-1922 and due in 1932. The outstanding amount of the loan was reduced to about £15,000,000 by a conversion operation last February, and to the present amount by sinking fund purchases.

The repayment is being effected without recourse to fresh borrowing, more than £25,000,000 having been remitted by the Indian Government to the Secretary of State in London during the last two months, and accomplished largely by export of gold from India since British suspension of the gold standard. The effect of the redemption will have been to reduce India's short term debt in London by £17,500,000.

For the previous two years to May last, India was a heavy borrower in the London market, raising £47,000,000 owing to the flight of capital from India caused by political factors. Budgetary retrenchment, coupled with a turn in financial affairs in India since the suspension of gold, and the improved outlook since the banning of Congressional activities, has considerably bettered India's credit, and has advanced the price of Indian loans, besides affording support to sterling.

Egypt's Trade Disturbed by Currency Depreciation.

Under date of Jan. 15 an announcement by the Department of Commerce at Washington, said:

The decline in sterling, with which the Egyptian pound is linked, had an adverse effect on general trade during the fourth quarter of 1931, according to Commercial Attache Ralph F. Chesbrough, Cairo, in a report to the Department of Commerce. This depreciation was followed by an adjustment in cotton prices, and confusion among importers with obligations maturing in stable currencies. The situation was further aggravated by the lack of seasonal improvement and the poor tourist season, with a resultant continued high level of bankruptcies and protested notes. Public finances, however, continued satisfactory, with customs revenues augmented by a higher tariff. Despite the currency depreciation, the agreement linking sterling with the Egyptian pound was renewed. Foreign trade turnover fell off sharply, with a large reduction in the import excess.

Banks Help China in Financial Crisis—Moratorium on Domestic Loan Interest Avoided—Resignation of Finance Minister—Three Provinces Included.

The Chinese National Government announced at Nanking on Jan. 18 that it had decided not to declare a moratorium on interest on domestic loans as a means of easing the Ministry's financial troubles. Associated Press advices from Nanking to the New York "Evening Post," from which we quote, went on to say:

This decision was reached, it was said, as a result of the action of Chicago bankers in Shanghai in extending further assistance to the Government, enabling it to meet the most urgent of its financial demands.

Shanghai advices Jan. 14 to the New York "Times" said:

It became known to-day that the former Nanking Government, headed by General Chiang Kai-shek, not only cleaned out the National Treasury but obligated the new regime to pay a considerable amount of post-dated bills. At present the National Treasury is empty.

Chinese bankers in Shanghai to-day came to the rescue. They are understood to have agreed to finance the Government over the present emergency, which is likely to last until the Chinese New Year begins on Feb. 6, but the bankers demanded definite terms, which were accepted.

Moratorium Plan Fought.

The financiers strongly opposed a proposal for a moratorium on domestic bond payments, which, it was held, would react unfavorably upon the banking situation. Most Chinese banks are heavy investors in Government bonds, which make up a substantial part of their reserves against note issues. The amount of assistance given to the Government by the bankers is not known.

Provincial leaders are threatening to retain the customs, salt and tobacco revenues to defray local expenses, but such retention would threaten the service of foreign loans. Canton is reported to-night to be retaining customs revenues for the redemption of military bonds, while other provinces are reported to have reached a similar decision.

The Government's reported intention to declare a moratorium created a storm of protest in banking and business circles and many telegrams were dispatched to Nanking in protest against an act, which it was asserted, would bring China to the verge of chaos.

Reports that the Government proposed to appropriate sinking funds for other purposes caused serious repercussions on the market and resulted in a strong protest from the Sinking Fund Commission, which asserted that, in that event, Government bonds would become valueless paper with disastrous consequences that would be nation-wide.

The Sinking Fund Commission, which is the custodian of sinking funds for virtually all loan issues of the Government, pointed out that the many bond issues of former Governments had been entrusted to the Commission and that never once had it defaulted in the redemption of capital or the payment of interest, as the Commission was pledged to do its utmost to maintain the national credit.

Bond Market Closed.

The domestic bond market continues closed, but is to open to-morrow.

A wireless message to the "Times" from Shanghai on Jan. 18 stated that it is reported the Government wants assistance of between \$1,250,000 and \$1,500,000 monthly. The Government also wants an immediate loan of about \$2,500,000.

Under date of Jan. 13 a cablegram to the same paper from Shanghai stated:

Government leaders headed by Sun Fo, President of the Executive Yuan, returned to Nanking this morning with the intention of establishing a special political commission to take over the government administration, notwithstanding the continued absence of General Chiang Kai-shek, Wang Ching-wei and Hu Han-min. While this action has evoked the greatest hope for a stable government, the financial situation is reported to have reached a most acute stage with the government seeking to meet expenses of about \$6,000,000 monthly. With only \$2,000,000 revenue and depreciated credit owing to the excessive bond issues of the former regime.

Finance Minister Quits.

Huang Han-liang, Minister of Finance, and the Vice-Minister of Finance, resigned to-night because of the mounting difficulties of the Ministry. An arrangement was made with Shanghai bankers to tide the Government over the present emergency, but greater difficulties are ahead, owing to the necessity of raising adequate funds.

Premier Sun Fo officially stated that the Government's annual income was between \$400,000,000 and \$500,000,000 annually, but that after fulfilling loan service obligations the amount available to the Government was only \$100,000,000.

Virtually every source of revenue had already been pledged, and it was futile to attempt to issue new loans, he said. Moreover, he continued, domestic bond values were only 20 to 30% of their face value and a further flotation of domestic loans was futile.

"Never in the history of the republic," he said, "has China found herself in such a difficult position. Unless the country's entire resources and all its talented men are mobilized, it will never be possible to save the nation from such an acute crisis."

This crisis has resulted in many telegrams of protest from financial and banking associations against the reported intentions of various provincial leaders to seize customs and salt revenues. The domestic bond market closed to-day, owing to the bonds reaching the stipulated minimum. It was reported the action also was due to requests made by the Finance Minister and the Shanghai Bankers' Association and the native bankers' association with the view of arresting the declining prices.

To-night the Bank of China, the largest Chinese bank of issue, stated that hitherto part of its security reserve against note issues had been maintained in Chinese Government bonds and Treasury bills, but that this percentage would be based on firmer security.

The Bank stated that in view of the existing situation and a desire to follow a conservative and sound policy which would justify the fullest public confidence the directors had decided to replace as security for 40% of its collateral reserves these bonds and securities, as long as their value continued to fluctuate abnormally, with gold bonds and domestic bonds secured on Russian and German indemnity funds, first-class bankers' bills and title deeds.

The total note issue outstanding amounts to \$122,000,000, and after deducting \$29,000,000 for notes issued by other banks the amount issued by the Bank of China is \$93,000,000. The collateral of 40% amounts to \$37,000,000, leaving a cash surplus of \$11,000,000.

Study of Latin-American Credits by Committee on Inter-American Relations and National Foreign Trade Council—Business Conference on Exchange Situation To Be Held.

Announcement was made on Jan. 17 by General Palmer E. Pierce, of the Standard Oil Co. of N. J., Chairman of the Committee on Inter-American Relations, that in view of the current state of United States trade with Latin America which has declined almost to pre-war level, the Committee on Inter-American Relations and the National Foreign Trade Council, composed of representatives of all factors of commerce, including finance, transportation and communications, from every part of the United States are providing for a continuing study of Latin American commercial, investment, and public credits. General Pierce said:

"The purpose is not only to discover what measures leading to improvement may be undertaken now, but also to build up a better understanding in the United States and the countries of Latin America of their mutual interests and relationships tending to guard against future recurrence of such a situation as the present.

"The first step will be the calling of a business conference on the exchange situation. There is, at present, no good method of securing and compiling the facts necessary to comprehensive understanding of this situation, which is obviously due, in chief part to the subnormal purchasing power of all countries.

"The Committee will endeavor to find some means by which the adverse effect of this situation may be relieved. It is a difficult problem, but possibly co-operation among exporters may help.

"In a number of Latin American countries it is impossible to obtain United States dollar exchange to remit in payment for imports from the United States. We are interested not only in a more normal flow of exports but also in a recovery in importation of those Latin American products always consumed here. The power of Latin American countries to buy and consume our goods proceeds from the sales they can make of their own products abroad. This basically affects their ability to settle their foreign obligations.

"The resources of the Latin American countries, the industry and intelligence of their people, and the superiority of present day communication with all world markets leave no doubt of the importance of the sister republics in the recovery which we hope will not be long deferred.

"This Committee feels that intensive study of the various phases of the problem of recovery is most timely.

"At present there is no central point at which the whole field of Latin American credit investigation is co-ordinated, and it is believed that the work proposed will do much to clarify a confused situation. The Committee on Inter-American Relations is desirous of developing close contact with commercial interests and bondholders with a view to bringing about an interchange of views which will form the basis for future action."

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Attack by Japanese on Consul Regarded as Closed Incident—State Department Suggests Punishment of Higher Officers Involved in Case Be Remitted.

The Department of State announced Jan. 11 in behalf of the Secretary of State, Henry L. Stimson, that upon receipt of advices from the Japanese Government to the effect that members of the Japanese military forces involved in the recent assault upon Culver B. Chamberlain, American Vice-Consul at Mukden, Manchuria, will be punished, the incident would be considered closed so far as the American Government is concerned when such punishment has been completed. The "United States Daily" of Jan. 12, from which the foregoing is taken, also said:

Although the Japanese Government had planned to discipline Major-General Ninamiya, commander of the military police, and his subordinate officers as having been responsible in part for the assault upon Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary Stimson felt that the punishment of the three actually participating in the assault would serve to insure the lives of American citizens and their property in Manchuria, it was explained. The Secretary, therefore, suggested that the punishment of the Major-General and his officers be remitted.

The Department's announcement follows in full text:
The American Consul-General at Mukden, Myril S. Meyers, telegraphed the Secretary of State on Jan. 9 to the following effect:
The Japanese Acting Consul-General, Mr. Moroshima, called upon Consul-General Myers at 4 p. m., Jan. 9, and, after expressing his deepest regret for the assault on Consul Culver B. Chamberlain, at Mukden, on Jan. 3, said that he had been instructed by the Japanese Government to call upon Consul-General Myers and convey to him an expression of sincere regret of the Japanese Government and to inform Consul-General Myers of the action taken by the Japanese Government with respect to the Chamberlain incident.

Japanese Proposals.

In pursuance of that instruction the Japanese Consul-General submitted to Mr. Myers the following four items, which were to be duly carried out by the Japanese authorities:

1. Sakakihara, the interpreter in the service of the Japanese military police, who was the chief offender against Chamberlain, has already been dismissed from the service, but on account of having been in the army before his dismissal, will be tried before a court martial in accordance with military criminal law. For this purpose legal proceedings have already begun and he is now in custody.
2. The two military police involved in the matter will be subjected to due disciplinary punishment.
3. Major-General Ninamiya, commander of military police, and his subordinate officers who are held responsible for discipline in the military police, are also to be subjected to due disciplinary punishment.
4. The Japanese Acting Consul at Mukden and Major-General Ninamiya are to call upon Consul-General Myers and convey to him an expression of their deep regret and apology for the occurrence of the incident.
5. The Japanese Consul-General in Harbin and the Japanese military representative are to convey an expression of regret and apologies to Consul Chamberlain in that place. (Item 4 has already been carried out.)

Major-General Confined to Bed.

In regard to item 3, Mr. Moroshima stated that Major-General Ninamiya was ill in bed but would send an officer at once to represent him. Then Mr. Moroshima explained punishment of a Major-General in a matter of this kind has been rare, and there was no precedent to his knowledge. He said that the army had not been satisfied with the original investigation and a subsequent enquiry has brought the finding that the fault rested with the Japanese.

Mr. Moroshima asked permission to have the Japanese Judicial Consul at Harbin and Military Judge at Mukden call on Mr. Chamberlain in order to complete their investigation in order that it might be thorough and expressed the hope that Mr. Chamberlain would be willing to see them. In conclusion, Mr. Moroshima expressed the hope that this settlement would be acceptable.

The statement was referred to the Department by Consul-General Myers.

Remitting of Punishment Asked.

In reply to that, the Secretary of State instructed Consul-General Myers to state to the Acting Japanese Consul-General that the object which the American Government has had in mind from the beginning has been to protect and make safe the lives of its representatives and its citizens in Manchuria, and that inasmuch as in our opinion that object will be accomplished by the punishment of the three men who actually participated in the assault and who are directly concerned, we suggest that the punishment of the Major-General commanding and his intermediate officers be remitted.

The Secretary of State has expressed the gratification of the Government of the United States for the prompt expressions of regret of the recent attack and our satisfaction with the measures taken.

Outstanding Bankers' Acceptances Totaled \$974,059,350 at Year End—\$28,245,355 Below Nov. 30 Figures.

The total volume of bankers' acceptances at the end of December declined to the lowest figure since August 1928, and to more than \$750,000,000 below the all-time high of Dec. 31 1929.

The report of the American Acceptance Council on its survey of acceptance business as of Dec. 31 shows a reduction of \$28,245,355 from the total reported on Nov. 30. This brings the total down to \$974,059,350, the smallest volume of the year and \$581,906,851 less than the volume outstanding on the corresponding date at the end of 1930. We quote from the announcement on Jan. 20 by Robert H. Bean, Executive Secretary of the American Acceptance Council, who also states:

The principal change for the month was in the total of bills created for export purposes which declined \$32,482,459 to \$221,618,640.

As a partial offset the volume of acceptances drawn to finance the storage of readily marketable staples in domestic warehouses increased \$12,117,000. While this type of acceptance business now amounts to \$251,346,059 or about 25% of the total, it is nevertheless \$20,000,000 less than was reported in December 1930.

Acceptances in import financing remain practically unchanged at \$158,000,000, an increase of only \$400,000 over the figures for the previous month. Domestic shipment acceptances declined \$3,000,000 leaving a total of \$15,559,383 or less than half the amount outstanding a year ago. Dollar exchange credits produced acceptances amounting to only \$30,800,000, a reduction of \$3,200,000 from Nov. 30. Acceptances based on goods stored in or shipped between foreign countries amounted on Dec. 31, to \$296,177,344. This was a reduction of only \$2,200,000 from the previous report and indicates very closely the amount of foreign short term credits, a great part of which remain under the Stillhaltung Agreement. This we compare with a total of \$561,442,000 which was outstanding on Dec. 31 1930.

Of the acceptances which now remain in this classification, it is believed that all are well protected, secured credits and will ultimately be liquidated in full. When the original agreement expires at the end of February, the present volume of outstanding acceptances against the foreign credits will be materially reduced and those that are continued will be of a guaranteed type to properly conform to the requirements of the American committee.

The reduced volume of bills of all kinds as shown by this report, accounts for the shortage of prime acceptances in the bill market for the past several weeks. Efforts to secure a release of bills by accepting banks by a reduction, first of the buying rate of the Federal Reserve banks and second by a followed reduction by the dealers have been without substantial results. The fact is the banks of the country have not recently had a great supply of bills to sell. The total volume of bills of all kinds and maturities held by all reporting banks on Dec. 31 amounted to but \$262,000,000 almost evenly divided as between their own bills accepted and held and the purchased bills of other banks. This we compare with a total of bills held in July 31 1931 by these same banks amounting to \$668,033,890.

In New York City the total of own and others bills held by accepting banks and bankers on Dec. 31 amounted to only \$198,052,691, a volume which would not in ordinary occasions make a great difference in the technical bill position of either the Federal Reserve or the dealers.

However, the needs of the present situation unquestionably require the presence in the open market of the maximum possible volume of bills.

The lowered buying rate established by the Federal Reserve banks is an invitation for co-operation that the bill holding banks should recognize by releasing a large part of their present holdings.

The final argument for a general release of bills may be in a further reduction in all open market rates. If successful, this would provide a supply of bills that are sorely needed to meet the existing demand.

Mr. Bean's survey follows:

TOTAL OF BANKERS' DOLLAR ACCEPTANCES OUTSTANDING FOR ENTIRE COUNTRY BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.

Federal Reserve District.	Dec. 31 1931.	Nov. 30 1931.	Dec. 31 1930.
1.....	\$61,719,381	\$65,852,081	\$144,846,528
2.....	772,975,124	790,929,076	1,153,879,416
3.....	16,942,855	17,288,700	24,588,842
4.....	14,335,170	16,156,727	26,385,913
5.....	2,727,136	3,214,146	10,366,544
6.....	10,988,671	10,627,317	20,118,316
7.....	52,603,934	54,241,502	88,793,504
8.....	1,826,772	1,533,800	3,518,351
9.....	4,017,741	3,205,070	5,507,103
10.....	—	—	—
11.....	4,336,818	3,961,572	6,573,299
12.....	31,585,748	34,994,744	71,388,385
Grand total.....	\$974,059,350	\$1,002,304,705	\$1,555,966,201
Increase.....	—	\$28,245,355	—
Decrease.....	—	—	\$581,906,851

CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO NATURE OF CREDIT.

	Dec. 31 1931.	Nov. 30 1931.	Dec. 31 1930.
Imports.....	\$158,499,815	\$158,058,271	\$220,971,590
Exports.....	221,618,640	254,101,099	415,140,975
Domestic shipments.....	15,559,383	18,483,192	34,725,531
Domestic warehouse credits.....	251,346,059	239,229,873	271,483,592
Dollar exchange.....	30,858,109	34,066,850	52,201,951
Based on goods stored in or shipped between foreign countries.....	296,177,344	298,365,420	561,442,562

CURRENT MARKET QUOTATIONS ON PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES JANUARY 20.

Days—	Dealers' Buying Rate.	Dealers' Selling Rate.	Days—	Dealers' Buying Rate.	Dealers' Selling Rate.
30.....	2 3/4	2 3/4	120.....	3 3/4	3
60.....	2 3/4	2 3/4	150.....	3 3/4	3 3/4
90.....	2 3/4	2 3/4	180.....	3 3/4	3 3/4

Texas Cotton Law to Be Tested—Trial Suit on Acreage Curb Brought by County Attorney Against Farmer.

James V. Allred, Attorney-General of Texas, has signified his willingness to accept, as a test case of the constitutionality of the new cotton acreage curtailment law, the suit which has been filed in Franklin District Court by T. L. Tyson, County Attorney of Robertson County, for an injunction to restrain Fred L. Smith, a farmer of that county, from carrying out his plans for planting more cotton this year than the law permits. Case has been set for trial for Jan. 20 by Judge W. C. Davis, said Austin advices to the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 13, which further stated:

Petition alleges that Smith has showed his intention of violating the law by breaking and plowing his land; also that he has made arrangements with the Calvert State Bank to finance the planting of 900 acres in cotton, which would be greatly in excess of the acreage allowed by the new law. Petition further asserted that Smith had made contracts with tenants and had employed laborers to carry out his plans for violating the law, which prohibits the planting in cotton of more than 30% of last year's total acreage of all crops. Since passage of the bill, widespread opposition to the measure has developed among farmers, especially those of central Texas, where cotton is the principal crop.

It is likely the case will reach the Supreme Court by the end of January and that the tribunal will render a decision in the early part of February. If this is done, it will be in ample time to govern the cotton planting by farmers of South Texas. Usually the cotton planting season starts in the Lower Rio Grande Valley the early part of February, and gradually extends northward, the season closing in northwest Texas where cotton is not planted until May.

Governor Ross S. Sterling still is being petitioned by farmers in various parts of the State to call a special session of the Legislature to repeal the law. Chamber of Commerce of Waco and other cities have joined in this request. Governor Sterling has announced, however, that he has no intention at this time of calling another session of the Legislature.

The law, however, has many strong supporters, particularly in west and south Texas. Senator Oliver Cunningham of Abilene declared that the farmers of west Texas will observe the law if it is held constitutional.

Senator Cunningham, initial signer of the legislative enactment, said constitutionality of the law rested solely on the police power of the State.

Dallas Cotton Group—Handles 1,771,510 Bales in 1931, Gain of 40%—Valued at \$51,218,000.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 18 we take the following from Dallas:

A 40% increase in cotton handled by the Dallas Cotton Exchange for the year ended Dec. 31 1931, or 1,771,510 bales valued at \$51,218,000, is announced in the annual report by retiring President, W. A. Brooks Jr.

Due to the high quality of the Texas cotton crop of the past season there has been practically no arbitration among shippers as in past years. Fully 92% of the Texas cotton crop is tenderable on staple and grade. This is not the result of farmers planting better seed, but rather because of an unusually favorable combination of climatic factors which combined high yield with excellent staple quality.

Outstanding feature in the Dallas market is the continued strong demand for Texas cotton by Japanese and Chinese importers, due to American cotton being lower in value, grade for grade, than Indian. The Indian cotton crop also is about 1,000,000 bales less than last season, with exports from India to Japan and China about 200,000 bales less than for 1930 for the period ended Dec. 1, whereas exports from America total about 1,122,000 bales, against 504,000.

There are larger stocks of cotton in interior Texas than at any time in recent years with merchants willing to hold the cotton awaiting a rise in price.

Morris Resolution Calling for Inquiry Into Federal Farm Board and Exchanges Dealing in Commodities Over Which Board Has Jurisdiction.

A resolution (S. Res. 42) authorizing the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry to investigate the activities of the Federal Farm Board was reported with amendments to the Senate Jan. 13 and referred to the Committee on Audit and Control of Contingent Expenses of the Senate. According to the "United States Daily" of Jan. 14, the resolution, sponsored by Senator Norris (Rep.), of Nebraska, provides also for an investigation of all exchanges in any of the commodities over which the Federal Farm Board has jurisdiction, and into the organization of any stabilization corporations.

From a Washington account, Jan. 13, to the New York "Journal of Commerce," we take the following:

The resolution was introduced by the Nebraska insurgent immediately after the convening of Congress and the completion of a pre-session probe of the Board's two great marketing agencies, the Farmers' National Grain Corporation and the Cotton Stabilization Corporation, which showed that "paper losses" of \$185,000,000 had been suffered on their transactions.

Disclosures at that time are regarded by proponents of the present investigation as a mere curtain raiser to revelations which they believe can be brought out by a wider and more leisurely examination.

Scope of Investigation.

The investigation directed by the Norris resolution would concern itself with the following phases of the Farm Board's activities:

Relationship between all exchanges dealing in commodities over which the Board has control or jurisdiction and the Board.

Organization of stabilization corporations, with special attention to the advisability of such organization and whether services of existing co-operative organizations could not have been utilized to better advantage.

Attitude of the Board toward co-operatives and whether the Board has been "guilty of any practices which tend to injure the operation or activities of any existing co-operative organization."

Trading, buying, selling and storing of commodities, with records of actual or potential losses.

The investigation also will seek to establish whether private organizations, dealing in products in which the Board was interested, "interfered with, or hampered, wrongfully or unjustly, the activities of the Board."

Chairman Stone of Federal Farm Board Favors Inquiry Into All Farm Exchanges—Amended Senate Measure Provides for Investigation of Every One Handling Products, He Says.

Chairman James C. Stone of the Federal Farm Board stated orally Jan. 14 that he was pleased that the Senate's resolution to investigate the Board's activities has been amended to include all exchanges in any of the commodities over which the Board has jurisdiction and the organization of any stabilization corporations. The "United States Daily" of Jan. 15, in reporting this, quoted Mr. Stone as follows:

"I am glad to see that they are going to include in the investigation all phases of the handling of farm products," the Chairman declared. "It is not going to be confined solely to activities of the Farm Board or the co-operative marketing organizations. They are going to include in that investigation individuals or corporations handling farm products—not only co-operatives, but all others. I'm glad to see them include everybody."

The Chairman stated that it was his understanding that the investigation includes everybody handling farm commodities and would therefore include the exchanges.

Chairman Stone of Federal Farm Board on Wheat Sales—Nothing Definite Regarding Negotiations With Greece.

In its issue of Jan. 15, the "United States Daily" reported Chairman Stone, of the Federal Farm Board, as follows, in discussing wheat sales:

Asked if the Grain Stabilization Corporation has continued to sell 5,000,000 bushels of wheat each month, he [Chairman Stone] asserted that he believed so, although he had not made a check-up recently. For several

weeks, he said, very little wheat had been sold, but the average has been about the 5,000,000-bushel limit.

The Chairman stated that nothing definite has been done regarding negotiations to sell wheat to the Government of Greece. The Board had another inquiry last week, he said, but not very much of the grain is wanted, possibly 1,000,000 bushels. He declared that it was his opinion that this amount is wanted as a trial shipment "to find out the character and quality of wheat we have for sale."

He asserted that the largest amount Greece might be interested in is from 7,000,000 to 10,000,000 bushels, but that this question has never been discussed. He added that the credit factor is an important element in such transactions.

Want Long-term Credits.

"Most foreign governments are interested in long-term credits," he said, "which we are not in a position to enter into. What I have been trying to do is to work out some sort of plan, if possible, to handle some of their shorter time credits, but that is pretty difficult to do."

In discussing the value to agriculture of the Farm Board, the Chairman said that those who understand the Board are convinced of its value and that many more understand it than did 12 months ago. "I have heard few people," he declared, "whom I have talked with who understand the Agricultural Marketing Act and who understand what is being done who have not admitted it was sound and a good program. They may not agree with some particular phase of it, but generally speaking I think that is true."

The Chairman pointed out that one of the disadvantages the Board has been laboring under is that practically nothing works at times like these. "They have been expecting too much from any kind of organization under these times," he said.

Views of H. P. Bestor, Commissioner of Federal Farm Loan Board on Bill Providing Additional Capital for Federal Land Banks—Policies of Banks with Reference to Delinquent Borrowers—Latest Offerings of Bonds.

H. P. Bestor, Commissioner of the Federal Farm Board, was given a hearing before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee on the bill providing additional capital for the Federal Land Banks. As we indicated in our issue of Jan. 16 (page 436), the bill passed by the House calls for additional capital of \$100,000,000, while the bill passed by the Senate proposes \$125,000,000 new capital, all of which is to be subscribed for by the U. S. Treasury. Excerpts of Commissioner Bestor's testimony have been made available as follows:

The logical approach to the problem would be through the capital structure of the banks. Adequate provision for additional capital should accomplish a number of things. It should restore confidence in the market for Federal Land-Bank bonds and enable the banks to obtain new funds at reasonable rates of interest with which to make new loans to borrowers who are eligible and can qualify under the terms of the farm loan act. With so many loaning agencies no longer extending loans to farmers, and with funds available to Federal Land Banks for new loans confined to principal payments collected on outstanding loans, it can be readily seen how desirable a restored market for Federal Land-Bank bonds would be from the standpoint of agriculture. The bond market has fluctuated widely during the last two years. These wide fluctuations have had a tendency to lessen the confidence of bondholders, and constructive action which would stabilize the market is most desirable. It is believed that this increase in the capital structure of the Banks would enable the Land Banks to refund outstanding high-rate bonds and through the sale of new bonds at lower rates of interest make loans at lower rates than would otherwise be available. In nine of the Banks the present rate is 5½%. In three Banks it is 6%.

The last public bond sale was a \$20,000,000 offering of 4½s issued in December 1930, with 3-year maturity, and which could be called by the Banks on any interest-payment date two years from the date of the bonds. In November 1928, \$15,000,000 4¼% 10-30-year bonds were offered at par. In May 1928, an issue of \$25,900,000 4% 10-30-year bonds were offered at 100½. The law provides that the Federal Land Banks may issue bonds at a ratio as high as 20-to-1 to their capital. The appropriation of \$100,000,000 would materially reduce the ratio of outstanding bonds to capital. If the Federal Land Banks could refund their present outstanding 5% bonds of nearly \$170,000,000, which are subject to call on any interest-payment date, the Banks would largely increase their earnings and be in better position to serve agriculture. Additional capital invested in accordance with the provisions of the law would also increase the earnings of the Banks.

Much has been said concerning the policies of the Federal Land Banks with reference to delinquent borrowers. As we stated last year in a hearing on proposed legislation, while the Farm Loan Act does not contain any express authority for the extension of delinquent installments, the officers of the Banks have the power to exercise discretion as to the manner in which they shall deal with delinquent borrowers. We have been assured by each of the 12 Federal Land Banks that while they must of necessity adopt a firm collection policy, yet no loan is foreclosed until a careful investigation has been made of the individual loan and it has been given consideration by the executive committee of the Bank. If upon investigation and consideration it has been found that the borrower desires to remain on the farm and in the opinion of the Bank has a chance of working out of his financial difficulties within a reasonable time, and there is no factor in the situation that compels the Bank to foreclose for its own protection, the Bank delays action on the loan and extends to the borrower every possible consideration.

Of course, any financial institution, whether a commercial bank or not, any permanent institution set up on a sound basis and being operated on a sound basis tries to make its creditors pay when they can. Necessarily it is rather a difficult matter for the management of any Bank to pursue a sound collection policy without giving the impression to some borrowers that they are being persecuted and pressed too hard. Naturally a Bank would not get anywhere if it pursued a policy of saying to the borrower: Well, we would like to have you pay this money, but if it is not convenient you can pay it when you get it. They can not pursue such a policy as that, and therefore, they may say to the borrower: If there is any way by which you can pay this installment you must pay it, because we have to meet our bond interest.

But I will add, in the foreclosure cases we have investigated, we have found it to be true in every case that I remember, that the Bank had investigated each case carefully and had decided that there was nothing else left to it to do but foreclose on the loan before they actually did so. Now, it is possible that there might have been exceptions to that rule.

Senator Steiwer.—Where the borrower is a good man and is an intelligent farmer, and his inability to pay grows out of the present economic distress, isn't any foreclosure policy a short-sighted policy as to such a borrower?

Mr. Bestor.—I think it depends upon whether the borrower himself is so burdened with debt that it is impossible for him to work it out. It has been said sometimes that you are simply taking one man off a farm and selling the farm back to another farmer no better than the first one, and that nothing is gained. Of course not, unless the new purchaser of the farm is in better financial condition than the old. In many cases that the banks have investigated there has been revealed the fact that any number of individual farmers find themselves too completely swamped with debt, which the present condition has made it impossible for them to meet, that the bank is practically compelled to take the land away from that borrower and sell it to a man who is not so overwhelmed with debt. There are many cases where that is true; and, of course, that is the only justification for taking a farm away from one borrower and giving it to another providing the first borrower is making every effort to meet his obligation.

Barring the complete collapse of agriculture in the United States, the Federal Land Bank System is fundamentally sound. Each Bank has a board of directors of seven men—three of whom are selected by the Farm Loan Board to represent the public interest, three elected by the farm loan associations and one director at large selected by the Farm Loan Board from the three highest nominations by the farm loan associations. The Board believes that the management of the banks generally at the present time is intelligent, experienced, and sound and sympathetic to the problems of agriculture. It was evidently the wish of the Congress that the institutions should be made permanent for the making of amortized loans to farmers who could qualify under the terms of the act.

It is the opinion of the Farm Loan Board that if additional capital is provided for these institutions on an adequate scale they will be able to continue this extension of legitimate credit at a reasonable rate of interest, and they will be able to conduct their institutions on a sound basis and continue to extend every consideration to the borrowers.

Charles S. McCain Elected President of American Acceptance Council—Other Elections Made at Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the American Acceptance Council held Dec. 3, Charles S. McCain, Chairman of the Board of the Chase National Bank was elected President of the Council, succeeding F. Abbot Goodhue who retired after having served the customary two terms. Charles P. Blinn Jr., Vice-President of the Philadelphia National Bank, was appointed Vice-President to succeed H. G. P. Deans. The office of Chairman of the Executive Committee was filled by the election of Col. Allan M. Pope, Executive Vice-President of the First National Old Colony Corp., while Thomas P. Beal, President of the Second National Bank of Boston, was chosen First Vice-Chairman and C. J. Stephenson, Agent of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in New York, Second Vice-Chairman. For Treasurer of the Council Percy H. Johnston was re-elected to serve his 14th year in this capacity, as was Robert H. Bean to the office of Secretary.

Report of Commercial Paper Outstanding by New York Federal Reserve Bank.

The New York Federal Reserve Bank issued the following announcement on Jan. 22:

Reports received by this Bank from commercial paper dealers show a total of \$117,714,784 of open market commercial paper outstanding on Dec. 31 1931.

The amount outstanding on Nov. 30 totaled \$173,684,384, as was indicated in our issue of Dec. 26, page 4258.

Bill in New York Legislature Creating Banking Board Regarded as Unsound by G. L. Bliss, President New York State League of Savings and Loan Associations—Favors Single Head.

The bill before the New York State Legislature to create a banking board or commission to supervise the financial institutions of the State was attacked as "one of the most dangerous and unsound legislative proposals that have ever been advanced" in an address on Jan. 16 by George L. Bliss, President of the New York State League of Savings and Loan Associations. According to the New York "Times," Mr. Bliss, who spoke at the annual thrift week dinner of the Metropolitan League of Savings and Loan Associations in the Hotel Astor, declared that such a board could become only a means of evading responsibility, and held that one executive head of the Banking Department should be responsible and accountable to the Governor for the proper conduct of that Department. The account in the "Times" continued:

The bill, he explained, would give power to the Board to alter and amend rules and regulations and to pass on any matter the Superintendent of Banks may submit to it. No charter could be granted to any institution to operate under the banking law except with the approval of the Board, he said. He explained that four members of the Board would be representatives of banks.

"There is a section of the banking law the purpose of which is to prohibit commercial bankers from transacting a savings business. That section of the law is openly flouted from one end of this State to another. Do you suppose that a banking board, three of whom must be commercial bankers and may be nominated by the bankers themselves, is going to take the definite stand on the enforcement of that section which the protection of the public requires?"

Mr. Bliss quoted Governor Roosevelt, in his annual message to the Legislature, as saying that "the ethics of banking need restatement; savings

must be managed as savings, and not confused with commercial or checking deposits."

"We very properly ask," the speaker continued, "if this proposal to turn the Banking Department over to a board so constituted will be accomplishing the end which the Governor so pointedly states is necessary."

He said that during the past two years of depression savings and loan associations of the State had increased their resources by \$19,000,000, and he urged the gathering to take a militant attitude, "for too long a time have we sat meekly by while others told us how to run our business."

"The time has come for us to tell others who cannot display the same high record of conservative management that it is time for them to get back to fundamental principles and original purposes," Mr. Bliss declared. "Commercial banking is one field. The handling of the savings of the people is another."

C. Harry Minners, President of the Metropolitan League of Savings and Loan Associations, in presiding, pointed out that in the annual report of the Superintendent of Banks no savings and loan association had been listed among those institutions "that needed more than supervision."

Clarence A. Masker, chief of the savings and loan division of the Banking Department, represented Joseph A. Broderick, Superintendent of Banks, and assured the organization of the Department's co-operation.

Record New York City Bank Stockholders—Increase of 9% in 1931.

The total number of stockholders of fifteen representative New York City banks and trust companies increased 9% during 1931 and is now 1,596% higher than 1920, according to figures compiled by Hoit, Rose & Troster, who state:

On Dec. 31 1931 there were 328,974 stockholders compared with 301,932 on Dec. 31 1930 and 19,401 in 1920. From 1920 to 1931, the number of stockholders has increased 309,573, or 1,596%.

The increase during 1931 is considered significant in view of the record lows reached by brokers' loans.

The 15 New York City banks and trust companies used in the above compilation are:—Bankers Trust, Brooklyn Trust, Central Hanover, Chase, Chemical, Corn Exchange, Guaranty, Irving Trust, Manhattan, Manufacturers, New York Trust, Public, Title Guar. & Trust, Empire Trust, and National City.

Statistics from New York Stock Exchange "Bulletin" Showing Price Indices on Foreign Listed Common Shares—Dividend Yields.

The following statistics are from the January "Bulletin" of the New York Stock Exchange:

PRICE INDICES OF FOREIGN LISTED COMMON SHARES.
[Approximately at beginning of month unless otherwise noted.]

Date.	London.	Paris.	Berlin.	Amsterdam.	Brussels.	Milan.	Vienna.	Zurich.
Jan. 1925.....	120.44	202	---	92	---	---	1225	130
Jan. 1926.....	126.68	206	69.7	104	---	---	959	145
Jan. 1927.....	127.70	232	168.6	104	---	62.6	1651	170
Jan. 1928.....	138.10	315	162.9	117	100	80.3	2238	211
Jan. 1929.....	135.30	483	164.3	121	108	88.3	2149	212
Jan. 1930.....	107.91	463	126.5	100	76	81.7	1922	190
Dec. 1930.....	89.94	378	97.0	65	57	69.4	1543	158
Jan. 1931.....	86.39	349	90.5	64	55	66.4	1469	165
Feb. 1931.....	83.92	365	84.7	69	56	68.4	1574	179
Mar. 1931.....	80.70	373	97.3	69	62	69.6	1612	179
Apr. 1931.....	81.02	362	101.2	64	58	67.8	1579	175
May 1931.....	77.63	346	96.6	57	54	65.0	1450	163
June 1931.....	70.33	322	80.6	52	46	61.7	1274	161
July 1931.....	76.42	329	83.7	55	55	65.4	1291	148
Aug. 1931.....	72.40	309	Closed	49	49	62.0	---	134
Sept. 1931.....	66.90	304	62.0	39	46	59.2	---	106
Oct. 1931.....	70.14	269	Closed	38	41	56.4	---	110
Nov. 1931.....	76.64	249	Closed	40	41	52.5	---	113
Dec. 1931.....	70.77	243	Closed	---	36	52.8	---	---

London.—Dane's Index (Dec. 31 1923=100), in Investors' Chronicle of about 157 listed ordinary shares (1st class and general business and spec.).

Paris.—Bulletin de la Statistique Generale de la France Index (1913=100) of 300 variable revenue listed securities.

Berlin.—Stolper's Borsenindex based on about 800 listed common stocks.

Amsterdam.—Central Bureau for Statistics Index (Base=1920-1924 period) of 100 listed common stocks; a monthly average.

Brussels.—National Bank of Belgium Index (Jan. 1928=100) of 120 listed stocks.

Milan.—Indice Settimanali di Borsa Index (Dec. 1925=100) of 35 listed stocks.

Vienna.—Oesterreichische Bundesamt für Statistik Index (1914=100) of shares which were listed in July 1914 and still are listed; calculated as of 15th of month.

Zurich.—Banque Nationale Suisse Index (in percentage of the paid-in capital) of 110 listed shares, calculated as of the 25th of the month.

DIVIDEND YIELDS ON FOREIGN LISTED COMMON SHARES.
[Approximately at beginning of month.]

Date.	London.	Paris.	Berlin.	Date.	London.	Paris.	Berlin.
Jan. 1929...	4.30%	2.52%	4.62%	May 1931...	5.43%	4.21%	7.88%
Jan. 1930...	4.70	3.05	6.13	June 1931...	5.94	4.27	8.88
Dec. 1930...	5.18	3.95	8.45	July 1931...	5.51	3.86	8.17
Jan. 1931...	5.32	4.26	9.28	Aug. 1931...	5.39	4.01	Closed
Feb. 1931...	5.45	4.08	9.40	Sept. 1931...	5.76	4.15	12.29
Mar. 1931...	5.56	3.90	8.25	Oct. 1931...	5.57	4.78	Closed
Apr. 1931...	5.25	4.12	7.45	Nov. 1931...	5.22	4.98	Closed
				Dec. 1931...	5.12	5.03	Closed

London.—Average net yield on approximately 50 representative listed ordinary shares.

Paris.—Average net yield on approximately 300 listed variable revenue securities, source, Bulletin de la Statistique Generale de la France.

Berlin.—Average net yield on approximately 50 representative listed common shares.

Steel Stock Lent at Half-Point Premium—Shorts Find Common Shares Scarce When They Try to Cover Commitments—Figure Called a Record.

In the New York "Times" of Jan. 19 it was stated that because of the refusal of many brokerage houses to lend the stock needed by speculators to cover short commitments, United States Steel common became so scarce on Jan. 18 in the stock-loan market that the premium was raised at one time to a half point, or \$50 for the use of 100 shares for twenty-four hours. This is the highest premium

ever charged for this stock, so far as brokers could recall. The "Times" went on to say:

The unexpected stringency frightened many speculators and hurried covering movement lifted the quoted value sharply on the Stock Exchange. Steel rose at one time to 46, but closed at 44 with a net loss of 1/2 point. The whole market was weak in the last hour.

The "squeeze" in steel was the sensation of the market. So far as could be learned, there was no actual shortage of the stock, but because of the disfavor in which bearish speculators are held in some quarters, commission houses are reluctant to lend the stock of their customers, especially of steel, the traditional market leader. Brokerage houses seemed to have taken cognizance of speculators' inclination to sell steel in advance of the dividend meeting next Tuesday, when the directors will report the income for the fourth quarter of 1931, from which the results of the full year will be computed, and will act also on common and preferred dividends. The dividend on the preferred stock will be declared at the usual rate of \$1.75 quarterly, but there is some doubt in Wall Street whether the present rate of \$1 quarterly will be maintained on the common stock.

The premium charged to borrowers of Steel common was lowered yesterday afternoon, but not until considerable stock had been lent at the rate of a half point. The premium at the close was quoted at 3-32 point, at which little was lent. Most speculators borrowed at from 1/2 to 1/2 point.

Many other stocks were lent at a premium, including American Telephone and Allied Chemical, 1-32; Peoples Gas, 1-16; International Shoe, 1/2; Coca Cola and Eastman Kodak, 1-64; Crucible Steel, 1-128, and J. I. Case and Kreuger & Toll, 1-256.

In its issue of Jan. 20 the "Times" said:

Easier conditions prevailed in the stock loan market yesterday, indicating that traders short of the market were having less difficulty in borrowing stocks. United States Steel common was available at a premium of 1-64, compared with 3-32 at the close of business and 1/2 at one time on the day before. A premium of 1-16 was charged for Western Union, Coca Cola and Eastman, 1-32 for Allied Chemical and International Shoe, 1-16 for American Telephone and Telegraph, 1-128 for Peoples Gas and Westinghouse Electric, and 1-256 for J. I. Case.

The stringency on Monday in Steel common was due largely to the reluctance of brokerage houses to lend the stock to protect short commitments.

Inquiry by New York Legislature Into Short Selling.

A proposed inquiry into short selling on the New York Stock Exchange by the State Legislature was indicated in an Albany dispatch to the New York "Times," which reported that a concurrent resolution would be introduced by Senator Burchill of New York City. The Albany advices to the "Times" also said:

Senator Burchill, who was the sponsor seven or eight years ago of similar resolution which failed of adoption, said that he had given considerable study to the subject since that time, and expressed a strong conviction that this year the proposed inquiry would receive legislative sanction.

He expressed a belief that the economic depression had been aggravated, if it had not been actually caused, by organized short selling promoted by operators in Wall Street and that it would be unduly prolonged unless such practices were legally prohibited.

"The present deplorable condition of business in general, caused no doubt by Wall Street pirates, financial racketeers and up-to-the-minute gold brick brokers," he said, "has revived the thought with all thinking persons that the State should curb the practices that have been in vogue on the New York Stock Exchange, which in some cases are nothing more than a high class method of committing grand larceny. My proposal is impersonal in every respect. I do not care whom it may strike, as I believe such practices should be discontinued and many of the guilty operators placed behind prison bars."

Senator Burchill said statistics showed that, regardless of previous declines in values, there had been a progressive hammering down of stock prices, aggregating \$14,520,780,805 in securities listed on the New York Stock Exchange during March, April and May last year.

"And in the single month of September," he added, "there was a decrease of \$12,259,988,669 in stocks and \$4,207,526,124 in the market value of bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange alone. During that same month total failures were the highest and bank failures the second highest of all time. Panic seized the people, actual hoarding assumed enormous proportions and the very foundation of our financial structure seemed threatened."

"Richard Whitney, President of the New York Stock Exchange, according to reports of a public address made by him, declared that short sales on the Stock Exchange reached a peak of 5,589,700 shares on May 25 last year, and again on Sept. 11 went as high as 4,480,000," he went on. "It has been charged that the short selling on the various exchanges has contributed to the prolongation and intensification of the present depression."

Under the terms of the Burchill resolution, any transaction involving the sale of securities in consummation of which there is delivered by or on behalf of the seller any security not actually owned by him at the time of making the sale is defined as short selling.

"The New York Stock Exchange, a voluntary association governed solely by regulations made by its members, should be restricted in its practices by law," Senator Burchill continued. "Other businesses which handle the moneys of the people are regulated by the State: why not the New York Stock Exchange? State laws have driven out the bucket shops. Is there much difference between bucketing and short selling. I am told they are nearly the same. I want a thorough, impartial investigation."

The resolution calls for an appropriation of \$15,000 to defray the cost of the proposed inquiry. It is understood that Senator Burchill wants any investigating committee which may be created under its terms to make its report to the Legislature very promptly.

New York Stock Exchange Supplies Further Data on Short Interests—Percentage of "In-and-Out" Daily Short Sales to Total Sales.

In addition to the data heretofore furnished by the New York Stock Exchange on short selling (given in these columns Dec. 19, pages 4044-4048, and Jan. 16, page 429) we quote the following from the January Bulletin of the Exchange, issued Jan. 16; as will be seen, the percentage of "in-and-out" daily short sales to total sales appears in the statistics below.

On Dec. 1, the table indicated, the ratio of "in-and-out"

short sales to total trading was 7.5% and on Dec. 2 it was 8.27%, the high mark of the month. The New York "Times" further notes:

Complete Short Interest Statistical Totals for 1931.

The following table gives the total number of shares in the short interest in full lot transactions over the whole year of 1931 [from May 25, the date which marked the inquiry of the Exchange into short selling, to Dec. 31—Ed.], together with the Standard Statistics Co. indices for daily stock prices on the same dates. In this tabulation such revisions of these figures as have been made, are included. The data for December 1931 has not previously appeared in the Bulletin. . . . The tabulation also includes the percentage of short sales made and covered the same day to the total reported share sales on the Exchange since Sept. 26 1931, when this series was inaugurated.

Date.	Number of Shares.		Standard Statistics Daily Stock Price Index.	Percentage "In-and-Out" Daily Short Sales to Total Sales.
	In Total Short Interest.	Net Change.		
1931				
May 25	5,589,700		106.4	
June 4	4,948,260	-641,440	107.6	
June 17	4,384,474	-563,786	107.3	
June 26	3,978,149	-406,325	121.9	
July 3	3,634,261	-343,888	121.2	
July 10	3,770,569	+136,308	116.2	
July 17	3,645,982	-124,587	113.3	
July 24	3,718,218	+72,236	110.9	
July 31	4,038,850	+320,632	109.0	
Aug. 7	4,374,200	+335,350	108.1	
Aug. 14	4,342,503	-31,700	113.5	
Aug. 21	4,271,800	-70,700	110.1	
Aug. 28	4,408,100	+136,300	111.1	
Sept. 4	4,338,000	-70,100	105.5	
Sept. 11	4,480,400	+142,400	100.8	
Sept. 18	4,241,300	-239,100	91.0	
Sept. 21	3,961,300	-280,000	86.8	
Sept. 22	3,162,813	-798,487	85.8	
Sept. 23	2,831,128	-331,685	91.5	
Sept. 24	2,949,412	+118,284	84.8	
Sept. 25	2,987,385	+37,973	86.7	
Sept. 26			85.2	1.76
Sept. 28	2,985,088	-2,297	83.4	5.72
Sept. 29	3,063,203	+78,115	79.9	5.31
Sept. 30	3,036,928	-26,275	77.1	5.16
Oct. 1	2,814,935	-221,993	75.7	3.78
Oct. 2	2,643,170	-171,765	77.0	5.17
Oct. 3			74.4	4.93
Oct. 5	2,612,414	-30,756	70.0	4.07
Oct. 6	2,597,898	-14,516	78.7	3.26
Oct. 7	2,173,800	-424,098	77.7	6.10
Oct. 8	2,243,535	+69,735	84.3	3.69
Oct. 9	2,163,771	-79,764	83.8	3.87
Oct. 10			84.5	3.30
Oct. 13	2,182,197	+18,426	80.2	4.57
Oct. 14	2,254,370	+72,173	78.4	5.43
Oct. 15	2,254,676	+306	79.8	5.90
Oct. 16	2,246,874	-7,802	82.3	3.73
Oct. 17			82.4	2.47
Oct. 19	2,241,968	-4,906	83.3	2.94
Oct. 20	2,239,700	-2,268	87.0	3.09
Oct. 21	2,239,200	-500	86.2	3.10
Oct. 22	2,243,327	+4,127	83.4	4.62
Oct. 23	2,300,320	+56,993	86.1	5.02
Oct. 24			86.9	2.40
Oct. 26	2,374,059	+73,739	84.5	4.11
Oct. 27	2,440,169	+66,110	82.7	3.73
Oct. 28	2,540,943	+100,774	80.0	6.31
Oct. 29	2,652,127	+111,184	80.3	5.43
Oct. 30	2,676,649	+24,522	82.8	4.25
Oct. 31			83.6	3.15
Nov. 2	2,764,959	+88,310	83.4	4.44
Nov. 4	2,816,934	+51,975	85.9	3.08
Nov. 5	2,846,236	+29,302	85.6	4.59
Nov. 6	2,949,402	+103,166	88.2	3.05
Nov. 7			90.3	2.55
Nov. 9	2,897,874	-51,528	91.5	3.22
Nov. 10	2,925,417	+27,543	89.6	4.93
Nov. 11	2,988,446	+63,029	88.2	3.70
Nov. 12	3,020,601	+32,155	87.9	4.46
Nov. 13	3,013,807	-6,794	85.1	4.63
Nov. 14			84.2	4.40
Nov. 16	3,104,185	+90,389	82.8	5.87
Nov. 17	3,131,796	+27,611	84.2	7.13
Nov. 18	3,237,159	+105,363	81.1	6.04
Nov. 19	3,364,776	+127,617	80.7	6.78
Nov. 20	3,429,228	+64,452	78.2	5.68
Nov. 21			77.6	10.41
Nov. 23	3,537,787	+108,559	77.0	9.39
Nov. 24	3,584,161	+46,374	78.4	7.43
Nov. 25	3,568,538	-15,623	75.7	5.97
Nov. 27	3,690,795	+122,257	73.9	3.64
Nov. 28			72.8	6.50
Nov. 30	3,745,642	+54,847	75.4	7.27
Dec. 1	3,667,067	-78,575	74.5	7.50
Dec. 2	3,665,152	-1,915	71.9	8.27
Dec. 3	3,736,577	+71,425	73.9	6.44
Dec. 4	3,662,800	-73,777	71.6	6.38
Dec. 5			74.1	7.86
Dec. 7	3,594,468	-68,332	73.8	7.85
Dec. 8	3,553,345	-41,123	71.6	6.51
Dec. 9	3,594,720	+41,375	69.7	6.68
Dec. 10	3,767,236	+172,516	68.1	6.07
Dec. 11	3,698,320	-68,916	66.0	4.59
Dec. 12			65.1	4.41
Dec. 14	3,559,707	-138,613	63.6	5.41
Dec. 15	3,404,039	-155,668	64.5	4.72
Dec. 16	3,181,031	-223,008	63.0	5.89
Dec. 17	3,138,802	-42,229	61.3	5.20
Dec. 18	3,134,456	-4,346	66.4	3.82
Dec. 19			66.7	6.61
Dec. 21	2,909,672	-224,784	64.7	6.66
Dec. 22	2,874,224	-35,448	65.8	4.04
Dec. 23	2,862,146	-12,078	63.1	4.77
Dec. 24	2,891,885	+29,739	63.2	3.71
Dec. 28	2,888,854	-3,031	61.6	3.83
Dec. 29	2,888,648	-206	63.2	4.31
Dec. 30	2,858,928	-29,720	64.3	2.88
Dec. 31	2,842,072	-16,856	64.5	3.52

Thereafter the ratio declined slowly until Dec. 30, when it was 2.88%. On the last day of the month it increased to 3.52%.

In December the over-night short interest declined 903,000 shares.

Nominees Named by Nominating Committee of New York Curb Exchange.

In preparation for the election of officers, February 8, the Nominating Committee of the New York Curb Exchange has designated as its nominees on the regular ticket for members of the Board of Governors for three years, Frank Bethel, G. Arthur Callahan, Joseph A. Cole, W. Chauncey Coles,

James A. Corcoran, J. Chester Cuppia, Harold H. Hart, Reginald E. Heard, T. Frank Mackessy, Thomas Morris, David U. Page and W. Reitze. Robert L. Stott was nominated for the Board of Governors for a one year term. E. R. McCormick for trustee of the Gratuity Fund for a three year term and E. M. Williamson trustee of the Gratuity Fund for one year. Candidates for the Nominating Committee for one year include Jerome P. Miller, Joseph Berson, Oscar Nathan, Alfred I. Preston, Jr., and E. B. Schryver.

House Members Move to Abolish Short Selling on Cotton and Grain Exchanges.

Associated Press advices from Washington on Jan. 18 stated that a group of House members on that date opened their campaign for the abolishment of short selling on cotton and grain exchanges with criticism of the Grain Futures Act. The dispatches continued:

Before the House Agricultural Committee, Chairman Jones said the grain futures administration "has been of no benefit whatever."

Representative Cross, Democrat, Texas, added that "The grain law has been absolutely worthless," and Chairman Vinson of the House Naval Committee held the administration of grain futures transactions "has not been up to expectations."

Mr. Vinson, a Georgia Democrat, said he was convinced the exchanges should be controlled and regulated by the Government.

He has proposed two methods, one prohibiting short selling and the other placing it under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture. He said, however, he thought a regulatory bill would be more beneficial than a prohibitory one.

Mr. Vinson suggested the provisions of the Grain Futures Act be strengthened and extended to cotton exchanges to prevent harmful manipulation.

Restrictions on Short Selling of Cotton Opposed at Hearing in Washington by Officials of New York and New Orleans Cotton Exchanges—Farm Group Favor Regulations.

Opposition to any form of regulatory legislation respecting short selling on the cotton exchanges was voiced, Jan. 19, before the House Committee on Agriculture by Russell Clark, President of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange, and by William S. Dowdell, Vice-President of the New York Cotton Exchange.

On behalf of the National Farmers' Union, the National Grange, and the National Farm Bureau Federation, John A. Simpson, of Oklahoma City, Okla., read to the Committee a brief memorandum opposing short selling and favoring anti-short selling legislation. Regarding the hearing, we quote the following from the "United States Daily" of Jan. 20:

Mr. Simpson's Statement.

Mr. Simpson, the President of the National Farmers' Union, read a statement of the joint position of those he represented, as follows:

"The stabilization of American business, industry and agriculture is being retarded by short selling operations on the commodity and other exchanges of the country, for the reason that short selling creates a fictitious supply and so interferes with the normal operations of the law of supply and demand. We favor such legislation as is necessary to prevent short selling on commodity or other exchanges."

Mr. Simpson said that the agricultural organizations for whom he spoke take the attitude that all short selling creates a fictitious supply of the commodity and that competes with the actual commodity and for that reason the organizations are opposed to short selling. A number of House bills dealing with the problem are before the Committee.

Mr. Dowdell protested proposed restrictions on the sale of cotton for future delivery, said that the price of cotton is determined by the law of supply and demand, that it is untrue that short selling causes or aggravates declining tendencies in the market, and that restriction or prohibition of short selling or other interference with the principle of free and open trading in the future commodity markets would cause many speculative or investment buyers to refrain from buying, thus delaying the recovery of prices and prolonging the depression. He denied any bear raids on his Exchange or that the farmers have been injured by short selling in the New York market.

Price Regulation.

Mr. Clark said that he had requested opportunity to present the views of the New Orleans Exchange because of the various proposals to interfere with the operations of that body in connection with futures, including the proposal to do away with a machinery that had been developed with 30 years' experience and to substitute for the satisfactory system of operations something that has been untried. "We are opposed to any further legislation regarding the future exchanges," he said, adding that if the Exchanges should be destroyed now, the business depression would be augmented, and there would be chaos in the cotton industry, with prices fixed abroad, probably in the Liverpool market. Drastic legislation, he said, might destroy a satisfactory system without anything adequate in its place.

He told of Germany trying to prohibit future trading in the past and how it was forced to restore it on demand of the farmers, and how various States in this country have legislated on the subject. He quoted from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which, in its announcement of results of referendum on the subject, had overwhelmingly supported the attitude taken by the Cotton Exchange.

"The Federal Government," Mr. Clark said, "should leave these matters to be handled in accordance with the existing laws, and it would be time for Congress to step in when there are any abuses." He added, however, that if it should be decided to go ahead with legislation regarding short selling the New Orleans Cotton Exchange is willing to co-operate with the Committee to avoid destructive legislation that would be destructive.

"Do you contend that there are no wash sales or fake sales in your Exchange?" asked Chairman Jones (Dem.), of Amarillo, Tex.

"Yes, sir," replied the witness, adding that the Exchange deals only in legitimate enforceable contracts.

Mr. Clark said the bill introduced by Representative Cross (Dem.), of Waco, Tex., for instance, would destroy the market. It would prohibit short sales, he said, and wash sales are prohibited by the Exchange.

The witness explained that a wash sale is one that does not actually take place but is only put on the board to influence sales. "Every member of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange," he said, "must have an absolutely enforceable contract. He cannot have any contrary understanding or agreement that would be recognized by the Exchange. Of course, if parties agree or have an understanding among themselves that they will not observe the enforceable terms of a contract it would be without the Cotton Exchange's knowledge, but in all probability if suit were brought in connection with it a court would not sustain the private agreement." Under the Exchange system of enforceable contract, he said, a man who buys will receive and the seller will deliver, explaining, however, that someone else might be procured to make the delivery.

Offers Defense of Tenderable Grades.

"In most instances," said the Chairman, "he sells not intending to deliver the commodity?"

"He either delivers or procures someone else to deliver," Mr. Clark replied.

"In other words, he sells a piece of paper?"

"The man buys the piece of paper to comply with the enforceable contract," was the reply, "and the contract is enforceable."

Chairman Jones asked Mr. Clarke if he would object to changing the tenderable grades of cotton. Mr. Clark said he would object and insisted that the buyer on the cotton market has his full voice, so that if he wants a particular grade delivered to him he can get it on the spot cotton market, the futures market operating to prevent losses. He said the futures market provides a system of price insurance comparable to Lloyds.

"The tenderable grades are set up for the Exchange use and not for the use of the mills?" asked Chairman Jones.

"They are for whoever wants to use them," Mr. Clark replied. "We have lots of millers who come to us but none of them ask for a specific grade."

Asked regarding the organization of the New Orleans Exchange, Mr. Clark said that out of a limit of 500 there are about 400 members now; that the last price paid for a seat was \$1,940, the lowest for some time, and that there are about 50 active traders in the ring, representing 28 or 30 firms in New Orleans. Some of the firms represented, he said, operate their offices as low as \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year overhead, and \$100,000 would be much too high as an estimate of the expense of the average maintenance of a firm's office. He said business has been slow.

"You say that a large percentage of the sales on the Exchange are on actual contract but that the actual cotton is not delivered?" "Yes," he replied.

Says Restrictions Would Delay Recovery.

Mr. Dowdell said he has been in the cotton business in this country and in England for 26 years, that wider variations in price and consequent greater market risks would follow the impairment or restrictions of the functions of future contract markets and would compel banks to require larger margins on loans on such commodities. There would thereby be a curtailment, he said, of the credit so necessary to the handling of the large staple crops. He said it is impossible to conceive a worse time than the present to attempt to restrict or prohibit short selling or otherwise interference with open trading in the future commodity markets because it would result in delay of recovery of prices and prolong the depression.

"The real service rendered by the exchanges," Mr. Dowdell explained, "is to furnish facilities for hedging both purchases and sales for farmers, merchants and spinners, thereby eliminating the market risk and automatically reducing the cost of distribution. An exchange, in order to offer these facilities to the cotton trade, must have a big, broad market with ample buying orders at all times to offset selling orders and vice versa. Even under the present depressed conditions, we seldom find a difference on our exchange of more than one or two points between the bid and asked price. It is probably unnecessary to say that one point represents only five cents per bale.

"This being the case, both buyer and seller know within a few points the price at which contracts can be purchased or sold. Therefore, a merchant in doing business does not have to figure excessive profits because he has practically no market risk to contend with. I might say here that I do not know of any other line of business that is conducted on such a narrow margin of profit as prevails in the cotton business.

"In our opinion, it is a mistaken idea that short selling is the cause of, or aggravates, a declining tendency at any time, especially in periods of depression."

New York Produce Exchange Names Committee to Consider Restrictive Measures Against Grain Future Market.

In view of advices from Washington to the effect that the movement to draw up legislation affecting the grain futures market is gaining support from unexpected quarters, the New York Produce Exchange has appointed a committee to canvass the membership with the idea of having them bring this threat to the attention of their Senators and Congressmen. The personnel of the committee, which is charged with the work of crystallizing the sentiment of the exchange membership is as follows: Moses Cohen, James Ehlen, H. F. Grothusen, C. N. Hitchcock, E. W. S. Knudsen, J. A. Lenz, William C. Mott, W. E. Pritchard, A. L. Russell, W. C. Schilthuis and Walter Trappe.

Increase in Rate of Interest on State Deposits in New Jersey Banks.

From its Trenton bureau, the Newark "News" of Jan. 15 reported the following:

State Treasurer Middleton within a few days will notify all banks having State funds on deposit that the interest rate they pay the state will be increased from 1½ to 2% beginning February 1. The rate was reduced by the State Treasurer from 2 to 1½% July 1.

At that time Mr. Middleton expressed hope the lower rate would be temporary. He said the reduction was designed to relieve banks of losses

which he said many of them suffered on state deposits under existing financial conditions.

The reduction was made under authority of an act of 1902 which provides that the interest rate on state deposits shall not exceed 2%. Authority is conferred on the State Treasurer, under certain limitations, to reduce the rate when, in his judgment, it was necessary. At that time, based on the amount of state deposits, the banks would save approximately \$125,000 annually.

The cut in the rate of interest in July was referred to in these columns June 13 1931, page 4346.

New York State Real Estate Boards Want New Revenue Used to Aid Realty—Oppose Applying Added Taxes to Deficit—Tax Exemptions Assailed—Increasing \$500,000,000 Annually in State Says President Walsh.

New State revenues from increased taxes should be used for the relief of realty, the New York Association of Real Estate Boards declared at Albany on Jan. 19 it is learned from a dispatch to the New York "Times" from which we also quote as follows:

Ray Hoffer, Executive Vice-President, summed up the attitude of the organization by saying:

"We disapprove of any attempt to direct this added revenue to the relief of the deficit which the State faces. We believe that if added revenue is to be obtained it should go toward alleviating the burden placed on property owners throughout the State."

G. William Magly of Jamaica, Chairman of the Committee on real estate license law, stated that it was proposed to administer the license law by a commission of three, to act as an advisory council, clothed with the authority to suspend or revoke licenses for cause. It was also proposed to extend the scope of the law, which now applies to cities and to several counties with a population of over 110,000.

Bills to be submitted to the Legislature were discussed this afternoon. The members attended an appraisal clinic conducted by Lester P. Slade of Rochester, Chairman of the appraisal committee of the Rochester Realty Board.

J. Irving Walsh, who was installed as President, declared: "We can be thankful that we are dealing in a commodity that has withstood the depression as well as real estate has. Of course there are examples of ill-advised and improperly financed real estate investments that have been proved unfortunate to the owners.

"But well-located business and residential property has weathered the storm with very little depreciation as compared to the tremendous drop in the stock market.

Mr. Walsh also praised the work of the Tax Revision Commission and expressed the hope that "good will come from it."

He declared that tax exemptions have been increasing at the rate of \$500,000,000 a year.

"A determined effort should be made," he said, "to get part of that property back on the tax duplicate and an ironclad policy adopted of no more exemptions."

Morris S. Tremaine, State Comptroller, said that the cities should adjust themselves on the pay-as-you-go plan, because the interest charges were mounting to such heights that they would become topheavy.

Senator Seabury C. Mastick, Chairman of the Tax Revision Commission, asked the State Boards to back up the findings of the Commission when announced. If this was not done, he predicted that the work of the Commission would go the way of many other legislative committee findings.

Guernsey T. Cross brought the greetings of Governor Roosevelt, who was unable to attend because of State business.

The officers installed in addition to President Walsh were: Executive Vice-President, Ray Hoffer of Albany; Vice-President, Charles W. Schutendorff of Staten Island; Secretary, Charles T. Male of Schenectady, and Treasurer, Clyde W. Heer of Troy.

George B. Cortelyou Elected Chairman of Nominating Committee of New York State Chamber of Commerce.

George B. Cortelyou, it was announced on Jan. 9, has been elected Chairman of the committee which will nominate officers, chairmen and members of the standing committees of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York to be voted on at the annual meeting on May 5. The other members of the Nominating Committee are Stephen Baker, J. Herbert Case, Lewis B. Gawtry, Clifford D. Mallory, Gerrish H. Milliken and John Sloane.

Petition Filed in Norfolk Asks State Corporation Commission to Revoke Virginia's Recognition of New York Stock Exchange—Action Said to Be Due to Decline in Foreign Bonds.

From the Richmond "Times-Dispatch" of Jan. 9 we take the following:

Alleging that \$6,000,000,000 in securities issued in foreign countries some of which securities are non-exempt from regulation under Virginia law and all of which were listed or indicated for listing by the New York Exchange, are actually worth in the aggregate about one-half their face value, a petition has been filed with the State Corporation Commission, asking that Virginia's recognition of the New York Stock Exchange be revoked in full.

Public hearing on the petition, which was filed by Charles Forney of Norfolk, President of the Profile Timber Corp., was set for February by order of the State Commission on yesterday.

Claiming that the New York Stock Exchange has not exercised the "protection contemplated by law," the petition says that this agent of the Corporation Commission "attained such agency by its deceit and fraud" and that the Exchange "is composed of persons . . . engaged for gain and personal profit" in the business of selling bonds and are therefore not qualified to list securities for sale to Virginia citizens."

The petition refers to proceedings before the Senate Finance Committee where, the petition says, it was shown that the New York Stock Exchange, agent for the Commonwealth of Virginia, "falsely and deceitfully pretended" that it had made such due and sufficient examination as contemplated by law in all respects and "particularly with reference to some part of a total \$6,000,000,000 of securities the situs of which is without the territorial limits of the United States."

Continuing, the petition alleges that "under a scheme, artifice, and fraud colloquially known as 'high grading,'" these securities were sold to a "testified total of 1,756,000 citizens of the United States" or in part traded for United States Government bonds. It also claims that some components of this \$6,000,000,000 defaulted in a number of respects and that "it is evidence in said testimony that a commission, profit or spread of \$300,000 accrued between the amount paid by the public and the amount received by the issuers of said securities."

Finally the petition calls on the Corporation Commission to revoke recognition of the New York Exchange alleging that it and the distributors of these securities "abetted and consummated in conspiracy, contrary to public policy" and to the express provisions of the Virginia law.

Economists Advise Credit Expansion by Federal Reserve Board—Deflation Has Gone Far Enough, Says Advisory Board in Offering Recovery Program—Rise in Taxes Suggested—Proposals Endorsed by Irving Fisher, E. W. Kemmerer, &c.

From the New York "Times" of Jan. 16 it is learned that a program for business recovery, sanctioned by prominent economists and based in general on the use of credit facilities to reverse the present process of deflation, was announced by a recently formed Advisory Board of economists on Jan. 15, through Warren M. Board of Harvard Professor and the Board's Chairman.

Similar in some of its provisions to President Hoover's plan for economic readjustment, the program advocated not only the checking of deflation, but also "some expansion," said the "Times," which went on to say:

Attached to the announcement were the names of 35 specialists who offered their services to the country to carry out the proposals. They included Professors Irving Fisher and T. S. Adams of Yale, F. W. Taussig, T. N. Carver, John H. Williams of Harvard and Edwin R. A. Seligman, Emeritus Professor of Political Economy at Columbia, and E. W. Kemmerer of Princeton.

The program itself, described as "the least common denominator of effective platforms upon which fairly general agreement appears possible," was put forward with a statement that failure to include other relief measures did not mean that the economists had disapproved omitted items. Modifications, particularly additions to deal with world recovery, might be made later, it was indicated.

Report of Findings.

A statement of the Board's preliminary findings, recommendations and expected results follows:

1. Though some important adjustments of various elements of cost and overhead remain to be made, the general contraction of credit and deflation of prices have gone far enough.
2. The United States can have substantial business recovery without waiting for a solution of Europe's difficulties.
3. Recovery is possible on a sound-money basis without recourse of monetary panacas, but
4. The depression will not cure itself and requires prompt, intelligent and vigorous action.

We recommend the following steps:

1. The enactment of the bill establishing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to deal more effectively with emergency situations.
2. Proper economy in municipal, State and national budgets, and increased taxation.
3. A liberal Federal Reserve policy designed to check credit decreases and encourage some expansion.
4. A commercial banking policy co-operating with the Reserve banks in checking credit decreases and encouraging increases, including (a) an increase in sound investments; (b) co-operation in aiding necessary Treasury financing; (c) borrowing from the Federal Reserve banks when necessary to meet these and other sound needs.

We believe vigorous prosecution of these policies is sound, involves no important risks, and is likely to be effective in (a) stopping the downward trend of prices; (b) stopping hoarding and returning hoarded money to the banks; (c) restoring the normal value of securities, and (d) starting the beginning of business recovery.

With the assistance of industrialists, bankers and business men, recovery could undoubtedly be initiated by these means, Mr. Persons declared.

Favor Isolation Policy.

His statement made plain also that the economists believe, notwithstanding their assertion that a measure of betterment is possible for the United States in isolation, that subsequent attention must be given to international financial difficulties, to tariff problems and to related questions if business recovery is to be long continued. After consideration by the Board, the program finally endorsed was mailed to representative economists for comment, being sent out Jan. 8. Replies, it was said, are still being received.

- Besides Mr. Persons and the professors named, endorsers include:
- Frederic Bennett, Tucker Anthony & Co., New York.
 - W. A. Berridge, Economist, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York.
 - E. L. Bogart, Professor of Economics, University of Illinois.
 - J. M. Clark, Professor of Economics, Columbia University.
 - John R. Commons, Professor of Political Economy, University of Wisconsin.
 - John H. Cover, Professor of Marketing and Statistics, University of Chicago.
 - Victor Clark, Consultant in Economics, Library of Congress.
 - J. S. Davis, Director of the Food Research Institute, University of California.
 - F. W. Deibler, Professor of Economics, Northwestern University.
 - Carroll W. Doten, Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
 - Paul H. Douglas, Professor of Economics, Chicago University.
 - E. Dana Durand, former Director of the United States Census.

J. F. Ebersole, Professor of Banking, Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University.

David Friday, former Professor of Economics, Michigan University.

Henry B. Gardner, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Brown University.

Jacob H. Hollander, Professor of Political Economy, Johns Hopkins University.

W. R. Ingalls, Director, American Bureau of Metal Statistics.

Virgil Jordan, Economist, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co.

Max O. Lorens, Statistician, Inter-State Commerce Commission.

Harry E. Miller, Professor of Economics, Brown University.

Frederick C. Mills, Professor of Economics, Columbia University.

Harold L. Reed, Professor of Economics, Cornell University.

Father John A. Ryan, Professor of Moral Theology and Industrial Ethics, Catholic University.

L. Leo Sharfman, Professor of Economics, University of Michigan.

Walter Spahr, Professor of Economics, New York University.

Donald S. Tucker, Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Walter E. Willcox, Professor of Economics and Statistics, Cornell University.

John H. Williams, Professor of Economics, Harvard University.

Henry Wallace, Editor.

Former President Coolidge Holds All Share Crisis Blame—No One Person or Group Can Be Accused of Any "General Moral Lapse," He Declares in Magazine Article—Urges Work, Thrift, Faith.

Blame for the present economic plight of the United States, in so far as the blame can be determined, rests upon all Americans and not upon any particular person or group, Calvin Coolidge declares in an article to be published in the "American" magazine on Jan. 20. A summary of the views presented by the former President is taken as follows from the New York "Times":

Defending the American banking system, criticizing hoarders and counselling hope for wage-earners, real estate owners and security holders, the former President advocates the continuance of work, thrift and faith as the best general remedies for the depression. The tone of the article, entitled "In Times Like These," indicates the attitude Mr. Coolidge may be expected to take should he discuss the prosperity issue during the coming national campaign. He will be one of those, it appears, who will resist all attempts to attribute the business slump to the Republican Administration.

The Question of Responsibility.

"If we could lay the blame for present conditions in our own country or in the world on society at large, against whom is the blame to be assessed?" the former President asked. "It is impossible to point out any general moral lapse, any widespread dishonesty. We may say that it was the result of greed and selfishness. But what body is to be specially charged with that? Were the wage-earners too greedy in getting all they could for their work? Were the managers of enterprise, big and little, too greedy in trying to operate at a profit? Were the farmers too greedy in their efforts to make more money by tilling more land and enlarging their production?"

"Even if we could convict society on a general charge of selfishness we would not point to any element that consciously brought about a condition of falling prices, lack of confidence, business failures and hard times. These were the last things that anybody wanted."

"The most we can say is that there has been a general lack of judgment so widespread as to involve practically the whole country. We have found that we were not so big as we thought we were. We shall have to keep nearer the ground. We shall not feel so elated, but we shall be much safer."

Calls Banking System Sound.

Out national banking system, and the systems of most of the States—since these are fashioned on the national pattern—are as sound and as rigidly regulated as it is possible to make them in the light of experience, Mr. Coolidge declares.

"Banks," he says, "are an absolute necessity for the transaction of business. If it were possible to conceive of all of them being closed, starvation would face most of us inside of 10 days. . . . It is apparent that if their source of currency were cut off by people taking money out of the banks and hoarding it, locking it up, or hiding it away, our banking system would soon become deranged and the whole nation would begin to suffer losses. Loans would have to be called, mortgages, cancelled, prices would fall, wages decline, credit would fail and a general panic would be produced."

"If all the people attempted to draw their money from the banks, all commerce would be reduced to barter, and universal bankruptcy would prevail."

"While particular banks may become unsound, we can feel adequately certain that our banking system as a whole will not become unsound. If it ever did we should find that money we had hidden away would become unsound also. . . ."

"Those who are engaged in hoarding currency are probably no safer as a class than those who keep their funds in the banks. They are injuring themselves and everybody else. They are in the position of not taking their part of the risks of life and are trying to make themselves safe by letting others carry their risks for them."

The recovery program advocated by the Hoover Administration and now before Congress is not mentioned, nor is Mr. Hoover. In his remarks on work, faith and thrift, Mr. Coolidge says the loss of faith by those who suffered unemployment, bank failures and depreciation of securities is one of the most serious aspects of the depression.

Property owners, business men and investors took the risk of loss, however, when they made their investments, he holds, and should spend their time now in working for recovery rather than in complaining, in the hope that part of their losses may be wiped out by a business upswing.

Federal Reserve System Reported as Deciding to Slow Up Easy Credit Policy—Fear Expressed in Europe Dollar Would Be Weakened Causes Step.

The credit expansion policy of the Federal Reserve System will be carried out at a slower pace than was originally anticipated in financial quarters, it was learned on Jan. 18, said the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 19, from which we also take the following:

Indications last week that efforts would be made to expand the volume of credit created the impression abroad that the United States was about to embark upon a policy of unrestrained inflation.

The continued possibility of such an interpretation of the purposes of present Reserve Bank policies would make rapid credit expansion at the present time unlikely.

Last week the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, following the meeting of the Open Market Committee in Washington, suddenly reduced the rate at which it buys bankers' acceptances by a full one-fourth of 1%.

Market Rate Declines.

This led to rapid reductions in market rates so that the New York Federal Reserve Bank's own buying rate on bills again fell out of line with market quotations. It was pointed out in financial quarters that such a situation ordinarily would result in a reduction in the rediscount rate, which was widely predicted for next Thursday.

Over the week-end reports were spread throughout the European Continent that unlimited inflation soon would become the order of the day in America. There was a sharp rise for franc exchange on Saturday and the rise continued yesterday, so that by the close of business quotations on the franc were far above the gold point. It was considered likely that gold shipments to France would take place as ships left New York.

Yesterday New York representatives of European and Latin-American newspapers were urged in repeated cablegrams from their home offices to get exact details as to American inflation plans.

Cables from abroad at the same time indicated that the European press had given sensational displays to reports that the dollar would be weakened.

Assisting the purposes of the Reconstruction Corporation, the Federal Reserve banks will seek to check present deflation, which, it was pointed out, has gotten completely out of control. The Federal Reserve Bank reduction in bill rates last week, it was pointed out, probably was directed to this end.

Reserve banks desire to check the present decline in their bill portfolio and cut the rate for that purpose. The present buying rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York is below the rate offered for bills by the Bank of France. It is not expected that the Bank of France will reduce its buying rate on dollar acceptances and in consequence a gradual transfer of bills from foreign to domestic ownership is anticipated. This will increase the holdings of Reserve banks, it was said.

Bill in New York Legislature Asks \$10,000,000 Fund and Crisis Council for Up-State Banks—Slater Offers Measures to Legislature As Check to Withdrawal of Deposits—Proposes Board of Ten—Administrators Would Be Named by Governor, With Superintendent Broderick As Chairman.

As a means of checking the tendency of depositors to take their money from smaller banks up-State, Senator Frederick J. Slater of Monroe introduced at Albany on Jan. 18 a bill providing for the creation of an emergency financial council to administer a \$10,000,000 fund for the relief of the institutions. From the New York "Times" Albany advices, Jan. 18, we quote the following:

The proposed council would be composed of 10 members, one from each of the nine judicial districts of the State, with the State Superintendent of Banks as Chairman. The appointments would be made by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, for a period of one year from the time the bill became law. If the existing emergency should outlast that period new legislation would be required to continue the council in existence.

There is no indication that Governor Roosevelt has been consulted by the Monroe County Senator, but it has been discussed by Mr. Slater with the legislative leaders of his party, prior to its introduction.

The prospect of the bill becoming law is not regarded as very good. The Governor, it was pointed out, may not welcome a measure which would constitute an additional heavy drain on the State's monetary resources.

The function of the emergency financial council would be to come to the relief of banks in difficulties by taking over from them frozen assets which have been depreciated far below their actual value by the depression. Senator Slater said that many of the smaller banks while solvent and sound, had been seriously embarrassed through huge withdrawals.

Senator Glass Introduces New Banking Measure Revising Laws Affecting National Bank and Federal Reserve Systems—Would Restrict Use of Corporate Funds for Speculative Purposes—Plans Emergency Aid for Banks in Distress—Helps Depositors—Urges State Branch Banking—Federal Reserve to Regulate Foreign Loans—Treasury Head Displaced on Board.

Seeking safer operation of the Federal Reserve and National banking systems, and designed to prevent undue diversion of credit into speculative purposes, the Glass bank probe committee gave to the Senate on Jan. 21 the long awaited bill sponsored by Senator Carter Glass (Dem., Va.). The Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce," in thus reporting the introduction of the bill in the Senate, said:

Employing drastic means to hamper the movement of unemployed corporate funds into speculative channels, the so-called brokers' loans for the account of others, the 15,000-word Glass bill undertakes to correct a wide variety of abuses in banking, while providing also for the strengthening of the banking system by the extension of branch banking to State-wide proportions. It also creates a fund for aiding depositors in closed banks.

While a sub-committee of the Senate Banking Committee under the Chairmanship of Senator Goldsborough (Rep., Md.) has been wrestling with the Administration measure sponsored in Congress by Senator Thomas (Rep., Iowa) and Representative Beedy (Rep., Me.) for the aid of depositors in closed banks, Senator Glass has provided the machinery within the Federal Reserve system for accomplishing that result.

Emergency Relief Planned.

The Glass bill undertakes emergency relief for banks in times of stress. Upon receiving the unanimous consent of the Reserve Board any Federal Reserve bank would be empowered to make advances to groups of ten or more member banks within its district upon their joint and several demand promissory notes in such amounts as the Reserve bank directorate may determine. Advances could be made to a lesser group if the aggregate amount of their demand and time deposits constitutes at least 10% of the entire demand and time deposits of the member banks within such district.

Recipient banks would be required to deposit their individual notes, made in favor of the group and protected by such collateral security as may be agreed upon, with a trustee. A premium of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% for the first ninety days and of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% additional to be added each succeeding ninety days (progressively) would be charged by the Reserve bank. Advances would be made on paper not now eligible to rediscount under the law.

The same paper stated that featuring the bill were the following provisions:

1. For borrowing from Reserve banks by groups of member banks on joint notes with general assets as collateral.
2. Establishment of a liquidating corporation with the function of buying, selling and liquidating assets of closed banks.
3. Setting up an organization to oversee and control open market operations of Federal Reserve system.
4. Seeking to regulate national banks in many ways, with especial attention paid to affiliates of large banks in cities.
5. Removing the Secretary of the Treasury from the Federal Reserve Board.
6. Prohibiting brokers' loans by other than banks.
7. Branch banking permitted national banks in any State which by local law permits this type of banking.
8. Group banking strictly regulated.
9. To restrict use of Federal Reserve funds for speculation, even indirectly.
10. Loans subjected to stricter regulation.

From the account in the "Journal of Commerce" we also take the following:

National Bank Aid.

The bill extends to National banks the same general powers as are exercised by State banks, not in conflict with the National banking laws.

It restricts rather severely National and member banks in the use of Federal Reserve facilities for stock speculative purposes. While permitting 15-day advances on promissory notes as now, it provides that if during the life of such advances the borrowing bank "increases its outstanding loans to any borrower upon collateral security, or made to members of any organized stock exchange, investment house or dealer in securities, upon any obligation, note, or bill, secured or unsecured, for the purpose of purchasing and (or) carrying investment securities (except obligations of the United States), such advances shall be immediately payable, and such member bank shall be ineligible as a borrower at the Federal Reserve bank of the district upon 15-day paper."

The flow of corporate funds into the speculative markets also is curbed. The bill proposes enactment of the following provisions:

"Section 33 of the Act entitled 'An Act to Supplement Existing Laws Against Unlawful Restraints and Monopolies, and for Other Purposes,' approved Oct. 15 1914, as amended, is hereby amended by adding after Section 8 thereof the following new section:

New Section Given.

"Section 8(A). That from and after the first day of January 1932 no person shall be at the same time a director, officer or employee of any bank, banking association or trust company organized or operating under the laws of the United States and of a corporation organized for any purpose whatsoever which shall make loans secured by collateral to any individual, association, partnership or corporation other than its own subsidiaries.

"No corporation, foreign or domestic, other than banks shall make to any individual, other corporation (except its own subsidiaries), private banker or incorporated banker, loans secured by collateral; and every violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall be punishable by a fine of \$5,000 per day during the continuance of such violation.

"No corporation engaged in commerce as defined in this Act shall place its funds on deposit with any individual, private banker or banking association or trust company, except banking associations incorporated under the laws of the United States or of some one of the States or territories thereof; and every violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$1,000 per day for each day during which such violation continues."

Loans to Affiliates.

No National banking association or member bank could (1) make any loan or any extension of credit to any affiliate organized and existing for the purpose of buying and selling stocks, bonds, real estate or real estate mortgages, or for the purpose of holding title to any such property, or (2) invest any of its funds in the capital stock, bonds or other obligations of any such affiliate, or (3) accept the capital stock, bonds or other obligations of any such affiliate as collateral security to protect loans made to any person, copartnership or corporation, if the aggregate amount of such loans, extensions of credit, investments and acceptances of collateral security in the case of any such affiliate will exceed 10% of the outstanding capital stock and surplus of such National banking association or member bank.

Each loan made to an affiliate within these limitations would have to be secured by stocks or bonds listed on a stock exchange which have an ascertained market value at the time of making the loan of at least 20% more than the amount of such loan, or shall be secured by notes, drafts, bills of exchange or acceptances, eligible for rediscount at Federal Reserve banks, or by bonds or other obligations eligible for investment by savings banks in the State in which the association or member bank making the loan is located. A loan to a director, officer, clerk, or other employee of any affiliate would be deemed a loan to the affiliate to the extent that the proceeds of the loan are transferred to the affiliate.

Compromise on Affiliates.

Senator Glass and some of his associates were inclined toward requiring member banks to divest themselves of their corporate affiliates. A compromise was effected whereby there would be provided searching examination and some degree of supervision of such corporations with complete publicity for their reports and prohibition against the identity of stock certificates as between the banks and their affiliates.

Some measure of control over group and chain banks is sought. While State-wide branch banking is provided in such States where that is permitted, limited by the bill to institutions with a paid in and unimpaired capital stock of not less than \$1,000,000, a curb is placed on chain and group systems.

The parent bank of a chain is not to be permitted to vote for a director of a Federal Reserve bank. A concerted examination would be required, with the publication of reports as in the case of corporate affiliates of National banks. Group banks are required to dispose of all stocks and bonds of issuing affiliates.

The capital of National banks is fixed at not less than 15% of outstanding deposits, resulting probably in compelling some institutions to increase their capitalization.

Federal Open Market Committee.

An outstanding feature of the measure would curb the influence of the New York Federal Reserve Bank in open market policies and foreign market operations. The bill creates a Federal open market committee, consisting of the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board and one member from each of the Reserve districts, to meet in Washington quarterly or oftener, with additional meetings elsewhere if desired.

Open Market Operations.

No Reserve bank would be permitted to engage in open market operations except after approval and authorization by the committee. The time, character and volume of purchases and sales in the open market would be governed with a view to accommodation: commerce and business and with regard to their bearing upon the general credit situation of the country. The conclusions and recommendations of the committee, when approved by the board, would be submitted to each Reserve bank for determination whether it will participate in any purchases or sales recommended.

Subject to the powers bestowed upon this committee, the board would be required to "exercise special supervision and control over all relationships and transactions of any kind entered into by any Federal Reserve bank with any foreign bank or banker, or with any group of foreign banks or bankers, and all such relationships and transactions shall be subject to such regulations, conditions and limitations as the Board may prescribe."

Deals With Foreign Banks.

"No Federal Reserve agent nor any officer, director, employee or other representative of any Federal Reserve Bank shall participate in any conference or other negotiations of any kind with the officers, directors, employees, or other representatives of any foreign bank or banker without first obtaining permission of the Federal Reserve Board. The Federal Reserve Board shall have the right, in its discretion, to be represented in any such conference or negotiations by such representative or representatives as the Board may designate.

"A full report of all such conferences or negotiations setting forth subjects discussed, views expressed both on behalf of the Federal Reserve Bank and on behalf of the foreign bank or banker, all understandings or agreements arrived at or transactions agreed upon, and all other material facts appertaining to such conferences or negotiations shall be filed with the Federal Reserve Board in writing and signed by all representatives of the Federal Reserve Bank attending such conferences or negotiations regardless of whether or not the Federal Reserve Board shall be represented at such conference negotiations."

Interest Rate Authorization.

Authorization is given to National banks to charge a rate of discount allowed by the law of the State of its domicile, or a rate of 2% above Federal Reserve discount rate of the district in which located, whichever is higher. If no rate is so fixed by State law then it may charge not more than 7% or 2% higher than the Federal Reserve rate, whichever is higher.

The reason for that is that in periods of actual distress, when credits or currency is in demand, rediscounting is precluded except at a loss.

A statement by Senator Glass in explanation of the bill is taken as follows from the Washington account (Jan. 21) to the "Times":

The bill is a composite which has been in a state of preparation since the subcommittee adjourned the public hearings last February. It is not a one-man bill at all. The subcommittee unanimously authorized me to report it to the Senate this afternoon. The subcommittee is composed of Senators Norbeck, Townsend, Bulkeley, Walcott and myself, as chairman.

We agreed to a provision which sets up inside the Federal Reserve System a liquidating corporation to liquidate the assets of failed member banks. Federal Reserve banks are required to subscribe to the stock of the liquidating corporation in the amount of one-half of their surplus. The function of the liquidating corporation would be to go into any failed member bank, either National or State, with expert accountants, and immediately appraise their probable assets and promptly pay to depositors as large a percentage as the liquidating corporation might determine. Instead of receivers holding the assets for years, and keeping depositors out of their money, this proposal enables quick liquidation of failed banks and payment to depositors as soon as possible and, as far as possible.

The plan would relate to any failed member bank still in receivership, as the surplus of the Federal Reserve banks is about \$259,000,000. This would give about \$130,000,000 to start with.

Accretion to Revolving Fund.

There would be a constant accretion to the revolving fund to be paid out of the earnings of the Reserve banks in excess of the 6% cumulative interest to which member banks are entitled. The earnings of the liquidation corporation are to be returned to the revolving corporation in the sum of 70%. That is, 70% of the earnings of the liquidation corporation will be turned back to the revolving fund and the balance of 30% will be paid as an additional discount to member banks.

This should result in making the Federal Reserve System more attractive to member banks or those wishing to become members, because it affords an extra dividend and assurance to depositors of member banks that funds will not be tied up indefinitely, but a percentage of them would be given to depositors as soon as possible.

The proposal would be a permanent thing. In response to the demand to do something for non-member banks we have proposed an amendment to take care of State banks, and authorize an appropriation of \$200,000,000 from the treasury to go to the liquidating corporation in such amounts and at such times as the corporation's directors may require. The liquidating corporation, inside the Reserve System, administers the fund, thus averting the necessity of setting up another agency outside.

This is a temporary plan. For a period not to exceed two years after the Act is approved the corporation may purchase and for five years hold and liquidate assets of any closed State bank, loan to them and enter into negotiations to secure their reopening under the same terms to apply to National and member banks. Of course, this can be done only where the State laws permit. The corporation is inside the Reserve System and does not attempt to seize \$50,000,000 of the Reserve Bank surplus for an outside agency, as other bills do.

The subcommittee also proposes to eliminate the Secretary of the Treasury as an ex-officio member of the Reserve Board and authorize the President to appoint six members, leaving the Controller of the Currency as an ex-officio member. This would be a board of seven instead of the present eight. We have restored the requirement that two members of the board shall be persons with banking experience.

The bill extends to National banks the same general powers which are exercised by State banks and are not in conflict with National banking laws.

The bill also restricts, rather severely, National or member banks in

the use of Federal Reserve facilities for stock speculation purposes. It restrains member banks in making loans for a period of 15 days, on their direct promissory notes with United States bonds as security, from borrowing more than a certain per cent from the Federal Reserve banks when they are making loans to brokers for speculative purposes. The bill automatically withdraws from any bank violating that provision of the law the 15-day privilege. This can be restored only by unanimous vote of the Federal Reserve Board.

Prohibit Loans for Speculation.

We make practically the same prohibition against member banks making loans for others, that is, corporations which want to loan money on call for stock speculative purposes. This is something which has already been done by the New York Clearing House.

We undertook to authorize State-wide branch banking by National banks, tentatively restricting the privilege of States where State branch banks are allowed.

We undertook, instead of prohibiting member banks from having affiliates, to provide searching examination, some degree of supervision and complete publicity of reports made through the examinations, and we prohibit the identity of stock certificates.

We restrict loans by member banks to affiliates to 10% of the capital stock of the lending bank.

We also undertook some measure of control over chain group banks, and do not let the parent bank vote for directors of the Federal Reserve Bank. We require concerted examination and publicity reports just as in the case of the affiliates. Group banks are required to get rid of all stock and bonds of affiliates. They must submit to examination by the Controller, restore double liability by making deposits with the Controller, giving up voting at Reserve banks, divest themselves of ownership of stock and bond affiliates and accept certain regulations now made incumbent on National banks.

Capital Limits Branch Banks.

Returning to the branch banks, no bank can allow branches unless the parent bank has a capital of \$1,000,000.

We have raised the capital of National banks to at least 15% of the outstanding deposits.

Heretofore open market operations have been conducted practically by New York banks with assent of other participating Federal Reserve banks. They had an open market committee without express consent of law. We establish a committee of 12, one from each Reserve bank, who will meet and conduct open market operations.

We have taken the subject of foreign securities in hand and have required that Foreign Reserve banks shall get the approval of the Federal Reserve Board in such transactions and report them to the Board. They must report the transactions in advance. This relates to renewals of loans as well as to new transactions.

We authorize National banks to charge a rate of discount allowed by law of the State in which they are located, or at the rate of 2% above the Federal Reserve Bank discount rate in the district where located, of whichever is higher. If no rate is fixed by law they may charge a rate not more than 7%, or 2% above the Reserve rate, whichever is higher.

Provide for Interest Spread.

The reason for this is that in periods of actual distress when credits and currency are in demand, rediscounting is sometimes actually precluded except at a loss. In 35 States there is a legal limit of 6% and when Reserve banks in those States find it necessary to raise rates to 5 or 6%, why it is impossible for them to get any accommodation from the Reserve banks except at a loss. Under this they can get a 2% spread.

We provided that no National banking associations or member banks shall promise to pay to depositors in consideration of maintaining a balance, a rate of interest in excess of one-half of the rate of interest specified in law, and when the depositors are bankers who have balances in other banks, the banking associations or member banks shall not pay more for maintaining the balances with them than the current discount rate in the Federal Reserve District, or in excess of 2½%, or whichever is smaller.

We provide that there may be formed groups of member banks in any Federal Reserve District in time of emergency, which groups may agree to endorse severally and unitedly notes secured by collateral not now eligible for rediscount at Reserve banks. They may have access to rediscount facilities of Reserve banks at a progressive rate of interest above the ordinary rate required. The rate begins at ½ of 1% for 90 days and increases 50% for each 90 days. This is responsible somewhat to the suggestion of Senator Vandenberg on broadening the base.

Robert H. Treman Redesignated As Member of Federal Advisory Council from New York Federal Reserve District.

J. H. Case, Chairman of the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in a circular (No. 1080) dated Jan. 18, addressed to member banks said:

At its meeting on Jan. 14 1932, the board of directors of this Bank redesignated Robert H. Treman, President of the Tompkins County National Bank, Ithaca, N. Y., as a member of the Federal Advisory Council from the Second [New York] Federal Reserve District to serve during the year 1932.

George H. Hamilton Elected Governor of Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

George H. Hamilton has resigned as President of the Fourth National Bank in Wichita, Kan., following his election as Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Mo.

Offering of \$50,000,000 or Thereabouts of Ninety-Three-Day Treasury Bills—Bids Totaled \$191,581,000—Amount Accepted \$50,937,000—Average Rate of Bids Accepted 2.48%.

Tenders were received up to 2 p. m., Eastern Standard time, on Jan. 21, at the Federal Reserve banks and their branches, for a new issue of 93-day Treasury bills to the amount of \$50,000,000, or thereabouts. Announcement of the new offering was made on Jan. 17 by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, who on Jan. 21 stated that tenders of \$191,581,000 had been received to the offering.

The total amount of bids accepted was \$50,937,000. The highest bid was 99.500, equivalent to an interest rate of about 1.94% on an annual basis. The lowest bid accepted was 99.332, equivalent to an interest rate of about 2.59%. Only part of the amount bid for at the latter price was accepted.

The average price of the accepted bids was 99.358 on a bank discount basis of 2.48%, which was a slightly more favorable level than was obtained a month ago.

The new bills will be dated Jan. 25 1932 and will mature on April 27 1932; the face amount will be payable on the maturity date without interest. The bills, which are sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders, will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts of \$1,000, \$10,000, \$100,000, \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 (maturity value). According to the "United States Daily," the present issue replaces approximately \$51,000,000 of Treasury bills which mature Jan. 25. Secretary Mellon's announcement of Jan. 17 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 93-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 2 o'clock p. m., Eastern Standard time, on Thursday, Jan. 21 1932. Tenders will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington.

The Treasury bills will be dated Jan. 25 1932 and will mature on April 27 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. 21 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. 25 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.

Congress Completes Action on Bill Providing Additional Capital of \$125,000,000 For Federal Land Banks—House and Senate Adopt Conference Measure.

Congressional action was completed Jan. 21 on a bill (H. R. 6172) providing additional capital for the Federal Land Banks, and the measure which makes \$125,000,000 more available to those institutions, was sent to the President. As to the final action on the bill we quote the following "United States Daily" of Jan. 22:

The House acted first, and concurred in the report of the conference committees after which it was sent immediately to the Senate, which likewise approved after some debate had ensued respecting the meaning of the compromise proposal relating to powers accorded Federal land banks and joint stock land banks.

Use of Earmarked Funds.

The question was put forward by Senator Robinson (Dem.), of Arkansas, during consideration of the conference report in the Senate that the conferees may have made it possible for Joint Stock Land Banks to use some of the funds earmarked for use in lieu of funds not available because of extensions of time granted for amortization repayments.

In this view, Senator Robinson was supported by Senator King (Dem.), of Utah, but Senator Steiwer (Rep.), of Oregon, thought otherwise. The Oregon Senator declared that whether the language of the compromise granted the joint stock banks the right to make extensions of time for repayments was hardly a matter for argument because "the Joint Stock Banks already have asserted they have that right."

Record Vote Not Taken.

Senator Black (Dem.), of Alabama, who sponsored the plan for providing extension of time for repayments, saw no ground in the conference committee language that would lead to difficulties. Both Senator Robinson and Senator King suggested, however, that the legislation ought to be made devoid of uncertainties that litigation may not result from imperfection in it.

There was no record vote on approval of the conference report.

Approved by House.

The House adopted the conference report on the bill after a debate over the effect of the Senate amendments agreed to in conference between representatives of the two bodies. At the close of the discussion, Representative Steagall (Dem.), of Ozark, Ala., Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, in charge of the bill, declared that he sought action on this legislation at the last Congress but was "defeated by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Federal Farm Loan Board."

The conference report included a compromise amendment proposed by the House conferees that section 13 of the Federal Farm Loan Act as amended (U. S. C., title 12, chapter 7, section 781) be amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows: "Tenth, when in the judgment of the directors conditions justify it, to extend, in whole or in part, any obligation that may be or become unpaid under the terms of any mortgage, and to accept payment of any such obligation, during a period of five years or less from the date of such extension in such amounts as may be agreed upon at the date of making such extension. The sum of \$25,000,000 of the amount authorized to be appropriated under section 5 of this act, as amended shall be used exclusively for the purpose of supplying any bank with funds to use in operations in place of any amounts of which such bank may be deprived by reason of extensions made as provided in this paragraph." This compromise language was approved by the House and was subject of ratification by the Senate.

The total authorization of Federal funds under the bill, as approved by the House is \$125,000,000.

Other Provisions.

The conference report agrees to Senate amendments to remove doubt as to the applicability of certain provisions of existing law to the Federal Land Bank stock for which the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to subscribe, which is made non-voting stock. It provides that the Federal Farm Loan Board may require such stock subscribed for by the Secretary of the Treasury to be paid off and retired "out of available resources of the bank"; makes the provisions regarding reserve requirements of Federal Land Banks and of national farm associations effective July 1 next; and that dividends declared by Joint Stock Land Banks shall be subject to the approval of the Federal Farm Loan Board. It also provides that 10% of the net earnings of every national farm loan association shall semi-annually be carried to reserve account until the account is equal to the 25% of the association's outstanding capital stock.

Representative Steagall told the House that all talk of a moratorium on Land Banks is mere words.

Representative Stafford (Rep.), of Milwaukee, Wis., asked if the extensions of time allowed under the bill as agreed on in conference must be subject to the approval of the district land bank. Mr. Steagall replied that would be done by the district banks.

Allocation of Funds.

Representative McFadden (Rep.), of Canton, Pa., told the House it was authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to subscribe to \$125,000,000 of the stock of the Federal Land Banks, to be distributed among the 12 banks of that system, and to extend for five years the obligations of the borrowers from those banks and that the whole assets of the Federal Farm Loan Board are being made available to all borrowers unable to meet their payments.

Representative Jones (Dem.), of Amarillo, Tex., Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, asked about the allocation of \$25,000,000 to take care of worthy cases of delinquent payment installments. Mr. Steagall replied that the bill carries authorization of \$125,000,000 with the proviso that \$25,000,000 of it shall be used exclusively in connection with extensions of loans to borrowers to replace any loss by the banks.

The conference report was adopted by viva voce vote.

As we stated in these columns Jan. 16 (page 436) the bill as passed by the House on Dec. 19 (noted in our issue of Dec. 26, page 4253), provided \$100,000,000 additional capital for the Federal Land Banks. The bill passed by the Senate on Jan. 13 proposed \$125,000,000 additional capital. The Senate bill, also carried a provision (not in the House bill) earmarking \$25,000,000 for specific use.

Bill Creating Reconstruction Finance Corporation Finally Approved by Congress—House and Senate Adopt Conference Report.

With final action by Congress yesterday (Jan. 22) on the bill creating the \$2,000,000,000 Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the measure was ready for the President's signature.

Yesterday action on the measure on the part of Congress constituted adoption by the House of the conference report on the bill, the Senate later in the day accepting the report.

The differences between the provisions in the Senate bill (passed by that body Jan. 11) and those in the House bill, (passed Jan. 15) were finally adjusted on Jan. 20, and the conference report was laid before both branches of Congress on Jan. 21. The Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" on Jan. 21 stated:

A difference of opinion seems to have arisen among Senate and House conferees over the extent to which the measure should go on the side of aiding in stopping deflation. There were some among the latter who thought seriously that the measure would permit of vast currency circulation and apparently that was one reason at least why they agreed so readily to the removal of the House provision contemplating the rediscounting of the securities in the Federal Reserve system.

White House Stand Given.

Such proposals were made, it was learned, but finally rejected, and it is even reported that the White House was adverse to the too great inflation that would have occurred if the proponents of the proposal were successful. In its final form, the measure does not permit of rediscounting or currency circulation on the basis of the Government bonds that are to be issued.

Following the passage of the bill by the House late in the day Jan. 15, by a vote of 335 to 55, it was stated in the New York "Times" Washington advices Jan. 15 that quick adjustment of the differences between the House and Senate

measures was forecast. The "Times" also had the following to say in noting the adoption of the bill by the House on Jan. 15:

The only disagreement is expected to be over the provision of the House bill to allow notes and exchanges secured by the Reconstruction Finance Corp. to be rediscounted at Federal Reserve Banks, which the Senate voted against. The Senate also attached a "rider" to its bill, providing that an additional \$50,000,000 be lent through the Secretary of Agriculture to farmers for crop production. Repeated attempts to include this provision in the House bill were met with points of order, sustained by the Chairman.

The House measure provides, however, that \$50,000,000 of the original \$500,000,000 capital shall be allocated for loans to agricultural and live stock credit organizations.

Party lines were obliterated in the House vote. The only group that maintained its identity was the small band of "allied Progressives" led by Representative La Guardia and composed chiefly of Western and North-western farm members. This group fought the bill all day and voted against it. Some Southern Democrats and one Tammany member, Representative Griffin, also joined the opposition.

Many Changes Voted Down.

The bill reached the voting stage early in the evening after weathering a bombardment of amendments. Thirty-four major changes were proposed, aside from motions to strike out words and to destroy the bill, but only three were adopted. One of the latter, offered by Representative Rayburn, Democrat, of Texas, would prevent commissions being paid to intermediaries in obtaining loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corp.; another by Chairman Steagall of the Banking and Currency Committee, would make bonds of the Corporation lawful investments for fiduciary, trust and public funds under the control of the United States and the other by Representative La Guardia, would impose a criminal penalty against any officer or employee of the Corporation found using information, obtained in their official capacity, in speculating in the securities market.

The first rap of the gavel was a signal for more than a score of members to jump to their feet with suggested changes. As soon as the amendment was acted on others were proposed, ranging from the inclusion of farmers to the printing in currency of the \$2,000,000,000 to be raised by the Corporation.

Closure was resorted to time and again by the Democratic sponsors of the bill. Some of their own partisans complained of this application of the "gag rule," for the use of which last session they criticized the Republican leadership. But the leaders were determined that the bill should reach final action to-day. To this end they had the complete co-operation of Representative Warren of North Carolina, who presided during consideration of the bill.

Details regarding the bill as passed by the Senate on Jan. 11 were given in our issue of Jan. 16, page 436. Further action in the Senate on the bill was delayed on Jan. 16, when Senator Blaine of Wisconsin objected to the motion of Senator Walcott of Connecticut to substitute the House bill for the Senate bill and send it immediately to conference. It was noted in the "Times" Washington dispatch Jan. 16:

Two distinct bills are now before Congress because the House refused to substitute the Senate measure yesterday and insisted on its own. Under the rules, both branches must approve the same bill, even though it may contain conflicting amendments which can be adjusted in the conference committee.

On Jan. 18 the Senate substituted its bill for the House measure, and ordered it to conference to reconcile the differing provisions. In indicating this action on the part of the Senate, the "United States Daily" of Jan. 19 said:

Before the Senate acted, however, numerous attempts were made to revise the language of the Senate bill by further amendment, and some of them were successful. The principal debate concerned a renewal by Senator Copeland (Dem.), of New York, of his effort to include a provision making loans available to States and municipalities. The Senate ultimately reaffirmed its earlier decision as to this proposal by rejecting the Copeland amendment and all others to the same end.

Conferees Named.

To clear the way for opening of the conferences once the House is ready to proceed, Senator Walcott (Rep.), of Connecticut, in charge of the bill in the Senate, asked and obtained immediate appointment of the Senate conference committee. Its members, besides Senator Walcott, are Senators Norbeck (Rep.), of South Dakota; Brookhart (Rep.), of Iowa; Townsend (Rep.), of Delaware; Fletcher (Dem.), of Florida; Glass (Dem.), of Virginia, and Bulkley (Dem.), of Ohio.

Among the changes made in the Senate bill as its language became the text of the House bill through substitution of all excepting the enacting clause was a provision by Senator Howell (Rep.), of Nebraska, limiting the amount of loans through any one corporation of the potential two billion dollars which the corporation may have available to "5% of its resources, or \$100,000,000."

Agricultural Loans.

The Senate also accepted an amendment by Senator Wheeler (Dem.), of Montana, which would require the Secretary of Agriculture in making loans provided under the bill to give first consideration to farmers in regions where there were crop failures in 1931.

The question of loans to municipalities was before the Senate simultaneously with the motion by Senator Walcott to strike out all of the text of the House bill after its enacting clause and to insert in its place the text of the Senate measure (S. 1) which has the same purpose.

Senator Walsh had the telegram from J. M. Curley, mayor of Boston, read before Senator Copeland had announced he would offer an amendment making the facilities of the Corporation available to municipalities. The amendment which he offered, he said, was slightly modified from the form in which it was considered and rejected while the bill (S. 1) was pending. He suggested that the limitation of \$200,000,000 placed on such loans ought to meet some of the objections then voiced.

Mr. Robinson's Stand.

The support of Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the minority leader, was announced. Senator Robinson explained that he found difficulty in supporting the whole proposal except as an emergency measure, and that since it was an emergency measure thought Congress should be as generous as was possible that the full amount of available relief would be accomplished.

According to the "Times" Senator Copeland's amendment voted down for the second time (designed to authorize loans to New York and other large cities), differed from his original amendment, in that it limited to \$200,000,000 loans that might be made to cities and States at any one time. It was defeated by a vote of 53 to 24. It was also voted by the paper from which we quote that the chief point of difference in the Senate and House bills is over the rediscount feature in the House measure, which would make the Finance Corporation's bonds subject to rediscount by the Federal Reserve Banks and require the allocation of 10% of the Corporation's capital to agricultural credit associations.

On Jan. 19 (we quote from the "Times") administration financial experts informed the Republican conferees on the bill, as Senate and House conferees began their sessions, that President Hoover was opposed to making the bonds of the Corporation eligible for rediscount by the Federal Reserve banks. The account from which we quote continued:

In an effort to settle the chief point of controversy between the House and Senate measures the Administration suggested the following substitute for the rediscount section of the House bill and for the Senate section, which declares that the obligations of the corporation shall not be eligible for rediscount:

"The Federal Reserve banks shall have the same powers to purchase and sell obligations of the corporations as they have under Section 14 of the Federal Reserve Act with respect to bonds and notes of the United States."

Ogden L. Mills, Under-Secretary of the Treasury, and Eugene Meyer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, said that the substitute did not make the bonds eligible for rediscount, but Senators Glass and Bulkley, Democratic conferees, were unwilling to accept this interpretation.

The two Senators objected also to acceptance of the substitute as permitting the purchase of bonds of the corporation by Federal Reserve banks, which is prohibited by the Senate bill.

The conferees variously interpreted the Administration's proposal and decided to postpone consideration until the less controversial sections are adjusted.

Agreement on Two Points.

The conferees met at 2:30 o'clock after the House, by vote of 183 to 157, adopted Representative LaGuardia's motion instructing the House conferees to concur in the Senate amendment limiting loans to any corporation or its subsidiaries to \$100,000,000.

The House conferees named were Representatives Steagall, Bland, Stevenson, Strong and McFadden. They met with Senators Walcott, Norbeck, Brookhart, Townsend, Glass, Bulkley and Fletcher, the Senate conferees.

Before recessing at 6 o'clock the conference agreed to accept the Senate provision making the Federal Land Commissioner an ex-officio member of the corporation board, instead of the Secretary of Agriculture, as proposed by the House bill.

It also adopted the Senate "rider" appropriating \$50,000,000 to the Secretary of Agriculture for loans to farmers, instead of the House section allocating \$50,000,000 of the corporation's capital for loans to agricultural credit associations.

No final agreements were reached at the night session, which adjourned at 1 o'clock, and Senator Walcott, Chairman of the conference committee, doubted if it would complete its work "before late to-morrow afternoon."

Reported agreements on eliminating the House rediscount provision and on retaining the House provision for loans to suspended banks were denied by the conferees.

At the outset of the session Senators Walcott and Strong were furnished with recommendations prepared by Administration officials, which set forth objections to both the House and Senate forms of the bill and outlined acceptable changes.

Complete agreement on all the controversial features of the bill was reached late in the day on Jan. 20—the "Times" Washington correspondent indicating as follows the outcome of the conferees' labors:

The outstanding point of difference was settled when the conferees agreed to the Senate language which makes the corporation's securities purchasable and salable at the Treasury, but neither rediscountable nor purchasable at Federal Reserve banks.

The Administration wanted the Treasury to be able to buy the corporation bonds, but also desired to have them purchasable at the Reserve banks, a point which Senators Glass of Virginia and Bulkley of Ohio successfully resisted.

Through a new clause, the conferees agreed to authorize the corporation to lend up to a maximum of \$200,000,000 to aid in rehabilitating closed banks or banks in liquidation. This, Senator Walcott explained, is to relieve distressed depositors and will be supplementary to the \$150,000,000 carried in another bill to create the "depositors' relief corporation," another part of President Hoover's program to fight the economic depression.

More Funds for Farm Loans.

Likewise, a large sum of money is set aside for the Secretary of Agriculture to lend direct to farmers, especially those who suffered crop failures last year. Senator Walcott stated that the maximum would be \$50,000,000 but Representative Steagall, a House conferee, said it could reach \$200,000,000.

The conflict of view is partly over whether the words permitting expansion of the corporation's \$500,000,000 capital by bond issues three times that large would also apply to the maximum of the loans to farmers. Details of the phrasing will be adjusted to-morrow when the conferees inspect a printed bill and iron out the differences.

The conferees decided that in addition to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, the Farm Loan Commissioner should be a member of the governing board, instead of the Secretary of Agriculture, as provided in the House bill.

Also, the conferees discarded the House language providing that four additional "lay" directors, appointed by the President, shall be divided evenly politically and accepted the Senate clause, which says that of all the seven directors, not more than four shall be members of one party.

That means that as President Hoover has already named General Dawes as President of the Corporation, and since Governor Meyer, Secretary Mellon and Farm Loan Commissioner Bestor are Republicans, the President

must now appoint three Democrats. Aside from the Government officers, salaries of the directors were fixed at \$10,000.

Names Institutions for Loans.

Refusing to accept the La Follette amendment, stipulating that "other bona fide institutions" than those specially named may receive loans, the conferees named specifically as beneficiaries "any bank, savings bank, trust company, building and loan association, insurance company, mortgage loan company, credit union, Federal land bank, joint stock land bank, Federal intermediate credit bank, Agricultural Credit Corporation, Live-stock Credit Corporation," organized either under State or Federal law. In addition, provision was made for the loans to closed banks and to the railroads. The bill did not confine these loans to steam railroads.

The measure also includes aid to exporters, to be extended through banking or financial institutions.

Another important action was acceptance of the House language making the corporation's securities liable to surtaxes, in addition to the estate, inheritance and gift taxes mentioned in both Senate and House bills. Otherwise the bonds, notes and debentures of the corporation are tax-exempt.

Under the conference agreement, the corporation must make and publish a quarterly report to Congress, stating the aggregate of loans to each class of borrower, the number of borrowers in each State, and the assets and liabilities of the corporation.

The report, which must be first made April 1, also will show the names and compensation of all persons receiving more than \$400 monthly, except the "lay" directors, who are limited to \$10,000, and the Government officers, whose pay must not exceed that from the Federal establishment.

Discount Differences Eliminated.

Principal interest in the conference report centered around the agreement barring the corporation's securities from rediscount or purchase at the Reserve Banks.

The House section, which was rejected, permitted these banks, at a rate of 1% above the rate on 90-day commercial paper, to discount paper secured by obligations of the corporation, to make advances to member banks on notes secured by such obligations, to use all paper so acquired and to purchase and sell such obligations, just as Reserve Banks do with respect to Federal bonds and notes.

The Senate bill, however, stated the obligations would be fully guaranteed by the Government as to principal and interest, and that the Secretary of the Treasury shall, if necessary, buy the corporation securities, securing the necessary cash by issuing Government securities. All transactions by the Secretary in the corporation's securities are to be considered as part of the public debt, but "such obligations shall not be eligible for discount or purchase by any Federal Reserve Bank."

Text of the Clause Approved.

As adopted by the conferees, the part of the bill relating to the securities read:

"The Secretary of the Treasury, in his discretion, is authorized to purchase any obligations of the corporation to be 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 Loan 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 purchases 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. Such obligations shall not be eligible for discount or purchase by any Federal Reserve Bank."

Practical operation of this clause will be no difficult matter, according to Treasury officials. If the Treasury desires to purchase the Corporation's notes, bonds or debentures, it will issue an equal amount of government securities with which to make the purchase.

Could Avoid Any Conflict.

Cases might arise, it is said, where the Treasury Finance Corp. might require cash simultaneously, but if both attempted to sell securities they might face an unfavorable market. However, if the Treasury attempted the sales alone, it could issue its securities in order to obtain cash for itself and the Corporation also. The Corporation's debentures would be purchased by the Treasury from the sale of its own securities. Later, it might be possible to sell the Corporation's issue to the public.

Senator Walcott, who with Representative Strong, introduced the respective Senate and House bills spoke enthusiastically after the conference of the project.

The Finance Corporation will have an initial capital of \$500,000,000, but can issue bonds or other obligations not to exceed three times the paid-in capital, which comes from the Treasury.

Senator Walcott called attention to the fact that money is "not to be spent," but loaned, to "relieve non-liquid collateral and substitute cash in order to aid the financing of agricultural commodities and industry," and to help closed banks and the railroads.

The conferees agreed on a maximum of \$100,000,000 to be loaned to any one institution, Senator Walcott explained, instead of twice that sum, as the House provided. Railroads will receive loans when the corporation directors decide that the roads are unable to obtain "funds upon reasonable terms through banking channels or from the general public."

Government Guarantees Bonds.

The bill, as agreed upon by the conferees, states:

"The said obligations shall be fully and unconditionally guaranteed both as to interest and principal by the United States and such guaranty shall be expressed on the face thereof."

Further, if the corporation is unable to pay its obligations on demand, the Treasury must take the responsibility of payment, as thus expressed:

"In the event that the corporation shall be unable to pay upon demand, when due, the principal or of interest on debentures, bonds or other such obligations issued by it, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay the amount thereof, which is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and thereupon, to the extent of the amount so paid, the Secretary of the Treasury shall succeed to all the rights of the holders of such notes, debentures, bonds or other obligations."

Loans may be made to receivers of railroads or to railroads in process of construction, upon the approval of the Inter-State Commerce Commission. The corporation may make loans during a period of one year, with a possible extension of another year by Presidential authority. The life of the loans is for three years, but they may be extended to five years under certain conditions.

President Hoover Requests Appropriation by House of \$500,000,000 for Capital of Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

A request for funds to the amount of \$500,000,000 in behalf of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was made as follows in a letter addressed by President Hoover to the Speaker of the House:

WHITE HOUSE
Washington.

Jan. 21 1932.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives:
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress an estimate of appropriation for the Treasury Department for \$500,000,000, for the fiscal year 1932 and to remain available until expended, for subscription to capital stock, Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

I am transmitting this estimate of appropriation at this time so that the important operations of the Corporation may be commenced at the earliest possible date.

Further details regarding this estimate are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, which is transmitted herewith.

Respectively,

HERBERT HOOVER.

Charles G. Dawes and Eugene Meyer to Direct Reconstruction Finance Corporation—Secretary Stimson to Replace Gen. Dawes as Chairman of Delegation to Arms Conference at Geneva.

In anticipation of the enactment by Congress of the bill creating the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, President Hoover announced on Jan. 19 that he had chosen Charles G. Dawes to serve as President of the Corporation and that Eugene Meyer would be Chairman of the Board of the Corporation. At the same time the President made known that in view of the new duties imposed on Gen. Dawes, the latter would be replaced as Chairman of the American delegation to the Geneva conference on disarmament by Secretary of State Stimson. In our issue of a week ago (page 412), we noted the intention of Gen. Dawes to resign as Ambassador to Great Britain following the Geneva Conference. The following is President Hoover's announcement regarding those chosen to head the Corporation:

I have requested General Dawes to accept the position of President of the new Reconstruction Finance Corporation. It is gratifying to state that he has accepted. Eugene Meyer, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, will also be Chairman of the Board of the Reconstruction Corporation.

In order that we may preserve the non-partisan character of the institution, the other directors will be chosen after consultation with leaders of both political parties upon completion of the legislation.

I announce General Dawes' name at this time because of the required change in plans as to the Chairmanship of the delegation to the arms conference. Otherwise, General Dawes would be leaving for Europe to-morrow.

The further announcement by the President said:

In view of the change in General Dawes' plans, Secretary Stimson has undertaken the Chairmanship of the delegation to the arms conference at Geneva. The Secretary will not attend the opening meetings, but will take part in the work of the commission after the preliminaries have been disposed of. Ambassador Gibson will be Acting Chairman of the delegation.

Head of Mortgage Bankers' Association at Senate Inquiry Says Plan to Create Home Loan Discount Bank System Puts Government Further Into Business—Measure Favored by Other Witnesses.

The first opposition to be registered before Congressional committees against the legislation creating a home loan discount bank system was presented, Jan. 19, to the Senate subcommittee holding hearings on the Watson bill (S. 2959) which at the same session heard three other witnesses declare there was extreme need for the sort of financial assistance proposed. The "United States Daily" of Jan. 20 gave the following account of the hearing on Jan. 19:

Hiram S. Cody of Chicago, President of the Mortgage Bankers' Association, declared he could not make his opposition to the legislation too outspoken. He saw little need of it even as an emergency measure and denounced it as proposal for permanent addition to the country's banking structure.

Such legislation as that proposed, he asserted, tended to put the Government "further into business and to give supervisory control over property."

The Committee was told at the same meeting by H. J. Lofgren of South Orange, N. J., and Theophilus White of Baltimore, Md., mortgage company representatives, that without such legislation they saw no immediate hope of new funds to aid in home financing.

Need of Permanent Agency.

W. H. Wood, a Charlotte, N. C., banker, supported the statements of the two proponents of the bill generally, and added that he believed there was need for an agency of a permanent character to which loaning institutions might go for help in case of emergencies. He pointed out also that the loaning firms of necessity were under obligation to care for their local demands, but they were not always equipped with sufficient resources to meet those demands.

The Mortgage Bankers' Association has a membership of approximately 400. Mr. Cody said, and he gave it as his opinion that they were able to care for the demands, which he said was best illustrated by the fact that they now have between \$8,000,000,000 and \$10,000,000,000 in loans outstanding.

Senator Watson (Rep.), of Indiana, Chairman of the Committee holding the hearings and sponsor of the bill, inquired whether the mortgage bankers might have some selfish interest in opposing the legislation. Mr. Cody said in reply that the selfish interest they had was represented by a "natural desire" to protect the underlying securities outstanding and the values represented.

An amendment to the fourth section of the bill was suggested by Mr. Lofgren to allow mortgage security corporations to share in its benefits. He explained that the present language excluded such companies, because they were not organized under State banking laws, but under other statutes.

Suggests Amendment.

Mr. Lofgren suggested the following amendment to Section 4:

Such of the following as are duly organized under the laws of any State or of the United States and are subject to inspection under the banking or insurance laws or other similar laws, or whose mortgage collateral is guaranteed as to the principal and interest by a company so organized, inspected and regulated, shall be eligible to become a member of a home loan bank.

To the list of institutions specifically named, Mr. Lofgren proposed to add the classification of mortgage loan companies. He said he knew of no mortgage group that would object to inspection by the home loan bank agents.

Mr. Lofgren said many mortgage companies began to feel the pinch of tightening money as early as 1928. At the present time, he said, approximately one-third of the 10,000 mortgages held by his company are in default. "We tried to go on and help our borrowers," Mr. Lofgren said, "and to foreclose as few as possible. We gave extensions wherever the borrower showed good faith. But in the meantime, our own bonds matured, and they had to be paid. We could not extend them. Consequently, we found ourselves in a frozen condition for lack of sources of refinancing."

W. H. Wood, a commercial banker of Charlotte, N. C., and Senator Couzens (Rep.), of Michigan, brought up the question of a need of the home loan system as a permanent part of the banking structure. Senator Couzens doubted the need of it in normal times, and Mr. Wood and Senator Morrison (Dem.), of North Carolina, agreed that possibly the home loan banks might produce a tendency to overbuild.

Senator Watson said he had believed that a smaller number of banks might serve as well as the 12 for which the bill provides. He added that he had been told by authorities, however, that there could be only sympathy for the idea that each area of the country should have a bank located within its section and managed by persons familiar with conditions locally.

Theophilus White of Baltimore, told the Committee he was interested only in temporary financing. He said the Continental Mortgage Co. and Calvert Mortgage Co., which he represented, never before had been in such a position as they are now, and it is only because they cannot refinance.

"Fifty per cent of our mortgages were in default," said Mr. White. "They were all on small homes and had been well paid before. The mortgages average about \$4,000.

"Heretofore, and even in the early part of 1931, we had an issue of \$500,000 in bonds mature. We had no trouble whatsoever in refinancing. Recently, we had occasion to feel out the bond market, and not a banker would consider handling an issue."

Prepared Statement Submitted by Mr. Cody.

Mr. Cody's prepared statement follows in full text:

This bill is described as an aid to the home owner.

In making a home loan, the mortgage banker demonstrates his confidence in the owner, and in the property, by advancing funds to acquire a half interest in the home. He is a silent partner in the enterprise, and every consideration leads him to have a genuine interest in the owner's welfare—the interest of a partner, not a promoter.

A home is financed, completed and sold. The building industry has collected its profit. The realtor has received his commission on the sale. But the mortgage banker will continue his partnership until the loan is paid, possibly 20 years later. During this period there are frequent occasions for the mortgage banker to consult with the owner on his problems, financial and otherwise. Extensions of principal payments, especially in case of unemployment or illness, have averted countless foreclosures and forced sales.

Advocates of this bill contend:

1. That it will relieve the home owner who now fears foreclosure, owing to the alleged inability of financial institutions to refinance existing mortgages.

2. That it will help the manufacturers of building supplies and members of the building trades. According to estimates made public by the Federal Government, it would be possible to construct 3,000,000 residences within the next five years, if the plan should be put into effect.

3. That it will revive the real estate market and stabilize existing values. Those not favoring the bill contend that:

1. The normal rate of construction of new homes is between 300,000 and 400,000 per annum. The advocates of this bill estimate that the Federal home loan banks will make possible the construction of 3,000,000 homes within the next five years or 600,000 annually.

The present rate of population growth and obsolescence of existing structures, does not warrant increasing the annual rate of home construction 50% more above the foregoing normal figures.

Such an abnormal promotion of building activities could only bring temporary prosperity to the building and real estate interests. It would add greatly to the present over-built condition with an additional depreciation of real estate values. A drastic increase of foreclosures in existing home mortgages would follow with resultant distress and loss to present home owners.

This would also adversely affect the basic security behind the financial institutions which to-day hold \$26,000,000,000 of mortgages.

The President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership reported on Dec. 4 1931: "Numerous suggestions have been received for encouraging easy credit through new first mortgage financing methods. While undoubtedly they would for a time provide employment, there can be little question that the price would be a further deflation of the values of existing homes."

2. Existing credit agencies, augmented by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the National Credit Corporation, and the strengthening of the Federal Land Bank System, should be given an opportunity to demonstrate their usefulness in the present situation. Emergency relief for frozen mortgage assets is provided by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

There is no need in normal times for any additional agency, such as the proposed Home Loan Bank. On the contrary, the present over-built situation was partly created by the over-supply of mortgage funds in recent normal years. Again quoting the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership: "The American system of first mortgage finance has not only enabled our country to build a housing structure upon an unprecedented scale, but we find it even to-day during the depression financing new structures for which there is an economic need."

Foresees Depletion of Income from Taxes.

The emergency situation relates to existing frozen mortgages in certain areas. That situation is comparable to the inability of railroads to accomplish refinancing of their existing bonded indebtedness through customary financing agencies. To relieve that situation a temporary organization is set up in the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. There is no more need for a permanent organization to relieve the frozen real-estate mortgage situation than there is for a permanent organization to relieve frozen railroad bonds, or to relieve other troubled industries.

3. The bonds of the proposed Home Loan Bank System cannot be sold at a low enough interest rate to allow a reasonable interest rate to the member borrower, as the expenses of the new system would have to be paid from the interest differential. This would be particularly true after the Government had floated bonds for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, for the deficit, for farm relief, and for other relief bills.

4. The sale of Home Loan Bank Bonds, tax exempt, would further deplete tax income to the Federal Government, the States and smaller governmental units. It would depreciate other Government securities. The additional \$125,000,000 proposed for the Federal Land Banks, predicated the issuance of additional tax exempt bonds, and the \$150,000,000 for the proposed Home Loan Bank predicated the issuance of \$1,800,000,000 of tax exempt bonds.

5. We should profit by the experience of the Federal Land Bank System during the current depression, when their bonds are depreciated, new bonds cannot be sold, comparatively little can be loaned and the land banks must be furnished additional funds by the Government to restore liquidity. At a time when these Government agencies should be meeting an emergency, they are using funds collected from their borrowers to purchase, at a discount, bonds sold to the public at par, the effect being a loss to the bondholder, and an additional tax burden on the taxpayer to maintain this Government system.

6. The fiscal situation of the Government should be considered. To provide for already scheduled expenditures of the Government, for the capital needs of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and for the Federal land banks (not including the refinancing of maturing Governmental obligations) will require financing upon government credit during 1932 of \$3,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000 of new money; in other words, the creation of new debt to this amount. This program calls for an increase in taxes and borrowing greater than ever required in peace times. To provide up to \$150,000,000 more for the proposed Federal Home Loan Bank would add to the already heavy burden.

7. There has been a strong and growing tendency for the Federal Government to usurp the function of State governments in supervision of local private business. This bill is a further effort along this line. It proposes to take the control of real-estate finance out of the States and put it in the hands of the Federal Government.

Sees Adverse Effect on Mortgage Securities.

Our members have given full support to remedial measures designed to meet the present emergency, notably the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. They have rendered active service on committees of the President's Conference on Home Building and Home Ownership. Their interests are identical with those of the home owner. If they could see any benefit to the home owner in this bill, it would have their enthusiastic support.

We do not challenge the sincerity of the sponsors of this measure. We do not assert that the organizations back of it are actuated by selfish motives, but in behalf of the unorganized home owners, our partners, we earnestly protest against any permanent legislation like the Federal Home Loan Bank, which, in our judgment, would adversely affect the security behind the \$26,000,000,000 of mortgage assets of our financial institutions, and would result in the loss of an untold number of homes which the owners, in the face of every obstacle, are now struggling to protect.

Realty Inflation Is Seen in Proposal to Create Home Loan Discount Bank System—Senate Committee Told Speculative Building of Houses Will Increase If Measure Goes into Effect—Ultimate Recession in Values Forecast—Objection Raised That Plan Does Not Make Provision for Second Mortgage Money.

Fear that the creation of a home loan discount bank system would result in inflationary tendencies that would work more harm than good was expressed by witnesses testifying Jan. 20 before the Senate subcommittee holding hearings on the Watson bill (S. 2959). According to the "United States Daily" of Jan. 21 (from which the foregoing is taken) all of the witnesses heard at the session were opposed to the legislation and two of them—Winston K. Ogden of Summit, N. J., and Thomas F. Clark of New Haven, Conn.—told the Committee they foresaw added burdens of taxation as well as an inflationary development. The "Daily" further reported the hearing as follows:

Mr. Ogden declared that "speculative builders are just waiting around for some such move as this" to start operations again, and he predicted they would force an ultimate depression in prices far below the present level.

Viewed As Unsound.

Mr. Clark's opposition to the measure was predicated largely, he said, on the ground that the proposal was unsound in law or in business. He said it would not supply funds for the individual who desired to build a moderate-priced home "as advertised," because the difficulty faced by those persons is the lack of second-mortgage money.

Another witness, Henry R. Robins of Philadelphia, was "disgusted" with business interest that "run to Washington to dip into the Federal Treasury every time they get in a jam." While denying that enactment of the legislation would affect his title business, he said he could see how it would greatly disturb the real-estate business generally.

Message of Realty Group.

In opening the hearing Senator Watson read a telegram from the National Association of Real Estate Boards which protested statements before the Committee, Jan. 19, on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers' Association of America. The Association of Real Estate Boards felt the mortgage bankers had no right to "assume" they speak for urban home owners who, the telegram said, needed the legislation.

Opposition to the bill and other legislation of the kind was voiced by Henry R. Robins, President of the Commonwealth Title Co. of Philadelphia, and Winston K. Ogden, a Summit, N. J., builder. Each witness maintained that proponents of the legislation were advocating its enactment as an aid to home ownership, but that, in their opinion, its effect would be further to embarrass the buyers of homes eventually because of inflationary tendencies.

Mr. Robins asserted there was no need for such a banking structure even in the present emergency, nor did he see how the system could sustain itself during normal times.

"It simply means," he said, "that a further burden is being placed on the Federal Treasury, and that, of course, calls for more taxes. I am thoroughly tired of seeing business interests run down to Washington and try to dip into the Treasury every time they get into a jam."

The witness described the legislation as "neither sound in policy nor in business principles."

Mr. Ogden said his greatest fear about the legislation was from the fact that it would encourage speculative building again.

"As I look at it," he added, "the speculative builder is just waiting for some move of this kind and he will block them out again. The result will be that values will be depressed further and those people who have bought homes may have paid off second mortgages and the value of their property won't be as large as the remaining first mortgage."

Availability of Money.

Thomas F. Clark, representing the Thomas F. Clark Co., of New Haven, Conn., told the Committee that there was no pinch for money on legitimate propositions.

"I don't know whether this fact has been generally published," said Mr. Clark, "but it is a fact that life insurance companies have taken over \$30,000,000 in loans from banks and loaning agencies. That ought to show that there is money available because this has been done in less than a year."

He said there was a "lack of confidence" and that there was a "smoke screen" being thrown about the Home Loan legislation.

"The public conception of this legislation is that it will help people to buy homes. This Committee knows it won't do it. The restrictions on amounts of loans make it impossible for a man to get funds under this bill that he could not get anyway."

"This legislation does not make second-mortgage money available. That is, the money that is required. To the extent that people think they can be helped to get second-mortgage money, by this legislation, they are being fooled, plainly deceived."

Senator Watson said the conception held in his State was that the legislation would help those who already have homes to refinance them. He believed it might have that effect, but Mr. Clark declared all proper mortgages could be, and were being, renewed.

Mr. Clark reiterated assertions previously made that the banks proposed to be organized could not be made self-supporting. He doubted that they would pay their own way under present conditions, and was certain they would not earn dividends in normal times.

National Credit Corporation Calls for Third Payment of 10% on Subscriptions.

From the New York "Sun" of last night (Jan. 22) it is learned that a third call of 10%, or \$50,000,000, on subscriptions to its gold notes has gone forth from the National Credit Corporation, banks here have been notified, such subscriptions being payable next Monday, Jan. 25. The "Sun" adds:

Previous calls were for similar amounts and make a total of \$150,000,000 of funds which the corporation has to date employed or is about to employ in making advances to banks on sound but non-rediscountable collateral.

Like previous subscription calls the third one is payable at the Federal Reserve Bank in each district.

The subscribed capital of the National Credit Corporation, in the form of gold notes subscribed by banks to the extent of 2% of their net deposits, amounts to \$500,000,000. Each loan or advance made by the Corporation is passed upon by regional clearing house bankers' committees in the district in which it is made and again by the home office of the Corporation.

The previous calls were noted in these columns Jan. 9, page 241 and Jan. 16, page 416.

The National Credit Corporation—Testimony of Gov. Harrison of New York Federal Reserve Bank Before Senate Committee Hearing on Bill—Statement on Bank Failures.

A brief reference was made in our issue of Dec. 26 (page 4258) to what George L. Harrison, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, had to say in December before the Senate Sub-Committee on Banking and Currency in urging prompt action on the Walcott bill, providing for the creation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. Excerpts from his testimony have since been published in the "United States Daily"; the first of these, published in the "Daily" of Jan. 14, follows:

Senator Walcott: Governor, what we want particularly is a brief bird's-eye view of the National Credit Corporation, how far it has functioned, and how broad its powers are, and whether, in your opinion, this larger provision is necessary to help the emergency. You may make your own statement on that, and then the Committee will ask you some questions to draw out further facts.

Mr. Harrison: Perhaps I can give you my facts best by briefly reviewing conditions as they seemed to exist at the time the National Credit Corporation was organized. At that time the country and the world were in the midst of one of the most severe depressions of history. We had suffered one of the most drastic deflations in prices—I won't say values, necessarily—that the world had experienced in the past, and as a result of that deflation and depression, which I think we can admit as a matter of record, various institutions in this country, and those individuals who were owners of wealth, whether in material goods or in the form of obligations representing debts, felt themselves being more and more pressed. That, in itself, inspired fear and timidity which checked people or institutions from

proceeding in a normal fashion which would revive the usual demands for the goods that were being produced.

Banks, as well as others, felt the effects of this depression, and there have been a great many banks in the country which in the past two years have failed for one reason or another. The increasing number of failures inspired other banking institutions with greater conservatism. The result of that conservatism, which nobody can criticize, was a restraint in the extension of credit which normally would have been helpful in a period like this, to start a circulation of credit and money to revive purchasing power and stabilize prices.

There were two classes of banks which were particularly in mind at the time the Credit Corporation was organized: Those which might technically have suffered because of a deflation in the market value of their assets, though perhaps not in the intrinsic value of their assets. A number of those banks, as a result of the depression in market or quoted values, had their surplus and capital wiped out. There were other banks which were quite solvent, but less liquid, and which were not in a position to provide cash on demand to meet withdrawals of alarmed depositors.

The Credit Corporation was designed, as I understand it, to take care of only this latter class of banks. It could not restore values, market values or intrinsic values. It was not intended to contribute capital to banks which had suffered a loss of capital because of this drastic decline in prices. As I understand it, it was designed, however, to provide a pool through which those banks which were not insolvent, but whose assets were less liquid because of this depression, could be provided with cash to meet current withdrawals of deposits.

The task of organization of a corporation of that sort was huge. To have one institution with the knowledge which would have enabled it wisely to make loans to needy banks on sound assets all over the United States was impossible without the coincident establishment of some sort of branches or agencies throughout the country which would be familiar with banks in each particular district.

So, when the Corporation was organized, they determined that the only wise way in which they could be helpful would be to make loans to banks in each individual locality after they had been approved by a group of banks in that locality, and with those banks assuming part of the responsibility for the loan.

I am informed that within a period of relatively few weeks the Corporation was organized and the branch associations were set up in each section of the country, directors were appointed from each Federal Reserve district, and very shortly applications began to come in to the Corporation. A number of those applications were turned down by the local associations, not because of any lack of desire to be helpful, but because the banks, perhaps, did not come within the category which the Corporation was designed to help. They were not banks which were just suffering from a lack of liquidity, in other words.

There have been a number of cases where applications have been made to the local association which have been turned down by the local association, either because they did not feel that the institution was in shape to justify their guaranty of the obligation, or else they were in a condition which appeared to them to be hopeless, and there was no need for them to take the responsibility and dissipate their resources in a hopeless cause. There has been no case, however, where an application has been filed with the local association and approved by the local association, that the National Credit Corporation has not made the advance, and made it on the day on which the application was received.

We have heard stories to the effect that certain institutions have not been able to get accommodation from the Credit Corporation. If that is true, it is because their own local association, who knew their position better than anybody else, was not prepared to recommend or to guarantee the loan to be made by the Credit Corporation.

Frankly, there have not been very many loans made.

Senator Townsend: Do you know the amount of loans that have been made?

Mr. Harrison: Yes. I do not know whether I am entitled to tell you, but I do not see any harm in doing so. Remembering that they have not turned down any loan that has finally come through to the Corporation, but rather that they have approved every application that has come to the Corporation, approved by the local association, they have, I think, advanced around \$10,000,000. The amounts, therefore, relatively are so small in comparison with the total amount of subscribed notes of the Corporation that the management felt that it was unwise to make a call on all subscribers all over the country, as long as certain institutions in New York were prepared to lend the funds to the National Credit Corporation to lend to the needy banks without the general call.

Senator Bulkley: Has the call now been made?

Mr. Harrison: I think not, Senator.

Senator Townsend: Do you know the total amount of subscriptions?

Mr. Harrison: I believe it is well over \$400,000,000. I think it is a little short of the \$500,000,000, although subscriptions are still coming in. Mr. Buckner, who is the President of the Corporation, has told me that in his judgment there is no question that they will ultimately reach the \$500,000,000 as the needs of individual communities prompt them to subscribe.

I think they are wise in not making a call, so long as there are institutions which are in a position and ready to make advances to the Corporation on their own account, without necessitating a general call, which would put pressure on the banks all over the country and tie up funds which are not needed by the Credit Corporation at the moment.

I do not think, however, that you can really measure the accomplishments of the Credit Corporation by the amounts of money which have been loaned. The difficulty, as I tried to intimate a moment ago, with the situation throughout the country at the time the Credit Corporation was formed, was an unholy fear on the part of many bankers that this unreasonable withdrawal of deposits which was going on at that time might continue and might put them in a position where they would be embarrassed.

The mere creation of the Corporation, which provided a pool to which they could go if they had to, relieved the minds not only of the depositors but of many of the bankers as well. It was more than a coincidence, I believe, that immediately following the creation of the Corporation, the rate of bank failures declined very rapidly, and the withdrawals of deposits suffered a proportionate decline.

As figures which you have available will show, the outstanding currency in the country, if allowance is made for the usual seasonal changes, has declined now well below what it was at the peak; and while there was some increase after the creation of the Corporation, the rate of increase was most substantially checked immediately after it was announced.

We have contacts, of course, with the banks throughout our District—very close and very intimate. The whole psychology of the bankers' mind—especially the smaller country banker, who did not have a very good city contact—was immediately changed.

Senator Bulkley: Why is not that entirely satisfactory, now, without the need of this other corporation?

Mr. Harrison: Senator, I think that it has been very helpful so far as certain banking situations are concerned, but—

Senator Brookhart: I got a telegram this morning telling of the failure of a National bank in Iowa, and I had a telegram two or three days ago with respect to another one. I do not think it has helped much out in Iowa.

Mr. Harrison: I have not the records with respect to the individual States, but the rate of bank failures has declined very substantially, Senator. I do not think that is a matter of dispute.

Senator Brookhart: Of course, we had a special panic. The biggest bank in the State went down, and a dozen or 15 others, just about the time you did this.

Governor Meyer: That bank, Senator, will be reopened on Jan. 16.

Mr. Harrison: On a pledge by the National Credit Corporation that they will stand ready to help it if necessary. I am informed, also, that the bank would not have been reopened had it not been for the willingness of the Credit Corporation to stand back of it. In fact, they had a parade out there celebrating the prospect of reopening this bank, in which the National Credit Corporation played no small part.

The excerpts were continued (and concluded) in the "Daily" of Jan. 15 as follows:

Senator Walcott: Governor, I think there are no applications yet that have come in in time to help that have been turned down.

Mr. Harrison: By the main office. Those that have been turned down have been turned down by the local association, for their own reasons.

Senator Brookhart: You do not know how many of those there are?

Mr. Harrison: No; I do not.

Senator Bulkley: I cannot help thinking that that is begging the question. The main office makes the local association its agent to determine whether the loan is good or not, and if it is turned down by the local association it is turned down by the National Credit Corporation.

Senator Walcott: If it is turned down by the local association, it is not even referred to headquarters.

Senator Bulkley: I know it; but the headquarters makes the local association its agent to do that and authorizes it to turn it down.

Senator Walcott: Certainly.

Senator Bulkley: If I am turned down and cannot get any money, it is small consolation to me to know that it was turned down by a local association. There is no review.

Senator Walcott: The only statement was that headquarters had not turned down any applications.

Senator Bulkley: I think that is a rather misleading statement. It is true, but it carries a false inference.

Mr. Harrison: Of course, after all, Senator, you must realize that this was done in a great hurry, and I think the emergency justified the speed.

Senator Bulkley: It was not done in so much of a hurry. It was several weeks before they even got started, was it not?

Mr. Harrison: What I am trying to imply is this: that there would have been a very much longer delay had the corporation attempted to set up an organization by which it could have, through its own individual agents, gone out to different sections of the country to pass upon the collateral.

Senator Bulkley: Governor, I do not want to be misunderstood as criticizing this. What I am criticizing is the attempt to create the impression that no applications for loans are turned down. There are plenty of applications for loans turned down, I believe, and we will develop that a little later.

Mr. Harrison: Of course, Senator, I am not here to make an attack on or a defense of the Corporation. I am just trying to report the facts as I know them or as I understand them. I thought I made it clear that while it is true that no loans have been turned down by the head office there were cases where they had been turned down by the local association.

Senator Bulkley: Certainly.

Mr. Harrison: That was just a statement of fact, and I meant no more than the facts meant. Do you remember when they had the Aldrich-Vreeland emergency currency bill, where the Government was to provide currency to national banking associations upon collateral other than Government bonds? It was an emergency and they had to act in a hurry. The Government took precisely the same steps that the National Credit Corporation is taking to organize local associations which would guarantee the loan of the individual association getting the currency.

Senator Bulkley: That is precisely the point. It is a perfectly proper restriction, but the point is that when you put that restriction on, the whole works do not function. In all this emergency, which is, as you say, the most severe we ever knew, with people scared to death about their banks, there has been only \$10,000,000 that has been approved by those local boards.

Mr. Harrison: I am sorry that I have not got the facts.

Senator Bulkley: Which is 2% of the assumed resources of the Corporation.

Mr. Harrison: I am sorry that I have not got the facts, but I think you would probably be surprised to learn how relatively small an amount has been turned down, even by the local associations.

Senator Bulkley: When they turn down two or three of them, the rest of them know they need not apply.

Mr. Harrison: That may be true.

Senator Bulkley: Of course it is true. They get the idea of how stiff the requirement is. In any event, looking at it the other way around, only \$10,000,000 has been approved. That is another way to state it, and it is true.

Mr. Harrison: There is no denying that fact, although there are applications in process now, I understand, which will raise that amount substantially this week.

Senator Bulkley: It seems to me that the experience so far shows either that there is no need for this method of relief, or else that it just does not function when there is a need.

Mr. Harrison: I think there was the need, and that it did function. The principal accomplishment, more than in dollars and cents, was in the change of psychology and added confidence in the banking system.

Senator Bulkley: I think it had a good effect in that respect. There is no doubt about that.

Mr. Harrison: That was, frankly, a good part of our trouble, because the unreasoning fear with which depositors ran to the banks and took their cash out was precipitating difficulties in every section of the country and making other good, sound, solvent institutions less and less willing freely to make loans to needy customers because they were afraid of over extending themselves, lest the spread of fear would cover them as well as other institutions.

Senator Bulkley: Governor, I wish you would help me out. I am in favor of this bill, but I want to know how to answer the question when somebody asks me as to why the National Credit Corporation cannot do the things that we are expecting this to do.

Mr. Harrison: I think that the situation to which I referred at the outset was a very general one, and related not merely to banks, but to a great many other institutions in the country—other institutions which suffered the results of the depression and the deflation as much as the banks did.

There has been no machinery set up by which those other associations or institutions or individuals can be provided for in some emergency such as this, and I think it would be unwise to expect or to ask the Credit Corporation to do it.

Senator Brookhart: Suppose we pass this bill. What will you do with your Credit Corporation then?

Mr. Harrison: What is that?

Senator Brookhart: What will you do with your Credit Corporation if we pass this bill?

Mr. Harrison: I am not sure. I am sure I do not know what is the plan, Senator. I do not run the Credit Corporation. I do not know what will be the full effect of this bill; but I do feel this, that we are now at a point where, with encouragement, where, with a relaxation of fear and timidity on the part of people all over the country and all over the world, we might turn this tide favorably. I do not think that you want to consider this Corporation as a deliberate machine of inflation. I think it is an institution which is designed primarily to allay fear and to provide a backing whereby needy institutions can get accommodation rather than to force their assets on an already depressed market at wholly sacrifice values.

Senator Brookhart: Is not the inflation of these commodity prices exactly what we need?

Mr. Harrison: If you mean by inflation a restoration of market values to intrinsic values, I say yes.

Senator Brookhart: That is what we need—inflation over present values. That is what any inflation over present values would mean.

Mr. Harrison: I agree with you, in almost every case.

Senator Walcott: A squeezing out of the deflation. They are over-deflated, are they not?

Mr. Harrison: They are overdeflated, seriously.

Senator Brookhart: Then, if this organization is not attempting to restore values, is it not of any permanent value in the situation, is it?

Mr. Harrison: I think it is. I think, so far as it relieves the minds of people who are now scared to the point where they will not spend a cent, it tends to restore confidence that will, in itself, revive the purchasing power, which is the thing you need to restore market values to intrinsic values.

Senator Walcott: Governor, had you come to a stopping point?

Mr. Harrison: Yes; I had, Senator.

Senator Walcott: Can you amplify this point a little?

Is it not a fact that you need now a much broader base for your lending than you have in this Credit Corporation? I realize that you are not familiar with this new bill, but you know the general purposes of it.

Mr. Harrison: Yes.

Senator Walcott: To lend money to the various institutions?

Mr. Harrison: Yes. I think you need a broader base than would be appropriate for banks, to make loans on their own responsibility at the present time, until the situation is more clarified, and I think you need a broader base in another sense, that you have to enlarge the character of eligible borrowers. I do not think that the Credit Corporation, which can lend only to banks, and only to that one category of banks that I described, has a broad enough power to do what is necessary at the present time to restore confidence and gradually to restore a condition which will permit the circulation of credit and the expenditure of money in the purchase of goods and the restoration of market values to intrinsic values.

Senator Walcott: You are familiar with the railroad situation. You know that there are perhaps \$9,000,000,000 of railroad bonds held by various financial institutions, savings banks, insurance companies, and so forth. The railroads are included in this bill as a part of the list of those that are to be benefited by the provisions of the bill. Is it wise, in your opinion, to leave the railroads in?

Mr. Harrison: I think it is very wise to do so. I think that the railroad situation has been one of the most depressing influences in the general situation. I think that the newspaper reports this morning, which lead one to hope that there will be some speedy agreement on the question of wages, will be one of the most constructive things so far as the railroads are concerned, and through them the country as a whole. Whether rightly or wrongly, the situation of the railroads has been a depressing influence in our whole economy. Railroad bonds which in the past have been prime investments for investors throughout the world, form about one-fifth of the total bonds outstanding. Due to the depressed business conditions and due to traffic falling off so rapidly, you suddenly reached a situation where the railroads, in many cases, were not earning one and a half times their fixed charges, which they must do in order to be on the legal list.

Senator Brookhart: That legal list was the New York legal list. It was not legal anywhere else except New York.

Mr. Harrison: Oh no, Senator. You will find that a great many States—I do not know how many—

Senator Brookhart: I investigated that in the rate case, and I found that New York was about the only place that required that 1.50.

Mr. Harrison: I think that is true, but I think that you will also find that it is true that a great many States, in defining legal investments for insurance companies, savings banks and other institutions, adopt the laws of New York or Massachusetts.

Senator Brookhart: I have heard that same calamity howl from the railroads for 20 years. Every time a depression comes along and business falls off, they come in with the story that their credit is being injured and that they must have higher rates. They have failed nearly always, and failed for the most part in this present case. If business is restored and their tonnage is restored, they get their earnings right back, do they not?

Mr. Harrison: They do very much more quickly than any other business, because they do not have to readjust their selling prices.

Senator Brookhart: In their showing in the rate case they showed that they were still earning 2.24% net on the values fixed by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. That is better than most business is doing now, is it not?

Mr. Harrison: Frankly, I have not had the time, and am not familiar with the specific figures as to the railroads.

Senator Brookhart: That value that was fixed there was \$7,000,000,000 more than the market value of their stocks and bonds at the time it was fixed, and pretty nearly that much more than their present market value. So this howl about the railroads is mostly another plan to get higher rates, rather than fit them into the general average of things over a series of years, is it not?

Mr. Harrison: I have no argument to make, pro or con, on the railroad situation or any other one situation. All I can say is that the situation

in which the railroads have now found themselves—whoever is at fault, or whatever the cause has been—is one of the seriously depressing influences. Therefore, in response to the Chairman's inquiry as to whether I think this bill ought to be framed in a fashion that would enable them, in case of need, to help a railroad, my answer would be yes. I think it would be the wisest provision.

Senator Brookhart: Here is one thing that happened: When the Transportation Act went into effect the farmers' rates were raised about 60% over what they had been before, and they have been maintained through all these years at that higher level. That has contributed heavily toward bringing on the agricultural depression, so that instead of the railroads being in hard lines they put agriculture in hard lines by the operation of that law.

Mr. Harrison: I think, Senator, the most important thing that your committee has to consider is this: We start with a premise that we are in a serious depression that is affecting all business in one degree or another. Much of that depression is psychological and has resulted from unwarranted fears and unnecessary restraints in the normal life that we would usually live. Anything that can be done at the present time to provide a means whereby the man who is under restraint in his normal life can assure himself of protection in case of dire need, will be helpful. The more we can do that, the more helpful it would be in every part of our economy, because, to the extent that it relaxes fear and timidity and inhibitions, to that extent will it create purchasing power again, which is what we want.

The whole trouble with the country to-day is not that intrinsic values have depreciated to a point where we are suffering, but rather that market values, which represent the distressed selling of the needy to the bargain hunters, have depreciated to a point where we get a wholly unrelated estimate of what is the real position of the country.

If this bill will be helpful toward developing a situation which will enable market values more accurately to reflect intrinsic values, then I think you have done the most that you can do, and that much I think it is very necessary to do.

Senator Brookhart: The intrinsic value of the wealth production of the country is about, in a series of years, 4% a year, and has been practically always. As long as we turn the railroads loose to go out and fight for 5 3/4%, when the American people are only producing 4%, and other corporations are organized to come in and get 10, 20 or 100%, under the protection of tariff laws and things like that, and then create patent laws that give absolute monopolies in matters of price—so long as we maintain that economic warfare, a few will be victorious and get the profits, and then whenever they get frightened and discharge their men to protect their profits, we have a depression. Is not that the situation?

Mr. Harrison: Yes; but I do not think that any of us would be wise enough to provide machinery or a management of the country's business which will insure to all of us the same rate of profit. Indeed, the efforts in the past to do that in normal times or in times of prosperity are one of the causes of our difficulty now.

U. S. Senate Confirms Nomination of Theodore Roosevelt as Governor General of Philippines Succeeding Dwight F. Davis Resigned.

The U. S. Senate on Jan. 18 confirmed the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt as Governor General of the Philippine Islands, succeeding Dwight F. Davis, resigned. The appointment of Gov. Roosevelt was noted in our issue of Jan 16, page 447. He has just completed his duties as Governor of Porto Rico.

Aides of Secretary of State Stimson Deny Linking Barco Oil Concession to Colombian Loan—Hearing Before Senate Finance Committee.

Parallel efforts by the State Department to obtain reinstatement of the Barco oil concession in Colombia for American interests and on behalf of Colombia to obtain fulfillment of a contract by the National City Co. to make the final payment of \$4,000,000 on a \$20,000,000 credit, both of which were successfully completed in June 1931, figured in testimony at the Senate Finance Committee's hearings on Jan. 14 on the flotation of foreign securities in this country. In making the foregoing statement, a dispatch from Washington Jan. 14 from which we also quote said:

Echoes of the Senate investigation were heard on the other side of the Capital where the House Judiciary Committee is hearing impeachment charges against Secretary Mellon. Representative Patman, Democrat of Texas, author of the charges, quoted a letter from a South American whom he did not name, which charged that President Olaya has said publicly that Secretary Mellon would assist in obtaining the Colombian credit if the petroleum difficulties were settled.

Francis White, Assistant Secretary of State, and H. Freeman Matthews of the Latin-American Division of the State Department, were questioned concerning Colombian negotiations for five hours by Senator Johnson of California, but both maintained throughout the hearing that there was no connection between the efforts to adjust the loan difficulties on the one hand and the oil matter on the other.

"Mellon Interests" Named.

Both testified, in almost identical language that the State Department intervened on behalf of the American holders of the Barco concession, identified as the Gulf Oil Company, owned by "the Mellon interests," and the Carib Development Corporation, controlled by J. P. Morgan & Co., only as an agency on behalf of American citizens who asked for protection of their rights.

They likewise testified that the National City Company's credit to Colombia received the State Department's attention, and that of Secretary Stimson personally, only for the purpose of avoiding misunderstanding between an American corporation and a friendly republic.

Mr. White reiterated that the Department of State "did not come into the oil matter," except that it transmitted the representations of the oil interests to the Government of Colombia and transmitted that Government's replies.

"There was absolutely no connection between the oil matter and the bank credit," he said.

Johnson Seeks Correspondence.

Meanwhile, Senator Johnson and Mr. White found themselves opposed on the question of whether the State Department should submit to the committee numerous telegrams that passed between the department and the American Legation at Bogota, presided over by Minister Jefferson Caffery. Senator Johnson demanded this correspondence. Mr. White refused to produce it unless it be held in confidence by the committee.

"I will not receive that matter in confidence," stated Senator Johnson. "Some of these telegrams you have read to bankers in New York, but you refuse to permit us to have them, and to discuss them and to make them available to the press."

Mr. Matthews testified that Secretary Stimson had spoken personally to W. W. Lancaster, attorney for the National City Bank, concerning the Colombian credit in New York. Minister Caffery had wired the department on May 16 1931, that President Enrique Olaya of Colombia was greatly disturbed because the National City Company apparently was withholding final payment of the credit on technicalities. This word was telephoned to Secretary Stimson, who then was in New York.

Secretary Stimson asked Mr. Matthews to bring the telegram to New York and on May 18, a Monday, talked with Mr. Lancaster in his former law office. This conversation was continued at intervals by telephone. Mr. Matthews and Mr. White testified, until the payment finally was made.

Oil Near Venezuela Field.

Mr. White said he had telephoned to Mr. Lancaster, finally, on June 20, telling him the substance of a telegram from the legation at Bogota in which Minister Caffery said President Olaya could not understand why the money was being held back as his Government had complied with every requirement, as well as ratifying the Barco concession and passing other desired oil legislation.

The Barco concession was identified as a tract of land of about 500,000 acres, mostly virgin jungle, but adjacent to proved Venezuelan oil territory and having an estimated potential value ranging from \$300,000,000 to \$2,000,000,000.

Mr. Matthews admitted, under a running fire of questions, that the State Department had gone over its files when the difficulties between Colombia and the National City Company came to its attention, for the purpose of "being informed."

The testimony further developed that the National City had withheld payment of another \$4,000,000 of the \$20,000,000 credit, delivering it on March 17 1931, after the Colombian Government had been instructed to straighten out difficulties over \$1,500,000 allegedly due to a British mining syndicate.

King Asks About Cuban Loans.

Another new angle was injected into the hearing when Senator King, Democrat, of Utah, asked Mr. Matthews if he had heard of a report that President Machado of Cuba had received \$4,000,000 personally in connection with a \$20,000,000 loan to Cuba by the Chase National Bank, covered by part of \$60,000,000 worth of Cuban bonds now outstanding in the United States.

"I never heard of such a report," replied Mr. Matthews.

Senator King indicated that he would press this point later. He had Mr. Matthews verify translations of Spanish documents in his possession, but withheld comment on them and did not place them in the record.

Considerable correspondence also found its way into the record bearing upon previous testimony. It included a request from Miguel Cruchaga, Ambassador of Chile, that the fullest investigation be made of charges of graft having figured in Latin-American loans in order that his country and others might be freed of suspicion. His letter referred to testimony that Juan Legula, son of President Legula of Peru, received \$415,000 in connection with loans to Chile.

Testimony given by Oliver C. Townsend, former Commercial Attache at Lima, Peru, caused the receipt of several communications, including a letter from Secretary of Commerce Lamont informing the committee that Townsend "was dropped on account of completely unsatisfactory service," and denying that Mr. Townsend had warned the department against approving Peruvian loans.

Abbott Maginnis, former Minister to Bolivia, who was painted as a promoter of Peruvian bond issues, also wrote controverting Mr. Townsend's testimony.

Chairman Smoot announced that Mr. Maginnis would be called to testify. Senator Johnson agreeing, said he wished to question him particularly about a reported payment of \$40,000 to Mr. Maginnis by J. and W. Seligman & Co. of New York, for acting as one of the promoters of \$100,000,000 worth of Peruvian loans.

Erings Out Our Holdings.

As Mr. Matthews testified to-day Mr. White sat at his side, conferring with him when necessary and occasionally volunteering an answer to a question by Senator Johnson. Mr. White this afternoon repeated a chronology of the State Department's work in question, and to-morrow will undergo cross-examination.

Mr. Matthews was Secretary of the Legation at Bogota from January 1927, until January 1930. His principal responsibilities, now, he testified, concern Colombia and Cuba.

Senator Johnson developed that Americans hold about \$100,000,000 in securities of Colombia, or its political subdivisions, which soon are expected to be defaulted because of an embargo on the export of exchange.

"You were endeavoring to straighten out differences that arose over a private loan made to the Colombian Government by the National City Bank, but you made no efforts to straighten out a difficulty by Colombia and its subdivisions where \$100,000,000 had been put into the pockets of Colombia by American investors," Senator Johnson asked.

"That is correct, Senator," Mr. Matthews replied. "There was nothing for us to do."

Despite the differences of opinion that flared up between Senator Johnson and the witnesses, both were commended by him for their frankness on numerous occasions.

Tells History of Concession.

According to testimony by Mr. White, the Colombian Government in 1926 abrogated the Barco agreement, then 21 years old and assigned to E. L. Doherty & Co. and the Carib Development Corporation, on the ground that insufficient work had been done. Some time afterward the interest was sold to the Gulf company. The holders of the concession protested, and finally in 1928 the Carib corporation, which now has a minor interest in the Gulf company, protested to the State Department.

"The Department of State inquired when an answer might be expected," Mr. White said. "The negotiations finally broke down late in 1928, when the Colombian Government advanced new reasons for cancellation of the concession. A new memorial was filed by the holders, but negotiations languished."

President Olaya took office in July 1930, and, Mr. White said, made it one of his responsibilities to go over this matter as well as put through oil laws desired by American interests, taking George Rublee, an expert

on such legislation, to South America with him. A new agreement was signed March 3 1931. It was passed by the Senate of Colombia in May, approved by the House of Colombia on June 18, and signed by President Olaya on June 20 1931.

Mr. White testified that the American Legation at Bogota took no part in the fight of American oil companies for "satisfactory laws, but that it did try to have the old oil laws held in abeyance."

Telephoned to Lancaster.

Mr. White recalled that President Olaya, as President-elect, visited the United States in 1930 to arrange the \$20,000,000 credit with a syndicate headed by the National City Company, contingent on balancing of the Colombian budget. At that time Mr. Matthews and Minister Caffrey, then in the United States on leave, were assigned as aides to President Olaya.

"On May 13 [1931] we received a telegram from Bogota in which the Minister stated that President Olaya was very much concerned because he thought he had complied with all conditions, but that the payment of the final \$4,000,000 was being held up," Mr. White testified.

"I telephoned to Mr. Lancaster solely because a dispute had arisen between an American organization and a foreign government regarding the carrying out of an agreement made many months before. Mr. Lancaster called me back later and said that Colombia's budget was badly out of balance, something like \$4,000,000."

That was on May 16, while Secretary Stimson was at his Long Island home for the week-end, Mr. White said. He telephoned Secretary Stimson, acquainting him with the case and reading another telegram from Bogota stating that the Colombian budget had been balanced.

Stimson Calls Matthews.

"The Secretary of State asked that Mr. Matthews bring the telegrams in to him in New York," Mr. White said, "and there Mr. Lancaster called on the Secretary. Why was the Secretary interested in this matter? Not because it was a loan proposal, but because there was a disagreement."

"Mr. Lancaster asked if Mr. Matthews would go to the National City Bank. He did. He took the telegrams and also discussed budgetary figures. He thought he was acting in behalf of composing the dispute."

"A few days thereafter Mr. Lancaster called the Secretary of State on the telephone and read him the instructions the National City Bank was sending to its branch in Bogota, instructing its representatives there to explain to President Olaya that in view of what he had said they were willing to waive their objections. But the money was not paid and more negotiations took place."

Exchanges continued for another month, Mr. White went on, a new dispute arising during that time when the syndicate was reported by Dr. Olaya to have asked a higher interest rate on the final \$4,000,000 than on previous payments in connection with the credit. Mr. White reported that President Olaya felt "this was rather niggardly treatment."

The bankers explained that this was necessary to reimburse them for \$35,000 spent on cables to Colombia and \$9,000 paid to representatives there. Eventually, on June 29, a satisfactory conclusion was reached and Colombia received the \$4,000,000 on June 30.

Refuses to Produce Letters.

Senator Johnson had asked Mr. Matthews before the luncheon recess to produce the Colombian correspondence, which was refused. At the end of Mr. White's testimony he asked specifically for the telegram of June 20.

"Do you refuse to produce that telegram?" he asked Mr. White.

"I'll have to take that up with the Secretary," Mr. White replied.

"Then you will read a telegram over the telephone to bankers in New York, but will deny it to the Senate?"

"I do not deny it to Senators. I deny it to the press."

"You mean that you will not have it subjected to publicity?"

"But those were the views of Colombia, a foreign nation," protested Mr. White.

"You have purported to recite the contents of a telegram and then you refuse to let the document be placed before the country. What is the difference?" demanded Senator Johnson.

"I have not recited the text."

"In that telegram, though," pursued Senator Johnson, "the President of Colombia stated that he had settled all the differences with Americans, including the Barco concessions, and had enacted the oil laws?"

"Yes, he did," said Mr. White, "so far as Barco was concerned, but the petroleum laws, I think, were mentioned in a subsequent telegram."

"All right, now, some one must have been interested in the Barco matter—who was it?" Senator Johnson asked.

"The American Legation," replied Mr. White. "The American Minister was interested in pursuit of his duty of advising us regarding the treatment of American interests."

Previously, during questioning of Mr. Matthews, Senator Johnson had refused flatly to ask the Secretary of State for this correspondence.

"I should not regard it as confidential in the slightest degree," the Senator said. "My position is that these are public records, that we are entitled to be furnished with communications of this sort, particularly in an investigation of this character, and that our people are entitled to know exactly the words contained in the communications passing between the representative of the United States in Bogota and the State Department."

Mr. Matthews testified that this was his first experience in going direct to a banking house in connection with a foreign loan.

Admits Course Was Unusual.

"So far as you know," Senator Johnson asked, "was there ever any other occasion when the Secretary of State had gone to a private banker in reference to a private loan to any government or governmental subdivision in a foreign country?"

"I can think of none," replied Mr. Matthews.

"Did the State Department make any demand that it be carried out?"

"No, Senator, we were merely putting forth President Olaya's feeling that he had lived up to the terms of his agreement."

"Did you express an opinion as to whether the money should be paid or not?"

"We stated that, on the face of the information before us, we thought President Olaya had lived up to his agreement," replied Mr. Matthews.

The witness added that after conversations with Mr. Lancaster and officials of the National City Co. "we still held to the opinion that they were being unduly technical."

At one point in his testimony Mr. Matthews pointed out that the clearing up of the Barco concession probably was a large matter in the opinion of Colombia in connection with the credit, "as the Colombian public made no general distinction as to American interests."

Lamont Challenges Townsend.

A large amount of correspondence received by the Committee, addressed to Chairman Smoot, hinged on testimony by Oliver C. Townsend, former Commercial Attache in Peru, who in testimony before the Committee

said he had been instructed to turn in more optimistic reports on conditions. Secretary Lamont's letter to Senator Smoot read:

"I would like to call to your attention several misstatements that appeared in the reported testimony of former Commercial Attache Oliver C. Townsend before the Committee on Finance on Jan. 11. Press dispatches indicate that he made three specific points.

"According to these accounts, he testified that he voluntarily resigned from the Department of Commerce. This is untrue. He was dropped on account of completely unsatisfactory service.

"He is reported to have stated that a letter from Assistant Director Thomas R. Taylor cautioned him to make his reports more optimistic, creating the impression that he was directed to distort the facts. The Department has no record of a letter of this kind.

"The letter he seems to have in mind was concerned with replies to trade inquiries from American exporters and had no bearing whatsoever on financial or other economic reporting. His trade letter had been found to be curt to the point of discourtesy, and under the circumstances, unnecessarily discouraging. If he possesses any communication other than the letter from Mr. Taylor referred to, it is suggested that he be asked to produce it.

"Mr. Townsend testified, according to the press, that he had advised the Department that American loans to Peru were unwise. A thorough search of our files fails to reveal any warnings of this nature. In fact, the tenor of his reporting was to the effect that the loans would help American trade. A file of his weekly and monthly economic cabled reports can be provided if desired.

Produces Taylor Letter.

The letter from Mr. Taylor to Mr. Townsend also came to light for the first time to-day, when Senator Johnson, on receipt of a copy from Mr. Townsend, placed it in the record.

"I should like to emphasize that the spirit of the bureau (the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce) followed the spirit of American business, which is to make sales in spite of difficulties, or to find ways of doing seemingly impossible things," Mr. Taylor wrote.

Appeal Made on Haitian Loan.

An investigation of Haitian loans floated and held in this country, with particular reference to the operations of the National City Bank of New York, is asked in a letter sent Reed Smoot, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, made public yesterday by that organization.

"Unless the charges made against the United States' financial operations in the black republic of Haiti are thoroughly investigated, imputations of the gravest international malfeasance against the United States Government will continue to be made," the letter says.

A statement made by President Hoover in his message to Congress on Dec. 10 is characterized as "misinformation." The President's assertion that the 1922 loan was "desired by Haiti" is termed a "misstatement of fact."

Secretary of State Stimson Before Senate Committee Incident to Loan to Colombia and Barco Oil Concession—Declines to Submit Data.

Secretary of State Stimson was called before the Senate Finance Committee on Jan. 16 to explain his Department's refusal to supply correspondence with reference to the Barco concession and loans to Colombia. Associated Press accounts from Washington on that date (Jan. 16) said:

Mr. Stimson appeared before the Committee's executive session at the request of Chairman Smoot. Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, who has sponsored the investigation of foreign bond issues, did not sit with the Committee.

The State Department has refused to furnish the Committee in open session correspondence with the American Legation in Colombia which dealt with the restoration of the Barco oil concession to American interests last year.

It also has refused to furnish correspondence with reference to a \$4,000,000 loan extended to Colombia by the National City Company ten days after the concession was granted. The loan had been contracted for the year before.

Senator Johnson, who originally asked for the documents, but who is not a member of the Committee, sat outside in an ante-room while Mr. Stimson testified. Mr. Johnson said he was asked to leave the committee room during the executive session.

In a statement issued on Jan. 16, following his appearance at the executive session Secretary Stimson said:

I shall consider further whether there are any documents or parts of documents in connection with Mr. White's testimony the publication of which would be in accord with the Department's policy.

From the "Times" we take as follows Mr. Stimson's official statement and Senator Johnson's reply:

In response to a request from the Senate Finance Committee I appeared before them this morning. I am prepared to make available to them in executive session every document which they may desire in the way of correspondence, cables, &c., between the Department of State and its embassies and legations in Latin-America relating to the subject matter of the investigation. The submission of these papers to this committee in executive session is in conformity with the position which the State Department has taken throughout the course of this investigation.

From the outset it has repeatedly affirmed that it would willingly make these papers available in this way. There will be no deviation from the established practice of making public to the fullest extent the policies pursued by the Department and every agreement of whatever character in the conduct of the foreign relations of this Government.

It has been and will continue to be, however, the policy of the State Department under my administration to keep as confidential the reports which it receives from its representatives in foreign countries regarding the current exchange of views which they have with officials of those countries and the frank opinions which these representatives are encouraged to forward to the Department on all matters of interest to this Government.

It must be obvious to every thoughtful member of the American public that in the normal discharge of their duties our Ambassadors and Ministers carry on many frank and friendly discussions with the officials of the countries to which they are accredited. It must also be obvious that it is their duty and practice to forward to the Department in their dispatches and cables their personal and confidential opinions and comments regarding all matters relating to the intercourse between the two governments.

A publication of these reports would make impossible the adequate and effective conduct of our foreign relations, and it has never been the policy of this Government so far as I know to consent to their publication.

I shall consider further whether there are any documents or parts of documents in connection with Mr. White's testimony the publication of which would be in accord with the Department's policy.

Senator Johnson's Reply.

The statement was read at a conference with newspaper correspondents, following which Secretary Stimson said that he had not read the correspondence in question.

He made clear that if he does permit any correspondence to go before the committee it will be for publication, as Senators already have permission to see State Department records in confidence.

In a statement, issued after he had read Secretary Stimson's formal declaration, Senator Johnson said:

I do not propose that any controversy over the production of documents, however important that subject may be, shall divert us from the very much more important subject of the imposition upon the American public by international bankers of foreign securities, and the consequent tremendous financial losses of our people. The actions of international bankers in impoverishing the American people are under investigation, and no red herring across the trail, no matter whence it emanates, shall divert us.

The American public, however, should know just what is in dispute at present with the State Department, and here are the facts:

Yesterday, at his own request, and voluntarily, Under-Secretary of State White, without the slightest interruptions, was permitted at great length to present his views. In the course of his statement, of his own volition, he recited the contents of certain dispatches received by the State Department from the representative of the United States Government at Bogota, Colombia.

Some of these dispatches thus voluntarily recited by him contained references to the Barco concession. These dispatches, in some instances, were read, he stated, in substance, to the representatives of international bankers in New York City; and in one instance, with the exception of a brief part of the dispatch, which did not relate to the subject matter, a telegram from our representative at Bogota was read verbatim to the representatives of international bankers in New York.

It is true the Under-Secretary of State said he read these in confidence, but he stated at the same time that they were to be transmitted to the bankers themselves, and he voluntarily recited their contents publicly to the committee. After he had voluntarily recited these dispatches, he was asked to produce them. He declined to do so, because he would not submit their contents for publication, and yet he was reciting their contents in the presence of the combined representatives of the press of the nation, who were actually then reporting them.

He said that he would submit the dispatches in confidence to the members of the committee. For a department of our government to read to international bankers telegrams of grave consequence to our people, and to deny them to the people themselves, is, in my opinion, an insult to those I represent.

After this first refusal, I asked Mr. White to bring copies of transcripts to the telegrams which he purported to recite, and which he said he had read to international bankers, deleting from them everything which might not be pertinent to our inquiry, or which might in any fashion affect our international relations. He specifically declined to do even this. We have presented, therefore, the strange and anomalous situation:

(1) Dispatches in which our people are vitally interested are read by a department of our government to international bankers and denied to the rest of our people;

(2) The offer is made that these dispatches will be shown in confidence to members of the committee, which, of course, precludes them from discussion publicly;

(3) The representative of the Secretary of State recited verbally what he says these dispatches contained, and yet refuses to permit the committee to see the dispatches themselves;

(4) The Secretary of State's office asserts there may be in these dispatches something which would be foreign to the investigation, and the publication of which might be irritating in our international relations; and yet, when asked to delete any such portions and bring to the committee only a transcript or copy of that which was communicated to the international bankers in New York, he flatly refuses. This is the record in the case.

Secretary of State Stimson, before the committee this morning, said he would further consider the matter.

Secretary Stimson, refused on Jan. 20 to accede to a request made on the same date by the Finance Committee of the Senate that a telegram of June 19 1931, from the American Minister in Bogota, containing a reference to the Barco oil concession in Colombia be made public. The "United States Daily" on Jan. 21 supplied the following additional information:

Mr. Stimson in a letter to the Chairman of the Committee, Senator Smoot (Rep.) of Utah, said that "it would not be in the interest of the United States in its foreign relations to publish the telegram."

The telegram had been requested from the Secretary by the Finance Committee following an executive session of the Committee Jan. 20. An extract from the telegram in question together with extracts from other telegrams were considered by the Committee at its meeting.

Asks Telegram on Concession.

The Committee will meet again Jan. 25, the Chairman, Senator Smoot (Rep.) of Utah, announced at the close of the meeting on Jan. 20, for the purpose of considering the answer of Secretary Stimson to the request.

The motion made by Senator Couzens (Rep.) of Michigan, and seconded by Senator La Follette (Rep.) of Wisconsin, and passed unanimously by the Committee Jan. 20 was as follows:

"I move in view of the fact that the communication received from the Secretary of State makes no reference to the Barco concession, in the telegram of June 19, that he be requested to furnish to this Committee the telegram which confirms Assistant-Secretary White's testimony given before the Committee in respect to the Barco concession."

Senator Johnson (Rep.) of California, who has been conducting the hearings before the Finance Committee, issued a statement Jan. 20 referring to the situation as "absurd and ridiculous," and the position of the Department of State as "illogical."

Senator Johnson's statement follows in full text:

Says Position Is "Illogical."

"The situation is absurd and ridiculous, Mr. White, the Under-Secretary of State, voluntarily recites publicly in the presence of the press of the Nation the portion of the contents of a telegram which refers to the Barco

syndicate, and admits he read this to the representatives of international bankers.

"The Secretary of State declines to give to the Senate, except in confidence, which would preclude its discussion or mention, that portion of the telegram containing the matter divulged by Mr. White. The Secretary of State declines to do this, because it might cause a possible upheaval in Latin America. This utterly illogical position might cause some of suspicious minds to think that possibly an explosion in Latin America is confounded with an explosion in our own country.

"The Secretary says, in effect, it is not against public interest to publish the part of the telegram relating to the loan, but against the public interest to publish the part concerning the Barco oil concession, and yet the telegram admittedly refers to both, and the Under-Secretary of State voluntarily and publicly, verbally recites the parts of the telegram referring to both. What is there about the Barco concession that its mere mention sends us into shuddering silence? Why should international bankers have State Department telegrams, and the American people denied them?

"But that's that. We are still investigating foreign loans and the activities of international bankers in foisting them upon our public. We do not intend to be turned aside by any collateral issue. We expect to continue in the hope that some remedy may be found, and that never again may those who deal for their own enrichment in foreign securities impoverish the American people."

The communication from the Secretary of State, and extracts from telegrams inclosed therein, in response to the Committee's previous request, follow in full text:

My dear Senator Smoot: I have personally examined the telegraphic communications with the American Minister at Bogota which Senator Johnson asked to be produced before the Senate Finance Committee. I transmit herewith, for inclusion in the record, transcripts of parts of certain of these telegrams, the substance of which Mr. White has already stated. Where the extracts are in confidential code they have been paraphrased. I am clear that it would not be to the interest of the United States in its foreign relations to submit further documents for publication. I repeat that I am willing for any member of the Senate Committee to read in confidence any of the correspondence pertaining to matters referred to in the Senate resolution. Sincerely yours,

(Signed) HENRY STIMSON.

Unable to Send Four Million.

Document 1. Extract from telegram of March 12 1931, 5 p. m. from American Legation at Bogota to Department of State:

"President Olaya informed me this morning that although budget had been reduced and balanced as American bankers had demanded, they told him this morning that they were unable to send \$4,000,000 as they had clearly promised."

Document 2. Paraphrase of extract from telegram of May 12 1931, 7 p. m., from American Legation at Bogota to Department of State:

"The bankers, President Olaya states, say that having discovered that revenues for first quarter of the present fiscal year are below their estimates, they cannot pay over the \$4,000,000; they again want him to reduce the budget. President Olaya says, 'This is an impossible situation.' The President further says, 'No government can function if its budget is subject to revision month by month. The bankers themselves accepted Kemmerer's figures for the budget and in any event in my opinion the increased revenues later in the year will make up for whatever they are short during this quarter.'"

Discusses Balanced Budget.

Document 3. Paraphrase of extract from telegram of May 16 1931, 10 a. m., from American Legation at Bogota to Department of State:

"One of the first conditions laid down in the agreement of June 30, President Olaya admits, was a balanced budget, and the bankers and he agreed on balanced budget of 51,000,000 pesos for the present year which was afterwards reduced to 49,000,000. The bankers now insist that as revenues for the first quarter are below their estimates he reduce the budget again. President Olaya maintains that he cannot monthly reduce his budget according to the month by month receipt of revenues."

Document 4. Extract from telegram of June 19 1931, 10 p. m., from American Legation at Bogota to Department of State:

"At last minute and after everything else was agreed on for advance of last \$4,000,000 bankers to-day have made a new condition. They desire to jump interest rate on whole loan on June 30 from 7 to 8%."

"An increase in this interest rate would now have absolutely disastrous consequences for whole current of friendly feeling now existing here for the United States. The bankers apparently still have absolutely no understanding of situation here or their own best interests."

Mr. Stimson's Letter.

The letter of Jan. 20, in which the Secretary of State refused to make the telegram public follows in full text:

My Dear Senator Smoot.—I have received a request from the Senate Finance Committee for a telegram of June 19 1931. Mr. White's testimony stated correctly the substance of this telegram as to the Barco concession. The telegram is available for examination in executive session to your Committee if they desire to check the accuracy of Mr. White's testimony. It would not be in the interest of the United States in its foreign relations to publish the telegram itself. Sincerely yours,

(Signed) HENRY L. STIMSON.

Rail Wage Parley—Conferences Between Unions and Presidents' Committee of Nine Still Continues.

As noted in last weeks' "Chronicle" page 439 the meeting between the rail union chiefs and the Presidents' Committee of Nine got under way on Friday afternoon (Jan. 15) in Chicago after several delays. At Friday's meeting both sides presented their side of the case. David B. Robertson, President of the Railway Labor Executives' Association outlined the workers' position and presented their demands. He was followed by Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio R.R., Chairman of the Presidents' Committee of Nine, who served a formal demand on the employees for a voluntary wage cut of 10% for one year.

At Saturday's meeting Mr. Willard held the floor during most of the session, outlining the railroads' desperate plight and gloomy outlook as justifying the proposed wage cut. Mr. Willard offered statistics, and other data, showing what railroads have gone through in the way of receiverships, bond defaults and stock slumps and argued that freight rate

increases will not insure stability. He estimated that a 10% wage decrease would save the railroads an estimated \$210,000,000 to \$215,000,000 during the year—the term for which it is proposed. Added to the additional freight revenue, the railroads would gain a total of nearly \$325,000,000 to combat depression, he said. Mr. Robertson commented that Mr. Willard did not announce what the railroads would do with the estimated savings. He pointed out that the workers demand any such savings should not be used as "a dole for idle capital," but to provide additional jobs.

A question arose on Saturday as to the status of those roads which have given the statutory 30 day notice for a 15% reduction. These notices, in some cases, expired Jan. 20 and, with the negotiations having been delayed, theoretically there was nothing to prevent the roads from putting the reductions into effect on the 20th. It was explained that the notices would be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the present conference.

At Sunday's sessions the Presidents' Committee expressed the desire to have further information on the following proposals of the unions:

That the interests of the employees shall be protected in cases of merger and consolidation and that they shall not be ruthlessly deprived of their investments in their homes when economies due to consolidations compel them to move to other towns; also that provision be made for employment in cases of mergers and consolidations.

That the roads join with the employees in advocating a Federal law to provide retirement insurance and electric workmen's compensation.

That there be established an emergency employment bureau to prepare the way for eventual establishment of a national placement bureau and to provide means for placing unemployed rail workers as additional opportunities of employment may develop.

On the question of the placement bureau the employees explained that they wished to have joint machinery established, controlled either by one side or the other, whereby the displaced men would be assured fair treatment in filling such openings as might occur. The presidents appeared interested in ascertaining just how such a bureau might work and this question and the one calling for advocacy of a Federal retirement insurance law were placed by them in the hands of a subcommittee consisting of these representatives of the three regions: E. J. McClees, eastern; T. Neal, southwestern, and J. W. Higgins, western.

There was some discussion also on the unions' suggestion concerning the protection of employees in cases of mergers and the labor spokesmen were asked to submit further data on how this would work out if their suggestion were accepted.

At Monday's session an agreement was reached on the unions' proposal for establishment of regional employment bureaus to replace the present method of returning laid off men to jobs. At the same session the unions replied to the Presidents' request for further elucidation of what the employees meant by stabilization of employment for one year, and the assurance that the stand-by forces would be assured a minimum of part-time employment. The unions reply follows:

"Would the railroads agree to guarantee, during the period for which they have proposed a payroll deduction, to maintain as a minimum amount of work not less than the total man-hours worked by each class of employees in the year 1930?—the distribution of this work to be made by mutual agreement between the representatives of the employees affected and the management of each railroad contemplating the full observance of existing schedule rules unless otherwise agreed by the parties to the existing agreement? (As to the Pullman Company, this suggestion contemplates restoration to service of conductors in service as of Jan. 1 1930, so far as the lines remain in operation.)"

The employers' committee took the counter reply under advisement.

At Tuesday's conference the rail unions asked the presidents to explain simply any clearly why the employees should grant the request of a 10% wage reduction. The session to be held Wednesday Jan. 20 was postponed to enable the executives to collect more data in support of their plea for a 10% wage reduction which was asked at Tuesday's conference by the unions.

On Thursday Daniel Willard submitted to the chiefs of the 21 unions in support of the demand for a 10% reduction in wages an array of figures summarizing the trend of railway finances. (The full statement is given elsewhere in this issue). It is expected that the unions will have their reply to the presidents' statement read by Saturday.

In commenting on the conferences the New York "Times," Jan. 22 states in part:

The major points of the six-hour day and the 10% wage reduction was still at issue. The roads did not recede from their refusal to agree that a joint commission shall undertake a study of the six-hour day, and the unions stuck to their refusal to grant wage reduction. The presidents, however, agreed to eliminate from their wage proposal the concluding clause that the reduction should remain in force for a year "unless extended by agreement."

The unions made progress in their demands for stabilization of employment, but did not win assent to their complete program. The employers reiterated their desire to do "whatever may be practicable" to eliminate unemployment and struck out the words "so far as possible" from this sentence.

What seemed to be an important concession was the expressed willingness of the Committee of Nine to use its good offices in the case of disputes in the interpretations of the promise to aid in giving employment. Disputes on this question would be handled by subcommittees of both sides.

A short conference was held yesterday (Friday) morning at which Daniel Willard addressed the 800 rail union general Chairmen, together with the 21 union heads and their advisory committees. He took up in full detail all the subjects before the conference. He reviewed the position of the railroads to the general Chairmen with respect to granting the various requests of labor, and gave the reasons why the railroads had gone as far as they had, but could not go further. He expressed the hope that eventually they would work out a solution for all these matters.

The conference is moving steadily towards a conclusion, but the necessary procedure makes it unlikely that final agreement will be ready for announcement before some time to-day (Saturday) at the earliest.

Following yesterday morning's session, the 800 general Chairmen met with their respective officers to formulate their recommendations on the railroads' 10% deduction proposal. The union Presidents then met to prepare a reply to be delivered to the Presidents' committee at a joint session to-day (Saturday).

This reply, according to D. B. Robertson, union spokesman, probably will be a definite statement of what labor is willing to do in regard to the Presidents' proposal, in the light of the Presidents' expressed attitude toward labor's program.

Mr. Robertson, according to dispatches, said that labor to-day (Saturday) would make a final effort to induce the Presidents to consent to the appointment of a joint committee to study the applicability of the six-hour day.

The Presidents' committee, it is understood, expects to continue its official existence so that any questions arising from the application of an agreement at this conference can be handled through its regional representatives.

Railroads Tell Unions Why They Ask Wage Reductions —Present Figures Showing Heavy Losses in Income —72 Roads Failed by \$90,000,000 to Earn Fixed Charges in 1931 and Many Face Bankruptcy Unless Present Net Earnings Increase.

The railway presidents came forward at the Thursday morning's rail-labor conference being held in Chicago with the important statistics demanded by the union labor chiefs in support of the plea for acceptance by the brotherhoods of a 10% wage reduction. The figures presented by the Presidents' Committee of Nine, through Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio, deals with freight and passenger earnings, operating expenses, the decline in the number of employees, the sharp drop in employees' aggregate earnings, the reduction in railway purchases and the loss in net operating income. Except for the possibility of relief through the wage reduction the picture sketched is one of unrelieved gloom. In his portrayal of the results that would follow a large number of railroad bankruptcies, Mr. Willard points out that life insurance companies own \$3,000,000,000 of railroad bonds and that mutual savings banks own \$1,700,000,000 of them, which help to support and protect life insurance policies of 50,000,000 persons and the savings of 12,500,000 depositors.

Text of Railways' Memorandum.

The text of the memorandum filed by the President's Committee of Nine with the union leaders as reported in the New York "Times" follows:

Memorandum supplementary to statements made by the Chairman of the Railway Presidents Committee in support of the requests of the Railways.

Ten per cent to be deducted from each pay check for a period of one year. Basic rates to remain as at present. This arrangement to terminate automatically 12 months after the plan becomes effective.

The business depression, which began late in 1929, probably has been the longest and most severe in history. It has caused an unprecedented decline in railway freight and passenger business, as a result of which the gross earnings of the railways in 1931 were \$2,100,000,000, or 33% less than in 1929.

Statistics given at the close of this memorandum present the facts regarding the decline in total earnings that has occurred since 1929, the reductions in operating expenses which, in consequence, have had to be made, and the reduction in net operating income that has occurred in spite of the great reduction in operating expenses.

Total railway earnings in 1929 were \$6,360,000,000; in 1930, \$5,343,000,000, and in 1931, \$4,259,000,000, a reduction in 1931 as compared with 1930 of \$1,084,000,000, and a reduction in 1931 as compared with 1929, as already stated, of \$2,100,000,000, or 33%.

Recent Declines Declared Greater.

The declines in traffic and earnings in the latter part of 1931 and thus far in 1932 have been even larger than those that previously occurred.

Total earnings in November 1931, the latest month for which statistics of earnings are available, were 39% less than in November 1929.

Total loadings of freight cars in the year 1931 were 29% less than in the year 1929, while in the first two weeks of 1932 they were 37% less than the first two weeks of 1929.

Passenger earnings in 1931 were 36% less than in 1929, while in October 1931, the latest month for which statistics of passenger earnings are available, they were 42% less than in October 1929.

The managements of the railroads, with the full co-operation of the employees, have made large reductions in operating expenses. Total operating expenses in 1929 were \$4,561,000,000; in 1930, \$3,976,000,000, and in 1931, \$3,275,000,000. Operating expenses in 1931 were \$1,286,000,000, or 28% less than in 1929. In November 1931, the latest month for which complete figures are available, they were 36% less than in November 1929.

According to the statistics of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, the average number of railway employees in 1929 was 1,686,769; in 1930 it was 1,510,688, and in 1931 it was about 1,285,000. The average number of employees in 1931 was about 402,000, or 24% less than in 1929.

The total compensation paid to employees in 1929 was \$2,941,000,000; in 1930 it was \$2,590,000,000, while in 1931 it was about \$2,150,000,000. The total compensation paid in 1931 was \$791,000,000 less than in 1929, a reduction of 27%.

Other Cuts Equal Payroll Slashes.

Attention should be called to the fact that while the total payroll in 1931 was 27% less than in 1929, total operating expenses were 28% less. These figures show that the reduction in the payroll has been relatively almost the same as the reduction in total operating expenses and that, therefore, all classes of expenses have been reduced in almost equal proportion.

To make improvements and carry on operations the railroads have to make large purchases of equipment, materials and supplies. The best information obtainable indicates that their purchases of equipment, materials and supplies from manufacturers were reduced from \$1,350,500,000 in 1929 to \$639,000,000 in 1931, or 53%; their purchases of fuel were reduced from \$364,392,000 to \$224,000,000, or 39% and their total purchases of all kinds were reduced \$851,892,000, or 50%, from 1929 to 1931, as compared with the reduction in their payroll of 27%.

Net railway operating income is the part of total earnings that is left after operating expenses and taxes have been paid. In 1929 net operating income was \$1,275,000,000, in 1930 \$885,000,000 and in 1931 only about \$534,000,000. It was \$741,000,000, or 58%, less in 1931 than in 1929.

It was only 57% less in November 1931 than in November 1929, but in November 1929, it already had been reduced by the effects of the beginning of the depression. The net operating income earned in 1931 was the smallest since 1901—in other words, the smallest within 30 years.

Net Income Off 58% Since 1929.

Summarizing the foregoing figures, we find that in 1931, as compared with 1929, the reduction in net operating income was 58%; the reduction in all purchases, 50%; the reduction in total earnings, 33%; the reduction in total operating expenses, 28%, and the reduction in the payroll, 27%.

The reduction in the payroll is relatively the smallest reduction that has been made by the railroads during the depression.

In spite of the enormous reduction that has been made in the operating expenses, many of the carriers are threatened with bankruptcy because of inability to pay their fixed charges or to meet the principal of obligations that are coming due for payment.

Fixed charges consist of interest on funded and unfunded debt, rent of leased roads and some other small items. Total net income in 1931 available for paying fixed charges—including both net operating income and what is called "other income"—was \$784,000,000. The interest on funded debt alone was \$495,000,000 and the total amount of fixed charges was \$695,000,000.

These figures show that the total net income exceeded fixed charges by only \$89,000,000.

But this is not the complete picture. There were 72 individual railway companies which failed by \$90,000,000 to earn their fixed charges in 1931, and, unless present net earnings can be increased, the number that will not earn their fixed charges in 1932 will be much larger. The railway companies that are failing to earn their fixed charges are plainly in danger of becoming bankrupt.

In addition, in 1932 there will become due and payable the principal of \$405,000,000 of railroad mortgage bonds, equipment trust obligations and other loans. These obligations must be satisfied to avoid bankruptcy.

The number of persons who would be directly injured by a large number of railroad bankruptcies is indicated by the fact that the life insurance companies report that they own \$3,000,000,000 of railroad bonds and have 50,000,000 policy holders.

The mutual savings banks report that they own \$1,700,000,000 of railroad bonds and have 12,500,000 depositors.

The life insurance companies and mutual savings banks together own \$4,700,000,000 of railroad bonds, which help to support and protect 50,000,000 life insurance policies and the savings of 12,500,000 depositors in savings banks.

Roads' Recovery Held Vital to All.

The present financial condition of the railroads is a matter of vital importance to every one connected with the railroad industry as well as the entire American public.

An industry that is unable to meet its fixed charges with a reasonable margin is virtually without credit, and is, therefore, unable to raise new capital on justifiable terms to meet bond maturities or to make improvements.

An industry that cannot make improvements cannot employ men in making improvements.

Consequently, until the credit of the railroad industry, which has been so seriously impaired, is restored the ability of railroads to give employment will be greatly restricted.

They are also unable, under present conditions, to make adequate expenditures upon maintenance, and, as long as this condition exists, it will also greatly restrict employment by them.

The railroads, in making improvements and maintaining their properties, normally buy very large amounts of equipment and supplies from manufacturers, which indirectly gives employment to many thousands of men. Their inability to make improvements and do adequate maintenance work, therefore, curtails employment not only on the railroads themselves, but throughout a large part of the industry of the country.

We believe a reduction in the compensation of all persons engaged in railway service is an essential step toward enabling the railroads to improve their credit, increase their employment and purchases, and thereby contribute toward a general revival of business.

Tables Show Earnings.

The following figures are taken from official published reports, with the exception of certain items regarding the year 1931, which have been partially estimated because of the lack of complete information at the present time. (All such partially estimated figures are indicated by an asterisk.)

Total Railway Earnings.

Date—	Year.	First 11 Months.	November.
1929	\$6,360,303,775	\$5,890,912,371	\$499,778,257
1930	5,342,957,046	4,966,680,193	399,820,297
1931	*4,259,000,000	3,945,639,835	306,077,630

Total railway earnings in 1931 will show a reduction of approximately \$2,100,000,000, or of 33% under 1929. The month of November 1931 showed a reduction of 39% below November 1929.

Freight Traffic and Earnings.

Revenue Car Loadings.

Year—	Two First Weeks.		Year—	Two First Weeks.	
	1929	1930		1931	1932
1929	52,827,925	1,712,910	1931	1,329,633	
1930	45,877,974	1,639,450	1932	1,075,829	
1931	37,272,371				

Revenue car loadings in 1931 were 15,555,554 cars, or 29% lower than in 1929. Revenue car loadings in the first two weeks of 1932 showed a reduction of 37% below the same weeks of 1929.

Freight Earnings.

Date—	Year.	First 10 Months.	October.
1929	\$4,832,324,826	\$4,106,595,046	\$483,596,185
1930	4,085,801,090	3,493,553,748	385,653,157
1931	*3,275,000,000	2,803,528,853	289,193,148

Freight earnings in 1931 will show a reduction of \$1,557,000,000, or of 32% below 1929. The month of October 1931 showed a reduction of 40% below October 1929.

Passenger Earnings.

Date—	Year.	First 10 Months.	October.
1929	\$874,036,318	\$737,080,281	\$66,165,044
1930	729,635,768	625,485,169	52,367,993
1931	*555,000,000	474,577,319	35,202,165

Passenger earnings in 1931 will show a reduction of \$319,000,000, or of 36% below 1929. Passenger earnings in October 1931 showed a reduction of 42% below October 1929.

Railway Operating Expenses.

Date—	Year.	First 11 Months.	November.
1929	\$4,560,836,482	\$4,197,174,935	\$372,768,304
1930	3,975,781,785	3,679,352,538	300,043,393
1931	*3,275,000,000	3,024,526,027	238,777,961

Railway operating expenses in 1931 will show a reduction of \$1,286,000,000, or of 28% below 1929. Operating expenses in November 1931 showed a reduction of 36% below November 1929.

Average Number of Employees.

Date—	Year.	First 11 Months.	November.
1929	1,686,769	1,693,520	1,681,027
1930	1,510,688	1,524,699	1,394,401
1931	*1,285,000	1,291,115	1,169,229

The average number of railway employees in 1931 will show a reduction of 402,000, or of 24% below 1929. Employment in November 1931 showed a reduction of 30% below 1929.

Aggregate Compensation of Employees.

Date—	Year.	First 10 Months.	October.
1929	\$2,940,868,690	\$2,464,967,386	\$263,661,353
1930	2,590,274,843	2,203,173,560	213,874,715
1931	*2,150,000,000	1,817,053,934	171,648,835

Railway wages paid in 1931 will show a reduction of \$791,000,000, or of 27% below 1929. Wages paid in October 1931 showed a reduction of 35% below October 1929.

Railway Purchases of Fuel, Equipment, Materials and Supplies.

	1929.	1931.
Purchased from manufacturers	\$1,350,500,000	\$639,000,000
Fuel	364,392,000	224,000,000
Total	\$1,714,892,000	\$863,000,000

In 1931, as compared with 1929, railway purchases from manufacturers declined \$711,500,000, or 53%; railway purchases of fuel declined \$140,392,000, or 39%; total railway purchases of fuel, equipment, material and supplies declined \$851,892,000, or 50%.

Net Railway Operating Income.

Date—	Year.	First 11 Months.	November.
1929	\$1,274,695,403	\$1,202,707,319	\$86,640,631
1930	885,011,325	835,852,137	62,594,857
1931	*534,000,000	509,502,961	37,064,372

Net railway operating income in 1931 will show a reduction of \$741,000,000, or 58% below 1929. Net railway operating income in November 1931 showed a reduction of 57% below November 1929.

Delaware Lackawanna & Western Rail Workers Propose 10% Cut in Wages—Road Declines, Pending National Settlement—Other Eastern Roads Have Received Similar Offers.

Approximately 10,000 employees of the Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. have offered voluntarily to accept a 10% cut in wages, but the management of the road has declined the offer pending the outcome of the wage conference between railroad labor and management now in progress in Chicago. The employees included in the offer are members of the company's unions and unorganized labor, but do not include members of the national railways brotherhoods. The New York "Times," in reporting the matter, further states:

This offer follows a 10% cut taken by the officers and certain salaried employees of the Lackawanna on Oct. 1, and similar cuts taken by about 4,000 shopmen of the New York New Haven & Hartford and close to 20,000 company union men of the Southern Pacific. Members of company unions of several other roads have held informal discussions on wage cuts, but have been discouraged from making formal offers by the management until the matter is definitely settled at the Chicago conference.

J. M. Davis, President of the Lackawanna, said that the road was unwilling to accept the offer of only a part of its employees until the outcome of the national railway wage conference, so that all would be treated on the same basis.

The Boston "News Bureau" Jan. 21 states:

Several other important railroads in the East, in addition to Lakawanna, have received offers the past three months of voluntary wage cuts from

spokesmen for unions, who suggested that, following salary cuts the latter part of 1931, a similar reduction in their own wages be made. It is known Jersey Central rejected such a proposal.

Only a comparatively small portion of wage earners on such roads as Lehigh Valley, Jersey Central, Lackawanna, Delaware & Hudson and Reading are nationally organized, most employees being under separate contracts with the companies.

Presidents of most of these roads have either had it intimated to them indirectly or proposed by a committee representing the workers that the latter would voluntarily accept a wage cut, effective immediately, and, in most cases, around 10%.

With exception of a few isolated cases, the carriers, especially the smaller ones, have felt that action on decreasing wages of company union members should be held up pending outcome of negotiations with the Big Fours. It is to be assumed, of course, that when action is finally taken Presidents of roads with a large proportion of such private agreements will immediately make effective reductions in wages of company union employees on the basis established for the brotherhoods.

Senate Orders Study of 6-Hour Rail Day—Adopts Couzens Resolution.

The Senate Jan. 22 adopted a resolution which is expected to open the way to an agreement between the railroad unions and the railroad executives on a 10% cut in wages. This was a resolution of Senator Couzens of Michigan directing the Inter-State Commerce Commission, assisted by an advisory council composed of representatives of both the railroads and the unions, to investigate the feasibility of a six-hour day. The resolution was approved unanimously. The New York "Evening Post" on Jan. 22 on reporting the matter further stated:

Senator Couzens, in offering the resolution, said he had messages from the conference in Chicago indicating the six-hour day was the main issue standing in the way of an agreement on the part of union labor to accept the 10% wage cut. He had been informed that if Congress would take some action providing for an investigation of the possibility of a shorter day it would help substantially in bringing about an agreement.

The Michigan Senator, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce, has been in frequent communication with both sides in the wage conference. He has friends among the representatives of the railroads at the Chicago conference as well as among the labor leaders.

The labor leaders, in order to assure a favorable vote on a recommendation to the union members, have been seeking an agreement with the roads which holds out the prospect of more stable employment.

The main issue has been the possibility of employing more workers by shortening hours. The present day, fixed by law during the Wilson Administration, is an eight-hour day. The labor demand had finally taken the form of a joint study of the possibility of a six-hour day by the roads and the unions.

Some of the railroad presidents in the conference were willing to agree to this, but the majority of them were against it. The suggestion that Federal Government should make the investigation is supposed to have come from the union leaders.

It is believed the incorporation of it in a resolution by Congress being an agreement on the 10% wage cut very near.

Gulf Mobile & Northern Posts 20% Pay Cut Notice—Applies to Employees Who Did Not Accept 10% Reduction Last Year.—

The Gulf Mobile & Northern RR. has posted a notice of a 20% reduction in the pay of its organized employees who did not take a wage cut last July, when other workers of the road voluntarily took a 10% pay cut in order to help the road meet its charges. The "Wall Street Journal" commenting on the notice further states:

Despite the fact that approximately 40% of the train service employees of the combined forces of the G. M. & N. and the New Orleans Great Northern and about 95% of the other classes of employees of the two roads took a 10% cut last year, the G. M. & N. wound up 1931 with a deficit after charges of approximately \$225,000 and the N. O. G. N. has had to make application to the Railway Credit Corp. for funds with which to meet its Feb. 1 bond interest.

The N. O. G. N. just about covered its fixed charges during 1931 but in order to do this it was necessary to defer as much maintenance work as possible. In view of the depreciated condition of the company's road and equipment, it may be found necessary to scale down the amount of bonds outstanding and give the holders preferred stock for the difference, if present trends of revenue and expense continue.

The N. O. G. N. came under control of the G. M. & N. through an exchange of stock. The two roads form an entrance into New Orleans for a proposed north and south system to be headed by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy. The Burlington owns about 40% of the stock of the G. M. & N.

Business on the G. M. & N. so far this year has continued at a low rate, loadings of practically all classes of freight showing substantial declines from 1931. The only bright spot in the picture is that a large lumber operator has reopened his mills on the theory that demand for timber can not become less.

The Gulf, Mobile & Northern is not represented at the meeting in Chicago between a committee of railway presidents and leaders of the railroad brotherhoods, at which the matters of a 10% wage cut and the unemployment situation are being discussed. The road decided that in view of the financial condition of the system, particularly the N. O. G. N., it needed more and quicker relief.

United States Senate Adopts Resolution Calling on Inter-State Commerce Commission to Study Question of Six-Hour Day for Railroads—Senator Couzens Proposal to Effect Wage Agreement.

The U. S. Senate yesterday (Jan. 22) adopted a resolution calling on the Inter-State Commerce Commission to study the feasibility of the railroads adopting the six-hour

day. Associated Press advices from Washington yesterday said:

The resolution was offered by Chairman Couzens of the Inter-State Commerce Committee, which earlier had approved it unanimously.

The Commission would be asked to report by Dec. 31 1932. Couzens said reports had come to him from Chicago conferences between the railroad brotherhoods and executives that if Congress took some interest in the six-hour day an agreement might be reached between contending factions.

Couzens said he had been informed that the principal point of difference at the Chicago conferences was the six-hour day, and there was a lack of information as to the effect the shorter workday would have on present conditions.

Percy H. Johnston, President of Chemical Bank & Trust Co., Says Lowering Operating Costs of Federal, State and City Governments Is Most Important Contributing Factor in Return of Prosperity—Annual Report to Stockholders.

According to Percy H. Johnston, President of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York, "probably the most important contributing factor in the return of prosperity is the necessity of lowering operating costs of our nation, States and cities." Better conditions and better government will be enjoyed, says Mr. Johnston, "when we abandon the fallacy that the cost of government should be borne by 2 or 3% of the population." These views were expressed by Mr. Johnston in his annual report to the stockholders on Jan. 20. The report follows:

All things considered, the results of the operation of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. during the past year have been more than satisfactory.

The year just closed has been a most trying one, due to the unprecedented depression which has extended to every part of the world and which has affected adversely business conditions of every country.

As a result of more than two years of drastic deflation of security values and commodity prices, we find the volume of business done to-day greatly reduced and the margin of profit for the most part nominal or altogether eliminated. However, constructive measures adopted have resulted in economies, increased efficiency and a lowering of costs of production. There is legislation definitely in prospect designed to arrest the forces of deflation.

Probably the most important contributing factor in the return of prosperity is the necessity for lowering operating costs of our nation, States and cities; a balancing of their budgets, and a fixed determination to live within their incomes. Better conditions will prevail, and, in my opinion, better government will be enjoyed by our nation when we abandon the fallacy that the cost of government should be borne by 2 to 3% of the population.

At such a time as the present it is impossible to accurately predict how much longer the depression will continue, but we can face the future with the knowledge and conviction that the prosperity which will unquestionably follow the present period of uncertainty will be based upon a sound foundation, and that the institutions established on this Continent by our forefathers will endure. What is needed most of all to-day is courage and confidence—courage in our undertakings and confidence in ourselves and in our ability to meet the problems of to-day and any that may arise in the future.

The year 1931 was the one hundred and eighth of this Bank's history, and one of the most difficult through which it has passed in this long period of time.

At this meeting to-day the shareholders are asked to approve the merging of the Chemical Securities Corporation into the Bank. I feel it needless to further comment on the reasons therefor, as they were fully set forth in my letter to you of Dec. 19. I am happy to be able to report that notwithstanding the drastic decline in all security values the capital and surplus of the Securities Corporation are practically intact and in the main of a liquid nature.

During the greater part of the year money rates were low, and the Bank pursued a conservative policy in maintaining an unusual degree of liquidity (averaging approximately 75%). These conditions prevented the Bank from taking advantage of its potential earning capacity.

The financial statement following this report shows the condition of the Bank at the close of business Dec. 31 1931, and discloses its strong and liquid position.

The deposits as of Dec. 31 1931 were smaller than at the corresponding date in 1930. For the year 1931 deposits averaged \$11,013,968 more than those in the year 1930.

After charging to earnings account all expenses, pensions and extra compensation to employees, and after charging off losses and setting up tax and other reserves, the disposition of the balance of the year's earnings was as follows:

* Dividends amounting to 18% on the shares of the Bank.....	\$3,780,000.00
Special reserve for contingencies.....	958,000.00
Reduction in book value of banking houses.....	300,000.00
Subscription emergency unemployment relief.....	40,000.00
Added to undivided profits.....	1,332,864.09
	<hr/> \$6,410,864.09

* This figure includes \$735,000 contributed by Chemical Securities Corp. The Bank is owned by 12,444 shareholders, an increase of 834 during the year. There are at present 1,134 members on our staff, of whom 88 are officers, branch managers and assistant branch managers.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Guaranty Trust Co. of New York—Holdings of German Securities.

At the annual meeting (Jan. 20) of the stockholders of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, presided over by William C. Potter, President, it was announced that the company had paid its dividends of \$18,000,000, or 20% on its capital stock, and had taken out of undivided profits \$14,000,000 to be used as a reserve against possible contingencies. In a brief statement to stockholders Mr. Potter

said that the Guaranty Trust Co. had a total investment in Germany, in the form of commercial loans to banks and bankers, of \$38,260,000. Mr. Potter explained that the company has approximately \$35,000 in miscellaneous German securities, and the Guaranty Co. of New York, its security affiliate, has less than \$200,000 in German securities.

Mr. Potter added that one other important development during the year was the reduction of capital of the Guaranty Co., which found that it had surplus funds that it did not deem necessary for the conduct of its business. This reduction was effected by the purchase for cash of 100,000 shares at par from Guaranty Trust Co., the sole stockholder, leaving the Guaranty Co. with a capital of \$10,000,000 and a surplus of \$2,698,000, after all securities had been marked down to market. The directors of the trust company were re-elected for the ensuing year. At the annual meeting of the board of directors, following the meeting of the stockholders, all officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Also at the meeting of the board the resignation of Charles H. Allen as a director was accepted with regret.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Empire Trust Co. of New York—Investment in Foreign Bonds Not in Excess of \$750,000—No Investments in German Bonds.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Empire Trust Co. of New York on Jan. 20 all the retiring directors were re-elected. The President, in answer to a question, stated that the investments of the company in foreign bonds or credits did not exceed \$750,000, more than half of which consisted of a participation in the British short-term credit arranged through J. P. Morgan & Co. These investments, like all the others of the company, are carried in its statements at market value. The company has no investment in German loans or credits.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, &c.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the sale of a New York Stock Exchange membership for \$150,000. Last preceding sale, \$152,000.

Two New York Cotton Exchange memberships were sold this week, that of James J. Oliver to William J. Jung, for another, for \$13,700 and the second membership of Robert M. Harris to E. J. Schwabach for another, for \$14,000.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the sale of two National Metal Exchange memberships for \$800 and \$850, respectively. Last preceding sale, \$600.

At the stockholders meeting held Jan. 20 the following directors of the Hibernia Trust Co. of New York, whose terms expire, were re-elected: T. F. Bennett, Philip De Ronde, Frank H. Hall, John G. Jackson, William H. Johns, Fred Lavis, Russell T. Mount and A. J. Walter. A separation of the Hibernia Investing Co. and the Hibernia Trust Co. was approved as was the change of name of the former to Newkroy Corporation. The following were elected directors of the Newkroy Corporation: Arthur S. Kleeman, Howard Reid, Donald Adams, Clarence Dauphinot, Philip De Ronde, A. J. Walter and Pike P. Waldrop.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Mortgage Corp., held on Jan. 13, two new directors were added to the Board: J. Stewart Baker, Vice-Chairman, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of The Manhattan Company and Vice-Chairman of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co.; Harry E. Randel, Vice-President of the National Mortgage Corp.

At the annual meeting of the board of trustees of Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. this week, the officers whose terms expired were re-elected.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of Clinton Trust Co. of New York on Jan. 21 (Thursday), the following directors were re-elected: Lee S. Buckingham, John Horn, John Mullen, Frank S. Parker, Robert C. Schock and Howard S. Van Bomel.

A charter was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency on Jan. 9 for the First National Bank in Callicoon, Callicoon, N. Y., with capital of \$100,000. Charles P. Kautz heads the new institution and W. L. Dodge is Cashier.

At the organization meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York on Jan. 21,

Percy H. Johnston, President, announced the following changes in the official staff of the institution. E. O. Detlefsen was appointed Assistant Secretary; Raymond C. Ball, former Treasurer of the Chemical Securities Corp., was appointed Manager in charge of the 44th Street & Broadway office of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., and J. D. Magill was appointed Assistant Manager of the Madison Avenue & 46th Street office. The annual report of President Johnston to the stockholders on Jan. 20, is referred to elsewhere in our issue to-day.

According to an announcement by Harvey D. Gibson, President of the Manufacturers Trust Co., of New York, the stockholders of that company and the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. met on Jan. 18 and approved the merger of the two institutions, to be operated under the name of Manufacturers Trust Co. Mr. Gibson's announcement said:

Proxies for 998,463 shares out of a total of 1,100,000 shares of Manufacturers Trust Co., of 90.77%, and 721,293 shares out of a total of 810,000 shares of Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. stock, or 89.05%, were voted in favor of the merger. This extremely large vote is believed possibly to be a record in this respect.

The merger agreement as ratified provides for 40 directors. Their names, as announced by Mr. Gibson, follow:

- Charles K. Beckman, Beckman, Bogue, Clark & Griscom.
- Edwin J. Beinecke, President, Sperry & Hutchinson Co.
- Edgar S. Bloom, President, Western Electric Co.
- Thomas L. Chadbourne, Chadbourne, Stanchfield & Levy.
- James H. Conroy, Executive Vice-President, Manufacturers Trust Co.
- Robert E. M. Cowie, President, Railway Express Agency, Inc.
- Charles A. Dana, President, Spicer Manufacturing Co.
- Horace C. Flanigan, President, Adams-Flanigan Co.
- Charles Froeb, President, Lincoln Savings Bank.
- Harvey D. Gibson, President, Manufacturers Trust Co.
- L. Boyd Hatch, Vice-President, Atlas Utilities Corp.
- Frank J. Heaney, President, Everett, Heaney & Co.
- Richard K. Higgins, Vice-President, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.
- John L. Johnston, President, Lambert Co.
- Oswald L. Johnston, Simpson, Thacher & Bartlett.
- C. L. Jones, Director, Vacuum Oil Co.
- William B. Joyce, Chairman, National Surety Co.
- Louis G. Kaufman, President, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.
- Fred M. Kirby, Vice-President, F. W. Woolworth Co.
- Daniel J. Leary.
- Albert C. Lehman, President, Blaw-Knox Co.
- Joseph J. Lerner, President, Lerner Stores Corp.
- George McDonald.
- Thomas H. McInnerney, President, National Dairy Products Corp.
- Samuel McRoberts, Chairman, Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.
- John P. Maguire, President, Textile Banking Co.
- Lindley O. Morton, Birmingham, Ala.
- Maurice Newton, Hallgarten & Co.
- C. R. Palmer, President, Cluett, Peabody & Co.
- Frank Phillips, President, Phillips Petroleum Co.
- Harold I. Pratt, Charles Pratt & Co.
- Harold C. Richard.
- Walter E. Sachs, Goldman, Sachs & Co.
- Harold V. Smith, Vice-President, Home Insurance Co.
- J. Fred Talcott, President, James Talcott, Inc.
- Henry C. Von Elm, Vice-Chairman, Manufacturers Trust Co.
- Max S. Weil, Samuel Weil & Son.
- Sidney J. Weinberg, Goldman, Sachs & Co.

An item regarding the merger appeared in our issue of Jan. 2, page 76.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Title Guaranty & Trust Co. of New York, held Jan. 19, the following trustees whose terms expired were re-elected:

- Phillip A. Benson, Thomas M. Debevoise, Walter E. Frew, Robert Goelet, Rawdon W. Kellogg, Alfred E. Marling, Albert G. Milbank, James Speyer, Willis D. Wood.

At the organization meeting of the trustees which followed the present officers of the company were re-elected. Clinton D. Burdick continues as President and Frederick P. Condit as Executive Vice-President.

All directors of the National Safety Bank & Trust Co. of New York were re-elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders with the exception of Reuben E. Bach, Herman A. Benjamin, Fred Finkelstein, Nat Garfinkel, and Aaron Turkewich.

Cash and other quick assets of the Fulton Trust Co. of New York, including Government bonds, securities, at the market, and demand loans, amounting to 104.5% of net demand deposits, reflect the notably liquid condition of that institution, according to Edmund P. Rogers, President, at the annual meeting on Jan. 20. Adhering to personal banking and personal trusts and not engaging in any features of commercial banking, the trust company, he said, was able to report gratifying progress last year. As an innovation in bank statements, the company showed the constituent items of undivided profits, reporting \$306,615.48 actual earnings for last year and \$240,000 dividends paid,

leaving \$66,615.48 to be transferred to undivided profits. "The latter account," Mr. Rogers said, "shows a reduction from Jan. 1 1931, which is a reflection of the depreciation of securities held as investments. Our investment account consists of high grade securities, 98% of which are domestic. A moderate upturn to better prices would quickly show full recovery to book values." Mr. Rogers also said:

The average deposits of the company during the year held steadily and because of certain special funds, our deposits temporarily reached a new high for all time. In the trust department, the assets, including custody accounts, have increased by 8.4% during the year, and in the last five years show an increase of 138.4%.

We opened on March 1 1931, our uptown branch at 1002 Madison Avenue and business there has shown a satisfactory growth.

The Bank of Rockville Centre Trust Co. of Rockville Centre, Long Island, assumed on Jan. 7 the assets and liabilities of the First National Bank of Rockville Centre, with the co-operation of the Nassau County Clearing House Association, which was organized by representatives of 50 Nassau banks at a meeting in the Garden City Hotel on Jan. 7. A dispatch from Rockville Centre to the New York "Times" reporting this said:

The members of the new association, which is modeled after the New York Clearing House Association and aims to stabilize banking in Nassau County, contributed to a pool of \$375,000 and bought the three-story building of the First National Bank at Sunrise Highway and Park Ave. here.

William H. Kniffin, Vice-President of the Bank of Rockville Centre Trust Co., said the First National Bank would keep open its quarters for a few days, while records were transferred to the other bank building at Merrick Rd. and Village Ave. here. Dr. Frank Delano, President of the trust company, said that depositors of the First National Bank would be paid in full by his bank if they demanded their money.

The First National Bank was organized in 1907 and moved into its present quarters three years ago. Frank Gardner resigned as President a month ago, being succeeded by Cadman Fredericks of Babylon. Former Mayor Charles E. Richmond of this village then resigned as President of the South Shore Trust Co. to be assistant to Mr. Fredericks. Absorption of the bank will release 30 employees.

Elected as officers of the new clearing house association were: President.—William F. Loch, National City Bank of Long Beach. Vice-President.—Daniel Underhill, Bank of Hicksville. Secretary.—Edward Nash, Garden City Bank & Trust Co. Directors.—John K. Eldridge, First National Bank & Trust Co. of Freeport; Francis G. Hooley, Nassau County National Bank of Rockville Centre; George D. Smith, First National Bank of Mineola; Harry Hedgers, First National Bank of Glen Cove; W. G. Gennard, Bank of Great Neck.

Paul F. Ely was elected a Vice-President of the Brooklyn Trust Co. at the annual organization meeting of the Board of Trustees on Jan. 21. Other officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Mr. Ely had been an Assistant Secretary of the company since Feb. 15 1930. He will continue to be associated with Harold I. Spence, Vice-President, in the trust investment division. Prior to his first connection with the Brooklyn Trust Co. on Nov. 1 1929, Mr. Ely was associated with Wood, Struthers & Co.

The National Bank of Rensselaer, at Rensselaer, N. Y., closed its doors on Jan. 19 and requested the Federal Banking Department to take over and liquidate its assets "in the interest of the depositors." Associated Press advices from Rensselaer, from which the foregoing is taken, went on to say:

The directors issued a statement expressing a belief that the depositors would receive 100 cents on the dollar, but explaining that the closing was necessary because the bank's assets were "frozen."

On Jan. 15 1932 Joseph A. Broderick, New York State Superintendent of Banks, announced that he had on that day taken over the business and property of the Massena Banking & Trust Co. of Massena, N. Y., because of the non-liquid condition of its assets. The deposit liabilities of the institution, as shown by the books at the close of business Jan. 14 1932, were approximately \$1,100,000.

Cornelius H. Luyster was appointed Vice-President of the First National Bank of Glen Head, Long Island, N. Y., on Jan. 20, at a meeting to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Supervisor Harry Tappen of Oyster Bay, according to advices from Glen Head to the New York "Times" on that date. G. Thomas Powell of Glen Cove was re-elected President, it was stated.

The annual report of Marine Midland Corp. (head office Buffalo, N. Y.) for the year 1931, made public Jan. 20, gives operating earnings of the Corporation and the present constituent banks, trust companies and security affiliates at \$1.42 per share of capital stock outstanding. Consolidated operating earnings of the holding company and its banks, trust companies and security affiliates were \$7,889,926.88. Dividends paid during the year were \$6,450,608.10. George F. Rand, President of the corporation, in submitting the report to the stockholders, said in part:

"Due to prevailing conditions in general business and finance, many adjustments have been necessary during the year, in line with the conservative policies of the institutions in the group. Additions have been made to the capital of several of the constituent banks and trust companies, and substantial sums have been transferred from surplus and undivided profits to reserves. It will be noted that the condensed combined statement of condition of the constituent banks and trust companies makes a very strong showing with a favorable ratio of capital to deposits, and large holdings of cash and of United States Government securities. There was a substantial decrease in loans and discounts during the year.

"In 1931 Marine Midland Corp. acquired three banks: First and Second National Bank & Trust Co. of Oswego, Oswego, N. Y.; Bank of Batavia, Batavia, N. Y., and Union Trust Co. of Endicott, Union, N. Y. The stocks of these were acquired for cash and through the exchange of Marine Midland Corp. capital stock purchased in the open market, thus requiring no increase in the outstanding stock for this purpose.

"The Oswego Bank is the outstanding commercial bank in that area. As a result of the completion of the Welland Canal connecting Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, and the Federal Government's harbor development, it is expected that the importance of this center for shipping, milling and manufacturing will substantially increase. This bank had resources as of Dec. 31 1931 of \$6,208,867.42. At the time of acquisition of the Oswego Bank, Floyd L. Carlisle, Chairman of the Board of Niagara Hudson Power Corp., and H. Edmund Machold, Vice-President of F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc., joined the Board of Directors of Marine Midland Corp. Both are important factors in utility and industrial activities in the State.

"The Bank of Batavia is the largest bank in Batavia, an important manufacturing city located midway between Buffalo and Rochester, in which cities two of the largest Marine Midland banks are located.

"It has resources as of Dec. 31 1931 of \$5,384,033.58. The Union Trust Co. of Endicott is an important addition in the Binghamton area where we now have three banks. It had resources as of Dec. 31 1931 of \$1,770,257.75. These acquisitions were in line with our policy of acquiring banks in important centers in the trade area we serve.

"It may be of interest to note that the Comptroller of the Currency in his annual report recommended that trade area branch banking be permitted.

"Combined deposits of the constituent banks and trust companies were \$409,825,259.28 as of Dec. 31 1931, including cash on deposit by Marine Midland Corp. The large shrinkage during the year in bank deposits of the nation was an inevitable accompaniment of existing conditions. Many new accounts have been added during the year, and we have received much benefit in individual institutions from the confidence that has been built up over a long period of years.

"While the aggregate investments of Marine Midland banks and trust companies have not shown a material change during the year, there has been an increase in United States Government securities of over \$20,000,000. Other changes have been made in the portfolios, with the result that the character of the investments has been materially strengthened.

"The volume of new business secured and the earnings of the Personal Trust Departments were very satisfactory.

"Operating income of constituent banks and trust companies and security affiliates amounted to \$7,114,771.70. These earnings, after providing for minority interest, plus the earnings of Marine Midland Corp. from sources other than its interest in these banks and trust companies amounted to \$7,889,926.88, equivalent to \$1.42 per share of capital stock outstanding.

"The Boards of Directors of the respective institutions have considered that, in view of existing conditions, it is conservative banking policy to set up substantial reserves at this time. Accordingly, \$14,833,669.17 has been charged to surplus and undivided profits for this purpose by the constituent banks and trust companies, and \$5,000,000 has been set up by the holding company.

"During the year the Corporation has expended \$4,077,338.65 in cash to acquire new banks and to increase the capital structure of its constituent banks and trust companies.

"The banks in the Marine Midland group have pursued the policy over a long period of years of aggressively assisting in the development of local enterprises. We believe that our growth depends upon the growth and prosperity of the local community. Our sympathy and interest, being in each community where our banks are located, are fully and ably represented by directors, officers and employees who have served these banks for many years and whose business and social activities are identified with the communities they serve. The many enterprises assisted in their development by Marine Midland banks form the nucleus of the strength and stability of these banks.

"With the organization of Marine Midland Corp. it was believed that because of increased resources and wider contacts the ability of each bank in the group to assist customers would be increased. This has proven to be the case. It is believed that this progressive banking policy can be even more successfully carried out in the future than in the past. The highly developed area which Marine Midland group serves affords ample opportunity for the type of banking service that is offered. No change is planned in this policy, which has proven itself to be one of the strongest features of the group during the past."

A dispatch by the Associated Press from Glens Falls, N. Y., on Jan. 20, stated that on that day the First National Bank of Glens Falls acquired the assets of the Glens Falls Trust Co., giving the former resources of \$9,912,470.

Allen W. Holmes, formerly Executive Vice-President and Trust Officer of the Middletown National Bank & Trust Co., Middletown, Conn., was advanced to the Presidency of the institution on Jan. 12, succeeding Francis A. Beach, who resigned recently. Mr. Holmes will continue to hold the office of Trust Officer. The new President who is 43 years old, began his business career with the East Berlin, Conn., branch of the American Bridge Co., later going to the Corbin Screw Division at New Britain, Conn., of the American Hardware Co. He entered the employ of the Middletown National Bank on Aug. 1 1905 and has served the institution continuously in all the different capacities except that of Cashier.

Concerning the affairs of the City Bank & Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., which on Jan. 2 last was closed by George J. Bassett, State Bank Commissioner for Connecticut at the request of its directors (as noted in our Jan. 9 issue,

page 248), the Hartford "Courant" of Jan. 20 carried the following:

Arthur D. Johnson, Vice-President of the Phoenix State Bank & Trust Co.; Lester E. Shippee, Vice-President of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Co., and George F. Kane, Vice-President of the Hartford National Bank & Trust Co., were appointed appraisers of the assets of the City Bank & Trust Co. by Judge Allyn L. Brown in Superior Court, Tuesday (Jan. 19). Thomas Hewes was confirmed as temporary receiver for the City Bank & Trust Co.

Four months from Feb. 1 was limited as the time for presentation of claims. The court order provides for notice to depositors of the amount of their deposits in the bank. These will be considered as a claim for that amount unless there is a different claim made by depositors.

The personnel of the New Britain National Bank of New Britain, Conn., with which the City National Bank of New Britain was recently consolidated, remains as heretofore, being as follows: A. J. Sloper, Chairman of the Board of Directors; F. S. Chamberlain, President; E. N. Stanley, Vice-President; W. H. Judd, Cashier, and C. L. Sheldon, A. S. Parsons, H. W. Hatsing and R. J. Bertini, Assistant Cashiers.

With reference to the affairs of the Industrial Bank & Trust Co. of Roxbury (Boston), Mass., which closed Mar. 19 of last year, the Boston "Transcript" of Jan. 19 carried the following:

Twenty-five indictments were returned by the Suffolk County grand jury to-day in its investigation into the affairs of the closed Industrial Bank & Trust Co. The grand jurors made their report to Judge Louis S. Cox and then returned to their quarters for further deliberation, Assistant District Attorney John J. Murphy having further evidence to offer in connection with the investigation.

Fourteen indictments were previously returned in this case.

Manson R. White, Treasurer of the Berkshire Trust Co. of Pittsfield, Mass., committed suicide early in the morning of Jan. 13. Mr. White, who was 54 years of age, had been with the institution, formerly the Berkshire Loan & Trust Co., since 1896, becoming its Treasurer about two years ago. Ill health is believed to have been the reason for his act. Associated Press advices from Pittsfield, reporting the matter, also said:

Judge Charles L. Hibbard, President of the bank, said the institution had held its annual meeting yesterday (Jan. 12) and that its condition was perfectly sound. Other banks in the city signed a statement to-night asserting their confidence that the bank was solvent.

Bank officials said withdrawals were quite heavy to-day, but that they planned to have plenty of cash on hand to meet any developments.

On Jan. 12, the Georgetown National Bank of Georgetown, Mass., with capital of \$50,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution has no successor.

Announcement was made on Jan. 20 by Samuel C. Hutchinson, President of the Security Trust Co. of Lynn, Mass., that his institution had purchased the assets of the Sagamore Trust Co. of the same city and would assume all of its liabilities and guarantee its deposits. The Boston "Transcript" of Jan. 20, from which the above information is obtained, continuing, said:

He (Mr. Hutchinson) said business of the Sagamore Trust would be carried on at its present location for the time being, but that eventually it will be transferred to the banking quarters of the Security Trust.

The consolidation will create an institution with deposits of approximately \$9,000,000, as those of the Security approximate \$7,000,000 and those of the Sagamore total, roughly, \$2,000,000. Each bank has capital of \$200,000, while surplus of the Security on Dec. 31 last was \$300,000, and of the Sagamore was \$100,000.

Reorganization of the Casco Mercantile Trust Co. of Portland, Me., one of the largest banking institutions in that city, with subscription of \$500,000 in new capital stock, has been announced, according to advices from Portland on Jan. 15 by the Associated Press. That Harry M. Verrill, a Portland attorney, had been elected to head the institution's advisory committee was stated in the dispatch, from which we also quote further as follows:

The bank's last statement listed total resources as of Jan. 1 at \$23,141,572 and deposits exceeding \$19,000,000. Capital stock was listed as \$770,000, surplus \$425,000, and undivided profits \$442,111.

The bank was organized in 1824 as the Casco Bank, and was merged with the Mercantile Trust Co. in 1916. At one time Boston interests, headed by Sumner Draper, purchased control of it, and it was later sold to a Boston investment group. In April 1930 Leonard F. Timberlake and Bay E. Estes, local investment bankers, purchased the Chapman National Bank, and in September of that year merged it with the Casco Mercantile Trust.

John W. Leigh, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Princeton Bank & Trust Co. of Princeton, N. J., committed suicide on Jan. 21 at his home in that city. Mr. Leigh, who was 41 years of age, had been connected with the bank for 24 years. He had been Treasurer since 1919 and Vice-President since 1930. He was also at the time of his death Treasurer of the Princeton Building & Loan Association

and of the No. 20 Nassau Street Holding Corp. A Princeton dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" added the following:

No motive for the act beyond business worries affecting his health could be ascribed by friends and business associates. The affairs of the institutions with which he was connected were declared to be in order. John Colt, President of the Princeton Bank & Trust Co., said that the daily report of the bank shows quick assets of more than \$1,000,000 in two items; \$652,000 in cash and more than \$400,000 in short-term Government securities.

The Newark "News" of Jan. 20 stated that Joseph Walker was elected Vice-President of the Irvington Trust Co. of Irvington, N. J., on Jan. 19, to succeed Maxwell A. Cox, who is being sought on a charge of embezzling \$10,000 of the bank's funds. Other officers, all reappointed, were given as follows: President, James B. Stout; Vice-President, John H. Nelles; Treasurer and Trust Officer, Leonard Applegate; Secretary, Frank Young Jr., and Assistant Treasurers, Allan A. Cole Jr. and Miss Catherine Zihlbauer.

Supplementing our item of Jan. 16 (page 454), indicating the indictment on Jan. 12 of Henry C. Steneck and his brother George W. Steneck, former President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Steneck Trust Co. of Hoboken, N. J., which was closed on June 27 last, the defendants named appeared before Judge Daniel T. O'Regan in the Court House on Monday afternoon, Jan. 18 and entered formal pleas of "not guilty" to the four indictments for violations of the State banking laws in connection with the bank's failure. The "Jersey Observer," from which the foregoing is learned, continuing said in part:

They were accompanied in Court by former Prosecutor John Milton, and the Court set bail on President Steneck at \$25,000, which was furnished by William Donnelly, of Mr. Milton's office.

The bail of \$25,000 fixed in the case of George Steneck on other indictments against him in connection with the bank's affairs, covers the new indictments against him, and Prosecutor John Drewen did not request further bail in his case. No date was set for the trial.

Before going into court the bankers and their counsel conferred with Mr. Drewen for a few minutes. Mr. Drewen did not read the indictments in court, merely referring to them and explaining their nature. The defendants are charged with making false returns of the condition of the bank as of Dec. 31 1929, and filing false returns with the State Banking Commissioner "with intent to deceive."

Neither had any statement to make, and as soon as the bail bond had been arranged, they left the Court House with their counsel.

The indictments were returned last Tuesday by the Grand Jury, which heard testimony in the case the previous Friday. On Friday of last week, State Banking Commissioner Smith was summoned before the Grand Jury and quizzed about the administration of the bank since he had been in control since June 29 last year.

Plans for the re-organization of the Steneck Trust Co., details of which have been completed, but not finally passed upon, are still awaiting the approval of the banking commissioner. Indictments of the two bankers was considered a severe blow at the re-organization plans, but sponsors of the re-organization declare that it will have no bearing on the plan and will in no way be detrimental to their being carried into effect, once the commissioner gives his approval.

That the Lakewood Trust Co. of Lakewood, N. J., had failed to open for business on Jan. 14, was indicated in advices from Lakewood by the Associated Press on that date. The dispatch continuing said:

A notice posted by the directors informed depositors that the bank had been taken over by the New Jersey State Commissioner of Banking and Insurance in order to conserve assets.

The bank's resources last were listed at \$2,706,736, and deposits at \$1,824,736. The bank was capitalized at \$250,000 and has done business here for 40 years.

Effective Dec. 30 last, the First National Bank of Rockaway, N. J., capitalized at \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. The institution was succeeded by the First National Bank in Rockaway.

The Point Pleasant Beach National Bank & Trust Co. at Point Pleasant Beach, N. J., failed to open for business on Jan. 18 and a notice on the door stated that it had been taken over by the Comptroller of the Currency at the request of the directors, according to a dispatch from Mount Pleasant Beach to the New York "Herald Tribune", which furthermore said:

The bank's statement as of Dec. 31 placed deposits at \$247,150, loans and discounts, \$340,538, and resources, \$708,946. James W. Pearce is President.

Terrence J. McHugh, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Montclair, N. J., was made a director to fill a vacancy on the Board at the annual meeting of the stockholders of the institution on Jan. 13, according to the Newark "News" of Jan. 14. At the directors' meeting which followed, George Dewey Hynes was appointed an Assistant Cashier and all the old officers re-appointed, it was said.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Montclair National Bank, Montclair, N. J., W. W. Brooks, heretofore Cashier, was advanced to Vice-President, while retaining the Cashiership, according to the Newark "News" of Jan. 14. No other changes were made in the personnel of the institution, it was said.

The Coast National Bank of Seaside Heights, N. J., a small institution, failed to open Jan. 14, according to Associated Press advices from that place, which went on to say:

Action of the Board of Directors was taken, a notice to depositors said, to conserve the assets. The bank was taken over by the Comptroller of the Currency. The resources last were listed at \$326,712 and deposits at \$208,010.

A dispatch from Trenton, N. J. to the Newark "News" on the same date, Jan. 14, stated that plans to reorganize the Coast National Bank and add \$75,000 to its present capital of \$25,000, were being made. We quote from the dispatch furthermore, as follows:

Assets of the bank are listed at \$327,086, demand deposits \$112,423, time deposits \$92,519 and surplus \$3,590.

Robert W. Sims is President of the bank. He took the position last August after resigning as Secretary and Treasurer of the West Orange Trust Co.

Frederick L. Morrison is Cashier and Treasurer of the Coast National. Other members of the board are Henry H. Cross, former Mayor of Seaside Park; Walter F. Setzer, Borough Treasurer of Seaside Heights; O. H. Eberhard, F. William Greger, William A. Salt, Gardner Haring and Ira F. Smith, Borough Solicitor of Seaside Heights.

A meeting of the respective stockholders of the Hammon-ton Trust Co. of Hammon-ton, N. J., and the People's Bank of Hammon-ton, of that place, will be held Jan. 28 1932 to vote on a proposed consolidation of the institutions. When the plan of consolidation is approved, the stock of the consolidated bank will be divided 50% to the stockholders of the Hammon-ton Trust Co. and 50% to the stockholders of the People's Bank. The par value of the shares of the consolidated institution will be \$25, and the number of shares 4,000.

The directors of the Rahway National Bank, at Rahway, N. J., at their annual meeting on Jan. 12, appointed Frederick C. Hyer President of the institution to succeed Thomas H. Roberts, Sr., who is in California because of ill health, according to a dispatch from Rahway to the Newark "News," which added:

Other officers named are: Vice-President, Jan VanHerwerden; Cashier, L. Russell Cartwright; Assistant Cashier, Kenneth S. Simmen.

Directors of the Bernardsville National Bank, at Bernardsville, N. J., at their annual organization meeting on Jan. 12, chose the following officers, according to advices from that place to the Newark "News": Harold W. Headley, President; Abram D. Runyon, First Vice-President; Dr. Josiah Meigh, Second Vice-President; Chester C. Brown, Cashier, and Ernest Ammermann, Assistant Cashier.

A Bayonne, N. J., dispatch to the Newark "News" on Jan. 18 stated that a merger of the Bank of South Hudson & Trust Co. of Bayonne with the Mechanics' Trust Co. of that place had become effective that day, the stockholders of the institutions having approved the union. The consolidation had also been sanctioned by the New Jersey Commissioner of Banking and Insurance, it was stated. The advices furthermore said:

The business of the Bank of South Hudson, it was announced, will be continued at Broadway and 45th Street with the same personnel, as a branch of the Mechanics' Trust.

On completion of organization the Board of Directors will consist of the combined Boards of both institutions.

Paul B. Huyette, formerly President of the Lehigh National Bank of Philadelphia, has been made Chairman of the Board of Directors and Thomas E. Brennan, a member of the Board, appointed President in his stead, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 15. Other officers have been appointed as follows, it was stated: Vice-Presidents, Ralph A. Dungan, Herman S. Zahn and Harry M. Wagner; Cashier, Albert R. McCullough, and Assistant Cashier, John E. Fritz.

The title of the City National Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., was changed to the City National Bank of Philadelphia on Jan. 16.

On Jan. 14 the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa., changed its name to the Commercial National Bank of Philadelphia.

The Northeast National Bank & Trust Co. in Philadelphia, Pa., on Jan. 13 changed its title to the Northeast National Bank of Philadelphia.

Advices from Erie, Pa., by the Associated Press, on Jan. 16, reported that the Home National Bank of Union City, Pa., had failed to open on that date. F. A. Shreve is President of the institution and Milton Rouse, Cashier, the dispatch said.

On Wednesday, Jan. 20, three Cook County, Ill., banks, two of them in Chicago and one in Elmwood Park, closed their doors and were taken over by the State Auditor for Illinois. The institutions are the Stockmen's Trust & Savings Bank, capitalized at \$200,000, surplus of like amount and deposits at the time of closing of \$690,000 (as of June 30 1930 they were \$2,200,000); the Service State Bank, capitalized at \$100,000 with surplus of \$90,000 and deposits on Jan. 20 of \$347,516, and the Westwood State Bank at Elmwood Park, with capital of \$25,000; surplus of \$10,000 and deposits on the closing day of \$47,000, as against \$250,000 on June 30 1930. The Chicago "Post" of Jan. 20, from which the above information is obtained, furthermore said:

A statement issued by the Service State Bank pointed out that institution has been subjected to a steady drain of deposits for nearly two years, amounting to about 79% of the total of \$1,668,165 on June 30 1930. The Westwood State Bank was closed because of its close relationship to the Service State.

On Jan. 19, at the request of its directors, the State Bank Examiner closed the Depositors State Bank of Chicago, according to advices from that city on Jan. 19 to the "Wall Street Journal." As of Dec. 31 1931 the bank had total deposits of \$2,915,000 and loans and discounts of \$2,544,000, it was stated.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Straus National Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, all the old officers were re-appointed and O. P. Decker added to their number as an Assistant Cashier, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 13.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Oak Park Trust & Savings Bank, Oak Park (Cook County), Ill., on Jan. 12, two changes were made in the personnel of the institution, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Jan. 13. Paul E. Zimmerman, formerly President of the institution, was advanced to Chairman of the Board, while Ellis H. Denney, formerly a Vice-President, was promoted to the Presidency.

That two Champaign, Ill., banks, the First National Bank and the Commercial Bank had closed on Jan. 18 was noted in advices from Champaign by the Associated Press on that day. The dispatch said:

The First National Bank of Champaign, which listed deposits in the recent bank call at \$5,116,951 was voluntarily closed to-day by its directors. A smaller State bank, the Commercial, took similar action. Officers of the First National Bank said they hoped to effect a reorganization soon. N. M. Harris is President and H. S. Capron, Treasurer of the University of Illinois, is one of the Vice-Presidents.

Advices by the United Press from Champaign on Jan. 18 gave additional information regarding the closing, as follows:

Hundreds of University of Illinois students had their money in the bank. A short time later the Commercial Bank of Champaign, also a depository for University of Illinois funds and in which many students had accounts, was closed by directors. The commercial had approximately \$500,000 deposits.

The First National Bank of Tremont, Ill., was placed in voluntary liquidation on Jan. 12 1932. The institution, which was capitalized at \$60,000, was succeeded by the First National Bank in Tremont.

From the Chicago "Post" of Jan. 16 it is learned that two West Side Chicago banks were closed on that date by order of State Auditor Nelson at the request of their directors. The institutions are the Kimbell Trust & Savings Bank and the West-City Trust & Savings Bank. Heavy cash withdrawals by depositors since June 30 1930 are shown by figures announced by the State Auditor's office. The Kimbell Trust & Savings Bank lists capital of \$300,000, surplus of \$150,000, and deposits of \$1,400,000. Deposits on June 30 1930 were \$4,700,000. The West-City Trust & Savings Bank shows capital of \$300,000, surplus of \$65,000, and deposits of \$350,000. On June 30 1930 the deposits were \$1,400,000.

The First National Bank of Fairfield, Ill., capitalized at \$50,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Jan. 6 1932. The institution was absorbed by the Fairfield National Bank of the same place.

The Joliet National Bank, Joliet, Ill., with deposits of about \$3,600,000, closed its doors Jan. 19 on the decision of its directors to conserve the assets and protect depositors and stockholders against loss. A Joliet dispatch to the New York "Times" also said:

Officers estimated that the assets will exceed the amount owed by about \$1,600,000. Directors expressed a belief that the bank would be reopened.

The following changes were made in the personnel of the Guardian Bank of Dearborn, at Dearborn, Mich. (a unit of the Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc.), at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 14, according to the Detroit "Free Press" of Jan. 15: Frank J. Maurice, heretofore President of the institution, was advanced to Chairman of the Board; Herbert Gardner was appointed President, and Walter H. Bell was chosen Cashier. The roster of the bank is now as follows: Frank J. Maurice, Chairman of the Board; Herbert H. Gardner, President; Emanuel C. Lindman and Oren O. Otis, Vice-Presidents; Walter H. Bell, Cashier; Percy J. Wines, William O. Gierk and Alfred Zahrn, Assistant Cashiers. The paper mentioned, continuing, said:

Mr. Maurice is advanced to the Chairmanship from the Presidency, which he has held since the bank was formed. He is President of the Highland Park State Bank, Executive Vice-President of the Union Guardian Trust Co., and a high official of other important Guardian units.

Mr. Gardner was Wednesday (Nov. 13) elected to the Executive Vice-Presidency of the Highland Park State Bank. He is President of the Guardian Bank of Royal Oak and Executive Vice-President of the Highland Park Trust Co., and a director of the three institutions.

Mr. Bell has been with the Guardian Bank of Dearborn since it was formed, and was formerly with the Highland Park State Bank.

On Jan. 15, C. H. Haberkorn, Jr., was elected President of the Guardian Bank of Grosse Pointe, Mich., a unit of the Guardian Detroit Group, Inc., according to the Detroit "Free Press" of the following day. The directors also appointed other officers, as follows: Harold L. Wadsworth and William R. de Baecke, Vice-Presidents; S. Willard Hosking, Cashier, and Henry C. de Yonker, Assistant Cashier. The paper mentioned went on to say:

Mr. Haberkorn is Vice-Chairman of the Board and Director of the Guardian Group, President of the Guardian Safe Deposit Co., Director of the Guardian National Bank of Commerce and the Union Guardian Trust Co.

Edwin R. Morton was made Executive Vice-President and a Director of the Central National Bank of Battle Creek, Mich., at the recent election of officers of that bank, according to the Michigan "Investor" of Jan. 16. In order to accept the position, Mr. Morton resigned as Vice-President and a director of the City National Bank of the same city, with which he had been connected for the past 23 years, and also as a director of the Guardian Detroit Union Group, Inc., of which the City National Bank is a unit.

The Board of Directors of the National Savings & Trust Co. of Washington, D. C., on Jan. 18 declared the regular quarterly dividend of 3% upon the capital stock of the company, and an extra dividend of 5%, payable Feb. 1 1932, to stockholders of record at the close of the transfer books at 4 o'clock p. m., Jan. 20 1932.

The following changes were made in the personnel of the Park Savings Bank of Washington, D. C., at the directors' annual meeting on Jan. 12, according to the Washington "Post" of Jan. 13: George E. Walker, heretofore President of the institution, was made Chairman of the Board, while A. F. Jorss, formerly a Vice-President of the bank, was chosen President to succeed Mr. Walker. Robert S. Stunz, a Vice-President, was promoted to Executive Vice-President. Mr. Jorss, the new President, heads the A. F. Jorss Iron Works and is a director of the Second National Bank of Washington, the paper mentioned said.

The Trigg National Bank of Glasgow, Ky., was closed on Jan. 12, according to Associated Press advices from Glasgow. The dispatch went on to say that a statement signed by its officials, including W. L. Porter, President, said it was hoped the closing was only temporary.

The closing on Jan. 13 of the Latonia Bank & Deposit Co. of Covington, Ky., with resources of \$760,480, was reported in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Covington on that date. The advices went on to say:

Heavy withdrawals, bank officials said, caused the suspension. Warren Elliston, Cashier, said directors felt depositors would be protected 100%. The bank was capitalized at \$50,000, had deposits of \$551,065, and had a surplus of \$108,502.

The Citizens' National Bank of Harlan, Ky., failed to open its doors on Jan. 12, as reported in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Harlan on that day.

James E. Brown, former President of the National Bank of Kentucky of Louisville, Ky., was acquitted on Jan. 12 in the Federal Court in Louisville of misapplication of funds, a charge growing out of the closing of the institution in November 1930, according to advices from that city on the date named to the Cincinnati "Enquirer." We quote in part from the dispatch as follows:

The verdict was given by the jury on instructions from Judge Charles I. Dawson after the Government failed to make a case against Brown.

The ruling followed acquittal of Charles F. Jones, co-defendant in the case, yesterday (Jan. 11). Three other charges against Brown, docketed for Jan. 13 were continued until June 6 after James A. Wharton, Special Federal Prosecutor, said the Government, in all probability would have no case against the former bank President on the other indictments.

A part of Judge Dawson's instructions to the jury reads: "Possibly the popular thing to do in this case would be to submit the case to the jury, but a Judge who courts popular acclaim rather than consult his own conscience, guided by the law and the evidence of the case, is undeserving of the title of a judge.

"It matters not what may be the popular feeling in this case. This defendant is entitled to the same impartial judgment of this Court, as is any other person brought before it, and feeling that responsibility as I do, under this evidence and under the law, I feel that I must instruct you to return a verdict of not guilty."

The first of the three pending indictments charge Brown and Jones, former vice-president, with having made a false report to the Comptroller of the Currency.

The second charges Brown, alone, with misapplication of funds of the old Herald-Post Company.

In the third true bill, Brown, Jones and Rogers Caldwell are charged with conspiracy.

Continuance of the cases was granted when Government counsel said Caldwell probably could be brought here for trial by June 1, Judge Dawson said it would be possible to try Brown and Caldwell without presence of Caldwell, but declared he preferred to have Caldwell in Court at the same time.

Hopes for Prompt Action.

Judge Dawson said he hoped the cases would be brought speedily to trial whether he or another Judge is on the bench.

"If the defendants are guilty, they should be convicted as soon as possible," the Judge said. "If they are innocent, they are entitled to prompt trial."

Closing of the First National Bank of Durham, N. C., on Jan. 18 was indicated in the following dispatch by the United Press from that city on the date named:

First National Bank of Durham, with capital and surplus of \$1,000,000 and deposits on record Saturday (Jan. 16) of \$3,500,000, failed to open to-day. Increasingly heavy withdrawals, amounting to a loss in deposits of \$4,000,000 since Oct. 1, caused the closing, a statement by directors said.

The reopening on Jan. 15 of the First National Bank of Mount Olive, N. C., which was closed on Dec. 28 last because of heavy withdrawals, was noted in a press dispatch from that place on the date named, printed in the Raleigh "News and Observer." The advices said in part:

Few depositors claimed their 25% allowance, and some of those who did so entered it as new business.

Under the terms of the agreement those with less than \$20 can get their money now. Those with more can check to the amount of 25% of their accounts and get the remainder within two years at intervals of six months. Deferred payments will draw interest at 3%.

The closing of this bank, together with three other Wayne County, N. C., banks, was indicated in our issue of Jan. 2 last, page 80.

Referring further to the affairs of the closed People's State Bank of South Carolina, which with its 44 branches closed on Jan. 2 last, Associated Press advices from Columbia, S. C., on Jan. 15 stated that the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York and Jerre L. Dowling (President of the closed institution) are accused of causing the closing of the People's State Bank of South Carolina by "libelous and slanderous statements" in a suit for \$10,000,000 filed at Charleston. Continuing the dispatch said in part:

The complaint alleges the good name of the People's State Bank was injured in New York and South Carolina by libelous statements, forcing it to close its doors.

The suit, filed by S. W. Parham of Columbia and the Blue Bird Taxi Corp., invites any other stockholders, depositors or creditors of the People's Bank to join in it.

Mr. Dowling, formerly Assistant Vice-President of the Chemical Bank, came to Charleston to assume the presidency of the People's Bank six weeks before it closed.

In connection with the suit, Chief Justice Eugene F. Blease of the State Supreme Court signed an order citing the defendants to show cause Feb. 1 why all collateral secured through the People's State Bank and held by the defendants and other New York banking houses should await collection until the State Bank Examiner has completed his audit of the closed bank, which is expected to take several months.

The order also orders them to show cause why the assets of the People's Bank should not be taken over by the Ninth South Carolina Circuit Court of Common Pleas.

The New York "Evening Post" of Jan. 15 quoted President Percy H. Johnston, of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., as saying when interviewed in the matter:

Our only knowledge of the suit filed in South Carolina against this bank is the newspaper account which appeared this morning. We have never had any interest in the People's State Bank of South Carolina other than acting as one of its New York correspondents.

Some two months ago they offered the presidency of the People's State Bank to one of our officers, Jerre L. Dowling, then an Assistant Vice-President. He tendered his resignation to the Chemical Bank, which was accepted, and later was elected President of the People's State Bank.

The closing of the People's State Bank, we are informed, was occasioned by the steady withdrawal of deposits by its customers.

The only interest we have in the matter is that of a secured creditor along with other correspondent banks.

Asserting that the group banking system it has developed in the Ninth Federal Reserve District has proved to be a bulwark of strength in time of financial stress, the annual report of the First Bank Stock Corp. (headquarters St. Paul and Minneapolis) was submitted to the stockholders' meeting on Jan. 13 in Minneapolis. Four new members of the Board were elected at the stockholders' meeting. Included were Samuel P. Adams of Fergus Falls, Treasurer of the Ottertail Power Co.; John H. Griffin of Minneapolis, President of the Northwestern Fire & Marine Insurance Co.; Patrick H. Joyce of Chicago, President of the Chicago, Great Western RR.; and W. E. Stevens of Sioux Falls, S. D., President of the Citizens National Bank & Trust Co. The official communication goes on to say:

The report, which was read by P. J. Leeman, Vice-President and General Manager, said that net earnings for the year were \$4,768,118.29 or \$1.55 per share on the capital stock of the Corporation. "Charge-offs applicable to this year's operations were heavier than usual because of unfavorable conditions," the report said, "but after deducting such items the net operating income amounted to \$1.27 a share. This is a decline from a comparable income figure of \$1.93 a share earned in 1930."

Gross earnings for the year were \$22,254,718.63 compared with \$23,726,624.58 in 1930.

Commenting on the year's income record, the report says: "Our policy of maintaining a highly liquid position (while at the same time taking care of all normal and seasonal requirements in the way of commercial and agricultural loans), together with low interest rates which prevailed during 1931, and the reduction, especially in the country districts, of earnings through liquidations and charge-offs, has had the effect of reducing our profits."

Dividends were paid during 1931 at the rate of \$1.00 per share, a total dividend outlay of \$3,120,828.03.

The management reported that a number of economies are being effected throughout the entire organization, but that if the unfavorable conditions which were experienced in 1931 continue it would be advisable to devote a larger portion of the earnings to increase substantially the various reserve accounts. "We believe that ordinary business prudence indicates the wisdom of this conservative policy, and that it would be in the best interests of the Corporation and its stockholders," the report adds.

The consolidated balance sheet of the Corporation and affiliated institutions showed total resources on Dec. 31 of \$428,571,569.98. Total deposits in the banks of the system were \$348,014,362.18. Evidencing the high liquidity with which the system is being maintained, the report points to the fact that the investment account of the affiliated institutions includes the following items:

Cash and due from banks.....	\$72,083,739.46
United States Government bonds.....	34,962,716.91
Veterans' loans secured by United States Government obligations	51,074,774.92
	\$158,121,231.31

This sum, representing over 45% of the deposits, is immediately available as cash. "In addition," the report adds, "we have \$27,530,608.80 invested in State, county and municipal bonds, and \$65,194,958.56 in other marketable bonds, securities and commercial paper, and loans and discounts totaling \$129,778,217.54, a substantial amount of which is eligible for rediscount in the Federal Reserve Bank. None of our banks on Dec. 31 had any borrowed money or rediscounts."

"The year 1931 has been a trying period for business generally, and the world-wide economic depression has brought many new and difficult problems," the report says. "In the process of readjustment, a heavy and important responsibility falls upon the banks of the country, and the success with which our banks have met the prevailing economic situation has effectively demonstrated that the system of group banking under which we are operating is a bulwark of strength in times of financial stress.

"The Ninth Federal Reserve District has, of course, felt the ill effects of the present period. The severe drouth of last summer, resulting in crop failures in many sections, the declining prices of farm and other commodities, the continuation and increase of unemployment, have combined to depress industry and commerce in the territory in which we operate. Lack of farm and other income has resulted in a shrinkage of deposits in the country banks, with a consequent decrease in the balances which they carry in the city banks. In view of these conditions our operating results for 1931 are generally satisfactory. The report pointed out that 64% of the total bank resources in the group is represented by Minneapolis and St. Paul banks, and 36% rural banks."

On Dec. 31 the First Bank Stock Corporation System consisted of 114 affiliates. Of these 82 were National banks and 24 State banks. Fifteen units were acquired during the year and 12 consolidations were effected among affiliates.

A charter was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency on Jan. 4 for the Security National Bank of Viborg, S. D., capitalized at \$25,000. James Mee heads the institution, with Robert Peterson as Cashier.

The closing on Jan. 20 of the First National Bank of Iowa City, Iowa, and of the Iowa City Savings Bank was indi-

cafed in the following dispatch from that city to the New York "Times":

This city was without a bank to-night after heavy withdrawals from the First National and Iowa City Savings Banks caused directors to close them. They were the only remaining banks after three previous closings.

The Savings Bank was capitalized at \$80,000 and had deposits of \$1,082,409. Deposits in the First National were \$1,488,597 and the capital \$100,000.

From St. Louis advices, on Jan. 13, to the New York "Times," it is learned that W. L. Hemingway, Executive Vice-President of the Mercantile Commerce Bank & Trust Co. of St. Louis, was appointed President of the Mercantile-Commerce Co., the bank's investment subsidiary, succeeding Sidney Maestre, who recently became President of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. Mr. Hemingway also continues as Executive Vice-President of the bank. The dispatch also stated that the Mercantile-Commerce Co. had elected to its Board Frank C. Rand, Chairman of the International Shoe Co., and Edgar M. Queeny, President of the Monsanto Chemical Works.

The directors of the Fourth National Bank in Wichita, Kan., have announced the election of R. C. Clevenger as President to succeed George H. Hamilton, newly-elected Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, Kansas City, Mo., and the election of H. H. Heimle as Vice-President. Mr. Heimle was formerly associated with the Rorabaugh Dry Goods Co. in Wichita.

David W. Mulvane was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Bank of Topeka, Kan., at the annual directors' meeting on Jan. 12, according to the Topeka "Capital" of the next day. Mr. Mulvane succeeds William Docking, who resigned, but continues a member of the Board. Mr. Docking, who has been prominent in Topeka and Kansas banking circles for many years, will hereafter devote his time to his banking interests in Lawrence, Kan., and to his personal affairs. The directors at the same meeting promoted Arthur Wolf from an Assistant Cashier to an Assistant Vice-President. Mr. Wolf has been with the institution for the past 32 years. All the other officers, headed by Carl W. McKeen as President, were reappointed, it was stated.

At the recent annual meeting of the directors of the Liberty National Bank of Oklahoma City, Okla., Ned Holman, heretofore Chairman of the Board, was appointed President of the institution, to take the place of Ben Mills, who resigned to accept a post with the Morris & Co. banking interests in Chicago, according to the "Oklahoman" of Jan. 13. The post of Chairman was abolished. Mr. Mills, the former President, was elected a director, it was stated.

William B. Wisdom, Advertising Manager of the Union Indemnity Co., Detroit Life Insurance Co., and the other members of the Insurance Securities Group of Companies, was elected a director on the American Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, La., at the annual meeting of the bank's Board, held early in January. A communication in the matter furthermore says:

The field of banking is not exactly new to Mr. Wisdom, as he had considerable general banking experience as Advertising Manager of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, a post he held for five years.

In addition to heading the Advertising Department of the Insurance Securities Group, Mr. Wisdom is Advertising Manager of the Standard Fruit & Steamship Co., one of the largest banana importing companies in the world.

It is learned from the Portland "Oregonian" of Jan. 13 that two changes were made, as follows, in the personnel of the American National Bank of Portland, Ore., at the directors' annual meeting on Jan. 12: J. E. Roman, President of the National Bank of Commerce of Astoria, Ore., was made a Vice-President of the institution, while G. E. Stephenson, Auditor of the institution, was given the additional title of Assistant Cashier. The Bank's roster is now as follows: Julius L. Meier, Chairman of the Board; G. Spencer Hinsdale, President; J. E. Roman, Walter H. Brown, Frank O. Bates, Vice-Presidents; V. O. Steenrod, Cashier; A. R. Puchner, E. J. Klein, Assistant Cashiers, and G. E. Stephenson, Assistant Cashier and Auditor.

Pascagoula, Miss., advices, on Jan. 12, printed in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of Jan. 13, stated that the new Merchants' & Marine Bank of Pascagoula had opened for business that morning. The institution replaces the old Merchants' & Marine Bank which closed recently. Officers of the institution are: Edmond Jane, President; Fred Taylor, Vice-President; John D. Lowe, Cashier, and Odus Lynd, Assistant Cashier.

Two changes were made in the personnel of the Second National Bank of Houston, Tex., at the annual meeting of the directors on Jan. 12, as noted in the Houston "Post" of the following day: Guy M. Bryan, heretofore President, was made Vice-Chairman of the Board, while Beverly D. Harris, formerly Senior Vice-President, was promoted to the Presidency to succeed Mr. Bryan. With reference to the banking career of Mr. Bryan and Mr. Harris, the "Post" said in part:

Mr. Bryan was associated with the late S. F. Carter in the organization of the old Lumbermen's National Bank, which in 1923 became the Second National Bank. He served as Vice-President of these two institutions until 1927, at which time he was elevated to the Presidency, and now, after 25 years of service, is elected to Vice-Chairmanship of the Board of Directors.

Beverly D. Harris, who was elected to the Presidency of the Second National Bank, Tuesday afternoon, was born at Frederick's Hall, Va., and came to Houston as a boy with his father. . . . He began his banking experience at the age of 15 as a messenger boy for the American National Bank of Dallas, later becoming a department head in the bank, and still later was associated with both the State National and City National banks of that city. He returned to Houston in 1901 as Cashier of the Commercial National Bank, and a year later was made Vice-President and Cashier of the South Texas National Bank.

In 1912, upon consolidation of those two institutions, he was elected First Vice-President of the merged banks, in which position he served until 1915, at which time he was called to the Vice-Presidency of the National City Bank of New York, remaining with them in this capacity for seven years.

Between the years of 1922 and 1927 Mr. Harris served successively as President and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Monsanto Chemical Works of St. Louis, Mo., one of the large synthetic chemical manufacturing companies of this country, and as Managing Director of the American Manufacturers' Foreign Credit Underwriters, composed of the leading manufacturers in all lines in this country, engaged in the extension of foreign commerce. He returned to Houston in 1927, associated himself with the Second National Bank, and from his position as Senior Vice-President was Tuesday elevated to the Presidency.

Directors of the Houston National Bank of Houston, Tex., at their annual meeting on Jan. 12, promoted T. M. McDonald, Cashier of the institution, to a Vice-President, while continuing as Cashier, and L. V. Hahn, heretofore an Assistant Cashier, to a Vice-President, as noted in the Houston "Post" of Jan. 13. These were the only changes made in the personnel of the institution, which is headed by Joe F. Meyer, Jr., as President.

D. J. Murphy and F. G. Willis have been elected to the Board of Directors of the Crocker First National Bank and Crocker First Federal Trust Co. of San Francisco, Cal. Both of the new directors are Vice-Presidents of the Crocker First National Bank and have been connected with the institution for more than 25 years. All of the old directors and officers were re-elected.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Price movements on the New York stock market during the early part of the week were decidedly reactionary, and while moderate improvement was apparent on Wednesday and Thursday, the trend was again downward on Friday. Railroad issues were frequently in the foreground and toward the end of the week United States Steel took an upward turn that carried it to its top for the year. One of the interesting episodes of the early part of the week was the advance of the premium rate on United States Steel to $\frac{3}{8}$ of a point, thereby recording the highest of which there is any record. Another event of more than passing interest was the issue of \$100,000,000 New York City 6% corporate stock notes which was marketed by a syndicate of nearly 50 banks and banking houses and oversubscribed. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York issued at the close of business on Thursday showed a further decrease of \$32,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district during the week ended on Wednesday. This is the twentieth consecutive decline and carries the outstanding total of these loans down to \$531,000,000, the lowest level since Feb. 1 1918, when the amount was \$510,179,000. Call money renewed at $2\frac{1}{2}$ % on Monday, continued unchanged at that rate during the balance of the week.

The market moved irregularly lower during the abbreviated session on Saturday, and while the trading was not particularly heavy, there was considerably profit taking apparent throughout the session. Some of the leaders moved against the trend for a brief period, but eventually turned downward with the rest of the list. Practically every group was off on the day, the declines ranging from one to 3 or more points. Most of the changes were in the preferred stocks, though there also was a number of recessions among the high grade common stocks including such issues as United States Steel $1\frac{1}{8}$ points to $44\frac{1}{8}$, Auburn Auto $2\frac{1}{2}$ points to 145, Homestake Mining $1\frac{1}{2}$ points to $120\frac{1}{2}$, Louisville & Nashville $2\frac{1}{4}$ points to $27\frac{1}{4}$, Norfolk & Western $2\frac{3}{4}$ points to $126\frac{3}{4}$, Peoples Gas $2\frac{3}{4}$ points to $117\frac{1}{4}$, Union Pacific

2 points to 81½, Air Reduction 1¼ points to 52¾, American Sugar 27½ points to 32, Aetehison 1⅞ points to 89½, Consolidated Gas 1½ points to 63 and Reading 2 points to 40. At the close the market was fairly steady with the leaders slightly above the bottom for the day.

Stocks again moved lower on Monday, the declines ranging from 2 to 3 points, except in the case of a few of the more active stocks that registered larger losses. Railroad shares bore the brunt of the recessions, due to profit taking, as most of the recent improvement was among the carrier group. Trading was again slow, the turnover reaching a total of 1,383,440 shares. Around mid-session there was a moderate rally under the leadership of United States Steel, but this soon petered out and the market again turned reactionary. Railroad shares were weak and plunged downward before a sudden wave of selling, and losses in this group registered up to 3 or more points as the market closed. The principal changes on the side of the decline, included among others, Worthington Pump, 1½ points to 21½; Westinghouse, 1¾ points to 26¾; Union Carbide & Carbon, 2 points to 30¾; Southern Pacific, 2½ points to 22½; Allied Chemical & Dye, 2½ points to 70; Amer. Tel. & Tel., 2½ points to 118½; Auburn Auto, 6 points to 129; Delaware & Hudson, 2 points to 79; Eastman Kodak, 2 points to 82½; Ingersoll-Rand, 2½ points to 32; Peoples Gas of Chicago, 2¼ points to 102½. At the close, the market was slightly more active, but stocks were still heavy, with the market leaders off from 1 to 3 points on the day.

Some improvement in prices was apparent in the stock market on Tuesday, though trading continued dull with the possible exception of the railroad issues and specialties which attracted a moderate amount of speculative attention. The turnover was less than on the preceding day, the total transactions being approximately 1,100,000 shares for the day. The final prices were close to the closing level of the preceding session, though there were some gains here and there throughout the list, including such active leaders as Auburn Auto, which surged forward 2½ points to 141½, New Haven, which advanced 2 points to 28; International Business Machines, which moved ahead 1⅞ points to 104, and Norfolk & Western, which shot ahead 5½ points to 129. The close was unsettled, trading was quiet and most of the final quotations were at the lowest for the day. The advances on Wednesday carried many stocks upward from 2 to 3 or more points, and while the railroad shares assumed the market leadership, practically every group showed substantial gains at the close. The early advances ranged from fractions to 2 or more points, and while prices sagged for a short period during mid-session, they again advanced during the afternoon though the market moved within a narrow range until the close. The outstanding gains were United States Steel, 1¾ points to 45¾; Auburn Auto, 6½ points to 146; Amer. Tel. & Tel., 2¾ points to 121½; Amer. Tobacco "B", 3½ points to 78¼; Union Pacific, 2½ points to 80¼; Southern Pacific, 2½ points to 35¾; Norfolk & Western, 2¾ points to 127¼; New Haven, 2½ points to 30¾; New York Central, 1¾ points to 30¾; Eastman Kodak, 3¼ points to 85¼, and Coca Cola, 2½ points to 112.

All sections of the list displayed renewed strength on Thursday, United States Steel leading the upward swing to a new high for the year at 46⅞, followed by numerous speculative favorites which showed substantial advances. Railroad shares made the best group showing, the gains ranging from fractions to 4 or more points at the close. The market continued steady until the end, but the final prices were irregular. The market opened fairly strong on Friday and for a brief period gave promise of moving briskly forward. As the session progressed stocks turned reactionary and practically all of the early gains were cancelled. The volume of sales was somewhat larger than the preceding day, and while there was some buying support it was not strong enough to stop the downward drift. Stocks like New York Central, American Tel. & Tel. and United States Steel moved downward from 1 to 3 or more points, followed by most of the popular speculative favorites. The principal changes on the side of the decline included such active stocks as Allied Chemical & Dye, 3½ points to 69; Air Reduction, 2½ points to 50; American Can, 3½ points to 80½; American Tel. & Tel., 3¼ points to 117½; Aetehison, 4¾ points to 86½; Auburn Auto, 5½ points to 140⅞; Worthington Pump, 3 points to 19½; Western Union Telegraph, 2½ points to 25½; United States Steel, 3½ points to 42½; Union Pacific, 3 points to 76; Norfolk & Western, 4 points to 126, and Eastman Kodak, 3¼ points to 82¼.

The market continued downward to the close and while most of the popular stocks were active, the final quotations were off from 1 to 3 or more points.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Jan. 22 1932.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad and Miscell. Bonds.	State, Municipal & For'n Bonds.	Unlted States Bonds.	Total Bond Sales.
Saturday-----	733,315	\$3,900,000	\$1,722,000	\$1,070,000	\$6,692,000
Monday-----	1,383,440	6,536,500	3,465,000	4,334,000	14,335,500
Tuesday-----	1,090,025	5,539,500	2,858,000	2,174,000	10,571,500
Wednesday-----	1,211,715	5,798,000	3,088,000	1,806,500	10,692,500
Thursday-----	1,240,168	7,864,000	2,924,000	1,768,000	12,556,500
Friday-----	1,561,404	7,350,000	2,695,000	1,961,000	12,006,000
Total-----	7,220,067	\$36,988,000	\$16,752,000	\$13,114,000	\$66,854,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Jan. 22.		Jan. 1 to Jan. 22.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Stocks—No. of shares.	7,220,067	9,222,735	27,516,868	31,959,863
Bonds.				
Government bonds...	\$13,114,000	\$1,758,300	\$58,170,500	\$8,778,000
State & foreign bonds...	16,752,000	14,122,000	49,936,000	43,399,000
Railroad & misc. bonds	36,988,000	39,082,000	120,262,000	127,510,000
Total bonds-----	\$66,854,000	\$54,962,300	\$228,368,500	\$184,687,000

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Jan. 22 1932.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday-----	16,519	\$5,000	16,434	\$1,000	992	-----
Monday-----	26,570	-----	27,270	20,000	1,031	\$4,200
Tuesday-----	21,107	2,000	19,684	13,500	513	1,000
Wednesday-----	20,569	3,000	23,343	21,500	709	14,700
Thursday-----	23,418	8,000	24,715	25,600	726	20,000
Friday-----	6,285	11,000	4,010	-----	1,149	1,000
Total-----	114,468	\$29,000	115,456	\$81,600	5,120	\$40,900
Prev. wk. revised.	179,133	\$55,500	179,110	\$257,000	6,840	\$13,500

a In addition, sales of warrants were: Saturday, 100; Thursday, 10.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Prices on the Curb Exchange this week were somewhat easier in an extremely dull market. Fluctuations even in the usually active issues were narrow. Among utility issues Electric Bond & Share, com. dropped about a point to 11¾, recovered to 12⅞ and moved downward again to 11¼. The close to-day was at 11½. The \$6 pref. eased off from 60½ to 58 and the \$5 pref. from 50¼ to 49¾. The latter sold back to 50½ and at 50 finally. Amer. Gas & Elec., com. sold down from 38½ to 35¾ and closed to-day at 36. Amer. Superpower, 1st pref. improved from 58 to 60 but reacted finally to 59. Commonwealth-Edison was off from 118 to 116, recovered to 119¾ then sagged to 114, the close to-day was at 115. Eastern Utilities Associates, com. fell from 25 to 22½ and finished finally at 22¾. Illinois Power & Light, \$6 pref. advanced from 51 to 61. Nor. Power & Light, \$6 pref. sold up from 69½ to 72, and reacted finally to 70. Oklahoma Gas & Elec., 7% pref. on few transactions was off from 96 to 89½. Oils were the steadiest. Buckeye Pipe Line improved from 34 to 35. Eureka Pipe Line advanced from 23 to 28 and Northern Pipe Line from 32½ to 34. Standard Oil (Neb.) dropped from 18½ to 15¾. Gulf Oil lost a point to 29, recovered to 30¼ and to-day dropped to 29½. Among industrial and miscellaneous issues Aluminum Co., com. dropped from 61¼ to 52¼ and closed to-day at 53. The 6% pref. eased off at first from 65⅞ to 64¾, sold up to 67¾ and reacted finally to 65. Amer. Cigar Co., com. was conspicuous for an advance of 15 points to 130, though it eased off finally to 125. Deere & Co., com. moved down irregularly from 14½ to 11. Mead-Johnson & Co. was off from 54 to 51 and Singer Mfg. from 134 to 127. The latter sold finally at 127¼. A. O. Smith Corp., com. on few transactions broke from 54¾ to 44 and sold finally at 45. A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 658.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Jan. 22 1932.	Stocks (Number of Shares).	Bonds (Par Value).			
		Domestic.	Foreign Government.	Foreign Corporate.	Total.
Saturday-----	137,115	\$1,605,000	\$85,000	\$171,000	\$1,861,000
Monday-----	200,130	2,350,000	274,000	198,000	2,822,000
Tuesday-----	159,316	2,282,000	69,000	179,000	2,530,000
Wednesday-----	206,950	2,292,000	95,000	52,000	2,439,000
Thursday-----	219,160	2,530,000	94,000	89,000	2,713,000
Friday-----	244,330	2,449,000	69,000	287,000	2,805,000
Total-----	1,167,031	\$13,508,000	\$686,000	\$976,000	\$15,170,000

Sales at New York Curb Exchange.	Week Ended Jan. 22.		Jan. 1 to Jan. 22.	
	1932.	1931.	1932.	1931.
Stocks—No. of shares.	1,167,031	2,186,600	4,154,353	7,094,800
Bonds.				
Domestic-----	\$13,508,000	\$16,961,000	\$44,299,000	\$57,710,000
Foreign Government...	686,000	600,000	1,843,000	2,191,000
Foreign Corporate....	976,000	706,000	2,173,000	2,417,000
Total-----	\$15,170,000	\$18,267,000	\$48,315,000	\$62,318,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Jan. 6 1932:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £120,746,477 on the 30th ult. as compared with £120,719,456 on the previous Wednesday.

The S.S. "Malaja" which left Bombay on Saturday last has on board about £1,900,000 of bar gold.

Small arrivals from Rhodesia and elsewhere have been available in the open market and have been disposed of for shipment to the Continent.

Quotations during the week:

Table with columns: Date, Per Fine Ounce, Equivalent Value of £ Sterling. Rows include Dec. 31 1931, Jan. 1 1932, Jan. 2 1932, Jan. 3 1932, Jan. 4 1932, Jan. 5 1932, Average.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on Dec. 28 1931, to mid-day on the 4th inst.:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports, Values in £. Rows include British South Africa, British India, France, U.S.A., etc.

SILVER.

The market continued quiet over the turn of the year, but prices have shown improvement.

Developments in the political situation in India have tended to restrict business with that quarter and China has shown little interest in the market.

To-day, after a fall of 1/4d. due to offerings by India and China and the absence of buyers, quotations are 20 3-16d. for both deliveries.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on Dec. 28 1931 to mid-day on the 4th inst.:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports, Values in £. Rows include Mexico, Belgium, Other countries.

Quotations during the week:

Table with columns: IN LONDON, IN NEW YORK. Rows include Dec. 31 1931, Jan. 1 1932, Jan. 2 1932, etc.

The highest rate of exchange recorded on New York during the period from Dec. 31 1931 to Jan. 6 1932 was \$3.42 and the lowest \$3.35.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with columns: Dec. 31, Dec. 22, Dec. 15. Rows include Notes in circulation, Gold coin and bullion in India, etc.

The stocks in Shanghai on the 5th inst. consisted of about 55,650,000 ounces in sycee, 168,000,000 dollars and 3,660 silver bars, as compared with about 55,600,000 ounces in sycee, 165,000,000 dollars and 5,560 silver bars on Dec. 24 1931.

PRICES ON PARIS BOURSE.

Quotations of representative stocks on the Paris Bourse as received by cable each day of the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns: Jan. 16 1932, Jan. 18 1932, Jan. 19 1932, Jan. 20 1932, Jan. 21 1932, Jan. 22 1932. Rows include Bank of France, Banque Nationale de Credit, etc.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table with columns: Day (Jan. 16-22), Security (Silver, Gold, Consols, etc.).

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Table with columns: Day (Jan. 16-22), Price per oz. (cts.).

PRICES ON BERLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Berlin Stock Exchange is closed.

New York quotations for German and other foreign unlisted dollar bonds as of Jan. 22:

Table with columns: Bid, Asked. Rows include Anhalt 7s to 1945, Bavaria 6 1/2s to 1945, etc.

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. 23), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 28.2% below those for the corresponding week last year.

Our comparative summary for the five days ended Friday of 28.6%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Table with columns: Clearings—Returns by Telegraph, Week Ended Jan. 23, 1932, 1931, Per Cent. Rows include New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, etc.

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.

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. 16. For that week there is a decrease of 25.5%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$6,466,542,868, against \$8,676,715,534 in the same week of 1930.

center recording a loss of 23.2%. 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 loss of 23.1%, in the Boston Reserve District of 28.5% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 16.0%.

In the following we furnish a summary of Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL RESERVE CLEARINGS. Table with 6 columns: Week Ended Jan. 16 1932, 1932, 1931, Inc. or Dec. %, 1930, 1929.

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Table of Clearings at- for various cities across Federal Reserve Districts like First Federal Reserve District, Second Federal Reserve District, etc.

Table of Clearings at- for various cities across Federal Reserve Districts like Third Federal Reserve District, Fourth Federal Reserve District, etc.

Table of Clearings at- for various cities across Federal Reserve Districts like Seventh Federal Reserve District, Eighth Federal Reserve District, etc.

Table of Clearings at- for various cities across Federal Reserve Districts like Canada, Montreal, Toronto, etc.

* Estimated. a No longer reports weekly clearings. b Remaining banks exchanging checks direct, no clearings figures available. c Three large banks closed, clearing house not functioning. d Figures smaller due to merger of two largest banks. e Clearing house discontinued.

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than ever. But, on the other hand, the cash demand is still small at Chicago, as prices east of that market cut under Chicago. On the 16th inst. prices declined 1/4 to 1/2c., but soon rallied sharply with wheat and closed 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c. higher. Covering was general in an oversold market. Some stop orders on the short side were uncovered as the market advanced. The country sold 100,000 bushels to arrive, but this had no effect. On the 18th inst. prices advanced 1/8 to 3/8c. net, though at one time up 7/8 to 1 1/4c. in response to the rise in wheat. At another it was 1/4 to 3/8c. net lower. Cash corn was still quiet. Country offerings were small, but the demand was poor and the weather was better. Larger receipts are expected.

On the 19th inst. prices closed 3/4 to 1 1/2c. lower, following wheat as usual. The weather was mild, and there was less feeding demand. The country sold 40,000 bushels to arrive. Shipping demand was poor, only 6,000 bushels were sold. The trading was largely local. On the 20th inst. prices closed 1/4 to 1/2c. higher after being 1/2c. lower early, with wheat. Purchases to arrive were 70,000 bushels, and shipping sales 17,000. Commission houses bought rather freely of May at around 41c. On the 21st inst. prices ended 1/8 to 3/8c. lower after being 1/2 to 3/4c. higher. The shipments from Argentina this week were estimated at 4,331,000 bushels, but neither this nor the dry weather in the Province of Buenos Aires had any effect. Country offerings were still small, but cash corn remained dull and that took the edge off any bullish factors.

To-day prices ended 3/8 to 5/8c. lower. The weather was in the main good, though the forecast was unsettled. Cash corn was still dull, and the basis was lower. Purchases to arrive at Chicago were small. Nebraska offered a little more freely. Final prices show a rise for the week of 3/4 to 1 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: No. 2 yellow, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 53 1/4 to 51 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: March, May, July, September, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 40 to 44 3/8.

Season's High and When Made / Season's Low and When Made. Columns: Month, Price, Date. Values range from 51 1/2 to 45 1/4.

OATS have been in the main firm, without much movement of prices. But the receipts are light. Oats of good quality are reported to be in sharp demand. On the 16th inst. prices declined 3/8 to 1/2c. early, but later fell into line with corn and rallied 7/8 to 1c. from the low, closing 1/2c. net higher in small trading. The South sold early. On the 18th inst. prices closed unchanged after being 3/8c. higher at one time and 1/4 to 3/8c. lower at another. Roughly, oats followed the movement of corn prices. On the 19th inst. prices closed 1/4c. lower on some selling by commission houses in a slow market. On the 20th inst. prices closed unchanged to 1/4c. lower, the latter on March. The cash demand was said to be better, with stocks at Eastern Lake ports pretty well disposed of.

On the 21st inst. prices ended unchanged to 1/8c. higher, regardless of the decline in other grain. The independent strength of oats excited some comment. To-day prices ended 1/4c. lower in slim trading. Cash oats, however, were steady. Futures closed unchanged to 1/8c. higher than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

Table with columns: No. 2 white, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 37 3/4 to 37 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: March, May, July, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 25 1/2 to 26 1/2.

Season's High and When Made / Season's Low and When Made. Columns: Month, Price, Date. Values range from 31 to 31 1/4.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. Columns: May, July, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 32 1/2 to 32 1/2.

RYE.—The sore point is still the absence of export business. Rye is governed solely by the price movements of wheat. Under the circumstances, rye shows an advance. On the 16th inst. prices were 1/4 to 1/2c. lower in the earlier trading, but later rallied 1 1/4 to 2c., and this was practically the net rise of the day, although the trading was local. There was no sign of an export business. All the grain markets seemed to be short, and a wave of bullishness swept them upward. On the 18th inst. prices closed 5/8 to 1 1/4c. higher, taking its tone from wheat. The Northwest, however, sold on the advance. On the 19th inst. prices closed 1 1/8 to 1 3/8c. lower, in answer to the decline in wheat. On the 20th inst. prices ended 1/2c. off to 1/2c. higher, with March the weakest. On the 21st inst. prices closed 1/8 to 1/4c. lower, following the trend of wheat. To-day prices closed unchanged to 1/4c. lower, in sympathy with wheat. There was no export demand. That certainly is a damper. Yet prices ended 1 1/4 to 1 3/8c. higher than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

Table with columns: March, May, July, September, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Values range from 46 3/4 to 48 3/4.

Season's High and When Made / Season's Low and When Made. Columns: Month, Price, Date. Values range from 62 to 50 1/2.

Closing quotations were as follows:

GRAIN.

Table with columns: Wheat, No. 2 red, c.i.f., new; Manitoba No. 1, f.o.b. N. Y.; Corn, No. 2 yellow, all rail; No. 3 yellow, all rail; Oats, No. 2 white; No. 3 white; Rye No. 2, f.o.b. bond; Chicago, No. 2; Barley, No. 2, L. & R., N. Y., com.; Chicago, cash. Values range from 75 1/2 to 42 @ 58.

FLOUR.

Table with columns: Spring pat. high protein; Spring patents; Clear, first spring; Soft winter straights; Hard winter straights; Hard winter patents; Hard winter clears; Fancy Minn. patents; City mills; Rye flour patents; Seminola, bbl., Nos. 1-2; Oats goods; Corn flour; Barley goodse; Coarse; Fancy pearl, Nos. 2, 4 and 7. Values range from 4.25 @ \$4.75 to 6.15 @ 6.50.

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 701.—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:

Table with columns: Receipts at—Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City, and totals for week, same week '31, same week '30, and since Aug. 1 for 1931, 1930, 1929.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 16 1932, follows:

Table with columns: Receipts at—Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include New York, Portland, Me., Philadelphia, Baltimore, Mobile, New Orleans, Galveston, Boston, Houston, Halifax, St. John, N.B., and totals for total wk 1932, since Jan. 1 '32, week 1931, since Jan. 1 '31.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Jan. 16 1932, are shown in the annexed statement:

Table with columns: Exports from—Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows include New York, Portland, Me., Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Mobile, New Orleans, Galveston, St. John, N. B., Houston, Halifax, and totals for total week 1932, same week 1931.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1931 is as below:

Table with columns: Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—Flour, Wheat, Corn. Rows include United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., West Indies, Brit. No. Am. Cols., Other countries, and totals for total 1932, total 1931.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Jan. 16 1932, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

Table with columns: United States, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Rows list various cities like New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc., with their respective grain stock amounts.

Total Jan. 16 1932... Total Jan. 9 1932... Total Jan. 17 1931... Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 2,000 bushels; total 2,000 bushels against 254,000 in 1931.

Canadian— Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, Other Canadian. Total Jan. 16 1932... Total Jan. 9 1932... Total Jan. 17 1931...

American... Canadian... Total Jan. 16 1932... Total Jan. 9 1932... Total Jan. 17 1931...

The world's shipment of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Jan. 15 1932, and since July 1 1931 and 1930.

Table with columns: Exports, Wheat, Corn. Rows show weekly and since July 1 1931 and 1930 data for North America, Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, and other countries.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Jan. 9—First National Bank in Callicoon, Callicoon, N. Y. President, Chas. P. Kautz; Cashier, W. L. Dodge. \$100,000

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Jan. 11—The First National Bank of Fairfield, Ill. Effective Jan. 6 1932. Liq. Comm., B. F. Thomas, S. R. Meeks and L. A. Blackburn... \$50,000

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

Table listing auction sales with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes items like 318 New Jersey Nat. Bank & Trust Co. of Newark, 200 The Engineer Co. class A, etc.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table listing securities by R. L. Day & Co. with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes 100 Atlantic Nat. Bank, par \$25, 10 First Nat. Bank, Haverhill, etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table listing securities by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes 100 Irving Tr. Co., N. Y., par \$10, 8 Ludlow Mfg. Associates, etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing securities by Barnes & Lofland with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes 35 Central-Penn Nat. Bank, par \$10, 128 Pa. Co. for Ins. on Lives, etc.

By Baker, Simonds & Co., Detroit, on Friday, Jan. 8:

Table listing securities by Baker, Simonds & Co. with columns: Bonds, Per Cent. Includes \$1,000 Royal Oak (City) sanitary sewer 4 1/2%, \$1,000 Metropolitan Trust Co., 1st mtge. coll. 6s, series B, etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing securities by A. J. Wright & Co. with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes 10 Corek Mines, par \$1, 5 Angel Internation Corp., par \$1, etc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Large table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists dividends for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various other companies.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Public Utilities (Concluded).				Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Wisconsin Elec. Power., 6½% pref. (qu.)	*1½	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Lazarus (F. & R.) Co., pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
6% preferred (qu.)	*1½	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Lenox National Securities, com. A & B,	and p	Feb.—D	dividend action deferred.
Wisconsin Telephone, pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Lerner Stores Corp., pref. (qu.)	*1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
				Liggett & Myers Tobacco—			
Trust Companies.				Common & common B (qu.)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Kings County (Brooklyn) (qu.)	*20	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Common and common B (extra)	\$1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
				Lincoln Printing, com. (qu.)	50c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
Fire Insurance.				Preferred (qu.)	\$1.625	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 26
National Liberty	*20c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Loew's, Inc., 8½% pref. (qu.)	1¼	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
North River (qu.)	*25c.	Mar. 10	*Holders of rec. Feb. 29	Lors & Taylor, 1st pref. (qu.)	1¼	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Westchester (qu.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Louisiana Oil Refining, pref. (qu.)	1¼	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 14
				Luther Mfg. (qu.)	*1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Miscellaneous.				Lynch Corporation (qu.)	*50c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 5
Acme Farmers Dairy, pref.	3¼	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 30	Mallory Hat, pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Alms & Doecke, pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 29	Manchester Cotton Mills (qu.)	*\$2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13
American Art Works, Inc., 6% pd. (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Marine Bancorp., initial stock (qu.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
American Book (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 23	*Holders of rec. Jan. 19	Full participating (qu.)	*25c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Amer. Credit Indemnity (qu.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 29	May Radio & Television (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8
Amer. Elec. Securities, com.—Dividend omitted				McNeil Marble, pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Preferred (bi-monthly)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Melito Sea Food, pref. (qu.)	*15c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
American Envelope, 7% pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 25	Mickelberry's Food Products, com. (qu.)	*87½c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 21
7% preferred (qu.)	*1¼	June 1	*Holders of rec. Aug. 25	Preferred (qu.)			
7% preferred (qu.)	*1¼	Sept. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 25	Midland Grocery Co.—Dividend omitted	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13
7% preferred (qu.)	*1¼	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 13	Midland Mfg. (qu.)			
American Home Products (monthly)	*35c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13	Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator—			
Amer. Indemnity (Phila.) 7% pd. (qu.)	*43¾c.	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Common (qu.)	*75c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 4
Amer. Investors, Inc., \$3 pref. (qu.)	*75c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31	Common (qu.)	*75c.	May 14	Holders of rec. May 4
American Securities Shares	*4c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred (qu.)	*1½	Apr. 30	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
American Stores, common (qu.)	50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Missouri Portland Cement, com. (qu.)	25c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Amoskeag Co., com	*\$1.50	Jan. 4	Holders of rec. Dec. 19	Moore (Wm. R.) Dry Goods (qu.)	*\$2	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Preferred	*\$2.25	Jan. 4	Holders of rec. Dec. 19	Morris Plan Bank (Bridgeport) (qu.)	*75c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Art Metal Works, com. (in com. stock)	*f2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 27	Morris Plan Co. (R. I.) (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Atlantic Macaroni (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Nairn (Michael) & Greenwich, Ltd.—			
Atlantic Safe Deposit (N. Y.) (qu.)	*2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20	Amer. dep. rcts. for ordinary reg.	*27½	Jan. 26	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Atlas Utilities, \$3 pref. A (qu.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20	National Biscuit, com. (qu.)	*70c.	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Mar. 18
\$3 preferred class A (qu.)	75c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 20	Preferred (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 29	*Holders of rec. Feb. 11
Automatic Vending Mach., pr. partic.	\$1	Feb. 8	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Nat. Investment Shares, Inc., pref.	62½c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Factor participating stock (in scrip)	775c.	Feb. 8	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	National Lead, pref. A (qu.)	*12½c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 26
Factor participating stock (in scrip)	775c.	Feb. 8	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	National Refining, com. (qu.)	*87½c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Bamberger (L. & Co.), 6½% pref. (qu.)	1¼	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	National Sash Weight, pref. (qu.)	*7c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Baumann (Ludwig) & Co., 1st pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 30	Nation Wide Sec. Tr. cts. ser. B.	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Beacon Mfg., com. & pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Preferred (qu.)	2	May 15	Holders of rec. May 1
Berland Shoe Stores, 7% pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Preferred (qu.)	2	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 1
Betco Corp., pref.—Dividend omitted				Preferred (qu.)	2	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
B-G Sandwich Shops, pref.—Dividend paid	assessd.			New Process Co., com. (qu.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 26
Bigelow-Sanford Carpet & Rug, pt. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Preferred (qu.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 26
Blauner's, Inc., com. (qu.)	*50c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Noma Electric Co., com. (qu.)	10c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23
Preferred (qu.)	*75c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Northam Warren Corp., pref. (qu.)	*75c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Block Bros. Tobacco, com. (qu.)	*37½c.	Feb. 16	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10	Not British Royalty Tr. Shs., A (mthly.)	*10c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15
Common (qu.)	*37½c.	May 15	*Holders of rec. May 10	Ontario Steel Products, com.—Dividend omitted			
Common (qu.)	*37½c.	Aug. 15	*Holders of rec. Aug. 10	Preferred (qu.)	1¼	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Common (qu.)	*37½c.	Nov. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 10	Oppenheimer, Collins & Co., Inc., com. (qu.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 29
Preferred (qu.)	*1¼	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. June 24	Orchard Farm Pile Co., class A (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 7
Preferred (qu.)	*1¼	June 30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 24	Pacific Clay Products (qu.)	*20c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (qu.)	*1¼	Sept. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24	Park Mortgage & Ground Rent (qu.)	*50c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 6
Preferred (qu.)	*1¼	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Feb. 24	Perfection Stove (monthly)	*18¾c.	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (qu.)	*62½c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Petrolite Corp. (qu.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 22
Bohack (H. C.) Co., com. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Extra	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
7% first pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Pioneer Mill, Ltd. (monthly)	*10c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Bohack Realty Corp., 1st pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 2	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Plymouth Rubber, pref.	*3½	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Buckeye Pipe Line (qu.)	\$1	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 19	Printing Mach. Co., com. & pref. (qu.)	*2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Buckeye Shares, trust shs., ser. A	9.969c.	Feb. 1		Common and pref. (extra)	*2	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Buck Hill Falls Co. (qu.)	*25c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Quincy Market Cold Storage & Wmse.			
Burdines, Inc., pref. (qu.)	*60c.	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Calamba Sugar Estates, com. (qu.)	*40c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Railway Equip. & Realty, 1st pref. (qu.)	*37½c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
7% preferred (qu.)	*35c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Randall Co., class A (qu.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
California Basic Industries, Inc. (qu.)	*25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Representative Trust Shares	*34c.	Jan. 31	Holders of Coup. No. 2
Campbell, Wyant & Cannon Fdy., com.	Dividend omitted			Revere Copper & Brass, pref.—Dividend omitted			
Canadian Investors (qu.)	*15c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Roland Park Homeland, pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Canadian Oil Cos., com. (qu.)	*25c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	St. Louis Car, pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Preferred (qu.)	*25c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 19	St. Louis Screw & Bolt, pref.—Dividend action deferred			
Cheney-Bigelow Wire Works, pref.—Dividend omitted				St. Paul Union Stock Yards (special)	*\$2	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Cities Service Co., common (monthly)	*2½	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Seaboard Nat. Securities, pref. (qu.)	*37½c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 22
Com. (pay. in com. stock) (monthly)	*7½	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Second Standard Royalties, pref.	*10c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred B (monthly)	*5c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Securities Corp. General, com. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Pref. and preference BB (monthly)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	8% preferred (qu.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
City Baking, 7% pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 27	Shareholders Invest. Corp. (qu.)	*30c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Columbus Paeking, pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Southern Pacific Golden Gate, A & B (qu.)	*37½c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Conn (C. G.) Ltd., 7% pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 5	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Preferred (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31
6% preferred (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 5	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Standard Cap & Seal (qu.)	*60c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Consolidated Press, Ltd., ordinary A—Dividend passed				Standard Corporations (qu.)	*7c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 29
Consolidated Rendering, pref. (qu.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Stein (A.) & Co., common (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Corno Mills, common (qu.)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20	Stewart Iron Works, pref. (qu.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 23
Crandall-McKenzie & Henderson (qu.)	*15c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Storkline Furniture, pref. (qu.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Daniels & Fisher Stores	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Stott Brquette, Inc., pref. (qu.)	*10c.	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Decker (Alfred) & Cohn, Inc., pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 20	Telephone Inv. Corp. (monthly)	*20c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
De Havilland Aircraft Co., Ltd.—				Tillman Electro Plating Wks., cl. A.—Dividend passed			
Amer. deposit receipts	*11.7c.	Jan. 8	*Holders of rec. Dec. 24	Preferred	3¼	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 18
De Jonge (Louis) & Co., pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Troxel Manufacturing, com. (qu.)	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Diamond Ice & Coal pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 26	Preferred (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Diamond Match, com. (qu.)	*25c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Turner Tanning Mach. (qu.)	*30c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Participating (qu.)	25c.	Apr. 20	Holders of rec. Mar. 31	Twelfth St. Store (Ill.), pref. A.—Dividend omitted			
Dome Mines, Ltd. (qu.)	62½c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Underwriters Financ., 7% pf. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Domain-Scottish Invest. Trust, pf. (qu.)	1¼	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	U. S. Pipe & Fdy., com. (qu.)	50c.	July 20	Holders of rec. June 30
Dow Chemical, com. (qu.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Common (qu.)	50c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Preferred (qu.)	1¼	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Common (qu.)	50c.	Ja. 20'33	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Duplan Silk Corp.	*50c.	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1	First preferred (qu.)	30c.	Apr. 20	Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Dupuis Freres, Ltd., pref. (qu.)	*2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 31	First preferred (qu.)	30c.	July 20	Holders of rec. June 30
Eastern Bakeries, Ltd., 6½% pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	First preferred (qu.)	30c.	Oct. 20	Holders of rec. Sept. 30
Eastern Util. Investing, partic. pref.	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13	First preferred (qu.)	30c.	Ja. 20'33	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Elm City Cotton Mills (qu.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13	U. S. Banking Corp. (monthly)	*7c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18
Family Financing Corp., com. (qu.)	10c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Unity Cotton Mills (qu.)	*3¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13
Preferred (qu.)	17½c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Utility & Industrial Corp., pref. (qu.)	37½c.	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Federal Electric Co., Inc., \$7 pd. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Walker & Co., class B.—Dividend omitted			
\$6 preferred (qu.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Walker Mfg., pref. (qu.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Firestone Tire & Rubber, pref. (qu.)	1¼	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	Warner Bros. Pictures, pref.—Dividend action deferred			
First Sec. Corp., Ordan, class A & B (qu.)	*25c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Western Dairy Products, \$8 pref. A (qu.)	*\$1.50	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Franklin Capital—Dividend omitted				Western United Corp., pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Freeport Texas Co. (qu.)	*50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	White (S. S.) Dental Mfg. (qu.)	*10c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Frost Steel & Wire, 1st pref. (qu.)	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Williams (R. C.) Co. (qu.)	*17½c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Galveston Wharf (monthly)	*1¼	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5	Willmst Hosier (qu.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
General Outdoor Advertising, pf. (qu.)	*20c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Quarterly	*2	May 1	*Holders of rec. Apr. 15
Gilmore Gasoline Plant No. 1 (monthly)	*1¼	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Quarterly	*2	Aug. 1	*Holders of rec. July 15
Globe Democrat Pub., pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Quarterly	*2	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 15
Globe Wernicke Realty, 8% pref. (qu.)	*25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5	Wolverine Brass Wks., pref.	*3	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Great Lakes Dredge & Dock (qu.)	*5c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Woods Bros. Corp., 7% pref. (qu.)	*1¼	Jan. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Great Lakes Engineering Works (qu.)				Am. pref. (qu.)	*1½	Jan. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Gruen Carpet & Woollen Spinning				Woolworth (F. W.) & Co., Ltd.			
Guelpch Carpet & Woollen Spinning	1¼	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	6% preferred (qu.)	6	penec	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Hale Bros. Stores, Inc. (qu.)	*25c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15	An. pref. (qu.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19
Hammermill Paper, com. (qu.)	*15c.	Feb. 15	*Holders				

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Railroads (Steam) (Concluded.)			
Ath. Topeka & Santa Fe, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 29a
Preferred	2 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Baltimore & Ohio, pref. (quar.)	1	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Canada Southern	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Cincinnati Northern	*6	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Cleve. Clin. Chicago & St. Louis, com.	*5	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
Preferred (quar.)	*3	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
Connecticut & Passumpsic Rivers, pf.	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Cuba RR., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Great Northern preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Hudson & Manhattan, pref.	2 1/2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 29a
Kansas City St. L. & Chic., pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Louisiana & Mo. River, preferred	*3 3/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Louisville & Nashville	2	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Mahoning Coal RR., common (quar.)	\$12.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Massachusetts Valley RR.	*3	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1
Michigan Central	\$25	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
Minnehill & Schuykill Haven	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16 to Jan. 31
Norfolk & Western, ad. pref. (quar.)	1	Feb. 19	Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Northern Pacific (quar.)	75c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Peoria & Bureau Valley	*3 1/2	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	\$2.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Pittsb. Youngs. & Ashtabula, pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 28a
Reading Company, common (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 11	Holders of rec. Feb. 20
Shamokin Valley & Pottsville	\$1.60	Feb. 11	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
Troy & Bennington	*5	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Utica Clinton & Bingham, deb. stock.	*2 1/2	Dec. 26	
Public Utilities.			
Alabama Power, \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Amer. Cities Pow. & Lt., class A (qu.)	(2)	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Amer. Gas & Electric, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Amer. Light & Tract., com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Amer. Water Works & Elec., com. (qu.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Arkansas-Mo. Power, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Associated Gas & Elec., cl.A (quar.)	(2)	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
\$4 pref. (qu.) (cash or 1-70 sh. \$5 pf.)	\$31	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30
\$4 preferred (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Associated Telop., Ltd., \$1.50 pf. (qu.)	\$37 1/2c	Feb. 2	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Atlantic City Elec. Co., \$6 pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Bangor-Hydro Elec. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Braillan Tr., Lt. & Pow. ord. (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
British Columbia Telop., 6% pref. (qu.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Broad River Power, 7% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Brooklyn-Manhattan Tr., pref. A (qu.)	*\$1.50	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 1a
Buff. Niagara & East. Power—			
First preferred (quar.)	*\$1.25	Feb. 2	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Calgary Power, Ltd., 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Canada No. Pow. Corp., com. (quar.)	20c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Central Arizona L. & Pow., \$7 pf. (qu.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
\$6 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Central Hudson Gas & El., com. (qu.)	*20c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Central S. W. Util., \$7 pr. lten (qu.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30
\$7 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30
\$6 prior lten (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Central West Pub. Serv., class A (quar.)	*\$2 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred A (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred B (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Cities Serv. Pow. & Lt., \$7 pf. (mthly.)	58 1-3c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
\$6 preferred (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
\$5 preferred (monthly)	41 2-3c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a
Cleveland Elec. Ltl., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Columbia Gas & Elec., com. (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a
6% preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a
5% preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a
Commonwealth-Edison Co. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Commonwealth & Southern Corp., com.	15c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Concord Gas, 7% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Consolidated Gas (N. Y.), com. (quar.)	\$1	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 25a
Consumers Power, \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
6.6% preferred (quar.)	1.65	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
6.6% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Cumberland Co. Pow. & L., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Dayton Pow. & Lt., 6% pf. (monthly)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Edison Elec. Ill., Boston (quar.)	3.40	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Electric Power Assn., com. & cl. A (qu.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Electric Power & Light, com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Com. allotment etc., full paid (qu.)	11 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Com. allotment etc., 90% paid (qu.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Second preferred A (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Empire Distric El. Co., 6% pf. (mthly.)	66 2-3c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Empire Gas & Fuel, 8% pf. (mthly.)	58 1-3c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
7% preferred (monthly)	64 1-6c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Foreign Power Securit., 6% pref. (qu.)	*\$4.50	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 31
Frankford & Southwick Phila., Pass Ry.	1.31 1/4	Apr. 5	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Germantown Passenger Ry. (qu.)	*\$3	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Hamilton Bldge. pref. (quar.)	68 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Hartford Electric Light (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Havana Elec. & Utilities, 1st pt. (qu.)	\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
\$5 preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Idaho Power, 7% pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
\$6 preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Illinois Northern Utilities, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Junior preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Illinois Pow. & Lt. Corp., 6% pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Internal Utilities \$7 prior pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
\$3.50 prior preferred (quar.)	*\$7 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Keystone Telephone of Phila., \$3 pf. (qu.)	*\$7 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Lone Star Gas, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.63	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Louisiana Power & Light, \$6 pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Middle West Utilities, com. (in com.stk.)	2	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
\$6 preferred (quar.)	(2)	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Milwaukee Elec. Ry. & Light, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Mohawk Hudson Power, pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Montreal L. H. & P. Consol. (quar.)	88c.	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Municipal Service, pref. (mthly.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Mutual Elec. (Hawaii) (mthly.)	*45c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18
National Electric Power, com. A (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9
National Power & Light, \$6 pref. (quar.)	*87c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 9
Nat. Tel. & Tel., class A (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 17
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a
Nevada-California Electric, pref. (quar.)	*10c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
North Amer. Gas & Elec., class A	*\$1.60	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
\$6 preferred (quar.)			
North American Light & Power—			
Common (in common stock)	72	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 19
North Shore Gas, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 10
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 10
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 10
Northern N. Y. Utilities, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Northern Ontario Pow., Ltd., com. (qu.)	50c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Nor. States Power (Del.), com. A (quar.)	58 1-3c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Ohio Pub. Serv. Co., 7% pf. (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
6% preferred (monthly)	41 2-3c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
5% preferred (monthly)	37 1/2c	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Pacific Gas & Elec., 6% pref. (quar.)	*34 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30
5 1/2% preferred (quar.)			

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed. Days Inclusive.
Public Utilities (Concluded.)			
Pacific Lighting Corp., com. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Pacific Northwest Public Service—			
7.2% first preferred (quar.)	*\$1.80	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Public Service, 1st pref. (quar.)	*\$2.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Pennsylvania Pow. Co., \$6.60 pf. (mthly)	*55c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Philadelphia Co., com. (quar.)	55c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Philadelphia Electric Co., pf. (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Feb. 12a
Philadelphia Suburban Water, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 12a
Portland (Me.) RR.	*2 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Potomac Edison Co., 6% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Power Corp. of Canada, Ltd., com. (qu.)	450c.	Feb. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Public Service of Colorado—			
7% preferred (monthly)	58 1-3c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
5% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
5% preferred (monthly)	41 2-3c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Public Serv. Corp. of N.J., 6% pf. (mthly.)	50c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Public Service Co. of Nor. Illinois—			
No par and \$100 par com. (quar.)	*\$2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
6% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Railway & Light Securities, com. (qu.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Rhode Isl. Pub. Serv., cl. A (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Rockland Light & Power (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Southern Calif. Edison, com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Sou. Calif. Gas Corp., \$6 1/2 pf. (qu.)	\$1.625	Feb. 29	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Southern Canada Power, com. (quar.)	125c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Standard Gas & Elec. Co., com. (quar.)	\$7 1/2c	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
\$6 prior preference (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
\$7 prior preference (quar.)	\$1.75	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Stand. Pow. & Lt., com. & com. B (qu.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 11
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Standard Telop. (Del.) pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Tacony-Palmra Bridge, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Tex. Power & Light, 7% pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Toledo Edison Co. 7% pf. (mthly.)	6 1-3c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
5% preferred (monthly)	4 1-2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
United Light & Power, com. A & B (qu.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Un. Lt.&Rys.(Del.) 7% pr.pf. (mthly.)	6 1-3c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
6.36 prior pref. (monthly)	*53c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
6% prior pref. (monthly)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
United Ohio Util., 6% pr. pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 9
U.S. Electric Power, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Gas & Elec., \$6 pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
West Penn Electric Co., 7% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
West Penn Pow. Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a
Western United Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
York Rys., pref. (quar.)	62 1/2c	dApr. 1	Holders of rec. dMar. 1
Trust Companies.			
Corn Exchange Bank Trust (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
Fire Insurance.			
Lincoln (new) (quar.) (No. 1)	*25c.	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Miscellaneous.			
Abraham & Straus, Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Adams (J. D.) Mfg. (quar.)	*30c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Adams Mills Corp., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Alaska Juneau Gold Mining (qu.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a
Allegheny Steel, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Allied Chemical & Dye, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a
Alred Kid, \$5 pf. (quar.)	*\$1.025	Feb. 2	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Altech, pref. (quar.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a
Alpha Portland Cement, com. (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 25
Altorfer Bros. Co., conv. pref. (qu.)	*75c.	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Amerasia Corporation (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
American Can, common (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 2a
American Coal (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Amer. European Securities, pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
American Home Prod. Corp. (mthly.)	35c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14a
American Ice, com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
Preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 4a
American Machine & Fdy., com. (quar.)	35c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
American Meter (quar.)	*\$7.50	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Amer. Shipbuilding, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Amer. Smelt & Refining, com. (quar.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 5a
Amer. Sugar Refg., com. (quar.)	*1	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Apr. 2	*Holders of rec. Mar. 5
Amer. Thermo Bottle, class A (quar.)	*15c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Anglo Persian Oil Co., Ltd.—			
Amer dep. rets., 1st pref. reg	*4 1/2	Feb. 6	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Amer dep. rets., 2d pref. reg	*4 1/2	Feb. 6	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Archer Daniels-Midland Co., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a
Associated Dry Goods, 1st pref. (qu			

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Miscellaneous (Continued).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Centrifugal Pipe (quar.)	150.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5	Link Belt Co., com. (quar.)	30c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a
Quarternly	15c.	May 16	Holders of rec. May 5	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Quarternly	15c.	Aug. 15	Holders of rec. Aug. 5	Loew's Boston Theatres (quar.)	15c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Quarternly	15c.	Nov. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 5	Loose-Wiles Bisquit, com. (quar.)	65c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Century Shares Trust, partic. shares	70c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Common (extra)	10c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Cerro de Pasco Copper Corp. (qu.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Lord & Taylor, second pref. (quar.)	*2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16
Cherry Burrell Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Lucky Tiger Combination Gold Min.			
Chicago Yellow Cab (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19a	Com. (quar.)	*3c.	Apr. 20	*Holders of rec. Apr. 10
Cities Service, bankers shares	10.335c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Quarternly	*3c.	Apr. 20	*Holders of rec. Apr. 9
Cities Service Co., com. (monthly)	2 1/4c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Lyon Metal Prod., Inc., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Com. (payable in com. stk.) (monthly)	7 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	M-A-C-Plan, Inc., pref. (quar.)	*30c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred B (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	MacKinnon Steel Corp., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Pref. and preference BB (monthly)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a	May (R. H.) & Co., common	75c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 22a
Cluett, Peabody & Co., Inc., com. (qu.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21a	Common payable in common stock	75c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 22a
Coca Cola Bottling Co. of St. L. (quar.)	*40c.	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 5	Mansfield Theatres (Toronto)	*3 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Quarternly	*40c.	July 15	*Holders of rec. July 5	Mastay Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Quarternly	*40c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 5	Cumulative preference (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20c
Cokrate Palmolive Peet Co., pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a	McCull Corporation, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20c
Columbian Carbon (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	McCrory Stores Corp. pref. (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Conoleum-Nalra, Inc., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15	McIntyre Porcupine Mines (quar.)	*5c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 5
Consol. Chemical Indust., et. A (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	McLeod Oil (No. 1)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Consolidated Cigar Corp., pr. pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Melville Shoe Corp., com. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	*1.875	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	First preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Consolidated Laundries, pref. (quar.)	*5c.	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Second preferred (quar.)	*7 1/4c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Consolidated Royal Oil (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 1a	Merchants Refrig., common (extra)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Continental Can, common (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 12	Preferred (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Coon (W. B.) Co., 7% pref. (quar.)	*3 1/4c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Metal & Themit Corp., common (qu.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Crown Publishing 7% pref.	37 1/2c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13	Metropolitan Industries			
Crown Zellerbach Corp., pref. A (quar.)	37 1/2c	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 13	Pref. allot. etc., 50% paid (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred B (quar.)	*2	Mar. 31	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Metropolitan Storage Warehouse (quar.)	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11
Crum & Forster, preferred (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Minnesota Valley Can., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Cuneo Press, common (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Miss. Val. Util. Invest., \$6 pr. lien (qu.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2	Mar. 15	Holders of rec. Mar. 1	Modine Mfg. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Dennison Mfg., deb. stock (quar.)	*11.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 2	Mohawk Mining	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
Deposited Insurance Shares, ser. A	*25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19	Morris Plan Bank (Cleveland) (quar.)	3	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 24
Ditaphone Corp., common (quar.)	*25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19	Mortgage Corp. of Nova Scotia (quar.)	*9c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 19	Nash Motors Co. (quar.)	2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Disher Steel Constr., pref. A (quar.)	37 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	National Carbon, pref. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Distillers Co. Ltd.				National Distillers Products com. (quar.)	32 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Amer. dep. rets. ord. reg. shares	(n)	Feb. 6	*Holders of rec. Jan. 11	Nat. Indust. Loan Corp., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Dominion Bridge (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30	Nat. Lead, pref. B (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Quarternly	62 1/2c	May 16	Holders of rec. Apr. 30	National Tea, pref. (quar.)	13 1/4c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Dominion Tar & Chemical, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6	National Weaving, prior preferred	*3 1/2	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Du Pont (E. I.) de Nemours & Co.				Neelson Bros., Inc., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a	Neon Products of West. Canada, pr. (qu.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Eastern Dairies (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	New Amsterdam Casualty (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 22
Eastern Food Corp., class A (quar.)	75c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30	New England Equity Corp., com. (qu.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. d15
Class A (quar.)	75c.	July 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30	New England Grain Products			
Eastern Theatres, Ltd., com. (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 30	Com. (1-100 share in Pref. A stock)	50c.	Feb. 10	Holders of rec. Jan. 14
Preferred	3 1/4	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	New Jersey Zinc (quar.)	25c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Eaton Axle & Spring, common (quar.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	N. Y. & Honduras Rosario Mining	12 1/2c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 19
Empire Title & Guarantee (quar.)	*1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 23	Extra	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Empress, Smith & Co.	*2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	N. Y. Merchandise Co., Inc., com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Eureka Pipe Line (quar.)	*60c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 5	7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Ewa Plantation (quarternly)	6 1/4c	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Newberry (J. J.) Realty Corp., pf. A (qu)	*1 1/4	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 15
Exchange Buffet Corp.	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Preferred B (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Faber, Coe & Gregg, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	North American Match Corp.	*1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Fair (The), pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 16	Holders of rec. Mar. 16	Northwest Engineering, com. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Faultless Rubber, com. (quar.)	50c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Outlet Co., com. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Federal Co-operative Fin., 7% pf. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20	First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Federal Knitting Mills, com. (qu.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Second preferred (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30a
Fibrolid Prod., prior pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16	Owens-Illinois Glass, common (quar.)	1 1/2	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 16
Foundation Co. of Canada, com. (qu.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30	Patent & Atwood Mfg. (quar.)	*20c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Fulton Indus. Sec. (Atlanta), common	*12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Pac. Finance Co. of Calif., pref. A (qu.)	*17 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred C (quar.)	*16 1/4c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Gardner-Denver Co., pref. (quar.)	*11	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Preferred D (quar.)	*17 1/2c	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
General Capital Corp. (No. 1)	*1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a	Preferred E (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
General Cigar, Inc., com. (qu.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a	Package Machinery, 1st pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a	Pennan's Ltd., preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
General Electric, common (quar.)	40c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a	Penn Traffic	7 1/2c	Jan. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Special stock (quar.)	15c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Dec. 18a	Philadelphia Bourse, com. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
General Foods Corp., com. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
General Mills, com. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Philadelphia Insulated Wire	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
General Motors Corp., \$5 pref. (quar.)	\$1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Phillips-Jones Corp., pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 25
General Public Serv., \$8 pref. (qu.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Quarternly	*50c.	July 1	*Holders of rec. June 25
\$5.50 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.37	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Quarternly	*50c.	Oct. 1	*Holders of rec. Sept. 25
General Stockyards Corp., com. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Process Corporation (quar.)	*5c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 25a
\$6 preferred (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Procter & Gamble Co., com. (quar.)	*60c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 30
General Tire & Rubber, com. (quar.)	*1.25	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 5a	Public Utility Corp. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Gilmore Oil Co., Ltd., (quar.)	*30c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Extra	*\$1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Gimbel Bros., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Public Utility Invest., \$5 pref. (qu.)	*\$1.25	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 23a
Gold Dust Corp., com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 9a	Pullman, Inc. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 29	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Goldsmith (P.) Sons (quar.)	*10c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Quaker Oats, preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Goodyear Tire & Rub., com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Raymond Concrete Pile, pref. (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Gotham Silk Hosiery, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a	Reed (C. A.) Co., class A (quar.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21
Government Gold Mining Areas				Class B (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Am. dep. rets. for registered shares	*45	Jan. 29	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Renule Service, pref. (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Am. dep. rets. for old reg. shares	*45	Feb. 18	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Rich Ice Cream (quar.)	*50c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Granby Cons. Mts. Smelt. & Pow. (qu.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a	Riverside Cement, pref. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Grand Rapids Varnish (stock dividend)	*60	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20	Ross Bros. (Del.), com. (quar.)	*10c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Hall (W. F.) Printing (quar.)	30c.	Feb. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 221a	Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.625	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Halle Bros., 6 1/4% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 30	Jan. 23 to Jan. 31	Rose's 5-10 & 25 Ct. Stores, pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Hawaiian Sugar (monthly)	*25c.	Feb. 5	Holders of rec. Feb. 4a	Russell Motor Car Co., Ltd., com. (qu.)	*60c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Hercules Powder, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Feb. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Hershey Chocolate, com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a	Ruid Mfg. (quar.)	15c.	Mar. 21	Holders of rec. Mar. 10a
Convertible preferred (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a	St. Joseph Lead Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Convertible preferred (extra)	\$1	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 25a	St. Lawrence Flour Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Hilbard, Spencer, Bartlett Co. (mthly.)	15c.	Jan. 28	Holders of rec. Feb. 19	Salt Creek Producers Assn. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
Monthly	15c.	Mar. 25	Holders of rec. Mar. 18	San Francisco Rem. Loan Assn. (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Mar. 31	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Hollinger Consol. Gold Mines	5c.	Jan. 28	Holders of rec. Jan. 14	Savage Arms, 2d pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Home Credit (Baltimore) pref.	*87 1/2c	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 21	Savannah Sugar Refg., com. (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Homestake Mining (monthly)	65c.	Jan. 25	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Horn & Hardart (N. Y.), com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 11a	Scott Paper, pref. A (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
Horne (Jos. C.), 8% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 23	Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 31
Humberstone Shoe, Ltd. (quar.)	60c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 15	Seaboard Surety Co. (quar.)	12 1/2c	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 8a
Indiana Pipe Line Co. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 15	Holders of rec. Jan. 22	Sears, Roebuck & Co. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Industrial & Power Securities (quar.)	25c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 1	Seaman Brothers, Inc., com. (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Quarternly	25c.	June 1	Holders of rec. May 1	Selby Lock & Hardware, pref. (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Quarternly	25c.	Sept. 1	Holders of rec. Aug. 1	Seul Shoe, common (quar.)	*35c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Quarternly	25c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 1	Service Station, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Inter-Island Steam Nav. (monthly)	*10c.	Jan. 30	Holders of rec. Jan. 25	Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Feb. 2	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Internat. Cigar Machinery (quar.)	62 1/2c	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 21	Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Nov. 1	*Holders of rec. July 20
Internat'l Nickel of Canada, pref. (qu							

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Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Trustee Standard Invest. Shares, C.	*9.2c.	Feb. 1	
Class D.	*9c.	Feb. 1	
Tung Sol Lamp Works, com. (quar.)	*25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Union Oil Associates (quar.)	*34c.	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18
Union Oil of Calif. (quar.)	*35c.	Feb. 10	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18a
United Blauet, com. (quar.)	50c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 16a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
United Cigar Stores of America, pt. (qu.)	1	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 16a
United Ins. Trust Sns., ser. F reg.	15.08c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Series F coupon	15.08c.	Feb. 1	
United Piece Dye Works, com. (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15a
United Verde Extension Mining (quar.)	25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 23a
U. S. & Foreign Securities, 1st pref. (qu.)	\$1.50	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 19a
Universal Leaf Tobacco, com. (quar.)	75c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Universal Winding, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Urban Mfg. Co., Ltd., pref.	*3 1/2	Jan. 25	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Victor Talking Machine, com. (quar.)	*31	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 13
West Va. Pulp & Paper, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 1
Westinghouse Air Brake (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg., com. (qu.)	62 1/2	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18a
Preferred (quar.)	87 1/2	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 18a
Weston (Geo.) Ltd., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20
Wil-Low Cafeterias, pref. (quar.)	*31	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 21
White Rock Mineral Springs, com. (qu.)	1	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Second preferred (quar.)	5	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15
Wilcox-Rich Corp., class B	7 1/2	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Wilson Line, Inc., pref.	3 1/2	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Jan. 15
Woolworth (F. W.) Co. (quar.)	*60c.	Mar. 1	*Holders of rec. Feb. 10
Wrightley (Wm.), Jr. (monthly)	25c.	Feb. 1	*Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Wurlitzer (Rudolph) Co., 7% pt. (qu.)	*1 1/4	Apr. 1	*Holders of rec. Mar. 19
7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	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.
 l Andre Citroen Corp. dividend is 32.42 francs.
 m Pittsburgh & Lake Erie dividend is payable to holders of rec. Dec. 28, but ex-dividend on New York Curb Market on Dec. 24.
 n Distillers Co. div. is 1 shilling 6 pence per share.
 o British American Tobacco final dividend is 8d. 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.
 p American Cities Power & Light class A div. is 75c. cash or 1-32d. share of class B stock.
 q Columbia Gas & Electric com. stock dividend is payable in \$5 preferred.
 r On Central West Public Service pref. A stock which has been outstanding less than two years 1 1/4% will be paid; on stock two years after conv. 2% will be paid.
 s Central West Public Service class A 2 1/4% div. will be paid on class A stock or upon notice to company in cash at rate of 37 1/2c. per 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, 1-800th 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.
 aa 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, \$30,072,800 to surplus and undivided profits, \$200,017,000 to the net demand deposits and \$96,254,000 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. 16 1932.

Clearing House Members.	*Capital.	*Surplus and Undivided Profits.	Net Demand Deposits Average.	Time Deposits Average.
Bank of N Y & Trust Co.	6,000,000	\$ 9,730,700	78,919,000	11,851,000
Bank of Manhattan Tr Co	22,250,000	44,436,700	237,252,000	38,931,000
National City Bank	124,000,000	101,347,500	988,694,000	173,979,000
Chemical Bank & Tr Co.	21,000,000	44,758,800	209,556,000	22,840,000
Guaranty Trust Co.	90,000,000	194,959,000	677,732,000	75,697,000
Chat Phen N Bk & Tr Co.	16,200,000	15,118,400	106,757,000	23,374,000
Cent Hanover B & T Co.	21,000,000	79,103,200	417,685,000	43,547,000
Corn Exch Bank Trust Co.	15,000,000	22,549,500	172,077,000	28,029,000
First National Bank	10,000,000	112,537,200	288,313,000	18,148,000
Irving Trust Co.	50,000,000	75,506,700	325,928,000	38,936,000
Cont'l Bank & Trust Co.	4,000,000	6,750,200	26,408,000	3,581,000
Chase National Bank	148,000,000	143,075,000	c986,401,000	101,494,000
Fifth Avenue Bank	500,000	3,405,800	31,994,000	2,174,000
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	75,020,400	d493,262,000	42,811,000
Title Guar & Trust Co.	10,000,000	21,208,100	85,455,000	820,000
Marine Midland Trust Co	10,000,000	7,019,000	39,019,000	4,784,000
Lawyers Trust Co.	3,000,000	2,400,000	13,400,000	1,372,000
New York Trust Co.	12,500,000	26,559,200	166,062,000	21,212,000
Com'l Nat Bk & Trust Co.	7,000,000	9,235,600	41,311,000	2,124,000
Harriman N B & Tr Co.	2,000,000	2,863,200	26,323,000	4,163,000
Public N B & Trust Co.	8,250,000	7,876,400	34,526,000	28,652,000
Manufacturers Trust Co.	27,500,000	22,196,400	165,491,000	67,602,000
Clearing Non Member.				
Mechanics Tr, Bayonne.	500,000	652,400	2,209,000	4,913,000
Totals	633,700,000	1,028,309,400	5,576,804,000	763,034,000

* As per official reports: National, Dec. 31 1931 State, Dec. 31 1931 Trust Companies, Dec. 31 1931.
 Includes deposits in foreign branches as follows: (a) \$222,609,000 (b) \$56,847,000 (c) \$42,314,000 (d) \$21,937,000.

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 Jan. 15:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN THE CLEARING HOUSE, WITH THE CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED THURSDAY, JAN. 15 1932.
 NATIONAL BANKS—AVERAGE FIGURES.

	Loans, Disc. and Investments.	Gold.	Other Cash Including Bank Notes	Res. Dep., N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Grace National.	17,684,219	1,000	83,267	1,469,829	845,963	14,754,257
Brooklyn—						
Peoples Nat'l.	6,508,000	5,000	124,000	412,000	20,000	5,850,000

TRUST COMPANIES—AVERAGE FIGURES.

	Loans, Disc. and Investments.	Cash.	Res. Dep., N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Dep. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Empire	62,518,800	*3,690,300	8,232,800	2,453,700	64,619,600
Fulton	17,204,400	*2,562,900	1,774,900	746,400	17,684,500
United States	67,948,769	7,774,407	17,653,199	-----	65,977,329
Brooklyn—					
Brooklyn	97,438,000	2,798,000	24,150,000	390,000	101,450,000
Kings County	24,842,118	1,806,406	3,894,493	-----	23,864,722
Bayonne, N. J.—					
Mechanics	7,479,049	302,634	447,852	192,010	7,346,874

*Includes amount with Federal Reserve as follows: Empire, \$2,268,400 Fulton, \$2,400,700.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Week Ended Jan. 20 1932.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended Jan. 13 1932.	Week Ended Jan. 6 1932.
Capital	\$ 91,775,000	Unchanged	\$ 91,775,000	\$ 91,775,000
Surplus and profits	82,328,000	-182,000	82,510,000	84,190,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest'ts.	918,398,000	-2,886,000	922,284,000	903,548,000
Individual deposits	558,128,000	+6,827,000	551,301,000	570,629,000
Due to banks	134,223,000	-5,065,000	139,288,000	144,937,000
Time deposits	210,873,000	-1,803,000	212,676,000	207,743,000
United States deposits	4,252,000	-28,000	4,424,000	5,289,000
Exchanges for Clg. House	14,591,000	+540,000	14,051,000	26,555,000
Due from other banks	71,784,000	-872,000	70,912,000	80,078,000
Res'v in legal deposit'les	75,063,000	-493,000	75,556,000	88,814,000
Cash in bank	11,670,000	-638,000	12,208,000	13,473,000
Res. in excess in F.R.Bk.	5,995,000	+1,689,000	4,306,000	17,599,000

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 continued.

	Week Ended Jan. 16 1932.	Changes from Previous Week.	Week Ended Jan. 9 1932.	Week Ended Jan. 2 1932.
Capital	\$ 77,052,000	Unchanged	\$ 77,052,000	\$ 77,052,000
Surplus and profits	218,419,000	-3,246,000	221,665,000	227,100,000
Loans, disc'ts. and invest.	1,232,001,000	-7,074,000	1,239,075,000	1,241,892,000
Exch. for Clearing House	22,585,000	4,127,000	26,712,000	29,887,000
Due from banks	86,998,000	-5,122,000	92,120,000	103,458,000
Bank deposits	140,385,000	-3,784,000	144,169,000	140,544,000
Individual deposits	638,361,000	-8,742,000	647,103,000	665,865,000
Time deposits	267,102,000	-3,126,000	270,228,000	247,018,000
Total deposits	1,045,848,000	-11,952,000	1,061,500,000	1,070,427,000
Res'v with F. R. Bank	92,108,000	-801,000	92,909,000	94,195,000

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Jan. 21, 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 590, 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. 20 1932.

	Jan. 20 1932.	Jan. 13 1932.	Jan. 6 1932.	Dec. 30 1931.	Dec. 23 1931.	Dec. 16 1931.	Dec. 9 1931.	Dec. 2 1931.	Jan. 21 1931.
RESOURCES.									
Gold with Federal Reserve agents.....	2,056,234.00	2,074,369.00	2,074,541.00	2,090,372.00	2,047,722.00	1,923,148.00	1,808,398.00	1,747,581.00	1,763,219.00
Gold redemption fund with U. S. Treas.....	59,493.00	53,342.00	58,498.00	53,077.00	58,577.00	61,522.00	64,322.00	69,711.00	35,668.00
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes.....	2,115,727.00	2,132,711.00	2,133,039.00	2,148,449.00	2,106,299.00	1,994,668.00	1,872,718.00	1,817,292.00	1,798,887.00
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board.....	363,410.00	385,583.00	358,436.00	335,570.00	360,667.00	362,042.00	*397,296.00	361,428.00	421,588.00
Gold and gold certificates held by banks.....	526,777.00	483,542.00	494,077.00	503,540.00	513,895.00	635,334.00	699,104.00	762,850.00	853,673.00
Total gold reserves.....	3,005,914.00	3,001,836.00	2,985,552.00	2,987,584.00	2,980,861.00	2,982,044.00	*296,911.8.00	2,941,570.00	3,074,148.00
Reserves other than gold.....	189,717.00	186,045.00	173,655.00	167,459.00	147,371.00	162,586.00	167,855.00	166,063.00	180,136.00
Total reserves.....	3,195,631.00	3,187,881.00	3,159,207.00	3,155,043.00	3,128,232.00	3,144,630.00	*313,767.3.00	3,107,633.00	3,254,284.00
Non-reserve cash.....	76,387.00	78,415.00	71,670.00	74,610.00	63,085.00	61,560.00	67,433.00	65,313.00	85,071.00
U. S. Government securities.....	380,441.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00
Bills discounted.....	438,545.00	437,348.00	451,987.00	594,833.00	561,374.00	358,117.00	377,525.00	363,707.00	79,612.00
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	380,441.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00
Other bills discounted.....	54,104.00	56,355.00	70,994.00	213,840.00	180,381.00	177,124.00	196,532.00	182,714.00	115,520.00
Total bills discounted.....	818,986.00	818,341.00	818,216.00	1,024,133.00	911,194.00	697,908.00	725,182.00	717,587.00	229,885.00
Bills bought in open market.....	188,041.00	213,801.00	275,306.00	326,975.00	257,351.00	307,077.00	389,219.00	423,407.00	151,625.00
U. S. Government securities.....	320,213.00	320,267.00	330,199.00	344,626.00	318,655.00	317,738.00	317,686.00	316,484.00	96,632.00
Bonds.....	33,557.00	30,596.00	30,549.00	30,843.00	28,058.00	20,558.00	19,950.00	19,950.00	181,452.00
Treasury notes.....	397,698.00	400,712.00	405,197.00	427,759.00	411,509.00	369,898.00	379,557.00	380,587.00	346,507.00
Special Treasury certificates.....									
Certificates and bills.....	751,468.00	751,575.00	765,945.00	803,228.00	758,222.00	905,894.00	717,193.00	717,021.00	624,591.00
Total U. S. Government securities.....	380,441.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00	380,993.00
Other securities.....	36,846.00						29,732.00	30,232.00	650.00
Foreign loans on gold.....									
Total bills and securities.....	1,795,341.00	1,813,449.00	1,888,311.00	2,185,216.00	1,957,221.00	1,941,351.00	1,861,566.00	1,888,227.00	1,006,751.00
Due from foreign banks.....	5,597.00	8,663.00	8,662.00	8,662.00	8,315.00	8,774.00	8,725.00	8,724.00	712.00
Federal Reserve notes of other banks.....	19,137.00	18,368.00	21,726.00	20,056.00	17,871.00	15,658.00	15,828.00	15,694.00	26,194.00
Uncollected items.....	431,387.00	439,210.00	475,253.00	443,521.00	455,594.00	574,585.00	410,732.00	451,277.00	507,312.00
Bank premises.....	57,813.00	57,811.00	57,770.00	59,581.00	59,572.00	59,501.00	59,501.00	59,475.00	58,034.00
All other resources.....	36,371.00	33,931.00	33,752.00	39,151.00	38,265.00	37,021.00	39,674.00	41,102.00	19,032.00
Total resources.....	5,620,664.00	5,637,728.00	5,716,331.00	5,985,820.00	5,728,855.00	5,843,080.00	*5600482.00	5,637,445.00	4,957,390.00
LIABILITIES.									
F. R. notes in actual circulation.....	2,642,140.00	2,635,766.00	2,651,026.00	2,613,104.00	2,661,206.00	2,528,332.00	2,484,892.00	2,478,130.00	1,517,843.00
Deposits.....	1,971,564.00	1,994,347.00	2,036,072.00	2,322,787.00	2,001,086.00	2,167,802.00	2,086,008.00	2,073,454.00	2,440,730.00
Member banks—reserve account.....	25,145.00	32,835.00	29,893.00	50,705.00	56,460.00	2,870.00	*28,595.00	22,333.00	22,650.00
Government.....	81,830.00	75,129.00	64,645.00	77,259.00	107,823.00	101,402.00	101,402.00	137,136.00	6,040.00
Foreign banks.....	26,885.00	27,996.00	38,809.00	29,358.00	30,598.00	36,754.00	27,221.00	25,451.00	18,734.00
Other deposits.....	2,105,925.00	2,130,110.00	2,169,419.00	2,480,109.00	2,195,958.00	2,308,828.00	*2259498.00	2,258,374.00	2,488,154.00
Deferred availability items.....	428,687.00	427,469.00	451,516.00	435,291.00	415,866.00	550,991.00	406,848.00	443,278.00	494,734.00
Capital paid in.....	159,459.00	159,836.00	160,605.00	160,553.00	160,750.00	160,670.00	160,947.00	163,589.00	169,712.00
Surplus.....	259,421.00	259,421.00	259,421.00	274,636.00	274,636.00	274,636.00	274,636.00	274,636.00	274,636.00
All other liabilities.....	25,032.00	25,126.00	24,344.00	22,127.00	20,439.00	19,633.00	19,801.00	19,438.00	12,311.00
Total liabilities.....	5,620,664.00	5,637,728.00	5,716,331.00	5,985,820.00	5,728,855.00	5,843,080.00	*5600482.00	5,637,445.00	4,957,390.00
Ratio of gold reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	62.8%	62.9%	61.9%	58.6%	61.3%	61.6%	62.5%	62.1%	76.7%
Ratio of total reserves to deposits and F. R. note liabilities combined.....	67.3%	66.9%	65.5%	61.9%	64.4%	65.0%	66.1%	65.8%	81.2%
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	285,299.00	285,141.00	269,544.00	248,529.00	238,648.00	214,446.00	168,486.00	134,053.00	448,667.00
Maturity Distribution of Bills and Short-Term Securities—									
1-15 days bills discounted.....	632,804.00	631,648.00	638,235.00	851,558.00	750,539.00	540,325.00	561,477.00	544,465.00	147,597.00
16-30 days bills discounted.....	44,002.00	42,342.00	44,483.00	39,895.00	41,291.00	46,201.00	49,928.00	52,002.00	19,316.00
31-60 days bills discounted.....	72,553.00	68,043.00	64,994.00	61,108.00	54,161.00	49,605.00	58,284.00	65,621.00	29,716.00
61-90 days bills discounted.....	48,751.00	54,810.00	50,218.00	51,407.00	46,048.00	43,552.00	35,641.00	33,426.00	20,414.00
Over 90 days bills discounted.....	20,873.00	21,498.00	20,286.00	20,167.00	19,157.00	18,225.00	19,854.00	20,053.00	12,842.00
Total bills discounted.....	818,986.00	818,341.00	818,226.00	1,024,133.00	911,194.00	697,908.00	725,182.00	717,587.00	229,885.00
1-15 days bills bought in open market.....	79,626.00	84,417.00	137,297.00	192,124.00	146,004.00	159,861.00	188,126.00	171,720.00	71,689.00
16-30 days bills bought in open market.....	24,205.00	40,361.00	70,416.00	64,096.00	56,051.00	87,580.00	126,242.00	139,182.00	14,232.00
31-60 days bills bought in open market.....	50,946.00	49,527.00	47,482.00	50,940.00	30,306.00	29,226.00	56,204.00	100,285.00	21,202.00
61-90 days bills bought in open market.....	32,697.00	38,797.00	19,161.00	19,058.00	24,288.00	29,204.00	19,965.00	11,331.00	29,926.00
Over 90 days bills bought in open market.....	567.00	699.00	950.00	759.00	722.00	706.00	678.00	639.00	1,242.00
Total bills bought in open market.....	188,041.00	213,801.00	275,306.00	326,975.00	257,351.00	307,077.00	389,219.00	423,407.00	151,325.00
1-15 days U. S. certificates and bills.....	23,450.00	20,950.00	6,500.00	28,950.00	13,152.00	210,652.00	53,243.00	53,224.00	-----
16-30 days U. S. certificates and bills.....	54,838.00	40,225.00	23,450.00	20,950.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	13,152.00	13,152.00	26,107.00
31-60 days U. S. certificates and bills.....	103,613.00	61,429.00	99,154.00	77,816.00	68,287.00	51,175.00	23,950.00	22,990.00	-----
61-90 days U. S. certificates and bills.....	8,050.00	68,344.00	68,345.00	86,139.00	117,662.00	135,773.00	112,704.00	88,806.00	-----
Over 90 days certificates and bills.....	202,749.00	209,764.00	207,748.00	214,354.00	210,408.00	167,798.00	177,308.00	202,395.00	320,400.00
Total U. S. certificates and bills.....	397,698.00	400,712.00	405,197.00	427,759.00	411,509.00	567,398.00	379,557.00	380,587.00	346,507.00
1-15 days municipal warrants.....	2,542.00	2,266.00	2,082.00	3,792.00	3,811.00	3,658.00	515.00	880.00	-----
16-30 days municipal warrants.....	100.00	156.00	75.00	221.00	244.00	181.00	3,850.00	3,075.00	-----
31-60 days municipal warrants.....	212.00	204.00	69.00	84.00	109.00	151.00	299.00	268.00	-----
61-90 days municipal warrants.....	82.00	120.00	132.00	87.00	69.00	67.00	69.00	60.00	-----
Over 90 days municipal warrants.....		1.00	1.00	11.00	26.00	25.00	29.00	29.00	-----
Total municipal warrants.....	2,936.00	2,747.00	2,359.00	4,195.00	4,259.00	4,072.00	4,292.00	4,302.00	-----
Federal Reserve Notes—									
Issued to F. R. Bank by F. R. Agent.....	2,919,978.00	2,931,929.00	2,950,938.00	2,909,798.00	2,953,776.00	2,819,060.00	2,788,897.00	2,772,705.00	2,031,901.00
Held by Federal Reserve Bank.....	277,838.00	296,163.00	299,912.00	296,694.00	292,570.00	290,728.00	304,005.00	294,675.00	514,059.00
In actual circulation.....	2,642,140.00	2,635,766.00	2,651,026.00	2,613,104.00	2,661,206.00	2,528,332.00	2,484,892.00	2,478,130.00	1,517,843.00
Collateral Held by Agent as Security for Notes Issued to Bank—									
By gold and gold certificates.....	829,854.00	867,789.00	867,611.00	865,742.00	844,192.00	800,816.00	762,586.00	697,051.00	625,539.00
Gold fund—Federal Reserve Board.....	1,226,380.00	1,206,580.00	1,206,930.00	1,224,630.00	1,203,530.00	1,122,330.00	1,045,830.00	1,050,530.00	1,137,680.00
By eligible paper.....	962,085.00	952,413.00	1,025,018.00	1,284,926.00	1,097,158.00	936,104.00	1,038,513.00	1,085,285.00	336,319.00
Total.....	3,018,319.00	3,026,782.00	3,099,559.00	3,375,298.00	3,144,880.00	2,859,250			

Two Ciphers (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.....	320,213.0	23,398.0	111,467.0	23,252.0	26,263.0	3,717.0	5,225.0	54,196.0	11,715.0	15,847.0	9,185.0	17,996.0	17,952.0
Treasury notes.....	33,557.0	1,972.0	17,720.0	2,073.0	2,732.0	316.0	433.0	3,417.0	951.0	705.0	647.0	641.0	4,950.0
Certificates and bills.....	397,698.0	30,810.0	155,214.0	33,555.0	40,104.0	5,048.0	6,939.0	49,976.0	15,220.0	11,120.0	10,376.0	11,228.0	28,108.0
Total U. S. Govt. securities.....	751,468.0	56,180.0	284,401.0	58,880.0	69,099.0	9,081.0	12,597.0	107,589.0	27,886.0	27,672.0	20,208.0	29,865.0	48,010.0
Other securities.....	36,846.0	3,460.0	19,336.0	3,185.0	-----	700.0	850.0	4,500.0	880.0	555.0	840.0	-----	2,540.0
Foreign loans and gold.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Total bills and securities.....	1,795,341.0	120,157.0	527,996.0	183,279.0	203,242.0	60,408.0	76,681.0	220,425.0	67,421.0	45,193.0	63,813.0	49,448.0	177,238.0
Due from foreign banks.....	8,597.0	693.0	3,074.0	940.0	875.0	346.0	321.0	1,222.0	21.0	13.0	251.0	245.0	598.0
F. R. notes of other banks.....	19,137.0	228.0	6,493.0	414.0	1,076.0	2,004.0	778.0	1,635.0	1,608.0	371.0	1,399.0	280.0	2,850.0
Uncollected items.....	431,337.0	47,332.0	129,202.0	36,786.0	40,907.0	33,449.0	11,328.0	49,669.0	16,521.0	6,827.0	20,968.0	14,427.0	23,971.0
Bank premises.....	67,813.0	3,336.0	14,817.0	2,626.0	7,951.0	3,605.0	2,489.0	7,827.0	3,461.0	1,834.0	3,649.0	1,785.0	4,433.0
All other resources.....	36,371.0	1,294.0	13,342.0	1,588.0	1,938.0	4,220.0	3,650.0	2,906.0	2,314.0	1,361.0	1,200.0	1,559.0	999.0
Total resources.....	5,620,664.0	402,430.0	1,744,253.0	471,812.0	557,896.0	216,362.0	206,084.0	943,243.0	192,305.0	131,180.0	188,392.0	131,481.0	435,226.0
LIABILITIES.													
F. R. notes in actual circulation:													
Deposits:	2,642,140.0	188,504.0	572,493.0	262,090.0	317,700.0	109,730.0	121,681.0	549,060.0	92,853.0	67,952.0	81,615.0	45,266.0	233,196.0
Member bank reserve account.....	1,971,564.0	125,655.0	852,276.0	122,757.0	143,847.0	51,182.0	50,430.0	272,130.0	60,135.0	42,116.0	69,720.0	48,003.0	133,313.0
Government.....	26,146.0	2,234.0	3,123.0	1,746.0	2,067.0	1,176.0	1,317.0	5,169.0	1,310.0	1,537.0	1,969.0	3,137.0	1,356.0
Foreign bank.....	81,830.0	5,043.0	37,105.0	6,835.0	6,702.0	1,275.0	2,455.0	8,892.0	2,323.0	1,460.0	1,924.0	1,858.0	4,579.0
Other deposits.....	26,355.0	1,214.0	10,684.0	388.0	3,462.0	271.0	203.0	965.0	660.0	365.0	63.0	218.0	7,892.0
Total deposits.....	2,105,925.0	134,146.0	903,193.0	131,726.0	136,078.0	55,283.0	54,405.0	287,156.0	64,428.0	45,478.0	73,676.0	53,216.0	147,140.0
Deferred availability items.....	428,687.0	47,303.0	125,631.0	34,215.0	39,659.0	33,384.0	12,093.0	47,092.0	18,967.0	6,983.0	20,102.0	18,543.0	24,715.0
Capital paid in.....	159,459.0	11,676.0	60,913.0	16,389.0	14,740.0	5,462.0	5,071.0	17,971.0	4,674.0	2,954.0	4,171.0	4,137.0	11,301.0
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.....	25,032.0	762.0	6,946.0	906.0	2,079.0	1,020.0	2,385.0	3,553.0	1,358.0	1,457.0	704.0	2,695.0	1,167.0
Total liabilities.....	5,620,664.0	402,430.0	1,744,253.0	471,812.0	557,896.0	216,362.0	206,084.0	943,243.0	192,305.0	131,180.0	188,392.0	131,481.0	435,226.0
Memoranda.													
Reserve ratio (per cent).....	67.3	68.3	69.6	61.6	62.8	65.5	60.6	77.5	62.1	64.9	61.1	61.5	57.4
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents.....	285,299.0	21,617.0	93,595.0	29,296.0	28,727.0	11,377.0	10,524.0	38,113.0	9,955.0	6,257.0	8,248.0	7,964.0	19,626.0

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 Ciphers (00) Omitted.													
Federal Reserve notes:													
Issued to F. R. Bk. by F. R. Agt.	2,919,978.0	216,486.0	625,877.0	281,169.0	337,392.0	121,324.0	140,082.0	612,133.0	98,120.0	69,479.0	93,516.0	51,315.0	273,085.0
Held by Federal Reserve Bank.....	277,838.0	27,982.0	53,384.0	19,079.0	19,692.0	11,594.0	18,401.0	63,073.0	5,267.0	1,527.0	11,901.0	6,049.0	39,889.0
Total.....	3,197,816.0	244,468.0	679,261.0	300,248.0	357,084.0	132,918.0	158,483.0	675,206.0	103,387.0	70,996.0	105,417.0	57,364.0	312,974.0
In actual circulation.....													
Collateral held by Agt. as security for notes issued to bank:	2,642,140.0	188,504.0	572,493.0	262,090.0	317,700.0	109,730.0	121,681.0	549,060.0	92,853.0	67,952.0	81,615.0	45,266.0	233,196.0
Gold and gold certificates.....	829,854.0	47,010.0	410,239.0	54,700.0	64,470.0	11,570.0	12,800.0	99,620.0	15,120.0	13,165.0	9,880.0	12,280.0	79,000.0
Gold fund—F. R. Board.....	1,226,380.0	115,617.0	50,000.0	122,800.0	148,000.0	61,600.0	66,500.0	42,000.0	47,900.0	41,000.0	51,200.0	22,400.0	78,763.0
Eligible paper.....	962,905.0	57,952.0	212,968.0	112,738.0	130,749.0	49,123.0	61,802.0	103,407.0	35,378.0	15,526.0	40,871.0	17,670.0	123,901.0
Total collateral.....	3,018,319.0	220,579.0	673,207.0	290,238.0	343,219.0	122,293.0	141,102.0	623,027.0	98,398.0	69,691.0	102,551.0	52,350.0	281,664.0

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 591, 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 being given. Furthermore, borrowing at the Federal Reserve is not any more subdivided into 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 JAN. 13 1932 (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.....													
	\$ 20,287	\$ 1,319	\$ 8,106	\$ 1,196	\$ 2,014	\$ 603	\$ 534	\$ 2,740	\$ 592	\$ 353	\$ 587	\$ 416	\$ 1,827
Loans—total.....													
	13,031	889	5,179	726	1,272	369	355	1,944	379	222	319	274	1,103
On securities.....	5,660	345	2,527	367	573	144	109	919	149	59	91	81	296
All other.....	7,371	544	2,652	359	699	225	246	1,025	230	163	228	193	807
Investments—total.....													
	7,256	430	2,927	470	742	234	179	796	213	131	268	142	724
U. S. Government securities.....	3,996	205	1,829	187	386	111	91	440	91	54	134	82	386
Other securities.....	3,260	225	1,098	283	356	123	88	356	122	77	134	60	338
Reserve with F. R. Bank.....													
Cash in vault.....	1,516	83	740	75	111	33	33	216	42	21	46	29	87
Net demand deposits.....	249	21	66	14	32	16	8	39	8	5	13	8	19
Time deposits.....	11,643	754	5,559	672	867	296	244	1,504	323	179	379	245	621
Government deposits.....	265	5	1,248	274	853	224	201	1,016	214	156	184	131	914
Due from banks.....	927	60	98	18	18	11	15	19	4	1	2	15	26
Due to banks.....	2,427	127	927	146	183	79	54	184	44	46	94	59	104
Borrowings from F. R. Bank.....	469	19	98	50	107	23	29	360	89	62	138	74	165

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. 20 1932, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

	Jan. 20 1932.	Jan. 13 1932.	Jan. 21 1931.		Jan. 20 1932.	Jan. 13 1932.	Jan. 21 1931.
Resources—				Resources (Concluded)—			
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent.....	460,239,000	470,239,000	460,729,000	Due from foreign banks (see note).....	3,074,000	3,140,000	237,000
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury.....	11,453,000	11,454,000	13,829,000	Federal Reserve notes of other banks.....	6,493,000	6,905,000	10,676,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes.....	471,692,000	481,693,000	474,558,000	Uncollected items.....	129,202,000	119,941,000	131,134,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board.....	184,376,000	189,652,000	151,523,000	Bank premises.....	14,817,000	14,817,000	15,240,000
Gold and gold cts. held by bank.....	327,387,000	288,913,000	497,650,000	All other resources.....	13,342,000	12,647,000	6,453,000
Total gold reserves.....	983,455,000	960,258,000	1,123,731,000	Total resources.....	1,744,253,000	1,738,977,000	1,656,380,000
Reserves other than gold.....	42,967,000	41,858,000	51,978,000	Liabilities—			
Total reserves.....	1,026,422,000	1,002,116,000	1,175,709,000	Fed. Reserve notes in actual circulation.....	572,493,000	572,742,000	307,745,000
Non-reserve cash.....	22,907,000	23,003,000	21,086,000	Deposits—Member bank reserve acc't.....	852,276,000	856,722,000	1,061,784,000
Bills discounted:				Government.....	3,128,000	6,622,000	2,830,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	124,034,000	150,307,000	18,900,000	Foreign bank (see note).....	37,105,000	30,404,000	2,830,000
Other bills discounted.....	43,522,000	40,903,000	23,867,000	Other deposits.....	10,684,000	15,766,000	8,611,000
Total bills discounted.....	167,556,000	191,210,000	42,767,000	Total deposits.....	903,193,000	909,514,000	1,075,434,000
Bills bought in open market.....	56,703,000	67,184,000	38,600,000	Deferred availability items.....	125,631,000	113,856,000	124,303,000
U. S. Government securities:				Capital paid in.....	60,913,000	60,894,000	65,682,000
Bonds.....	111,467,000	111,467,000	50,977,000	Surplus.....	75,077,000	75,077,000	80,575,000
Treasury notes.....	17,720,000	16,934,000	33,554,000	All other liabilities.....	6,946,000	6,894,000	2,641,000

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 628.

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. 22, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1 (Lowest, Highest), and Price per share. Includes sections for Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and various other stock categories.

*No par value.

Quotations for United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, and corresponding values for various dates.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 3.44@3.45 for checks and 3.44 1/2 @ 3.45 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 3.44; sixty days, 3.39 1/2 @ 3.40; ninety days, 3.37 5-16 @ 3.38 1/2, and documents for payment, 3.40 @ 3.40 1/2. Cotton for payment, 3.43 1/2, and grain, 3.43 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 40.25 @ 40.28. Exchange for Paris on London, 87.40; week's range, 88.75 francs high and 87.40 francs low.

Table showing exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Germany Bankers' Marks, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, with columns for High/Low for the week and Cables/Checks rates.

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.

Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices. Table with columns: Bond Name, Price, and dates from Jan. 16 to Jan. 22. Includes Liberty Loan, Treasury, and other bond categories.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 13 1st 4 1/8s.....97 1/2 to 97 3/4

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 629.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 658.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—R. W. Sparks of the Bowery Savings Bank has been elected President of the New York Financial Advertisers for the ensuing year. Other officers elected were: Vice-President, Roland Palmelo of Lehman Brothers; Treasurer, Miss Anne H. Sadler of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co.; Secretary, Tracy M. Purse, the Purse Co. The following were elected directors:

Amos R. Bancroft, First National Old Colony Corp.; Leopold A. Chambliss, Fidelity Union Trust Co.; Frank G. Burrows, Irving Trust Co.; John Donovan, Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.; Richard F. Durham, Bankers Monthly; Henry R. Kinsey, Williamsburgh Savings Bank, and Donald G. Price, Franklin Savings Bank.

—The investment securities firm of Hill, Reed & Co. has been organized on the Pacific Coast, with headquarters in Los Angeles, to deal in Government, municipal and corporation securities. The firm is composed of Carey S. Hill, Henry G. Reed and T. Allen Box Jr. For over 15 years, Mr. Hill has been actively identified with Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc. and its successor company, Tucker Hunter Dulin & Co. as Vice-President of those corporations. Mr. Reed for the past 10 years was resident partner of the above firms in charge of their offices in both Oregon and Washington. Mr. Box has specialized in merger activities and reorganization work.

—Gardner Dalton & Co. announce the opening of offices in the First Wisconsin National Bank Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis., and will conduct a bond brokerage and trading business exclusively for dealers, banks, and institutions. Mr. Dalton was formerly Wisconsin representative for National City Co., and previously was Wisconsin representative for the Guaranty Co. of New York.

—Hoit, Rose & Troster have prepared a special circular showing the position of the 37 New York City banks and trust companies as of Dec. 31 1931, with a brief analysis of the more important institutions, including the surplus and undivided profits account, book value per share, earnings per share, current dividends and the range for the capital stock during the past year.

—Crowell, Weedon & Co. announce the opening of offices at 923 Bank of America Bldg., 650 South Spring St., Los Angeles. Warren H. Crowell was for many years connected with the firm of Revel Miller & Co., as was George W. Weedon Jr., who was manager of their stock department and trader on the Los Angeles Stock Exchange.

—Announcement is made of the formation of the firm of Cox, Saunders, Hazelett & Co. to specialize in industrial financing and management, and investment research and administration. Members of the new firm are H. Thompson Cox, Malcolm L. Saunders, F. Frederic Hazelett and A. J. P. Wilson. The firm's offices will be at 16 Court St., Brooklyn.

—The United States Life Insurance Co. in the City of New York announces the appointment of Charles F. Joyce Co., Inc., 126 Pearl St., Buffalo, N. Y., as general agents for western New York.

—Albert W. Bianchi, member New York Stock Exchange, has been admitted to general partnership in Carl M. Loeb & Co., 50 Broad Street, New York.

—D. Kinsley Waldron, formerly with the Lehman Corp., is now associated with the trading department of Eastern Investors Co., Inc.

—Joseph Bond is now associated with J. Roy Prosser & Co., 52 William St., New York, in their bank stock department.

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HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Saturday Jan. 16.	Monday Jan. 18.	Tuesday Jan. 19.	Wednesday Jan. 20.	Thursday Jan. 21.	Friday Jan. 22.	Sales for the Week.
\$ per share 88 1/2 89 1/2 85 1/2 36 3/8 19 1/2 40 23 75 14 8 51 37 70 1 1/8 15 65 29 1/4 4 14 2 1/4 4 1/2 11 1/4 27 1/2 14 1/4 25 1/2 21 1/4	\$ per share 87 89 1/2 85 35 3/8 18 1/2 33 22 75 11 8 1/2 51 1/2 37 1/2 73 1 1/8 15 1/8 65 1/2 30 4 1/4 14 1/8 2 1/4 4 1/2 11 1/4 27 1/2 14 1/4 25 1/2 21 1/4	\$ per share 87 1/2 89 85 1/2 35 3/8 18 1/2 33 1/2 22 75 11 8 1/2 51 37 1/2 73 1/2 1 1/8 15 1/8 65 1/2 30 1/2 4 1/8 13 3/8 2 1/4 4 1/2 11 1/4 27 1/2 14 1/4 25 1/2 21 1/4	\$ per share 88 1/2 89 1/2 85 1/2 35 3/8 18 1/2 33 1/2 22 75 11 8 1/2 51 37 1/2 73 1/2 1 1/8 15 1/8 65 1/2 30 1/2 4 1/8 13 3/8 2 1/4 4 1/2 11 1/4 27 1/2 14 1/4 25 1/2 21 1/4	\$ per share 88 1/2 89 1/2 85 1/2 35 3/8 18 1/2 33 1/2 22 75 11 8 1/2 51 37 1/2 73 1/2 1 1/8 15 1/8 65 1/2 30 1/2 4 1/8 13 3/8 2 1/4 4 1/2 11 1/4 27 1/2 14 1/4 25 1/2 21 1/4	\$ per share 88 1/2 89 1/2 85 1/2 35 3/8 18 1/2 33 1/2 22 75 11 8 1/2 51 37 1/2 73 1/2 1 1/8 15 1/8 65 1/2 30 1/2 4 1/8 13 3/8 2 1/4 4 1/2 11 1/4 27 1/2 14 1/4 25 1/2 21 1/4	

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.		PER SHARE Range for Year 1931 On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930	
Shares	Par	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
19,100	100	79 1/2	203 1/2	168	242 1/2
600	100	275	108 1/4	100	108 1/4
1,600	100	25	120	95 1/4	175 1/2
99,400	100	14	87 1/2	55 1/2	122 1/2
1,300	100	15	80 1/2	70 1/4	84 1/2
50	50	28	66 1/2	100 1/2	84 1/2
60	100	80	113 1/2	100 1/2	116 1/2
400	No par	6 1/2	10 1/2	44	112
2,700	No par	46	64 1/2	53 1/2	157 1/2
53,000	No par	31 1/2	69 1/2	53 1/2	78 1/2
1,800	No par	63	94 1/2	83	98 1/2
1,800	No par	1 1/2	9 1/2	5 1/2	33 1/2
29,100	100	10	45 1/2	35 1/2	52 1/2
700	100	7 1/2	102	92	105
2,000	100	23 1/2	46 1/2	32 1/2	51 1/2
10,600	100	2 1/2	7 1/2	4 1/2	17 1/2
2,400	100	7 1/2	27 1/2	14	52 1/2
25,300	100	1 1/2	12 1/2	4 1/2	26 1/2
47,800	100	2 1/2	8 1/2	2 1/2	40 1/2
600	100	5	15 1/2	2 1/2	28 1/2
14,400	100	13 1/2	46 1/2	10 1/2	140 1/2
1,500	100	7 1/2	65 1/2	45 1/2	125 1/2
900	100	14	101	92	110 1/2
100	100	10 1/2	90	81	104 1/2
100	100	7 1/2	48	40 1/2	95
100	100	10	42 1/2	30	62
1,200	100	64	157 1/2	130 1/2	181 1/2
8,100	50	17 1/2	102	69 1/2	153 1/2
400	50	3 1/2	45 1/2	25 1/2	80
8,400	100	5	39 1/2	22 1/2	63 1/2
3,200	100	6 3/4	45 1/2	27	67 1/2
300	100	5	40 1/2	26	62 1/2
8,100	100	15 1/2	69 1/2	51	102
100	100	3 1/2	27 1/2	10 1/2	46 1/2
1,200	100	13	22 1/2	5 1/2	53 1/2
1,800	100	26 1/2	44 1/2	18 1/2	77 1/2
51,500	100	9 1/2	39	6 1/2	53 1/2
170	100	7	14	6 1/2	13 1/2
26,600	100	4 1/2	10 1/2	3 1/2	13 1/2
2,800	100	6 1/2	17 1/2	4 1/2	20 1/2
200	100	15	64	53	70
1,700	100	8	39	40	84 1/2
4,200	100	20 1/2	111	84	138 1/2
16,800	100	6 1/2	29	24	42 1/2
200	100	5 1/2	22	13	25 1/2
200	100	1	2	1	3
13,200	No par	3 1/2	26 1/2	14 1/2	66 1/2
7,000	100	10 1/2	15	60	108 1/2
31,900	100	6 1/2	42 1/2	20	98 1/2
200	100	12	107	79	145 1/2
319,100	100	24 1/2	132 1/2	105 1/2	192 1/2
1,600	100	2 1/2	94	75	110 1/2
395	100	5	22	3 1/2	11 1/2
113,700	100	17	94 1/2	15 1/2	32 1/2
500	100	52	119 1/2	36	135 1/2
5,000	100	5 1/4	13 1/2	3 1/2	17 1/2
100	No par	1 1/2	2	1	2
3,500	100	4 1/2	31	1	3 1/2
200	100	10 1/2	21 1/2	7 1/2	25 1/2
28,800	100	6 1/2	21 1/2	4 1/2	20 1/2
49,700	100	14 1/2	67 1/2	7	42 1/2
200	100	1 1/2	6 1/2	1 1/2	3 1/2
2,600	100	4	8 1/2	3 1/2	10 1/2
150	100	8 1/2	92 1/2	10 1/2	101 1/2
150	100	5 1/2	30	9 1/2	99 1/2
900	100	11	86	4 1/2	121 1/2
100	100	30	97 1/2	7 1/2	141 1/2
100	100	28	46	4 1/2	53 1/2
8,100	50	27 1/2	47	4 1/2	57 1/2
4,910	100	3	62 1/2	39 1/2	118 1/2
100	100	4 1/2	76	62 1/2	101
4,200	100	4 1/2	33 1/2	1 1/2	7 1/2
100	No par	6 1/2	18	5 1/2	12 1/2
86,900	100	1 1/2	13	1 1/2	2 1/2
4,500	100	26 1/2	109 1/2	8 1/2	24 1/2
1,800	100	6 1/2	65 1/2	4 1/2	136 1/2
3,600	100	22	100	76	101
20	100	5 1/2	15 1/2	4	15 1/2
20	100	2	17 1/2	1 1/2	3 1/2
24,800	100	11 1/2	26 1/2	4 1/2	44 1/2
800	100	70 1/2	30 1/2	166 1/2	242 1/2
10,700	100	5 1/2	87 1/2	82 1/2	91 1/2
7,600	100	1 1/2	51	1 1/2	67 1/2
8,700	100	5	31 1/2	39 1/2	89 1/2
1,300	100	5	20	36	38 1/2
600	100	1 1/2	14 1/2	1 1/2	11 1/2
1,000	100	3	31 1/2	2 1/2	30 1/2
2,500	100	2 1/2	21 1/2	2 1/2	21 1/2
800	No par	2 1/2	7 1/2	6 1/2	7 1/2
10,100	No par	5 1/4	4 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/4
10	100	6 1/2	61	6 1/2	61
800	100	25	25	25	25
100	100	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
3	100	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
12,200	100	5 1/2	53 1/2	5 1/2	53 1/2
161,200	100	1 1/2	16 1/2	1 1/2	16 1/2
3,800	100	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
400	No par	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2
21,500	No par	5	5	5	5
600	100	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2
140	100	10	12	10	12
2,500	100	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
10,100	100	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2
800	No par	50 1/2	52	49 1/2	50 1/2
100	No par	22 1/2	32 1/2	21 1/2	32 1/2
1,200	No par	10	10	10	10
161,200	No par	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
3,800	No par	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
400	No par	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
21,500	No par	5	5	5	5
600	No par	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2
140	No par	10	12	10	12
2,500	100	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
10,100	100	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2
800	No par	50 1/2	52	49 1/2	50 1/2
100	No par	22 1/2	32 1/2	21 1/2	32 1/2
1,200	No par	10	10	10	10
161,200	No par	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
3,800	No par	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
400	No par	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
21,500	No par	5	5	5	5
600	No par	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2
140	No par	10	12	10	12
2,500	100	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
10,100	100	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2
800	No par	50 1/2	52	49 1/2	50 1/2
100	No par	22 1/2	32 1/2	21 1/2	32 1/2
1,200	No par	10	10	10	10
161,200	No par	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
3,800	No par	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
400	No par	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
21,500	No par	5	5	5	5
600	No par	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2
140	No par	10	12	10	12
2,500	100	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
10,100	100	4 1/2	5 1/2	4 1/2	5 1/2
800	No par	50 1/2	52	49 1/2	50 1/2
100	No par	22 1/2	32 1/2	21 1/2	32 1/2
1,200	No par	10	10	10	10
161,200	No par	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
3,800	No par	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
400	No par	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
21,500	No par	5	5	5	5
600	No par	5 1/2	6 1/2	5 1/2	6 1/2
140	No par	10	12	10	12

* Bid and asked prices; no sale on this day. a Ex-dividend and ex-rights. c 60% stock dividend paid. z 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

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Jan. 16 to Friday Jan. 22), per share prices, sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges for 1931 and 1930.

KEY FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SECOND PAGE PRECEDING.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Table with columns for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.', 'Sales for the Week', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', 'PER SHARE Range for Year 1931', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930'. Rows list various stocks like Briggs & Stratton, Brooklyn Union Gas, etc.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST. SEE THIRD PAGE PRECEDING.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

SEE FOURTH PAGE PRECEDING.

Main table with columns for days of the week (Saturday Jan. 10 to Friday Jan. 22), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1931, and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930. Includes stock names like Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Dome Mines Ltd., Dominion Stores, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. d Ex-dividends.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday Jan. 16 to Friday Jan. 22), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range for Year 1931 (Lowest, Highest), PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Hamilton Watch, Hercules Motors, etc.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE FIFTH PAGE PRECEDING.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z 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

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Jan. 16 to Friday Jan. 22), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges. Includes entries like 'Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par', 'Matheson Alkali Works', 'May Dept Stores', etc.

FOR SALES DURING THE WEEK OF STOCKS NOT RECORDED IN THIS LIST, SEE SIXTH PAGE PRECEDING.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for dates from Saturday Jan. 16 to Friday Jan. 22, and rows of stock prices per share.

Sales for the Week.

Table with columns for Shares and rows of stock names and sales figures.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns for Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par and rows of stock names and prices.

PER SHARE Range for Year 1931 On basis of 100-share lots

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest and rows of stock names and price ranges.

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930

Table with columns for Lowest and Highest and rows of stock names 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. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Sales for the Week.

STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PER SHARE Range for Year 1931 On basis of 100-share lots

PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1930

Main table containing stock listings with columns for dates (Saturday Jan. 16 to Friday Jan. 22), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges for 1931 and 1930.

SEE EIGHTH PAGE PRECEDING.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y 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.

Table with columns for BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Jan. 22. Includes sub-sections for U. S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Govt. & Municipals, and various international bonds. Columns include Price (Bid, Ask, Low, High), Range for Year 1931, and Bonds Sold.

c Cash sale. e On the basis of \$5 to £ sterling. s Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Type, Price, Week's Range, Range for Year, and various bond descriptions. Includes sections for Foreign Govt. & Municipals, N. Y. Stock Exchange, and various municipal bonds.

c Cash sale. s Deferred delivery.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for issuer, price, yield, and maturity. Includes sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

c Cash sale. s Deferred delivery.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 22.										N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 22.									
Bonds		Price	Week's		Bonds Sold	Range		Bonds		Price	Week's		Bonds Sold	Range					
Friday	Jan. 22.	Low	High	Low		High	Friday	Jan. 22.	Low	High	Low	High							
North Cent gen & ref 6s A-1974	M	100 1/2	107	Nov 30		107 1/4	107	Seaboard All Fla 1st gu 6s A-1935	F	27 3/4	31 1/2	3	1	1 1/2					
Gen & ref 4 1/2s ser A-1974	M	100	104	Sept 31		107 1/4	107	Certificates of deposit	F	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1	1 1/2					
North Ohio 1st gu 4s-1945	A	79 1/2	79 1/2	81 1/2	45	74 1/2	97	Serles B-1935	F	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	1	1 1/2					
North Pacific prior lien 4s-1997	Q	79 1/2	79 1/2	81 1/2	45	74 1/2	97	Certificates of deposit	F	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	1	1 1/2					
Registered	Q	76	79 1/2	81 1/2	45	74 1/2	97	Seaboard & Roan 7 1/2s extd	J	35	35	35	1	1 1/2					
Gen lien ry & id g 3s Jan 24/47	Q	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2	10	46 1/2	89 1/2	S & N Ala cons gu g 6s-1936	F	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	1	1 1/2					
Registered	Q	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2	10	46 1/2	89 1/2	Gen cons gu 50-yr 5s-1963	A	90	100	Nov 31		100					
Ref & Imp 4 1/2s series A-2047	J	67 1/2	64 3/4	67 1/2	46	57 1/2	101	So Pac coll 4s (Cent Pac coll) 49	J	69	68 1/2	70 3/4	35	55 97					
Ref & Imp 6s series B-2047	J	87 1/2	86 1/4	88 1/2	55	70 1/2	113 1/2	So Pac coll 4s (Cent Pac coll) 49	J	80 1/2	80 1/2	81	37	70 102 3/4					
Ref & Imp 5s series C-2047	J	72	78	76 1/2	5	70	105 1/2	1st 4 1/2s (Oregon Lines) A-1977	M	92	95	91	Dec 31	91 102 3/4					
Ref & Imp 5s series D-2047	J	73	78	76 1/2	10	62 1/2	105 1/2	20 year conv 5s-1934	J	92	95	91	Dec 31	91 102 3/4					
Nor Pac Term Co 1st g 6s-1943	J	101 1/2	100 1/2	Dec 31		100 1/2	108	Gold 4 1/2s-1965	M	71 1/2	68	71 1/2	72	53 99 1/2					
Nor Ry of Calif guar g 5s-1938	A		95 1/4	Oct 31		95 1/4	103 3/4	Gold 4 1/2s with war-1965	M	69	67	71 1/2	54	53 100					
Og & L Cham 1st gu g 4s-1948	J		50	Jan 32		50	77	Gold 4 1/2s-1981	M	87 1/2	86 1/2	89 1/2	197	53 1/2 94 1/2					
Ohio Connecting Ry 1st 4s-1943	M	78	78	May 31		78	103 1/2	Ban Fran Term 1st 4s-1950	A	80	81 1/2	80	5	72 98					
Ohio River RR 1st g 5s-1930	F	83 1/4	91	Jan 32		89	103 1/2	So Pac of Cal 1st con gu g 6s-1937	M	95	100	99	Jan 32	95 108 1/2					
General Guar 4 1/2s-1937	F	91	89	Nov 31		89	103 1/2	So Pac 1st con gu g 4s-1937	J	80	80	80	46	74 99					
Oregon RR & Nav cons g 4s-1946	J	87	87	87	2	79	98	So Pac RR 1st ref 4s-1955	J			95 1/2	Nov 31	95 1/2 98 1/2					
Ore Short Line 1st cons g 4s-1946	J	96	98	99	9	95	109 1/2	Registered	J			92 1/2	May 31						
Guar. atpd cons 5s-1946	J	97	97	97 3/4	3	95	109 1/2	Southern Ry 1st cons g 5s-1994	J	85	85	86	24	67 1/2 111					
Oregon-Wash 1st & ref 4s-1961	J	74 3/4	74 3/4	77	8	67 1/2	98	Registered	J			104	July 31	104 108 1/2					
Pacific Coast Co 1st g 5s-1946	J	16	19 1/2	23	Dec 31	14	53	Devel & gen 4s series A-1956	A	50 1/2	47 1/2	53	104	27 88 1/2					
Pac RR of Mo 1st ext g 4s-1935	F	87	90	90	5	80	98 1/2	Devel & gen 6s-1956	A	64 1/2	68 1/2	66	66	10 34 1/2 113 1/2					
2d extended gold 5s-1938	F	83 1/2	92 1/2	86	91	88	103	Devel & gen 6 1/2s-1956	A	68	68	64	68 1/2	49					
Paducah & Ills 1st f g 4 1/2s-1955	J	85	95 1/2	Jan 32		80	103 1/2	Mem Div 1st g 5s-1956	J	70	95	93	Nov 31	93 102 1/2					
Paris-Lyons-Med RR ext 6 1/2s-1958	F	93 1/2	93 1/2	95 1/2	160	89	106 1/2	St Louis Div 1st g 4s-1953	J	60	79	60	Jan 32	88 93					
Sinking fund external 7s-1948	M	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/2	160	95 1/2	107 1/2	St Louis gen reorg lien g 5s-1938	M	81	91	101	Nov 31	98 1/2 101 3/4					
Paris-Orleans RR ext 6 1/2s-1958	F	90	98 1/2	99 1/2	26	89 1/2	105 1/2	Mob & Ohio coll tr 4s-1938	M	40 1/2	40 1/2	42	10	36 96 1/2					
Paulista Ry 1st & ref 4 1/2s-1942	M	40	45	45	1	51	97	Spokane Internat 1st 4s-1955	J	24 1/2	30	21 1/2	23	20 3/8					
Pa Ohio & Det 1st & ref 4 1/2s A-77	A	74 1/2	78 1/2	74	75	73	102 1/2	Staten Island Ry 1st 4 1/2s-1943	J			87	Oct 31						
Pennsylvania RR cons g 4 1/2s A-1943	M	90 1/2	93 1/2	90	Jan 32	88	101 1/2	Sunbury & Lewiston 1st 4s-1936	J		95 1/4	97 1/4	Nov 31	97 1/4 97 1/4					
Consol gold 4s-1948	M	90 1/2	91 1/2	90 3/4	20	84	101 1/4	Tenn Cent 1st 6s A or B-1947	A	33	40	38	38	1					
4s steel sptd dollar May 1 1948	M	88	90 1/2	85	Dec 31	85	101	Term Assn of St L 1st g 4 1/2s-1939	A	88 3/4	91 3/4	101 1/2	Oct 31	99 1/2 102					
Consolidated 1st g 4 1/2s-1960	F	93	93	93 3/4	27	90	107 1/4	1st cons gold 5s-1944	F	90	97	100	Nov 31	100 105 1/2					
General 4 1/2s series A-1960	J	82 1/4	82 1/4	84	26	85 1/2	105 1/2	Gen refund s f g 4s-1953	J	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	Jan 32	76 95 1/2					
General 5s series B-1968	J	91	91	92 1/2	45	77 1/2	111 1/4	Texas & N O Con gold 5s-1943	A	72 1/2	70 1/2	73 1/2	31	61 1/2 108 1/2					
15-year secured 6 1/2s-1938	F	101	101	102 1/2	126	94	109 1/2	Texas & Pac 1st gold 5s-2000	J	90	91 1/2	90	21	100 1/2 102 1/2					
Registered	F		109 1/4	Feb 31		109 1/4	109 1/2	2d inc 5s (Mar 28 spon) Dec 2000	Mar			95	Mar 29	85 112					
40-year secured gold 5s-1964	A	85	85	86 1/2	31	69	105 1/4	Gen & ref 5s series C-1979	A	69 1/2	69	69	6	60 100					
Deb g 4 1/2s ser D-1960	A	71	71	69 1/2	73	35	59 1/2	Gen & ref 5s series D-1980	J	67	71	66 1/2	69	54 100					
General 4 1/2s ser D-1981	A	77 1/4	77	79	55	62	98	Tex Pac Mo-Pac Ter 5 1/2s-1964	M	85	85	85	2	85 107					
Pa Co gu 3 1/2s coll tr A reg-1937	M		87	Nov 31		88	94	Toi & Ohio Cent 1st g 5s-1935	J	88	92	92 3/4	Jan 32	95 102 3/4					
Guar 3 1/2s coll trust ser B-1941	F		88	Sept 31		88	94 1/2	Western Div 1st g 5s-1935	A			100 7/8	Sept 31	100 100 7/8					
Guar 3 1/2s trust cts D-1942	J		87	85 3/4	Jan 32	87	97 1/2	Gen gold 5s-1936	J			94	55	95 100 1/2					
Guar 3 1/2s trust cts D-1944	J		86 1/2	68 1/2	Dec 31	86 1/2	93 1/2	Toi St L & W 50-yr g 4s-1937	J			70	74	74 94					
Guar 4 1/2s E trust cts-1952	M		75	75 1/2	Dec 31	75 1/2	97 1/2	Toi W V & O gu 4 1/2s ser B-1933	J			100 1/8	Oct 30	95 1/2 96 1/2					
Secured gold 4 1/2s-1930	M		72 1/2	70 1/2	78 1/2	52	103 1/2	1st guar 4s series C-1942	M			79	96 1/2	96 1/2 97 1/2					
Peoria & Eastern 1st cons 4s-1940	A		93	93	93	9	123	Toronto Ham & Butt 1st g 4s-1946	J			60	Dec 31	88 97					
Income 4s-1931	F		65	92	81 1/4	Nov 31	81 1/4	Ulster & Del 1st cons g 5s-1925	J			75 1/2	77	76					
Peoria & Pekin Un 1st 6 1/2s-1954	F		61	58	55	63	25	Sptd as to part Dec 1930 int.	J			75 1/2	77	76					
Pere Marquette 1st ser A-1974	F		46	48 1/2	44 1/2	48	13	1st cons 5s cts of deposit	J			77	75	75					
1st 4s series B-1956	J		51 1/4	48	53	48	31	1st refunding g 4s-1982	A			45 1/2	48 1/2	36					
1st 4 1/2s series C-1980	M		91	91	91	10	89 1/2	Union Pac 1st RR & Id g 4s-1947	J			88 1/2	93 1/2	183					
Phila Balt & Wash 1st g 4s-1943	M		98	108 1/2	Sept 31	108	109 1/2	Registered	J			78 1/2	79 3/4	80 1/2					
General 5s series B-1974	F		77	84	50	51	27	1st lien & ref 4s-1982	M			79 1/2	80 1/2	81					
Gen'l 4 1/2s ser C-1977	J		20 1/2	20 1/2	21 1/2	16	15	1st 1/2s-1987	J			82	81	14					
Phillipino Ry 1st 30-yr f 4s 3/4-1937	J		93	96 3/4	95	95	1	1st lien ref 5s-1987	J			81	85 1/2	85 1/2					
Pine Creek reg 1st 6s-1932	D		92	92 1/2	92 1/2	Jan 32	87	40-year gold 4s-1968	J			74 3/4	74 3/4	17					
F C & St L gu 4 1/2s A-1940	A		93	94 1/2	95	92	1	U N J RR & Can gen 4s-1944	M			91	93 1/2	91					
Serles C 4 1/2s guar-1942	A		92	90	90	Jan 32	95 1/2	Utah & Nor 1st ext 4s-1933	J			80	100	100 100					
Serles D 4s guar-1942	M		90	90	90	Jan 32	97 1/2	Vandalia cons g 4s series A-1955	F			75 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2					
Serles E 4s guar gold-1940	F		71	95	June 30	97 1/2	99	Cons s f 4s series B-1957	M			75 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2					
Serles F 4s guar gold-1953	J		83	89 1/2	Dec 31	89 1/2	101 1/4	Vera Cruz & P asses 4 1/2s-193	J			3	3	Nov 31	1 1/2 4 1/2				
Serles G 4s guar-1957	M		71	97 1/2	Sept 31	97 1/2	101 1/4	Virginia Midland gen 5s-1936	M			89 1/2	94 1/2	90 1/2					
Serles H cons guar 4s-1960	F		84	90	88 1/4	84	99	Va & Southw'n 1st g 5s-2003	J			95	85	86					
Serles J cons guar 4 1/2s-1963	M		80	90	90	92 1/2	25	1st cons 50-year 5s-1958	A			37 1/2	44	35					
General M 6s series A-1970	D		89	90	90	92 1/2	45	Virginia Ry 1st 5s series A-1962	M			86 1/2	84	88 1/2					
Gen mtge guar 5s ser B-1973	O		85 1/2	93 1/4	80 1/2	Jan 32	77	1st M 4 1/2s series B-1962	M			73	76	70					
Gen 4 1/2s series C-1977	J		100 1/4	100	Jan 32	99 1/2	104	Wabash RR 1st gold 5s-1939	M			74	79	74 1/2					
Pitts Mohk & Y 1st gu 6s-1932	J			100	Nov 31	100	104	2d gold 5s-1939	F			51	51	7					
2d guar 6s-1934	J			99	Oct 31	99	103 1/2	Ref & gen s f 5 1/2s ser A-1975	M			16	16	2					
Pitts Sh & L E 1st g 6s-1940	A			99	Oct 31	99	103 1/2	Deb 6s series B registered-1939	J			81	81	1					
1st consol gold 5s-1943	J			100 3/4	Aug 28	100 3/4	103 1/2	1st 10s 50-year term 4s-1954	J			81	81	1					
Pitts & W Va 1st 4 1/2s ser A-1958	J			98 1/2	June 31	98 1/2													

Main table containing bond listings with columns for N. Y. Stock Exchange, Bonds, Price, Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range for Year. Includes various bond types like Am Type Foundry, Cal G & E Corp, and others.

c Cash sale. s Deferred delivery.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 22.											BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Jan. 22.										
Interest Period		Price Friday Jan. 22.		Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold.		Range for Year 1931.		Interest Period		Price Friday Jan. 22.		Week's Range or Last Sale.		Bonds Sold.		Range for Year 1931.			
Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	No.	Low	High	Bid	Ask	Low	High	No.	Low	High	No.	Low	High		
MILW El Ry & Lt 1st 5s B...	1961 J D	92 1/2	92 1/2	93 1/4	41	84	104 1/2	80	104 1/2	Rima Steel 1st s f 7s...	1955 F A	30	40	34 1/2	Jan 32	29 1/2	85 1/2	29 1/2	85 1/2		
1st mge 6s...	1971 J J	92 1/2	92	95	23	80	104 1/2	80	104 1/2	Roch G&M El gen mge 6 1/2 s ser C...	1948 M S	97	101 1/4	97	97	97	107 1/2	97	107 1/2		
Gen & ref s f 5s ser B...	1965 J A	92 1/2	92	95	23	80	104 1/2	80	104 1/2	Gen mte 4 1/2 s ser D...	1977 M S	97	101 1/4	97	97	95	103 1/2	95	103 1/2		
Montana Power 1st 5s A...	1943 J J	95 1/2	94 1/2	95 1/2	20	85	106	85	106	Roch & Pitts C & P 1 p m 5s...	1944 M N	52	92 1/2	92 1/4	Jan 32	52	92 1/4	52	92 1/4		
Deb 5s series A...	1962 J D	78	75	79	17	73	104	73	104	Royal Dutch 4s with warr...	1946 A O	72 1/2	72 1/2	73 1/2	70	65	94	65	94		
Montecatini Min & Agric...	1937 J J	70	69	70	18	67 1/2	100 1/2	67 1/2	100 1/2	Ruhr Chemical s f 6s...	1948 A O	25	73	25	Jan 32	17	64	17	64		
Debs 7s with warrants...	1937 J J	68 1/2	70	69 1/2	62	60	99 1/2	60	99 1/2	St Joseph Lead deb 5 1/2 s...	1941 M N	83 1/2	83	84	31	84	99 1/2	84	99 1/2		
Without warrants...	1941 J J	77 1/2	76	78	22	72	101 1/2	72	101 1/2	St Jos Ry Lt H & Pr 1st 5s...	1937 M N	75	75	75	Dec 31	75	100	75	100		
Montreal Tram & Ref 5s...	1941 J A	64	74	60	Dec 31	60	95	60	95	St L Rock Mt & P 5s stmpd...	1965 J J	40	44	40	40	40	45	47	45		
Gen & ref s f 5s ser A...	1965 A O	62	99 1/2	94	May 31	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94	St Paul City Cable cons 6s...	1937 J J	35	93	20 1/2	Dec 31	20 1/2	92	20 1/2	92		
Gen & ref s f 4 1/2 s ser C...	1965 A O	62	99 1/2	94	May 31	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94	San Antonio Pub Serv 1st 5s...	1952 J J	40	55	88	June 31	88	92	88	92		
Gen & ref s f 5s ser D...	1965 A O	62	99 1/2	94	May 31	93 1/2	94	93 1/2	94	Saxon Public Works—See under Foreign Governments.	1952 J J	85	90	90	Jan 32	90	100 1/2	90	100 1/2		
Morris & Co 1st s f 4 1/2 s...	1939 J J	75	75	75	145	64 1/2	83	64 1/2	83	Schulco Guar 6 1/2 s...	1946 J J	48	54	48	48	48	75	48	75		
Mortgage-Bond Co 4s ser 2...	1966 A O	70	70	70	31	70	70	70	70	Guar s f 4 1/2 s ser B...	1946 A O	70	75	70	70	70	72	70	72		
10-25 year 5s series 3...	1932 J J	99	99	99	Dec 31	95	99 1/2	95	99 1/2	Sharon Steel Hoop s f 5 1/2 s...	1948 F A	41 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	6	44	90 1/2	44	90 1/2		
Murray Body 1st 6 1/2 s...	1934 J D	85	94	85	Jan 32	85	98	85	98	Shell Pipe Line s f deb 5s...	1952 M N	76	76	73	76	44	60	44	60		
Mutual Fuel Gas 1st 6s...	1947 M N	90	95	100	100	1	100 1/2	1	100 1/2	Shell Union Oil s f deb 5s...	1947 M N	70 1/4	70 1/4	70 1/4	392	56 1/2	89	56 1/2	89		
Mut Un Tel gtd 6s ext at 5%...	1941 M N	80	90	99 1/2	Nov 31	90	109 1/2	90	109 1/2	Shinyetou El Pow 1st 6 1/2 s...	1952 J D	59 1/2	58	59 1/2	249	57	90	57	90		
Namtu (A) & Son—See Mrs Tr Nassaun Elec Guar Gold 4s...	1951 J J	44 1/4	46 1/4	44 1/2	46	18	35	35	53 1/4	Shubert Theatre 6s...J 16 1/2 1942	1942 M J	13 1/4	3 1/2	Jan 32	1 1/2	25	1 1/2	25			
Nat Ace 1st 5s...	1942 J D	60	65	60	Jan 32	60	96 1/2	60	96 1/2	Siemens & Halske s f 7s...	1935 J J	75	77	75	17	48	104	48	104		
Nat Dairy Prod deb 5 1/2 s...	1948 F A	90	90	91	165	83 1/2	102 1/2	83 1/2	102 1/2	Sierra & San Fran Power 5s...	1949 F A	90 1/2	90	90 1/2	3	90	105 1/2	90	105 1/2		
Nat Radiator deb 6 1/2 s...	1947 F A	95 1/2	15 1/2	12 1/2	1	11	25 1/2	11	25 1/2	Siemens-Ann Corp coll tr 7s...	1941 F A	40 1/2	40 1/2	41	17	25	85	25	85		
Nat Steel 1st coll 5s...	1956 A O	73 1/2	73 1/2	73	75	36	68 1/4	91 1/2	68 1/4	Sinclair Oil 15-yr 7s...	1937 M S	84 1/4	84 1/4	86	83	71	100 1/4	71	100 1/4		
Newark Consol Gas cons 6s...	1948 J D	102 1/2	96	Jan 32	102	108 1/2	102	108 1/2	102	Sinclair Pipe Line s f 5s...	1942 A O	92 1/2	92	93 1/2	21	88	102 1/2	88	102 1/2		
N J Pow & Light 1st 4 1/2 s...	1960 A O	82 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	95 1/2	1	95	103 1/2	95 1/2	Sinclair Crude Oil 5 1/2 s ser A...	1938 J D	95 1/2	93 1/2	95 1/2	42	90	103 1/2	90	103 1/2		
Newberry (J) Co 5 1/2 s notes 40...	1940 A O	78	82	80	80	61	99 1/2	99 1/2	112 1/4	Sinclair Pipe Line s f 6s...	1942 A O	92 1/2	92	93 1/2	21	88	102 1/2	88	102 1/2		
New Engl Tel & Tel 5s A...	1952 J D	100	100	100	101	61	92 1/4	108 1/4	92 1/4	Smith (A) Corp 1st 6 1/2 s...	1933 M N	45	47	44 1/4	5	39 1/2	84	39 1/2	84		
1st g 4 1/2 s series B...	1961 M N	94 1/4	94	93 1/4	94 1/4	14	92 1/4	108 1/4	92 1/4	Solvay Am Invest s f 6 1/2 s...	1933 M N	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	100 1/4	7	98	100 1/4	7		
New Ori Pub Serv 1st 5s A...	1952 A O	74	74	74	78	3	60	94 1/2	60	South Bell Tel & Tel 1st s f 5 1/4...	1941 J J	99	99	100	28	100	102 1/2	100	102 1/2		
First & ref 5s series B...	1955 M N	74	74	73	75 1/2	16	65	94 1/2	65	Sweet Bell Tel 1st & ref 5s...	1954 F A	99 1/2	99	99 1/2	55	97 1/2	106 1/2	97 1/2	106 1/2		
N Y Dock 50-year 1st g 4s...	1951 F A	37 1/2	55 1/2	55	Jan 32	11	30	81 1/2	30	Southern Colo Power 6s A...	1947 J J	87	87	85 1/2	88	80	106 1/2	80	106 1/2		
Berliff 5 1/2 notes...	1938 A O	37 1/2	39	39	39	11	30	81 1/2	30	Stand Oil of N J deb 6s Dec 15 46...	1951 F D	89 1/2	89	91	41	85	102 1/2	85	102 1/2		
N Y Edison 1st & ref 6 1/2 s A...	1941 A O	105 1/2	105 1/2	109 1/2	58	103	117 1/2	103	117 1/2	Stand Oil of N Y deb 4 1/2 s...	1951 J J	26	26	28	16	21	68	21	68		
1st lien & ref 6s series B...	1944 A O	99 1/2	99 1/2	100 1/4	144	99	108 1/4	99	108 1/4	Sugar Estates (Orlando) 7s...	1942 M S	3 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	Jan 32	1	30	1	30		
N Y Gas El Lt H & Pr 5s...	1948 J D	103 1/4	109 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	18	100 1/4	112 1/2	100 1/4	Certificates of deposit...	1951 J D	99	100 1/4	100	Jan 32	100	111 1/2	100	111 1/2		
Purchase money gold 5s...	1949 F A	91 1/2	90 1/2	91 1/2	18	90	102 1/2	90	102 1/2	Taiwan Elec Power—See under Foreign Governments.											
N Y L E & W Coal & Rm 5 1/2 s 42...	1942 M N	90	102	Sept 30	100	100	100	100	100	Tenn Coal Iron & RR gen 6s...	1951 J J	100 1/2	100 1/2	5	98	107 1/2	98	107 1/2			
N Y L E & W Dock & Imp 5s 43 J...	1942 M N	101	100	Jan 31	100	100	100	100	100	Tenn Cop & Chem deb 6s B...	1944 M S	52	61 1/2	63	Jan 32	52	63	52	63		
N Y Rys 1st R E & ref 4s...	1942 J J	40	50	43 1/2	Dec 31	40	40	40	40	Tenn Elec Power 1st 6s...	1947 J D	98 1/4	98 1/4	98 1/2	37	88	108	88	108		
Certificates of deposit...	1942 A O	40	50	40	Dec 31	40	40	40	40	Texas Corp conv deb 6s...	1944 A O	78 1/4	78 1/4	79 1/2	153	66	102	66	102		
Certificates of deposit...	1942 A O	40	50	40	Dec 31	40	40	40	40	Thrd Ave Ry 1st ref 4s...	1960 J J	47	47	46	48	39	58	39	58		
N Y Rys Corp Inc 5s...	1945 A O	11 1/2	2	2	1	83	4 1/2	83	4 1/2	Adj Inc 6s tax-ex N Y Jan 1960 A...	1960 A J	35	35	36 1/2	243	23	48 1/2	23	48 1/2		
Prior lien 6s series A...	1965 J J	39	37	39	4	28	61	28	61	Thrd Ave RR 1st g 5s...	1937 J J	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	1	85 1/4	101	85 1/4	101		
N Y & Riehlg Gas 1st 6s A...	1951 M N	95	98	95	95 1/2	2	96 1/2	108	96 1/2	Thrd Elec Power 1st 7s...	1955 M S	66	63	64 1/2	66	18	50 1/2	18	50 1/2		
N Y State Rys 1st cons 4 1/2 s...	1962 M N	2	5	2 1/2	Jan 32	1 1/2	11 1/2	1 1/2	11 1/2	6% sold notes...	1932 J J	97 1/4	95 1/4	97 1/4	52	86	100 1/4	86	100 1/4		
Certificates of deposit...	1962 M N	2	13	3 1/4	Nov 31	3	9	3	9	1st 6s dollar series...	1953 J D	58 1/2	58	58	197	40	91 1/2	40	91 1/2		
60-yr 1st cons 6 1/2 s series B...	1962 M N	2	2 1/2	3	Dec 31	3	12	3	12	Trenton G & El 1st g 5s...	1949 M N	100 1/2	100 1/2	Dec 31	100 1/2	107 1/2	100 1/2	107 1/2			
N Y Steam 1st 35-yr 6s...	1962 M N	103 1/4	105	104	Jan 32	101 1/2	109 1/2	101 1/2	109 1/2	Trux-Trax Corp conv 6 1/2 s...	1943 M S	15	21	21	22	3	25 1/2	3	25 1/2		
1st mortgage 6s series B...	1951 M N	94	95 1/4	95 1/2	96	7	97 1/2	105 1/4	97 1/2	Trumbull Steel 1st s f 6s...	1940 M N	52	51 1/2	52 1/2	9	52 1/2	100 1/2	52 1/2	100 1/2		
N Y Telep 1st & gen s f 4 1/2 s...	1939 M N	98 1/4	95	98 1/2	220	96 1/4	104 1/4	96 1/4	104 1/4	Twenty-third St Ry ref 5s...	1962 J J	7	12 1/2	10	Dec 31	10	26 1/2	10	26 1/2		
N Y Trap Rock 1st 6s...	1946 J D	65	75	67	69 1/2	4	67 1/2	100 1/2	67 1/2	Tyrol Hydro-Elec Pow 7 1/2 s...	1955 M N	42	42	42	15	42	100	42	100		
Niagara Falls Power 1st 5s...	1932 J J	100	100	100	Dec 31	99 1/2	103	99 1/2	103	Guar sec s f 7s...	1952 F A	45	51	45	13	35	90 1/2	35	90 1/2		
Ref & gen 6s...	1932 A O	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2	Dec 31	99 1/2	103	99 1/2	103	Uji-gawa Elec Pow s f 7s...	1945 M S	69	69	67 1/2	13	60	102 1/2	60	102 1/2		
Nlag Lock & O Pr 1st 5s A...	1955 A O	93	95 1/2	94 1/4	94 1/4	3	89 1/2	106	89 1/2	Union Elec Lt & Pr (Mo) 5s...	1932 M N	100 1/2	99 1/2	100	33	98 1/4	103	98 1/4	103		
Niagara Share deb 5 1/2 s...	1950 M N	67	54	63 1/4	67 1/4																

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, 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, and Mining.

* No par value. † Ex-dividend.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, 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 Bonds and various industrial stocks.

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 various industrial and utility stocks.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Swift International, Telephone Bond & Sh, Class A, etc. Columns include Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1931.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Dom Motors, English Elec of Can A, British American Oil, etc. Columns include Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1 1932.

No par value. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. Toronto Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Stock Exchange, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Abitibi Pr & Pap com, Beatty Bros pref, Bell Telephone, etc. Columns include Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1 1932.

No par value. Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including American Stores, Bankers Securities pref, Bell Tel Co of Pa pref, etc. Columns include Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1931.

No par value. Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Arundel Corp, Black & Decker com, Ches&Pot Tel of Balt pf100, etc. Columns include Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range for Year 1931.

No par value. Toronto Curb.—Record of transactions at the Toronto Curb, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Brew Corp, Canada Bud Brew com, Canada Maltng Co, etc. Columns include Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1 1932.

No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, 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), and date. Includes entries like Allegheny Steel, Aluminum Goods Mfg., etc.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 1932 (Low, High), and date. Includes entries like Byers Machine A, City Ice & Fuel, etc.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 1932 (Low, High), and date. Includes entries like Aluminum Industries, Amer Laund Mach com, etc.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 1932 (Low, High), and date. Includes entries like Wells Fargo Bk & U Tr., Western Pipe & Steel Co., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 1932 (Low, High), and date. Includes entries like Bank & Trust Stocks, Boatmen's Natl Bank, etc.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1 1932 (Low, High), and date. Includes entries like Alaska Juneau Gold Min., Anglo Calif Trust Co., etc.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, 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). Lists various stocks like Balsa Chile Oil, California Bank, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1931 (Low, High). Lists Standard Oil of Calif., Transamerica Corp., etc.

New York Produce Exchange Securities Market—Following is the record of transactions at the New York Produce Exchange Securities Market, Jan. 16 to Jan. 22, both inclusive, compiled from sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1931 (Low, High). Lists Admiralty Alaska Gold, Andes Petroleum, etc.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (Jan. 16) and ending the present Friday (Jan. 22). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself, and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Large table with columns: Week Ended Jan. 22, Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1931 (Low, High). Lists various stocks under categories like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Aluminum, etc.

Main table containing financial data for various stocks and companies, organized into columns for stock name, price, range, and date. Includes sub-sections like 'Stocks (Continued)' and 'Stocks (Concluded)'.

Public Utilities (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range for Year 1931.		Friday Last Sale Price.	Weeks. Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.	
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		Low.	High.		Low.	High.
Internat Utilities cl A...	6 3/4	6 3/4	6 3/4	400	5	Dec	45	Feb				
Class B stock...	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 3/4	6,400	1 1/2	Dec	10 1/2	Feb				1 3/4 Jan
Warr for class B stock...		5 3/4	3 1/2	200	4 1/2	Dec	4 3/4	Feb				2 3/4 Jan
Interstate Pow \$7 pref...	49	49	52 3/4	100	40	Dec	88	Mar				3 1/2 Feb
Italian Superpower com A...	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	1,700	1	Dec	10 3/4	Jan				3 3/4 Dec
Long Island Lt com...	18 3/4	18 3/4	19	1,100	17	Sept	36 1/2	Mar				7 3/4 Jan
7% preferred...	100	94 3/4	97	80	90	Dec	112 3/4	Mar				1 1/4 Jan
6% pref series B...	100	83 3/4	83 3/4	25	90	Dec	112 3/4	Mar				1 3/4 Jan
Los Ang G & E 6% pf.100		100	100	50	101	Nov	111	July				3-16 Sept
Marconi Wire T of Can...	1	1	1 1/4	4,500	3/4	Dec	4	Mar				3 1/2 Dec
Mass Util Assoc com v t c	2 3/8	2 3/8	2 3/8	1,600	1 1/2	Dec	4 3/4	Mar				2 1/2 Feb
5% conv pref...	50	23	23	475	21 7/8	Dec	35	Mar				8 3/4 Jan
Memphis Natural Gas...		5	5 3/4	40	4 1/2	Dec	13 1/2	Feb				4 June
Metropol Edison \$6 pref...		75 3/4	75 3/4	50	84	Oct	102	Aug				2 1/4 Mar
Middle West Util com...		5 1/2	6 1/2	19,900	4 3/4	Dec	26 1/2	Mar				17 1/2 Sept
\$6 conv pref ser A...		44 3/4	45 3/4	200	32 1/4	Dec	101	Mar				23 3/4 Apr
Monongahela West Penn												
Pub Ser 7% pref...		17 3/4	18	300	18	Oct	25 1/4	Aug				20 1/2 Apr
National P & L \$6 pref...	70	69 1/2	72	950	68	Dec	105 1/2	Apr				50 1/4 Jan
Nat Public Serv com cl A...	7 3/4	7 3/4	8 3/4	600	6 3/4	Dec	21 1/2	Apr				15 Nov
7% preferred class A.100	50	50	50	25	49 3/4	Nov	87 3/4	Mar				1 1/2 Feb
Nor States Pow com...		58	59 3/4	330	48 3/4	Feb	86	Feb				2 3/4 Dec
New Eng Tel & Tel...		115	115	60	96 3/4	Dec	143	Sept				1 3/4 Apr
N Y Pow & Lt 7% ptid.100		98 1/4	100	75	100	Oct	117 1/4	Aug				2 1/2 Dec
N Y Steam Corp com...		49 1/4	49 3/4	300	46 3/4	Jan	89 3/4	Mar				1 3/4 Apr
N Y Telep 6 1/2% pref.100		111	113	125	107 3/4	Dec	118 3/4	Mar				1 1/4 Dec
Niagara Hud Pow com...10	6 3/4	6 3/4	7 3/4	12,600	5 1/2	Dec	15 3/4	Mar				1 1/2 Nov
Class A opt warrants...	11-16	11-16	11-16	5,100	9-16	Dec	3 1/4	Mar				3 1/2 Feb
Class B opt warrants...		2 1/8	2 3/8	400	2	Oct	8 3/4	Mar				2 1/4 Dec
Class C warrants...		7-16	7-16	400	5-16	Dec	8 3/4	Mar				1 1/2 Dec
Nor Ind Pub Ser 7% pf.100	79	79	80 3/4	89	113	Mar	152 1/2	Mar				2 1/2 Dec
Pub Ser of Nor Ill com...		77	78	600	69 1/2	Dec	129 1/2	Mar				3 1/4 Dec
7% preferred...	100	94 1/2	94 1/2	50	88 3/4	Dec	109 3/4	Mar				2 1/2 Dec
8% cum preferred...	100	86	88	120	85	Dec	101	Mar				1 3/4 Apr
Oklahoma G & E 7% pf.100		89 1/4	96	100	85	Dec	111 3/4	Sept				99 1/2 Jan
Pacific G & E 6% 1st pf. 25	25	25	25 3/4	1,400	23 1/4	Dec	30	July				105 3/4 Aug
5 1/2% 1st pref...	25	24 3/4	25 1/4	1,200	23 1/4	Sept	27 1/4	Aug				95 1/2 Dec
Pacific Pub Serv new com...		2 3/8	2 3/8	100	3	Dec	11 1/2	Apr				104 1/2 May
Pac Pub Serv new pref...		11 3/4	11 3/4	100	10	Dec	19 3/4	Apr				92 Dec
Pa Water & Power...	50	50	50	100	44 1/2	Oct	70 3/4	Mar				105 1/2 Apr
Peoples Lt & Power cl A...	1	1	1	1,500	11 1/2	Dec	28 1/2	Feb				85 Aug
Pub Ser of Nor Ill com...	118	117 3/4	118	200	116	Dec	25 1/2	Feb				70 Feb
Railway & Light...		20	20	75	9	Oct	60	Feb				83 1/2 June
Rockland Light & Pow...10		9 1/4	10	500	9	Oct	18 1/2	Mar				73 Apr
Sou Calif Ed 7% pf A...25		27 1/4	27 3/4	100	26 3/4	Dec	31 1/4	Aug				101 July
6% pref series B...	25	23 3/4	24 3/4	1,400	23 1/4	Dec	29 3/4	Aug				70 1/4 July
5 1/2% pref class C...	25	22 1/4	22 3/4	600	20 3/4	Dec	27 3/4	May				94 June
Southern Union Gas com...	1 3/4	1 3/4	1 3/4	1,000	3 1/2	Nov	6 1/2	Aug				108 Apr
Southwest Bell Tel 7% pf.100	112	112	112	100	110	Oct	123 1/2	Sept				102 1/2 Apr
So-west G & E 7% pref.100		7 3/4	7 3/4	100	6 5/8	Dec	9 7/8	Feb				89 Apr
Southwest Gas Util com...		19	20	180	16	Dec	50	Feb				83 Dec
Stand Pow & L com B...		64	65	100	50	Dec	101	Mar				104 1/4 May
Preferred...		41	42	450	40	Dec	95	Mar				89 Feb
Swiss Amer Elec pref...50	41	41	42	450	40	Dec	95	Mar				78 Feb
Tampa Electric common...	28	28	32	600	20 3/4	Dec	61	Feb				75 Dec
Union Nat Gas of Canada...		4	4 3/4	400	3 1/4	Dec	17 1/4	Jan				106 1/2 May
United Corp warrants...	3 3/4	3 3/4	3 3/4	1,300	2 1/4	Dec	15 1/4	Mar				98 Sept
United Gas Corp com...	2	2	2 1/4	21,700	1 1/2	Dec	11 1/4	Jan				28 Mar
Pref non-voting...	46 1/4	46	50	1,700	33	Dec	94	Mar				94 Mar
Warrants...		3 1/2	3 3/4	2,200	3 1/4	May	4 1/4	Jan				80 May
United Lt & Pow com A...	49	46	53 1/2	7,800	35 3/4	Dec	84 3/4	Feb				96 1/2 Jan
5 1/2 conv 1st pref...	25	23 1/4	23 1/4	1,900	20 3/4	Dec	33 1/4	Mar				88 3/4 Jan
U S Elec Pow with warr...	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2	2,400	1	Dec	8 3/4	Feb				33 Dec
Utah Pow & Lt \$7 pref...	85	84	85	125	76	Dec	108	Mar				80 1/2 Feb
Utica G & E 7% pref.100		100	100	10	93 3/4	Dec	105	Apr				76 1/4 Jan
Util Power & Light com...	2 3/4	2 3/4	3 1/4	2,600	1 1/2	Dec	14 1/2	Feb				80 1/2 Apr
Common B v t c...	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2	200	8	Dec	31 3/4	Mar				97 Feb
7% preferred...	100	58	60	100	38	Dec	98	Aug				90 Jan
Former Standard Oil Subsidiaries—												
Buckeye Pipe Line...50		34	35	300	30	Dec	56	Aug				80 Dec
Eureka Pipe Line...100		28	28	1,500	19	Oct	26	Aug				109 July
Humble Oil & Refining...25	43 3/4	43 3/4	44	600	44 1/4	Dec	7 1/2	Feb				107 1/2 May
Imperial Oil (Can) corp...*	8 3/4	8 3/4	8 3/4	1,600	7 1/2	Dec	14 1/4	Aug				75 Aug
New York Transit...10		8 3/4	9 3/4	600	5 1/2	Sept	14 1/4	Jan				105 1/2 Aug
Northern Pipe Line...50		34	34 3/4	200	30	Sept	35 1/2	Nov				103 Jan
Ohio Oil 6% pref...100		60	65	300	67 1/2	Dec	102 1/4	Jan				102 Sept
Southern Pipe Line...10		9	9	100	7	Dec	17	Apr				106 1/2 Sept
South Penn Oil...25		10 1/2	11	200	9 3/4	Dec	23 1/4	Jan				111 1/4 Jan
Standard Oil (Indiana)...22		16 3/4	16 3/4	20,700	13 3/4	Dec	28 3/4	Jan				95 Dec
Standard Oil (Ky)...25		13 3/4	14	1,700	12 3/4	Dec	28 3/4	Feb				83 1/2 Feb
Standard Oil (Neb)...25		15 3/4	15 3/4	500	16	Dec	36 1/4	Jan				80 1/2 Feb
Standard Oil (O) com...25		23	23 1/4	250	23	Dec	62 3/4	Jan				88 1/2 July
5% cum pref...100		84 1/4	84 1/4	20	78 3/4	Dec	106	Apr				88 Aug
Other Oil Stocks—												
Amer Maracaibo Co...*		2 1/4	2 1/4	100	1 1/2	Oct	1 1/2	Mar				79 Dec
Ark Nat Gas Corp com...*		2 1/4	2 1/4	500	1 1/2	Dec	6 1/4	Feb				101 1/2 May
Class A...*		2 1/4	2 1/4	4,500	1 1/2	Dec	6 1/4	Feb				84 1/2 May
Preferred...10		5 1/4	5 3/4	700	3 3/4	Sept	7	Mar				93 1/2 July
British Amer Oil Ltd—												
Coupon stock (bearer)*	8 3/4	8 3/4	8 3/4	700	6 1/4	Oct	16 1/4	Jan				104 1/2 May
Carib Syndicate...25		1 1/4	1 1/4	1,300	1 1/2	Dec	2 1/2	Feb				96 1/2 Mar
Columb Oil & Gasol v t c...	1 1/2	1 1/4	1 1/4	1,600	1	Oct	7 1/2	Feb				81 Mar
Creole Petroleum Corp...*	2	1 1/4	2 1/4	5,000	1 1/2	Oct	3 1/4	Jan				71 1/2 Mar
Crown Cent Petrol...*		1 1/2	1 1/2	200	3/4	Sept	3 1/2	Feb				80 1/2 Apr
Derby Oil & Ref com...	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	200	1 1/2	Dec	6	Feb				81 Mar
Gulf Oil Corp of Penna...25		29 1/4	30 1/4	4,100	25 3/4	Dec	76	Jan				94 1/2 Mar
Indian Terr Ill Oil cl B...		4 1/4	4 1/4	300	5	Dec	16 1/4	Feb				87 1/2 Mar
Intercont Petrol Corp...5		3 1/4	3 1/4	500	3 1/4	Dec	15 1/4	Jan				87 1/2 Mar
Interoil Petroleum...10		9 1/2	10 1/4	7,200	7 1/4	Oct	15 1/4	Feb				90 1/2 Jan
Kirby Petroleum...*		3 1/2	3 1/2	200	3 1/2	Dec	7 1/2	Feb				96 3/4 Feb
Leonard Oil Develop...25		3 1/2	3 1/2	1,000	3 1/2	Dec	1 1/2	Mar				76 Jan
Lone Star Gas Corp...*	8 3/4	8 3/4	8 3/4	2,000	5 1/2	Dec	29	Jan				82 1/2 Mar
Margate Syndicate...1		1 1/4	1 1/4	1,200	1 1/4	Dec	5	Apr				

Bonds (Continued)	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. \$	Range for Year 1931.				
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			
Pittsburgh Steel 6s...1948	80 3/4	80 1/2	80 3/4	5,000	68	Dec	102	Jan	
Poor & Company 6s...1939	63	63	65	10,000	267 1/2	Dec	97	June	
Potomac Edison 6s E.1956	86 1/2	86 1/4	87 1/4	12,000	79	Dec	104 1/2	Aug	
1st 4 1/2s...Apr 1 1961		76	78 3/4	5,000	86 1/2	Dec	98 1/2	Aug	
Power Corp of N Y 5 1/2s '47		68	68	1,000	65	Dec	97 1/2	Apr	
Power Corp (Can) 4 1/2s '59		50	50	2,000	52	Oct	86 1/2	Apr	
Procter & Gamble 4 1/2s '47	97	96 1/2	98 1/4	49,000	92	Dec	106 1/2	June	
Pub Ser N J 6% cfs perp...1927	102	102	102 1/2	9,000	99	Dec	126	June	
Pub Ser of N Ill 4 1/2s.1980	84	81 1/2	84	16,000	77	Dec	100	Sept	
1st & ref 5s ser C...1966	74 3/4	74 3/4	74 3/4	1,000	90	Dec	100 1/2	Nov	
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser D.1978	68 1/2	68 3/4	69 1/4	6,000	76 1/2	Dec	99 1/2	Aug	
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser F.1981	80 1/2	80 1/2	82 1/2	54,000	75	Dec	99 1/2	July	
Pub Serv (Okla) 6 D.1957		77	79 1/2	15,000	76 1/2	Dec	101 1/2	May	
Puget Sound P & L 5 1/2s '49	80	79	80 1/2	42,000	69 1/2	Dec	104 1/2	Apr	
1st & ref 5s ser C...1950		74 1/2	75	8,000	69	Dec	101 1/2	May	
1st & ref 4 1/2s ser D.1950		67 1/2	69 1/2	30,000	63	Dec	99 1/2	Aug	
Radio-Kelth-Orpheum									
Deb 6s part paid...1941	104	106		5,000					
Deb 6s full paid...1941	104	106		5,000					
Reliance Managem't 6s '54		80	83	15,000	75	Apr	88 1/2	June	
With warrants...		74	78	7,000	75	Dec	96	Feb	
Remington Arms 5 1/2s 1933	12 1/2	12	18	30,000	14	Dec	106	Apr	
Republic Gas Corp (form- erly Saxe) Corp 6s.1945		36	39	22,000	28	Dec	28 1/2	May	
Rochester Cent Pow 6s.1953		33	33	46,000	16	Dec	85 1/2	Mar	
Ruhr Gas Corp 6 1/2s.1953		26	26	1,000	17 1/2	Dec	82 1/2	Apr	
Ruhr Gas Corp 6 1/2s 58									
Ryerson (Jos T & Sons) 1977	82 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/4	9,000	84 1/2	June	96 1/2	Mar	
15-year deb 5s...1943									
Safe Harbor Wat Pr 4 1/2s '79	91 1/2	91 1/4	92 1/4	135,000	89	Dec	101 1/2	Aug	
S L Gas & Coke 6s...1947	20	20	22	17,000	15 1/2	Oct	52 1/2	Jan	
San Antonio Pub Ser 5s '58		77	77	1,000	76	Dec	102 1/2	Mar	
Sauda Falls 1st 5s...1955		95	95	6,000	89	Dec	105 1/2	Sept	
Saxon Pub Wks 5s...1932	33	31	35	95,000	19	Dec	96 1/2	Apr	
Schulte Real Estate 6s 1935									
Without warrants...		40	40	1,000	43	Dec	80	Apr	
Scripps (E W) 6 1/2s...1945		68	68	1,000	60	Dec	91	July	
Servel Inc 6s...1948		70 1/2	70 1/2	10,000	56	Dec	84	Apr	
Shawinigan W & P 4 1/2s '67		72 1/2	72 1/2	64,000	60	Dec	98 3/4	May	
1st & coll 4 1/2s ser B.1968		75 1/2	74 1/2	7,000	58	Dec	98 1/2	May	
1st 5s series C...1970		80 1/2	80 1/2	105,000	74	Dec	105 1/2	Mar	
1st 4 1/2s series D...1970		73 1/2	70 1/2	242,000	59	Dec	97 1/2	May	
Sheffield Steel 5 1/2s...1948		70	70	1,000	70	Dec	103 1/2	Mar	
Silica Gel Corp 6 1/2s...1932									
With warrants...		39	40	3,000	33	Dec	95	Feb	
Snider Packing 6s...1932		33	36 3/4	40,000	19 1/2	Dec	64 1/2	Mar	
Sou Carolina Pow 5s...1957		60 1/2	60 1/2	2,000	75	Nov	96	Aug	
Southern P & L 6s...2026									
Without warrants...		78 1/2	81 1/4	87,000	62	Dec	106	Apr	
Sou Calif Edison 6s...1951		96 3/4	98	58,000	97	Dec	106	Apr	
Refunding 5s...1952		96 1/2	97 1/2	37,000	96 1/2	Dec	106 1/2	Sept	
Refunding 6s June 1 1954		97	97 3/4	5,000	97 1/2	Dec	108 1/2	June	
Sou Cal Gas Co 4 1/2s...1961		80	80	1,000	78	Dec	97 1/2	Apr	
Sou Cal Gas Corp 6s...1937		84 1/2	85 1/2	3,000	83	Dec	93 1/2	Aug	
Sou Gas Co 1st 4 1/2s...1935		80	80	1,000	72	Dec	101	Sept	
Southern Natural Gas 4 1/2									
With privilege...		28 1/2	28	31	22	Dec	89	Mar	
Without privilege...		29	28	3,000	18	Dec	84 1/2	Apr	
S'west Dairies Prod 6 1/2s '38									
With warrants...		37	37	1,000	5	Dec	66	Jan	
Southwest G & E 6s A.1957		73	73	74 1/2	32,000	68	Dec	97 1/2	Mar
So'west Nat Gas 6s...1945		19	19	24	28,000	12 1/2	Oct	72 1/2	Feb
So'west Pow & Lt 6s...2022									
Staley (A E) Mfg 6s...1942		66	66	2,000	65	Oct	88	Jan	
Standard Gas & Elec 6s...1935		75 1/2	75	76 1/2	48,000	68	Dec	102 1/2	Mar
Conv 6s...1936		76 1/2	75 3/4	130,000	66	Dec	103 1/2	Mar	
Debutene 6s...1951		69 1/2	69 1/4	28,000	54	Dec	101 1/2	Mar	
Debutene 6s Dec 1 1966		69 1/4	71	21,000	50	Dec	101 1/2	Mar	
Stand Invest 5 1/2s...1939		54	54 1/2	8,000	53	Dec	86 1/2	Apr	
Deb 5s with warr...1937		54	53 1/2	54	8,000	52	Dec	58 1/2	Apr
Stand Pow & Lt 6s...1957		66	67 1/2	73,000	55	Dec	100	Mar	
Stand Telep 6 1/2s A...1943		48	48	5,000	51	Dec	83	June	
Stinnes (Hugo) Corp...1946									
7s Oct 1 '36 without warr		27	27	30,000	19 1/2	Dec	86 1/2	Apr	
7s without warr...1946		25 1/2	23	27 1/2	50,000	17	Dec	80	Mar
Sun Oil deb 5 1/2s...1939		89	93	15,000	87	Dec	102 1/2	July	
5 1/2 notes...1934									
Super Pow of No Ill 4 1/2s '68		71 1/2	71 1/2	15,000	65	Dec	93 1/2	May	
1st M 4 1/2s...1970		71 1/2	71 1/2	10,000	64	Dec	93 1/2	May	
Swift & Co 1st M s f 5e 1944		99	98 1/2	24,000	99 1/2	Dec	104 1/2	Sept	
5% notes...1940		88	88	90 1/2	24,000	88 1/2	Dec	102 1/2	Mar
Tenn Pub Serv 5s...1970		77	79 1/2	8,000	84	Dec	100	Aug	
Terni Hydro-Elec 6 1/2s '53		54	52	55	54,000	40	Dec	87	Mar
Texas Cities Gas 6s...1948		44	44	2,000	40	Dec	71	Mar	
Texas Electric Serv 6s 1960		82 1/2	84 1/2	48,000	71 1/2	Dec	101 1/2	May	
Texas Gas Util 6s...1945		15	15	17,000	14	Oct	80	Feb	
Texas Power & Lt 5s...1956		84 1/2	84 1/2	47,000	79 1/2	Dec	103	May	
Thermoid Co 6%...1934									
With warrants...		35	40	6,000	29 1/2	Dec	79 1/2	Mar	
Tobacco Prod 6 1/2s w 1 2022		80 1/2	78	81	182,000	73	Dec	87	Dec
Tri Utilities Corp deb 5 1/2s		3	3 1/2	3,000	2	Nov	64	Jan	
Ulen Co deb 6s...1944		82 1/2	27	32,000	20	Dec	85	Mar	
Union El L & P 5s ser B 67		98 1/2	98 1/2	2,000	98	Dec	106 1/2	Oct	
Union Gulf Corp 5s Jul 1 '50		93	93	94 1/2	53,000	90 1/2	Dec	103	May
United Elec Services 7s 1956									
Without warrants...		56	56	58	64,000	47 1/2	Oct	92	Apr
United Ind Corp 6 1/2s.1941		30	28 1/2	31	88,000	15 1/2	Dec	90	May
United Lt & Pow 6s...1975		62	62	66	17,000	52	Dec	97 1/2	Mar
1st lien & ref 5 1/2s.1959		81 1/2	81 1/2	2,000	80	Dec	105	July	
Deb s 6 1/2s...1974		62 1/2	62 1/2	4,000	53	Dec	102	Mar	
Un Lt & Ry 6s ser A.1952		85 1/2	85 1/2	86	14,000	82	Dec	108 1/2	Aug
1st series 5s...1932		95 1/2	96 1/2	24,000	95	Oct	101 1/2	May	
Deb 5 1/2s...1952		63 1/2	66	67,000	53	Dec	92	July	
United Pub Serv 6s...1942		24 1/2	24 1/2	27	4,000	16	Dec	90	Apr
U S Rubber									
3-year 6% notes...1933		67 1/2	67	69 1/2	58,000	57 1/2	Dec	93 1/2	June
Serial 6 1/2 notes...1932		99 1/2	99 1/2	7,000	80 1/2	Jan	99	Aug	
Serial 6 1/2 notes...1933		70	67 1/2	70 1/2	12,000	68	Dec	94 1/2	June
Serial 6 1/2 notes...1934									
Serial 6 1/2 notes...1935		58	58 1/2	6,000	50	Dec	84	Mar	
Serial 6 1/2 notes...1936		46 1/2	46 1/2	2,000	35	Dec	77	Apr	
Serial 6 1/2 notes...1937		36	40	7,000	35	Dec	76 1/2	Mar	
Serial 6 1/2 notes...1940		40	40	1,000	31	Dec	78	Mar	
Utah Pow & Lt 4 1/2s...1944		83	83	83	3,000	81	Dec	98 1/2	May
Valspar Corp deb 6s...1940		5	5	7	2,000	9	Dec	78	Jan
Valvoline Oil 7s...1937		74	75	7,000	72	Dec	98 1/2	Mar	
Va Electric Power 6s.1955		95	95	1,000	92	Dec	106 1/2	Aug	
Va Public Serv 5 1/2s A.1946		77	76 1/2	11,000	58	Dec	98 1/2	Aug	
1st ref 6s ser B...1950		67 1/2	67	69	29,000	58	Dec	91 1/2	Aug
Deb 6s...Feb 1 1946		65	65	68	12,000	55	Dec	94 1/2	Mar
Waldorf-Astoria Corp...1954		17 1/2	17	20 1/2	46,000	16	Dec	74	Feb
1st 7s with warr...									
Wash Water Power 6s.1960		97	97 1/2	9,000	93 1/2	Dec	105 1/2	May	
West Penn Elec 5s...2030		62	62	65	7,000	50	Dec	93	Mar
West Penn Pow 4s H...1961		86	88	13,000	85 1/2	Dec	99 1/2	Sept	
West Texas Util 5s A.1957		63	61	63 1/2	38,000	50	Dec	91 1/2	Mar
Western Newspaper Union Conv deb 6s...1944		25	25	29 1/2	11,000	14	Dec	68 1/2	Jan
Westvaco Chlorine Prod...1937		100 1/2	100	100 1/2	5,000	93 1/2	Dec	104 1/2	Feb
5 1/2s deb...Mar 1 1937		46	46	6,000	60	July	66		

Quotations for Unlisted Securities

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Chicago Bank Stocks. Table with columns: Central Republic, Chic Bk of Commerce, Continental Ill Bk & Tr, etc.

Industrial and Railroad Bonds. Table with columns: Adams Express 4s, 1947 & D, American Meter 6s, 1946, etc.

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Short Term Securities. Table with columns: Allis-Chal Mig 5s, May 1937, Alum Co of Amer 5s May '52, etc.

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Railroad Equipments. Table with columns: Atlantic Coast Line 6s, Equipment 6 1/2s, Baltimore & Ohio 6s, etc.

Investment Trust Stocks and Bonds. Table with columns: Amer Bank Stk Tr Shares, American & Continental, Amer Invest Trust Shares, etc.

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Current Earnings—Monthly, Quarterly and Half Yearly.

CUMULATIVE INDEX COVERING RETURNS IN PRESENT AND PREVIOUS ISSUE.

Below will be found all returns of earnings, income and profits for current periods, whether monthly, quarterly or half-yearly, that have appeared the present week. It covers all classes of corporate entities, whether railroads, public utilities, industrial concerns or any other class and character of enterprise or undertaking. It is all inclusive in that respect, and hence constitutes an invaluable record.

The accompanying index, however, is not confined to the returns which have come to hand the present week. It includes also some of those given in the issue of Jan. 16. 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, Jan. 15, 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 January 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	Jan. 23	665	Florida Power & Light Co.	Jan. 23	666	Nebraska Power Co.	Jan. 23	667
Alton RR.	Jan. 16	495	Florsheim Shoe Co.	Jan. 16	514	New Orleans Public Service Inc.	Jan. 16	498
American European Securities Co.	Jan. 16	500	Freepoint Texas Co.	Jan. 23	682	Northwestern Electric Co.	Jan. 23	667
American Founders Corp.	Jan. 23	670	Frost Steel & Wire Co., Ltd.	Jan. 16	514	Oshkosh Overall Co.	Jan. 23	687
American Hide & Leather Co.	Jan. 23	666	General Public Service Corp.	Jan. 23	669	Pacific Power & Light Co.	Jan. 23	667
American International Corp.	Jan. 16	500	Graymur Corp.	Jan. 23	683	Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.	Jan. 16	498
American Superpower Corp.	Jan. 16	503	Grigsby-Grunow Co.	Jan. 16	497	Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.	Jan. 23	667
Anglo National Corp.	Jan. 23	678	Gulf States Steel Co.	Jan. 23	666	Pere Marquette Ry.	Jan. 23	666
Arkansas Power & Light Co.	Jan. 16	495	Haytian Corp. of America.	Jan. 16	515	Portland Gas & Coke Co.	Jan. 23	667
Associated Apparel Industries.	Jan. 16	508	Holly Development Co.	Jan. 23	666	Printz-Biederma Co.	Jan. 16	519
Atlantic Securities Corp.	Jan. 16	508	Household Finance Corp.	Jan. 23	664	Procter & Gamble Co.	Jan. 23	668
Atlas Imperial Diesel Engine Co.	Jan. 23	678	(Tom) Huston Peanut Co.	Jan. 16	515	Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.	Jan. 23	668
Auburn Automobile Co.	Jan. 23	679	Hygrade Food Products Corp.	Jan. 16	515	Reliance International Corp.	Jan. 23	688
Automatic Voting Mach. Corp.	Jan. 16	509	Idaho Power Co.	Jan. 16	497	R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.	Jan. 16	520
Biltmore Hats, Ltd.	Jan. 16	509	Incorporated Investors	Jan. 16	497	Rice-Stix Dry Goods Co.	Jan. 23	689
Broadway Dept. Stores.	Jan. 23	679	Interborough Rapid Transit Co.	Jan. 23	667	Russ Mfg. Co.	Jan. 23	689
Brooklyn & Queens Transit Co.	Jan. 23	666	International Power Securities Corp.	Jan. 23	684	San Diego Consol. Gas & Elec. Co.	Jan. 16	499
Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit Sys.	Jan. 23	666	International Rys. of Central Amer.	Jan. 23	666	Scotten Dillon Co.	Jan. 23	689
Canada Vinegars, Ltd.	Jan. 16	509	Italian Superpower Corp.	Jan. 16	505	Seeman Brothers, Inc.	Jan. 23	668
Capital Administration Co., Ltd.	Jan. 16	509	Italo-Argentine Electric Co.	Jan. 23	667	Selected Industries, Inc.	Jan. 23	689
Central Arizona Light & Power Co.	Jan. 23	666	Jackson & Curtis Securities Corp.	Jan. 23	685	Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.	Jan. 23	668
Central Illinois Securities Corp.	Jan. 16	510	Kansas City Southern Ry.	Jan. 23	666	Sun Investing Co.	Jan. 23	690
Central Vermont Ry., Inc.	Jan. 16	510	Kansas City Southern System.	Jan. 23	666	Texas Electric Traction Co.	Jan. 23	668
Chartered Investors, Inc.	Jan. 23	680	Kansas Gas & Electric Co.	Jan. 23	667	Texas Power & Light Co.	Jan. 23	668
Cherry-Burrell Corp.	Jan. 23	680	Kelvinator of Canada, Ltd.	Jan. 16	516	Tri-Continental Corp.	Jan. 23	691
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.	Jan. 23	665	Kelvinator Corp.	Jan. 16	516	United Corp.	Jan. 16	507
Chicago City & Connecting Ry. (Col-lateral Trust)	Jan. 23	674	(D. Emil) Klein Co., Inc.	Jan. 23	685	United Founders Corp.	Jan. 23	670
Chicago Investors Corp.	Jan. 16	510	(S. H.) Kress & Co.	Jan. 23	685	United Fruit Co.	Jan. 16	500
Chicago Tewel Co.	Jan. 23	680	Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc.	Jan. 23	667	United Paperboard Co., Inc.	Jan. 23	668
Cockshutt Plow Co.	Jan. 23	681	Lawyers Mortgage Co.	Jan. 16	517	U. S. & Foreign Securities Corp.	Jan. 23	691
Conemaugh & Black Lick	Jan. 23	666	Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.	Jan. 23	686	U. S. International Securities Corp.	Jan. 23	691
Copeland Products, Inc.	Jan. 23	681	Louisiana Power & Light Co.	Jan. 16	497	U. S. Pipe & Foundry Co.	Jan. 23	692
(Alfred) Decker & Cohn, Inc.	Jan. 23	681	McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.	Jan. 23	667	U. S. Realty & Improvement Co.	Jan. 16	501
Detroit Edison	Jan. 16	496	Mackay Cos. (Postal Telegraph & Cable Co.)	Jan. 16	498	Universal Cooler Corp.	Jan. 16	523
Detroit Street Railways.	Jan. 16	496	Market Street Ry. Co.	Jan. 23	667	Utah Power & Light Co.	Jan. 16	499
Discount Corp. of N. Y.	Jan. 16	512	Minnesota Power & Light Co.	Jan. 23	667	Utah Light & Traction Co.	Jan. 16	499
(Jacob) Dold Packing Co.	Jan. 16	512	(The) Montana Power Co.	Jan. 23	667	Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Co.	Jan. 23	668
Dome Mines, Ltd.	Jan. 23	666	Muncie Gear Co.	Jan. 23	686	Ward Baking Corp.	Jan. 23	692
Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd.	Jan. 23	674	Nash Motors Co.	Jan. 16	518	(The) Washington Water Power Co.	Jan. 23	668
Electric Power Associates, Inc.	Jan. 23	682	Nashua Mfg. Co.	Jan. 16	518	Wayne Pump Co.	Jan. 23	692
Ely & Walker Dry Goods Co.	Jan. 16	512	National Biscuit Co.	Jan. 23	668	Western Pacific RR. Co.	Jan. 16	503
Endicott-Johnson Corp.	Jan. 16	513	National Railways of Mexico	Jan. 23	666	White Rock Mineral Springs Co.	Jan. 16	523
Finance Co. of Pennsylvania	Jan. 23	682	Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.	Jan. 23	687	Wilson & Co.	Jan. 16	523

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—We give below the latest weekly returns of earnings for all roads making such reports:

Name—	Period Covered.	Current Year.	Previous Year.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).
Canadian National	2d wk of Jan	2,491,402	3,052,826	—561,424
Canadian Pacific	2d wk of Jan	2,001,000	2,538,000	—537,000
Georgia & Florida	1st wk of Jan	15,800	21,750	—5,950
Minneapolis & St. Louis	2d wk of Jan	161,509	201,693	—40,184
Mobile & Ohio	2d wk of Jan	140,824	193,966	—53,142
Southern	2d wk of Jan	1,969,550	2,412,682	—443,132
St. Louis Southwestern	2d wk of Jan	237,300	275,100	—37,800
Western Maryland	2d wk of Jan	286,539	326,806	—40,267

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class I roads in the country.

Month.	Gross Earnings.			Length of Road.	
	1931.	1930.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	1931.	1930.
January	\$ 865,416,905	\$ 450,781,213	—\$ 314,308	242,657	242,332
February	836,137,679	427,465,869	—408,271,710	242,660	242,720
March	875,688,834	452,261,686	—423,427,148	242,862	242,421
April	869,106,310	450,567,319	—418,539,000	242,632	242,574
May	868,485,871	462,577,603	—405,908,170	242,716	242,542
June	869,212,042	444,274,691	—424,937,351	242,968	242,494
July	877,938,882	458,088,890	—419,849,992	242,819	234,105
August	864,010,959	465,782,820	—398,228,139	243,024	242,632
September	849,821,638	466,895,312	—382,926,326	242,815	242,593
October	862,647,702	482,784,602	—379,863,000	242,745	242,174
November	804,896,868	398,272,517	—406,624,351	242,734	242,636

Month.	Net Earnings.		Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
	1931.	1930.	Amount.	Per Cent.
January	\$ 71,952,904	\$ 94,836,075	—\$ 22,883,171	—24.13
February	84,618,641	97,522,762	—12,904,121	—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	81,038,684	111,359,322	—30,320,738	—27.23
June	89,667,807	110,264,613	—20,596,806	—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	92,217,888	147,379,100	—55,161,212	—37.41
October	101,919,028	157,141,555	—55,222,527	—35.14
November	66,850,734	99,557,310	—32,706,576	—32.85

Net Earnings Monthly to Latest Dates.				
Akron Canton & Youngstown—				
December—				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$129,733	\$146,146	\$213,793	\$274,433
Net from railway	20,180	1,624	30,616	74,933
Net after rents	—3,957	9,968	5,065	29,344
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	1,915,686	2,720,402	3,809,447	3,538,026
Net from railway	570,283	857,036	1,621,914	1,274,477
Net after rents	252,045	547,355	992,094	722,461
Central Vermont—				
December—				
Gross from railway	\$413,267	\$526,345	\$580,858	\$685,617
Net from railway	38,786	45,260	104,165	2,403,479
Net after rents	37,574	52,934	71,808	2,495,921
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	6,530,030	7,584,733	8,854,341	7,603,824
Net from railway	791,869	1,267,742	1,978,865	1,526,491
Net after rents	681,889	1,270,776	1,805,843	1,281,955
Chesapeake & Ohio Lines—				
December—				
Gross from railway	\$7,557,191	\$10,051,922	\$12,034,248	\$10,151,588
Net from railway	1,694,453	2,765,888	4,188,391	4,564,444
Net after rents	1,694,453	2,765,888	3,362,024	3,654,098
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	119,552,170	137,230,375	150,794,691	124,825,172
Net from railway	52,591,726	52,591,726	42,281,923	42,281,923
Net after rents	35,329,944	40,523,227	43,939,553	36,323,594

Conemaugh & Black Lick—				
December—				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$32,499	\$48,961	\$118,773	\$154,024
Net from railway	—14,511	—5,020	31,092	27,684
Net after rents	—12,457	—2,806	21,683	1,455
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	711,870	1,390,983	2,139,242	1,873,359
Net from railway	—32,081	165,901	449,489	297,337
Net after rents	—3,158	188,797	403,746	255,659
Kansas City Southern System—				
December—				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross from railway	\$851,095	\$1,150,588	\$1,629,076	\$1,806,902
Net from railway	—	—	—	—
Net after rents	50,340	138,729	438,120	593,992
From Jan. 1—				
Gross from railway	14,073,410	19,096,694	21,978,222	21,423,896
Net from railway	—	—	—	—
Net after rents	3,336,595	4,802,918	6,244,543	7,334,875

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.

Central Vermont Ry., Inc.				
Month of December—				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Railway oper. income	\$24,878	\$37,347	\$88,834	\$1,744,449
Non-operating income	56,956	90,538	13,907	34,741
Gross income	\$81,834	\$127,885	\$102,741	\$1,779,191
Deduct from gross inc.	139,304	130,016	71,843	Cr. 13,684
Net income	—\$57,470	—\$2,131	\$30,897	\$1,792,875
Ratio of ry. oper. exps. to revenues	90.62%	90.83%	81.94%	-----
Ratio of oper. exps. & taxes to revenues	93.98%	92.90%	84.61%	-----
Miles of road operated	457	457	419	413
12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—				
Railway oper. income	\$616,327	\$1,092,578	\$1,581,132	\$992,581
Non-oper. income	522,310	695,023	364,016	186,329
Gross income	\$1,138,637	\$1,787,601	\$1,945,148	\$1,178,910
Deduct from gross inc.	1,605,483	1,542,117	715,481	642,774
Net income	—\$466,847	\$245,483	\$1,229,666	\$536,166
Ratio of ry. oper. exps. to revenues	87.87%	83.11%	78.36%	84.67%
Ratio of oper. exps. & taxes to revenues	90.55%	85.60%	80.51%	87.10%
Miles of road operated	457	460	417	404
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3331				

International Railways of Central America.				
Month of December—				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$524,010	\$677,797	\$717,652	\$950,590
Operating expenses	322,946	389,698	390,142	793,011
Inc. app. to fixed chgs.	\$201,064	\$288,099	\$327,510	\$157,579
12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—				
Gross earnings	\$5,987,401	\$7,472,119	\$8,775,036	\$8,698,537
Operating expenses	3,924,097	4,367,601	5,149,858	5,414,455
Inc. app. to fixed chgs.	\$2,063,304	\$3,104,518	\$3,625,178	\$3,284,082
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 23 '31, p. 3877				

Kansas City Southern Ry. Co. (Texarkana & Fort Smith Ry.)				
Month of December—				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Railway oper. revenues	\$851,095	\$1,150,587	\$1,629,076	\$1,806,902
Railway oper. expenses	732,627	1,001,712	1,173,702	1,212,910
Net rev. from ry. oper.	\$118,468	\$148,875	\$455,373	\$593,992
Railway tax accruals	68,082	9,833	17,198	59,987
Uncollectible ry. revs.	47	312	54	436
Railway oper. income	\$50,340	\$138,729	\$438,120	\$533,568
12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—				
Railway oper. revenues	\$14,073,410	\$19,096,693	\$21,978,221	\$21,423,896
Railway oper. expenses	9,546,397	13,120,199	14,275,415	14,089,021
Net rev. from ry. op.	\$4,527,014	\$5,976,494	\$7,702,806	\$7,334,875
Railway tax accruals	1,187,937	1,170,082	1,446,457	1,259,496
Uncollectible ry. revs.	2,482	3,494	11,805	4,408
Railway oper. income	\$3,336,595	\$4,802,917	\$6,244,543	\$6,070,970
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 9 '31, p. 3556				

National Railways of Mexico.				
Month of October—				
	1931. Pesos.	1930. Pesos.	1929. Pesos.	1928. Pesos.
Gross earnings	7,164,633	8,182,741	10,020,861	9,268,009
Operating expenses	5,913,596	7,891,627	8,162,307	8,380,035
Net earnings	1,251,037	291,113	1,858,553	887,973
Per cent exps. to earnings	82.54%	96.44%	81.45%	90.42%
Kilometers	11,533	11,604	11,395	11,816
4 Mos. End. Oct. 31—				
Gross earnings	28,155,189	91,408,573	93,308,156	93,784,574
Operating expenses	23,334,940	77,619,065	78,205,179	82,261,786
Net earnings	4,820,249	13,889,508	15,102,976	11,522,968
Per cent exps. to earnings	82.88%	84.81%	83.81%	87.71%
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Jan. 9 '32, p. 323				

Pere Marquette Ry. Co.				
—Month of December—				
	1931.	1930.	—12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	1930.
Net railway oper. inc.	\$85,491	—\$125,238	\$1,284,565	\$4,541,164
Non-oper. income	96,402	56,189	606,826	560,752
Gross income	\$181,893	—\$69,059	\$1,891,391	\$5,101,916
Interest on debt	305,356	303,815	3,596,037	2,932,400
Other deduction	14,137	41,780	158,435	154,501
Net income	—\$137,599	—\$414,654	—\$1,863,081	\$2,015,016
Income applic. to sink'g fund & other res. funds	489	620	1,274	2,866
Balance	—\$137,604	—\$415,275	—\$1,864,355	\$2,012,149
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 16 '31, p. 3706				

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS COS.

Gulf States Steel Co.				
	1931—3 Mos.	—1930.	1931—12 Mos.	—1930.
Period End. Dec. 31—				
Net operating income	\$68,911	loss\$377,008	\$121,461	\$110,098
Depreciation, &c.	261,920	237,038	1,097,689	925,432
Net loss	\$193,009	\$614,046	\$976,228	\$815,334
* Includes Federal taxes.				
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar 21 '31, p. 2208				

American Hide & Leather Co.			
24 Weeks Ended—			
	Dec. 12 '31.	Dec. 13 '30.	Dec. 14 '29.
Oper. loss after charging repairs, depr. int. on loans & reserve for taxes	\$99,444	\$32,457	prof\$205,427
Reserved for revaluation of inventories securities owned, &c.	-----	500,000	-----
Total loss	\$99,444	\$532,457	prof\$205,427
x Before adjustment of inventory and security values to market.			
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Aug. 1 '31, p. 801			

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System. (Including Brooklyn and Queens Transit System.)				
—Month of December—				
	1931.	1930.*	6 Mos. End. Dec. 31	1931.
Total oper. revenues	\$5,084,716	\$5,065,484	\$29,121,110	\$29,446,793
Total oper. expenses	3,195,698	3,192,282	18,684,725	19,117,671
Net revs. from oper.	\$1,889,018	\$1,873,202	\$10,436,385	\$10,329,122
Taxes on oper. props.	293,986	354,681	1,976,407	1,989,781
Operating income	\$1,595,032	\$1,518,521	\$8,459,978	\$8,339,341
Net non-oper. income	69,333	68,247	413,216	408,126
Gross income	\$1,664,365	\$1,586,768	\$8,873,194	\$8,747,467
Total income deductions	823,208	771,980	4,806,724	4,631,622
Net income	*\$841,157	*\$814,788	*\$4,066,470	*\$4,115,845
*Of which sums there accrues to minority int. of the B. & Q. T. Corp. 107,228 103,609 553,246 515,610				
x Excludes figures of Brooklyn Bus Corp. (temporary operations).				
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Sept. 5 '31, p. 1611				

Brooklyn & Queens Transit System.				
—Month of December—				
	1931.	1930.*	6 Mos. End. Dec. 31	1931.
Total operating revs.	\$2,084,780	\$1,920,463	\$11,819,502	\$11,295,205
Total oper. expenses	1,564,920	1,447,344	9,018,365	8,807,968
Net rev. from oper.	\$519,860	\$473,119	\$2,801,137	\$2,487,237
Taxes on oper. prop.	123,070	113,606	712,278	636,304
Operating income	\$396,790	\$359,513	\$2,088,859	\$1,850,933
Net non-oper. income	16,896	14,326	101,849	85,803
Gross income	\$413,686	\$373,839	\$2,190,708	\$1,936,736
Total income deductions	145,949	122,946	863,054	745,071
Net income	\$267,737	\$250,893	\$1,327,654	\$1,191,665
* Excludes figures of Brooklyn Bus Corp. (temporary operation).				
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Sept. 5 '31, p. 1610				

Central Arizona Light & Power Co. (American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)				
—Month of November—				
	1931.	1930.	—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	1931.
Operating revenues	\$252,382	\$275,885	\$3,175,974	\$3,254,268
Oper. exp., incl. taxes	147,421	137,047	1,793,224	1,797,888
Net rev. from oper.	\$104,961	\$138,838	\$1,382,750	\$1,456,380
Other income	31,115	27,324	362,762	219,161
Gross corp. income	\$136,076	\$166,162	\$1,745,512	\$1,675,541
Int. on long-term debt	31,250	31,250	375,000	287,799
Other int. & deductions	236	443	2,769	7,559
Balance*	\$104,590	\$134,469	\$1,367,743	\$1,365,183
Dividends on preferred stock	-----	-----	108,322	107,352
Balance	-----	-----	\$1,259,421	\$1,257,831
Retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation	-----	-----	425,129	359,602
Balance	-----	-----	\$834,292	\$898,229
*Before dividends and retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation.				
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 13 '31, p. 4407				

Dome Mines, Ltd.				
	1931—3 Mos.	—1930.	1931—12 Mos.	—1930.
Period End. Dec. 31—				
Total recovery	\$831,638	\$397,390	\$3,486,506	\$775,265
Oper. and gen. costs	459,186	346,067	1,889,201	981,488
Federal taxes	72,295	-----	180,921	-----
Operating profit	\$300,157	\$51,323	\$1,416,384	loss\$206,223
Other income	84,080	70,088	274,441	324,118
Total income before allowing for depreciation and depletion	\$384,237	\$121,411	\$1,690,825	\$117,985
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 2 '31, p. 3349				

Florida Power & Light Co. (American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)				
—Month of November—				
	1931.	1930.	—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	1931.
Operating revenues	\$885,554	\$891,951	\$11,754,937	\$11,670,522
Oper. exp., incl. taxes	452,277	509,201	5,894,764	5,999,498
Net revs. from oper.	\$417,277	\$382,750	\$5,860,173	\$5,680,024
Other income	75,245	83,527	893,021	1,094,570
Gross corp. income	\$492,522	\$466,277	\$6,753,194	\$6,674,594
Int. on long-term debt:	-----	-----	-----	-----
Int. on mtge. bonds	216,667	216,667	2,600,000	2,600,000
Int. on debens. (all owned by A.P.&L.)	110,000	110,000	1,320,000	1,320,000
Other int. & deductions	10,884	9,543	149,681	118,549
Balance*	\$154,971	\$130,067	\$2,683,513	\$2,636,045
Dividends on preferred stock	-----	-----	1,173,947	1,141,388
Balance	-----	-----	\$1,509,566	\$1,494,659
Dividends on second preferred stock	-----	-----	140,000	140,000
Balance	-----	-----	\$1,369,566	\$1,354,659
Retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation	-----	-----	500,000	700,000
Balance	-----	-----	\$869,566	\$654,659
*Before dividends and retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation.				
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 11 '31, p. 285				

Holly Development Co.			
Income Account for 11 Months Ended Nov. 30 1931.			
Net earnings	-----	-----	\$133,588
Dividends	-----	-----	67,500
Balance	-----	-----	\$66,088
Previous surplus Dec. 31 1930	-----	-----	74,903
Earned surplus Nov. 30 1931	-----	-----	\$140,992
*Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle May 30 '31, p. 4070			

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.

	—Month of December—		—6 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross oper. revenue.....	\$6,110,063	\$6,469,395	\$33,050,304	\$34,961,005
Operating expenses.....	3,731,577	3,959,477	21,533,408	23,088,700
Net oper. revenue.....	\$2,378,486	\$2,509,918	\$11,511,896	\$11,872,304
Taxes.....	204,567	202,896	1,208,448	1,202,414
Income from operation	\$2,173,919	\$2,307,021	\$10,303,448	\$10,669,890
Current rent deductions	418,888	419,119	2,512,018	2,515,103
Balance.....	\$1,755,030	\$1,887,902	\$7,791,429	\$8,154,786
Used for purchase of as-	411,213	31,941	383,470	118,641
sets of enterprise.....				
Balance, city & co.....	\$1,343,817	\$1,855,960	\$7,407,958	\$8,036,145
Payable to city under	198,765	752,101	620,938	1,461,730
contract No. 3.....				
Gross inc. from oper.....	\$1,145,051	\$1,103,858	\$6,787,020	\$6,574,414
Fixed charges.....	1,168,837	1,173,609	7,022,325	7,051,168
Net inc. from oper.....	Dr.\$23,786	Dr.\$69,751	Dr.\$235,304	Dr.\$476,753
Non-operating income.....	8,472	8,469	47,095	47,886
Bal. before deduc. 5% Manh'n div. rental.....	Dr.\$15,313	Dr.\$61,282	Dr.\$188,209	Dr.\$428,867
Amount required for full div. rental at 5% on Manh'n Ry. Co. modifi- ed guar. stock, pay- able if earned.....	231,870	231,870	1,391,225	1,391,225
Amt. by which the full 5% Manh'n div. rental was not earned.....	Dr.\$247,184	Dr.\$293,152	Dr.\$1579,434	Dr.\$1820,092

Note.—The System balances as shown herein are limited as to the subway to the amounts the company is entitled to retain for such periods. On the basis of the present accounting there are no past due subway preferentials which the company may collect from future subway earnings.

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Italo-Argentine Electric Co.

	1931—	1930—	1931—	1930—
	Month End. Oct. 31—	Month—	10 Mos.—	10 Mos.—
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Operating revenue.....	\$397,141	\$596,818	\$5,101,738	\$6,268,500
Net operating revenue.....	263,149	383,981	3,369,321	4,069,135
Operating revenue of the company, expressed in Argentine pesos, for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1931, shows an increase of 115,900 pesos or 0.68%, while net operating revenue increased 405,902 pesos, or 3.68% over the same period in 1930. Due to the decline in Argentine exchange, operating revenue expressed in dollars for the 10 months declined \$1,166,762, or 18.60%, with net operating revenue dropping \$699,814, or 17.30%.				
Net operating revenues are after all general exploitation expenses and ordinary taxes but before deduction of interest, rentals, amortization and reserves as well as the 6% tax on operating revenues payable to the municipality.				

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 20 '31, p. 4587

Kansas Gas & Electric Co.

	—Month of November—		—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Operating revenues.....	\$477,016	\$516,850	\$5,671,466	\$5,984,631
Oper. exp., incl. taxes..	217,849	251,121	2,807,361	3,132,517
Net revs. from oper.....	\$259,167	\$265,719	\$2,864,105	\$2,852,114
Other income.....	2,617	7,622	70,888	121,386
Gross corp. income....	\$261,784	\$273,341	\$2,934,993	\$2,973,500
Int. on long-term debt..	75,000	75,000	900,000	965,333
Other int. & deductions.	7,339	8,672	98,186	74,763
Balance*.....	\$179,445	\$189,669	\$1,936,807	\$1,933,404
Dividends on preferred stock.....			509,624	457,521
Balance.....			\$1,427,183	\$1,475,883
Retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation.....			600,000	600,000
Balance.....			\$827,183	\$875,883
*Before dividends and retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation.				

Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc.

	1931.	1930.
6 Months Ended Dec. 31—		
Net income after int. deprec., Fed. taxes, &c.....	\$91,271	\$135,065
Earns. per sh. on 90,000 shs. cl. A stk. (no par)....	\$1.01	\$1.50

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Sept. 5 '31, p. 1623

McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.

	1931—	1930—	1931—	1930—
	3 Mos.—	3 Mos.—	9 Mos.—	9 Mos.—
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross income.....	\$1,464,352	\$1,220,362	\$3,866,246	\$3,585,796
Costs, incl. development	792,862	644,206	2,189,687	1,914,472
Taxes.....	31,613	31,613	100,505	100,505
Profit before deprec'n.....	\$671,490	\$544,543	\$1,676,559	\$1,570,819

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle June 6 '31, p. 4253

Market Street Ry. Co.

	—Month of December—		—12 Mos. End. Dec. 31—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings.....	\$695,480	\$775,508	\$8,569,322	\$9,196,340
Net earnings incl. other inc. before prov. for retirements.....	104,521	136,259	1,284,575	1,374,118
Income charges.....	49,338	52,799	608,684	653,881
Balance.....	\$55,182	\$83,460	\$675,891	\$720,237

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Apr. 4 '31, p. 2581

Minnesota Power & Light Co.

	—Month of November—		—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Operating revenues.....	\$483,920	\$545,642	\$6,144,211	\$6,476,364
Oper. exps., incl. taxes..	186,775	191,608	2,264,701	2,508,355
Net rev. from oper.....	\$297,145	\$354,034	\$3,879,510	\$3,968,009
Other income.....	2,207	11,429	180,037	110,700
Gross corporate inc....	\$299,352	\$365,463	\$4,059,547	\$4,078,709
Int. on long-term debt..	141,875	142,801	1,708,590	1,642,297
Other int. & deductions.	5,793	5,437	68,301	77,603
Balance.....	\$151,684	\$217,225	\$2,282,656	\$2,358,809
Dividends on preferred stock.....			996,986	999,893
Balance.....			\$1,285,670	\$1,358,916
Retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation.....			250,000	250,000
Balance.....			\$1,035,670	\$1,108,916
* Before dividends and retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation.				

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(The) Montana Power Co.

	(And Subsidiaries.)		—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	—Month of November—	—	—	—
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Operating revenues.....	\$732,815	\$814,454	\$8,759,739	\$10,416,196
Oper. exps. incl. taxes..	262,563	318,234	3,524,593	4,060,656
Net revs. from oper.....	\$470,252	\$496,220	\$5,235,146	\$6,355,540
Other income.....	18,339	30,056	245,177	410,960
Gross corporate inc....	\$488,591	\$526,276	\$5,480,323	\$6,766,500
Int. on long-term debt..	182,031	183,074	2,189,921	2,198,709
Other int. & deductions.	11,116	33,930	406,565	481,093
Balance.....	\$295,444	\$309,272	\$2,883,837	\$4,086,698
Dividends on preferred stock.....			633,422	403,430
Balance.....			\$2,250,415	\$3,683,268
Retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation.....			320,000	505,000
Balance.....			\$1,930,415	\$3,178,268
* Before dividends and retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation.				

Nebraska Power Co.

	(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary.)		—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	—Month of November—	—	—	—
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Operating revenues.....	\$577,925	\$593,079	\$6,823,404	\$6,550,173
Oper. exps., incl. taxes..	258,941	275,110	2,315,856	3,211,670
Net revs. from oper.....	\$318,984	\$317,969	\$3,607,548	\$3,338,503
Rent for leased property		17,173	90,092	188,581
Balance.....	\$318,984	\$300,796	\$3,517,456	\$3,149,922
Other income.....	24,252	22,550	164,332	206,563
Gross corporate inc....	\$343,236	\$323,346	\$3,681,788	\$3,356,485
Int. on long-term debt..	79,375	67,250	873,688	807,000
Other int. & deducts....	7,226	7,943	107,339	89,785
Balance x.....	\$256,635	\$248,153	\$2,700,761	\$2,459,700
Dividends on preferred stock.....			481,908	424,000
Balance.....			\$2,218,853	\$2,035,700
Retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation.....			300,000	300,000
Balance.....			\$1,918,853	\$1,735,700
* Before dividends and retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation.				

Northwestern Electric Co.

	(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)		—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	—Month of November—	—	—	—
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Operating revenues.....	\$318,266	\$315,575	\$3,599,297	\$3,701,908
Oper. exps., incl. taxes..	170,590	211,225	2,036,112	2,202,430
Net revs. from oper.....	\$147,676	\$104,350	\$1,563,185	\$1,499,478
Rent for leased property	14,525	11,010	173,293	101,945
Balance.....	\$133,151	\$93,340	\$1,389,892	\$1,397,533
Other income.....	1,511	3,454	28,344	55,276
Gross corp. income....	\$134,662	\$96,794	\$1,418,236	\$1,452,809
Int. on long-term debt..	35,654	35,654	427,848	427,848
Other int. & deductions.	18,698	26,024	228,687	246,084
Balance x.....	\$80,310	\$35,116	\$761,701	\$778,877
Dividends on preferred stock.....			335,961	335,260
Balance.....			\$425,740	\$442,617
Retirement (depreciation) reserve appropriation.....			225,000	225,000
Balance.....			\$200,740	\$217,617
* Before dividends and retirement (depreciation) reserve appropriation.				

Pacific Power & Light Co.

	(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)		—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	—Month of November—	—	—	—
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Operating revenues.....	\$376,835	\$398,040	\$4,686,179	\$4,418,495
Oper. exps., incl. taxes..	193,931	185,732	2,479,899	2,238,390
Net revs. from oper.....	\$182,904	\$212,308	\$2,206,280	\$2,180,105
Rent for leased property	2,160	2,160	25,190	261,623
Balance.....	\$180,744	\$210,148	\$2,180,361	\$1,918,477
Other income.....	63,225	28,348	364,735	126,722
Gross corp. income....	\$243,969	\$238,496	\$2,545,096	\$2,045,199
Int. on long-term debt..	85,417	70,833	903,472	587,298
Other int. & deductions.	30,063	8,209	169,332	105,567
Balance x.....	\$128,489	\$159,454	\$1,472,292	\$1,352,334
Dividends on preferred stock.....			429,050	412,566
Balance.....			\$1,043,242	\$939,768
Dividends on preferred stock.....				9,975
Balance.....			\$1,043,242	\$929,793
Retirement (depreciation) reserve appropriation.....			592,500	430,000
Balance.....			\$450,742	\$499,793
* Before dividends and retirement (depreciation) reserve appropriation.				

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.

	(And Subsidiary)		—12 Mos.—	
	1931—	1930—	1931—	1930—
	3 Mos.—	3 Mos.—	12 Mos.—	12 Mos.—
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Gross oper. revenue.....	\$9,356,934	\$9,924,912	\$36,898,770	\$39,880,628
Net inc. after taxes, deprec. & chgs., &c.....	2,823,354	2,269,659	7,561,582	7,197,072
Shs. cap. stk. outstdg... Earnings per share....	690,000 \$4.09	625,400 \$3.62	690,000 \$10.96	625,400 \$11.50

Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 7 '31, p. 1023

Portland Gas & Coke Co.

	(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)		—12 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	
	—Month of November—	—	—	—
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Operating revenues.....	\$326,890	\$353,663	\$4,197,376	\$4,475,317
Oper. exps., incl. taxes..	225,159	253,608	2,715,701	2,848,297
Net revs. from oper.....	\$101,731	\$100,055	\$1,481,675	\$1,627,020
Other income.....	1,573	2,046	25,603	24,635
Gross corp. income....	\$103,304	\$102,101	\$1,507,278	\$1,651,655
Int. on long-term				

Procter & Gamble Co.
(And Subsidiaries)

6 Months Ended Dec. 31—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Net profit after interest, depreciation, Federal taxes and special introductory work	\$9,299,156	\$12,194,732	\$11,639,819
Earns. per share on 6,410,000 shares common stock (no par)	\$1.37	\$1.84	\$1.75

Ⓢ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Aug. 8 '31, p. 972 and July 25 '31, p. 656.

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.

—Month of December—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Gross earnings	\$11,683,944	\$12,225,783	\$13,725,954
Oper. exp., maint., taxes & depreciation	7,011,380	7,354,382	91,861,771
Net income from oper.	\$4,672,563	\$4,871,401	\$45,397,682
Other net income	380,287	1,146,867	1,130,880
Total	\$5,052,851	\$6,018,268	\$46,528,563
Income deductions	1,305,137	1,329,931	15,987,810
Bal. for divs. & surp.	\$3,747,713	\$4,688,336	\$30,540,752

Ⓢ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Feb. 28 '31, p. 1636

Seeman Brothers, Inc.

Period End. Dec. 31—	1931—3 Mos.—1930.	1931—6 Mos.—1930.
Net profit after chgs. & Federal taxes	\$129,698	\$153,734
Sbs. com. stk. outstanding (no par)	116,000	125,000
Earnings per share	\$1.12	\$1.23

Ⓢ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Sept. 5 '31, p. 1627

Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.

—Month of December—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Gross earnings	\$205,443	\$215,102	\$600,672
Operating expenses	72,908	74,124	222,479
Net earnings	\$132,535	\$140,978	\$378,093

Ⓢ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Dec. 5 '31, p. 3790

Texas Electric Service Co.

(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

—Month of November—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Operating revenues	\$675,630	\$760,896	\$8,364,512
Oper. exp., incl. taxes	283,058	375,771	4,009,941
Net rev. from oper.	\$392,572	\$385,125	\$4,354,571
Rent for leased property	13,562	13,367	165,477
Balance	\$379,010	\$371,758	\$4,189,094
Other income	5,448	4,749	62,972
Gross corporate inc.	\$384,458	\$376,507	\$4,252,066
Int. on long term debt	140,542	140,542	1,686,500
Other int. and deduct.	2,014	3,732	44,123
Balance	\$241,902	\$232,233	\$2,521,443
Dividends on pref. stock			345,000
Balance			\$2,176,443
Retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation			200,000
Balance			\$1,976,443

* Before dividends and retirement (depreciation) reserve appropriation.

Texas Power & Light Co.

(American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

—Month of November—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Operating revenues	\$944,017	\$887,525	\$10,007,600
Oper. exp., incl. taxes	408,138	393,715	4,795,235
Net rev. from oper.	\$535,879	\$493,810	\$5,212,365
Other income	3,161	20,562	294,943
Gross corporate inc.	\$539,040	\$514,372	\$5,507,308
Int. on long term debt	190,854	174,187	2,258,025
Other int. and deduct.	17,084	20,322	195,597
Balance *	\$331,102	\$319,863	\$3,053,686
Dividends on preferred stock			828,296
Balance			\$2,225,390
Retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation			400,000
Balance			\$1,825,390

* Before dividends and retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation.

United Paperboard Co., Inc.

6 Mos. Ended—	Nov. 28 '31.	Nov. 29 '30.	Nov. 30 '29.	Nov. 24 '28.
Total sales	\$1,998,350	\$2,632,359	\$4,422,645	\$4,519,965
Loss from operation	153,474	40,252	prof\$299,696	prof\$276,577
Other income	1,546	1,579	4,458	2,666
Loss	\$151,928	\$38,673	prof\$304,154	prof\$279,243
Administration expense	41,041	53,812	50,982	45,965
x Loss	\$192,969	\$92,485	prof\$253,172	prof\$233,278
Earns. per sh. on 120,000 sbs. com. stk. (par \$100)	Nil	Nil	\$1.78	\$1.61

x No deduction has been made for Federal income taxes and depreciation, which will be deducted at end of fiscal year.
Ⓢ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Aug. 29 '31, p. 1449

(The) Washington Water Power Co.

(And Subsidiaries)

—Month of November—	1931.	1930.	1929.
Operating revenues	\$702,917	\$808,236	\$8,890,865
Oper. exp., incl. taxes	316,678	328,471	4,165,866
Net rev. from oper.	\$386,239	\$479,765	\$4,724,999
Other income	5,528	6,964	60,452
Gross corporate inc.	\$391,767	\$486,729	\$4,785,451
Int. on long term debt	87,623	87,583	1,051,476
Other int. and deduct.	6,249	9,347	37,947
Balance *	\$297,895	\$389,799	\$3,696,028
Dividends on preferred stock			586,395
Balance			\$3,109,633
Retirement (deprec.) reserve appropriation			632,490
Balance			\$2,477,143

* Before dividends and retirement (depreciation) reserve appropriation.

Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Co.

Period End. Dec. 31—	1931—3 Mos.—1930.	1930.	x1931—12 Mos.—1930.
Operating revenues	\$320,445	\$452,164	\$1,325,070
Operating expenses	302,594	404,426	1,311,690
Net oper. income	\$17,851	\$47,738	13,380
Other income	62,372	84,207	332,485
Total revenue	\$80,223	\$131,945	\$345,865
Bond interest, &c.	55,187	57,974	235,512
Net income	\$25,036	\$73,971	\$110,353
Earns. persh. on 100,000 sbs. common stock	\$1.25	\$0.43	\$0.10

x Preliminary figures.
Ⓢ Last complete annual report in Financial Chronicle Mar. 7 '31, p. 1827

FINANCIAL REPORTS

National Biscuit Co.

(34th Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

Roy E. Tomlinson, Chairman, says in part:

In January 1931 we acquired the business of Wheatworth, Inc., manufacturers of well-known whole wheat biscuits, cereals, flour and dog biscuit. As a result of the wide distribution given these products through our selling and distributing organizations, increasing use has been made of the modern plant and equipment of the Wheatworth Bakery located in N. Y. City. In the same month we took over the business of J. A. Huston & Co. with a growing business in New England and an up-to-date plant in Portland, Me. The sale of its products has been combined with those of the parent company and the facilities of its plant are being used to give our products better distribution in that territory.

On Oct. 1 1931 we finally acquired McLaren Consolidated Cone Corp. and merged its operations with those of the parent company. Stock investment in that corporation up to the date of acquisition was carried in our stocks and securities account, but is now distributed among our other asset accounts.

The manufacturing facilities for ice cream cones are rapidly being absorbed into our own bakeries with consequent savings in rent of former plants and elimination of organization overhead. With improved methods of manufacture, better distribution as a result of more frequent deliveries, and more direct contact with the trade than has heretofore been possible, the cone business is expected to become an important part of our company.

Since the first of the year, the three sales forces on the Pacific Coast, resulting from last year's acquisition of Bishop & Co. and Pacific Coast Biscuit Co., have been consolidated, bringing about better service to the trade and considerable economies. The plants of these companies are now manufacturing our products, supplying fresher goods to northern Pacific Coast points than was possible from our Los Angeles Bakery.

Further use of our selling and distributing forces has been made by marketing Shredded Wheat through these channels. The popularity of this familiar breakfast food is being increased, due to the fresh state in which it reaches the consumer.

The Winnipeg plant of Christie, Brown & Co., Ltd., our Canadian subsidiary, will be finished and ready to operate Feb. 1 1932.

INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEARS ENDED DEC. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Earnings for year	\$25,741,254	\$28,741,947	\$26,735,017	\$22,604,833
Depreciation	3,228,572	2,740,827	2,602,278	2,126,173
Federal & foreign taxes	2,773,191	3,121,223	2,709,167	2,595,295
Net profits	\$19,739,491	\$22,879,898	\$21,423,571	\$17,883,365
Preferred divs. (7%)	1,736,315	1,736,315	1,736,315	1,736,315
Divs. paid by subs.			1,215	1,361
Common dividends	17,601,466	20,383,942	17,083,098	14,888,536
Rate of common divs.	(28%)	(33%)	(30%)	(28%)
Balance, surplus	\$401,710	\$759,642	\$1,702,944	\$1,257,153
Previous surplus	25,262,818	24,503,177	22,800,234	21,543,078
Capital surplus	9,656,014	9,227,384	8,420,859	4,070,986
Total surplus	\$35,320,542	\$34,490,203	\$32,924,036	\$26,871,168
Shares com. stock outstanding (par \$10)	6,286,238	6,206,787	x2,398,469	x2,209,520
Earnings per share	\$2.86	\$3.40	\$8.21	\$7.30
x \$25 par.				

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Plant, real estate, mach'y, &c.	\$95,561,609	91,250,768	Preferred stock	24,804,500	24,804,500
x U. S. securities	1,356,102	230,559	Common stock	62,862,380	62,067,870
x N. Y. City bds.	12,813,375	12,313,375	Accts. payable	770,993	1,010,072
Cash	15,835,324	12,572,805	Com. div. pay.	4,400,367	4,344,751
x Stks. & securities	2,084,301	7,848,861	Bonds (Pacific Coast Co.)		136,000
Accts. receivable	4,560,416	5,439,257	Ins. & cont. res.	8,306,170	8,291,160
Raw materials, supplies, &c.	7,750,108	8,999,909	Tax reserve	2,863,284	3,253,010
Total	\$139,464,236	\$138,655,565	Surplus	35,320,542	34,490,202

Total—139,464,236 138,655,565
x At cost. a Less depreciation.—V. 133, p. 2773.

(The) Detroit Edison Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

President Alex Dow, Jan. 8, wrote in part:

Year's Business—Earnings.—The figures show less gross earnings in 1931 by 8 1-3% than in 1930. The year is the second in succession to show such a comparison, and these two are the only years in our history wherein gross earnings have been less than in the preceding year.

In the 1930 report we wrote that we did not look for recession in 1931, but every succeeding month brought us disappointment. Each adverse cause which operated in 1930 was in 1931 effective in greater degree. Thus industrial activity was much diminished with a corollary of lessened use of electric energy by street and steam railways. Our neighbors who buy our power for resale were under similar influences and diminished their purchases from us. The smaller municipalities which buy street lighting reduced their local illumination. The sales of every major class of our electric service (except domestic service) were less than in the preceding year.

In the case of the large local industries, the salient cause of our reduced earnings was lessened sale of automobiles, because of which many makers had to limit factory operation to three or four days per week. As to stores, large and small, and small factories, the reduction is attributable mostly to economies practiced by these customers, although the closing of some 2,000 small stores (and such) had its effect. The municipalities could not collect taxes and had to cut expenditures.

Sales of steam fell off badly. Economizing by customers was less apparent than in 1930, but the average temperature for the year was higher than in 1930 by 2.3 degrees and higher by 4.5 degrees than in 1929. November 1931 temperature was 8.5 degrees above normal.

Domestic electric service was the large class of service which did not fall off. Sales to urban homes nearly touched the 1930 mark and exceeded 1929, notwithstanding a serious reduction in the number of customers. This meant increased use per average household. Suburban service did better, having increased both in use and in number of households supplied. Rural service—not suburban service nor service to small communities, but service to farms—showed a creditable increase of a small class. The interpretation of the loss of city customers is that many small houses and apartments have been unoccupied.

Electric refrigerators for home use deserve a special word. These have been well advertised and sold in our territory during the past 18 months, and increased use of electric current by domestic consumers is due to them more than to any other cause. A lesser cause is that many consumers use larger incandescent lamps than heretofore.

Gas service, which we sell in St. Clair County and part of Macomb County shows an increase because of new customers on the newer pipe line.

A natural inquiry is as to the actual reduction in the revenue from specific classes of service.

Table comparing Revenue and Loss in Revenue for Commercial, Industrial, Traction, Sales, and Steam heating services across years 1930, 1931, and 1932.

Total of items above \$37,386,678 \$33,095,183 \$4,291,495. Income Account.—The operating ratio has increased once more; this time from 55.2% to 56.5%.

Maintenance.—Total maintenance expenses for the year were \$2,898,035, as against \$3,199,380 for 1930. There has been no lowering of the company's high standards of maintenance.

Retirement Reserve (Depreciation).—We made appropriations from month to month to retirement reserve (depreciation) which sufficed to cover the year's retirements of property from service.

Output.—Sales—Meters Connected.—The output generated by our power plants and purchased from other companies for 1931 was 2,170,254,600 kwh., as compared with 2,384,528,500 kwh. in 1930.

Rate Reduction.—As of Oct. 1, the company reduced its rates for the steam heating service, after consideration of this winter's prices for steam, coal and fuel oil.

Additions to Plant Investment Account.—Construction work carried on during 1931 required the expenditure of \$11,201,291. The difference between this figure and the increase in plant investment account shown on the balance sheet represents the book value of property removed from service.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT (INCL. SUB. UTILITY COMPANIES). Calendar Years— 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Gross revenue, Oper. exps., Federal and other taxes, Retirement res., etc.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31 (COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY UTILITY COMPANIES). 1931, 1930. Assets— Real est., bldgs., fixtures, etc., Power pl. equip., Constr. mat's, coal and suppl., Cash, Notes rec., incl. special interest bearing funds, Accts. receivable, Prepaid accounts, Stks. of sub.cos., Adv. to sub.cos., Bonds & oth. inv., Cas. & contng. Invest. fund., Special deposits, Debt disc. & exp., Deferred charges, Adjust. accounts.

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for the consolidated balance sheet as of Dec. 31, 1931 and 1930.

a These companies have no part in company's public utility business or earnings, and their accounts are therefore not consolidated in these statements.—V. 13, p. 325.

General Public Service Corp.

(Sixth Annual Report—Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.)

S. B. Tuell, President, says in part: Increase in Authorized Preferred and Common Stock.—Pursuant to action taken at a special meeting of stockholders held on Feb. 21 1931, the authorized preferred stock was increased by 325,000 shares and the authorized common stock by 1,000,000 shares.

Reduction in Capital Represented by Common Stock.—At a special meeting of common stockholders held Dec. 29 1931 it was voted to reduce the

amount of capital represented by common stock to \$1 per share. The reduction amounted to \$8,392,953 and was credited to surplus. Cognizance of the large unrealized depreciation in investments was then taken and investments, carried on the books at a cost of \$23,973,769, were written down to \$11,558,943, which was their market value as of Dec. 31 1931, or estimated fair value as of that date.

Reduction in Funded Debt.—In addition to the \$1,028,000 principal amount of debentures which were purchased during 1930, \$4,743,000 of debentures were purchased during the year just ended, making a total of \$5,771,000 reacquired. These debentures, which were purchased at a cost of \$5,174,069, have been cancelled and surplus credited with \$596,931, the difference between the cost to corporation and the principal amount of these debentures.

Investment List.—The principal change in the investment portfolio is the addition during the past year of a substantial amount of high-grade bonds, notes and preferred stocks. These investments, amounting to \$3,499,740 at Dec. 31 market prices, substantially increase the corporation's income from dividends and interest.

The market or estimated fair value of assets, which at the end of the year amounted to \$12,238,873, was 40.5% below the comparable figure for the previous year, which is the market value of assets on Dec. 31 1930 less the cost of all debentures reacquired and cancelled. On Dec. 31 1931 the asset value of the common stock was 82 cents per share.

COMPARATIVE INCOME STATEMENT FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1931, 1930, 1929, 1928) and rows for Cash divs., Int. on bds., Profit on sale of securities, Total income, Salaries and administrative services, Other expenses, Taxes, Balance, Int. & amortiz. charges, Net profit, Earned surplus at beginning of year, Total, Miscellaneous, Net profit on debts acquired & cancelled, Unamortized debt disc. & exp., Expenses in connection with cap. changes, Balance, Dividends—Pref., Conv. pref., Common (in stock), Earned surplus at end of year, Surp. (paid in) resulting from reduct. in cap. represented by outstanding common cap. stock & scrip to \$1 per share, Total surplus, Write down of invest. to market or est. fair value at Dec. 31 1931, Balance of surp. (paid in) Dec. 31, Common stock outstanding, Earnings per share.

a Stock dividends as and when received are not treated as income the effect of such stock dividends on the corporation's books is solely to reduce proportionately the book value per share of all the stock owned in the company in question. b When any securities are sold (whether acquired originally by purchase or as a stock dividend), the profit or loss resulting from the sale is computed in accordance with U. S. Treasury regulations. Profits or losses on sales made in 1931 were computed on the basis of approximate average cost or higher. c Includes cash dividends of \$773,119; plus \$385,887 representing the market value of rights received by the corporation to purchase or subscribe for securities other than stock of the company issuing the rights (whether sold or exercised), and credited to dividend income in accordance with U. S. Treasury regulations. d 38,434 shares in 1930, 36,273 shares in 1929 and 40,445 shares in 1928, capitalized out of earned surplus at the rate of \$10 per share. e Includes amortization of debt discount and expense for 10 months. Balance of discount and expense written off against surplus Oct. 31 1931.

Note.—The shrinkage in market or estimated fair value of investments at Dec. 31 1931, as compared with cost, was \$8,650,286 greater than at Dec. 31 1930.

BALANCE SHEET DEC. 31.

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for the balance sheet as of Dec. 31, 1931 and 1930. Assets include Investments (Common stocks, Industrials, Banks, Preferred stocks, Bonds & notes), Cash in banks, Treasury securities, Int. & accts. rec., Special deposits, Unamortized debt discount & exp., Unadjusted debits. Liabilities include Preferred stock, Common stock, Conv. deb. ss., Accts payable, Tax liability, Dividends declared, Unadjusted credits, Earned surplus, Paid-in surplus.

Total 12,307,612 30,199,275. In the above balance sheet for 1931 effect has been given to the action of the stockholders at their meeting of Dec. 29 1931 authorizing the reduction of the capital represented by the outstanding shares of common capital stock and scrip to \$1 per share, and to the action of the board of directors authorizing the write-down to quoted market prices of Dec. 31 1931, or estimated fair value as of that date in cases where closing or bid prices were not obtainable, of the investments of the corporation.

Profits and losses on subsequent sales of securities owned at Dec. 31 1931 are to be based on book values established as of that date. In the balance sheet for 1930 investments are shown at cost. b Represented by: 24,640 shares \$6 dividend preferred and 280 shares \$5.50 dividend preferred, of no par value. c Represented by: 669,068 shares common (1930—665,116 shares) of no par value.

ANALYSIS OF INVESTMENTS DEC. 31 1931.

	Market Value.	Percentage of Total Market Value.	Annual Current Cash Income.	Percentage of Total Income.
Common stocks (includ. option warrants)				
Utilities (holding).....	\$2,235,513	18.27%	\$197,938	23.10%
Utilities (operating)....	4,035,786	32.98%	290,154	33.87%
Industrials.....	1,340,404	10.95%	132,500	15.47%
Banks.....	272,125	2.22%	25,400	2.96%
Total.....	\$7,883,828	64.42%	\$645,992	75.40%
Preferred stocks.....	506,254	4.14%	38,065	4.44%
Bonds.....	2,555,611	20.88%	133,500	15.58%
Short-term investments & U. S. Treas. bonds.	613,250	5.01%	29,875	3.49%
Total investments.....	\$11,558,943	94.45%	\$847,432	98.91%
Cash (incl. certificate of deposit).....	679,799	5.55%	9,298	1.09%
Total.....	\$12,238,742	100.00%	\$856,730	100.00%

DATA ON BOOK AND ASSET VALUES.

	Dec. 31 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
a Market value of assets.....	\$12,238,742	\$24,916,801
a Asset value per \$100 of debentures.....	133.03	178.70
a Asset value per share of preferred stock.....	121.95	440.36
a Asset value per share of common stock (incl. scrip).....	.82	12.65

Note.—As noted above, the investments were written down to the market on Dec. 31 1931, or estimated fair value in cases where closing or bid prices were not obtainable, resulting in the book and market values of investments being identical as of that date. Before the investments were written down the book value represented cost and the total assets amounted to \$24,653,700, which is comparable with the book value of total assets of \$28,631,341 as of Dec. 31 1930. Book value per share of common stock including scrip Dec. 31 1931, before the write-down, was \$19.32 as compared to \$18.26 as of Dec. 31 1930. Similarly, for 1931, market or estimated fair value of investments was \$12,414,826 less than book value (before write-down) as compared to \$3,764,540 for 1930, making a further decrease under book value for the year of \$8,650,286. Asset value of common was 4.5% of total asset value on Dec. 31 1931 and 34% on Dec. 31 1930.

a Asset values are based on market or estimated fair value at end of period, and values shown represent net assets after deduction of current liabilities. In determining the asset values of preferred stock, an allowance equal to the face value of the debentures has been made, and in obtaining the asset values for common stock, the same amount of debentures and \$100 per share for each class of preferred has been allowed.

A list of securities held in portfolio is contained in the annual report.—V. 134, p. 142.

American Founders Corp.

(Annual Report—Fiscal Year Ended Nov. 30 1931.)

President Louis H. Seagrave Jan. 20 wrote in part:

Charges to Reserves.—Net losses sustained during the fiscal year were charged to reserves appropriated from surplus. The statement of income shows only income received from interest and dividends, profit on syndicate participations, investment service fees and other income, and does not contain any item of profit or loss on the sale of securities.

Asset Values.—The consolidated net assets applicable to the preferred shares at Nov. 30 1931, after eliminating all deferred charges (based on then current market quotations or as otherwise indicated) were \$21,071,575, which was equivalent to \$89.79 per share on the total of 234,675 shares of 1st pref. stock outstanding of all series, par value \$50 per share.

The consolidated asset value of American Founders Corp. common stock at Nov. 30 1931, after eliminating all deferred charges (based on then current market quotations, or as otherwise indicated, was \$1.04) per share on the 8,982,498 common shares and scrip outstanding Nov. 30 1931.

Reduction in Expenses.—Economies already instituted are expected to result in a further substantial saving of expenses in 1932. Since the close of the fiscal year corporation and subsidiaries have reduced salaries of officers and employees on a scale varying from 5% to 20%.

Changes in Capitalization.—Since Nov. 30 1930 the corporation has purchased at prices below par and retired 7,552 shares of its 7% 1st pref. stock and 4,311 shares of its 6% 1st pref. stock.

Number of Stockholders.—As of Nov. 30 1931 there were 20,395 registered holders of common stock of American Founders Corp., an increase of 925 during the fiscal year.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME ACCOUNT—FISCAL YEAR END. NOV. 30.
(Including International Securities Corp. of America, Second International Securities Corp., U. S. & British International Co., Ltd., American and General Securities Corp., and American & Continental Corp.)

	1931.	1930.	1929.
Interest and dividends.....	\$6,809,657	\$9,894,798	\$13,919,791
Profit on sale of investments.....		4,673,479	17,609,949
Profit on syndicate participations, invest. service fees and other income.....	95,645	444,459	205,410
Gross income.....	\$6,905,303	\$15,012,738	\$31,735,149
Expenses—Invest. service fee.....	985,016	1,541,812	1,720,953
Bond int., other int. & amortization.....	2,798,330	2,976,425	2,483,206
Taxes.....	298,752	280,698	2,779,771
Net income before divs. and approp. of sub. cos.....	\$2,823,205	\$10,213,802	\$24,751,220
Add—Reduction of bond int. reserve, due to retirement of secured serial gold bonds.....			53,024
Net approp. by subs. for bond int. & preferred share dividend reserve.....	53,174	263,889	
Balance.....	\$2,770,030	\$9,949,913	\$24,804,244
Less—Divs. paid and accr. (sub. cos.):			
Preferred shares.....	488,860	492,299	2,203,025
Appropriation for preferred share dividend reserve (sub. co.).....			676,223
Divs. paid on com. shs. of sub. cos.....	56,311	366,247	969,695
Balance.....	\$2,224,860	\$9,091,367	\$20,955,302
Propor. of undistrib. net inc. applic. to minority shareholders of sub. cos.....	271,592	936,856	1,773,225
Net income before divs. and approp. of American Founders Corp.....	\$1,953,268	\$8,154,511	\$19,182,076
Divs. & approp. of Am. Founders Corp.:			
First preferred shares.....	760,294	856,997	1,128,683
Second preferred shares.....			4,211
Approp. for pref. share div. reserves.....	56,783	417,346	1,044,545
Dividends on common shares.....		1,482,871	1,237,655
Balance of current earnings for year.....	\$1,136,190	\$5,397,298	\$15,766,982
Shs. com. stock outstanding (no par).....	8,982,498	8,982,498	8,446,694
Earnings per share.....	\$0.12	\$0.76	\$2.01

a Not including a special cash dividend amounting to \$2,819,264 declared on Dec. 2 1929 and paid Feb. 1 1930 out of undivided profits as of the close of the preceding fiscal year, Nov. 30 1929.

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS AND RESERVES, NOV. 30 1931.

Surplus and undivided profits:		
Balances Dec. 1 1930:		
Capital surplus.....	\$23,242,059	
Undivided profits.....	8,186,809	
Preferred share dividend reserve.....	1,950,258	
Interest in undivided profits of sub. cos.....	3,718,412	
Interest in bond interest and pref. share dividend reserves of sub. companies.....	1,747,014	\$38,844,553

Balance of income for the year ended Nov. 30 1931 (as above).....	\$1,136,189	
Gain on retirement of debts. acquired below par.....	1,263,329	
Gain on retirement of preferred shares acquired below par.....	120,830	
Increase in bond int. and pref. sh. div. res. through additional approp. by American Founders Corp. and its subs. and through percentage of ownership in sub. cos.....	113,911	2,634,260

Deduct—Appropriations for reserves (see below)..... \$41,478,813

Balances Nov. 30 1931:		
Capital surplus.....	\$23,238,952	
Undivided profits.....	5,397,881	
Preferred share dividend reserve.....	2,007,044	
Interest in undivided profits of sub. cos.....	1,475,226	
Interest in bond interest and pref. share dividend reserves of sub. companies.....	1,804,139	
Total surplus and undivided profit.....	\$33,923,242	

Reserves: Balances Dec. 1 1930..... \$10,652,724

Appropriations during year:		
Chargeable, as shown above, to American Founders consolidated surplus.....	\$7,555,571	
Chargeable as reduction of American Founders interest in earned surplus of subsidiaries at dates of acquisition.....	3,142,806	
Chargeable to minority interest.....	958,937	11,657,318
Total.....	\$11,657,318	

Less—Net losses sustained during year, charged to reserves appropriated as follows:

From current gains on retirement of debts. and preferred shares.....	\$1,384,159
From prior gains on retirement of debts. and preferred shares.....	683,804
From consolidated undivided profits.....	9,608,258
From undivided profits of subsidiaries, which reserves were applied against the American Founders interest in earned surplus at dates of acquisition.....	4,406,340
From minority interest.....	1,079,583
Total.....	\$17,162,145

Balances of reserves Nov. 30 1931..... \$5,147,892

Note.—On Nov. 30 1931 the unrealized depreciation from book value—cost less reserve—of all investments at then current market quotations exceeded the unrealized depreciation as of Nov. 30 1930 by \$40,005,813. After allowing for minority interests, the amount applicable to American Founders Corp. was \$33,852,767.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET NOV. 30.

(Including International Securities Corp. of America, Second International Securities Corp., U. S. & British International Co., Ltd., American and General Securities Corp., and American & Continental Corp.)

	1931.	1930.
Assets—		
Cash and call loans.....	\$3,736,022	\$15,368,884
Investment securities.....	136,269,214	144,228,430
Cost of secs. of sub. cos in excess of book values.....	14,603,911	11,922,764
Securities sold, not delivered.....	46,072	190,799
Intermediate credits.....	10,708,773	11,957,975
Accr. inc. and sundry accounts receivable.....	1,151,420	1,533,432
American & Continental Corp. 5% debts.....	1,991,575	
Participation on secured loans.....	3,170,000	
Unamortized deb. discount, share financing and transformation expenses.....	3,394,071	4,024,643
Total.....	\$175,071,058	\$189,226,926
Liabilities—		
Securities purchased, not received.....	\$163,868	\$558,949
Sundry accs. pay., res. for taxes & curr. accruals.....	488,896	761,656
Participation by others in intermediate credits.....	1,710,948	\$2,319,900
Bonds and debentures of subsidiary companies.....	46,563,100	51,679,000
Pref. shares of sub. cos. held by public.....	7,877,850	8,820,150
Minority shareholders int. in com. share capital, surplus and reserves of sub. companies.....	8,512,627	9,794,040
7% first preferred stock.....	\$3,338,300	3,715,900
6% first preferred stock.....	\$8,395,450	8,636,000
c Common stock.....	\$64,096,776	64,096,778
Capital surplus.....	\$3,923,242	\$3,242,059
Undivided profits.....		8,186,809
Int. in earned surplus and undiv. profits of subs. Preferred share dividend reserve.....		\$3,718,412
Interest in bond interest and preferred share dividend reserve of subsidiary companies.....		1,950,258
Total.....	\$175,071,058	\$189,226,926

A general portfolio—at cost \$110,981,861, plus holdings in subsidiary and affiliated companies not consolidated—at cost, \$30,435,245; total, \$141,417,106; less balance of reserves appropriated by American Founders Corp. and subsidiary companies from undivided profits, \$5,147,892; balance, \$136,269,214. The total value of all investments at Nov. 30 1931, based on then current market quotations, was \$56,435,695. Taking the holdings of subsidiary and affiliated companies not consolidated, other than U. S. Electric Power Corp., at their net asset values computed on the basis of available market quotations of their underlying portfolios, as of Nov. 30 1931, the value as shown above would be increased by \$4,232,316. b American & Continental Corp. (now a subsidiary company) was contingently liable at Nov. 30 1930 for \$1,313,910 on risk participations in foreign advances. c Includes 50 shares 7% 1st pref.; 9 shs. 6% 1st pref.; 387 60-70 shs. com. and scrip (equivalent to 64 45-70 com. shs. and scrip of American Founders Trust), and also 36 54-70 Corp. shs. of com. and scrip issuable as divs. to holders of 33 trust shs., all of which are authorized to be issued upon surrender of shares and scrip of American Founders Trust. d Reserves of \$8,982,498 7% no par shares, but does not include 517,639 1-20 shs. reserved for exercise of stock purchase warrants at \$40 per share on or before Feb. 2 1932 and 57,546 shs. reserved at \$46.67 per share for conversion of pref. share allotment certificates. e After elimination of earned surplus of subsidiaries at dates of acquisition amounting to \$4,557,524, which has been applied against cost of securities of subsidiary companies. f Does not include call loans.—V. 134, p. 507.

United Founders Corporation.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Nov. 30 1931.)

President Louis H. Seagrave Jan. 20 1932 wrote in part:

Earnings.—The consolidated net earnings of United Founders Corp. and subsidiaries (exclusive of United States Electric Power Corp.) for the year ended Nov. 30 1931, were \$1,172,277 and were equivalent to 13 cents per common share on the average number of common shares outstanding during the year. The average number of common shares and scrip outstanding during the year was 8,977,354.

Undistributed Earnings.—The interest of corporation in the undistributed earnings of United States Electric Power Corp. and of the Public Utility Holding Corp. of America for the year amounted to approximately 12 cents per share on the common shares of United Founders Corp. outstanding at Nov. 30 1931.

Charges to Reserves.—Net losses sustained during the fiscal year were charged to reserves appropriated from surplus. The statement of income shows only income received from interest and dividends, profit on syndicate participations, investment service fees and other income, and does not contain any item of profit or loss on the sale of securities.

Asset Values.—The consolidated asset value of corporation common stock, after eliminating all deferred charges (based on then current market quotations or as otherwise indicated) as of Nov. 30 1931, was \$2.24 per share. This asset value is computed on 9,023,994 common shares and scrip outstanding Nov. 30 1931.

The consolidated asset value of United Founders Corp. common stock, after eliminating all deferred charges (based on then current market quotations or as otherwise indicated, except that the value of holdings in United States Electric Power Corp. is taken at consolidated book value at Nov. 30 1931 of that company and subsidiaries) was \$7.61 per share on Nov. 30 1931. If the holdings in all the subsidiary and affiliated companies indicated as "not consolidated in this report" except United States Electric Power Corp.

were appraised at their net asset values, computed on the basis of available market quotations of their underlying portfolios, the above asset values for United Founders Corp. common stock would be increased by 86 cents per share.

Bank Loans.—Bank loans of United Founders Corp., which at Nov. 30 1930, were \$12,000,000, had been reduced at Nov. 30 1931 to \$3,000,000, and have since been reduced to \$2,500,000. American Founders Corp. and its subsidiaries have no bank loans. United States Electric Power Corp. has bank loans to the extent of \$15,000,000, which will be reduced by \$1,500,000 on March 1 1932, and the abalance of which will be extended to March 1 1933.

Reduction in Expenses.—Consolidated operating expenses, other than interest and taxes, of United Founders Corp. and subsidiaries for the previous fiscal year (ended Nov. 30 1930) were \$2,135,165. The total expenses for the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1931, were \$1,317,344.

Economies already instituted are expected to result in a further substantial reduction of expenses for the fiscal year 1932.

Since the close of the fiscal year, United Founders Corp., American Founders Corp. and investment company subsidiaries have reduced salaries of officers and employees on a scale varying from 5% to 20%.

Investment Trust Associates.—On June 30 1931, United Founders Corp. owned 89.14% of the outstanding shares of Investment Trust Associates. At a meeting held July 29 1931, the shareholders of Investment Trust Associates voted to accept an offer of United Founders Corp., dated June 25 1931, to acquire all of the property and assets of Investment Trust Associates. Under the terms of this offer there was deposited for each shareholder other than United Founders Corp. in cash, the amount to which such shareholder would be entitled upon a liquidation of Investment Trust Associates as of the close of business June 30 1931. United Founders Corp. has accordingly acquired all of the property and assets of Investment Trust Associates.

Changes in Capitalization.—There has been no change in the capitalization of the corporation since May 31 1931. As stated in the report for the six months then ended, the corporation issued for cash 125,000 shares of common stock prior to that date, and issued 124,961 22-70ths common shares in payment of the Jan. 2 1931 div. Divs. were discontinued thereafter.

Number of Shareholders.—There were 99,167 registered holders of common stock of United Founders Corp. on Nov. 30 1931, an increase of 7,866 during the fiscal year.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT YEAR ENDED NOV. 30.
[Including American Founders Corp. (subsidiaries, International Securities Corp. of America, Second International Securities Corp., U. S. & British International Co., Ltd., American & General Securities Corp., and American & Continental Corp.) and Investment Trust Associates (to July 31 1931, its date of liquidation).]

	1931.	1930.
Income—Interest	\$3,559,339	\$5,015,461
Dividends (including no stock dividends)	4,201,045	6,899,287
Profit on sale of securities (net)	-----	6,292,485
Profit on syndicate participations, investment service fees and miscellaneous income	123,892	480,984
Gross income	\$7,884,277	\$18,688,217
Interest and amortization of discount	3,040,613	3,301,912
Taxes paid and accrued (net)	281,780	322,563
Miscell. expenses & investment service fee	1,452,447	2,228,291
Net income before appropriations & dividends	\$3,109,436	\$12,835,451
Net appropriation by subsidiaries for bond interest and preferred share dividend reserves	109,958	681,235
Balance	\$2,999,478	\$12,154,216
Dividends paid to the public by subsidiary cos.	-----	-----
On preferred shares	1,231,479	1,333,303
On common shares	136,228	1,004,848
Undistributed net income	\$1,631,771	\$9,816,065
Proportion of undistributed net income applicable to minority shareholders of subsidiary cos.	459,493	2,768,933
Bal. of inc. applicable to United Founders Corp.	\$1,172,277	\$7,047,132

a A special cash dividend declared by American Founders Corp. on Dec. 2 1929, and paid on Feb. 1 1930, amounting to \$2,819,264, is not included because it was paid out of undivided profits as of the close of the previous fiscal year, Nov. 30 1929. Consideration has been given to this dividend in the statement of consolidated earned surplus. The proportion of this dividend paid to the public was \$1,822,566.

STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS AND UNDIVIDED PROFITS AND RESERVES NOV. 30 1931.

Surplus and Undivided Profits—	
Balance, Dec. 1 1930:	
Capital surplus	\$36,216,062
Undivided profits	12,831,834
Interest in undivided profits of subsidiary cos.	4,050,007
Int. in bond int. & pref. share div. res. of subs.	2,897,774
	\$55,995,676
Add—Bal. of income for the year ended Nov. 30 '31	\$1,172,277
Gain on retirement of debts, acquired below par	993,748
Gain on retirement of pf. shs. acquired below par	95,046
Amount credited to capital surplus from issuance of 125,000 common shares	437,500
Increase in bond interest and pref. share div. reserves through additional appropriations by American Founders Corp. and its subs. and through increased percentage of ownership in subsidiary companies	100,140
	2,798,711
Appropriations for reserves (see statement below)	\$58,794,388
Balance, Nov. 30 1931:	26,930,798
Capital surplus	22,189,784
Undivided profits	4,516,081
Int. in undivided profits of subsidiary companies	2,159,810
Int. in bond int. & pref. shs. div. res. of subs.	2,997,915
Total surplus and undivided profits	\$31,863,591

Reserves—	
Balance, Dec. 1 1930	
Appropriations during year:	
Chargeable, as shown above, to United Founders consolidated surplus and undivided profits	\$26,930,797
Chargeable as reduction of United Founders int. in earned surplus of subs. at dates of acquisition	6,393,174
Chargeable to minority interests	3,337,951
	36,661,923
Total	\$50,314,647
United Founders portion of balance of reserves of Investment Trust Associates at date of its liquidation	3,303,922
	\$47,010,724

Deduct—Net losses sustained during year (incl. loss of \$14,384,761 sustained by United Founders Corp. due to liquidation of Investment Trust Associates), charged to reserves appropriated as follows:

From current gains on retirement of debentures and preferred shares	\$1,088,794
From prior gains on retirement of debentures and preferred shares	535,442
From cap. surp. of United Founders Corp.	14,036,566
From consolidated undivided profits	14,442,527
From undivided profits of subs., which reserves were applied against the United Founders int. in earned surplus at dates of acquisition	6,385,073
From minority interest	4,947,219
	41,435,620
Balances of reserves, Nov. 30 1931	\$5,575,104

Note—On Nov. 30 1931 the unrealized depreciation from book value—cost less reserve—of all investments at then current market quotations exceeded the unrealized depreciation as of Nov. 30 1930 by \$52,859,663. After allowing for minority interests the amount applicable to United Founders Corp. was \$40,667,796.

By using then current market quotations except for holdings of United States Electric Power Corp., which are valued at their consolidated book value of \$14.77 per share, the unrealized depreciation as of Nov. 30 1931 exceeded the unrealized depreciation as of Nov. 30 1930, calculated on a similar basis (using a consolidated book value of \$14.31 per share for holdings of United States Electric Power Corp.), by \$32,928,690. After allowing for minority interests, the amount applicable to United Founders Corp. was \$21,292,175.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET NOV. 30

[Including American Founders Corp. (subsidiaries, International Securities Corp. of America, Second International Securities Corp., U. S. & British International Co., Ltd., American & General Securities Corp. and American & Continental Corp.), and Investment Trust Associates in 1930.]

Assets—	
1931.	
Cash and call loans	\$4,409,299
Investment securities	232,936,799
Cost of securities of sub. investment cos. in excess of their book values	28,030,971
American & Continental Corp. 5% debts	1,991,573
Participation in security loans	3,170,000
Securities sold—not delivered	46,072
Intermediate credits	10,708,773
Accrued income and sundry accounts receivable	1,231,759
Unamortized debenture discount, share financing and transformation expenses	3,394,071
Total	\$285,919,319
Liabilities—	
1931.	
Securities purchased—not receivable	\$163,869
Sundry accts. pay., res. for taxes & curr. accruals	541,872
Participation by others in intermediate credits	1,710,949
Bank loans	3,000,000
Bonds and debentures of subsidiary companies	46,563,100
Pref. shares of subsidiary cos. held by public	19,476,300
Minority shareholders int. in com. shs. capital, surplus and reserves of subsidiary companies	29,438,273
Stock dividend	1,249,613
Class A stock	1,000,000
Common stock	152,161,365
Capital surplus	31,863,591
Undivided profits	36,216,062
Int. in earned surplus & undivided profits of subs.	12,831,834
Int. in bond int. & pref. sh. div. reserves of sub.	2,897,774
Total	\$332,635,723

a General portfolio—at cost, \$127,728,284; holdings in subsidiary and affiliated companies not consolidated—at cost, \$110,783,619; total, \$238,511,902; balance of reserves appropriated by United Founders Corp. and subsidiary companies from undivided profits and capital surplus, \$5,575,104; balance as above, \$202,936,798. The total value of all investments at Nov. 30 1931 based on then current market quotations, or as otherwise indicated, except for class A and common shares of United States Electric Power Corp., which are valued at their consolidated book value of \$14.77 per share, was \$122,378,146. By using then current market quotations, or as otherwise indicated, this amount would be \$71,290,524. Taking the holdings of subsidiary and affiliated companies, not consolidated other than U. S. Electric Power Corp., at their net asset values computed on the basis of available market quotations of their underlying portfolios, as of Nov. 30 1931, the values as shown in the above paragraph would be increased by \$9,050,074. b American & Continental Corp. (now a subsidiary of American Founders Corp.) was contingently liable Nov. 30 1930, for \$1,313,910 on risk participations in foreign advances. c Represented by 1,000,000 no par shares. d Represented by 9,023,994 48-70 par shares. e After the elimination of earned surplus of subsidiaries at dates of acquisition amounting to \$10,681,565 which has been applied against cost of securities of subsidiary investment companies. f Equal to 124,961 22-70 common shares payable Jan. 2 1931. g Does not include call loans.—V. 133, p. 2777.

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STEAM RAILROADS.

Favors Repeal of Recapture.—I.-S. C. Commission is unanimously of opinion that the railroad earnings recapture provisions of the I.-S. C. Commission Act should be repealed in total not only for the future, but retroactively from the very beginning. Commissioner Eastman told House I.-S. C. Committee, Boston "News Bureau," Jan. 20, p. 1.

Freight Cars in Need of Repairs.—Class I railroads on Jan. 1 had 187,666 freight cars in need of repairs, or 8.7% of the number on line, according to the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 6,734 cars below the number in need of repair on Dec. 15, at which time there were 194,400, or 8.9%. Freight cars in need of heavy repairs on Jan. 1 totaled 141,333, or 6.5%, a decrease of 2,872 cars compared with the number on Dec. 15, while freight cars in need of light repairs totaled 46,333, or 2.2%, a decrease of 3,862 compared with Dec. 15.

Locomotives in Need of Repairs.—Class I railroads of this country on Jan. 1 had 6,990 locomotives in need of classified repairs, or 13% of the number on line, according to reports just filed by the carriers with the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 14 locomotives below the number in need of such repairs on Dec. 15, at which time there were 7,004, or 13%. Class I railroads on Jan. 1 had 10,982 serviceable locomotives in storage compared with 10,290 on Dec. 15.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 16.—(a) Gross and net earnings of United States railroads for the month of November, p. 379; (b) Belgian railroads plan \$24,000,000 renewal program—roads seek parliamentary guarantee of loan for purpose, p. 419; (c) Railroads present wage cut demand—12-month reduction of 10% laid before union at meeting in Chicago—Labor program is heard—Farley gets under way as both sides

defer legality issue and begin settling credentials, p. 439; (d) Chicago Great Western RR. to return 550 men to shops at Oelwein, Iowa—President Joyce says 10% cut in wages would increase employment, p. 446; (e) 650 employees returned to work by Alton RR., p. 446; (f) Bangor shopmen wage cut, p. 446; (g) Railroad workers recalled by Southern Pacific—6,000 men to be returned to payroll at Ogden (Utah) shops, p. 446; (h) Shopmen of Illinois Central System voluntarily accept 10% wage cut—Reduction will affect about 6,500 men.

Aroostook Valley RR.—Control by Canadian Pacific Approved—Set Price at \$215 Per Share.

The I.-S. C. Commission Jan. 13 approved the acquisition by the Canadian Pacific Ry. of control of the Aroostook Valley by purchase of its capital stock. The report of the Commission says in part:

The Valley is a standard gauge, single track, electric line, operating 32.11 miles of main track and 6.2 miles of sidings in Aroostook County, Me. Its construction was completed in 1914. Its terminals are West Presque Isle, Sweden, West Caribou, and Washburn Junction. At the last named point it connects with the Aroostook branch of the C. P. Ry. There is no connection with the Bangor, which operates in the same territory and is an active competitor. Having no power plant, the company purchases its power from outside sources. No freight cars are owned, the C. P. Ry. furnishing this class of equipment.

The outstanding capital stock of the Valley consists of 2,970 shares (par \$100). Of the total issue, the C. P. Ry. owns 400 shares, purchased in 1925 and entered at \$88.11 per share. Gould holds approximately 1,600 shares and his family 513 additional shares. The applicant entered into a contract with Gould on Aug. 2 1930, to purchase 2,000 shares from him at a price representing the equity in the stock, based on a fair net value for

the property of the Valley to be determined by agreement or by arbitration. There is no ascertainable market value for the Valley's stock. No dividends on it have ever been paid.

With respect to the 570 shares of minority stock which would remain in the hands of the public after the transaction is consummated, the applicant makes no proposal, and indicates through counsel that it does not desire to purchase such stock. Counsel for the intervenor contend that, in the usual case of acquisition of control, the acquiring carrier proposes to purchase stock that is more or less scattered, and to create a centralized control and thus a corresponding minority interest, neither of which formerly existed. It is argued that in such a case it might be unfair to pay certain stockholders a price which is not to be offered to others. But in the present case, control of the carrier would be merely transferred from the Goulds to the C. P. Ry., without affecting the minority, except favorably through the benefits which may be expected to result from the position and stability of the applicant. It is to be noted that the minority stockholders have made no objection to the applicant's failure to provide for them in the plan, and this feature appears to require no further consideration.

The applicant represents that the proposed control would be in the public interest because the policy of the Valley under the management of a strong transcontinental system would assure and promote the development of the territory. Attention was called to the destruction of local competition which would occur in the possible event that the Valley should be acquired or controlled by the Bangor. It was also argued that a perpetuation of the present relations between the Valley and the C. P. Ry. is more to be desired than a dissipation of the holdings of the Gould interests. These eventualities, however, were in no way represented to be imminent. According to statements made by counsel, there is a traffic agreement between the carriers which provides for a continuation of the present arrangement until 1961.

It was provided in the contract between the applicant and Gould that the price to be paid by the C. P. Ry. for the 2,000 shares of Valley stock was to be determined by deducting the total amount of company liabilities, except stock, from the fair value of the property as an independent going concern. Interest at 4.5% was to accrue from Aug. 2, 1930, the date of the contract. It was stipulated that if the parties could not agree upon a fair value before Oct. 1, 1930, three valuers were to be appointed to ascertain such value, and that the decision of a majority of them should be binding. Failing to agree, the applicant and Gould each appointed a valuator, and these appointed the third. A hearing was held at Boston, Mass., in December 1930, and in the same month a report signed by the Gould valuator and the third member announced that the fair value of the property as of July 31, 1930, was \$1,579,529, the liabilities were \$792,868, and the difference was \$786,659. This corresponds to an average appraised value of \$264.37 per share of stock, or a total of \$529,740 for the 2,000 shares proposed to be sold by Gould for cash.

In a minority report, the valuator appointed by the C. P. Ry. contended that the methods used by the majority were erroneous in several respects, with the result that according to him, the appraisal is at least \$350,000, or about \$120 per share, too high. According to this report, the procedure followed by the majority was as follows: The average operating income of the carrier for the five years 1925-1929 was adjusted to eliminate the charges to depreciation of way and structures as carried on the corporate books, and from that was deducted a sum representing 5% on the indebtedness. The amount thus found was set up as the company's average net earnings after fixed charges and taxes. It was then capitalized at 6%, producing the figure \$721,492, and to that was added \$65,167 for the excess of current assets over current liabilities, the result being \$786,659, as already stated. This was apparently intended to be the commercial value of the road, although the valuers were required to eliminate the consideration of what any carrier other than the applicant might be willing to pay to acquire the property.

A precise statement of the original cost of the property is not available. On the basis of reports made to us the investment in road and equipment as of Dec. 31, 1930, was \$1,392,790. This is substantially the same amount as is shown for Jan. 31, 1931, on a statement supplied by counsel. On that statement the investment on June 30, 1915, selected as about the close of the construction period, was \$1,170,039, and the net additions to capital account subsequent to that date were \$222,667.

We have made no valuation of the Valley property pursuant to Section 19a of the act. The facts of record clearly do not justify the consideration which the applicant proposes to pay for acquisition of control. This is particularly true when consideration is given to the evidence of value upon the basis of earnings. Giving effect to an upward trend in earnings for the year 1930, the average annual operating income of the Valley may not properly be considered to exceed \$83,000, which capitalized at 6%, would produce the sum of \$1,383,300. If the interest-bearing debt amounting to about \$742,000 be deducted, the resulting figure would correspond to an equity value of approximately \$215.80 per share of outstanding stock. The evidence does not indicate that the earnings of this line would be increased over the average above stated through control by the C. P. Ry. There is no doubt that the property is below normal condition and that an expenditure of some \$65,000 for rehabilitation is presently required. The carrier, however, shows an excess of current assets over current liabilities of about the same amount. Considering all the conditions described, we think that the price per share for the stock in question should not exceed \$215.

Upon the facts presented we find that the acquisition by the Canadian Pacific Railway of control of the Aroostook Valley RR. by purchase of capital stock will be in the public interest, provided the consideration to be paid for such control shall be represented by a price not exceeding \$215 per share for the capital stock of the latter company.—V. 132, p. 3578.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Salaries of Officers and Superintending Subordinates Reduced 10%.—

See under "Current Events" in "Chronicle" of Jan. 16, p. 446.—V. 133, p. 4154.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Eastern Consolidation Hearings—Executives Present Arguments—Hearings to Resume Feb. 15.

Testimony on behalf of the Baltimore & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio, New York Central and Pennsylvania in support of their application for a modification of the I.-S. C. Commission's consolidation plan to provide for their four-system plan of grouping the eastern railroads outside of New England was completed on Jan. 9 at the hearing before Chairman Porter. An adjournment was then taken to Feb. 15 at the request of several intervenors who had filed protests against certain features of the plan and who desired time to study the railroad exhibits before completing their cross-examination and presenting their own evidence.

Following the testimony of Daniel Willard, President of the Baltimore & Ohio, which included a general statement for all four applicants as well as his own statement on behalf of the Baltimore & Ohio, statements were made by Geo. W. W. Atterbury, J. J. Bernet and P. E. Crowley. They all told Chairman Porter that if the Commission should require any important changes in the plan it might endanger it, depending on magnitude and importance of the changes, because the various parts of the agreement submitted are inter-dependent and any change would require a reconsideration. All of the witnesses also expressed the opinion that the fifth system as proposed by the Commission would be impracticable as well as not in the public interest.

Although the railroads in their plan had made no proposals as to the New England situation, intending to leave that for later consideration, the subject was brought prominently into the hearings in the cross-examination by various New England representatives who wanted to know how the four-system plan would fit in with the various plans suggested for New England. The general reply was that there is nothing in the plan to preclude later disposition of New England lines.

Officer Approved.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized William T. Noonan of Rochester, N. Y., to act as a Vice-President of the Baltimore & Ohio RR. Mr. Noonan is now President and director of the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburgh Ry., a subsidiary.—V. 134, p. 322.

Bangor & Aroostook RR.—Wage Cut.—

See under "Current Events" in "Chronicle" of Jan. 16, p. 446.—V. 132, p. 2378.

Boston & Maine RR.—Operates Trucks Illegally.—

See New York New Haven & Hartford RR. below.—V. 134, p. 322.

Canadian Pacific Ry.—Control of Aroostook Valley Ry.

Approved—\$215 Per Share Price Fixed by Commission.—

See Aroostook Valley Ry. above.—V. 133, p. 1121.

Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to procure authentication and delivery of \$28,142,000 of refunding & improvement mortgage 4½% bonds, series C, in connection with the surrender and refunding of a like amount of underlying bonds.—V. 133, p. 4154.

Connecting Railway.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Jan. 8 authorized the company to issue not exceeding \$934,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds, to be delivered at par to the Pennsylvania RR. in satisfaction of a like amount of indebtedness to that company for advances for capital purposes.

Authority was granted to the Pennsylvania RR. to assume obligation and liability, as guarantor, in respect of the bonds.—V. 133, p. 3627.

Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR.—Retirement.—

William H. Truesdale late last year retired as Chairman of the board of Managers, it is announced, because of ill health. The office of chairman has been abolished.—V. 134, p. 134.

Denver & Rio Grande Western RR.—Moves for Dismissal of Injunction Suit.—

A petition asking dismissal of an injunction suit to enjoin the carrying out of an I.-S. C. Commission order giving the company permission to acquire control of the Denver & Salt Lake, was presented in U. S. District Court at Wilmington, Del., Jan. 21.

The petition was presented by Elmer B. Collins, a special assistant to the United States Attorney-General, who was among counsel for the defendants, the Denver & Rio Grande, Western and the Commission. Argument by counsel for the complainants, the Moffat Tunnel League, of Steamboat Springs, Col., and the Uintah Basin Railroad League of Myton, Utah, was heard.

The complainants asked an injunction against the Commission order on the ground that if the Denver & Rio Grande Western acquired control of the Moffat road, a plan to build a railroad line through territory they have settled would be abandoned. They contended the territory was settled on a promise that the line would be built.

The petition for dismissal of the injunction suit stated the complainants represented owners of only a small part of the land affected by the proposed new line and that their legal interest was not sufficient to entitle them to bring suit in their own name. It conceded, however, that they would have the right to intervene in such an action. Numerous opinions of the U. S. Supreme Court were cited to uphold this contention.—V. 133, p. 4154.

Erie RR.—Orders Rails.—

The company has placed orders for 31,377 tons of rails for 1932 requirements. The Carnegie Steel Co. received 18,955 tons, the Illinois Steel Co. 6,147 tons and miscellaneous producers the balance of 6,275 tons.—V. 133, p. 4154.

Grand Trunk Western RR.—Car Ferry Control.—

See Pennsylvania RR. below.—V. 130, p. 3534.

Illinois Central RR.—Shopmen Voluntarily Accept 10% Wage Cut.—

See under "Current Events" in "Chronicle" of Jan. 10, p. 446.—V. 133, p. 3963.

Kansas & Oklahoma RR.—Rail Project Approved.—

The I.-S. C. Commission recently issued a certificate authorizing the company to acquire and operate 19 miles of railroad extending from a point on the Kansas-Oklahoma boundary through Liberal, Kan., northwesterly toward Woods. The company was denied authority to construct a 14-mile extension from Woods to Hugoton, Kan.

The company was authorized to issue not exceeding \$34,000 of \$100 par stock.

The report of the Commission says in part:

On April 4, 1931 the company, incorporated in Kansas in March 1931, filed an application under Section 1(18) of the Act for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the acquisition and operation by it of an existing line of railroad, approximately 19 miles in length, in Seward and Stevens counties, Kansas, and the construction and operation of an extension of the line, approximately 14 miles in length, in Stevens County, Kan. The line to be acquired extends from a point on the Kansas-Oklahoma boundary in a northwesterly direction to Liberal, about 4 miles, thence in the same general direction to Woods, about 15 miles. The extension proposed to be constructed would extend from Woods westerly to Hugoton. Also, on April 4, 1931, corporation filed an application for authority to issue \$200,000 of capital stock (par \$100), the stock to be sold at not less than par for cash, and the proceeds to be applied to the proposed acquisition and extension.

The line proposed to be acquired was constructed in 1921-22, with the aid of a contribution of \$127,000 from Liberal Township, in Seward County, and one of \$18,000 from Center Township, in Stevens County. In both cases bonds were issued by the townships and these obligations remain outstanding. Following a receivership which began in 1923, the property was acquired by four individuals early in 1931 for the sum of \$34,000, and operation between Liberal and Woods has been carried on in the name of the defunct Kansas & Oklahoma Ry. Taxes amounting to approximately \$16,000 have accrued. Although \$15,000 has been expended by the present owners for repairs, the line is in such a run-down condition that complete rehabilitation is necessary. According to the applicant's estimates, the cost of such rehabilitation would be between \$75,000 and \$100,000; the protestants fix the ultimate amount at \$230,000. It is proposed to purchase the existing line for a consideration equal to the total money outlay thereon as of the date of transfer. The applicant's incorporators and stock subscribers are the four individuals mentioned above. One is interested in a grain mill and elevator, another in the natural gas industry. About \$50,000 has thus far been put into the venture, the total subscriptions for stock being \$100,000. The applicant's authorized capital stock is \$200,000.

There is no affirmative showing in the record that a public need exists for the extension of the K. & O. either to serve the immediate territory or to provide a connection between the Rock Island and the Santa Fe. The agricultural area is already highly developed, is adequately supplied with outlets and apparently receives satisfactory transportation service. There is no reasonable assurance that the extended line would enjoy enough traffic to operate profitably. To overcome this handicap, the applicant would need excessive divisions from the connecting trunk lines, and to the extent that it may control traffic, would be in a position to negotiate for them successfully. Similarly, favors in the matter of car distribution would be possible of accomplishment. In brief, this independent short line would place a burden on the transportation system which, as we have frequently pointed out, is most undesirable from the standpoint of the public interest.

In Consolidation of Railroads, 159 I.C.C. 522, the K. & O. is assigned to System No. 19, Rock Island-Frisco. The Rock Island does not oppose the applicant's proposed acquisition, nor has any other interest done so. We shall authorize this acquisition, together with an issue and sale of the applicant's capital stock, at this time not to exceed \$34,000 in par value. As representing the actual cost of the property, this amount is supported by the facts of record. Action on the issue of any additional stock will be deferred until the applicant shall have furnished us with a detailed and verified statement of the expenditures sought to be capitalized.—V. 133, p. 2761.

Kentucky & Indiana Terminal RR.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has authorized the company to issue \$351,000 of first mortgage 5½% bonds which it will pledge as collateral for short term notes.—V. 133, p. 476.

Lake Erie & Eastern RR.—Dividend Correction.—

The directors recently declared an extra dividend of 5% in addition to the usual semi-annual dividend of 2% (not 2½% as erroneously reported last week), both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 23.

The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR. and Mahoning Coal RR. each own 50% of the outstanding \$6,903,000 capital stock, par \$100.—V. 124, p. 1816.

Nashville Terminal Co.—To Extend Bonds.—

The \$1,000,000 5% bonds due Jan. 1, 1932 will be extended until Jan. 1, 1935 at 6% interest, with the right to redeem all or any part of the bonds on any semi-annual interest date prior to Jan. 1, 1935. The bankers handling the extension are Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo.—V. 112, p. 2537.

New York Central RR.—Present Figures to Commissions to Prove Need for Higher Commutation Rates.—

The company resumed its fight for increased commutation rates Jan. 21 by presenting before a joint hearing of the Public Service and Transit Commissions figures to show that while only a 40% increase was asked, an increase of nearly 100% would be needed to meet operating expenses of commuter service and a 140% increase would be required to yield a 5 1/4% return.

The figures on which this was based were for October 1931. The allocation of expenses to the commuter service was based on percentage of passenger miles, a basis which has been opposed by commuter representatives and which was again attacked in a statement issued after the hearing by J. Henry Esser, former Corporation Counsel of Mount Vernon. The October figures given by the railroad showed a loss of \$175,519 on commutation, school and family ticket service on the railroad's basis of allocating expenses.

The hearings are being held to enable the road to present additional evidence on the need for a 40% increase in commutation rates. The Public Service Commission refused last Fall to grant the increase, holding that the road had not presented sufficient evidence to warrant it, and the rates were suspended until March 31 to allow the railroad time to gather further evidence. This was done in October by the issuance of special tickets to check up the traffic.

Previously the road had maintained that an 84% increase would be needed to make commuter service self-sustaining, but, at the hearing Jan. 21, on the basis of the October study, this figure was raised. The road's new figures were presented in exhibits marked for identification and explained by witnesses, but the exhibits were not actually presented in evidence.

N. Y. Central \$75,000,000 Note Loan Approved by Commerce Commission.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Jan. 21 authorized the company to borrow not to exceed \$75,000,000 on short-term promissory notes. The collateral would be all or part of a \$100,000,000 refunding and improvement mtge. bond issue approved some weeks ago.

Purchase of Ulster & Delaware Authorized.—

The company has been authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission to proceed with its purchase of the Ulster & Delaware RR. for \$2,500,000 in accordance with the Commission's finding of a value for the property. The Ulster & Delaware property was bought in by representatives of the bondholders for \$2,100,000 at receivership sale held Dec. 30.

The Commission instructed the Central to file reports as required under the transportation act and proceed with the acquisition. New York Central was ordered to purchase the Ulster as a condition for approval of the New York Central unification plan.—V. 134, p. 502.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR.—Massachusetts Utility Board Rules New Haven Road and Boston & Maine Operate Motor Trucks Illegally.—

The Massachusetts State Public Utilities Commission found Jan. 15 that the New Haven and the Boston & Maine, through their subsidiary companies, were operating motor trucks illegally, and ordered Attorney General Warner to start actions in the Department's name to end the practice. The finding was rendered on petitions of the Motor Truck Club of Massachusetts, Inc., asking that the New England Transportation Co. and the Boston & Maine Transportation Co. be required to establish reasonable truck rates.

In the decision on the New Haven case, which was similar to the Boston & Maine ruling, the Department said the law "provides that railroads shall not maintain and operate motor vehicles upon the highways of this Commonwealth except with the approval of the Department."

The Boston "News Bureau" has the following:

Ruling by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities finding that the Boston & Maine, and New Haven have been operating trucks in violation of the law, is regarded as largely technical.

It asks the Attorney-General to take action to stop the alleged violation. A test in the courts of this matter probably will serve to help clarify the problem of regulation of motor freight and passenger services on the highway. Any State policy in the matter is likely to conform in large measure with national policy, which is beginning to take shape.

By Chapter 125 of the Acts of 1925, in Massachusetts, powers of railroads were enlarged so that they could engage in highway transportation, provided the Department of Public Utilities approved. The railroads were, however, confronted by this problem: If they operated trucks directly and secured permission from the Department of Public Utilities to do so, they would have to publish their rates. They sought to meet the situation by organization of highway transportation subsidiaries. Meanwhile independent truckers, not affiliated with railroads, are entirely free from regulation and there is no question of any requirement to publish their rates.

An examiner of the I.-S. C. Commission in his recent report has recommended that the railroads be specifically authorized to go into highway transportation and co-ordinate various kinds of transportation. A special Commission in Massachusetts has made similar recommendations.

Valuation Case.—

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals has reversed the action of the District of Columbia Supreme Court in refusing to issue a writ of mandamus to compel the I.-S. C. Commission to include in the property valuation of the company the company's right to use approaches and terminal facilities in New York, Boston and New Haven.

To Net \$3 a Share on Common for 1931.—

President J. J. Pelley is quoted as follows: "We are going to make a little over \$3 a share on the common stock in 1931. We figure the amount available for common last year at about \$4,778,000."—V. 134, p. 502.

Pennsylvania Ohio & Detroit RR.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Jan. 11 authorized the company to issue in lieu of \$3,242,000 4 1/2% 1st & ref. mtge. bonds, series B, a like amount of 5% 1st & ref. mtge. bonds, series B; the bonds to be delivered at par to the Pennsylvania RR. in partial reimbursement for expenditures and advances made by that company for capital purposes and to retire maturing bonds.

Authority was granted to the Pennsylvania RR. to assume obligation and liability, as lessee and guarantor, in respect of the bonds.—V. 133, p. 4327.

Pennsylvania RR.—Seeks Michigan Car Ferry.—

A joint application has been filed with the I.-S. C. Commission by the Pennsylvania RR. and the Grand Trunk Western RR., requesting authority for these carriers to acquire control of the Grand Trunk-Pennsylvania Transportation Co., by purchase of its capital stock and by lease. The Transportation company is a newly organized corporation through which the applicants will operate four car ferries over Lake Michigan between Muskegon and Manitowoc, Wis.

The applicants will control the Transportation company through ownership of its \$200,000 capital stock of which the Pennsylvania will own \$150,000 and the Grand Trunk \$50,000.

The Transportation company will acquire the four car ferries now owned by the Grand Trunk-Milwaukee Carferry Co., a subsidiary of the Grand Trunk Western, for \$2,390,000, represented by an issue of 40-year bonds. The Pennsylvania RR. will permit the Grand Trunk to operate over three miles of its line in and immediately adjacent to Muskegon.

Patent Suit Filed Against Company.—

The Less Carloads Lots Co. and L. C. L. Corp. have filed a bill of complaint in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against the company, alleging infringement of patents originally issued to Alfred H. Smith and later assigned by his heirs to the Less Carloads Lots Co. covering the use of container car equipment, the complaint asks an injunction restraining the road from further infringement of the patents and asks an accounting of profits and treble damages, in addition to costs.

The L. C. L. Corp. announces that the United States patents office has found in favor of Graham C. Woodruff, Vice-President of L. C. L. Corp. in a controversy relating to the L. C. L. containers and the method of loading them on a car. The parties involved in the controversy are Frederick K. Fildes of Altoona, Pa., Assistant Engineer of the Pennsylvania RR. and Graham C. Woodruff of the L. C. L. Corp.

The L. C. L. Corp., it is understood, is associated with the United States Freight Co. and both work closely with the New York Central. W. T. Hoops is President of the L. C. L. Corp. and chairman of the executive committee of the freight company. Graham C. Woodruff, who was formerly freight traffic manager of the New York Central, is Vice-President of

the L. C. L. Corp. and is chairman of the freight company's board.—V. 134, p. 134.

Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis RR.—Bonds Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Jan. 7 authorized the company to issue in lieu of \$4,280,000 of general mortgage 4 1/2% bonds, series D, a like amount of general mortgage 5% bonds, series D; the bonds to be delivered at par to the Pennsylvania RR. in partial reimbursement for expenditures made by that company for capital purposes.

Authority was also granted to the Pennsylvania RR. to assume obligation and liability, as lessee and guarantor, in respect of said bonds.

The supplemental report of the Commission says in part: "By supplemental application filed herein on Dec. 12 1931, the Panhandle requests authority to issue in lieu of the bonds authorized by our order of Aug. 28 1931 a like amount of general mortgage 5% bonds, series D, and the Pennsylvania requests authority to assume obligation and liability in respect of these bonds, which are to be in all respects, other than interest rate, the same as those heretofore authorized. The Panhandle states that the 4 1/2% bonds have not been issued and represents that because of present market conditions and bond values the Pennsylvania has requested the issue to it of bonds bearing interest at 5% rather than 4 1/2%."

The I.-S. C. Commission Jan. 11 authorized the company to issue \$1,000,000 gen. mtge. 5% bonds, series D; the bonds to be delivered at par to the Pennsylvania RR. in partial reimbursement for expenditures made by that company for capital purposes and to retire maturing bonds.

Authority was granted to the Pennsylvania RR. to assume obligation and liability, as lessee and guarantor, in respect of the bonds.

The report of the Commission says in part: "Of the proposed bonds, which are to be issued in compliance with the provisions of the lease, \$375,000 will be delivered to the Pennsylvania to pay in part the Panhandle's indebtedness to it for additions and betterments to the leased properties. This indebtedness to June 30 1931 amounted to \$7,965,309, but will be reduced to \$3,685,809 as of that date upon the issue of \$4,280,000 of gen. mtge. 5% bonds, series D, authorized by order of Jan. 7 1932. The remainder of the proposed bonds, \$625,000, will be delivered to the Pennsylvania to reimburse it for advances made to pay at maturity on Oct. 1 1931 a like principal amount of 1st mtge. 3 1/4% bonds of the Charlotte Ry., one of the predecessor companies of the Panhandle. Statements filed show that during the period April 1 to June 30 1931 the sum of \$405,838 was expended for additions and betterments to the leased properties.—V. 133, p. 4327.

Pittsburgh Ft. Wayne & Chicago Ry.—To Increase Stock.—

A special meeting of the stockholders will be held March 15, at which time consideration will be given to a proposal to increase the common stock to \$125,000,000 from \$100,000,000, par \$100. This road is operated under lease by the Pennsylvania RR.—V. 131, p. 110.

St. Paul Bridge & Terminal Ry.—Excess Revenue.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has tentatively ascertained that the company had \$155,292 in excess net railway operating income in the period April 1 1920 to Dec. 31 1926. Of this amount one-half, or \$77,646, is recapturable by the Federal Government.—V. 128, p. 881, 245.

Southern Pacific Co.—Plans for Union Station Approved.

The California Railroad Commission has formally approved plans for a new union passenger terminal in the Plaza area of Los Angeles, as presented by the company, and Los Angeles & Salt Lake RR., a Union Pacific Co. subsidiary. Construction is to be completed by Jan. 1 1934. The plan calls for a "stut-end" station, estimated to cost between \$8,708,000 and \$9,517,000.

The Commission has disapproved the plan submitted by the Atchafalou, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry., for a "through" station, to cost from \$10,324,000 to \$13,550,000.

6,000 Workers Recalled.— See under "Current Events" in "Chronicle" of Jan. 16, p. 446.—V. 134, p. 502.

Southern Ry.—New Official.—

S. R. Prince has been designated as general counsel, succeeding the late L. E. Jeffries, who died suddenly in Washington, D. C., while attending hearings upon the four-system eastern railroad merger proposal.

Seeks Bond Approval.—

Authority to issue \$42,769,000 of its develop. & gen. mtge. 4% gold bonds, payable on April 1 1936, was sought in an application filed Jan. 21 by the company with the I.-S. C. Commission. The application proposed that the issue be not sold at this time, but held to be pledged and repaid from time to time as collateral security for short-term notes.—V. 134, p. 135.

Ulster & Delaware RR.—Acquisition by New York Central Approved.— See latter company above.—V. 134, p. 135.

Wabash Ry.—Receivers Get Court Authority to Administer Road's Interests in Other Companies.—

Federal Judge Charles E. Davis at St. Louis has signed an order authorizing Walter S. Franklin and Frank C. Nicodemus Jr., receivers to vote stock of subsidiary affiliated companies owned by the road. The petition filed by Nat S. Brown, general counsel to the receivers, states in part:

"Among properties of Wabash owned by it at the time of appointment of receivers are certain shares of capital stock of subsidiary and affiliated companies of Wabash Ry. In order properly to protect interests of Trust Estate being administered by your receivers it will, in their judgment, be necessary for them at various times to vote the shares of the defendant railroad company as above set forth at general and special meetings of the stockholders of respective subsidiary and affiliated companies either in their own names or in the name of the Wabash Ry., in person or by proxies, or attorneys duly appointed by them."

Seek Payment of Interest on Equipment Issues.—

It was announced, Jan. 20, that negotiations are under way to protect holders of the equipment trust certificates, on which interest and principal payments are in default. Evans, Stillman & Co., security dealers and members of the New York Stock Exchange, it is said, will seek to prevent the payment of \$350,000 interest due on Feb. 1 on the second mortgage 5% bonds if interest due on the equipment trust certificates is not paid. The firm will, it is stated, resort to court action if necessary.

Despite failure by the company to pay interest and principal due Dec. 1 on three of its equipment trust issues, \$269,776 of bond interest due on Jan. 1 was paid. Service of \$755,000 due Jan. 15 on director-general equipment trust 6s of 1920 was also omitted.—V. 134, p. 502.

Western Pacific RR. Co.—To Receive Bids for Bonds.—

The company requests bids for the purchase in a single block of \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds. Bids must be submitted to the company at its offices, 37 Wall St., New York, before 12 o'clock noon, Jan. 29. The issuance of the bonds and their sale at not less than 97 1/2 and interest have been authorized by the I.-S. C. Commission.—V. 134, p. 503.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Water Power Date for Public Urged.— Silent facts rather than loud words are needed now in the water power question, it was said Jan. 22, at the annual meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers by Dr. George Otis Smith, Chairman of the Federal Power Commission. New York "Times," Jan. 22, p. 17.

Advise Regulation of Natural Gas.— Public Service Commissioners in report on industry, say conservation is needed. New York "Times," Jan. 18, p. 28.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 16.— (a) E. electric output in the United States during the week ended Jan. 9 showed a decline of 5.5% as compared with the corresponding period last year, p. 402; (b) five-day week adopted by Western Union Telegraph Co.—Does not affect messengers, p. 407.

American Commonwealths Power Corp. (Del.)—Sells Control of American Gas & Power Co to A. E. Fitkin—Note Held by United States & International Corp Retired.—

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John K. Carrigues, Herbert W. Briggs, and Herbert L. Nichols, as receivers, announced Jan. 20 that with the approval of the Court of Chancery of Delaware they had sold to A. E. Fitkin of New York City \$1,707,000 face amount of the 6% debentures, 50,000 shares of the preference stock, and all of the shares of common stock of American Gas & Power Co. and had, with like authority, utilized the proceeds of such sales to pay in full the note of American Commonwealths Power Corp. held by United States & International Securities Corp., under which part of said securities were pledged. The other collateral to said note was recovered by the receivers.

Under the terms of the sale to Mr. Fitkin, the receivers or their assigns have the right to repurchase the securities sold to him at any time within one year.

The transaction was conducted with the approval of the Chairman of the protective committees representing the various securities of American Commonwealths Power Corp. and its accomplishment is construed as paving the way for a plan of reorganization of the American Commonwealths System.

Ancillary Receivers Appointed.

Ancillary receivers for the corporation, which went into an equity receivership in Delaware Dec. 31 1931, were appointed in the United States District Court at New York Jan. 18 by Judge Francis G. Caffey.

The original appointment, made by the Court of Chancery in Delaware, named as receivers John K. Carrigues of Westover Hills, Del., Herbert W. Briggs of New York and Herbert L. Nichols of Chicago. Judge Caffey named the same three individuals as ancillary receivers.

Omits Dividends on All Classes of Stock.

Declaration of the quarterly dividends ordinarily declared at this time has been omitted.

Regular quarterly dividends of 1-40th of one share of class A common stock (2 1/4%) were paid on each share of class A and class B common stock on Jan. 26, April 25, July 25 and Oct. 26 1931.

The last regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 per share on the 1st pref. stock, series A, \$1.63 per share on the 1st pref. stock, \$6.50 dividend series, \$1.50 per share on the 1st pref. stock, \$6 dividend series, and \$1.75 per share on the 2d pref. stock, series A, were paid on Nov. 2 1931.—V. 134, p. 503, 324.

American Commonwealths Securities Corp.—Receiver-ship.

Herbert L. Nichols, Chicago, and John K. Garrigues, Wilmington, Del., Jan. 15 were appointed receivers by Chancellor J. O. Woicott at Wilmington, Del. Mr. Nichols and Mr. Garrigues are two of the three receivers for the American Commonwealths Power Corp. and the American Community Power Corp. The securities corporation was incorporated April 30 1931 to engage in buying and selling securities.

American Community Power Co.—Protective Committee Formed for Debenture Holders.

A committee has been formed to protect the holders of the secured gold debentures 5 1/4% series, due 1953. The committee states:

"In view of the appointment of receivers for the company by the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware, the undersigned, at the request of holders of a substantial amount of these debentures and believing that the interests of the holders would be served best by uniting for the enforcement and protection of their rights, have consented to serve as members of a committee organized for that purpose.

"In order that the committee may take such action as in its discretion is most advisable to protect your interests, it is important that debentures be promptly deposited. Debenture holders should deliver or forward their debentures in negotiable form, with July 1 1932 and subsequently maturing coupons, at once to the depository, Bankers Trust Co., 16 Wall St., N.Y.C."

Committee.—Arthur C. Allyn, Chairman, (A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.); Arthur H. Gilbert (Spencer Trask & Co.); Edwin A. Harden (G. E. Barrett & Co., Inc.); James T. Woodward (Spencer Trask & Co.), and Charles W. Yant (A. C. Allyn & Co., Inc.) New York, with Millbank, Tweed, Hope & Webb, 15 Broad St., New York, Counsel, and L. H. Plumb, Sec., 43 Exchange Place, New York.

Receivership.

John K. Garrigues of Westover Hills, Del., David A. Belden of St. Louis and Herbert Briggs of New York were appointed ancillary receivers in the U. S. District Court at New York by Judge Caffey, Jan. 18, in a proceeding initiated in the Court of Chancery in Delaware Dec. 31. The company is one of the main subsidiaries of the American Commonwealths Power Corp.—V. 134, p. 503, 324.

American Gas & Power Co.—Control Acquired by A. E. Fitkin.

The United States & International Securities Corp. has maintained an interest in the reconstruction of American Commonwealths Power Corp. by acquiring from Mr. Fitkin the \$1,707,000 of 6% American Gas & Power debentures, which he bought on Wednesday from American Commonwealths' receivers.

A new board of directors, finance committee and officers of American Gas & Power were elected at a special meeting Jan. 21. Mr. Fitkin, Herbert L. Nichols and P. H. Nitze of United States & International Securities constitute the finance committee and are also directors. Mr. Fitkin became Chairman of the Board. F. W. Seymour continued as President and director. Other directors chosen were R. J. Ritchie, who also became Vice-President; M. S. Reeve and G. D. Baker. All three men are associates of Mr. Fitkin.—V. 132, p. 4406.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Output.

The power output of the electric subsidiaries of the above company for the month of December totaled 134,437,391 kwh., against 149,294,402 kwh. for the corresponding month of 1930.

For the year ended Dec. 31 power output totaled 1,690,769,989 kwh., as against 1,861,251,016 kwh. for the same period last year.—V. 133, p. 4328.

Associated Telephone Utilities Co.—No. of Stockholders.

The number of holders of all classes of stock of this company totaled 12,500 on Dec. 31, it is announced. This represents an increase of 2,883 over the previous year. Common stockholders increased 1,571 during the last quarter of 1931.—V. 133, p. 3462.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Decrease in Electric Output.

The Associated System reports net output for the week ended Jan. 16, excluding sales to other utilities, of 50,704,765 units (kwh.), a decrease of 6.6% under the corresponding week of last year. Gas output for this week totaled 342,275,500 cubic feet or 16.8% under the same week of 1931. Continued warmer weather as compared with last year has curtailed gas and electric output throughout the entire fall and winter.

For the week ended Jan. 9 1932 the Associated System reports a decrease in electric output of 6.9%, excluding sales to other utilities, as compared to the corresponding week of last year. The gross total output of the System including sales to other utilities during this week decreased 11.1% when compared with the same week of 1931. This decrease is due principally to the fact that pursuant to optional arrangements under the contracts certain of the customers of the Lexington Water Power Co. elected not to take the power to which they are entitled until later in the month. Gas output for this week totaled 348,783,400 cubic feet, or 12.7% less than the same week last year, due principally due to the warmer weather which has prevailed this year in the territory served by the System as compared to last year.

Associated System Increases Its Residential Power Load Through Sale of Appliances.

One of the first efforts of the new business department during 1930 was a refrigeration jubilee conducted during six weeks in the spring. In this campaign 13,791 mechanical refrigerators were sold by Associated System employees, and 5,515 additional units by appliance dealers with whom the System co-operated. In a similar campaign held during the spring of last year 9,897 units were sold by Associated employees and 9,592 by dealers. Thus, 133 more units were distributed in 1931 than in 1930. The fact that 4,077 more refrigerators were sold by dealers in the last campaign indicates the greater effectiveness of the System's policy of dealer co-operation. Since the purpose of the Associated System in distributing appliances is

primarily to build up the gas and electric load, the results of the campaign in 1931 were just as satisfactory as those obtained in 1930.

Results of other campaigns for the sale of ranges and automatic water heaters are as follows:

	Electric Ranges.	Electric Water Heaters.	Gas Ranges.	Gas Water Heaters.
Fall 1931.....	1,180	355	1,213	830
Spring 1931.....	1,581	478	1,923	1,411
Fall 1930.....	1,046	437	1,451	2,049

During the 11 months ending November 1931 there were installed 1,015 gas heating units, representing an annual consumption of 265,428,000 cubic feet of gas.

During the first 11 months of 1931 there was distributed \$4,733,843 in electric appliances and \$1,073,734 in gas appliances, making a total of \$5,807,577.

The result of these new business activities is seen in the manner in which the domestic use of electricity and gas has increased despite unfavorable general business conditions. The average annual consumption of electricity by domestic customers during the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1931 increased 8.5% over the previous 12-months' period; and the 12 months' November 1930 period itself showed an increase of 10.9% over the similar period that preceded it.

The beneficial effect that increased domestic use has had upon earnings may be seen in the figure of \$105,645,586 for the gross revenues of the Associated System during the 12 months ended November 1931. This is an increase of 2% over the previous year.

Gas Utilities, Inc., Changes Name.

The Associated Gas & Electric Co. announces the name of Gas Utilities, Inc., has been changed to Electric & Gas Utilities Co.

Gas Utilities, Inc., was a group of gas properties in the Middle West, originally assembled by Ralph H. Beaton of Columbus, Ohio and financed by Harris Forbes & Co., which was acquired by the Associated Gas & Electric Co. in 1926 and incorporated by it as one of the subordinate groups in the main Associated Electric Co. group. One of the major financing groups of the Associated Gas & Electric Co. The formation of Associated Electric Co. in 1926 marked the entrance of Harris Forbes & Co., now Chase Harris Forbes Corp., into the financing of the Associated Gas & Electric System.

The principal operating properties of Gas Utilities, Inc., were Terre Haute, Ind., Bloomington, Ill., Sioux Falls, S. D., and Portsmouth, Ohio. The Associated thereafter included in it the Van Wert, Ohio, gas property which it had previously owned. There have since been added Owensboro, Ky., Hilliard Light & Power Co. (Ohio), Wyandot Light & Power Co. (Ohio), and Paint Township Light & Power Co. (Ohio), and there has now just been added by exchange of securities the Scioto Valley Ry. & Power Co. of which the new name is to be the Ohio Midland Light & Power Co. This property, which has over \$400,000 gross revenues, is also in Ohio.

As a result of this acquisition the electric interests of Gas Utilities, Inc., have become so considerable that the change of the name noted above appeared desirable, it was announced. The Electric & Gas Utilities Co., has no securities in the hands of the public. It has, however, gradually become one of the major operating sub-groups within the Associated Gas & Electric System.—V. 134, p. 503, 135.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pa.—Acquisition.

The I.-S. C. Commission Jan. 7 approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Clinton Telephone Co.—V. 134, p. 324.

Chicago City & Connecting Rys. Collateral Trust.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Earns.—Cal. Years—				
Interest received.....	\$768	\$899	\$1,073	\$963
Other income.....	62,734	—	—	—
Gross income.....	\$63,501	\$899	\$1,073	\$963
Bond interest.....	1,030,800	1,030,800	1,030,800	1,030,800
General expenses.....	72,367	45,046	35,973	35,112
Taxes.....	20,616	20,616	20,616	20,616
Loss.....	\$1,060,282	\$1,095,564	\$1,086,316	\$1,085,565
Deficit Jan. 1 1931.....	\$6,008,722	loss for 1931 as above.....	\$1,060,282;	
deficit, Dec. 31 1931.....	\$7,069,004.			

Statement of Current Assets and Liabilities Dec. 31.

	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Assets—			Accr. int. payable.....	\$5,155,473	\$4,124,673
Cash.....	\$43,224	\$51,841	Bills payable.....	221,000	221,000
Other Investments.....	129,801	129,801	Reserves.....	103,098	82,482
Accounts receivable.....	—	243			
Excess over current assets.....	5,306,547	4,246,264			
Total.....	\$5,479,571	\$4,428,155	Total.....	\$5,479,571	\$4,428,155

—V. 132, p. 1022.

Cities Service Co.—Regular Dividends.

The company announces monthly dividends of 2 1/4c. per share in cash and 1/2 of 1% in stock on the common stock. Regular monthly dividends of 50c. per share on the pref. stock and preference BB stock and 5c. per share on the preference B stock were also announced, all payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. Like amounts are also payable on Feb. 1 next.—V. 133, p. 4157.

Citizens Gas Co. (of Indianapolis.)—Tenders.

The Bankers Trust Co., primary trustee, 16 Wall St., N. Y. City, will until Feb. 8 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. mtge. sinking fund gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$48,232 at a price not exceeding 108 and interest.—V. 133, p. 1287.

Consolidated Gas Co. of New York.—Starts New Unit.

President George B. Cortelyou on Jan. 20 pressed an electric button at the company's plant at Hunts Point, the Bronx, in N. Y. City, putting into operation a new water gas unit which increased the company's daily gas manufacturing capacity by 3,000,000 cubic feet. The new unit doubled the plant's capacity. The company's manufacturing system now has a daily capacity of 225,000,000 cubic feet, the largest in the world.—V. 134, p. 325.

Commonwealth Water Co. (N. J.)—Bonds Offered.

W. C. Langley & Co. are offering at 95 and int. to yield about 5.99%, \$1,000,000 1st mtge. 5 1/2% gold bonds, series A, dated Dec. 1 1922; due Dec. 1 1947. Payment of principal and interest guaranteed by American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.

Issuance.—Authorized by the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of the State of New Jersey.

Data from Letter of E. A. Geehan, President of the Company.

Business.—Company, organized in New Jersey in 1915, supplies water for domestic, commercial and municipal purposes in Union and Essex Counties, N. J., including city of Summit, borough of New Providence, townships of Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, New Providence, Passaic and Springfield, parts of Hillside and Union townships and the towns of West Orange and Irvington. Company has acquired the property of Short Hills Water Co., serving Short Hills and vicinity. Total population served estimated to exceed 131,400.

Capitalization Outstanding (Upon Completion of Present Financing).

1st mtge. gold bonds—5 1/2% series A, due 1947 (incl. this issue).....	\$3,100,000
5% series B, due 1956.....	210,000
5% series C, due 1957.....	1,500,000
Common stock (\$100 par).....	2,050,000

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds and from the sale of an additional \$300,000 common stock will be used to reimburse the company, in part, for expenditures made for additions, extensions and improvements to its properties, and for other corporate purposes.

Security.—Secured by a 1st mtge. on all the fixed property now owned. Earnings.—Earnings from the properties now owned, irrespective of dates of acquisition, for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1931 were as follows:

Gross earnings.....	\$1,042,401
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes.....	477,713
Net earnings (before interest, Federal taxes, &c.).....	\$564,687
Annual int. on the company's entire funded debt (incl. this issue).....	256,000

Net earnings as shown above for the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1931 were equal to over 2.2 times the annual interest charges on the entire funded debt of the company, including this issue.

Growth of Business.

Cal. Year—	Gross Earnings.	No. of Customers.	Miles of Mains.	City Fire Hydrants.	Water Sold (Gallons).
1923	\$478,125	13,115	204	1,216	1,213,037,000
1924	528,101	14,858	217	1,300	1,305,469,000
1925	591,811	16,256	231	1,430	1,490,977,000
1926	652,121	18,396	249	1,587	1,631,864,000
1927	716,218	20,055	269	1,733	1,812,905,000
1928	803,210	21,861	285	1,894	2,060,733,000
1929	897,277	23,531	321	2,069	2,298,552,000
1930	972,670	24,378	328	2,211	2,500,175,000
1931a	1,042,401	26,228	365	2,379	2,983,176,000

a As of Sept. 30 1931, after giving effect to merger. b As of Nov. 30 1931, after giving effect to merger.

Property.—Company operates a water works system serving 26,228 customers and 2,379 fire hydrants are connected to the mains. The equipment includes pumping stations with a nominal daily distributive pumping capacity of approximately 29,750,000 gallons. The distribution system includes approximately 365 miles of mains. Water is obtained from several systems of wells and from an impounded surface supply forming a reservoir having a capacity of approximately 700,000,000 gallo.us.

Franchises.—Company operates under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners of the State of New Jersey. The franchise situation, in the opinion of counsel, is satisfactory.

Management.—Company is controlled by American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—V. 134, p. 505.

Duke-Price Power Co., Ltd. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Operating revenue	\$4,275,000	\$4,365,202	\$4,106,839	\$3,814,063
Expenses and taxes	630,000	729,795	764,195	530,845
Operating income	\$3,645,000	\$3,635,407	\$3,342,644	\$3,283,219
Miscell. interest revenue	40,300	57,081	95,341	112,541
Total income	\$3,685,300	\$3,692,488	\$3,437,985	\$3,395,760
Interest on bonds	2,454,000	2,206,776	2,217,105	2,220,000
Other interest	—	312,120	325,989	267,890
Depreciation	650,000	581,403	574,563	558,611
Net income	\$581,300	\$592,190	\$320,327	\$349,260
Earnings per share on 210,000 no par shares outstanding	\$2.77	\$2.82	\$1.52	\$1.66

x December estimated. The consolidation balance sheet of Dec. 31 1931 is still in process of completion. The figures as of Nov. 30 1931, showed total assets of \$63,633,373 and accumulated surplus of \$1,920,356. Current assets totaled 279,603 and current liabilities \$681,606. The current liabilities included \$400,000 notes payable, which were paid in December from current revenues.—V. 133, p. 1925.

Eastern Massachusetts Street Ry.—Extension Bill Proposed for 25 Years of Public Control.

A bill providing for 25 years of public control of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway was filed Jan. 16 with the House clerk of Massachusetts by Representative William R. Thomas of Quincy, at the request of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor.

The bill provides for the appointment of public trustees by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, and would allow the establishment of rates or fares on a basis of valuation of \$31,000,000, in accordance with a recent report of the Massachusetts State Department of Public Utilities, instead of the replacement value of \$48,000,000 as at present.

An option for public ownership is also provided at the \$31,000,000 price. The measure sets forth that the company be made to set up a reserve fund of \$200,000, which would be created by paying into the fund all dividends declared within one year after the passage of the act, which, if favorably acted upon by the legislature, would become effective in 1934.

Provision is also made for assessments upon the cities and towns served by the system to make up any deficits in the reserve fund during the term of public control. This is similar to the assessments on the Metropolitan District under the Elevated Act.

Commenting on the bill James H. Vahey, counsel for the State Federation of Labor, said that passage of the bill would result in lower rates of fare when the present economic depression is over because of the lower valuation base. Mr. Vahey said that passenger traffic on the Eastern Massachusetts is now about 8% below normal, but that it would probably return to previous levels when people begin to use the cars as they did before the depression began.

"Our bill will guarantee continued transportation on lines which might otherwise have to be abandoned through lack of revenue," Mr. Vahey said, "and unless something is done to insure the continued operation of all the lines, the cities and towns dependent on car service will not be able to recover from the present economic difficulties."

"The bill will enable the Commonwealth or any sub-division of it to obtain an option on the property at a valuation \$17,000,000 less than the replacement value. Another advantage is that if the State eventually assumes public ownership by exercising its option it will give the Commonwealth the opportunity to go in to the power business."—V. 132, p. 3334.

Eastern Utilities Investing Corp.—Smaller Pref. Div.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the no par value partic. pref. stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. Previously regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 per share were made on this issue.—V. 134, p. 325.

Electric & Gas Utilities Co.—New Name of Gas Utilities, Inc.—See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.

Gas & Electric Securities Co.—Stock Dividend.

The company announced a monthly dividend of 53 1-3c. a share on the preferred, 50c. a month on the common, with a special of 3/4 of 1% payable in common stock on the common stock, all allotments being due Feb. 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. Like amounts were paid on Jan. 2 last.—V. 133, p. 3463.

Gas Securities Co., New York.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared the regular monthly distribution of 50c. per share in cash and an extra dividend of 3/4 of 1% in non-interest-bearing scrip on the preferred stock, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Like amounts were also paid on Jan. 2 last.—V. 133, p. 3463.

Gas Utilities, Inc.—Name Changed.—See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 123, p. 3318.

General Gas & Electric Corp.—Brokers' Holdings of Common A Stock Decline.

As of Nov. 30 1931 the total number of shares of this corporation's common class A stock held by brokers was 211,658 shares, or 5.09% of the total shares outstanding. This is over 16% less than the total of 252,299 shares held by brokers as of Aug. 31 1931, at which time brokers held 6.07% of the total outstanding shares.—V. 133, p. 2928.

Gulf States Steel Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 4166.

Hamilton Gas Co.—Receivership.—

Judge Niels in the U. S. District Court at Wilmington, Del., Jan. 20 appointed A. F. Crichton, President of the Union National Bank of Wilmington, and William A. Larner of New York receivers.

The receivers were appointed on the application of Harper & Turner, Philadelphia, creditors. The corporation consented to the appointment. The corporation and its subsidiaries produce and sell natural gas and own leases on 194,000 acres of land in West Virginia and Kentucky, with 360 producing wells, with a daily capacity of 25,000,000 cubic feet and gas reserves estimated at more than 100,000,000,000 cubic feet.

The corporation has sales contracts with Columbia Gas & Electric Corp., the South Penn Oil Co. and the Hope Natural Gas Co., a subsidiary of

Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. Its outstanding funded debt consists of \$2,325,500 first mortgage 6 1/4% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1937, and \$756,600 6 1/4% sinking fund gold debentures, due Dec. 1 this year.—V. 133, p. 285.

International Hydro-Electric System.—Record Number of Holders of Class A Stock.

The eleven regular quarterly dividend on the class A stock was paid on Jan. 15 to 8,900 shareholders, a new high level and an increase of 11% over the number of shareholders of record at the last dividend payment, Oct. 15. This increase in shareholders is the greatest from one dividend payment to another in the past two years, although the number of shareholders has steadily grown with each dividend payment since the formation of the system in 1929 with one exception, when the decrease was less than 1/2 of 1%.

The average number of shares of the class A stock of the system now held is 66 shares per shareholder, compared with 117 shares a year ago, and 142 shares per shareholder two years ago.—V. 133, p. 4158.

International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.—Expands.

The corporation reports for last year a gain of about 32,000 in telephones in service. The United River Plate Co. in Argentina made a net increase of 10,000 telephones; Spain, one of 29,000; Shanghai one of 2,900; Brazil, 1,000, and Mexico City, 1,300. Cuba, on the other hand, lost about 12,000 telephones because of economic conditions there.

Gains and losses in the remaining countries served were about balanced.—V. 134, p. 325.

Interstate Street Ry., Attleboro.—Receivership.—

Lewis R. Smith, Attleboro, and George W. Wells, V.-Pres. of the company, were appointed as joint receivers for the company Jan. 15 at a hearing in the Massachusetts Supreme Court equity division on the petition of three persons who hold unredeemed notes of the company for \$16,490.

The petitioners are Ethel E. Wells of Westport, Conn., who holds a note for \$4,500; Meredith Hemphill of Spring Lake, N. J., holder of a note for \$5,000, and Albert W. Hemphill of Montclair, N. J., holder of a note for \$6,990.

The petitioners state that the company has outstanding \$300,000 capital stock and \$133,000 first mortgage prior lien bonds. They also state that the company owes other creditors \$100,000 and is unable to meet the obligation, and believe that if they were to attempt to force payment of their notes it would result in the suspension of lines and inconvenience to the public.

In the schedule of assets and liabilities of the company the general balance sheet as of Nov. 30 1931 is cited as follows:

Assets—	Liabilities—
Road and equipment	Capital stock
Cash	Bonds
Accounts receivable	Equipment notes
Material and supplies	Notes payable
Advance payments	Accounts payable
Sinking funds	Accounts not yet due
Unadjusted debits	Tax liability
	Operating reserves
	Unadjusted credits
	Profit and loss
Total	Total

—V. 123, p. 1762.

Isarco Hydro-Electric Co. (Societa Idroelettrica dell'Isarco).—Purchases \$94,000 Bonds.

Hallgarten & Co., fiscal agents for the \$5,000,000 1st mtge. 25-year 7% sinking fund gold bonds (closed mortgage), dated May 1 1927, due May 1 1952, announce that there have been purchased for the sinking fund \$94,000 of bonds which have been redeemed leaving outstanding \$4,777,500 par value of bonds.—V. 133, p. 1288.

Italo-Argentine Electric Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for month and 10 months ended Oct. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2104.

Kentucky Utilities Co.—Bonds Offered.—

Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., are offering \$2,000,000 1st mtge. 7% gold bonds, series "J" at par and int. A circular issued by the bankers affords the following:

Bonds will be dated Feb. 1 1932 and will be due Feb. 1 1957. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at following prices and int.: to and incl. Jan. 31 1933 at 110; thereafter decreasing 1/2 of 1% for each year or part of a year elapsed to and incl. Jan. 31 1952, and thereafter to maturity at 100. Interest payable F. & A. 1 in Chicago and New York without deduction for normal Federal income taxes now or hereafter deductible at the source not in excess of 2%. Company will agree to reimburse the holders of these bonds, if requested within 60 days after payment of the tax, for the Penn. and Conn. 4 mills and Maryland 4 1/2 mills taxes and for the Dist. of Col. personal property taxes, not exceeding 5 mills per dollar per annum, and for the Mass. income tax on the interest of the bonds not exceeding 6% of such interest per annum. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100c*.

Business.—Company, incorp. in Kentucky in 1912, serves 267 communities with one or more classes of public utility service; 266 communities are supplied with electric light and power, 27 with ice, 13 with water, four with gas and one with street railway service. The combined population of the communities served, directly and indirectly, is estimated to be 329,297. In addition, the company controls the Old Dominion Power Co., serving with electric power and light, 29 communities in southwestern Virginia, having an estimated population of 23,226.

Capitalization (To Be Outstanding with the Public). (Based upon proposed issuance of these \$2,000,000 first mtge. 7% gold bonds, series "J".)

Preferred stock, 6% cumulative	\$7,652,500
Junior preferred stock, 7% cumulative	5,541,600
Common stock	10,294,600
First mortgage gold bonds (including this issue)	*29,186,900

*Of the \$29,186,900 1st mtge. gold bonds to be outstanding in the hands of the public \$4,236,900 are 6 1/4% series "D," due Sept. 1 1948; \$2,000,000 are 5 1/2% series "F" due Oct. 1 1955; \$10,300,000 are 5% series "G" and 5% series "H" due Feb. 1 1961; \$10,650,000 are 5% series "I" due Feb. 1 1969, and \$2,000,000 are 7% series "J" due Feb. 1 1957.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used to reimburse the company's treasury for the cost of extensions, additions and betterments, and for other corporate purposes. Company has no bank loans.

Security.—These bonds, are secured by a first mortgage on all of the fixed properties, rights and franchises of the company, now owned, and on all such property hereafter acquired against which any bonds may be issued under the mtge. The value of the fixed property of the company as determined by independent examining engineers plus subsequent acquisitions is largely in excess of the 1st mtge. bonds to be presently outstanding.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Nov. 30.

	1931.	1930.
Gross earnings, including other income	\$6,899,828	\$7,261,764
Operating expenses, maintenance and taxes	3,611,150	3,753,710
Net earnings before depreciation	\$3,288,678	\$3,508,053
*Earnings available from controlled companies	183,839	199,326
Total	\$3,472,517	\$3,707,380

Annual int. on 1st mtge. bonds requires 1,572,898. Being earnings available to stock ownership of controlled companies after interest on \$2,925,000 funded debt of Old Dominion Power Co. and all other prior charges.

Management.—The operations of the company are controlled by the Middle West Utilities Co.—V. 133, p. 3093.

Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (Del.).—New Officers.—

Addison W. Lee has been elected as Vice-President in charge of operation, succeeding the late Lewis S. Streng.

E. D. Wood, who has been general electric operating engineer, succeeds Mr. Lee as general superintendent.

J. J. McKenna, Vice-President and Treasurer, has been appointed to the executive committee of both the Louisville Gas & Electric Co. of Delaware and the Louisville Gas & Electric Co. of Kentucky, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Streng. Robert Montgomery, Vice-President

in charge of sales, has been elected to fill the vacancy on the board of directors of the Delaware corporation and Mr. Lee was elected to fill the vacancy on the board of directors of the Kentucky corporation.—V. 134, p. 506.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Estimated Earnings.—

With the announcement that the company's earnings for 1931 would be at least 90 cents per share on its common stock, Samuel Insull, Jr., Chairman of the executive committee, stated on Jan. 19 that underlying the short-term fluctuations in the Middle West Utilities System's electric power business, which constitutes 75% of operating revenues, is a strong long-term tendency toward higher levels. This has enabled the System, Mr. said, to maintain earnings at a satisfactory level, in view of general business conditions, notwithstanding declines in other fields of its operations.—V. 134, p. 136.

Milwaukee (Wis.) Coke & Gas Co.—Bonds Called.—

One hundred sixty-seven (\$167,000) 1st mtge. collateral sink. fund 7½% gold bonds, dated Feb. 1 1921, have been called for redemption Feb. 1 1932 at 103 and int. at the Union Trust Co., trustee, Cleveland, Ohio.—V. 132, p. 1222.

Montana Power Co.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until 10 a. m. on Feb. 3, receive bids for the sale to it of 1st and ref. mtge. sinking fund gold bonds, series A, 5%, due July 1 1943 to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$101,140 at prices not exceeding 105 and int.—V. 133, p. 287.

Montreal Light, Heat & Power Consolidated.—Acquisition, &c.—

The company has purchased the municipal electric distribution system of the city of Lachine in Canada for \$200,000. This makes the 18th community to be added to this System during the past three years. Sir Charles Gordon, President of the Bank of Montreal, has been elected a director to succeed Sir H. Montagu Allan, resigned.—V. 133, p. 3093.

Nashville Railway & Light Co.—Tenders.—

The Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, will until 10 a. m. Feb. 4 receive bids for the sale to it of ref. & ext. mtge. 50-year 5% gold bonds, due July 1 1938, to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$17,683 at not exceeding that price at which the bonds so purchased, if held, until maturity, will yield an interest return of 4½% per annum. Bonds accepted are to be delivered on Feb. 9, on which date interest on such bonds will cease.—V. 133, p. 287.

National Electric Power Co.—Completes Interconnection Between Maryland Companies.—

Completion of a new transmission line uniting two units in the National Electric Power Co. system has been announced by President Harry Reid. The new line, approximately 14 miles in length, forms a connecting link between the Eastern Shore Public Service Co., operating unit in the National system, and the territory of the Maryland Light & Power Co., acquired by the Eastern Shore company during the past year. Built for 11,000 volts, the line extends between Queen Anne and Queenstown in Maryland.

Last year, Eastern Shore acquired the Maryland Light & Power Co., and portions of the East Coast Utilities Co., rounding out the company's holdings on the Eastern Shore sections of Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. Since then, transmission lines have been steadily extended to unite the new territory with the main transmission system of the company, which has a large steam generating station at Vienna, Md.—V. 134, p. 506, 136.

New England Telephone & Teleg. Co.—Expenditures.—

The executive committee has authorized the expenditure of \$2,962,764 for new construction and improvements in plant necessary to meet the demand for service.—V. 133, p. 3464.

New Hampshire Power Association.—To Issue Stock.—

The New Hampshire P. S. Commission has authorized the company to issue 4,570 shares of common stock at not less than \$24 per share.

Niagara Hudson Power Corp.—Plans to Unite Subs.—

The corporation has applied to the New York P. S. Commission for permission to merge the Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc. and the gas and electric companies serving Cortland, Fulton and Oswego, N. Y., into a new company to be known as the Central Niagara Hudson Utilities, Inc.

This measure will be a step toward the unification of all operating subsidiaries of the Niagara Hudson Power Corp. into three large operating systems, operating respectively in the western, central and eastern sections of New York State. (See also Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc., below.)—V. 133, p. 3093

North American Co.—Regular Dividends.—

The directors on Jan. 18 declared quarterly dividends payable April 1 to respective stockholders of record March 5 as follows: On the pref. stock 1½% payable in cash at the rate of 75c. for each share so held; on the common stock 2½%, payable in common stock and (or) scrip at the rate of 1-40th of a share for each share so held. Like amounts were paid on Jan. 2 1932.

1932 Construction Budget Approved.—Construction budgets for 1932 of public utility subsidiaries of this company were approved on Jan. 18 by the board of directors, according to an announcement by President Frank L. Dame, which follows:

Though some of the expenditures included in the total estimate will depend upon current business developments, the amount of \$19,000,000 is for work definitely planned for completion or in progress during 1932. In 1931 construction expenditures aggregated approximately \$40,000,000, including completion of the large Osage hydro-electric development in Missouri, and in 1930 totaled \$70,000,000. While we have greater generating and distribution capacity than required under present depressed conditions, continuance of the growing demands for residential service and resumption of industrial activity will necessitate increases in these facilities. We are therefore following our long established policy of anticipating the public demand for service, deriving at the same time the benefits of lower material prices, greater and more efficient labor supply and avoidance of overtime and other excess costs usually attendant upon having to complete an extensive construction program in a brief time.

The North American Co. and its subsidiaries are in excellent financial position. Under the company's common stock dividend policy our earnings are conserved and together with the liberal provision for reserves will provide the source from which the construction expenditures will be made. The total maturities for the year not already bought in and held in the treasury amount to less than \$9,000,000.—V. 133, p. 4329, 3630.

Ohio Midland Light & Power Co.—Succeeds Scioto Valley Railway & Power Co.—

See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Plans to Increase Revenue—New Construction, &c.—

The company's 1932 plans call for additional new revenue totaling \$7,816,820, and an increase in load connected of 191,097 kw., according to R. E. Fisher, Vice-President in charge of sales. The cost of such an achievement is estimated at \$1,228,440, with an additional \$300,000 to be expended for advertising. The company calculates that the system's electric division will produce \$3,600,380 of the new revenue; gas, \$2,471,500, and other sources, \$1,744,949.

In 1931, Mr. Fisher stated, the estimated expenditures of this company in its load building program totaled \$1,300,000. Exclusive of advertising, \$1,200,000 actually was expended. Estimated new business was \$9,000,000 for both gas and electric departments, and it actually exceeded \$10,000,000.

Reviewing the year, President A. F. Hockenbeamer, stated that the company's merchandise sales in 1931 totaled approximately \$15,000,000. Wages paid employees totaled \$25,000,000, of which 14,000 persons were recipients. Dividends paid totaled \$20,000,000 and interest on funded debt, \$16,000,000. Materials, supplies and miscellaneous disbursements amounted to \$20,000,000 last year, he said.

Mr. Hockenbeamer said plans call for the expenditure of \$31,000,000 this year, including construction of the natural gas line between San Jose and

San Francisco, progress on the Mokelumne project, which is to be put forward in the spring, and construction of a 50,000 kw. power station for the San Joaquin system.

To Issue Preferred Stock.—

The company has applied to the California RR. Commission for authority to issue \$5,000,000 6% pref. stock of \$25 par. The proceeds will reimburse the treasury for expense already incurred for account of Mount Shasta Power Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary.—V. 133, p. 4329.

Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 3967.

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Again Reduces Salaries of Officers.—

Salaries of officers and employees of this company receiving \$3,000 or more annually will be reduced 13%, it was announced on Jan. 19 by Dr. Herbert J. Tilly, a director, following a meeting of the board of directors. Savings resulting from this will amount to \$50,000 annually. This reduction is in addition to the 7% reduction in the salaries of all employees made in December.

A further saving of approximately \$247,000 was effected by the consolidation of various departments of the company, it was announced.—V. 133, p. 4160.

Pittsfield Coal Gas Co.—Pays \$1 Dividend.—

The company on Dec. 23 last paid a dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock, par \$100, to holders of record of the same date. The last regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share was paid on Aug. 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 3094.

Radio Corp. of America.—New Pres. of Subsidiary.—

At a meeting of the board of directors of the RCA Victor Co. held on Jan. 15, J. R. McDonough was elected President of the RCA Victor Co., to succeed E. E. Shumaker, the former President, whose resignation became effective Dec. 31 1931. Mr. McDonough was formerly Executive Vice-President of this company.

New Contract.—

Charles J. Pannill, Executive Vice-President of the Radiomarine Corp. of America, announced on Jan. 16 that orders have been received by the latter corporation for the equipment of eight new vessels with radio telegraph and direction finder apparatus.

Four of the installations will be on vessels of the United Fruit Co. which are to be launched during the present year. Orders for the same type of equipment have been received for two new vessels of the Eastern Steamship Co., and for the two ships of the Columbian Steamship Line which are to be launched at Newport News this year.

The Radiomarine Corp., which supplied complete radio equipment for the first of the Matson Navigation Co.'s new ships, the Mariposa, also has on hand orders for the same type of equipment for the following two ships of that line which are now being built at the Fall River plant of the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Co. The main radio telegraph equipment of the Mariposa consists of a combination long and short wave 500 watt transmitter with an all-wave receiver. Each of the two motor life-boats on the ship have been fitted with Radiomarine's new lifeboat apparatus which complete centralized radio direction finder, the Mariposa is equipped with in addition to the radio telegraph, the Mariposa is equipped with and installed by the RCA Victor Co., Inc. This apparatus will permit reception of broadcast programs and their distribution to any point in the ship through numerous sound outlets.—V. 134, p. 506.

Scioto Valley Ry. & Power Co.—New Control.—

See Associated Gas & Electric Co. above.—V. 133, p. 288.

Silesia Electric Corp. (Elektrizitätswerk Schlesien Aktiengesellschaft).—Interest and Sinking Fund Money Received.—

Chase Harris Forbes Corp. as paying agent has received the Feb. 1 interest due on the outstanding \$3,400,000 sinking fund 6½% mortgage gold bonds of 1946, the interest money having been received in advance of the actual date on which it was due the corporation.—V. 124, p. 1068.

Stettin Public Utilities Co. (Oeffentliche Werkbetriebe der Stadt Stettin G.m.b.H.), Germany.—Sinking Fund Requirement Met.—

Receipt of sufficient Stettin Public Utility 7s of 1946 to meet the Jan. 15 sinking fund requirements on this issue is announced by Chase Harris Forbes Corp. and \$75,000 of these bonds have accordingly been canceled, leaving \$2,325,000 of them outstanding.—V. 123, p. 2263.

Syracuse Lighting Co., Inc.—Proposed Merger.—

The company has filed a petition with the New York P. S. Commission for approval of consolidation with the Cortland County Traction Co., Peoples Gas & Electric Co. of Oswego, Fulton Light Heat & Power Co., Fulton Fuel & Light Co. and Baldwinville Fuel & Light Co. All of these companies are subsidiaries of the Niagara Hudson Power System, and when consolidated will be known as the Central Niagara Hudson Utilities, Inc.—V. 133, p. 3094.

Tampa Electric Co.—Increases Cash Div. on Com. Stock.—

The directors on Jan. 19 declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock, and a quarterly cash dividend of 56 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 25. Heretofore the common dividend rate has been 50 cents quarterly in cash and 2% semi-annually in stock. (See V. 133, p. 643).—V. 133, p. 2434.

Third Avenue Ry.—Two Bridge Car Lines Suspend.—

Two surface car lines operating over the Williamsburg Bridge discontinued service at midnight Jan. 20. They are the so-called Post Office line and the Grand Street-Brooklyn line, both owned by the Dry Dock, East Broadway and Battery RR., a subsidiary of the Third Avenue Railway. Both are among the oldest surface lines in the city, the Grand Street line having been in service, under one ownership and another, for more than half a century.—V. 133, p. 2430.

Toho Electric Power Co., Ltd.—Bonds Called.—

The company on March 15 next will redeem \$275,000 of 1st mtge. (Kansai divisions) 7% gold bonds, series A, due March 15 1955, at 100 and int. Payment will be made at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.

The company has secured permission to remit \$4,750,000 to New York towards the redemption of the \$11,450,000 6% note issue maturing July 1, next, a Tokio dispatch says. Whether to remit the balance or convert into a new issue has not been decided.—V. 133, p. 1928.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co.—Bankers Uphold Management.—

The following bankers have issued a statement to the stockholders in which they state that the present management is entitled to "your confidence and support." They state in part:

"We have purchased and distributed the bonds of Twin City Rapid Transit Co. in large amounts and, therefore, are vitally interested in the affairs of the company. It is generally known that revenues of traction companies have been adversely affected by the increased use of the private automobile. We have requested the management of the company to prepare a statement reviewing the company's business for the past ten years and the operating results obtained. It is interesting to note what has been accomplished during this period to meet the problem of declining passenger traffic. We believe this information to be of interest.

"It is our opinion that the statements and statistics contained in the following letter indicate the ability of the management to contend with the difficult problems encountered, and that this management is entitled to your confidence and support."

Bankers Subscribing to Statement.—Central Republic Co., Chase Harris Forbes Corp., H. M. Byllesby & Co., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Hayden, Stone & Co., A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., Minnesota Loan & Trust Co., Minneapolis, and First Securities Corp., St. Paul.

President T. Julian McGill, in his letter to the bankers, states: In order that you may be fully informed as to the operating conditions and affairs of company, I am supplementing information previously furnished to you, with a summary of what has been accomplished during the past ten years towards the most efficient operation of the company.

Year	No. of Revenue Passengers Carried	Decrease from Previous Year	Reduction in Operating Expenses Compared to Previous Year
1921	227,732,564	10,656,218	
1922	226,585,513	1,147,051	\$967,939
1923	221,556,398	4,999,115	241,833
1924	209,252,949	12,333,449	458,024
1925*	200,882,316	8,370,633	Inc. \$5,776
1926*	190,826,784	10,055,532	96,615
1927	184,105,740	6,721,044	324,432
1928	179,493,916	4,611,824	170,835
1929*	167,797,582	11,696,334	Inc. 90,066
1930	151,424,545	16,373,037	1,064,507
1931	130,891,469	20,533,076	945,596

* Years of increased fares. The revenue passengers carried by company in 1930 were 36.5% less than in 1920. The following comparison indicates that street railway systems in other cities have likewise suffered substantial decreases during this ten-year period:

City	Decrease	City	Decrease	City	Decrease
Cleveland	40.2%	Washington	31.0%	Detroit	26.4%
Baltimore	32.8%	St. Louis	30.5%	Cincinnati	21.5%

The decline in traffic caused by general business conditions is clearly indicated by the following reported decreases in passengers carried during the eleven months ended Nov. 30 1931, compared to the same period in 1930:

City	Decrease	City	Decrease	City	Decrease
Detroit	20.8%	Baltimore	14.5%	Cincinnati	12.7%
Cleveland	17.3%	Company*	13.3%	Washington	10.4%
St. Louis	15.1%				

* Twin City Rapid Transit Co.

Schedule Speed.—Company now maintains the fastest schedule speed of any comparable urban street car system in America. Increased speed has been attained coincident with a reduction of over 40% in number of accidents. A comparison of schedule speed with other companies follows (in miles per hour):

City	Company*	City	Company*	City	Company*
Milwaukee	10.88	Milwaukee	9.40	Montreal	9.17
Chicago	10.44	Chicago	9.21	Pittsburgh	8.84
Philadelphia	9.82				

Cost per Car Mile.—The degree to which operating efficiency has been achieved by the management of Twin City Rapid Transit Co. is emphasized in the following tabulation of costs per car mile, exclusive of depreciation:

City	Company*	City	Company*	City	Company*
Toronto	34.86 cents	Pittsburgh	31.17 cents	Baltimore	29.00 cents
Detroit	34.08 cents	Buffalo	30.88 cents	Company*	24.90 cents
St. Louis	31.65 cents				

One-Man Cars.—To meet the exigencies of reduced travel, the company has been experimenting with one-man cars for some years. These experiments have proved that this type of car can be used successfully on certain routes. The cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, however, have always strenuously opposed the introduction of one-man cars. During the past year these objections have been overcome and the company is now converting many of its two-man cars for one-man operation. Prior to and during 1931 68 of these cars have been rebuilt. The new cars offer the public every convenience without sacrificing speed or appearance. The management's program contemplates converting or rebuilding for one-man operation an additional 100 cars per year for the next three years. The program is so arranged in order that both the public and the trainmen may be properly educated to the new method of operation and thus eliminate the difficulties and confusion experienced by other companies in proceeding too rapidly with this change. The estimated annual saving to be realized by one-man car operation is \$150,000 in 1932 and reaching a maximum of \$600,000 within the next five years.

Salaries and Wages.—Official salaries have been reduced more than 50% as compared with 1930. A reduction in wages of trainmen became effective Jan. 1 which will result in a saving of \$250,000 to \$300,000 during 1932. Cost of operating the company shops has been lowered 17.1%. All office and similar salaries amounting to more than \$100 per month have been reduced.

Power Plant.—Approximately 40% of company's annual electric power requirements is produced by water power under contracts extending to 1937. The balance of power is generated in the company owned steam plant. The total cost of power is now extremely low, but by the installation of high-pressure boilers and turbine, a further reduction in power costs of \$125,000 per year will be obtained. The replacement of old equipment will eliminate the probability of interruption in production.

Maintenance.—The equipment, tracks and overhead work of the company have been satisfactorily maintained. Current expenditures for maintenance and reserves for depreciation should permit a continuation of the proper replacements and retirements.

Public Relations.—A friendly and harmonious relationship continues between the company, the public and the city officials. Considerable relief has already been obtained through the co-operation of the various regulating bodies and expectations of further assistance, when needed, appear favorable.—V. 133, p. 3791.

Tyrol Hydro-Electric Power Co. (Tiwag), Austria.—Feb. 1 Interest and Sinking Fund.—

Alfred O. Corbin announces that funds covering interest and sinking fund payments of the \$3,000,000 7% 1st mtge. bonds, due Feb. 1 have been received by the fiscal agents. At present there are \$2,831,000 7% bonds outstanding.—V. 133, p. 122.

Union Electric Light & Power Co., St. Louis.—New Trustee.—

Sidney Maestre of St. Louis, Mo., has been appointed by this company as a trustee under the refunding and extension mortgage dated May 1 1908, an indenture and supplemental mortgage dated Jan. 29 1917, and two supplemental indentures dated July 25 1923 and Dec. 1 1924, respectively, between the above company and Bankers Trust Co., and Breckinridge Jones, as trustees, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of J. Sheppard Smith, appointed on Dec. 13 1928 as successor to Breckinridge Jones, deceased.—V. 133, p. 3257.

United Corp.—Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

Assets	Shares	1931.	1930.
Mohawk Hudson Power Corp. 2d pf.	62,370	6,673,590	6,673,590
Niagara Hudson Power Corp.			
Common	5,743,250		
"A" option warrants entitling holders to purchase the following number of shares of common stock at \$35 per share	752,460		
"B" option warrants entitling holders to purchase the following number of shares of common stock at an aggregate price of \$50 for each 3 1/2 shares	436,590	67,908,691	27,208,690
"C" option warrants entitling holders to purchase the following number of units (unit consists of 1 sh. of com. stock and 1-3 cl. A option warrant) at \$25 per unit	300,000		
Public Service Corp. of N. J. com.	988,271	78,461,600	78,461,600
The United Gas Impt. Co. common.	6,066,223	214,447,420	214,447,420

Assets—(Continued)	1931.	1930.
Columbia Gas & El. Corp. common.	2,424,356	
Columbia Oil & Gasoline Corp. common voting trust certificates	84,769	141,757,286 141,443,487
Commonwealth & Southern Corp.—Common	1,798,270	
Option warrants entitling holders to purchase the following number of shares of common stock at \$30 per share	1,005,000	35,590,010 35,590,010
Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y. com.	203,900	24,823,554 24,737,429
Miscellaneous investments		23,159,598 23,172,534

Total cost or declared value of securities	592,821,748	551,734,761
Cash on hand	1,096,707	3,522,423
Total	593,918,455	555,257,184

Liabilities		
Demand loan	12,588,473	15,000,000
\$3 cum. pref. stock, no par value; stated value \$50 per share	2,489,064 2-3	124,453,233 124,453,233
Common stock no par value; stated value \$5 per share	14,531,197 1/2	72,655,988 61,802,657
Option warrants outstanding entitling holders to purchase at any time without limit 3,732,059 shs. of common stock at \$27.50 per sh.		
Capital surplus	376,630,073	346,845,139
Earned surplus	7,540,549	7,052,577
Reserve for taxes	50,139	103,577
Total	593,918,455	555,257,184

x Total investments had an estimated market value on Dec. 31 1931 of \$269,405,996. y Under the provisions of the charter, the \$3 cum. preference stockholders upon any dissolution are entitled to receive \$50 per share plus accrued dividends, or in case of call for redemption are entitled to receive \$55 per share plus accrued dividends. Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Dec. 31 1931 was published in V. 134, p. 507.

United Light & Power Co.—10% Interest in Class B Voting Stock Acquired by United States & International Securities Corp.—See latter under "Industrials" below.—V. 134, p. 328.

Western Service Corp. (Okla.)—Receivership Suit.—A bill of complaint asking for receivers for the corporation was filed in the Federal District Court at Wilmington, Del., Jan. 15 by Henry Habben, Joseph Fisher, and other preferred stockholders. They charge mismanagement and allege that the corporation is insolvent, although its assets appear to exceed its indebtedness. It is further alleged in the complaint that officers of the company are negotiating for the sale of the gas distributing property in Oklahoma and Missouri for the purpose of giving preference to some creditors. Receivers were appointed on Jan. 7 by the Federal Court of Oklahoma for the Oklahoma property of the company.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Gain in December for Life Insurance.—Life insurance sales in December not only exceeded those of the same month of the preceding year for the first time since June 1930, but were the largest for any single month in that period. The total of new business was \$1,117,187,000, against \$1,112,173,000 in December 1930, gain of 0.5%. N. Y. "Times," Jan. 22, p. 29.

Matters Covered in the "Chronicle" of Jan. 16.—(a) The new capital flotations during the month of December and for the 12 months of the calendar year 1931, p. 382; (b) Listings on the New York Stock Exchange for the year 1931, p. 391; (c) Sears, Roebuck & Co. cut prices 12 to 47% in spring list, p. 406; (d) Spokane plumbers make cut in pay below figure set by employers, p. 407; (e) Chicago teamsters take reduction in wages, p. 407; (f) Offering at par of \$12,500,000 debentures of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, p. 426; (g) New York Stock Exchange recalls circular of Sept. 21 calling for reports on short position—New requirement asks only for daily figures of net increase or decrease in short selling, p. 428; (h) New York Stock Exchange calls for additional data in reports supplied by companies whose securities are listed on Exchange, p. 428; (i) New York Stock Exchange statistics on short selling made available to end of year, p. 429; (j) Additional fixed trusts approved by New York Stock Exchange, p. 429; (k) Tenders of \$169,337,000 received for offering of \$50,000,000 91-day Treasury bills—Bids accepted \$50,175,000—Average rate of bills accepted 2 1/2%, p. 432; (l) House passes Democratic tariff bill curbing power of President to change rates—Opposition voiced by Under-Secretary of Treasury Mills—Minority report on bill, p. 434; (m) Death of J. W. Fordney, formerly Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and framer of Tariff Act of 1921, p. 434; (n) Henry Wollman on Supreme Court findings in bankruptcy proceedings—Contends Congress should enact legislation reversing decisions affecting liens for taxes, p. 442; (o) Salaries of officers and supervising subordinates reduced 10% by Atlantic Coast Line R.R., p. 446.

Abbott Laboratories, North Chicago, Ill.—Sales Inc.—Sales for the first half of Jan. 1932, showed a marked increase over the corresponding period last year. Continuation at the present rate for the balance of the month would establish a new monthly sales record.

“Halver Oil,” which has been developed jointly by Abbott Laboratories and Parke, Davis & Co. This product is largely composed of oil extracted from halibut livers, which is said to be the most potent natural source of vitamins A. and D.

The company has established processing stations along the north Pacific coast where the oil is extracted from halibut livers obtained from the Alaskan fishing banks.—V. 133, p. 3465.

Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Co.—Strikes Ore Averaging \$28 a Ton in Gold for Distance of 15 Feet.—

The Boston “News Bureau” says: Company, in development work 600 feet vertically below the tunnel where main mining operations now are being carried on, has struck ore that averages as high as \$28 a ton in gold for a distance of 15 feet in a drift 600 feet below the haulage level. This compares with an average value of about \$4.50 a ton for the full 600-foot depth and with less than \$1 a ton in main operations throughout all of 1931.

The prospecting winzes are being deepened from four to seven feet a day with prospecting levels turned off from the winze about every 100 feet. Prospecting now is being done on No. 8 level, or about 600 feet below the main haulage tunnel.

Working west from the incline winze on the 600-foot level the first 15 feet averaged \$6.89 gold a ton, the next 10 feet averaged \$8.72 a ton and next 15 feet averaged \$28.32 a ton.

Prospecting east from the winze on this level, the first 20 feet averaged \$5.84 a ton, the next 10 feet \$2.60 and the next 10 feet \$11.47.

Juneau's mill during 1931 handled approximately 4,162,350 tons of ore, against 3,924,460 in 1930 and 3,836,440 in 1929. This is an average of just slightly less than 4,000,000 tons for the last three years.

If the mill is operated under present conditions the higher grade ore now available is sufficient to maintain operations for another 10 years. However, because of existing conditions the new ore will not be reflected in operations for some time, possibly not for more than a year.—V. 134, p. 329.

Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.—Further Expansion.—The company has purchased for cash the Ryan Mfg. Co. of Chicago and will add its line of graders of the plant at Hegewisch, Ill., to the production concentrated at the Advance-Rumely factory at La Porte, Ind. This gives Allis-Chalmers a complete line of road machinery, besides its tractor production.—V. 134, p. 507, 329.

Aluminum Co. of America.—Form Magnesium Concern.—The Magnesium Development Co. has been formed by the Aluminum Co. of America and the I. G. Farbenindustrie A. G. of Germany to develop and utilize magnesium, it was announced on Jan. 21. Walter H. Duisberg will be President. The directors will be named by the companies sponsoring the new unit.

Patent rights pertaining to magnesium products which are owned by the Aluminum Co. and I. G. Farbenindustrie will be available to the new company, it was said. The castings, forgings, sheets, rods, tubing and powder are now available in the form of magnesium and magnesium alloys. Owing to its weight, which is only about one-fourth that of steel and two-thirds that of aluminum, it is believed many new uses for magnesium can be developed.—V. 134, p. 329.

Amalgamated Laundries, Inc.—Protective Committee.—Another committee has been formed to protect the interests of the 10-year sinking fund 8 3/4% gold bonds. This committee consists of E. F. Gillespie, Chairman, W. I. Throckmorton, and William M. Helprin, with John W. McGuire, Sec., 111 Broadway, New York, and Hornblower, Miller, Miller & Boston, counsel, 15 Broad St., New York. The depository is New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, New York.

The committee state: "In view of the anticipated non-payment of the interest and sinking fund due March 1 1932, the undersigned, at the request of the holders of a substantial amount of such bonds, in order to obtain unified action, have consented to act as a committee to protect the interests of the holders of such bonds.

"Advice from the company indicate that business conditions in the laundry industry have not improved sufficiently to permit it to operate in a satisfactory manner, and the committee believes it to be in the interest of the bondholders to assist the management of the company in an endeavor to preserve its business. The committee feels that the company should maintain as strong a cash position as possible and hopes that unified action will enable the company to improve its business position.

In last week's "Chronicle" mention was made of the formation of a protective committee headed by Wellington E. Bull as Chairman.—See V. 134, p. 507.

American British & Continental Corp.—New Control. J. R. Boyd, Vice-President of the Continental Securities Corp., and some of his associates have privately acquired a controlling interest in the American, British & Continental Corp., a general management investment trust originally sponsored in this country by Blyth, Witter & Co. and the J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.

The deal has no connection with the Continental Securities Corp., a J. Henry Schroder trust. Mr. Boyd has been elected President. This is the first time that control of this company, which had net assets of about \$14,000,000 at the end of 1930, has ever been in the hands of a single group or has ever been completely in this country. The new group bought both the Blyth and Schroder interests, and obtained from a group of European banks the interest that had been held abroad since the outset.—V. 133, p. 3792.

American Hide & Leather Co.—Earnings.—For income statement for 24 weeks ended Dec. 12 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2437.

American Medicinal Spirits Co. of Md.—Offer to Preferred Stockholders Extended.—See National Distillers Products Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 3803; V. 128, p. 1509.

American Republics Corp.—Proxy Fight.—A struggle for control of the corporation, holding large interests in oil and steel industries, has been renewed. T. P. Lee, independent Texas oil operator and formerly vice-president of company has begun active solicitation for proxies of stockholders which his group might vote at next annual stockholders' meeting, scheduled for Feb. 25 in Wilmington, Del. Mr. Lee seeks to oust present management headed by C. F. Cullinan, President of company.—V. 133, p. 3095.

American Securities Shares, St. Louis, Mo.—Dividend Decreased.—

The directors have declared a dividend of four cents per share on the capital stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record of the same date. This compares with quarterly dividends of eight cents per share paid in January, April and July 1931 and a payment of six cents per share on Oct. 15 last. Record of dividends paid follows:

Regular	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Extra	\$1.00	80c.	67c.	30c.
—	20c.	30c.	—	—

—V. 133, p. 2604.

American Stores Co.—Sales Decrease.—
1931—December—1930. Decrease. | 1931—12 Mos.—1930. Decrease.
\$12,059,981 \$13,287,826 \$1,228,745 | \$135,226,406 \$142,770,476 \$7,544,070
—V. 133, p. 3969, 3260.

American Surety Co.—Changes in Personnel.—R. B. Brown, President for six years, has been elected Vice-Chairman of the board of directors; Arthur E. Lafrentz, First Vice-President was elected President and F. W. Lafrentz, as Chairman of the board.—V. 133, p. 3465.

Amoskeag Co.—\$1 Common Dividend.—The company on Jan. 4 1932 paid on the common stock a dividend of \$1 per share and on the \$4.50 pref. stock of no par value the usual semi-annual dividend of \$2.25 per share, both to stockholders of record Dec. 19. On July 3 1931 a distribution of \$1.50 per share was made on the common stock.—V. 133, p. 4333.

Anglo National Corp.—Earnings.—

Period—	—Years End, Jan. 5—	Jan. 15 '29.
	1932.	1931.
Interest received	\$206	\$1,610
Dividends received	598,265	631,727
Net profit from sale of investments	5,560	42,458
Total income	\$604,030	\$675,795
Sundry expenses	16,727	14,195
Interest paid	51,279	52,617
Net income	\$536,023	\$608,983
Previous surplus	554,927	577,583
Total surplus	\$1,090,951	\$1,186,565
Amortization of organization expense	5,469	5,469
Furniture and fixtures written-off	—	1,169
Surplus available for dividends	\$1,085,482	\$1,179,927
Dividends paid	500,000	625,000
Surplus at end of year	\$585,482	\$554,927

Balance Sheet Jan. 5.

	1932.	1931.		1932.	1931.
Assets—	\$	\$	Liabilities—	\$	\$
Cash on hand & in banks	144,052	171,515	Bills payable	1,497,000	600,000
Inv., banks & trust companies	14,121,102	13,221,665	Cap. stock (cl. A.)	12,491,900	12,491,900
Investments, other	1,154,773	1,093,875	Cap. stock (cl. B.)	851,136	851,136
Subscrip. receiv.	2,600	2,600	Capital stock subscribed (cl. A.)	8,100	8,100
Deferred charges	11,089	16,408	Surplus	585,482	554,927
Total	15,433,617	14,606,063	Total	15,433,617	14,606,063

—V. 132, p. 659.

Antilla Sugar Co.—New Company Acquires Assets.—The committee formed for the reorganization of the company of which Murray W. Dodge is Chairman, announces that substantially all of the property has been acquired by Antilla Sugar Estates, the new company formed under the reorganization plan. Provision has been made by the new company for the issuance of its 20-year 6% income debentures, 20-year 6% income notes and common stock, and holders of certificates of deposit issued under the reorganization plan may obtain the new securities by surrendering their certificates to the depository, the Chase National Bank of the City of New York.—V. 133, p. 1930.

Antilla Sugar Estates.—Succeeds Antilla Sugar Co.—See latter company above.
The Chase National Bank of the City of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the common stock.

Art Metal Works, Inc.—Stock Dividend of 2%.—The directors have declared a 2% stock dividend on the common stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 27. A similar payment was made on this issue on Nov. 1 last while in each of the three preceding quarters, a distribution of 15 cents per share in cash was made.—V. 133, p. 2765.

Associated Apparel Industries, Inc.—New Director.—George D. Wolf has been elected a director to succeed Al Lipman, who resigned early last year.
At the directors' meeting which followed, G. A. Fletcher was re-elected Secretary, but was not re-elected Vice-President, there being only one Vice-President elected. All other officers were re-elected.—V. 134, p. 508.

Atlantic Midland Corp.—Receivership.—R. H. Richards Jr., Wilmington and Lindsay Goetz, Bloomfield, N. J., were appointed receivers Jan. 15 by Chancellor J. O. Wolcott at Wilmington, Del. Company went into voluntary dissolution Jan. 13 last. The appointment of the receivers was asked by stockholders.—V. 133, p. 2932.

Atlas Imperial Diesel Engine Co.—Earnings.—

Years End, Nov. 30—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Profit on sales	loss \$228,755	\$266,725	\$744,703	\$601,696
Depreciation	120,013	134,110	138,751	87,141
Taxes	See (x)	—	75,853	67,156
Interest and discount	73,440	55,081	—	—
Net profit	loss \$222,208	\$77,534	\$530,097	\$447,399
Dividends paid	—	242,977	232,970	232,750

Balance, surplus—def. \$222,208 def. \$165,443 \$206,127 \$214,649
Earnings per share—Nil \$50.84 \$53.27 \$53.31
x After taxes. y On 91,985 no par class A shares. z On combined 161,985 class A and class B shares in 1929, and 135,000 combined shares in 1928.

Surplus Account.—Earned surplus Dec. 1 1930, \$42,885; deficit for year \$222,208; balance deficit, Nov. 30 1931, \$179,323.

Comparative Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Cash	\$67,086	\$49,577	Current liabilities	\$121,203	\$193,071
Accts. & notes rec.	786,182	928,994	5-yr. conv. notes	1,000,000	1,000,000
Inventories	1,036,697	1,180,688	Res. for guarantees	—	—
Plant, less deprec.	1,472,215	1,542,824	& stk. subscrip.	66,511	103,631
Devel.—patents	89,105	89,105	Capital stock	x2,606,372	2,606,372
Stock subscriptions	36,511	54,031	Surplus	def. 179,323	42,886
Def. chgs. & acer.	84,516	100,141			
Securities	42,451	—			
Total	\$3,614,763	\$3,945,359	Total	\$3,614,763	\$3,945,359

x Represented by 91,985 class A shares and 70,000 class B shares, both of no par value.—V. 132, p. 852.

Atlas Stores Corp.—Offers to Purchase up to 92,400 Shares of Common Stock at \$5 a Share.—President H. M. Stein, Jan. 15, in a letter to the common stockholders, says in part:

The holdings of cash and cash items, in the opinion of the management of the company, exceed the amount necessary for working capital at the present time and also for future requirements so far as may now be reasonably foreseen. Purchases of the company's common stock in the market have been authorized from time to time and the number of shares now outstanding, exclusive of those held in the treasury, is 292,400.

It has been decided to utilize a portion of the surplus cash to make further purchases of up to 92,400 additional shares of the outstanding common stock for retirement and to give to each common stockholder the right to tender to the company at any time prior to the close of business on Feb. 5 1932 all or any part of his holdings for sale to the company for that purpose at the price of \$5 per share. Funds for the purchase of shares tendered will be immediately available for that purpose at the New York Trust Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y. City. Tenders will be accepted in the order of their receipt, and if more than 92,400 shares should be tendered prior to the close of business on Feb. 5 1932, the company reserves the right, in the discretion of the executive committee of its board of directors, to accept and purchase additional shares, or, without notice, to withdraw the offer at any time after 92,400 shares have been tendered.

A proposal will be submitted for the approval of stockholders of the company at their next annual meeting to retire all of the company's treasury stock, including the stock now owned and any that may be acquired either under this offer or by further purchases.

The price of \$5 per share is about the same as, or slightly above, the present market value of the stock and is approximately equal to the average cost of the stock acquired by the company in the past few months by purchases in the market. This price is not to be considered indicative of a valuation placed upon the stock by the directors or management, nor is there any recommendation or request on their part that stockholders exercise the right to dispose of any part of their holdings at such price. As shown by the balance sheet, the book value of the common stock as of Nov. 30 1931 was in excess of \$11 per share outstanding, and the net current assets, after deducting all liabilities, deferred as well as current, and the redemption price of the preferred stock, amounted to approximately \$8.50 per share.

To the extent that stockholders do not tender the entire 92,400 shares, the company may thereafter purchase, on the market or at private sale or otherwise, all or any part of the deficiency.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of Nov. 30 1931.
(Subject to audit at the end of the fiscal year and to year-end adjustments.)

Assets—		Liabilities—
Cash, U. S. Govt. bonds and short term munic. secur.	\$2,934,289	Trade & miscell. liab. (incl. accr. exps. & taxes, & div. on com. stock pay. Dec. 1 1931)
Accts. & notes rec., less res. & accts. inv. at book value	—	Res. & def. credits
Less reserves	3,144,678	Preferred stock
Furniture & fixtures, &c.	756,482	Common stock
Cash surr. value of life insur. policies	36,438	Surplus—capital and earned
Sundry rec., deposits & def. items	82,817	
Total	\$6,954,705	Total

x Issued and outstanding 50,000 shares \$3 cum. conv. pref., no par value. y Issued and outstanding (after deducting 35,091 shares held in the treasury) 292,400 shares at \$5 per share. Out of the 500,000 com. shares authorized, there is reserved against conversion of pref. stock, 50,000 shares, and against options to purchase at \$25 per share, 50,000 shares. z Including income tax deferred pending liquidation of deferred sales contracts.—V. 133, p. 3096.

Automatic Voting Machine Corp.—Recapitalization Plan Approved—New Director.—The stockholders at the annual meeting approved a recapitalization of the company on the following basis: The 300,000 shares of no par conv. prior partic. stock heretofore outstanding are to be exchanged for 300,000 shares of new no par common stock; the 300,000 shares of common stock, no par, heretofore outstanding, are to be exchanged for 60,000 new no par common shares, being at the rate of one-fifth of a share of new common for each share of old common outstanding. The total authorized capital in the future will consist of 400,000 no par common shares, of which 40,000 shares will be unissued. Share certificates representing new one class of stock to be exchanged for existing prior and common stocks will be ready for delivery about March 1.

The directors on Jan. 21 declared a dividend of \$2.50 a share on the prior partic. stock, payable \$1 in cash a share, 75c. in scrip due Dec. 1 1932 and 75c. in scrip due Dec. 31 1933, by the terms of which no additional dividends shall be paid (if there be any default in the redemption of the scrip) until the scrip is discharged. This dividend, which is payable Feb. 8 to holders of record Feb. 1, clears up all existing accumulations on the prior partic. stock.

Joseph H. Proctor, of Hartford, Conn., was elected a director to succeed F. H. Blackburn, of New York City.
The corporation has been awarded, by the State of Pennsylvania, an order for 500 voting machines for Philadelphia County, delivery to be made on or before April 1 1932. The delivery of these machines will completely equip the City of Philadelphia with voting machines. V. 134, p. 509.

Auburn Automobile Co.—Annual Report.—

In a letter to the stockholders, E. L. Cord, President, says: "Extraordinary acceptance of Auburn's products in the last fiscal year resulted in the sale of 2½ times as many units as were sold in the preceding year. This is of marked and favorable contrast with a 30% decline in the industry as a whole during this period. While the dollar sales volume only increased about one-half, net profits were more than 3½ times earnings for the preceding year."

"Undistributed earnings during the past year account for the company's strong balance sheet working capital position, notwithstanding substantial plant extensions and continued expenditures for the development of new and improved products, which the management believes will merit increased public acceptance. Confirmation of this opinion has been obtained at the three principal shows held to date in 1932, where latest figures show approximately 50% more retail orders have been received than were secured at corresponding shows last year:

Consolidated Income Account Years Ended Nov. 30.				
	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net sales	\$37,086,489	\$24,113,794	\$37,551,442	\$23,825,123
Cost of sales, &c.	32,090,482	19,318,705	28,805,292	18,276,809
Selling & admin. exps.		3,318,968	4,196,193	3,039,376
Operating profit	\$4,996,007	\$1,476,121	\$4,549,956	\$2,598,938
Other income	449,413	222,677	340,941	261,735
Total income	\$5,445,420	\$1,698,797	\$4,890,897	\$2,770,673
Depreciation	566,724	528,919	426,351	558,149
Federal taxes	455,008	160,320	490,800	265,434
Interest & amortization				148,837
Miscellaneous deductions				2,962
Minority interest	520,649	aCr206,513	370,545	272,001
Loss on redemption of pref. stock & bonds				11,541
Loss on disposal of capital assets				86,526
Other expense	323,190	197,739		
Net income	\$3,579,849	\$1,018,331	\$3,603,200	\$1,425,223
Preferred dividends				42,938
Common divs., cash	824,005	763,870	644,785	528,412
Common divs., stock		733,002	335,828	10,568
Surplus	\$2,755,844	def\$478,541	\$2,622,587	\$843,305
Shs. cap. stk. out. (no par)	202,909	188,533	169,686	141,450
Earnings per share	\$17.64	\$5.43	\$21.23	\$10.07

a Minority stockholders' proportion of net loss of subsidiary companies.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30.				
	1931.	1930.		
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash & cts. of dep.	4,011,997	2,455,018	Notes payable	1,600,000
U. S. Govt. obligs.	4,397,719	2,060,938	Acc'ts payable	456,995
Call loans		200,000	Dealers' dep., &c.	64,170
Notes & time accep.		411,509	Fed'l income tax	455,300
Sight drafts	1,491,112	179,491	Other acc'uals	947,375
Acc'ts. receivable		1,742,050	Sub. funded debt	359,000
Accr. int. receiv.	46,297	21,456	Minority stock'ers int. in capital stock & surplus of subsidiaries	2,679,483
Inventories	4,453,959	5,158,148	Capital stock	9,848,893
Cash surr. val. of life ins. policies		41,548	Capital surplus	424,341
Sinking fund cash	22,819	18,444	Earned surplus	7,172,121
Sundry invests.	67,291	33,964		
Prep. exp. & def'd charges	82,688	108,452		
Fixed assets—net	x7,833,795	7,810,433		
Good-will	1	1		
Total	\$22,407,678	\$20,241,453	Total	\$22,407,678

x After depreciation. y Represented by 202,909 no-par shares issued and 727 shares reserved for unconverted scrip divs.

New York Show Sales 81% Ahead of Last Year.—

An increase of 81% in the retail sales of Auburn cars for the first five days at the New York National Automobile Show over the same period of the 1931 exhibit, was announced this week by N. E. McDarby, Vice-President in charge of sales.

Of the total number of orders for the new Auburn Straight Eight and Twelve cylinder cars, 93% have been for models embodying Dual Ratio, Mr. McDarby said.

"Sales of the new 160 hp. 12-cylinder models," Mr. McDarby stated, "are far ahead of our expectations, and he believes that this is an indication of how the public will accept our products in 1932. No major engineering development has ever received such complete indorsement from the public as Dual Ratio, as indicated in the percentage of cars embodying this feature which customers have ordered. Reports from the Los Angeles and San Francisco shows indicate a similar acceptance of our products."—V. 133, p. 4333.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—Estimated Shipments.—

The Philadelphia "Financial Journal" of Jan. 20 says in part: "Until orders start to show an increase the company plans to limit operations in order to maintain a sizeable backlog to carry it through the period of depression. Consolidated shipments in January are expected to approximate \$1,000,000, which would compare with \$1,424,000 in December, and not much change in rate is anticipated during the first quarter of the year unless incoming business is of such a nature as to require a speeding up in output."

Although the consolidated order sheet showed unfilled orders on Dec. 31 1931, amounting to \$8,390,310 as compared with \$8,831,000 at the beginning of the year, a substantial portion of this unfilled business is for deferred delivery, including the 74 electric locomotives to be built for the Pennsylvania R.R., and which are valued in the aggregate at \$3,800,000.—V. 134, p. 509.

Bankers Securities Corp.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31.—

	1931.	1930.		1931.	1930.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	450,898	747,484	Loans payable	900,000	1,700,000
Inv'ts & loans	14,054,162	18,102,406	Due to brokers and customers	10,496	11,638
Accrued int. rec.	34,836	130,858	Divs. pay. Jan. 15		255,000
Invest. in & adv. to subsids.	1,317,033	1,082,282	Deferred income	122,880	
Due from brokers and customers	231,882	70,580	Res. for taxes & deferred expenses	72,840	196,555
Office equip., less depreciation	6,691	35,745	Partic. pref. stock	14,000,000	14,000,000
Prepaid expenses		3,203	Common stock	3,000,000	3,000,000
			Surplus	def2,010,712	1,009,368
Total	16,095,505	20,172,561	Total	16,095,505	20,172,561

a Includes deposits in Bankers Trust Co. of Philadelphia, \$1,645,771, and Franklin Trust Co. of Philadelphia, \$24,819 (in possession of the Secretary of Banking, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania); loans receivable less reserve, \$61,226; first mortgages at cost, \$747,250; collateral trust notes, at cost—principal and interest due Dec. 1 1931—less amount received, at account, \$7,901,366; serial gold debentures, due 1933 to 1940, \$1,352,450, stocks, \$863,479; total as above, \$14,054,162.—V. 133, p. 803.

Benenson City Terminal Corp.—Foreclosure Suit.—

Suit has been brought in the New York Supreme Court by the 183 Broadway Corp. to foreclose a mortgage held by them on 183 Broadway. Named as defendants in the action are Benenson City Terminal Corp., Jacob Silverberg and others. The Benenson City Terminal Corp. mortgaged the property on June 4 1930 for \$375,000, due on June 4 1933, with interest to be paid semi-annually at 6%. According to the plaintiff, there is also a first mortgage of \$250,000 on the premises, of which \$150,000 is unpaid. The 183 Broadway Corp. seeks foreclosure of the mortgage due to the alleged failure of the Benenson corporation to make an interest payment of \$10,312.50 due Dec. 4 1931, and for failure to pay taxes in the sum of \$5,440 for the first half of 1931, which were due Nov. 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 3260.

Betco Corp.—Omits Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have decided to omit the semi-annual dividend of 75c. per share due Feb. 1 on the pref. stock. The last semi-annual payment of 75c. per share was made on this issue on Aug. 1 1931.

Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Receives Rail Order.—

The Delaware Lackawanna & Western RR. has ordered 4,000 tons of 130-pound rails from the above corporation. The rails will be rolled in the week of Feb. 15 at the Lackawanna plant at Buffalo, N. Y.—V. 134, p. 509.

B/G Sandwich Shops, Inc.—Dividend Deferred.—

The directors recently voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 1¼¢ due Jan. 1 on the 7% cum. 1st pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on Oct. 1 1931.—V. 132, p. 4593.

(E. W.) Bliss Co.—Gets \$556,677 Award.—

The U. S. Court of Claims has awarded to the company a judgment against the Government for \$556,677 on its claim arising out of the manufacture of torpedoes for the Navy Department during the war. The company sued for \$3,000,000 under its contract for losses allegedly incurred in that connection. The case was argued and submitted for decision on Dec. 10 1930.—V. 133, p. 4334.

Blue Ridge Corp.—To Change Par and Stated Values of Preference Stock.—

The stockholders will vote Feb. 10 on approving the following proposals heretofore approved and declared advisable by the directors: 1. To change the authorized preference stock, par \$50 per share (both issued and unissued) into preference stock without par value; and to change the designation of the initial series of preference stock to "optional \$3 convertible preference stock, series of 1929." 2. Subject to the adoption of such amendments, to reduce the amount of capital represented by the issued shares of preference stock, without par value, from \$50 per share to \$25 per share.

President C. F. Stone, Jan. 18, in a letter to the stockholders, says in substance:

The directors have unanimously approved certain proposals designed to avoid interruption of the payment of regular dividends on the preference stock of the corporation should the board believe their continued payment to be otherwise justified. The net assets of the corporation at Dec. 31 1931, taking listed securities (over 96% of total) at market prices and the remaining securities at estimated fair value, were equivalent to \$57.85 per share of \$50 par value preference stock outstanding. Net cash income of the corporation from dividends and interest on investments presently held, based on latest information as to dividend and interest rates in effect (after deducting estimated expenses and taxes), amounts to approximately 1-1/5 times the cash dividend requirement on the outstanding preference stock. In addition, stock dividends of substantial value are being received and applied in reduction of average book value of investments.

Notwithstanding that current net cash income exceeds dividend requirements, further declines in the market prices of securities owned by the corporation might create a situation in which it would not be permissible under the laws of Delaware, where the corporation is organized, to pay dividends on the preference stock unless the stockholders meanwhile should take action to relieve the situation.

Accordingly, it is proposed to change the preference stock, which now has a par value of \$50 per share, into preference stock without par value, and then to reduce the capital represented by the preference stock as to changed to \$25 per share and credit the remaining \$25 per share to capital surplus. The proposed changes in no way affect the number of outstanding shares of either class of stock of the corporation or their asset value, and, except for the change to stock without par value, do not affect any of the rights or preferences of the preference stock. Thus, the cash dividend rate will remain \$3 per share per annum, the stock dividend rate will remain the same and the rights and preferences with respect to cumulation of dividends, redemption price, conversion and the preferential amount to which the preference stock is entitled upon liquidation will remain unaltered.

The foregoing proposals are along the lines of similar action recently taken by other companies in the current period of extraordinary market conditions.—V. 133, p. 3793.

Boardwalk Securities Corp., Atlantic City, N. J.—Omits Dividends.—

The directors recently voted to omit the semi-annual dividend ordinarily payable Jan. 2 on the class A and class B common stocks, par \$100. During 1931 semi-annual distributions of 3¢ each were made on these issues on Jan. 2 and July 1. The "Christmas dividend" usually declarable and payable Dec. 15 was not distributed in 1931.

(H. C.) Bohack Co.—Quarterly Dividend Reduced.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 62½c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. This compares with four quarterly distributions of \$1 per share made during 1931. Previously, the company paid quarterly dividends of 62½c. per share on this issue, and in addition paid an extra of 62½c. per share on Dec. 15 1929 and Dec. 15 1930.—V. 134, p. 509.

Bovril, Ltd., London, England.—Forms American Co.—

This company, manufacturers of beef extract, has entered the American field, and together with the Wm. S. Scull Co. of Camden, N. J., has completed the organization of an American corporation known as Bovril of America, Inc. The new company, which has its headquarters at Camden, has complete control of Bovril throughout the United States.

The parent company, Bovril Ltd., of London, is capitalized at £3,000,000 and has assets of more than £6,000,000. It owns extensive cattle ranches, its holdings in Argentina and Australia approximating 12,000,000 acres. Officers of Bovril of America, Inc., are: Chairman, William C. Scull, who is President of Wm. S. Scull Co., roasters and distributors of coffees and teas; President, Lot Boardman, an executive of the Bosco and Scull companies; and President of the National Coffee Roasters' Association; Treasurer, J. Carl De La Cour, and Secretary, R. Barclay Scull. Lord Luke of Pavenham and the Duke of Atholl, directors of Bovril Ltd., are Vice-Presidents of the new company. W. J. King, a director of Bovril of America, Inc., is Manager for Canada for Bovril Ltd., the parent company, and until the formation of the American concern, was also Manager for the United States.—V. 133, p. 803.

Yearway Department Store, Inc.—Earnings.—

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Sales	\$17,746,686	\$18,532,345	\$18,983,873	\$19,491,468
Cost of goods sold, sell'g oper. & admin. exps., less miscell. earns.	17,261,561	17,846,603	18,135,709	18,618,599
Int. on 15-yr. 6% sinking fund debentures	142,825	145,984	156,098	163,362
Prov. for Fed. inc. tax	43,500	75,500	68,500	93,836
Int. on install. notes	24,463			
Operating profit	\$274,337	\$464,258	\$623,566	\$615,671
Previous surplus	1,409,266	1,104,393	969,832	653,783
Profit from sale of fix'ts and equipment		41,706		
Total surplus	\$1,683,604	\$1,670,357	\$1,593,398	\$1,269,453
Extraordinary expenses			142,009	
Divs. on 7% cum. 1st pref. stock	167,787	156,091	181,997	195,408
Divs. on 7% non-cum. 2nd pref. stock	105,000	105,000	105,000	104,212
Balance, per bal. sheet	\$1,410,817	\$1,409,266	\$1,164,393	\$969,832
Earnings per share on 116,641 com. shares	\$0.01	\$1.74	\$2.03	\$2.71

Malcolm McNachten, President, says in part: It is satisfactory to note that the book value of the common stock has been maintained during the year, being equal to \$21.78 per share at Oct. 31 1931.

On March 9 last corporation acquired the Hollywood store of the B. H. Dyas Corp., which since then has been operated under the name of the Broadway-Hollywood. The progress of this new unit has justified expectations.

The net current position of corporation, showing a ratio of approximately 4½ to 1, remains satisfactory, especially when it is considered that, apart from a note of \$600,000 due serially over the next five years commencing

In January 1933, the financing of the purchase of the Hollywood Store was made entirely out of current funds.

Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Cash, Short term secur., Accts receivable, Merchandise, Cash sur. value, Life insur. pols., Bldgs. & equip., leased land, store fixtures, deliv equip'm't, &c., Miscell. assets, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Accts payable, Reserve for taxes, Dividends payable, Other curr. liabils., Miscell. reserves., Install. notes pay., 15-yr. 6% sinking fund debentures, 7% cum. 1st pt. stk, 7% non-cum. 2nd pref. stock, Common stock, Surplus).

Total 10,826,528 10,179,579. x After reserve of \$78,020. y After depreciation of \$1,054,563. x Represented by 116,641 no par shares.—V. 132, p. 3153.

Buckeye Shares, Inc.—Semi-Annual Dividend.—

A semi-annual distribution of 9.969 cents per share has been declared on the Buckeye Trust Shares, series A, payable Feb. 1. An initial semi-annual payment of 17.575 cents per share was made on Feb. 1 1931, which was followed by a distribution of 12.870 cents per share on Aug. 1 1931.—V. 132, p. 1037.

Burdine's, Inc.—Resumes Preferred Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the \$2 cum. pref. stock, no par value, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31. The last previous quarterly payment of 50 cents per share was made on this issue on April 1 1930.—V. 131, p. 633.

California State-Western States Life Insurance Co.—Larger Distribution.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. per share on the capital stock, payable April 15 to holders of record April 10. An initial quarterly distribution of 65c. per share was made on Oct. 15 last, which was followed by a similar payment on Jan. 15 1932.—V. 133, p. 2271.

Campbell, Wyant & Cannon Foundry Co.—Defers Dividend Action.—

The directors on Jan. 15 voted to defer action on the quarterly dividend ordinarily due for payment on March 1 next. The stock had been on a 25c. quarterly dividend basis since March 1 1931, when the annual rate was cut from \$2 a share.

George Buffington, a director of the company stated: "This action was taken as a step toward conservation of working capital, which in view of the expanding field for the company's new products, must be maintained for any increase of output."

"Net earnings of the company after all charges, including depreciation, will approximate \$191,000, equal to 55c. a share on 348,000 capital shares outstanding, compared with \$632,298, or \$1.81 a share in the preceding fiscal period."

"Current assets in ratio to current liabilities stand at 6 to 1, while cash and marketable securities alone are more than three times payables. Working capital will be in excess of \$1,000,000, compared with \$1,240,470 at the end of 1930, and book value of capital stock will approximate \$15.90 a share."

In commenting on the 1931 operations, Mr. Buffington pointed out that the company increased production on the new centrifuge-brake drum to a point where present output is between four and five thousand daily.

"Arrangements have been made for its use as standard equipment on Nash, Auburn, Chrysler and Graham-Paige automobiles, and negotiations with other manufacturers are under way," he said.—V. 133, p. 2933.

Canadian Northern Coal & Ore Dock Co., Ltd.—Tenders.—

The Irving Trust Co. recently notified holders of 5% 1st mtg. 20-year sinking fund gold bonds, due 1936, that it will receive tenders for the sale of these bonds to the sinking fund to the extent of \$56,952 no later than noon, Jan. 20 1932.—V. 130, p. 626.

Celotex Co.—New Director, &c.—

G. M. Myers has been elected a director, replacing W. S. Gray, Jr., resigned. C. G. Rhodes, Treasurer, has been elected to the additional post of Secretary, replacing E. B. Roberts, who is assuming other duties with the company.—V. 134, p. 331.

Chartered Investors, Inc.—To Reduce Stated Value of Stocks.—President Donald G. Geddes says:

A proposal will be made at the annual meeting of the stockholders, to be held March 2 1932, to reduce the capital represented by the pref. stock to \$25 per share and that by the common stock to \$1 per share. Such reduction will not affect in any way the net worth of the company, the number of shares of stock outstanding, the rate of the pref. dividend per share or the amount payable in liquidation on each share of pref. stock. The result will be to reduce the stated capital from \$9,350,000 to \$1,445,000, and to transfer from the capital account to surplus the difference, amounting to \$7,905,000, which is \$2,594,342 in excess of the amount required to adjust the securities held to their market value as of Dec. 31 1931.

Unless the present impairment of preferred capital is corrected by March 1 1932, it will be necessary to postpone payment of the preferred dividend payable on that date until after the proposed reduction in capital is effected. If such reduction is approved by the stockholders at the annual meeting on March 2 1932, the dividend will be paid within a few days after that date. It is expected that thereafter preferred dividends may be maintained from regular dividend and interest income.

A list of the securities held in the portfolio at the end of the year is given in the report.

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and Jan. 14 '29, and rows for Dividends received, Interest earned, Total income, Int. allowed on pref. stock subscrip., Expenses, Federal income taxes, Operating income, Profit from sale of securities, Total income, Previous surplus, Adj. account of previous years' taxes, Total surplus, Preferred dividends paid or accrued, Common dividends, x Transferred to investment account, Surplus Dec. 31, Earnings per share on 170,000 shares common stock (no par), x Consisting of trading profits earned, less Federal income tax applicable thereto, and also in 1929 less organization expenses written off, Capital Losses Sustained and Provided for as at December 31 1931, Losses sustained on investments sold during 1931, Capital loss provided for—difference between cost and market value of invest. owned at Dec. 31 '31 \$5,949,047, Deduct—Reserve for investment as at Dec. 31 1930, Adjustment of prior years' income taxes, Balance net capital loss Dec. 31 1931.

Balance net capital loss Dec. 31 1931. \$5,310,658

Balance Sheet as at December 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Cash, Investments (market), Accrued interest receivable) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Fed. income taxes, Reserve for invest., Divs. payable on preferred stock, \$5 pref. stock, Common stock, Cap. losses sustain. & provided for Dr5,310,658, Surplus (earned)).

Total 4,564,384 10,568,251. Total 4,564,384 10,568,251. A At cost at Dec. 31 1930 the market value of the investments was \$2,096,627 less than cost, after deducting the offsetting reserve of \$719,528. B Represented by 170,000 no par shares. Of the unissued shares, 34,000 are held in reserve against option warrants outstanding. C Represented by 51,000 no par shares at liquidation value.—V. 132, p. 499.

Central-Illinois Securities Corp.—Reduces Common Stock—New Director.—

The stockholders on Jan. 18 voted to reduce the capitalization of the corporation by retiring 80,364 shares of common stock held in the treasury. This decreases the number of common shares outstanding from 1,000,000 to 919,636.

Charles C. Haffner Jr. has been elected a director.—V. 134, p. 510.

Cespedes (Cuba) Sugar Co.—Time for Deposits Extended.—

The finance committee (A. I. Henderson, Chairman), in a letter to holders of undeposited first mortgage 7 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds states that the time within which deposits may be made has been extended to Feb. 1 1932. More than 65% of the outstanding bonds have already been deposited. Bondholders are urged to co-operate by promptly depositing bonds held by them to the end that the plan may be declared effective at the earliest possible date. Bonds should be deposited with J. & W. Sellman & Co., 54 Wall St., New York.—V. 134, p. 331.

Cheney Bigelow Wire Works.—Dividend Deferred.—

The directors recently decided to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 87 1/2c. per share due Jan. 2 on the \$3.50 cum. partic. pref. stock, par \$50. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made Oct. 1 1931.—V. 131, p. 2900.

Cherry-Burrell Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, and 1929, and rows for Gross profit and other income, Selling and administrative expenses, Int. & amort. of bond discount, &c., Provision for Federal income tax, Net income, Shares com. stock outstand. (no par), Earnings per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Cash, Marketable secur., Inventories, Accrued int. on notes receivable, Notes rec. & adv. (not current), Deferred charges, Rental equipment, Inv. & Treas. bds., Land, bldgs., mach. & equip'm't, Patents & deferred develop. expense, Good-will) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, Accr. paym., commissions, &c., Accrued dividends Mtg. & ld. contr. due within 1 yr., Prov. for Fed. & State taxes, Prov. for taxes due after 1 year, 6% sink. fd. debts, Unearned income, Mtg. & real est. purch. contracts serial maturities, Preferred stock, Sullivan Sq. Tr., 6% pref. stock, Common stock, Paid in surplus, Earned surplus).

Total \$9,197,187 \$9,597,431. Total \$9,197,187 \$9,597,431. x Represented by 135,120 no par shares.—V. 132, p. 661, 2590, 4062.

Chicago Gulf Corp.—New Director.—

Edward Lee Ives, Vice-President of H. A. Brassert & Co. and the A. M. Byers Co. and President of the Open Hearth Combustion Co., has been elected a director.—V. 133, p. 3972.

Chicago Mail Order Co.—Reduces Prices.—

The Spring and Summer catalogues of this company shows the following reductions from the corresponding 1931 catalogue in weighted sale prices: Fashions, 35%; shoes, 25%; men's wear, 40%; hosiery, 20%; piece goods, 30%; and miscellaneous items, 10% to 60%. These reductions average 23.4%. The catalogue contains 312 pages.

The company's Spring and Summer Catalogue a year ago showed price reductions of 29% under the 1930 levels.—V. 134, p. 511.

Chicago Towel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928, and rows for Gross revenues, Expenses, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, Federal taxes, Net income, Other deductions, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Net surplus, Shs. on com. stk. outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

x Proportion of above net income applicable to operations of predecessor company to Feb. 15 1928.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for 1931 and 1930, and rows for Assets (Prop. plant, equip, Service equip. contr. & good-will, Cash, Accts. receivable, Inventories, Notes receivable, Treasury stock at cost) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Common stock, Surplus, Accts. pay. & accrued expenses, Div. payable, Federal taxes).

Total \$3,227,721 \$3,208,486. Total \$3,227,721 \$3,208,486. x Represented by 80,000 shares of no par value. y Represented by 20,000 shares of no par value. z After depreciation of \$472,766.—V. 132, p. 661.

Cleveland Tractor Co.—New Model.—

The company announced a new model tractor—the Cletrac "25", listing at \$1,850. It takes its place between Cletracs 15 and 35, giving a complete balanced power line to fill the lower bracket in tractor demand.—V. 133, p. 4335.

Cockshutt Plow Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—

	12Mos. End. Nov. 30 '31.	12Mos. End. Nov. 30 '30.	11Mos. End. Nov. 30 '29.	12Mos. End. Dec. 31 '28.
Earnings for—				
Oper. profit, after depr. &c.	loss\$494,486	\$327,800	\$875,859	\$827,451
Surpl. from sale of Adams Wagon Co.	-----	-----	142,043	-----
Total income	loss\$494,486	\$327,800	\$1,017,902	\$827,451
Provisions for taxes, &c.	-----	10,554	68,247	54,936
Conversion payments	-----	-----	-----	x646,500
Prov. for doubtful accts.	-----	150,000	-----	-----
Net income	loss\$494,486	\$167,246	\$949,655	\$126,015
Dividends	86,580	432,900	324,675	216,450
Transferred to merchandise reserve	-----	-----	100,000	-----
Balance	loss\$581,066	def\$265,654	\$524,980	def\$90,434
Brought forward	739,244	1,004,898	479,917	570,352
Profit and loss surplus	\$158,179	\$739,244	\$1,004,898	\$479,917
x Preference stock conversion payment under plan of capital arrangements.	-----	-----	-----	-----

Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash	\$ 40,188	\$ 21,077	Accts. payable	260,813
Accts. receivable	3,580,743	3,885,835	Bank loans	1,409,218
Inventories	3,682,720	3,840,491	Unclaimed divs. & divs. payable	17,299
Prepaid expenses	26,179	29,619	Prov. for taxes	7,753
Inv. in affil. cos.	636,247	660,627	Common stock	x11,465,000
Fixed assets	7,852,183	7,757,896	Reserves	2,500,000
			Profit & loss account	158,177
Total	15,818,260	16,195,546	Total	15,818,260

x Represented by 288,600 no par shares.—V. 133, p. 292.

Connecticut Investment Management Corp., Hartford, Conn.—Proposal to Change Capital Deferred to Feb. 16 Meeting.—

The proposal to change the stated value of stock to \$1 from \$8 a share and to authorize the purchase of corporation stock to be held in the treasury until conditions are more favorable was deferred on Jan. 19 to an adjourned meeting on Feb. 16 because of insufficient representation of stock.

Connecticut laws require action by 75% of the shares outstanding to make a change in capital structure effective. The purpose of the reduction is that dividends may be continued.

John B. Stewart has been elected a director to succeed the late G. A. Davis and Allen W. Holmes has been elected to succeed Francis A. Beach.

The liquidating value of the stock as of Jan. 16 was \$3.65 a share. Securities were valued at \$677,440 against a cost of \$1,232,360, of which common stocks represented \$1,209,087. Cash amounted to \$313,245. Liabilities include a note of \$350,000, which, it is stated, will be reduced shortly.—V. 133, p. 2272.

Consolidated Lead & Zinc Co.—To Decrease Capital.—

A special stockholders' meeting has been called for Feb. 9 to vote on a proposed reduction in the value of the capital stock to \$1,000,000 from \$2,537,000. The Eagle-Picher Mining & Smelting Co. has taken over the properties and assets of Consolidated Lead with the exception of cash item of \$48,578, retained to meet current liabilities and incidental expenses, in exchange for 80,000 shares of its stock. The Consolidated company, now virtually a holding company, will keep its identity and remain listed on the St. Louis Stock Exchange.—V. 133, p. 4163.

Consolidated Oil Corp.—New Name To Be Adopted by Sinclair and Prairie Companies in Merger.—See Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp. below and in V. 134, p. 521.

The New York Curb Exchange has admitted to unlisted trading privileges Consolidated Oil Corp. (proposed new name of Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp.) common stock, no par value, when, as and if issued in accordance with notice announced by the directors of Sinclair, Prairie Pipe Line and Prairie Oil & Gas companies, dated Jan. 13, which provides for the consolidation of Sinclair, Prairie Pipe Line and Prairie Oil & Gas companies.

Consolidated Press, Ltd.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Feb. 1 on the class A common stock, no par value. From May 1 1930 to and incl. Nov. 2 1931, the company paid regular quarterly dividends of 50c. per share on this issue.—V. 133, p. 3097.

Continental Can Co., Inc.—Plans to Erect New Plant.—

The company plans the erection of a modern plant on the site recently purchased at Houston, Tex., comprising several acres near the centre of the city. The company's southwestern sales offices have been moved from Dallas to Houston. It is also remodeling a plant in Cincinnati and building a warehouse in Jacksonville, Fla., and a plant at Harvey, La.—V. 134, p. 332, 139.

Continental Motors Corp.—Directorate Increased.—

The board of directors has been increased to nine members from eight. L. J. Kantiz, General Sales Manager, and Wallace Sweiner, Comptroller, were elected directors. Robert Insley, Vice-President and Manager of the Continental Aircraft Engine Co., retiring director, will devote all his time to management of the aircraft division.—V. 134, p. 512, 332.

Copeland Products, Inc. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

	12Mos. '31.	12Mos. '30.	10Mos. '29.
Net sales	\$4,991,243	\$4,209,189	\$3,044,394
Cost of goods sold	3,149,900	2,756,445	2,009,715
Selling, general & administrative, advertising, engineering, service and purchasing expenses	1,300,999	1,196,593	718,071
Other deductions (net)	180,935	149,112	107,602
Federal income tax	44,997	-----	-----
Net profit	\$314,411	\$107,039	\$209,007

Earns. per sh. on 51,991 shs. com. stk. (no par) \$6.04 \$2.05 \$4.02

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Cash	\$167,733	\$119,526	Notes payable	\$255,817
Notes & accts. rec.	a431,271	516,810	Accounts payable	271,387
Inventories	478,318	443,618	Accrued expenses	51,200
Real est. not used in business	b66,858	58,745	Federal income tax	44,997
Officers and employees' accts.	17,173	22,572	Reserve for contingencies	25,000
Loans to officers	9,866	-----	Land contract payable	104,741
Sundry notes and accounts, &c.	63,333	37,602	Capital stock	e1,043,434
Impts. to leased prop. & deposits on leases	-----	7,834	Earned surplus	314,411
Land	28,928	28,927		
Buildings, mach'y and equipment	c504,845	399,031		
Patterns, dies, jigs, &c.	d54,979	40,120		
Deferred charges	20,717	29,726		
Total	\$1,844,022	\$1,704,512	Total	\$1,844,022

a After deducting \$25,428 allowance for doubtful accounts. b After deducting \$44,421 for land contract payable. c After allowance for depreciation of \$117,433. d After allowance for depreciation of \$49,341. e Represented by 51,991 shares common stock (no par value), of which 44,735 shares are issued; 4,709 shares are reserved for exchange of 14,127 shares of old class A stock and 2,547 shares are reserved for exchange of 33,121 shares of old class B stock.—V. 134, p. 139.

Copper Range Co.—New Stock on Curb.—

The New York Curb Exchange Jan. 20 admitted to unlisted trading privileges 560,000 shares of new (no par) stock of the company. The new issue will take the place of the old capital stock, which has been removed from unlisted trading privileges.—V. 134, p. 140, 332.

Crane Co., Chicago.—Two New Directors.—

E. M. Ashcraft Jr., and E. A. Russell have elected directors to fill vacancies created by the death of R. T. Crane Jr., and the resignation some time ago of R. B. Stiles.—V. 133, p. 3467.

Creamery Package Mfg. Co.—New President.—

G. F. Belknap has been elected President, succeeding E. W. Chandler. W. D. James recently succeeded Mr. Chandler as a director.—V. 133, p. 4335.

Dahlberg Corp. of America.—New Officer.—

E. B. Roberts has been elected Secretary and Treasurer to fill vacancies caused by the resignations of T. A. Burt as Treasurer and John Erickson as Secretary.—V. 132, p. 1998.

Dayton (Ohio) Rubber Mfg. Co.—To Recapitalize.—

The stockholders will vote Feb. 15 on approving a plan of recapitalization under which it is proposed to authorize 100,000 shares of no par class A stock and exchange 15,590 shares of present outstanding preferred and accrued dividends on the basis of 2½ shares of new class A stock for one share of present outstanding preferred stock and accrued dividends, requiring 38,975 shares of new class A stock.

The plan also proposes to authorize 200,000 shares of no par common stock and exchange 20,905 shares of present outstanding priority common stock on the basis for 1½ shares of new common for one share of present outstanding priority stock.

The present outstanding A stock will be exchanged on the basis of one share of new common for one share of present outstanding class A common requiring 49,082 shares of new common; 49,992 shares of present outstanding B will be exchanged on the basis of one new common share for three-fourths of a share of present outstanding class B common, requiring 37,494 shares of new common stock. This will bring the total to 117,934 shares of new common stock to be issued. The remainder of the new class A and new common stock would be sold to increase working capital.—V. 131, p. 2702.

(Alfred) Decker & Cohn, Inc.—Earnings.—

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Years End. Oct. 31—				
Loss after exp. & depr.	\$474,103	\$268,181	prof\$302,924	prof\$281,672
Provision for Fed'l tax	-----	-----	37,000	32,000
Net loss	\$474,103	\$268,181	prof\$302,924	prof\$249,672
Preferred dividends	35,322	36,575	40,019	40,876
Common dividends (\$2)	-----	200,000	200,000	200,000
Balance deficit	\$509,425	\$504,756	sur\$62,905	sur\$8,796
Previous surplus	1,576,758	1,632,515	1,569,610	1,566,345
Disc. on pref. stk. purch.	23,545	Cr.6,710	-----	Dr.5,530
Special revenue	-----	Cr.442,289	-----	-----
Amount written off in respect of invest. & adv., &c.	Dr.248,984	-----	-----	-----
Extraord. invent. losses &c.	Dr.83,545	-----	-----	-----
Exp. of consol. mfg. facilities	Dr.46,010	-----	-----	-----
Profit and loss surplus	\$712,341	\$1,576,758	\$1,632,515	\$1,569,610
Earns. per sh. on 100,000 shs. common (no par)	Nil	Nil	\$2.62	\$2.09

Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Assets—			Liabilities—	
Land, bldgs., mach. and equipment	\$195,445	\$229,913	Common stock	b\$1,554,270
Good-will, &c.	1	1	Preferred stock	452,500
Invest'ts & adv.	497,265	515,668	Bills payable	137,511
Officers and employees notes & accts received	191,362	-----	Accounts payable	130,438
Com. stk. of co.	18,270	-----	Payrolls	20,215
Inventories	818,400	1,366,698	Reserves	464,784
Accts. & bills rec.	1,592,868	1,721,359	Fed. and gen. taxes and accrued int.	c45,000
Cash	192,817	293,201	Profit and loss	712,341
Cash val. of ins.	93,565	80,055		1,576,758
Deferred charges	117,567	129,079		
Total	\$3,517,059	\$4,336,005	Total	\$3,517,059

a After deducting \$937,839 reserve for depreciation and including \$30,474 for land and building not used for business purposes. b Represented by 100,000 shares of no par value. c General taxes only.—V. 132, p. 662.

Dennison Mfg. Co., Boston.—Defers Pref. Dividend.—

The directors have decided to defer the quarterly dividend of 1¼% due Feb. 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last distribution on this issue was made on Nov. 1 1931.

The directors, however, declared the usual quarterly dividend of 2% on the 8% cum. debenture stock, par \$100, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20.—V. 133, p. 2109.

(W. S.) Dickey Clay Mfg. Co. (Del.).—Foreclosure.—

The Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Jan. 13, began foreclosure proceedings in Federal District Court at Fort Dodge, Iowa, against the company. The petition alleges that the company defaulted on the \$4,250,000 bonds.—V. 124, p. 1225.

Dome Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Dominion Steel & Coal Corp., Ltd.—Production.—

The 1931 output of collieries controlled by this corporation was 3,874,311 tons, a decrease of 1,090,626 tons from 1930.—V. 133, p. 2934.

(S. R.) Dresser Mfg. Co.—Options Approved.—

The company has notified the New York Stock Exchange that a resolution was passed giving H. N. Mallon, President, and M. N. Davis, Vice-President, each an option to purchase 2,000 shares of class B stock of this company at \$17.50 a share. The options may be exercised at any time before Dec. 31 1933.—V. 133, p. 2607.

(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Net Equals \$4.29 a Share for 1931.—

The company for the year 1931, according to preliminary figures released by the company Jan. 18, reports earnings of \$4.29 a share on 11,008,512 average shares outstanding. This compares with \$4.67 a share for 1930 on 10,783,555 average shares outstanding.

The figure for 1930 includes 28c. a share representing an extra dividend received from General Motors Corp. Both figures include the du Pont company's equity in undivided profits or losses of controlled companies not consolidated.—V. 133, p. 4336.

Eastern Equities Corp.—Probable Litigation.—

President F. W. Lyman, in his remarks to shareholders, said in part: "Since liquidation was started we have paid a total of \$128.50 per share on our common stock.

"There are still many items to be adjusted with Peter Cooper Corporations under the contract by which your company's glue department was sold in October 1930. These adjustments include several item covering the sale of raw materials, factory supplies and stock in process and also a substantial poundage of finished glue which the buyer has claimed the right to reject on grounds of alleged unmerchantable quality. Under the contract of sale the finished glue inventory was to be merchandized by Peter Cooper Corporations for our account up to June 1 1931, upon which date all merchantable glues were to be purchased by Peter Cooper Corporations on the basis of the prior three months' sales prices. The accounting between the companies for sales made up to June 1 1931, present only a few unadjusted items and it is not anticipated that these present any formidable obstacles.

"The question of what lots of finished glue are unmerchantable involves questions of quality which are always difficult to adjust but the records show that a substantial proportion of the rejected lots have been the subject of sizeable sales by Peter Cooper Corporations for our account and that further substantial portions appear to be practically identical in character with sold lots. While desirous of avoiding litigation, we are, nevertheless, satisfied that this company's position and proofs regarding the merchantability of the glues in question are strong and that should we be forced to litigate to establish our claim the outcome would be favorable."—V. 133, p. 4165.

Electric Power Associates, Inc.—Annual Report.—

H. Hobart Porter, President, says in part:

A special meeting of the stockholders was held on Oct. 19 1931 at which time company's stated capital was reduced by \$9,200,000 which amount was transferred from capital to surplus account, the aggregate of capital and surplus remaining unchanged.

A complete list of the securities held in the portfolio as of Dec. 31 1931 is given in the report:

Comparative Income Account.

	Cal. Year 1931.	Cal. Year 1930.	Feb. 8 '29 to Dec. 31 '29.
Cash dividends and interest	\$880,047	\$507,699	\$419,859
Profit on sale of securities	187,945	22,453	793,809
Stock divs. valued at closing prices	6,132	867,394	x
Total	\$1,074,124	\$1,397,547	\$1,213,668
Expenses and taxes	65,456	91,102	167,952
Net income	\$1,008,668	\$1,306,445	\$1,045,715
Dividends	800,000	799,988	
Balance surplus	\$208,668	\$506,457	\$1,045,715

x Does not include stock dividends, the market value of which was \$1,295,123, Dec. 31 1929.

Surplus Account.—Balance, transferred to surplus for 1931 (as above), \$208,668; surplus, Jan. 1 1931, \$6,877,101; surplus arising from reduction in stated value of capital stock, Oct. 19 1931, \$9,200,000; total, \$16,285,769. Deduct: surplus appropriated to reduce securities owned to market value on Dec. 31 1931, \$7,424,618; prior year adjustments (net), \$5,985; surplus Dec. 31 1931, per balance sheet, \$8,855, 165.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Cash & call loans	\$843,989	\$1,349,257	Accts. pay. (incl. taxes)	26,944	26,335
Sec. (mkt. val.)	8,826,119	15,552,741	Class A stock	4,400,000	5,000,000
Int. receivable	12,001	1,437	Common stock	4,400,000	5,000,000
			Surplus	8,855,165	6,877,101
Total	9,682,109	16,903,436	Total	9,682,109	16,903,436

a Includes United States Electric Power Corp. \$6 pref. stock, convertible, valued at 70 in 1931 (85 in 1930), which security is not outstanding with the general public. b Represented by 400,000 shares of no par value. c Represented by 400,000 shares of no par value.—V. 132, p. 858.

Endicott Johnson Corp.—Consolidated Balance Sheet.—

Assets—	Nov. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Liabilities—	Nov. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
Land, bldgs., machinery, &c.	\$9,396,010	\$9,590,756	Preferred stock	8,585,700	9,441,400
Good-will	7,000,000	7,000,000	Common stock	20,268,000	20,268,000
Investments	12,324,274	11,833,793	Divs. payable	454,270	
Accts. & notes rec.	9,919,958	9,786,838	Sundry creditors	695,919	501,394
Due from employee's less reserves	443,219	423,126	Res. for workmen's compensation	250,000	400,000
Prep. taxes & ins.	56,819		Accts. payable	620,076	448,682
Workers' houses	2,117,682	2,074,674	Due employees under plan	642,895	922,680
Sundry debtors	390,442	373,190	Reserve for taxes	396,275	380,316
Sundry invest'mts		173,746	Res. for mkt. decl. of hide commit.		22,381
Cash	3,920,858	4,023,026	Res. for oth. cont's	493,753	275,000
Deferred charges	4	4	Initial surplus	2,653,156	2,653,156
Total	45,569,266	45,279,159	Approp. surplus	5,400,000	4,350,000
x Land, buildings, machinery and equipment, \$22,971,972; less depreciation of \$13,575,962. y Represented by 85,857 shares of \$100 par. z Represented by 405,360 shares of \$50 par.			Current surplus	5,109,221	5,016,151
Our usual comparative income account for 11 mos. ended Nov. 30 was published in last week's "Chronicle."—V. 134, p. 513.			Total	45,569,265	45,279,159

Fashion Park Associates, Inc.—Net Sales Off.—

December net sales were \$2,216,975 as compared with \$2,495,639 in December 1930. For the 12 months ended Dec. 31 1931, net sales totaled \$21,118,859 against \$25,826,834 in 1930. This is after elimination of sales between companies retaining and does not include the sales of those companies controlled but not wholly owned.—V. 133, p. 4336.

Finance Co. of Pennsylvania.—Earnings.—

Earnings for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.		
Interest & dividends		\$478,953
Rents		158,335
Sale of securities		47,298
Miscellaneous		333
Total income		\$684,920
Operating expenses		110,431
Capital stock & income tax reserve, estimated		54,155
Net income		\$520,334
Dividends		400,000
Depreciation		41,812
Reserve for power plant renewal		40,000
Undivided profits		\$38,522
Undivided profits Dec. 31 1930		505,696
Total surplus		\$544,218
Adjustment for stock cancelled Dec. 31 1931		349,556
Balance Dec. 31		\$194,662

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in office & dep. in banks	\$341,406	Capital stock	\$2,350,000
Time & demand loans	909,393	Surplus	7,500,000
Real estate	4,153,100	Undivided profits	194,662
Bonds & mortgages	339,450	Reserve for depreciation	667,643
Stocks & bonds	5,615,559	Reserve for taxes	137,826
Fixtures	27,497	Res. for power plant renewal	40,000
Accrued interest	76,398	Deposits	548,210
Sundry assets	69,058	Dividends unpaid	100,052
		Sundry liabilities	13,768
Total	\$11,531,861	Total	\$11,531,861

—V. 132, p. 663.

First Bond Trust Shares.—Offering.—G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., are offering shares of "First Bond Trust Shares" a fixed investment trust (price on application).

Bearer certificates in coupon form in denoms. of 25, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 First Bond Trust Shares. Certificates in denom. 1,000 First Bond Trust Shares registerable as to principal only. Income distributed semi-annually on Jan. 15 and July 15 at the principal office of the trustee. Expiration of trust agreement on Jan. 1 1940. First Depositor Corp., depositor; Manufacturers Trust Co., trustee.

First Bond Trust Shares represent an undivided interest in the bonds of 24 different companies which have been deposited with the trustee. These bonds are actively traded on the New York Stock Exchange or New York Curb Exchange.

Each share represents an undivided 1-5,000th equal beneficial interest in a unit, identical with every other unit, consisting of one bond of \$1,000 principal amount and accrued interest of each of the 24 issues named in "Chronicle" of Jan. 16, p. 513.

Trust Agreement Provisions.

Liquidity.—Any holder of 5,000 shares may exchange the same at any time for the deposited bonds and other deposited property constituting one unit, and any holder of less than 5,000 shares may convert the same at any time, into cash, all as provided in the trust agreement.

Eliminations.—All of the deposited bonds of any constituent company must be sold by the trustee in the event of default, or upon certification by the depositor that the value thereof has been or will be impaired or that the amount thereof available in the market is insufficient. The proceeds of all such sales and the proceeds received upon redemption in whole and payment at maturity will become part of the distributable cash.

Non-Substitution.—No bonds of other issues may be substituted for any of the deposited bonds.

Offering Price.—The offering price will be based upon the aggregate current asked prices of the deposited bonds and recognized brokerage fees, plus 3 1/2% thereof with accrued interest and the distributable cash added. This price per share may then be adjusted, at the option of the depositor, to either the next higher, or next lower, multiple of five cents. The depositor will furnish the detailed computation of such price upon request. The depositor will pay all fees of the trustee, cost of certificates and distribution costs other than certain nominal charges set forth herein.—V. 134, p. 513.

Florsheim Shoe Co.—To Decrease Capitalization.—

The stockholders will vote March 21 on approving a proposal to reduce the authorized preferred stock to \$3,626,200 from \$3,892,000.—V. 134, p. 514.

Franklin Capital Corp.—Dividend Omitted.—

The directors have voted to omit the semi-annual dividend ordinarily payable about Jan. 6 on the common stock of \$10 par value. A distribution of 10c. per share was made on July 6 1931, as compared with 20c. per share in January last year and 30c. per share previously each six months.—V. 133, p. 129.

Freeport Texas Co.—Dividend Rate Decreased—Preliminary Results for 1931, &c.—The directors on Jan. 22 declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Mar. 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. The stock previously was on an annual dividend basis of \$3 per share, the last quarterly distribution at this rate having been made on Dec. 1 1931. (For complete record of dividends paid see the "Industrial Number" of the "Railway and Industrial Compendium" of Dec. 10 1931, p. 104.)

President Eugene L. Norton stated that preliminary net income for year ended Dec. 31 1931, was \$2,376,782 after charges and Federal taxes, equal to \$3.26 a share on 729,844 no par shares of common stock. This compares with \$3.124,185, or \$4.28 a share in 1930.

In view of the curtailed industrial activity which prevailed during 1931, Mr. Norton said, "resulting in a 27% decline in our sales of sulphur, the directors feel that these earnings give basis for confidence in the strength and earning power of the company, even during years of general business depression."

It was felt that the soundest policy for the company to follow during such a period would be to establish a dividend basis which they believed could be maintained even though general business conditions should not show an improvement, a course which would insure for the company a position of unquestioned financial strength.—V. 134, p. 141.

Frink Corp.—Reorganization Plan.—

A meeting of the holders of securities of the corporation is to be held in Wilmington, Del., on Jan. 28, for the purpose of consideration of and action upon a proposed plan of compromise and arrangement between the corporation and the holders of its securities.

The holders of the securities are requested to deposit their holdings, as promptly as possible with the depository, Bank of New York & Trust Co., 48 Wall St., New York, N. Y.

John L. Dudley, Chairman of the Board, in a letter to securityholders says in part:

The continued business depression has very seriously affected the corporation. The semi-annual interest on debenture bonds due April 1 1931, was not paid until June 1 1931, and then out of much needed working capital. The semi-annual interest due Oct. 1 1931, on the debenture bonds has not been paid.

Last Spring, a reorganization in the management was brought about. The principal executives and key factory employees, who have been identified with the business for many years have been retained. However, some officers and many employees, deemed not essential to the corporation's welfare, have been eliminated. Changes in the board of directors have also been effected and the election of several men of seasoned experience and sound judgment has materially strengthened the board.

The new management has given careful consideration both to the general conditions of the business and to the financial position of the corporation and, in view of existing conditions and the consequent difficulty in obtaining adequate working capital, deems an immediate and complete reorganization of the corporation's financial structure to be essential.

In the opinion of the directors and officers the assets of the corporation to a large extent have very doubtful realizable value at present and afford inadequate support for its debenture bonds. An involuntary or forced liquidation under existing extremely unfavorable conditions probably would result in holders of debenture bonds receiving a small fraction only of the face value of their holdings. Furthermore the expenses involved in a forced liquidation would considerably reduce any equity otherwise available for holders of debenture bonds and might necessitate their supplying the cash required for such expenses.

A friendly reorganization, however, with all security holders participating equitably will conserve whatever useful value the existing assets possess and furthermore avoid expenses aggregating a considerable amount which would otherwise be incurred. With the proposed reorganization effected and the business of the corporation reestablished, the position of the holders of the corporation's securities should be greatly improved.

Digest of Reorganization Plan.

Capitalization at Present Outstanding.		
Debenture bonds		\$854,900
Stock purchase warrants permitting holders to buy of the common stock		8,535 shs.
\$7 preferred stock (cumulative)		10,000 shs.
Common stock		107,951 shs.
After conferences with present holders of the different securities of the corporation, directors and officers have decided upon the following as a sound and equitable plan of reorganization:		
Proposed New Capital Structure.		
Debenture bonds	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Stock purchase warrants	None	None
Prior lien preferred stock (no par) but to receive \$6.50 per share per annum dividend, cumulative from Oct. 1 1932	10,000 shs.	9,394 shs.
2nd pref. stock (no par), but to receive \$7 per share per annum dividend, non-cumulative	10,000 shs.	10,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)	11,000 shs.	10,972 shs.

Proposed Terms of Exchange of New for Old Securities.

Of the new prior lien pref. stock authorized there will be issued to the holders of outstanding debenture bonds with stock purchase warrants, if not already exercised, and Oct. 1 1931, and all subsequent coupons attached 9,394 shares.

The new second pref. stock authorized will be issued to the holders of outstanding preferred stock.

Of the new common stock authorized there will be issued (1) to the holders of outstanding debenture bonds, with stock purchase warrants, if not already exercised, and Oct. 1 1931 and all subsequent coupons attached 3,416 shs.; (2) to the holders of outstanding common stock, 7,556 57-100 shs.

This proposed plan will result in debenture bondholders receiving for each \$1,000 face value debenture bond with stock purchase warrant, if not already exercised, and Oct. 1 1931, and all subsequent coupons attached thereto, 11 shares of prior lien preferred stock (no par) but entitled to

receive \$1,100 and accumulated dividends in liquidation. The dividend rate will be \$6.50 per share, per annum, cumulative commencing Oct. 1 1932. Of this stock 10 shares are in exchange for the principal of the bond and one share in competition for contributed interest. This stock will be the corporation's senior stock issue, and have first claim on earnings of the corporation available for dividends. It may be retired at \$110 per share and accumulated dividends, and, in the event of liquidation, would receive the proceeds of such liquidation up to \$100 per share before the 2nd pref. stock or the common stock received anything. The annual rate of dividend on the prior lien preferred stock will be the same as the annual interest rate of the coupons attached to the debenture bonds.

The bondholders will also receive four shares of the new common stock for each \$1,000 and two shares for each \$500 face value debenture bond with stock purchase warrant, if not already exercised, and Oct. 1 1931, and all subsequent coupons attached thereto;—in the aggregate about one-third of the corporation's new common stock. The new common stock to be received by the debenture bondholders (in addition to the prior lien preferred stock) has not been obtained by any increase of the issue.

It will be provided that so long as any of the prior lien pref. stock may be outstanding no funded indebtedness shall be incurred by the corporation without first having obtained the consent of the holders of a majority in amount of the prior lien preferred stock outstanding at that time.

It will be provided also for the protection of the prior lien preferred stock that before any dividend shall be declared and paid on the 2nd pref. stock there shall be retired in the year in which such dividend is to be paid out of earnings available for such dividends an amount of prior lien pref. stock equal to 10% of the number of such shares then outstanding. It being understood that after such retirement of prior lien preferred stock in any year dividends on the 2nd preferred stock aggregating \$7 per share may be declared and paid in that year without the retirement of further prior lien preferred stock in that year.

In the event of a default in the payment of the dividend on the prior lien preferred stock occurring and continuing for a period of two years from the date on which the dividends start to accumulate the holders of the prior lien preferred stock shall have the right at the next annual meeting of stockholders to elect a majority of the board of directors. Such right to continue thereafter until all accumulated dividends on the prior lien pref. stock have been paid in full. Such right and privilege to be re-established and vest in the prior lien pref. stock whenever a default in payment of dividend on the prior lien pref. stock for a similar two year period shall occur.

The present preferred stock represents a substantial cash investment on the part of its holders. They will receive for their present cumulative preferred stock the new non-cumulative 2nd preferred stock without any bonus of new common stock such as the bondholders obtain. The 2nd pref. stock may be retired only after all the prior lien preferred stock has been retired and, in the event of liquidation shall receive up to \$100 per share only after the prior lien preferred stock has been paid off in full. No dividend can be paid on the 2nd preferred stock until all dividends on the prior lien preferred stock have been first paid to such date.

The present holders of the common stock will receive new common stock at the rate of seven shares of new common for each 100 shares of old common. This rate of exchange reduces the percentage of common stock held by the present common stockholders to approximately two thirds and thereby makes available approximately one third of the common stock for delivery with the prior lien preferred stock to the holders of the debenture bonds with stock purchase warrants, if not already exercised, and Oct. 1 1931 and all subsequent coupons attached.

Conditional upon the reorganization plan becoming effective the holders of a large majority of the present common stock have agreed to place the new common stock which they will receive in the names of voting trustees for a period of five years in order to insure a continuity of management. This privilege will be available to all holders of the new common stock. The voting trustees who have been selected are Edwin H. Barker, Pres., Guaranty Life Insurance Co., New York; John B. Jeffress Jr., Treas., Continental Can Co., New York; Francis C. Newton, retired, Greenwich, Connecticut.

To assist in carrying out the plan of reorganization and for the further protection of the holders of securities a reorganization committee has been formed consisting of four members, two representing the holders of the debenture bonds; one the preferred stock and one the common stock as follows: H. R. Amett, Huntington P. Faxon, J. A. C. Jansen and Melvin Spencer.—V. 131, p. 2230.

Frost Steel & Wire Co., Ltd.—Defers Dividend.

The directors have voted to defer the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 % due Feb. 1 on the 7 % cum. red. pref. stock, but declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 % on the 7 % cum. red. s. f. first pref. stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. Quarterly distributions at these rates were made on the above stocks on Nov. 1 1931.—V. 134, p. 514.

General Electric Co.—Orders Received.

Period End. Dec. 31— 1931. 1930. 1929. 1928.
3 months—\$49,321,480 \$74,168,480 \$108,398,409 \$88,162,049
12 months—252,021,496 341,820,312 445,802,519 348,848,512
Sales billed and earnings for the year 1931 are not yet available, but the complete annual report will be forthcoming in March, it was announced.—V. 134, p. 333, 141.

General Motors Corp.—New Product.

The Faraday absorption, gas-operated household refrigerator, a new General Motors product, will be placed on the market within the next few months it was announced last week with beginning of tooling operations to production. The Faraday Refrigerator Corp. was incorporated a year ago in Delaware, and qualified in October 1931, as a foreign corporation in Ohio, for the purpose of marketing the new unit. R. F. Callaway is Vice-President in charge of sales. Sales of the Faraday refrigerator will be carried on through merchandising organizations of gas utilities, it was announced, with sale of the product confined for a while to a limited territory in the eastern natural gas area. Three models in the most popular household sizes will comprise the introductory line.

Buick Retail Sales Gain.

Retail deliveries by the Buick dealer organization from the introduction of new 1932 models on Nov. 14 through the first 10 days of January totaled 13,562 units, according to C. W. Churchill, Vice-President in charge of sales. This represents a substantial increase over last year. In the New York territory 488 of the new cars were delivered in the last 10 days of November and 1,462 during December, while unfilled orders at the New York branch on Jan. 1 totaled 934, including 582 regular models and 352 de luxe models. During the last 10 days of November 1930 Buick retail deliveries in this territory were 313, 253 in December 1930 and in the first 10 days of January 1931, 190.

Frigidaire Corp. Shipments Increased in 1931.

The Frigidaire Corp. announced three new household models with white duco exteriors to supplement its standard all-porcelain line. The new models, listed at the factory from \$160 up, will be known as the Moron line. They range from four to six cubic feet in capacity and are powered with a two-cylinder compressor. In 1931 Frigidaire built and shipped 35% more household models than it did in 1930. Most of these were porcelain finished products.—V. 134, p. 514, 333.

General Public Service Corp.—New Director.

Alan W. Hastings, Vice-President, has been elected a member of the board of directors.

Offers to Purchase Own Debentures.

The corporation recently published an offer to purchase \$200,000 of its own debentures at 67 and int. for the 5 % series and 75 and int. for the 5 1/2 % series. This offer expired on Jan. 22.—V. 134, p. 142.

Glidden Co., Cleveland.—Bonus Plan Approved.

The stockholders will shortly vote on a plan for granting options for the sale of the company's shares to officers and employees and authorizing the creation of a bonus fund to be available to the officers and employees for the purchase of the shares.

Secretary C. M. Kolb in a letter to the stockholders says: "Pursuant to the provisions contained in the articles of the company, the company has purchased approximately 35,000 common shares at an average price under \$8 a share. It is this stock which it is proposed to dispose of to officers and employees. A committee of disinterested directors heretofore

appointed by the board of directors has recommended a plan for the sale of such shares and the creation of such fund."

The plan provides for the granting of options to buy the stock at the average cost to the company plus 5 % interest from Dec. 1 1931, to the date of payment by the officers and employees. The bonus fund would be established by setting aside 5 % of the company's net earnings for the fiscal years ending on Oct. 31 1932, 1933 and 1934. This fund would be distributed among the employees and officers in the same proportion as the rights to purchase shares.

"A substantial part of the shares so purchased and set aside," Mr. Kolb's letter said, "for sale to officers and employees shall be allocated to the President of the company and a like proportion of the bonus fund created for distribution among them. The remainder shall be distributed among such officers and key men in the company's organization as the President may designate and as he shall report to the board of directors."—V. 134, p. 334.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.—Seeks to Reopen Case.

The company has filed a petition to reopen the case decided against it in favor of Overman Cushion Tire Co., which charged that Goodyear infringed on the Overman patents. Judgment was given the Overman company last week by Judge Paul Jones in Federal Court at Cleveland. The court ordered an accounting of damages, which Overman estimates at \$500,000. See V. 134, p. 514.

Grand Rapids Varnish Corp.—Stock Dividend Date.

The directors recently declared a 40% stock dividend on the capital stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20 (not Jan. 22 as previously reported). The New York Curb Exchange has ruled that the capital stock be not quoted ex-dividend on Jan. 20 and not until further notice.—V. 134, p. 514.

(F. & W.) Grand-Silver Stores, Inc.—Sales Decline.

1931—December—1930.	Decrease.	1931—12 Mos.—1930.	Decrease.
\$5,707,114	\$6,169,348	\$462,234	\$37,365,085
—V. 133, p. 3975, 3799.		\$37,836,243	\$471,158

Grand Union Co.—Sales Fall Off.

Retail sales of the Grand Union Co. for the 52 weeks ended Jan. 2 1932 amounted to \$35,239,902, as compared with sales for the 53 weeks ended Jan. 3 1931 of \$37,009,934—a decrease, on a weekly basis, of .0295.—V. 133, p. 3975, 3263.

Graymur Corp.—Earnings.

Period—	Calendar Years—		April 15 to Dec. 31 1929
	1931.	1930.	
Income—Dividends—	\$267,190	\$335,634	\$125,001
Interest—	11,056	28,917	156,948
Other—	3,275	15,353	19,091
Total—	\$281,521	\$379,904	\$301,042
General expenses—	37,328	36,935	23,350
State taxes—	988	963	9,517
Net income—	\$243,205	\$342,003	\$268,174
Dividends—	175,000	43,750	-----
Balance—	\$68,205	\$298,253	\$268,174
Previous earned surplus—	566,427	268,174	-----
Total earned surplus—	\$634,632	\$566,427	\$268,174

Analysis of Capital Surplus Dec. 31 1931.

Balance Jan. 1 1931	\$6,486,239
Deduct for net losses realized from sales of invest. for period Jan. 1 1931 to Dec. 31 1931:	
Total losses—	2,268,362
Total profits—	Cr 36,959
Capital surplus—	\$4,254,837

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Cash-in banks—	\$368,286	Accounts payable—	\$4,974
Notes receivable—	2,860	Reserve for taxes—	975
Accts. rec., current—	42,231	Accrued expenses—	1,377
Invest. at cost—	\$6,227,434	Stocks loaned—	112,650
Furn. & fixtures—	1,003	Common stock—	1,750,000
Prepaid insurance—	7	Paid in surplus—	4,254,837
		Earned surplus—	634,633
Total—	\$6,641,821	Total—	\$6,641,821

a Represented by 175,000 no par shares (of which 40,300 owned by corporation Dec. 31 1931.) b Made up as follows: Graymur Corp., (49,300 shares), \$935,953 (market value, \$639,762); real estate, \$101,889; other corporation, \$5,189,562 (market value, \$2,712,910). The report contains a list of securities owned as of Dec. 31 1931.—V. 133, p. 651.

Great American Indemnity Co., N. Y.—Rights, &c.

At the special meeting of stockholders held on Nov. 23 1931, the holders of more than two-thirds of all the outstanding stock of the company voted in favor of reducing the par value of each share of stock from \$10 to \$5 and thereby reducing the capital stock from \$1,500,000 to \$750,000. They also voted that the sum of \$750,000, representing the difference between the old capital stock and the reduced capital stock, should be retained by the corporation, and transferred from capital account to surplus, and that, after this reduction in capital had been effected, the capital stock should again be increased from \$750,000 to \$1,250,000, by increasing the number of shares from 150,000 to 250,000, of the par value of \$5 each. The stockholders further voted that the 100,000 shares of additional stock, to be created by the increase, should be offered to stockholders of record Nov. 23 1931, for subscription, in proportion to the number of the present shares held by them, respectively, at \$12.50 a share, payable in cash or in New York City funds, on or before Dec. 23 1931. Arrangements were made by which the Great American Investing Co., which holds a majority of the stock of this company, was to take up, at the subscription price, all of the new stock not subscribed for by other stockholders.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.—Sales.

	Dollars Volume		Tonnage Handled	
	1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Y January—	97,558,824	104,270,933	6,712,109	5,104,21
X February—	82,384,806	86,121,818	3,737,012	443,516
Y March—	82,718,571	83,975,552	1,256,951	435,292
Y April—	85,160,278	86,137,293	977,015	454,479
Y May—	102,946,053	104,673,214	1,727,161	563,223
Y June—	80,850,700	82,921,191	2,070,491	454,268
Y July—	95,527,987	96,723,670	1,195,688	515,095
Y August—	74,410,831	78,307,330	936,499	309,779
Y September—	74,641,542	77,019,441	2,377,999	411,883
Y October—	95,497,921	100,965,024	5,467,102	524,743
Y November—	74,702,978	79,824,093	5,121,115	418,762
Y December—	91,310,661	100,101,068	8,900,407	516,171
Total—	1,037,711,152	1,081,100,627	43,389,475	5,645,632

Four weeks period. Y Five weeks period.
Average weekly sales in December were \$18,262,132, as against \$20,020,213 in 1930, while average weekly tonnage sales were 103,234 compared with 102,871 in Dec. 1930.—V. 133, p. 3975, 3797.

Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co.—Dividend.

The directors on Jan. 18 declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share payable Feb. 15 1932 to holders of record on Feb. 5 1932. Stock books will be closed from Feb. 6 to Feb. 15 1932, both dates incl. As an item in our retrenchment program and to conserve cash resources, action on the extra dividend, usually declared at this time, was deferred for later consideration, announcement by this company says. An extra distribution of 25 cents per share was made on Feb. 14 1931.—V. 132, p. 1426.

Great Lakes Engineering Works.—Reduces Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 5c. per share on the common stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 25. A quarterly payment of 15c. per share was made on Aug. 1 and on Nov. 2 1931. Pre-

viously the company made quarterly distributions of 25c. per share on this issue. An extra dividend of 25c. per share was also paid on Dec. 22 1930.—V. 133, p. 809.

Gruen Watch Co., Cincinnati.—Defers Pref. Div., &c.—
The directors have decided to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% due Feb. 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last payment on this issue was made on Nov. 1 1931.

The quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Dec. 1 1931 on the common stock was omitted. A distribution of 25c. per share was made on Sept. 1 1931 as against 50c. per share previously each quarter.—V. 133, p. 1297.

(W. F.) Hall Printing Co.—To Retire \$200,000 of Preferred Stock.—

In conformity with sinking fund requirements the company will retire on Feb. 1, next, \$200,000 of a total of \$1,000,000 outstanding 6% pref. stock. This stock was issued in connection with the acquisition of the Art Color Printing Co.

The Hall company has purchased in the open market \$307,500 of its 5 1/4% bonds in anticipation of Mar. 15 sinking fund requirements.—V. 133, p. 4337.

Hayes Wheels & Forgings, Ltd., Chatham, Ont.—Selling Organizations Merge.—

Announcement is made of the merger of the selling organizations of Sonora Corp., Ltd., of Toronto, and Hayes Wheel & Forgings, Ltd., of Chatham, Merrittton and Toronto, the new company to be known as Hayes Products, Ltd.

The Sonora Corp. has for the past two years manufactured radio receiving sets in its Toronto plant. The plans will necessitate moving this plant to the Hayes Wheel factory at Chatham. The Sonora building will become the home of Hayes Products, and all of the efforts of the present Sonora organization will be combined with the sales organization of the Hayes company in expanding the sales of the combined companies.

This new company will market a widely diversified line of merchandise throughout the Dominion and in foreign markets. All of these products will be made in Canada by the Hayes Wheel & Forgings, Ltd. Economies in distribution to permit expansion are expected to arise from the concentrated sales organization.

The Canadian General Rubber Co. of Galt and O. & W. McVean, Ltd., are also owned and controlled by the Hayes Wheel company and their products will also be sold by the new Hayes Products company.—V. 132, p. 2975.

Heath Aircraft Co.—Dividends Payable Semi-Annually Instead of Quarterly as Heretofore.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 25 cents per share on the class B stock, no par value, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. Previously, the company paid quarterly dividends of 1 1/2% cents per share on this issue.

Hobart Mfg. Co., Troy, Ohio.—Smaller Distribution.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 18. This compares with quarterly distributions of 62 1/2 cents per share made on this issue from March 1 1929 to and incl. Dec. 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 1622.

Holly Development Co.—Earnings.—
For income statement for 11 months ended Nov. 30 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.

Assets—	Nov. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.	Liabilities—	Nov. 30 '31.	Dec. 31 '30.
Capital assets	\$2,646,555	\$961,996	Capital stock	\$900,000	\$900,000
Investm'ts & adv.	178,250	180,500	Dividend payable	—	22,500
Salvaged materials	—	355	Taxes accrued	10,585	—
Marketable secur.	235,226	—	Accts. payable	5,667	13,049
Accts. receivable	25,532	10,175	Res. for taxes	113,040	2,847
Inventory	9,166	1,184	Res. for deprec	736,484	—
Cash	123,336	315,144	Res. for deplet	831,800	—
Deferred charges	532	2,065	Res. for Fed. Inc. tax & contingencies	—	108,621
			Capital surplus	483,027	349,530
			Earned surplus	140,992	74,904
Total	\$3,221,598	\$1,471,450	Total	\$3,221,598	\$1,471,450

—V. 133, p. 2770.

(Geo. A.) Hormel & Co.—Smaller Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1. Previously the company made regular quarterly payments of 50c. per share on this issue.—V. 133, p. 3468.

Horni Signal Mfg. Corp.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share due Jan. 15 1932 on the partic. pref. stock. This rate had been paid from April 15 1930 to and incl. Oct. 15 1931.—V. 130, p. 2402.

Houston Oil Co. of Texas.—Smaller Preferred Dividend.—

The directors on Jan. 15 declared a semi-annual dividend of 37 1/2 cents per share on the outstanding \$8,947,600 6% cum. pref. stock, par \$25, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 19. Two semi-annual distributions of 75 cents each were made on this issue during 1931.—V. 133, p. 3099.

Household Finance Corp. (& Subs.)—Income Acct.—

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.
Gross income from operations	\$12,406,779	\$10,610,912
Operating expenses	6,355,181	5,145,705
Net income	\$6,051,597	\$5,465,207
Other income credits	20,562	32,352
Gross income	\$6,072,159	\$5,497,559
Interest paid	1,244,735	822,687
Federal income tax	588,188	569,619
Other	84,628	39,097
Net income	\$4,154,608	\$4,066,156
Participating preference dividends	733,389	695,453
Class A dividends	369,033	291,595
Class B common stock dividends	1,684,692	1,588,444
Balance, surplus	\$1,367,494	\$1,490,664

As the corporation increased the number of preference and common shares outstanding during the last month of the year, it is necessary to present the ratios both on the average number of shares outstanding during the year and on the actual number of shares outstanding at the end of the year.

Earnings on Average Number of Shares Outstanding During the Year.	1931.	1930.
Times fixed minimum dividend of \$3 per share on 179,025 preference shares in 1931 and 180,000 pref. shares in 1930—	7.73	7.53
Times current dividend of \$4.20 per share on preference shares as above	5.52	5.37
Earnings per share on 564,926 common A and B shares in 1931 and 524,944 common A and B shares in 1930, after allowing full participation of \$5 per share on average preference shares outstanding during year	\$5.77	\$6.03
Earnings on Number of Shares Outstanding at End of Year.		
Times fixed minimum dividend of \$3 per share on 209,207 preference shares in 1931 and 180,000 pref. shares in 1930—	6.62	7.53
Times current div. of \$4.20 per share on pref. shares as above	4.73	5.37
Earnings per share on 625,577 com. A and B shares in 1931 and 552,691 com. A and B shares in 1930, after allowing full participation of \$5 per share on pref. shares outstanding at end of year	\$4.99	\$5.73

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—	1931.	1930.	Liabilities—	1931.	1930.
Cash	\$ 6,465,611	4,622,969	Notes payable	\$ 20,125,000	16,814,500
Installment notes receivable	444,907,481	40,652,471	Empl. thrift acct.	256,581	316,769
Sundry notes and accts receivable	448,995	282,197	Divs. payable	780,887	677,422
Notes receiv., sale of cap. stock to empl. (secured)	157,707	155,029	Sundry acc'ts pay.	14,326	81,238
Other receivables	37,592	—	Fed'l income tax	588,188	569,619
Office equipment	466,788	410,297	Pur. money oblig.	1,430,333	1,930,333
			Res. for conting.	117,467	117,467
Total	52,484,173	46,122,964	Partic. pref. stock	10,460,350	8,850,000
			Com. class A stk.	3,319,350	2,135,525
			Com. class B stk.	12,370,075	11,681,750
			Surplus	3,121,617	2,918,341

A After reserve of \$916,479 (1930 \$410,637), not subject to write-off; all known losses written off against operations. b After depreciation. c 132,774 shares (no par), d 490,803 shares (no par), excluding 12,991 shares held in treasury.—V. 133, p. 4166.

Hudson River Navigation Corp.—Receivership.—

Federal Judge John C. Knox, Jan. 18, appointed the Irving Trust Co. as equity receiver for the mortgaged properties of the corporation on the petition of City Bank-Farmers Trust Co., trustee, of a bond issue.

In addition to asking for the appointment of a receiver, the trust company demands payment of principal and interest amounting to \$2,984,000, declared to be in default. Under the provisions of the mortgage, it is stated, the trustee may bring foreclosure proceedings for payment in full upon demand of holders of 25% of the bonds in event of default.

The complaint also charges a default in the payment of taxes, assessments, water rates and Governmental charges, and that although the City of New York awarded \$2,000,000 to the corporation in condemnation of pier properties, payment of that sum or the balance thereof has been refused pending settlement of liens and attachments amounting to \$150,000 which have been filed by creditors.

The petition states that the corporation's last annual report, dated Dec. 31 1930, listed assets of \$5,860,000 and liabilities of \$3,270,000.

John McManus, attorney for a committee of bondholders organized Nov. 4 under the Chairmanship of F. J. Lisman, requested the court to appoint an individual as co-receiver with the Irving Trust Co., suggesting Donald Baylies, the corporation's Secretary-Treasurer, or Philip Duranty, President of the Oriental Navigation Co. Judge Knox said he would wait until after a hearing on Jan. 28, before deciding on any additional appointment.

At the same time, Federal Judge Frank Cooper at Utica appointed Peter G. Ten Eyck, one of the directors, a receiver. This bankruptcy petition was signed by Carl Crosby as Vice-President and Howard J. Curtis as Secretary. Colonel Edward C. Carrington, is President of the line.

Woolard and Cogan, Counsel for the concern, said its action took precedence over that of the City Bank-Farmers Trust Co.—V. 133, p. 4337

Hughes-Franklin Theatres Co., Los Angeles, Calif.—Sells Five Units.—

The company has sold five of its Los Angeles theaters, to the Westland Theater Co., it is reported. Negotiations have been opened for the sale of 40 other theaters owned throughout western States. The 46 houses owned in Texas and Oklahoma will be retained by the corporation.

The five theaters which have just been sold had a total seating capacity of 5,244 patrons. The aggregate consideration under this deal was approximately \$150,000.

The Westland Theatre Co., is headed by Dave Bershon and Charles Turner.

The Hughes-Franklin Theatres Co. was formed in December 1930, by Howard Hughes, and Harold B. Franklin, the latter formerly associated with the Fox West Coast Theatres, Inc., with an authorized capitalization of \$5,000,000.

Hygrade Food Products Corp.—New Directors.—

William H. Mitchell and S. T. Toby have been elected to the board of directors. The following directors were re-elected: J. A. Sisto, T. G. Morley, Norris B. Henrotin, Theodore G. Smith, E. F. Gillespie, F. L. Havron, Samuel Slotkin, M. Rothenberger, John McKeon and Jacob Shapiro.—V. 134, p. 515.

Imperial Tobacco Co. of Great Britain & Ireland, Ltd.—Bonus of 7 1/2% and Final Dividend of 8%.—

The company has declared an extra dividend of 7 1/2% and a final dividend of 8% on the ordinary stock, both tax free. This makes a total of 22 1/2% for the year, as against 23 1/4% in the preceding 12 months. A year ago the company declared a final dividend of 9% and an extra of 7 1/2%.—V. 132, p. 1428.

Incorporated Investors.—Shareholders Increase.—

During the past year the number of shareholders of Incorporated Investors increased from 14,602 to 16,832, a net gain of 2,230. This is more than 50% greater than the increase of 1,481 during 1930. Every quarter during 1931 showed a substantial increase, the gain of 768 during the last quarter exceeding any similar period for the past two years.

The management of Incorporated Investors states that many of the present shareholders have also increased their holdings, approximately 54% of the total number of shares sold during the past quarter being to old stockholders.—V. 134, p. 515, 142.

Ingersoll-Rand Co.—Dividend Rate Reduced.—The directors on Jan. 20 declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. per share on the outstanding 1,000,000 shares of common stock, no par value, payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 2. Previously, the company made regular quarterly distributions of \$1 per share on this issue.—V. 132, p. 4774.

Inland Steel Co.—Acquisition.—

This company has purchased the bankrupt Mount Copper Boiler & Iron Co. of Tulsa, Okla., at a foreclosure sale in order to protect a claim which it had against the latter company, which has been closed for the past year. The Inland company did not buy it with the intention of operating it, but is going to offer it for sale.—V. 133, p. 2936.

International Harvester Co.—Changes in Personnel.—

A. E. McKinstry, Vice-President in charge of sales, has been elected 1st Vice-President. Sydney G. McAllister succeeded Cyrus McCormick Jr. as Vice-President in charge of manufacturing. Mr. McCormick remains as a member of the directorate.—V. 133, p. 2937.

International Power Securities Corp.—Earnings.—
Earnings for Year Ended Sept. 30 1931.

Interest earned	\$284,432
Dividends received	154,805
Profit on sale of securities	129,982
Miscellaneous	563
Accretion of discount & earned portion of discount on foreign obligations purchased (\$220,248) discount & expense on bonds issued—portion written off (\$197,676)	22,573
Total income	\$592,355
Interest on bank loans	6,988
Stationery, printing and supplies	1,444
Directors' fees	700
Taxes, other than Federal income tax	5,590
Salaries	19,366
Legal expenses	12,568
Custodian and trustee's fees	9,062
Foreign office expense	5,864
Miscellaneous	14,532
Reserve for Federal taxes on income	48,253
Net income	\$467,987

Note.—During the fiscal year the trustee for the various issues of corporation bonds expended in full payment of interest on these bonds \$2,233,579. This amount was earned during the same period from the foreign companies as interest upon their respective obligations, which are pledged as security for the bonds of the International Power Securities Corp. The

above method, which has been followed since the inception of the corporation, was established by the indentures under which the bonds were issued.

Earned Surplus Year Ended Sept. 30 1931.

Balance Oct. 1 1930	\$730,317
Adjustment of profit on sale of securities for the year ended Sept. 30 1930, to conform to bas s prescribed by U. S. Internal Revenue Department	22,224
Profit for year ended Sept. 30 1931 (as above)	467,987
Total	\$1,220,528
Dividends paid on preferred stock	\$424,404
Appropriated for redemption of preferred stock	46,861
Provision for securities written off—"Sagacia"	114,203
Add'l prov. for Federal inc. tax, year ended Sept. 30 1930	2,611
Balance Sept. 30 1931	\$632,449

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1931.

<i>Assets—</i>	
Securities deposited with trustee as coll. under trust indenture securing \$32,612,000 bonds, per contra; par value \$32,612,000 at cost, plus accretion of discount	\$29,845,803
Accrued interest thereon	554,550
Other securities including 975 shares of com. stock of the corporation at cost (market value approximately \$5,959,375*) partially pledged per contra	8,654,957
Accrued interest and dividends receivable	84,776
Cash	48,737
Special fund for redemption of preferred stock	2,366
Deferred charges—unamortized bond discount and expense	2,503,063
Total	\$41,694,252
<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Sinking fund gold bonds (secured by deposit with trustee of securities having a par value of \$32,612,000 per contra)	\$32,612,000
Accrued interest thereon	554,550
Loans payable (secured, per contra)	500,000
Accounts payable	14,827
Reserve for Federal taxes on income	155,573
Reserve for redemption of preferred stock	2,366
Capital stock	x7,099,485
Capital surplus arising from retirement of pref. stock	123,000
Earned surplus	632,449
Total	\$41,694,252

*12,800 shares of Berlin Power & Light Corp., class A common, 500 Reichsmark par value, are included at their cost in the absence of a readily ascertainable market value. x Outstanding 70,379 shares of \$6 cum. pref. stock, series A, of no par value and 175,000, series A of no par value and 175,000 shares of com. stock of no par value.—V. 133, p. 3788.

Interstate Department Stores, Inc.—Sales Fall Off.—

1931—Dec.—1930	Decrease, 1	1931—12 Mos.—1930	Decrease
\$2,649,680	\$3,069,967	\$420,287	\$21,409,587
—V. 133, p. 3976, 3977.			\$21,784,712
			\$375,125

Jackson & Curtis Securities Corp.—To Reduce Stated Value of Stock.—

A special meeting of the holders of preferred stock will be held Jan. 28 for the following purposes:

(1) To act upon a proposal to change the preferred stock (par \$100) to stock without par value, without otherwise impairing or diminishing the preferences, voting powers, restrictions and qualifications of said shares.

(2) To act upon a proposal to reduce the capital of the corporation to \$125,000 by transferring from the capital account to surplus the total net assets in excess of that amount.

(3) To act upon a proposal to amend the agreement of association and articles of organization so that no dividends may hereafter be paid upon the common stock which shall at any time reduce the net assets, in the judgment of the directors, below \$100 per share for each share of preferred stock outstanding.

G. Peabody Gardner, Jr., in a letter to the holders of preferred stock states: The preferred stock has a par value of \$100 per share and was originally issued for that amount, paid into the corporation in cash. There are outstanding 7,500 shares of this stock, of which 642 shares are held in the treasury. In addition, there are outstanding 2,500 shares of class A common stock and 2,500 shares of class B common stock, each without par value, for which \$100 per share in cash was paid into the corporation at its organization, making, with the preferred stock, a total original capital of \$1,250,000.

The shrinkage in market value of securities owned has impaired the capital so that it will be necessary to reduce the capital in order to continue the payment of dividends on the preferred stock. It is proposed to convert the preferred shares into shares without par value, retaining, however, the same preferences and dividend rights, i.e., \$6 cumulative preferred dividends payable quarterly, with the right to receive \$100 per share in liquidation, and callable at \$110 a share. At the same time, the capital of the corporation will be reduced to the nominal sum of \$125,000 by transferring from the capital account to surplus the balance of the net assets and at the same time providing that no dividends may be paid at any time below \$100 per share for each share of preferred stock outstanding. This will permit the corporation to continue paying dividends on the preferred stock, payments being made either out of income received or surplus, as may be necessary.

Comparative Income Account for Calendar Years.

	1931.	1930.	1929.
Dividends	\$38,625	\$63,285	\$59,628
Interest	7,405	2,553	
Net loss from sale of securities	99,693	188,799	prof 368,540
Total loss	\$53,664	\$122,960	prof \$28,168
Interest (net)	371	5,643	4,236
Miscellaneous expenses	2,244	1,518	1,595
Reserve for State and Federal taxes	1,500	17,500	78,000
Net loss	\$57,779	\$137,623	prof \$344,336
Dividends on preferred stock	45,000	45,000	45,000
Dividends on common stock, class A			100,000
Dividends on common stock, class B			100,000
Balance to earned surplus	def \$102,779	def \$182,623	sur \$99,336

Earned Surplus Account Dec. 31 1931.

Credit balance Jan. 1 1931	
Net loss for 1931 after pref. divs. (as above)	\$337,815
Tax adjustments	102,779
Dividends on treasury stock	931
Dividends on treasury stock	Cr. 666
Balance earned surp. Dec. 31 1931	\$234,772

Comparative Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

<i>Assets—</i>		<i>Liabilities—</i>	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
Securities	\$31,403,663	Res. for State & Federal taxes	\$4,154
Cash	24,983	Preferred stock	750,000
Call loan	45,000	Common A stock	250,000
Accts. receivable	2,872	Common B stock	250,000
Treasury stock	56,182	Capital surplus	43,775
	2,325	Earned surplus	234,772
Total	\$1,532,701	Total	\$1,532,701

x Appraised value of securities, \$478,897, exclusive of treasury stock.—V. 132, p. 1629.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Sales Again Lower.—

The company reports that its sales for the five weeks ended Jan. 2 1932 were \$1,203,012, as compared with \$1,220,163 for the four weeks ended Dec. 27 1930, a decrease of 1.41%. The average number of sales routes for the same weeks was 1,278 in 1930 and 1,335 in 1931, an increase of 4.46% in selling units. The year ended with 1,334 routes in operation. Sales for the year 1931 were \$13,695,215 as compared with \$15,475,240 for 1930, a decrease of 11.50%. The average number of sales routes

operated in 1930 was 1,246 and 1,312 in 1931, an increase of 5.30% in selling units.

<i>Period—</i>		1931.	1930.	Decrease.
First four weeks		\$1,066,913	\$1,202,513	11.28%
Second four weeks		1,107,352	1,206,490	8.22%
Third four weeks		1,091,724	1,254,869	15.03%
Fourth four weeks		1,088,493	1,257,748	13.46%
Fifth four weeks		1,094,448	1,254,320	12.73%
Sixth four weeks		1,031,723	1,136,040	9.13%
Seventh four weeks		1,108,579	1,207,130	8.16%
Eighth four weeks		961,983	1,060,493	9.29%
Ninth four weeks		930,519	1,099,650	15.38%
Tenth four weeks		989,420	1,169,936	15.43%
Eleventh four weeks		998,724	1,158,230	13.77%
Twelfth four weeks		1,022,317	1,217,651	16.04%
Thirteenth four weeks		x1,203,012	1,220,168	1.41%
Year		\$13,695,215	\$15,475,240	11.50%
x Five weeks.—V. 133, p. 4167.				

(R. F.) Johnston Paint Co., Cincinnati.—Sale Confirmed.—

Formal order accepting the bid of \$207,800 made in December by the Foy Paint Co., Inc., Cincinnati, for the purchase of the assets of the R. F. Johnston Paint Co., and confirming the sale by William A. Dail, as receiver, has been entered by Robert R. Nevin, U. S. District Judge. The Court also approved an agreement between the purchaser and the receiver to the effect that the Foy company retain \$25,000 of the purchase price to protect itself from loss in the event the complainant in the trade-mark infringement suit of S. C. Johnson & Sons vs. the R. F. Johnston Paint Co. wins a decree enjoining the use of the name "Johnston" on paint and kindred products.

The trade-mark suit was brought by Johnson & Son in the U. S. District Court at Cincinnati several months ago, after the receivership of the Johnston company.—V. 133, p. 4338.

Kelvinator Corp.—To Retire Bonds.—

At the annual meeting of the stockholders, a resolution was passed recommending to the directors that the balance of the company's funded debt, which on Sept. 30 1931, was \$1,073,000, be retired. This figure is represented by 10-year 6% 1st mtge. s. f. gold bonds due Dec. 1 1936 of the Electric Refrigeration Building Corp. Control of the latter was acquired early last year by the Kelvinator Corp.

January Sales Higher.—

At the annual stockholders' meeting of Kelvinator Corp. President George W. Mason stated that the question of dividends had been given thought and discussion by the directors.

Commenting upon the company's current position and the prospects for the coming year, Mr. Mason called attention to the fact that the annual convention, which previously has been held in October and which was therefore a decided stimulant to December quarter business, has been put forward to the latter part of January this year, just prior to the spring selling season. This has resulted in a decrease in sales during the December quarter which it is anticipated the March quarter will pick up. Mr. Mason said the sales volume of the entire December quarter is normally less than three weeks' volume during either March, April or May. Orders received for January to date show an increase of 24% over the corresponding period last year. See also V. 134, p. 516.

(D. Emil) Klein Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

<i>Years Ended Dec. 31—</i>		1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross profit from sales	\$920,268	\$859,121	\$894,423	\$794,394	
Selling, administrative & general expenses	370,588	356,846	360,637	294,813	
Net profit from sales	\$549,680	\$502,276	\$533,786	\$499,580	
Other income	26,034	30,996	31,053	29,222	
Gross income	\$575,714	\$533,271	\$564,838	\$528,803	
Charges against income	123,364	102,861	99,423	104,022	
Federal income taxes	87,730	53,115	51,001	48,258	
Net profit for year	\$364,620	\$377,294	\$414,414	\$376,522	
Preferred dividends	57,498	66,862	70,000	70,000	
Common dividends	99,213	75,000			
Balance, surplus	\$207,909	\$235,432	\$344,414	\$306,522	
Shares of common stock outstanding (no par)	97,665	100,000	100,000	100,000	
Earnings per share	\$3.14	\$3.10	\$3.44	\$3.06	

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

<i>Assets—</i>		1931.	1930.	<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Machinery & fixtures				7% cum. pref. stk.	\$786,000
equipment, betterment & impts.	x\$85,900	\$29,650		Common stock	y170,913
Securities owned—				Reserve for contingencies	50,000
at cost	40,500	13,000		Reserve for discount on account receivable	9,494
Good-will, brands, trade-marks, &c	1	1		Reserve for Federal income tax	87,730
Cash	243,615	152,124		Reserve for N. Y. State franchise tax	
Accts. rec.—Trade	474,717	582,790		Surplus	849,131
Mdse. inventories	1,007,320	987,498			666,797
Adv. payment on tobacco contract	20,000				
Notes & trade accounts receivable	40,522	36,557			
Loans receivable	10,763	16,482			
Cash surr. value of life insur. policy	8,153	6,623			
Prepaid ins., int., tax, rent & duty	21,780	8,500			
Rent deposit		3,100			
Total	\$1,953,270	\$1,836,327	Total	\$1,953,270	\$1,836,327

x After depreciation of \$59,653. y Represented by 97,665 shares no par stock.—V. 133, p. 2608.

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—Dividend Meeting in February.—

"Reports that the company will reduce its common dividend are without foundation in fact," President Charles B. Van Dusen said. "The facts are the directors have not discussed dividends. They have not felt the necessity of it."

The directors are scheduled to meet next month for dividend action on the common stock, which is on a \$1.60 annual basis.—V. 134, p. 335.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—Earnings.—

<i>Calendar Years—</i>		1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Stores operated		221	212	203	193
Sales	\$69,041,926	\$69,283,102	\$68,474,993	\$65,054,637	
Cost of mdse. sold, oper. expenses and rent	63,182,101	63,131,447	61,367,606	58,001,186	
Deprec. & amortization	919,456	840,090	855,248	828,062	
Federal taxes	723,309	692,875	700,000	750,000	
Interest	52,232				
Net profit	\$4,164,828	\$4,618,689	\$5,522,139	\$5,475,388	
Other income	851,653	723,917	312,261	152,313	
Total income	\$5,016,481	\$5,342,606	\$5,834,400	\$5,627,702	
Previous surplus	23,163,165	20,203,301	15,889,919	11,748,747	
Total surplus	\$28,179,646	\$25,545,907	\$21,724,319	\$17,376,449	
Divs. on com. stock	1,174,133	(\$1)1,175,959	(\$1)975,030	(\$1)971,197	
Stock div. paid in special pref. 6% cum. stock	1,173,814	(\$1)1,124,732	50c)487,892	50c)486,385	
Divs. on 6% special pref.	135,300	82,050	58,096	28,949	
Total surplus	\$25,696,399	\$23,163,166	\$20,203,301	\$15,889,919	
Shs. common stock outstanding (no par)	1,178,787	1,178,787	975,783	972,770	
Earns. per share on com.	\$4.14	\$4.46	\$5.92	\$5.76	

—V. 134, p. 335.

Lancaster Processes, Inc. (N. Y.).—Acquisition, &c.—
The corporation has been formed to manufacture and to issue licenses to manufacture a variety of products made from asphalt and waste paper by an entirely new process which has just been developed. Thomas Robinson, formerly with the Anaconda Copper Mining Co., is President of the new company which has been organized under the laws of New York State with a capitalization of 3,000 no par value common shares.
The new company has purchased the patents and goodwill of the Emulsion Process Co., and has just put into operation a plant producing asphalt emulsion. In addition to the normal uses of this product, the emulsion will be employed in connection with waste products to produce roofing shingles, roofing felt, waterproof wall board, imitation leather, floor coverings and materials for road construction. The company has leased the old plant of the General Bronze Co. in Long Island City for the installation of its first manufacturing and demonstrating unit.

Lane Drug Stores, Inc.—Receivership.—
Charles C. Keedy, Attorney, at Wilmington, and William C. Neely, of Hagerstown, Md., have been appointed by Chancery Court at Wilmington, Del., as receivers for this company, which operates a chain of 37 retail drug stores in Atlanta, Ga., Jacksonville, Fla., and Knoxville, Tenn. The bill was filed by the Adair Realty & Loan Co. of Atlanta, Ga. The corporation admitted insolvency and consented to the appointment of the receivers. On Jan. 13 this year the company defaulted in payment of \$300,000 borrowed on demand notes. Negotiations for reorganization and refinancing of the company, the bill of complaint stated, are in progress.—V. 132, p. 2597.

Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc.—Earnings.—
For income statement for 6 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 1623.

Lenolt National Securities Co.—No Dividends.—
The directors recently deferred dividend action due at this time on the 7% pref. stock, par \$20, and on the no par value common A and common B stocks.

On Oct. 1 1931 quarterly distributions of 35 cents per share on the pref. and 25 cents per share on the common stocks were made.

Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.—4% Extra Dividend.—
The directors on Jan. 20 declared an extra dividend of 4% (\$1 per share) and the regular quarterly dividend of 4% (\$1 per share) on the common and common B stocks, par \$25, all payable March 1 to holders of record Feb. 15. An extra dividend of \$1 a share was also paid on March 1 1929, on March 1 1930 and on March 2 1931.

Income Account for Calendar Years.

	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Net profits, incl. divs. from subsidiary cos.	\$24,810,356	\$25,691,471	\$23,720,288	\$21,125,560
Difference between purchase price and par of 7% bds.	28,507	20,288	25,106	30,024
Interest on bonds	1,660,467	1,668,867	1,678,054	1,686,892
Net income	\$23,121,382	\$24,002,315	\$22,017,128	\$19,408,644
Pref. dividends (7%)	1,575,987	1,575,987	1,575,987	1,575,987
Common dividends (20%)	15,684,595	14,639,189	13,071,190	13,071,190
Balance, surplus	\$5,860,800	\$7,787,139	\$7,369,951	\$4,761,467
Previous surplus	28,212,023	20,424,884	53,764,643	49,003,175
Reduction of good-will, brands & trade marks			40,709,710	
Profit and loss	\$34,072,823	\$28,212,023	\$20,424,884	\$53,764,642
Shs. com. & com. "B" stk. outst'g (par \$25)	3,136,919	3,136,919	2,614,238	2,614,238
Earnings per share	\$6.87	\$7.15	\$7.82	\$6.82

* This is the difference between purchase price and par of 7% gold bonds of this company (par \$122,000) purchased and canceled during the year as required by trust indenture.

Comparative Balance Sheet December 31.

Assets—	1931.		1930.		Liabilities—	1931.		1930.	
	\$	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Real estate, machinery and fixtures	23,988,007	23,215,434	7% pref. stock	22,514,100	22,514,100	Common stock	21,496,400	21,496,400	
Brands, trade-marks, good-will, &c.	1	1	Com. stock B	56,926,575	56,926,575	7% bonds	12,994,600	13,116,600	
Leaf tobacco, manufac. stk. & oper. sup.	90,044,682	101,131,856	5% bonds	15,059,600	15,059,600	Accr. int. pay.	541,147	543,282	
Stks. in sub. cos.	492,584	492,584	Pf. div. pay. Jan.	393,997	393,997	Accounts & bills payable	991,482	2,033,463	
Securities	4,476,164	4,476,164	Res. for taxes, advances, &c.	3,001,301	3,097,207	Deprec. reserve	11,718,110	10,776,109	
Pref. stocks	2,480,785		Special reserves	832,560	623,846	Profit and loss	34,072,823	28,212,023	
U. S. State & munic. bonds	20,930,450								
Cash	27,075,001	33,021,432							
Bills & accounts receivable	11,005,022	12,455,730							
Total	180,542,696	174,793,201	Total	180,542,696	174,793,201				

—V. 132, p. 4776.

Lincoln Motor Co., Detroit.—Show Orders Higher.—
The company reports that retail sales at the New York Automobile Show were greater in volume than at any other national show in its history. A total of 172 orders for new Lincoln eight-cylinder and 12-cylinder cars were closed in New York during show week. The volume was approximately 140% greater than in 1931.—V. 133, p. 1623.

Lit Brothers Co., Philadelphia.—New President.—
Jacob D. Lit has been elected President to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Samuel D. Lit.—V. 133, p. 3976.

Long Bell Lumber Corp.—Protective Committee.—
Acting upon the suggestion of R. A. Long, Chairman of the board, that Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., form a committee to invite deposits of first mortgage bonds of the company and in this way provide means for concerted and constructive action on the part of the bondholders to deal with the situation represented by Mr. Long in his recent letter to bondholders, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., announce the completion of the committee and acceptance by all members.
The committee will consist of C. T. MacNeille (Halsey, Stuart & Co.), Chairman; James R. Leavelle, President of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., and E. C. Cronwall, President of the First National Bank, Chicago; E. F. Swinney, Chairman of the board, First National Bank, Kansas City; M. W. S. McLucas, Chairman of the board, Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City; M. E. Wakefield, President of the First National Bank, Kansas City; Paul H. Saunders, President of P. H. Saunders Co., New Orleans; Walter W. Smith, President First National Bank, St. Louis; Sidney Mastre, President Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis; Charles R. Blyth, President of Blyth & Co., Inc., San Francisco.
The committee will have counsel in both Kansas City and Chicago, namely, Poppenhusen, Johnston, Thompson & Cole of Chicago, and Lathrop, Crane, Reynolds, Sawyer & Mersereau of Kansas City.
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago, will serve as depository with agents in the following cities: Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City; First Trust Co., Minneapolis; Halsey, Stuart & Co., New York; Hibernia Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans; Mississippi Valley Trust Co., St. Louis, and the Bank of California, N. A., San Francisco.

"Since announcement made by us on Jan. 10 of the request to form the committee," said C. T. MacNeille, "the suit for receivership has been filed in the Federal Court in Kansas City. We are advised by the company that they will resist this action to the utmost. The committee feel that such a suit at this time is decidedly destructive and will use their efforts as the company's largest creditor to defeat it. The personnel of this committee is exceptional and I consider the bondholders very fortunate to have such a group to look to for guidance at this time. A letter will shortly be mailed by the committee to the bondholders, recommending the prompt deposit of bonds, which is especially important in view of impending legal action."

Kansas City Groups Oppose Receivership.

The Merchants' Association and the Real Estate Board of Kansas City have adopted resolutions urging the withdrawal of receivership proceedings against the company. The Merchants' Association has offered to assist in resisting the receivership proceedings. Counsel for the company are confident the company can successfully resist the application. M. B. Nelson, President, states a receivership "would entail unnecessary expense and with patience everybody we owe will receive 100 cents on the dollar."—V. 134, p. 517.

McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Ltd.—Earnings.—
For income statement for 3 and 9 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2609.

(Arthur G.) McKee & Co.—\$1,000,000 Refinery Award.—
The company, through its associate, Schneider et Cie at Paris, has been awarded the initial contracts in connection with a \$1,000,000 oil refinery project in France. The contract calls for the design and construction of primary crude oil distillation equipment costing approximately \$1,000,000. The equipment is for the Normandy refinery, to be erected at Le Havre on the Trancarville canal, the first of two large refineries which will utilize the French share of the Iraq oil output and supply a large part of French oil requirements.—V. 133, p. 2609.

Maryland Casualty Co.—New Director.—
W. Conwell Smith has been elected a director to fill a vacancy.—V. 133, p. 4168.

May Department Stores Co.—Subs. Retires Bonds.—
The May Building Co., a subsidiary, has called for redemption March 1 1932, all of its 1st mtge. leasehold bonds, due March 1 1933. A second mortgage bond issue also will be called March 1. The outstanding bonds of both issues total about \$400,000.—V. 132, p. 2599.

Melrose Building, Chicago.—Deposit of Bonds.—
First mortgage bonds of the 15-story Melrose Apartment Building to the amount of 94.2% of \$1,180,000 outstanding have been deposited with the George M. Forman Realty Trust of Chicago or are under its control, the Trust has announced. The issue defaulted in interest and principal payments July 15 1930.
The building is operated by the George M. Forman Realty Trust, formed to acquire defaulted bonds of some of the issues sold by George M. Forman & Co., so as to realize for co-operating bondholders the maximum returns possible on the defaulted securities. The bondholders' advisory committee has advised all bond owners to deposit their holdings with the Trust.
In the case of foreclosure on any building the Trust points out that the non-depositing bondholder "would not be in a very good position." The Trust recently bid in one building at 11 cents on the dollar. Minority bondholders get only their proportionate share of the sales price. Depositing bondholders are obtaining an income from their investment and are declared to have good insurance of ultimately getting back practically all if not their entire original investment.—V. 122 p. 621.

Mickelberry's Food Products Co.—Omits Stock Div.—
The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of 15c. per share on the common stock. In 1931 four quarterly dividends of 2 1/2% in common stock were also paid on this issue, in addition to the usual quarterly cash dividends of 15c. per share.—V. 134, p. 144.

Mid-City Co. of America, Inc.—Off List.—
At a meeting of the board of directors of the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago held Jan. 19 it was ordered that the 60,000 shares of common stock of the Mid-City Co. of America, Inc. be removed from the list and trading effective at the close of business Jan. 23 1932.—V. 130, p. 2596.

Midland Grocery Co., Columbus, Ohio.—Div. Omitted.
The directors have decided to omit the annual dividend of 3% ordinarily payable about Feb. 1 on the common stock, par \$100. This rate had been paid every year from Feb. 1 1928 to Feb. 1 1931, incl.

Midland Properties, Inc.—Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash on deposit	\$3,289	Accounts payable for expenses, salaries, &c.	\$3,997
Land, bldgs., equipment, &c.	\$1,490,960	Tenant's deposits on leases	10,600
Good-will	1	Mortgages payable (due Oct. 1 1932)	549,700
Unexpired insurance premiums & prepaid taxes	14,833	Deferred income (rent paid in advance)	7,292
		8% preferred stock	920,000
		Common stock	\$17,499
Total	\$1,509,083	Total	\$1,509,083

x After reserve for depreciation of \$356,400. y Represented by 150,000 no par shares.

Note.—Accumulated dividends on pref. stock not declared or paid at Dec. 31 1931, amounted to 60% of the par value of the outstanding pref. stock. We were informed that pending actions started against the stock and this company, for alleged injuries sustained in the theatre, amounted to \$65,000, which we were informed was covered by insurance.

Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.—Common Dividends to Be Paid Quarterly.—

The directors have declared two quarterly dividends of 75c. a share each on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 and May 14 to holders of record Feb. 4 and May 4, respectively, continuing the annual dividend rate of \$3, which in the past two years has been disbursed in two semi-annual payments of \$1.50 each, the last payment at the latter rate having been made on Aug. 15 1931.
The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the preferred stock, payable April 1 to holders of record March 19.—V. 133, p. 654.

Missouri State Life Insurance Co.—Contest for Control Ends.—

The stockholders at their annual meeting held on Jan. 19, ratified the election of directors agreed upon in a recent caucus after the election of Federal Judge Charles I. Dawson of Louisville as President. Judge Dawson succeeds Hillsman Taylor, who resigned to settle a factional dispute among stockholders.
Ernest Woodward of Louisville, former law partner of Judge Dawson, and William T. Nardin of St. Louis, Vice-President and General Manager of the Pet Milk Co., were elected, succeeding W. S. Bransford of Nashville, Tenn., capitalist, and Melvin L. Emerich, of Chicago, broker. Eleven directors were re-elected.—V. 133, p. 3265.

(Philip) Morris & Co., Ltd.—Dividends Covered.—

Pres. R. M. Ellis says: "Profits of this company are showing a steadily increasing trend. The condition of the company's business is healthy. These things are to me an assurance that every probability indicates that dividends will continue regularly and undiminished."—V. 133, p. 2773.

Muncie Gear Co.—Earnings.—

Calendar Years—	1931.	1930.	1929.	1928.
Gross sales	\$287,010	\$422,639	\$611,017	\$1,264,061
Cost of sales	253,163	328,628	464,768	882,724
Selling, gen. & admin. expenses & deprec.	113,672	133,049	150,633	129,208
Operating loss	\$79,826	\$39,038	\$4,386	prof\$252,130
Other income	9,990	6,124	9,464	11,281
Total loss	\$69,836	\$32,914	prof\$5,078	prof\$263,411
Int., disc. & other exp.	23,202	2,099	1,202	2,905
Federal taxes				32,000
Net loss	\$93,038	\$35,013	prof\$3,878	prof\$228,506
Earns. per sh. on 56,250 shs. com. stk. (no par)	Nil	Nil	\$0.07	\$2.72

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities for years 1931 and 1930. Assets include Land, bldgs. & eq., Patents & g'd-will, etc. Liabilities include Cap. stk. & surp., Notes payable, etc.

a Represented by class A stock, 37,500 shares (no par); common stock, 56,250 shares (no par).—V. 133, p. 299.

Mohawk Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.—To Revise Bond Provisions.—

The preferred stockholders will vote Feb. 8 on ratifying an agreement between the company and bankers providing for modification of bond payments and extension of final maturities of bonds and bank indebtedness.

In the past year bond payments were \$150,000 and under the new agreement the minimum payment for 1932 will be \$50,000, for 1933, \$75,000 and thereafter \$100,000 a year until 1938 for both bonds and bank indebtedness.

The company has \$368,000 collateral trust 6% serial debentures maturing in 1932 and 1933.—V. 133, p. 813.

National Battery Co.—Dividend Outlook.—

In a letter to the stockholders which accompanied the dividend of 50c. per share payable Jan. 8, the company stated that it was doubtful if any further dividends will be paid on the common stock during the fiscal year which ends June 30 next.

National Distillers Products Corp.—Extends Offer.—

President Seton Porter, Jan. 12, in a letter to the stockholders, says in substance:

Under date of Dec. 15 1931, we advised the stockholders of negotiations looking to the ultimate acquisition by this company of outstanding stock of the American Medicinal Spirits Co.

Under even date the committee of preferred stockholders in advising of an extension of time to deposit until Feb. 1 1932, states as follows:

Certain owners of pref. stock of the American Medicinal Spirits Co. who have pledged themselves to deposit under the plan but have found themselves unable to deposit, or complete their deposits, within the time limited, by reason of the necessity of compliance with certain legal requirements...

A meeting of stockholders will be held on Feb. 8. See V. 134, p. 51.

National Liberty Insurance Co.—Smaller Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 20 cents per share on the new capital stock of \$2 par value, payable Jan. 25 to holders of record Jan. 21.

This compares with regular semi-annual dividends of 25 cents per share paid in January and July 1931 on the old \$5 par stock for which new \$2 par value shares were issued in exchange on a share for share basis.—V. 133, p. 3799.

National Republic Investment Trust.—Personnel.—

The following have been elected officers: C. S. Castle as Chairman of the Board; H. E. Otte, President; John W. O'Leary, Treasurer, and David Adler, Secretary.—V. 133, p. 2609.

National Short Term Securities Corp.—To Consider Common Dividends Semi-Annually Instead of Quarterly.—

The directors have voted to consider dividends on the class A common stock semi-annually for payment in July and January, and have omitted action on the quarterly dividend which would ordinarily have been payable on Feb. 1 1932.

National Sugar Refining Co.—Divs. Earned, &c.—

President James H. Post states that "the company earned the dividend of \$2 a share in 1931 and also added about \$800,000 to \$900,000 to surplus, after payment of interest, taxes, depreciation, &c.

In accordance with its fixed policy the company set aside ample reserves for depreciation. The efficiency of its plants has been noticeably increased during the past year and further improvements and economies are contemplated.—V. 132, p. 2211.

National Trust Shares.—95% of Holders Exercise Modification Right.—

Holders of approximately 95% of National Trust Shares have accepted an offer to subject their shares to a modification of the trust indenture, which will postpone for about two years the operation of the trust elimination provision based on market values.

The modification contains a unique provision by which proceeds of eliminated stocks, aggregating 25 cents or more per trust share, may, under certain conditions, be distributed to certificate holders prior to the next semi-annual distribution date.

Trust shares currently offered, together with previously issued shares subjected to the modification, are designated National Trust Shares (modified), and are evidenced by certificates of ownership in 37 common stocks deposited with Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. as trustee.

Nation-Wide Securities Co.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 7c. per share on the series B trust certificates, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Payment will be made at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York.

Neptune Meter Co.—Preferred Dividend for 1932.—

The directors have declared the regular annual dividend of \$8 per share on the pref. stock, payable in four quarterly payments of \$2 on Feb. 15, May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 15 to holders of record Feb. 1, May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1, respectively.

Action on the class A and class B common stock is scheduled for about the middle of February, a quarterly dividend of 30 cents per share on these stocks having been paid on Dec. 25 last. See V. 133, p. 3472.

Naumkeag Steam Cotton Co.—Annual Report.—

Table with columns for Production (Yards), Sales (Yards), Receipts, and Dividends for years 1931 through 1927.

Comparative Income Account Years Ended Nov. 30.

Table comparing income accounts for years 1931, 1930, 1929, and 1928. Includes Net after depreciation, Losses attributable to falling cotton market, Net profits, Dividends, and Earnings per share.

Comparative Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Table comparing balance sheets for years 1931 and 1930. Includes Assets (Real est. & constr., Cash, Accts receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Accounts payable, etc.).

Total ----- 9,656,734 10,262,876 Total ----- 9,656,734 10,262,876 a After reserve for depreciation of \$3,615,700.—V. 133, p. 2112.

New Process Co.—Common Stock Placed on a \$1 Annual Dividend Basis.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the preferred stock, and a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, both payable Feb. 1 1932 to holders of record Jan. 26 1932.

New York & Honduras Rosario Mining Co.—To Pay Extra Dividend of 1 1/4%.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 1/4% and an extra dividend of 1 1/4% (not 2 1/4% as erroneously reported last week) both payable Jan. 30 to holders of record Jan. 19.

A special extra dividend of 5% for 1930 on the common stock was paid on Dec. 26 1931, while on Jan. 31 and April 25 1931 extra distributions of 2 1/2% each were made.—V. 133, p. 3978.

Northern Pipe Line Co.—Capitalization Decreased.—

The stockholders on Jan. 21 voted to reduce the capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$1,200,000 and to change the par value to \$10 from \$50 per sh.

The directors on Jan. 22 authorized the payment to stockholders of \$20 a share from capital stock reduction account. Upon surrender of the old \$50 par certificates at the company's office, checks will be mailed or delivered, together with new certificates having par value of \$10, three shares of which will be issued in exchange for one share of \$50 par stock.—V. 133, p. 3472.

North River Insurance Co.—Initial Dividend.—

An initial quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share has been declared on the new capital stock, par \$5, payable March 10 to holders of record Feb. 29.

See also V. 133, p. 3266, 4339.

Ohio State Life Insurance Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$2.50 per share, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 16.

An extra payment of like amount was made a year ago.—V. 132, p. 867.

Oil Shares, Inc.—Defers Dividend Action.—

The directors have voted to defer action on the dividend due at this time on the pref. stock. Distributions of 25 cents each were made on this issue on July 17 and Oct. 29 1931.—V. 133, p. 3102.

Ontario Steel Products Co., Ltd.—Omits Common Div.

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend usually payable about Feb. 15 on the common stock, no par value. Distributions of 20c. per share were made on May 15, Aug. 15 and Nov. 16 last, as compared with 40c. per share previously each quarter.—V. 133, p. 1462.

Oppenheim, Collins & Co., Inc.—Dividend Again Decreased.—

The directors on Jan. 19 declared a quar. dividend of 25c. a share on the common stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 29. The previous dividend paid was 50c. a share on Nov. 16 1931.

This also compares with quarterly distributions of 75c. a share made from Aug. 15 1930 to and incl. Aug. 15 1931.—V. 133, p. 3639.

Oshawa (Ont.) Buildings, Ltd.—Interest Passed.—

Following a period of poor earnings due to business conditions, the company failed to meet interest due Jan. 2 on the \$235,000 of 6 1/2% first mortgage bonds outstanding. Bondholders have been notified that some plan of capital reorganization is proposed and is being worked out at the present time.

The company was financed early in 1928 with the offering of \$235,000 of 6 1/2% first mortgage sinking fund bonds due in 1943. No bonds have been retired. Property owned consists of five buildings in Oshawa, Ont., of which one is entirely devoted to stores and offices, three are apartments and another has 18 apartments and two stores. In addition to the bonds, there is some \$25,000 of preferred stock and 5,000 shares of common stock outstanding.

Oshkosh Overall Co.—Earnings.

Table showing Income Account for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931. Includes Gross sales, Returns, discounts, &c., Net profit from operations, Total income, Provision for Wisconsin State income taxes, Provision for Federal income taxes, Net profit after taxes, Dividends, Deficit, and Surplus.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1931.

Table showing Assets and Liabilities for Dec. 31 1931. Assets include Cash in bank, Marketable securities at cost, Customers accounts receivable, etc. Liabilities include Accounts payable, Prepaid expenses, etc.

Total ----- \$643,818 Total ----- \$643,818

x Represented by conv. pref. stock, authorized and issued 25,000 shares (no par), of which 5,776 shares are held in the treasury; common stock, authorized 100,000 shares (no par), of which 70,000 shares are issued and outstanding and 25,000 shares are reserved for conversion of the pref. stock. y Less reserve for depreciation of \$109,808.—V. 130, p. 2983.

Pacific Clay Products, Los Angeles, Calif.—Dividend Again Reduced.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share on the outstanding 99,157 shares of capital stock, no par value, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. A quarterly payment of 30 cents per share was made on Nov. 1 1931, as compared with quarterly distributions of 60 cents per share made from Feb. 1 1929 to and incl. Aug. 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 2774.

Pacific Coast Aggregates, Inc.—Protective Committee for First Mortgage Bonds.

A committee has been formed to protect the interests of the 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds, consisting of Livingston B. Keplinger, Chairman, T. W. Banks, N. B. Livermore, E. O. Sterling and Louis Sutter with W. L. Temple, Secretary, 485 California St., San Francisco, Calif.; B. P. Lester, Asst. Sec., 634 South Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif., and Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist, Financial Center Bldg., San Francisco, Calif., Counsel.

The committee in a letter to bondholders says: The company failed to pay interest due Jan. 1 1932 on its outstanding 1st mtge 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds. Company is entitled under the terms of the trust indenture securing these bonds to a 30-day period of grace, which will expire on Jan. 30 1932.

Anticipating this condition, the officers and representatives of bondholders have for months diligently endeavored to formulate a plan which would protect the interests of the security holders and at the same time enable the company to continue operations under present depressed business conditions. The agreement of readjustment dated Dec. 1 1931, was formulated and mailed to holders of 1st mtge bonds with the approval of the committee which was formed in order that first mortgage bondholders might have independent representation.

It is vitally necessary that the committee be in a position to act on Jan. 30 1932 and accordingly your bonds, if not previously deposited, should be deposited promptly and well in advance of this date.

In the judgment of the committee the carrying out of the agreement of readjustment offers the only feasible method of avoiding the cost and expense of foreclosure or receivership proceedings which would be destructive of the "going concern" value of the company.

The committee is advised that the company has on hand funds sufficient to pay, and will pay, one-half of the interest due Jan. 1 1932 on the first mortgage bonds when in the judgment of the committee sufficient bonds and debentures have been deposited under the respective agreements of readjustment to enable the committee to declare the agreements effective.

Protective Committee for 7% Convertible Gold Debentures.

Committee.—Philip C. Salterbach, Chairman; W. G. Kollock, S. D. Lamon, M. H. Lewis and James Sheldon Riley, with Carlton A. Johanson, Sec., 485 California St., San Francisco, Calif.; S. A. Hixson, Asst. Sec., 530 West Sixth St., Los Angeles, Calif., and Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist, Counsel, San Francisco, Calif.—V. 133, p. 300.

Pacific Steamship Co.—Reorganization to Proceed Along Lines Proposed by Dollar Interests.

According to press dispatches from San Francisco, the reorganization of the company will proceed along the lines of the proposal made to bondholders by the Robert Dollar Co. It is stated that a total of \$3,338,000 of the bonds, representing more than 80% of the total outstanding, now are on deposit under the committee's plan of reorganization (see V. 134, p. 144). The last date for withdrawal of bonds was Jan. 17. The deposit of 75% of the outstanding bonds was required by the plan.

The committee, the dispatch further states, points out that the Dollar proposal now is fully effective by reason of this deposit of bonds. The Robert Dollar Co. is obligated to purchase for 25% of their principal amount in cash the bonds of these bondholders electing to receive cash under the plan, and to issue securities in the new company to be formed, to bondholders who desire to participate. The offer provides that 6 1/2% shares of preferred stock and 10 shares of class A stock of the new company will be exchanged for each \$1,000 bond.

The date for exercising the cash offer is Feb. 6. See V. 134, p. 144.

Paramount Publix Corp.—New Vice-President.

Emanuel Cohen has been elected a Vice-President and a director, succeeding Sidney R. Kent. George J. Schaefer succeeds Mr. Kent as Sales Manager.—V. 134, p. 336, 145.

Park Lane Theatre Corp.—Foreclosure Suit.

The trustees of Columbia University have brought suit to foreclose a \$100,000 mortgage on the Park Lane Theatre on the northeast corner of S. 8th Street and First Avenue. Named as defendants in the action are the Park Lane Theatre Corp., the Tourmont Realty Corp., Meserole Securities Co., Inc., Universal Chain Theatrical Enterprises, Inc., and George S. Cornell.

The 135 Broadway Holding Corp. assigned a subordinate interest in the mortgage, amounting to \$116,000, to Meserole Securities Co., Inc., at which time it was agreed that of the installment payments on the principal, \$5,000 would go to the holder of the prior interest and \$1,500 to the Meserole company.

The prior interest was assigned to the trustees of Columbia University on May 28 1928. Of the original \$500,000, according to the plaintiff, \$349,000 of the prior interest and \$105,500 of the subordinate interest remain unpaid.

The plaintiff seeks foreclosure for the failure of the defendant corporation to make an interest payment of \$13,635 and a principal payment of \$6,500 due Dec. 1 1931, and for its failure to meet water charges amounting to \$434.40.—V. 127, p. 2971.

Park-Lexington Corp.—Foreclosure.

The block bounded by 46th and 47th Sts. and Park and Lexington Aves., N. Y. City, was put into foreclosure Jan. 19 in a suit filed in the N. Y. Supreme Court by the Empire Trust Co., as trustee under a leasehold mortgage given in July 1923.

Interest and sinking fund due Jan. 1 last are in default.—V. 133, p. 4340.

Patino Mines & Enterprises Consolidated, Inc.—Reserves Offer for Araca Company—To Change Par Value of Shares.

A new plan under which the Patino company would acquire not less than 90% of the stock, or in lieu thereof all the assets of the Sociedad Empresa de Estano de Araca, will be presented to stockholders at their annual meeting on April 12. The original plan was to have been voted upon at a special meeting on Dec. 29, but this meeting was adjourned. (See plan in V. 133, p. 2276.)

The stockholders will also vote on changing the par value of the authorized 2,500,000 shares of capital stock from \$20 each to no par value, each present share to be exchanged for one new share.

A letter to the stockholders states in part:

For each one share of capital stock of Araca Mines deposited for purposes of exchange Patino Mines will issue (a) one share of capital stock of Patino Mines, and (b) a warrant evidencing the right to receive up to, but not in excess of, an additional one share of Patino Mines for each share of Araca Mines upon proof at the expiration of the ten years of operation after Dec. 31 1931 (or earlier as hereinafter provided), that the then known fine tin ore reserves of Araca Mines are in excess of 14.49% of the then known fine tin ore reserves of Patino Mines. In each case the then known fine tin ore reserves shall include that reported at Dec. 31 1930, plus additions thereto up to the date of determination, without deducting any amounts withdrawn prior to the date of determination. The method of determining the number of additional shares of Patino Mines to be issued for warrants shall be as follows: (1) If at any time during such ten-year period such then known fine tin ore reserves of Araca Mines exceed 14.49% of such then known fine tin ore reserves of Patino Mines, and equal or exceed 21.74% thereof, one-half of one share of Patino Mines stock shall immediately be payable for each share called for by such warrant; (2) If at any time during such ten-year period such then known fine tin ore reserves of Araca Mines exceed 21.7% of such then known fine tin ore reserves of Patino Mines, and equal or exceed 28.98% thereof, the holder of such warrant will be entitled to receive an additional one-half of one share of Patino Mines stock for each share of Araca Mines stock called for by such warrant; (3) But if at the end of said ten-year period the amount of such then known fine tin ore reserves of Araca Mines shall exceed 14.49% of such then known fine tin ore reserves of Patino Mines, but shall not equal or exceed 21.74% thereof, the actual additional amount of Patino Mines shares to be paid

under the terms of such warrant shall be that fraction of one share of Patino Mines in respect of each share of Araca Mines which shall equal the fraction represented by such excess, over 14.49%; (4) If at the end of said ten-year period the amount of such then known fine tin ore reserves of Araca Mines expressed as a percentage shall exceed 21.74% of such then known fine tin ore reserves of Patino Mines, but shall not equal or exceed 28.98% thereof, the actual additional fraction of a share of Patino Mines shall be a fraction of which the numerator shall be the amount of such then known fine tin ore reserves of Araca Mines in excess of 21.74% of the then known fine tin ore reserves of Patino Mines, and the denominator shall be 14.49. The fractional share of Patino Mines thus determined shall be in addition to the one-half of one share to which the warrant holder will be entitled as provided in one above.

If at any time and from time to time during said ten-year period (or any extension thereof) there shall be a complete suspension of work at all of the mines of Araca for a continued period longer than three months duration, then the time for the expiration of such warrants shall be extended for the aggregate of such period or periods of complete suspension.

For purposes of ascertaining the number of tons of fine tin ore reserve the Araca Mines ore reserve at any date there shall not be included any ore reserve the tin contents of which are so low that they cannot at the then existing cost of mining, milling and smelting and the market at that time be taken out at a profit. It is understood that the cost of mining shall include only costs customarily included in determining cost of mining and not development, development work and new installations. Arrangements are to be made whereby the board of directors of Patino Mines shall be advised periodically as to the development of the Araca ore reserves and the amount it is proposed from time to time to expend in the development thereof, and if such information will thus be available at stockholders' meetings, or are dissatisfied with the amounts so to be expended on development, or the determination of the amount of the ore reserve, such objections or dissatisfaction shall be referred to arbitrators who shall determine the facts as to the course of action which shall be in accordance with the terms of the agreements and not unfairly prejudicial to Patino Mines.

Secretary C. Gumucio, Jan. 14, says in part:

At the annual meeting to be held on April 12 the usual business will be transacted, including the election of directors and approval of acts of the management during the preceding year. The annual report showing results of operations for the calendar year 1931 will be distributed to stockholders in advance of the meeting. It is also proposed that the final action should be taken upon the acquisition by the corporation of not less than 90% of the stock (or in lieu thereof, all of the assets subject to the liabilities) of Sociedad Empresa de Estano de Araca. The board of directors, in its letter of Sept. 17 1931, recommended this acquisition and called a special meeting of stockholders for Dec. 29 1931, which, however, has been adjourned as to the business for which that meeting was called will now be transacted at the annual meeting. In the interim suggestions have been made and accepted unanimously by those with whom they have been discussed whereby the basis of acquisition of Araca Mines should be changed in a manner considered beneficial to your corporation. Under the amended plan the stock of Patino Mines which may subsequently be issued in addition to the initial share for share exchange will be on a basis of comparison of the then known tin ore reserves of the two companies, the maximum so issued to be an additional share for each share of Araca Mines acquired.

The number of shares initially to be issued by your corporation is 200,000 shares, and the maximum additional shares to be issuable is 200,000 shares, which may be decreased but not increased in accordance with the comparative reserves during a ten-year period of operation. It is thought that this basis of exchange is more favorable to your corporation than that originally suggested which contemplated a maximum of 1.8 shares of Patino for each share of Araca, but dependent upon a comparison of the subsequently known tin ore reserves of the Araca property with the known tin ore reserves of Patino Mines at Dec. 31 1930 without credit to your corporation for additions thereto.

The present capitalization of the two companies is: Patino Mines, authorized 2,500,000 shares (\$20 par value) of capital stock, of which 1,380,316 shares outstanding; Araca Mines, authorized and outstanding 200,000 shares (£1 par value) of capital stock.—V. 134, p. 336.

Peerless Motor Car Corp.—Offers \$3.50 a Share for Stock.

The stockholders have the right up to the close of business Feb. 20 to sell to the company any or all of their stock at \$3.50 a share. The company has purchased 138,500 shares at this price and desires that all stockholders be given the opportunity to sell for the same price.—V. 134, p. 519.

Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities.—Three New Vice-Presidents Elected.

At the organization meeting of the board of directors held on Jan. 18, James Cheston 3rd was elected Vice-President and Treasurer. Mr. Cheston formerly held the office of Treasurer. William M. David, former trust officer, was also elected a Vice-President and William F. Kriebel, Cashier, was elected Vice-President and Cashier.—V. 134, p. 337.

Pennsylvania Rubber Co.—New Preferred Stock Issue Fully Subscribed.

An issue of 20,000 shares of 6% 1st pref. stock has been fully subscribed at \$100 a share.

At a special meeting of the stockholders, the valuation of the common stock was changed from \$100 par to no-par. It was officially stated that net earnings of the company for 1931, after all charges, including adjustment of raw material and finished goods inventories to the lower of cost of market, were sufficient to cover all dividends on the 1st and 2nd pref. stocks and to leave a balance for the common stock.—V. 116, p. 1770.

Petrolite Corp., Ltd.—Extra Dividend, &c.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share in addition to a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 22. Quarterly distributions of 50 cents per share were made on Feb. 1 and May 1 1931; none since.—V. 133, p. 301.

Powdrell & Alexander, Inc.—Meeting Postponed.

The annual meeting has been adjourned until Feb. 2, due to the fact that the auditors have not yet completed their report covering 1931 activities.—V. 133, p. 3979.

Printing Machinery Co.—2% Extra Dividend.

The directors recently declared an extra dividend of 2% in addition to the usual quarterly dividends of 2% on the common and pref. stock, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 14. Like amounts were paid on Oct. 15 last.—V. 133, p. 2775.

Procter & Gamble Co.—Earnings.

For income statement for 6 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2610.

Radio-Keith-Orpheum Corp.—Admitted to the List.

The part paid certificates (for 6% gold debentures and common stock) have been admitted to the New York Stock Exchange list.—V. 134, p. 519, 337.

RCA-Victor Co., Inc.—New President.

See Radio Corp. of America under "Public Utilities" above.—V. 133, p. 2775.

Red River Lumber Co.—Bonds Paid.

The \$250,000 5 1/2% bonds due Jan. 1 were paid off at maturity.—V. 128, p. 2286.

Revere Copper & Brass, Inc.—Dividend Deferred.

The directors on Jan. 19 voted to defer the usual quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% due Feb. 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on Nov. 2 1931.—V. 134, p. 337.

Reliance International Corp.—Earnings.

Morton H. Fry, President, says in part: On Dec. 31 1931 the net assets of the corporation, taking investments at market value, amounted to \$5,824,655. These net assets were equivalent to \$33.37 per outstanding share of cumulative preferred stock, \$ convertible series.

During the year 1931 the corporation acquired 53,035 shares of its cumulative preferred stock, \$3 convertible series, through purchase in the market, at prices substantially below stated value. All of the preferred

stock so acquired has been retired, with the exception of 577 shares which are held in the Treasury pending retirement.

<i>Period</i> —	<i>Year End.</i>	<i>Dec. 31—</i>	<i>Aug. 30 to</i>
	1931.	1930.	<i>Dec. 31 '29.</i>
Interest received and accrued.....	\$147,906	\$227,011	\$133,167
Cash dividends.....	449,256	557,146	44,492
Other income.....	4,909		
Total income.....	\$602,071	\$814,157	\$177,659
Expenses (including management fee).....	133,427	172,842	30,245
Net loss from sales of securities.....	2,588,759	203,562	132,158
Net income.....	loss \$2,120,114	\$437,752	\$15,255
Capital surplus.....	4,220,134	2,708,730	2,841,033
Excess of proceeds from sale of capital stock.....		x1,155,000	
Discount on preferred stock purchase.....	1,145,970	766,270	
Credit arising from reduct. of stated value of class A common stock.....	1,155,000		
Discount on stocks owned, declared in 1930, received in 1931.....	64,324		
Total.....	\$4,465,315	\$5,067,753	\$2,856,289
Dividends paid on preferred.....	305,197	815,118	147,558
Additional organization expenses, &c.....		32,500	
State of Delaware franchise tax.....	11,273		
Capital surplus Dec. 31.....	\$4,148,845	\$4,220,135	\$2,708,730
x Excess of proceeds from sale of value placed thereon by directors.....		\$4,220,135	\$2,708,730

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

<i>Assets—</i>	1931.	1930.	<i>Liabilities—</i>	1931.	1930.
Cash.....	276,714	220,508	Sundry accounts payable.....	19,271	193,652
U. S. Gov. sec.....	199,781		Pref. stock.....	8,725,850	11,377,660
Rec. for bd. redem.....	1,000		Common stock.....	c715,000	1,870,000
Due from foreign bankers.....		13	Capital surplus.....	4,148,845	4,220,134
Accru'd int. rec.....	a86,093	42,775			
Invest. at cost.....	b13,045,378	17,398,091			
Total.....	13,608,967	17,661,387	Total.....	13,608,967	17,661,387

a Includes dividends receivable. b Market value, \$5,283,120. c Represented by 385,000 shares class A stock, valued at \$385,000 and 660,000 shares class B stock valued at \$330,000. d 174,517 shares \$3 series.—V. 134, p. 337.

Rice-Stix Dry Goods Co.—Earnings.—

Income Account for Year Ended Nov. 30 1931.

Operating loss.....	\$309,093
Loss on investments and provision therefor, less divs. received.....	609,792
Total loss.....	\$918,885
Dividends on 1st pref. stock.....	135,886
Dividends on 2d pref. stock.....	184,671
Total deficit.....	\$1,239,442
Undivided profits as at Nov. 30 1930.....	3,395,598
Balance surplus Nov. 30 1931.....	\$2,156,156

Balance Sheet November 30 1931.

<i>Assets—</i>		<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Cash.....	\$794,589	Accounts payable.....	199,824
U. S. Treas. cfts. & accr. int.....	2,015,312	Deposit accounts.....	473,985
Customers' accts. rec., less reserve.....	4,231,072	Due to officials & employees.....	165,037
Expense advances to employ.....	34,718	Accrued taxes.....	97,547
Inventory.....	2,588,455	7% 1st pref. stock.....	\$1,924,100
Investments & advances.....	862,561	7% 2d pref. stock.....	2,588,950
Capital assets.....	1,291,113	Common stock.....	4,132,223
Total.....	\$11,787,824	Undivided profits.....	2,156,156
Total.....	\$11,787,824	Total.....	\$11,787,824

Rima Steel Corp. (Rimamurang-Salogo-Tarjan Iron Works Co., Ltd.)—Interest and Sinking Fund.—

Alfred O. Corbin, a director, states that funds covering interest and sinking fund payments of the \$3,000,000 7% first mortgage bonds, due Feb. 1, have been received by the fiscal agents and that coupon and sinking fund requirements will be met as usual. At present there are \$2,758,400 7% bonds outstanding, the remainder having been redeemed.—V. 133, p. 3475.

Roan Antelope Copper Mines, Ltd.—Rights, &c.—

The stockholders will vote Feb. 2 on authorizing 1,000,000 new shares of 5s. par to be offered to stockholders of record Feb. 5 for acceptance on or before Feb. 26 at 7s. 6d. a share. The nominal share capital of the company will be increased by £250,000 to £1,750,000. The proceeds will be used to reduce the advances required to finance copper in transit and for general purposes.

If the increase is approved the Irving Trust Co. as depository and Charles D. Barney & Co. as depositories, will make the subscription privilege available to holders of American share certificates, the former announced.—V. 134, p. 337.

Royal Weaving Co., Pawtucket, R. I.—Larger Div.—

The company on Jan. 15 paid a dividend of \$1.50 per share on the capital stock. This compares with quarterly distributions of \$1 per share made in July and Oct. last and \$1.50 per share in April 1931. Previously for many years the annual rate had been \$10 per share with extras.—V. 133, p. 815.

Russ Manufacturing Co., Cleveland.—Earnings.—

(Including Siren Mills Corp., Chicago.)

Consolidated Earnings Statement for Year Ended Sept. 30 1931.

Profit from operations.....	\$199,917
Depreciation.....	44,098
Interest charges.....	41,511
Provision for Federal income tax.....	11,000
Net profit.....	\$103,308
Balance surplus Sept. 30 1930.....	711,132
Discount on 1st pref. stock purchase for retirement.....	2,833
Total surplus.....	\$817,273
Divs. paid or provided for 1st pref. 7% cum. stock to July 1 '31.....	44,555
Divs. on class A \$7 per sh. cum. stock to May 1 1931.....	45,848
Balance, Sept. 30 1931.....	\$726,870

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

<i>Assets—</i>	1931.	1930.	<i>Liabilities—</i>	1931.	1930.
Cash.....	\$143,966	\$30,948	Notes payable.....	\$575,000	\$605,000
U. S. Gov. securs.....	47,000		Accts. payable, &c.....	90,321	142,994
Customers' notes & accts. receiv.....	1,380,395	1,512,416	6 1/2% secured gold notes.....	70,300	100,800
Inventories.....	413,357	475,780	1st pref. 7% cum. stock.....	826,700	888,300
Other assets.....	63,176	68,723	Cl. A & com. stock.....	b245,236	245,236
Land, bldgs., machin., equip., &c.....	a508,360	530,149	Consol. profit & loss surplus.....	726,870	711,132
Deferred assets.....	25,175	28,446			
Total.....	\$2,534,428	\$2,693,462	Total.....	\$2,534,428	\$2,693,462

a After reserve for depreciation. b Represented by S,733 class A shares and 12,000 common shares, both of no par value.—V. 131, p. 4066.

(Joseph T.) Ryerson & Son, Inc.—Expansion.—

The company has purchased the stock and good will of the steel department of H. D. Taylor & Co. of Buffalo, N. Y., effective Jan. 15, it was announced by E. L. Ryerson Jr., President of Ryerson & Son. The stock includes bars, shapes and plates.—V. 134, p. 520.

St. Louis Screw & Bolt Co.—Defers Preferred Dividend.—
The directors have decided to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% due Feb. 1 on the 7% cum. pref. stock, par \$100. The last quarterly payment on this issue was made on Nov. 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 1301.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards Co.—Special Dividend.—
The directors have declared a special dividend of \$2 per share, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 15. The stock is also on a regular annual dividend basis of \$2 per share (or 50 cents quarterly). A special dividend of \$2 per share was also paid on July 1 1931.—V. 133, p. 302.

Scotten Dillon Co.—Earnings.—

<i>Calendar Years—</i>	1931.	1930.
Net income from sales.....	\$529,375	\$568,531
Miscellaneous income.....	60,672	53,597
Total income.....	\$590,047	\$622,129
Provision for Federal income tax.....	63,167	67,991
Net income to surplus.....	\$526,880	\$554,138
Surplus balance Jan. 1 1930.....	1,187,340	1,113,202
Total surplus.....	\$1,714,220	\$1,667,340
Dividends paid.....	510,000	480,000
Res. for reduction in inventory values.....	150,000	
Surplus.....	\$1,054,220	\$1,187,340
Earns. per sh. on 300,000 shs. cap. stk. (par \$10).....	\$1.75	\$1.85

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

<i>Assets—</i>	1931.	1930.	<i>Liabilities—</i>	1931.	1930.
Cash.....	\$85,903	\$54,619	Notes payable.....	\$50,006	\$100,000
Accts. receivable.....	x197,441	144,573	Res. for losses on accts. rec.....		15,535
Inventories.....	2,195,130	2,184,273	Reserve for taxes.....	79,555	91,659
Investments.....	1,995,560	1,693,146	Capital stock.....	3,000,000	3,000,000
Fixed assets.....	y271,922	277,534	Surplus.....	1,054,220	1,187,340
Prepd. taxes insur., &c.....	37,735	40,385			
Total.....	\$4,183,782	\$4,394,535	Total.....	\$4,183,782	\$4,394,535

x After reserve of \$15,950. y After reserve for depreciation of \$271,222. z After reserve for reduction in values of \$150,000.—V. 133, p. 2611.

Scott Paper Co.—Sales for 1931 Higher.—

Calendar Years—
1931. 1930. 1929.
Net sales..... \$8,816,411 \$8,468,608 \$7,761,559
—V. 134, p. 145.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Further Price Reductions.—

The company has made reductions of 11 to 47% in prices of wearing apparel, dry goods, paint, wall paper, home furnishings, farm needs and hardware. (See also last week's "Chronicle," page 406.)
To Reduce Salaries and Wages 5% to 10%.—
A general salary and wage reduction from 5 to 10%, to affect all employees from clerks up to the President, was announced on Jan. 20 by General R. E. Wood, President of the company. The percentage of reduction is greater in the higher salaries.
This decrease, which becomes effective Jan. 30, involves approximately 7,000 employees of the company in Chicago and about 30,000 workers throughout the country.
Mr. Wood stated that the average value of all merchandise sold to customers had declined 30% within two years and that, notwithstanding drastic economies, the margin available for salaries and wages had steadily shrunk.—V. 134, p. 520.

Seaman Brothers, Inc.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 6 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 2775.

Selected Industries Inc.—Annual Report.—

Earle Bailie, Chairman says in part:
In July, during the moratorium rally, the corporation sold common stocks having a then value of approximately \$5,000,000. During the final quarter, the clear indications of the necessity of large scale borrowing by the United States Government pointed to the advisability of a sale of certain long-term issues. This was done. During the same period substantial investments have been made in high-yield fixed income securities, and in the common stocks of companies which earned their dividends in 1931 or were selling at prices that in the opinion of the management took into account such dividends as could be paid even without any improvement in 1932 from the present depressed level of business.

As of Dec. 31 1931 corporation had approximately \$7,100,000 in cash, \$4,590,000 in bonds and preferred stocks, and \$19,660,000 in common stocks with security values taken at market as shown below.

Service Contract.—Stockholders on May 11, ratified a service contract with Tri-Continental Corp., whereby it agreed to furnish investment service for a fee equivalent to 1/2 of 1% per annum of the average aggregate value of the gross assets of corporation and received an option to purchase, during the life of such service contract, up to 200,000 shares of corporation's common stock at \$15 a share. Corporation pays no salaries to its officers who are provided pursuant to the terms of the service contract. Tri-Continental Corp. is the owner of a substantial amount of the convertible stock and common stock of corporation.

Purchase of Own Stocks and Changes in Capital Structure.—At the meeting of stockholders held Mar. 10 1931, 215,385 shares of prior stock and 178,776 shares of common stock, which had previously been acquired by the corporation, were retired. This resulted in a substantial increase in surplus and a reduction in the annual dividend requirements of the prior stock by about \$1,184,000. Subsequently 13,011 shares of prior stock and allotment certificates representing 13,000 shares of such stock were acquired by the corporation at advantageous prices.

Pursuant to action taken by stockholders at meetings held on Mar. 10 and Aug. 7, amendments were made to the certificate of incorporation, and the capital represented by the corporation's stocks was reduced and surplus was increased.

Operating Results of the Year.—Corporation's income from interest, cash dividends, &c. (not including the value of stock dividends received), amounted to \$2,272,845. Stock dividends received during the period taken at closing prices on the dates received had a market value in excess of \$39,000. Of the dividends paid on the corporation's outstanding \$5.50 cumulative prior stock, \$2,304,336 was applicable to the year 1931. Corporation's income was sufficient to pay its expenses and taxes and to cover approximately 80% of the 1931 dividends on its own prior stock.

Approximately \$75,000 of the amount paid in salaries covered the period prior to the date on which the service contract with Tri-Continental Corp. became effective. Since that date the administrative expenses have been substantially reduced. For the coming year, it is estimated that they will not exceed one-half of those for 1931.

The net assets on Dec. 31 1930, adjusted by the amount receivable in respect of final payment on subscriptions to its stocks, were equal to \$114.11 per share of prior stock, and on Dec. 31 1931, as shown by the balance sheet, were \$74.67 per share. Before the payment of \$3,358,394 in dividends, \$1,084,058 of which were applicable to previous years, the decline was about 28%.

Comparative Income Account.

<i>Period—</i>	<i>Calendar Years—</i>	1931.	1930.	Dec. 15 '28.
Dividends received & interest earned.....		\$2,257,786	\$2,924,810	\$2,478,462
Commissions earned.....				25,214
Profit on sale of securities.....			loss 173,392	894,903
Profit on syndicate participations.....			8,023	107,966
Miscellaneous income.....		15,058		
Total.....	\$2,272,845	\$2,759,441	\$3,506,545	
Salaries.....	86,414	227,394	190,116	
General expense.....	146,874	86,394	159,443	
Service fee.....	130,665			
Stock transfer & register department.....	59,667	86,204		
State taxes.....	14,384	119,138	52,922	
Provision for Federal taxes.....			278,000	
Net income.....	\$1,834,841	\$2,240,310	\$2,826,064	
Dividends—Prior stock.....	See sur.	2,013,472	2,414,324	
Convertible stock.....	account.		233,196	
Reserved on convertible stock.....			118,337	
Balance.....	\$1,834,841	\$226,838	\$59,706	

Statement of Surplus Dec. 31 1931.

Capital surplus, Dec. 31 1930.....	\$13,155,253
Earned surplus, Dec. 31 1930.....	405,551
Add.—Arising from final payments on capital stock.....	1,114,264
Arising from conversion of cum. conv. stk. into com. stock.....	4,655
Arising from retire. of \$5.50 cum. prior stk. & allot. certificates.....	790,011
Arising from reduction in stated value of capital stock.....	29,699,848
Adjustment—Divs. declared in 1930, received in 1931.....	421,937
Total.....	\$45,591,518
Organization expense.....	2,787,979
Adjustment of investments to lower of cost or market on Mar. 31 1931 pursuant to stockholders' vote.....	18,377,086
Loss on sale of securities.....	3,985,820
Net surplus.....	\$20,440,632
Net income (as above).....	1,834,841
Total surplus.....	\$22,275,473
Divs.: On \$5.50 cum. pr. stk. for 15 months ended Dec. 31 1931.....	2,801,346
On cum. conv. stk. for 15 months ended Dec. 31 1930.....	587,049

Balance, Dec. 31 1931.....\$18,887,078
 The unrealized depreciation on investments on Dec. 31 1930 was \$20,720,942 and on Dec. 31 1931, after giving effect to the adjustment of investments to lower of cost or market on Mar. 31 1931, was \$15,536,809.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1931.		1930.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Cash & call loans.....	7,116,988	Divs. payable.....	606,965
Accts. receivable.....	28,274	Due for sec. loaned against cash.....	706,700
Coll. notes receiv.....	393,879	Due for sec. purch.....	92,190
Acct. int. & divs. rec.....	75,908	Accts. payable.....	48,233
Corp. own stocks held at cost.....	1,252,116	Loans payable.....	5,700,000
Special deposits for dividends.....	606,965	Reserve for exps., taxes, &c.....	78,271
Invests. at cost.....	39,796,506	Stk. subsc. (contra).....	10,755,299
Subser. rec., called Furniture, fixtures library, &c.....	10,755,210	Capital stock.....	28,795,249
Organization exp. Deposit on subser. to stk. of other companies.....	787	Surplus.....	18,887,078
	2,787,979		13,560,804
Total.....	49,166,454	Total.....	49,166,454

a Accrued interest only. b Investments owned on Mar. 31 1931 are carried at the lower of cost or market at that date, subsequent purchases are carried at cost. The market value of investments on Dec. 31 1931 was \$15,536,809 less than the amount shown above, the value of investments not readily marketable having been determined by appraisal by the corporation. c Taxes only. d Represented by 430,479 shares (no par) \$5.50 cumulative prior stock; 425,348 shares (no par) common stock for the corporation and 2,117,809 shares (no par) common stock. Of the unissued common stock (4,500,000 shares authorized) there are reserved as follows: 1,276,044 shares for conversion of convertible stock; 335,212 shares for exercise of purchase warrants; 200,000 shares for option at \$15 per share and 20,000 shares for option at \$8 per share; total 1,831,256 shares.—V. 133, p. 2611.

Simms Petroleum Co.—Purchase of 100,000 Additional Shares Approved.

The stockholders on Jan. 16 ratified a proposal 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. 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. See also V. 134, p. 338.

Snider Packing Corp.—New Stock Listed.

The New York Curb Exchange has admitted to trading privileges new no par shares of stock on a basis of when, as and if issued in exchange for 6% convertible notes due May 1 1932, \$6 cum. pref. stock and common stock, in accordance with plan of reorganization dated Jan. 2 1932. See also V. 134, p. 521.

Spreckels Sugar Corp.—Receivership.

Federal Judge John C. Knox at New York appointed Jan. 19 Edgar H. Stone, Henry P. Scott and the Irving Trust Co. receivers in equity for the corporation, which had been petitioned into receivership in New York and in Delaware on Jan. 18, although the New York receivership was an ancillary action, secondary to the one filed in Delaware, the Court in New York reversed that status on the ground that practically all of the corporation's holdings are in New York and Yonkers. Federal Judge John P. Fields at Wilmington, Del., Jan. 18 appointed Henry P. Scott of Wilmington, Edgar H. Stone of New York, and Winfred B. Holton of Pelham, N. Y., as receivers for the corporation. The action was taken on a petition of Rudolph Spreckels of San Mateo, Calif., an executive and stockholder. The corporation has been engaged in the manufacture and sale of sugar in New York and Yonkers, but because of general conditions its plant has been shut down since Aug. 18 1930, the petition relates. Mr. Spreckels is described as a creditor who had lent \$50,000, which is unpaid and due. The suits sets forth that the business is not producing income, and the interest on current liabilities and unsecured debts are accumulating at the rate of upward of \$300,000 a year. The petition asserts that the defendant's balance sheet last Nov. 30 showed assets of \$13,659,540 and liabilities of \$5,430,068, of which \$2,384,568 represented current liabilities and \$3,045,500 the corporation's funded debt, represented by outstanding bonds. The corporation was incorporated in Delaware Jan. 24 1929 as a reorganization of the Federal Sugar Refining Co. Interest was defaulted on the 10-year 6% sinking fund bonds of the Federal company last May 1, and a protective committee was formed. Suits of \$1,601,603 are pending against the Spreckels Sugar Corp.

Standard Oil Co. (Kansas)—Stockholders' Committee Formed.

A committee of stockholders (comprised of Lionel T. Barneson, Cyrus Bell and C. B. Wrightsman, with W. A. Roseborough, 48 Wall St., N. Y. City, as Secretary) in a letter to the stockholders Jan. 15 1932, stated: Since the withdrawal of the Rockefeller interests many years ago the management of the company has been handed down from year to year to a group holding a relatively negligible amount of the company's stock. Under this management, in spite of the obvious advantages enjoyed by reason of its name and former position in the field, little or no progress has been made by your company as compared with other Standard Oil Companies or even as compared with newcomers in the field which have enjoyed efficient and aggressive managements. The management has been content to let matters drift and is not taking the steps necessary to maintain the relative position of your company in the face of ever increasing competition or to develop the great possibilities of its exceptionally advantageous geographical situation. For years the company has continued to operate under extremely unfavorable contracts for the acquisition of crude oil; there have been inexcusable delays in the replacement of obsolete equipment; and practically no measures have been taken to increase the volume of sales which has lagged

far behind the capacity of the company's plant thus rendering unproductive a large part of the capital investment. The company has stagnated and has become a relatively negligible factor in the petroleum industry. In recent years the annual sale of gasoline (the principal income producing product of your company) has shown an alarming decline as compared with that of its competitors whereas the consumption of this product in the State of Kansas and adjacent territory has continuously increased. After an exhaustive survey of the company's plant and equipment, financial position, methods of operation and possibilities of future development we are convinced that if the company is placed under aggressive and efficient management it can rapidly regain a leading position in its field. We have a definite and feasible program for the accomplishment of this result and are confident that it can be rapidly realized. As a part of this program we propose, with your co-operation, to place on the board of directors men of outstanding executive ability and practical experience in the production and refining of petroleum products and to take adequate steps to secure a sufficient supply of crude oil at minimum cost from the available fields in the State of Kansas which are readily accessible to the company's refinery.

As a member of the board of directors Mr. Wrightsman has urged the present management to take the initiative in a vigorous and constructive policy and its failure to do so has forced the above-named stockholders to enlist the help of other stockholders to repair the damage which the lack of initiative of the present management has caused. The members of the stockholders' committee, three of the company's largest stockholders, have had wide experience and successful records in various branches of the petroleum industry. Mr. Barneson built up the General Petroleum Co. of California which was acquired by the Standard Oil Co. of New York. Mr. Bell achieved success as an oil producer in Texas and was for many years connected with the Standard Oil Co. California as superintendent of production. Mr. Wrightsman has had extensive experience in the oil producing business in the Mid-Continent and California fields and is now a director and the largest stockholder of the Standard Oil Co. (Kansas). The committee has no interest to serve in this matter other than that of the stockholders. The annual meeting of stockholders will be held at Neodesha, Kan., on March 9 1932.

A. S. Hopkins, President, Defends Oil Management.

Taking cognizance of efforts of C. B. Wrightsman of Tulsa, Okla., a director, to bring about a change in management, A. S. Hopkins, President, asserts in a letter to the stockholders that the company has prospered under its present management. Mr. Hopkins stated that since the present management took control of the company after the old Standard Oil Co. was dissolved, on Jan. 1 1912, Standard Oil Co. of Kansas had been able to show average yearly earnings of 67% on the original capital. The company was organized, he noted, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000 and on Dec. 31 last had \$30,000,000 in outstanding stock and net assets of \$8,415,850; it had paid to stockholders cash dividends aggregating \$6,120,000; no outside money ever had been added to the original capital and average earnings had been \$675,000 annually.—V. 133, p. 3268.

(A.) Stein & Co.—Smaller Common Dividend.

The directors on Jan. 15 declared a dividend of 25 cents a share on the com. stock, payable Feb. 15 1932 to holders of record Jan. 29 1932. This compares with quarterly distributions of 40 cents a share made on this issue from Nov. 15 1929 to and incl. Nov. 16 1931.—V. 134, p. 339.

Stutz Motor Car Co. of Amer., Inc.—Orders Received.

The company reports the receipt of orders at the National Automobile Show last week of more than \$100,000 for its 1932 models.—V. 134, p. 146.

Sulloway Hosiery Mills, Franklin, N. H.—Stock Subscribed.

According to a press dispatch from Franklin, N. H., the \$150,000 issue of stock in the company is expected to be sold, the Alvah W. Sulloway heirs taking \$100,000 and citizens of Franklin subscribing to the remaining \$50,000. See also V. 134, p. 146.

Sun Investing Co., Inc.—Earnings.

Period—	Years End. Dec. 31— 1931.	Apr. 24 '29. 1930.	Dec. 31 '29.
Interest on bonds, call loans, &c.....	\$43,262	\$70,898	\$117,497
Dividends earned.....	143,977	222,741	135,430
Profits from arbitrage transactions.....	459	48,656	93,102
Total income.....	\$187,699	\$342,295	\$346,029
Expenses & other charges.....	56,661	107,124	96,573
Portion of Federal income taxes applicable to net income before profits on sale of securities.....			21,454
Net income before profits or losses on sales of securities.....	\$131,037	\$235,170	\$228,002
Net loss on sales of securities.....	\$314,429	\$68,005	\$247,528
Net income.....	loss \$183,392	\$167,165	\$475,530
Earned surplus Jan. 1.....	235,503	305,530	
Adjust. of Federal inc. tax reserve.....		3,271	
Adjust. of pref. stock dividends.....	50		
Total surplus.....	\$52,161	\$475,966	\$475,530
Preferred dividends.....	128,501	240,462	170,000
Earned surplus Dec. 31.....	def \$76,341	\$235,503	\$305,530

a After deducting \$101,754 charged to capital surplus. b After deducting \$33,754 for Federal income tax. c Net loss on sales of securities acquired subsequent to June 30 1930. d Exclusive of realized losses from sales of securities acquired prior to July 1 1930. Note.—The depreciation in the market value or fair investment value of investments at Dec. 31 1931 was \$1,897,365, as compared with \$2,021,946 at Dec. 31 1930. Realized losses of \$1,295,546 from sales during the year of securities acquired prior to July 1 1930, are charged to capital surplus. The depreciation in the market value or fair investment value of investments at Dec. 31 1931, was \$1,897,364, as compared with \$2,021,946 at Dec. 31 1930.

Summary of Capital Surplus for Year Ended Dec. 31 1931.

Balance Jan. 1 1931.....	\$1,572,748
Credit from purchase in open market of 11,625 shares of company's pref. stock at a discount.....	178,317
Total surplus.....	\$1,751,065
Realized losses on securities acquired prior to July 1 1930.....	1,295,546
Balance capital surplus Dec. 31.....	\$455,520

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

1931.		1930.	
Assets—	\$	Liabilities—	\$
Cash.....	\$501,477	Admin. & statistical exp. acer'd.....	\$2,079
Call loans.....	300,000	Taxes pay. & acer'd.....	\$4,651
Accrued int. and divs. receivable.....	13,895	Accrued dividend on pref. stock.....	28,262
Investments (cost).....	3,460,099	Preferred stock.....	2,245,000
Syndicate partle.....	49,757	Common stock.....	1,400,000
		Capital surplus.....	455,520
		Earned surplus.....	def \$76,341
Total.....	\$4,025,230	Total.....	\$4,025,230

a Market value including syndicate participation Dec. 31 1931, \$1,612,492. b Represented by 44,900 no par shares. c Represented by 140,000 no par shares.—V. 133, p. 658.

Tide Water Associated Transport Corp.—Tenders.

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co., as sinking fund agent, 22 William St., N. Y. City, has notified holders of 1st lien 10-year marine equipment 5% sinking fund gold bonds, due Sept. 15 1937, that it has sufficient funds to purchase \$35,000 of these bonds at a price not to exceed 102 and int. Offers will be received until noon on Jan. 23.—V. 133, p. 4341.

Tillman Electric Plating Works Co.—Omits Dividend.

The directors have voted to omit the semi-annual dividend due about Jan. 25 on the class A stock. An initial semi-annual distribution of 50c per share was made on this issue on July 24 last.—V. 133, p. 658.

Tri-Continental Corp.—Annual Report.—

Earle Ballie, Chairman, says in part: In general, in 1931 as in 1930, sales of certain securities and purchases of others were made whenever changes in conditions made such transactions seem desirable.

As of Dec. 31 1931, corporation had approximately \$7,650,000 in cash, \$7,600,000 in bonds and preferred stocks and \$15,150,000 in common stocks, with security values taken at market.

Work of the Investment Staff.—The investment staff has made steady progress during the year in developing sources of information concerning the operations of individual companies and perfecting its methods of following and analyzing current business and financial developments.

Changes in Corporate Structure.—Pursuant to action taken by stockholders at meetings held Oct. 29 1931, the capital represented by the corporation's stocks was reduced and surplus was increased by \$25,219,287.

Reduction in Preferred Stock.—During the past year the corporation has purchased in the open market substantial amounts of its own preferred stock at prices below the liquidating value of that stock.

The net income and the surplus arising from retirement of preferred stock during the year amounted to \$2,840,049. The realized loss on sales of securities was \$9,985,477 and the unrealized depreciation on investments increased \$10,948,929 during the period.

Income Account for Calendar Years.

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1931, 1930. Rows include Interest, Dividends, Fees for investment service, Profit on syndicate participations, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Expenses, Taxes, Net income, Preferred dividends.

Balance, surplus. The service fees, being payments by others for the organization's investment services, in practical effect are a credit against expenses of operation so that the net expense of operating Tri-Continental Corp. was \$371,886.

Statement of Surplus Dec. 31 1931.

Table with 2 columns: Item, 1931. Rows include Balance, Dec. 31 1930, Surplus arising from retirement of preferred stock, Surplus arising from reduction in stated value of capital stock, Balance of general reserve released Dec. 31 1931, Net income (as above), Total surplus, Preferred dividends, Balance, Dec. 31 1931, Loss on sale of securities, Based on average cost, Based on cost of individual purchases, Total, Profit on sale of securities, Based on average cost, Based on cost of individual purchases, Total, Net loss on sale of securities, Less—Amount transferred from general reserve.

The unrealized depreciation on investments on Dec. 31 1930 was \$14,763,118 and on Dec. 31 1931 was \$25,702,047, an increase of \$10,948,929.

Memorandum Statement of Surplus & Undistributed Net Income Dec. 31 1931.

Table with 2 columns: Item, 1931. Rows include Surplus Dec. 31 1930, Surplus arising from retire. of pref. stock and reduction in stated value of pref. and common stock, Net income from Jan. 1 to Oct. 29 1931, Preferred dividends from Jan. 1 to Oct. 29 1931, Balance, Oct. 29 1931, Balance of general reserve released Dec. 31 1931, Balance, Dec. 31 1931, Undistributed net income from Oct. 30 1931, Net income to Dec. 31 1931, Preferred dividends to Dec. 31 1931, Balance, Dec. 31 1931, Surplus, as per balance sheet.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1931, 1930, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Rows include Cash, Short term adv., Invests. at adv., Corp.'s own pref. stock held, Rec. for secs. sold, Int. & divs. rec. &c., Spec. debs. for div., For'n exch. contr., Total, Liabilities, Dividends payable, Partic. in synd., Due for secs. loaned against cash, Due for secs. purch., Res. for expenses, taxes, &c., For'n exch. contr., \$6 cum. pref. stock, Common stock, General reserve, Surplus, Total.

a The market value of investments on Dec. 31 1931 was \$25,702,047 less than cost, the value of investments not readily marketable having been

determined by appraisal by the corporation. b Par \$25. c Par \$100. d Represented by 2,020,158 no par shares having stated value of \$1 per share. There are reserved unissued 1,008,642 shares for the exercise of warrants to subscribe at any time to common stock at \$22.50 per share.—V. 134, p. 147.

Triplex Safety Glass Co. of North America.—Sale Approved.—The stockholders on Jan. 16 approved the sale to the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co. of the entire flat glass and laminated glass business, including good-will and all land, buildings, machinery, equipment, patents and trademarks, and a substantial part of the inventory. See also V. 134, p. 147.

12th Street Stores Corp. (Del.).—Dividend Deferred.—The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend due Feb. 1 on the \$2 cum. preference A stock. On Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 last quarterly distributions of 25c. per share were made on this issue as compared with 50c. per share previously.—V. 133, p. 497.

United States & Foreign Securities Corp.—Earnings.—

Table with 5 columns: Calendar Years, 1931, 1930, 1929, 1928. Rows include Cash divs. received, Int. rec'd & accrued, Total income, Interest paid, Expenses, Operating profit, Profits from sale of securities, Loss on synd. particip., Total income, Transferred to reserve for contingencies, Prov. for Fed. inc. taxes, Net income, Previous surplus, Surp. arising fr. retirem't of 1st pref. stock, Total surplus, 1st preferred dividends, 2d preferred dividends, Amount approp. to res. against invest. in U. S. & Int. Sec. Corp., Surplus Dec. 31, Earnings per sh. on 1,000,000 shs. com. stk. (no par), After deducting interest paid.

Note.—Aggregate depreciation in value of investments, excluding investment in United States & International Securities Corp. which is carried at \$1: As at Dec. 31 1930, calculating marketable securities at market and other securities at estimated fair value, \$2,454,699.

As at Dec. 31 1931, calculating securities on the basis of market quotations or nominal value in the absence thereof, \$13,124,490.

Condensed Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, 1931, 1930, Liabilities, 1931, 1930. Rows include Cash, Demand loans, Loans, accts' receivable, &c., U. S. Gov. oblig., Securs. (at cost), Syndicate partic., Inv. in U. S. & Int. Securities Corp., Total, 1st pref. stock, 2d pref. stock, General reserve, Common stock, Dividends payable, Accts. payable, Res'Ve for conting., Surplus.

Total. 37,641,283 50,938,519 Total. 37,641,283 50,938,519 a 227,660 shares (no par) \$6 cum. div. b 50,000 shares (no par) \$6 cum. div. c General reserve set up out of \$5,000,000 paid-in cash by subscribers to 2d pref. stock. d 1,000,000 shares. e Including 15,000 shares of common stock of corporation under option to the President. The aggregate value of securities owned based on available market quotations or estimated fair value in the absence thereof, was less than the above book value by approximately \$13,124,490. f At cost.—V. 133, p. 659.

United States & International Securities Corp.—

Increases Holdings—Annual Financial Statement.—

The corporation has become the owner of 110,000 shares of the United Light & Power Co.'s class B voting stock, obtaining a voting interest of about 10.3% in the utility system. Continental Shares, Inc., and the Koppers-Mellon interests are the largest owners of the voting shares in the United Light & Power Co.

The Securities company, sponsored by Dillon, Read & Co., acquired the interest in the United Light & Power Co. by virtue of its original contract providing for a loan of \$3,000,000 to the American Commonwealth Power Corp., under which United States & International Securities Corp. had the right to purchase this stock at a certain price.

The United Light & Power Co. voting stock was the most substantial block in the group of securities deposited with Securities company as collateral for the American Commonwealth Power loan. The balance has been offered at auction, but in the absence of sufficient bids it may be disposed of by private arrangements. The block includes 8,30 shares of Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates common stock, or 4.4% of the outstanding issue, and certain preferred stocks and bonds of other public utility companies.

As a result of the change in ownership of the 110,000 voting shares of United Light & Power Co. changes in the board of directors of the utility at the next meeting are expected. A block of 416,212 shares of the same stock, representing 39% of the voting strength, is deposited as collateral with banking institutions by Continental Shares, Inc., as part security for loans maturing on March 31.

The eventual assembly of these blocks of stocks would place practical control of United Light & Power Co. in the hands of the purchasing interest. Consequently, there has been much speculation on the final disposition of the company's ownership.

Calendar Years—Nov. 1928.

Table with 4 columns: 1931, 1930, to Dec. 31 29, Nov. 1928. Rows include Cash dividends received, Interest received and accrued, Total income, Less—Interest paid, Net profit, Net loss on securities sold, Profit on syndicate participations.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1931, 1930, 1928, 1927. Rows include Total income, Organization expenses, Expenses, Transferred to reserve for conting., Provision for Federal income taxes, Net income, 1st preferred dividends, 2d preferred dividends, Balance, df\$2,100,068 \$541,305 \$30,950

Note.—Aggregate depreciation in value of investments: As at Dec. 31 1929, calculating marketable securities at market and all other securities at estimated fair value, \$14,559,466. As at Dec. 31 1931, calculating all securities on the basis of market quotations, \$26,781,205.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1931.	1930.	1931.	1930.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash.....	587,741	6,566,127	5,732
Demand loans.....	1,450,000	—	5,500
Short-term credit.....	620,000	—	25,000
U S Gov oblig.....	1,723,688	—	37,823,040
Notes receivable.....	2,859,330	—	500,000
Accts. rec., accord.....	77,429	87,412	9,475,000
Interest, &c.....	40,399,226	42,176,464	24,855
Securities at cost.....	46,267,414	50,900,003	6,207,433
			1,954,222

Total 46,267,414 50,900,003 Total 46,267,414 50,900,003
a The aggregate value of securities owned based on market quotations was less than the above book value by approximately \$26,781,205. b Represented by 322,490 no par \$5 div. shares. c Represented by 100,000 no par \$5 div. shares. d Set up out of amount paid in cash by subscribers to 2d preferred stock. e Represented by 2,485,543 no par shares.
Note.—The cumulative dividend has not been declared on the first preferred stock for the year and on the second preferred stock for the 18 months ended Oct. 31 1931.

Summary of Surplus for Year Ending Dec. 31 1931.

Capital Surplus Account—	
Balance Dec. 31 1930.....	\$1,798,626
Difference between cost and capital value of 71,500 shares of 1st preferred stock purchased and retired.....	4,408,808
Capital surplus Dec. 31.....	\$6,207,433
Income Account—	
Balance Dec. 31 1930.....	\$1,195,422
Net loss for year (as above).....	2,100,068
Operating deficit Dec. 31.....	904,647
Surplus Dec. 31.....	\$5,302,786

United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co. (Balt.).—
New Directors.—

Frank A. Gantert, Vice-President and General Manager of the Fidelity & Guaranty Fire Corp. and William C. Mylander have been added to the board.—V. 133, p. 2942.

United States Pipe & Foundry Co.—1932 Dividends.—

The directors have declared four regular quarterly dividends of 50c. each on the common stock and of 30c. on the 1st pref. stock, payable April 20, July 20 and Oct. 20 1932, and Jan. 20 1933, to holders of record March 31, June 30 and Sept. 30 and Dec. 31, respectively. Like amounts have been paid quarterly on the said issues since and including Dec. 15 1928.
Earnings for Calendar Years.
1930. 1929. 1928. 1927.

Net profit after deprec., int. & Federal taxes.....	\$1,012,215	\$2,881,046	\$2,581,230	\$1,812,227
Shares com. stock outstanding (par \$20).....	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Earnings per share.....	\$0.49	\$3.42	\$2.74	\$1.62

United Stores Corp.—Meeting Postponed.—

The meeting of the stockholders which was scheduled for Jan. 20 for the purpose of voting upon a proposal to give the company permission to deposit Tobacco Products Corp. stock under the latter's reorganization plan has been postponed until Jan. 26 for lack of a quorum.—See V. 123, p. 340

United Verde Copper Co.—Three New Directors.—

Walter H. Aldridge, Harry Krumb and John V. W. Reynolds have been elected directors in place of William E. Gower, E. Y. Robertson and H. H. St. Clair. John H. Hall Jr., formerly Secretary, has been elected Treasurer in place of H. H. St. Clair, and as George O. Knox, Secretary.—V. 132, p. 1442.

Utility & Industrial Corp.—Reduces Stated Capital.—

The stockholders on Jan. 20 (1) authorized the reduction of the capital of the corporation, namely, \$32,751,000, by the amount of \$580,450, by retiring 24,700 shares, without par value, of conv. pref. stock owned by the corporation, and (2) authorized the further reduction of the capital by the amount of \$22,444,288, by reducing the amount of capital represented by the issued and outstanding conv. pref. stock, namely, 674,381 shares, without par value, from \$15,847,953 to \$4,720,667, and by reducing the amount of the capital represented by the issued and outstanding common stock, namely 1,000,919 shares without par value (exclusive of 1,000,000 shares, without par value, issued and deposited in escrow to provide for the exercise of option warrants) from \$16,322,596 to \$5,005,595. See also V. 134, p. 523.

Vick Financial Corp.—To Reduce Capitalization.—

The stockholders will be asked at the annual meeting, Jan. 26, to approve a proposal to retire 10,300 shares of common stock heretofore purchased and also to rescind authority heretofore given to purchase at \$8 per share not over 100,000 shares of common stock for retirement, excepting stock already bought. They will be asked to authorize the directors purchase for the company out of surplus in the open market, or private sale, common shares at prices not exceeding liquidating value at time of purchase.—V. 134, p. 340.

Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Co.—Earnings.—

For income statement for 3 and 12 months ended Dec. 31 see "Earnings Department" on a preceding page.—V. 133, p. 4174.

Walker & Co.—Omits Class B Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable about Feb. 1 on the class B stock, no par value. Distributions of 15 cents per share were made on this issue on May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 1931, as compared with 30 cents per share each quarter from Aug. 1 1929 to and incl. Feb. 1 1931.—V. 132, p. 2985.

Ward Baking Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Years Ended—
Dec. 26 '31. Dec. 27 '30. Dec. 28 '29. Dec. 29 '28.
Net earnings..... \$3,079,629 \$2,936,350 \$4,132,247 \$5,443,352
Other income..... 480,445 609,047 733,008 617,016
Total income..... \$3,560,074 \$3,545,397 \$4,865,255 \$6,060,368
Interest..... 278,701 286,826 312,571 312,578
Depreciation..... 1,027,144 *953,982 1,052,253 2,051,577
Federal taxes..... 265,153 246,043 376,017 402,671
Net profit..... \$1,989,076 \$2,058,546 \$3,124,414 \$3,293,542
Ward Baking Co. divs..... 3 14 14 14
Ward Bkg. Corp. pf. divs 1,932,044 2,035,809 2,156,043 2,186,942
do class A com. divs..... 690,200
Surplus..... \$57,029 \$22,723 \$968,357 \$416,355
Shs. cl. A com. out. (no par) \$6,275 \$6,275 \$6,275 \$6,275
Earns per sh. on class A..... \$0.66 \$0.26 \$8.57 \$5.73
Shs. cl. B com. out. (no par) 500,000 500,000 500,000 500,000
Earns per sh. on class B Nil Nil \$0.57 \$0.73
* Major automobile overhauling expenses previously included in depreciation on a four-year basis, are now included in operating expenses on a one-year basis.

Surplus Account.—Earned surplus Dec. 27 1930, \$6,758,812; net profit for 52 weeks ended Dec. 26 1931, \$1,989,076; transfer of capital surplus as of Dec. 27 1930, \$1,293,931; excess of par value over cost of pref. stock of Ward Baking Corp. purchased during the year and retired, \$87,710; total earned surplus, \$10,129,529. Deduct: Settlements and expenses on claims and taxes applicable to prior years and all expenses from special meeting of stockholders Jan. 26 1931, and preparation therefore, \$172,146; pref. dividend paid, \$1,932,047; earned surplus Dec. 26 1931, \$8,025,336.—V. 133, p. 2943.

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—To Defer Preferred Dividend.—

The directors on Jan. 19 took no action on the regular quarterly dividend of 96 1/4c. per share due March 1 1932 on

the \$3.85 cum. pref. stock, no par value. Quarterly distributions at this rate were made on this issue from Dec. 1 1930 to and incl. Dec. 1 1931. Previously the stock was on a \$2.20 annual dividend basis.

Action Delayed.—Suit Depends on Whether Receivership Plea Was by a Stockholder.—

A motion asking for a court order to direct company to produce certain books and records for examination by Jules Endler of Passaic, N. J., was presented Jan. 20 before Chief Justice James Pennewill, of the Delaware Supreme Court at Wilmington, Del.
Mr. Endler filed suit recently in Chancery Court, asking for the appointment of receivers for the corporation on the ground of insolvency. The corporation filed an answer denying insolvency and contending that he was not a stockholder of record. Mr. Endler in his bill said he was the owner of 300 shares of common stock. Judge Pennewill deferred hearing on the motion after Hugh M. Morris, counsel for the corporation, reiterated that Mr. Endler was not a bona fide stockholder and therefore was not entitled to bring suit. The court tentatively fixed Feb. 1 for hearing testimony to determine whether Endler is a stockholder.—V. 133, p. 4342.

Wayne Pump Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

Years Ended Nov. 30—		1931.		1930.		1929.		1928.	
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Gross profit from sales.....	\$1,290,393	\$2,324,170	\$2,387,371	\$1,627,009					
Selling & admin. exps.....	1,329,724	1,487,907	1,358,005	1,015,652					
Profit from operation.....	loss\$39,331	\$836,263	\$1,029,365	\$611,357					
Other income credits.....	116,678	115,860	117,572	150,888					
Gross income.....	\$77,347	\$952,124	\$1,146,937	\$762,245					
Inc. charges (other than bond interest).....	b269,855	215,282	175,393	76,752					
Balance.....	loss\$192,508	\$736,842	\$971,544	\$685,493					
Div. on pref. stock of Wayne County.....	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000					
Int. on gold deb. bonds—									
incl. normal tax.....	125,819	130,339	137,180	64,630					
Prov. for Fed. inc. tax.....	—	76,276	69,661	23,500					
Net income.....	loss\$378,326	\$470,226	\$704,702	\$537,363					
Preferred dividends.....	121,342	242,684	Not Stated.						
Sundry changes (net)....	30,270								
Balance.....	loss\$529,938	\$227,542	\$704,702	\$537,363					
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par).....	138,908	139,158	139,158	120,809					
Earnings per share.....	Nil	\$1.63	\$3.32	\$2.58					

a After \$182,368 depreciation. b Includes \$100,000 provision for inventory losses and \$105,139 provision for losses on foreign exchange.
Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30.
Assets— 1931. 1930.
Cash..... \$579,077 \$426,408
Notes receivable..... 21,911 45,645
Accts receivable..... 620,468 947,801
Employees accts..... 7,418 11,797
Sundry accounts..... 18,746 25,653
Other marketable securities..... 16,000
Inventories..... 1,333,024 2,176,339
Investments..... 33,866
Property..... 2,261,747 2,294,119
Patents..... 113,907 126,878
Deferred charges..... 69,019 95,205
Total..... \$5,059,183 \$6,165,849
Liabilities— 1931. 1930.
Accounts payable..... \$139,995 \$151,868
Notes payable..... 213,766
Other curr. liab..... 2,118
Accrued accounts..... 161,712 268,014
Res. for liquid. of discount dept..... 5,456 8,102
Dividends payable..... 30,000 90,670
Mtg. loans pay..... 27,350
6% sink fund gold debenture bonds..... 1,983,000 2,135,000
Wayne Co. pf. stk..... 1,000,000 1,000,000
Capital stock..... \$1,418,328 1,418,328
Earned surplus..... 320,692 850,632
Total..... \$5,059,183 \$6,165,849
x Represented by 69,337 shares (no par) convertible preference capital stock and 138,908 shares (no par) common stock together having a stated value of \$1,418,328. y After depreciation of \$1,086,901. z After amortization of \$44,250.—V. 133, p. 1629.

(S. S.) White Dental Co.—Lower Dividend Rate.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 10c., payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 20. Three months ago the dividend was reduced 10% from 20c. paid in July, prior to which dividends of 30c. quarterly were paid.—V. 133, p. 2943.

Wilson & Co., Inc.—Annual Report.—Thos. E. Wilson, in his remarks to stockholders, says in part:

While the year's operations, after charging depreciation and interest, show a loss of \$2,017,156, stockholders should realize that this loss is due to world-wide conditions entirely beyond our control. Consistently falling prices of our commodities involved inventory losses of more than \$4,000,000. This inventory loss could not be avoided because the nature of our business makes it imperative that large stocks of product must be carried in process of manufacture and for distribution. The drop in the value of foreign currencies took approximately another \$1,000,000 from our operating results.

Our provision for depreciation was computed on the same basis and at the same rates as in previous years and the amount charged to the year's operations, after allowing for properties transferred from property account during the year, was upwards of \$70,000 more than the previous year.

Apart from the reserve for contingencies of \$1,000,000 shown in the balance sheet, the company at Oct. 31 1931 had substantial additional reserves. A careful review of these additional reserves indicates that they are \$1,500,000 in excess of estimated requirements, and that this amount might properly have been taken up; but in view of the existing uncertain conditions, directors thought it preferable to leave these reserves untouched at this time.

During the year there was a special credit of \$1,548,839 arising from the purchase of the company's preferred stock for retirement, which has been credited direct to surplus. Directors feel that in times like these such a reduction of the capital structure is for the best interest of the company and all the stockholders.

The strong financial position of the company is apparent; current assets are 9 1/4 times current liabilities, all bank loans have been paid off and current assets are \$6,852,216 in excess of all liabilities, including bond indebtedness.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
Oct. 31 '31. Nov. 1 '30.		Oct. 31 '31. Nov. 1 '30.			
	\$	\$	\$		
Plant and equip. (less reserves).....	52,030,593	51,761,093	Preferred stock.....	26,524,800	28,602,600
Adv. to affil. co.....	845,443	—	Class A stock.....	17,876,650	17,876,650
Inv. in affil. co.....	2,619,049	—	Common stock.....	2,739,055	2,739,055
Other investments.....	461,034	297,256	1st M. 6% bonds.....	19,968,000	20,140,000
Deferred charges.....	338,389	455,045	Bonds of sub. eos. 1,454,000	1,597,000	—
Cash.....	7,082,476	4,294,493	Minority stock int. not contr. for.....	93,384	291,292
Accounts and notes receivable.....	8,443,707	12,631,557	Agreements for min. stock interest.....	526,800	585,400
Inventories.....	14,833,941	22,820,726	Drafts payable.....	341,341	91,992
			Accrued interest.....	3,901,790	142,409
			Obliga's due with- in one year.....	119,027	192,820
			Contingent reserve 1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
			Surplus.....	14,160,776	15,129,163
Total.....	\$6,654,633	\$9,290,171	Total.....	\$6,654,634	\$9,290,171

Contingent Liabilities.—Self-liquidating drafts on customers of \$225,064. a Represented by 357,533 shares no par value. b Represented by 534,933 shares of no par value, including 100,000 shares provided pursuant to reorganization plan for issue as directors shall approve. Our usual comparative income statement for the year ended Oct. 31 1931 was published in V. 134, p. 523.

Winsted Hosiery Co.—Reduces Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the capital stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. Previously, he company paid regular quarterly dividends of \$2.50 per share.

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.

Frigh Night, Jan. 22 1932.

COFFEE on the spot was in moderate demand and steady at one time at 9 to 9¼c. for Santos 4s and 7 to 7¼c. for Rio 7s. Cost and freight offers on the 16th inst. were not plentiful and as a rule were at unchanged prices. That has been the case for some days past. Fair to good Cucuta, 11¾ to 12¼c.; prime to choice, 12½ to 14c.; washed, 12¼ to 13c.; Ocana, 10½ to 11c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 12 to 13c.; washed, 13¼ to 14c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 12 to 12¼c.; Medellin, 13¼ to 14c.; Manizales, 12 to 12¼c.; Mexican, washed, 14½ to 15¾c.; Ankola, 26 to 34c.; Mandheling, 27 to 32c.; Genuine Java, 23 to 24c.; Robusta, washed, 7¾ to 8c.; Mocha, 14 to 14½c.; Harrar, 12½ to 13c.; Abyssinian, 9¼ to 9½c.; Guatemala, Bourbon, 11½ to 12c. On the 18th cost and freight offerings were quiet. Prompt Santos Bourbon 2s were offered at 9.55 to 10.60c.; for prompt shipment 2-3s at 9.10 to 9.55c.; 3s at 8.90 to 9.45c.; 3-4s at 8.85 to 9.25c.; 3-5s at 8.70 to 9c.; 4-5s at 8.70 8.85c. A "seat" on the Exchange here sold on the 18th at \$4,000, a decline of \$1,000. On the 19th cost and freight offers of Santos coffees were plentiful with the prices in some cases, slightly lower to 10 points higher. Prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s at 9.10 to 9.55c.; 3s at 8.90 to 9.20c.; 3-4s at 8.90 to 9.40c.; 3-5s at 8¾ to 9.30c.; 4-5s at 8.70 to 8.80c.; 5s at 8.60 to 8¾c.; 5-6s at 8.55 to 8.60c.; 6s at 8.20 to 8½c.; 6-7s at 8¼c.; 7-8s at 8.10 to 8.15c.; part Bourbon 2s at 9.50 to 10.20c.; 3s good to large bean as 9¼c.; 3-4s at 9.20c.; Peaberry 3s at 9¼c. An Associated Press report from Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 20th, said: "Sponsors of Brazil's experiments in the manufacture of gas from low-grade coffee said to-day that special retorts would be necessary to make such use of coffee entirely successful. Their announcement was made at the conclusion of tests at Santos. More than 78,000 sacks of coffee were destroyed last week, bringing the total to 3,012,341 sacks in the campaign to improve the market."

Brazil cabled New Orleans: "Government buying freely in the interior and paying old invoices on large amounts. Confidence returning generally. Prices in the interior firmer. Experiments made with coffee as combustion successful and saving 25% of total loss of coffee burned. Council becoming better organized in Sao Paulo. Within two weeks the whole situation should improve. The Council in Santos is buying everything offered. A plan has been suggested to destroy 400,000,000 trees which have been attacked by bugs and for which farmers will be compensated." On the 21st according to a Comtelburo report from Rio to the New York Exchange, the Federal Government up to Jan. 16 paid for 8,386,000 bags of coffee valued at 502,000 contos. On the 16th inst. Rio futures closed 3 to 4 points higher with sales of 3,000 bags and Santos 2 to 5 higher after sales of 7,000 bags. Trade houses bought. The firmness of Santos futures was the steadying factor. Hedging took the shape of both buying and selling. On the 18th inst. Rio futures advanced 3 to 4 points with sales of 12,250 bags and Santos was unchanged to 5 points higher with sales of 19,000 bags. The reported plan to destroy four hundred million trees in Brazil had some effect.

On the 19th inst. Rio futures closed 4 to 5 points lower with sales of only 1,250 bags; Santos 3 to 5 off on sales of 3,500 bags. There was no news about the proposed ruthless destruction of coffee trees, and in insignificant trading prices drifted downward somewhat. On the 20th inst. Rio futures here closed 14 to 17 points lower with liquidation in near months by Brazilian interests and a lack of an aggressive demand. The sales were 6,000 bags. Santos closed 10 to 13 points lower with sales of 5,000 bags. Cost and freight were unchanged. On the 21st inst. Rio futures here closed 7 to 10 points higher with sales of 6,000 bags and Santos 5 to 13 up with sales of 17,000 bags. Brazilian and European interests bought Santos and the trade Rio. The market acted a little "short." To-day Rio futures closed 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 3,000 bags and Santos futures 8 to 12 points lower with sales of 4,000 bags. Final prices are 3 to 6 points lower for the week on Rio futures and 12 to 13 lower on Santos.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial)-----	7½ @	July	-----	6.04 @ nom.
March	5.84 @ nom.	September	-----	6.13 @ nom.
May	5.95 @ nom.	December	-----	6.20 @ nom.

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial)-----	9½ @	July	-----	8.46 @
March	8.31 @	September	-----	8.54 @ nom.
May	8.40 @	December	-----	8.61 @ nom.

COCOA to-day ended 6 to 7 points lower with sales of 47 lots; January ended at 3.96c.; March at 4.04c.; May at

4.17c., and July at 4.36c. Final prices are 16 to 18 points lower than a week ago. To-day Liverpool futures at 1:30 p. m. were unchanged to 1½d. higher. Liverpool spot opened 3d. lower. London spot opened unchanged to 3d. higher. New York licensed warehouse stocks on Jan. 21 were 231,348; Jan. 20, 232,992; last year, 267,649. Arrivals of cocoa in New York since Jan. 1, 72,871, against 137,482 last year.

SUGAR.—Spot raws were quiet early at 1.15 to 3.14c. Late last week 10,000 bags of Cuba in port sold it was said at 1.15c. c. & f. and 3,500 tons of Philippines due Jan. 25 at 3.14c. Receipts at U. S. Atlantic ports for the week were 46,850 bags, against 31,707 in the previous week and 38,428 in the same week last year; meltings 40,377 tons, against 38,415 in previous week and 37,979 in the same week last year; importers' stocks 100,310, against 98,133 in previous week and 191,135 in same week last year; refiners' stocks 28,374, against 24,078 in previous week and 73,488 in same week last year; total stocks 128,684 against 122,211 in previous week and 264,623 in same week last year. Futures on the 16th inst. closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of 7,450 tons. Europe bought to some extent and shorts covered. Cuba sold. On the 16th London closed steady at ¼ lower to ¼d. up, but generally unchanged. Liverpool closed unchanged to 1d. lower. On the 18th inst. futures ended unchanged to 1 point higher with sales of only 3,100 tons. Some 28 Cuban mills are grinding. Cuba sold but not at all freely. Many were awaiting the outcome of the conference that was to take place on the 19th inst. between Thomas Chadbourne and President Machado of Cuba at Havana. Of raw sugar 1,500 tons of Philippines sold at 3.13c.; 1,500 tons due late February at 3.11c. and 5,000 bags of Porto Rico due next week at 3.13c. Prague cabled that at the Berlin meeting comprising European delegates to the recent conference the suggestion was made that Cuba reduce this year's crop to 2,200,000 tons and that Java restrict her next crop to 1,400,000 tons; that Europe and Peru reduce an additional 5% in consecutive years. The plan according to the cable, seems promising. Paris cable that the Berlin conference was progressing well, apparently on the assurance that drastic reduction will be made in the size of the Cuban crop. On the 18th London opened barely steady and unchanged to ¼d. off. Liverpool opened unchanged to ½d. lower. A petition for a receiver has been filed in New York and Wilmington for the Spreckels Sugar Company.

On the 19th inst. futures closed unchanged to 1 point higher with sales down to 2,500 tons in a waiting market. Offerings were small but so were buying orders. Awaiting definite news about restrictions of the Cuban crop of 1932 trading was very cautious. Some 17,500 bags of Cuban sold, it was said, at 1.12 c. & f. and 1,000 tons of Philippines due Feb. 25th at 3.10c. Refined was 4.15c. with trade dull. On the 19th a late London cable stated that yesterday's sales in London consisted of 4,000 tons Javas for January shipment to the Continent at 7s c.i.f. and 3,500 tons for February shipment at 6s. 11½d. To-day a cargo of Haytians is offered at 7s. c.i.f. with buyers for February shipment at 6s. 10½d. On the 19th Havana reported 42 mills grinding on the same day. Private London cables attributed the steadiness of the terminal market to Continental buying. Raw sugars are held at 7s. c.i.f., equivalent at the current rate of exchange to 97c. f.o.b. Cuba. Some business was done yesterday at 6s. 11¼d. c.i.f. which also was equivalent to 97c. f.o.b. at the then rate of exchange. London opened unchanged to ½d. higher. Liverpool opened quiet and unchanged. Havana cabled the 19th: "Reports emanating in New York that President Machado would sign a decree to fix the next sugar crop at 2,100,000 tons were denied in sugar circles here." Futures on the 20th inst. closed unchanged to 2 points lower in the absence of any stimulating news from Cuba. The sales were only 5,600 tons. Also there were sales of 34,000 bags of Porto Ricos due Feb. 1 at 3.10c., and 5,700 tons of Philippines due Feb. 1 at 3.10c. Spot raws, 1.10 to 3.10c. On the 20th London opened unchanged to ¼d. lower. Liverpool opened quiet and unchanged. It was reported on the 20th that 47 mills were grinding in Cuba against 84 a year ago.

Havana cabled Jan. 21: "Members of the Sugar Institute, Cuban delegates to Paris conferences and other mill owners have agreed to send a cable to Java stating that Java should send not later than Jan. 30 concrete and definite figures on the sowings which Java will make in 1932 for the 1933 crop. Figures will also be requested on Javanese sugar exports from the 1932, 1933 and 1934 crops. It was agreed to state in the cable that Cuba will not be interested in continuing in the sugar agreement if Java does not transmit this information by Jan. 30. This cable is being held for the approval of other mill owners. Private advices received here

from Java state that Java has given unofficial figures subject to correction showing that 100,000 hectares will be planted for the 1933 crop with estimated sugar production at 1,400,000. London cabled: "Market dull. Parcel sold yesterday 6s. 10½d. (equivalent to 95c. f.o.b.). Unsettlement due no agreement Cuban crop, Javan crop." Other London cables reported sellers at 6s. 11¼d. c.i.f., and reported a lack of interest by refiners at 6s. 10½d., although advices received elsewhere reported buyers at 6s. 10½d. London cabled to the New York "News Bureau" Jan. 21: "An Amsterdam dispatch to the "Financial Times" announces that at least 53 out of a total of 176 Netherlands East Indies sugar factories will not plant in 1932. Java crop restriction would amount to 30%." On the 21st London opened barely steady and unchanged to ¼d. decline. Liverpool opened unchanged to 1d. lower. Havana cabled to Dow, Jones & Co.: "Earl D. Babst, Chairman of the American Sugar Refining Co., arriving in Cuba, declared that the most serious menace to the island now is importation into the United States of refined sugar from Germany and England. He also pointed out that shipments of refined sugar from Cuba to the United States aid in demoralization of raw prices in the United States market." Havana cabled: "For the week ending Jan. 16 arrivals were 31,594; exports, 28,083; stock, 694,970 tons. The exports were distributed as follows: To New York, 6,566; Philadelphia, 4,661; Boston, 10,184; Baltimore, 4,237; Mobile, 1,443; New Orleans, 725; interior United States, 267 tons. 28 centrals grinding."

To-day is last trading day for the present January contract and there was one notice issued. To-day London opened unchanged to ½d. off. Liverpool opened ½d. off to ½d. up. London cables received in the trade reported a sale of 500 tons as 6s. 10½d. c.i.f. Further sellers were reported for January shipment at 6s. 10½d.; February 6s. 11¼d., with buyers of March at 6s. 10½d. Other cables reported the sale above as being for March shipment. Another London cable said: "Market dull, affected Java-Cuba. Sellers 6s. 10½d. (equivalent to 95c. f.o.b.)." London terminal market at 3.15 p.m. was steady at ¼d. lower to ¼d. higher net. On the 21st inst. futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 7,600 tons. Cuba notified Java that it wants a report in its intentions as to production by Jan. 30. It was supposed to be an ultimatum. Spot Cuban raws dropped to 1.08c.; 15,000 bags of Porto Rico due Feb. 15, sold and 5,000 due Feb. 1 were sold all at 3.08c. and reported 25,000 bags of Cuba Feb. 11 to 15 loading also at 3.08c. To-day futures closed 1 to 2 points higher with sales of 15,000 tons. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 to 4 points.

Closing quotations follow:

Spot (unofficial)-----	1.08@	July-----	1.14@1.15
January-----	1.04@	September-----	1.19@
March-----	1.07@	December-----	1.25@
May-----	1.09@1.10		

LARD.—On the 16th inst. futures closed 5 to 10 points higher on an advance in grain. Hogs closed steady. At Western points the receipts were 48,800, against 56,000 a year ago. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 6d. lower. Chicago was expecting receipts of 230,000 hogs this week. Hogs sold last week at the lowest prices since 1889, getting down to \$3.95 for packing hogs. The week's average of all hogs, \$4.05, was 10 cents under the previous week's and \$3.65 below last year's. The marketing continued heavy, with 588,000 at seven markets for the week compared with 608,000 in the previous week and 653,000 in the same week last year. The quality is improving, showing the benefits of feeding, the average being 228 lbs. at Chicago, the highest since September and 10 points above two months ago. Cash prime Western, 5.80 to 5.90c.; refined to Continent, 6½c.; delivered; South America, 6½c.; Brazil in kegs, 7½c. Futures on the 18th inst. advanced 3 to 5 points, owing to the rise in grain and hogs, which were about 10c. higher. Liverpool was 6d. lower to 6d. higher. Prime Western cash was 5.85 to 5.95c. On the 19th inst. futures fell 2 to 5 points with grain lower and hogs off 10 to 20c. Receipts of hogs at Western points were 133,300, against 136,600 last year. The forecast was for a continued heavy hog movement. Liverpool lard was generally 3d. higher. Exports from New York were 3,361,000 lbs. to Europe. Cash prime Western, 5.80 to 5.90c. On the 21st inst. futures closed unchanged to 2 points lower. Hogs were 5c. higher with Western receipts of 118,200, against 138,900 last year. To-day futures closed 3 to 7 points higher. Final prices are 7 to 10 points higher for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January-----	5.30	5.35	5.30	5.30	5.30	5.35
March-----	5.45	5.47	5.42	5.40	5.40	5.45
May-----	5.57	5.62	5.57	5.55	5.55	5.57

Season's High and When Made—		Season's Low and When Made—			
January	6.87	Nov. 9 1931	January	4.97	Jan. 9 1932
March	6.97	Nov. 14 1931	March	5.10	Jan. 9 1932
May	7.00	Nov. 14 1931	May	5.27	Jan. 9 1932

PORK firm but quiet; mess, \$17.50; family, \$19; fat backs, \$15 to \$18. Ribs, Chicago, cash, 6.12c. 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 pounds, South America, \$14; pickled beef tongues, \$65 to \$68. Cut meats quiet; pickled hams, 14 to 16 lbs., 9½c.; 10 to 12 lbs., 10c.; pickled bellies, 10 to 12 lbs., 8½c.; 6 to 10 lbs., 9c.; bellies clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 7½c.; 16 to 18 lbs., 7½c. Butter, lower grades to higher

than extra, 22 to 24½c. Cheese, flats, 12 to 18c.; daisies, 12 to 16c.; Young American, 13 to 18c.; lower styles, 10 to 12c. Eggs, medium to premium marks, 15 to 22c.

OILS.—Linseed higher but quiet at 6.6c. for carlot quantities for January-April delivery, New York. Coconut, Manila Coast tanks, 3¾c.; spot New York tanks, 3½c.; corn, crude tanks, f.o.b. Western mills, 3¼c.; olive, denatured spot, 62c.; China wood, New York drums, carlots spot, 6½ to 6¾c.; tanks, 5½ to 6½c.; Pacific Coast tanks, 5½ to 5¾c.; soya bean, tank cars, f.o.b. Western mills, 3c.; carlot delivered, New York, 4½c.; l.c.i., 5 to 5½c.; edible olive oil, 1.65 to 2.15c. Lard, prime, 10¾c.; extra strained winter, New York, 7¼c. Cod, Newfoundland, 28 to 30c. Turpentine, 38½ to 43½c. Rosin, \$3.25 to \$7.50. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 2 contracts. Crude S.E., 3¼ to 3¾c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot-----	4.00@	May-----	4.54@4.58
January-----	4.00@	July-----	4.70@
March-----	4.42@4.47	August-----	4.68@4.78

PETROLEUM.—Bulk gasoline was reduced ½c. in tank car prices along the Atlantic seaboard by the Tide Water Oil Co., thus meeting the reduction made recently by the Standard Oil Co. of New York and the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. Other large companies are expected to follow suit. Tank wagon prices later on were advanced 1c. at certain New England points by the Standard Oil Co. of New York and the Sun Oil Co. Several other refiners made upward adjustments in prices at a number of terminals. The Texas Co. on the 20th inst. established a tank car quotation of 6½c. for United States motor gasoline at New York, an advance of ½c. and made corresponding advances at other Eastern points. Tank car prices for Philadelphia, Baltimore, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Wilmington, N. C., were raised to 6½c., the Providence district to 6¾c., and Portland to 7c. The Cities Service Co. quoted 7c. for Portland and 6¾c. for the Boston district. The Richfield Oil Co. advanced its price for Providence to 6¾c. This company also announced that it would meet the advance of the Standard and Sun Oil on New England tank wagon and service station gasoline. New York and New England bulk prices were also raised ½c. by the Gulf Refining Co. and the Beacon Oil Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. Bulk gasoline locally showed a better tone. United States motor was firm at 5½c.; anti-knock gasoline also firm at 6c. Kerosene was steady at 6c. for 41-43 in tank cars at refineries. Domestic heating oils were in better demand and steadier. Grade C bunker fuel oil was a little more active and steady at 60c., while Diesel oil was \$1.30 same basis.

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 16th inst. prices closed unchanged to 4 points lower. The sales of No. 1 standard were 340 tons; none of new "A." No. 1 standard March, closed as 4.70c.; July at 4.93c.; Sept., 5.06c.; Oct., 5.15c.; new "A" Jan., 4.61c.; March, 4.70c. Outside prices: Plantation R. S. sheets, spot and Jan., 4½c.; Feb., 4 11-16c.; March, 4¾c.; April-June, 4¾c.; spot first latex thick, 5½c.; thin pale latex, 5½c.; clean thin brown No. 2, 4 5-16c.; rolled brown crepe, 4c.; No. 2 amber, 4¾c. Singapore on the 16th inst. closed steady and unchanged; Jan., 2 15-16d. London closed unchanged to 1-16d. higher; Jan., 3 1-16d.; Feb., 3 ½d.; March, 3 3-16d. On the 18th inst. futures declined 13 to 15 points with London off 1-16 to ½d. and Singapore ½d. The sales were 520 tons of No. 1 standard closing with March, 4.55 to 4.58c.; May, 4.66 to 4.70c.; July, 4.80 to 4.82c.; Sept., 4.93 to 4.97c.; Oct., 5.01 to 5.04c.; Dec., 5.20 to 5.23c.; spot and Jan. outside, 4 7-16 to 4 9-16c.

On the 18th London opened quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. off; at 2:34 p. m. was quiet at 1-16 to ½d. decline; January, 3d.; February, 3d.; March, 3 1-16d.; April-June, 3 ½d. Singapore closed quiet at ½d. decline; January, 2 11-16d.; April-June, 2 7-16d.; September, 3d. London's stock on Jan. 16 was 68,272 tons, a decrease of 695 tons from the previous week. Liverpool increased 1,010 tons to 58,662 tons. The net increase of 315 tons in the weekly British stocks was more than expected. Friday's unofficial estimate was an increase of 100 tons. London closed dull and 1-16 to ½d. lower; January, 3d.; February, 3d.; March, 3 1-16d. On the 19th inst. futures declined 11 to 15 points on an increase of Malayan shipments of about 10,000 tons in January over the December total. The Rubber Growers' Association report on 1931 production showed increased outputs in Malaya, Java, Sumatra and in miscellaneous territories, while decreases were reported for British North Borneo, Ceylon, India and Burmah. Based on the production of 615 rubber estates, the total for the year was 238,875 tons, against 239,369 tons during 1930 and 241,354 tons during 1929. Ceylon is credited with the only real effort to cut production last year, the 102 estates included in the 1931 report producing 14,517 tons, against 20,675 tons in 1930 and 21,889 tons during 1929. Sumatra production was permitted to run wild, the output of only 60 estates there totaling 47,214 tons, against 42,995 tons in 1930 and 43,733 tons in 1929. No. 1 standard contract closed on the 19th inst. with January at 4.34c.; March, 4.43 to 4.44c.; May at 4.54 to 4.56c.; July at 4.66 to 4.68c.; September, 4.78 to 4.80c.; October, 4.88 to 4.90c.; December, 5.05 to 5.08c.; with sales of 1,580 tons. New "A" contracts January at 4.38c.; March, 4.47c.; sales, 10 tons. Outside prices: Spot and January, 4¼ to

4½¢; February, 4¼ to 4 7-16¢; March, 4¾ to 4½¢; spot, first latex, thick, 5 1-16¢; thin pale latex, 5 1-16¢; clean thin brown No. 2, 4 3-16¢; rolled brown crepe, 3¾¢; No. 2 amber, 4¼¢; No. 3, 4 3-16¢; No. 4, 4¼¢.

Malayan shipments for the first half of Jan. are unofficially estimated at 19,000 tons and 45,000 tons for the entire month. Actual shipments in Dec. were 35,741 tons and in Jan. last year, shipments were 41,579 tons. On the 19th inst. London opened dull, unchanged to 1-16d. decline at 2:37 p. m. was quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. decline; Jan., 2 15-16d.; Feb., 3d.; March, 3 1-16d. London closed unchanged to 1-16d. lower; Jan., 2 15-16d.; Feb. and March, 3d.; April-June, 3½d. Singapore closed dull, and 1-16 to ½d. lower; Feb., 2 11-16d.; April-June, 2 13-16d. On the 20th inst. prices declined 4 to 7 points, but rallied later and ended 3 points off to 1 point higher. The sales of No. 1 standard were 600 tons. That contract closed with March 4.44¢; July, 4.66¢; Sept., 4.78¢; Dec., 5.02¢; New "A" Jan., 4.35¢. Outside prices: spot and Jan., 4¼ to 4¾¢. On the 20th inst. London opened dull, unchanged to 1-16d. off; at 2:36 p. m. dull and unchanged to ½d. decline; Jan., 2 15-16d.; Feb., 2 15-16d. London closed quiet and unchanged to ½d. decline; Jan. and Feb., 2 15-16d.; March, 3d.; April-June, 3 1-16d. Singapore closed quiet and 1-16 to ½d. off; Feb., 2 9-16d.; April-June, 2 11-16d.

On the 21st London opened unchanged to 1-16d. up at 2:38 p.m. quiet, unchanged to 1-16d. off; Jan., 3d.; Feb., 2 15-16d. London closed unchanged to 1-16d. advance; Jan., 2 15-16d.; Feb., 2 15-16d.; March, 3d.; April-June, 3½d.; July-Sept., 3¼d. Singapore closed steady, 1-16d. advance; Feb., 2½d.; April-June, 2¾d.; July-Sept., 2½d. The Hague cabled: "Rumors that the Dutch Government has forwarded to the British Government important documents regarding rubber restriction were denied by the Colonial Minister here. On the 22d London opened unchanged to 1-16d. up; at 2:36 p.m. was quiet, Jan., 2 15-16d.; Feb., 2 15-16d.; March, 3d. London closed quiet and unchanged to 1-16d. off; Jan., 2 15-16d.; Feb., 2 15-16d.; March, 3d.; April-June, 3 1-16d.; July-Sept., 3 3-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 3¾d.; Jan.-March, 3 9-16d. Unofficial estimates of rubber stocks in Great Britain for Jan. 23 are: London, 600 tons decrease; Liverpool, 300 tons decrease. The London and Singapore markets will be closed to-morrow (Saturday, bank holiday). To-day Singapore closed quiet, at 1-16d. advance; Feb., 2 11-16d.; April-June 2-13-16d.; July-Sept., 2 15-16d. On the 21st inst. prices closed 1 to 8 points higher in a quiet market. London and Singapore were higher despite the fact that recent rumors that Dutch official circles had requested documents touching upon some phase of the restriction negotiations from the British Government were denied by the Colonial Minister at The Hague. No. 1 standard March closed at 4.45 to 4.48¢; May at 4.57 to 4.60¢; July at 4.69¢; August at 4.75¢; Sept. at 4.84¢; sales 180 tons. New "A" Jan., 4.36¢; March, 4.45¢; no sales. Outside prices: Spot and Jan., 4¼ to 4¾¢; Feb., 4¼ to 4 7-16¢; March, 4¾ to 4½¢; April-June, 4 9-16 to 4 11-16¢; July-Sept., 4¾¢. To-day futures closed 7 to 10 points lower for both standard and new "A" contracts, ending with No. 1 standard Jan., 4.29¢; Feb., 4.33¢; March, 4.38¢; July, 4.62 to 4.64¢; Sept., 4.74 to 4.76¢. New "A" Jan., 4.29¢. March, 4.38¢; May, 4.49¢. Final prices are 28 to 31 points lower for the week.

HIDES.—On the 16th prices closed 5 points off to 5 up; March closed at 6.75¢; June at 7.20¢; Sept., 7.80¢, and Dec., 8.35¢. On the 18th inst. prices closed unchanged to 5 points higher after opening 5 to 10 points lower, closing with March 6.75 to 6.80¢; June, 7.25 to 7.30¢; common, dry spot, 7 to 7½¢; Orinoco Santa Marta, 8½¢. Packer nominal here and in Chicago. On the 19th inst. prices closed unchanged to 6 points lower, closing with March 6.70 to 6.80¢; May, 7.05¢; June, 7.25¢; July, 7.45¢; Sept., 7.80 to 7.85¢; Dec., 8.35 to 8.50¢. Some 7,000 Argentine Dec.-Jan. frigorifico extremes sold at 7¼¢. On the 20th inst. prices closed unchanged to 5 points lower with March 6.70 to 6.80¢; June, 7.20 to 7.25¢; July, 7.40¢; Sept., 7.80 to 7.85¢; Dec., 8.30 to 8.50¢. Some 2,000 heavy native cows sold at 6½¢. On the 21st inst. prices closed unchanged to 15 points lower. Packer hides were slow. Big producers are supposed rightly or wrongly to hold 1,250,000 hides. Spot hides remained quiet but 5,000 January light native cows sold at 6½¢, including the 4% trim adjustment. June at the Exchange closed at 7.10 to 7.15¢. and Sept. at 7.70 to 7.75¢; Feb. at 6.45¢; March at 6.60 to 6.65¢. Today futures closed 5 to 10 points lower with sales of 11 lots; Feb., 6.35¢; March, 6.50 to 6.60¢; May, 6.85¢; June, 7.01 to 7.10¢; Sept., 7.65 to 7.70¢. Final prices are 20 to 25 points lower than a week ago.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Rates declined with trading small. Later trading in tonnage for cotton, oil and time was larger.

CHARTERS.—Grain booked: 12 loads, some to French Atlantic, Sc. Rotterdam, 6c.; Hamburg, 6c.; Antwerp, 6c.; Included a small business to Liverpool and a smaller one to Hamburg at 1s. 6d. and 6c., respectively. Flour, fixed, London, 13s. with option, Mobile to Rio, Feb. 1-15. Time, West Indies round, 60c.; West Indies round, \$1; prompt West Indies round, 45c.; prompt West Indies round, 50c.; trip across New York, \$1.25. Cotton 450,000-bale space, two Gulf ports, Jan. 10-25, Kobe, Osaka, Shanghai, lump sum equal to about 5½¢; prompt Gulf-United Kingdom-Continent, previous fixture at 5¼¢. Tankers, prompt Tampico north of Hatteras, 15c.; clean, February, Black Sea-Dunkirk-Rouen, 8s.; prompt Spanish Monopoly, 3 to 5 months, at 3s. 9d.; 10,000 crude, February, Aruba-Teneriffe, 6s. 9d.; 12 months, dirty trade, California-Australasia, not under 4s. 6d. Sugar, Santo Domingo, February, United Kingdom-Continent, 14s. 9d. Apples, 18,000 barrels, Jan. 15-20, Norfolk, Baltimore, Dunkirk and Antwerp, 50c., completing up to full cargo option at 45c.

COAL.—Recent mild weather certainly tended to hurt trade. Buffalo offers Pocahontas mine run on a basis of \$1.50 to \$1.75. Western Kentucky screenings are 55c. to 75c., a 10c. decline in a week. Johnstown quoted best low volatile slack at \$1.25, an exceptional advance of 15c. over Dec. Pittsburgh quoted gas slack from 60c. to 90c., block coal at \$1.60 to \$1.80, and nut slack at from \$1.05 to \$1.25; steam coal at \$1.35 to \$1.50. Lower temperatures this week have naturally helped trade in both hard and soft coal. But with the depression still on, people economize as much as possible in the use of coal. At Hampton Roads business was reported better with prices weaker. Hampton Roads steamers on the 16th and 17th took 138,000 long tons of coal. The price of best Hampton Roads bunkers and f.o.b. pier smokeless was quoted at \$4.10 to \$4.25, with apparently little if any business at \$4.25. Vessels seem content with second grades as usual in hard times. Following southern West Virginia, western Kentucky has cut miners' wages, 10%. Some of the companies pay \$2.05 for inside and \$1.78 for outside labor. Six-inch lump is quoted f.o.b. mine at \$1.10 to \$1.40, egg at \$1 and better, nut, 90c. up. In general prices were reported a bit weak though in many cases no change was reported in quotations.

TOBACCO.—Old tobacco is quiet except for some business in Havana. New shade grown wrappers have also been in some demand. Low prices are, of course, still prevalent. At Havana an active trade is reported at low prices. Exports from Havana in 1931 were 39,726,736 lbs. of leaf against 57,683,741 in 1930; 55,311,973 cigars against 72,346,412 in 1930 and 67,296,322 cigarettes against 95,385,155 in 1930. Mayfield, Ky., advices to the "U. S. Tobacco Journal": Sales for the season in the Western dark-fired district opened here last week. Rejections throughout the week were unusually heavy, and in some instances no bids were made at all on the extreme low grades in soft condition. Sales for the past week at Mayfield, 491,345 lbs.; average price, \$3.52. At Pudueah, 340,305 lbs.; average, \$2.55. At Murray, 235,855 lbs.; average, \$4.76. At Hopkinsville, 1,100,710 lbs. dark, average, \$5.58; 1,104,705 lbs. of Burley, average \$4.73. At Clarksville, 811,990 lbs., average \$6.05. At Springfield, 610,580 lbs., average, \$7.08; At Owensboro, 2,039,625 lbs. of dark, average \$3.86; 977,250 lbs. Burley, average \$5.74. In the dark-fired Virginia district, sales 321,910 lbs. at Lynchburg, averaging \$5. At Oxford, N. C., owing to bad weather, sales were only 339,674 lbs., averaging \$7.37. Prices on all tobaccos from one cent up appear to be a little stronger than during the month of December. The Chinese crop is estimated at 114,000,000 lbs. Richmond: The Federal Farm Board has agreed to help Kentucky and Tennessee tobacco growers in their present low price difficulties. The growers of dark-fired tobacco were told to complete organization of their co-operative, obtain primary financing from commercial banks and then the board would advance secondary loans for the farmer members.

SILVER.—On the 16th inst. prices closed 30 to 53 points lower with sales of 575,000 ounces. January closed at 30.22¢; March at 30.53¢; May at 31.12¢; July at 31.44¢; September at 31.68¢; December at 32.04¢. On the 18th inst. prices closed 38 to 58 points lower with sales of 975,000 ounces. January closed at 29.80 to 29.84¢; March at 30.15 to 30.30¢; May at 30.70¢; July at 31.05¢; September at 31.18¢; October, 31.22¢. On the 19th inst. prices closed 6 to 22 points lower. Sales 200,000 ounces, closing with March at 30.05 to 30.28¢; May at 30.56 to 30.68¢; July at 30.80 to 31.05¢; September at 31.04 to 31.25¢; December at 31.40 to 31.75¢. On the 20th inst. prices closed 10 points lower to 15 up with sales of 750,000 ounces. January ended at 29.75 to 29.85¢; March at 30.06 to 30.30¢; May at 30.55 to 30.82¢; July at 30.75¢; September at 30.95¢, and December at 31.30 to 31.70¢. On the 21st inst. prices closed 4 points lower to 28 higher; sales 75,000 ounces, closing with March, 30.10 to 30.35¢; May, 30.55 to 30.74¢; July, 31.03¢; September, 31.15¢; December, 31.40¢. To-day futures closed 17 to 33 points higher with sales of 1,725,000 ounces. January ended at 30.05 to 30.20¢; March, 30.40 to 30.45¢; May, 30.90¢; July, 31.20¢, and August, 31.35¢. Final prices are 62 to 72 points lower than a week ago.

COPPER was very quiet and weak at 7½¢, and it was said that 7¼¢ could be done in several directions. London was lower on the 21st inst. Spot standard fell 7s. 6d. on that day to £39 7s. 6d. and futures were off 6s. 3d. to £39 8s. 9d.; sales 450 tons of futures. Electrolytic bid £45 10s. off £1, asked £47 10s.; at the second session in London standard advanced 3s. 9d. To-day futures closed 20 to 35 points lower with Jan., 3.75¢; March, 5.85¢; May, 6 to 6.25¢; July, 6.10¢; Sept., 6.20¢, and Dec., 6.50¢; sales 50 tons.

TIN was dull at 22¼¢ for spot Straits. London was down 2s. 6d. at the first session on the 21st inst. but recovered the loss at the second session, with sales for the day of 580 tons. Standard closed at £141 7s. 6d. for spot and £144 7s. 6d. for futures; spot Straits ended at £144 2s. 6d.; eastern c.i.f. London ended at £147 17s. 6d. on sales of 200 tons. To-day futures closed 20 points lower with no sales; Jan. ended at 21.70¢; March at 22¢; May at 22.30¢; July, 22.60¢.

LEAD was quiet and unchanged at 3.75¢. New York and 3.55¢. East St. Louis. Shipments of lead concentrates in the tri-State district thus far this year are double those

for the same period last year. In London on the 21st inst. spot fell 5s. to £14 16s. 3d.; futures off 3s. 9d. to £14 17s. 6d.; sales 500 tons of spot and 450 futures; at the second session spot advanced 1s. 3d.

ZINC was holding well at the low price of 3c. East St. Louis. Demand was small. In London on the 21st inst. spot fell 1s. 3d. to £14 8s. 9d.; futures unchanged at £14 16s. 3d.; sales 100 tons spot and 250 futures.

STEEL remained quiet. Production increased but not so much as in former years at this time. It was stated at 28% against 25% in the previous week and 21% in the last week of 1931. Here is a gain in one week of only 3% against 11% in the same week last year and 17% in 1930. The recent advance in freight rates tends to check buying by small consumers. Auto makers, canners and others seem to hesitate to buy at this time.

PIG IRON has been dull and depressed. It is said that Alabama pig iron has sold at \$10 for shipment to the North and \$11 for local and Virginia use, a decline of \$1. Shipments are said to be small now that the higher rates have gone into effect. Recent sales, it seems, included 3,000 tons of Dutch iron to Massachusetts, the price not reported. East Indian pig iron has recently sold at Boston, it is stated, at \$17 to \$18, a decline of \$3 to \$3.50. Cleveland recently sold 2,500 tons of malleable iron to an Ohio foundry. Pig iron here and in general elsewhere has remained dull.

WOOL.—Boston wired a government report which said: "Western grown wools of 64s and finer and 58-60 qualities are fairly active. On 64s and finer wool, average French combing and shorter staple offerings are most active. Sales include territory original bag and graded lines of French combing staple at steady to firmer prices. French combing staple California wools bring around 45 to 47c., scoured basis. The shorter Texas lines sell at 46 to 48c., scoured basis, for eight months' staple and at 36 to 38c. for fall wool. Another report said that within a week the sales had increased considerably. California scoured and carbonized wool for woollen purposes offered at from 43 to 48c. Choice northern California, 47 to 48c., clean basis, and the average northern California and middle county California at 43 to 45c. The scoured pulled wools were moving better. Choice AA, 61 to 62c.; AA, 58 to 60c.; fine A, 55 to 56c.; A super, 48 to 52c.; choice B super, 42 to 44c., and C super, 38 to 40c. Texas wools sold in fine twelve months' Texas at 54 to 55c. Fine Mexican wool for top making, 50c. Ohio and Pennsylvania fine delaine, 24c.; fine clothing, 20c.; 1/2 blood combing, 23 to 24c.; 1/2 blood clothing, 19c.; 3/8 combing, 23 to 24c.; 3/8 clothing, 21c.; 1/4 combing, 21 1/2 to 22c.; Territory clean basis: fine staple, 57 to 58c.; fine, fine medium, French combing, 54 to 55c.; fine, fine medium clothing, 50 to 51c.; 3/8 blood staple, 48 to 50c.; 1/2 blood, 54 to 55c.; 1/4 blood, 40 to 42c.; Texas, clean basis, fine 12 months, 54 to 55c.; fine, 8 months, 46 to 47c.; fall, 36 to 37c.

Later Boston wired: "In addition to quite an active demand for 58-60s and finer western wools, some call is being received on 56s territory and 48-50s fleece wools. Choice combing 58-60s territory is slightly stronger, with prices on strictly combing staple ranging 53 to 56c.; scoured basis. Strictly combing 56s territory wools are slow but firm at 47 to 50c. scoured basis. Inquiries are received occasionally on 48-50s territory wools and quotations are firm in last week's range. Strictly combing 48-50s Ohio fleeces move at 21 to 22c. in the grease." In London on Jan. 15, offerings 8,056 bales readily taken by Yorkshire and the Continent at the full recent prices. Fine greasy cross-breeds were frequently 5% above Dec. First offerings of Cape wools in the present series sold on par with Dec. rates. Details:

Sydney, 2,488 bales; scoured merinos, 13 to 17 1/2 d.; greasy, 8 to 13 d.; Queensland, 904 bales; greasy merinos, 8 1/2 to 12 d.; Victoria, 230 bales; greasy merinos, 9 to 10 d.; South Australia, 1,117 bales; scoured merinos, 15 to 17 d.; greasy, 6 1/2 to 10 d.; West Australia, 525 bales; greasy merinos, 7 1/2 to 9 1/2 d.; New Zealand, 2,615 bales; greasy cross-breeds, 5 to 11 1/2 d.; Cape, 177 bales; scoured merinos, 10 1/2 to 17 d.; New Zealand slipe ranged from 6 1/2 to 11 1/2 d., latter half-bred lambs.

In London on Jan. 18 offerings 8,098 bales met with a ready sale to home and Continent at unchanged prices. The first offerings of Puntas greasy cross-bred in this series sold on par with Dec. rates. Details:

Sydney, 2,189 bales; scoured merinos, 15 1/2 to 18 1/2 d.; greasy, 8 1/2 to 12 3/4 d.; Queensland, 1,196 bales; scoured merinos, 16 to 19 1/2 d.; greasy, 7 1/2 to 10 1/2 d.; Victoria, 450 bales; scoured merinos, 14 to 17 1/2 d.; greasy, 10 1/2 to 12 1/2 d.; South Australia, 334 bales; greasy, 6 1/2 to 10 1/2 d.; West Australia, 41 bales; greasy, 8 to 9 3/4 d.; New Zealand, 2,491 bales; greasy cross-breeds, 4 1/2 to 10 1/2 d.; Puntas, 899 bales; greasy cross-breeds, 7 1/2 to 10 1/2 d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 5 1/2 to 10 d., latter super half-bred lambs.

In London on Jan. 19 offerings 9,290 bales; demand steady from Yorkshire and the Continent; prices firm. Details:

Sydney, 2,954 bales; scoured merinos, 9 1/2 to 17 1/2 d.; greasy, 6 to 13 d. Queensland, 1,372 bales; scoured merinos, 15 to 19 d.; greasy, 8 to 12 d. Victoria, 1,439 bales; scoured merinos, 12 to 15 d.; greasy, 10 to 13 d.; greasy cross-breeds, 6 to 10 1/2 d. South Australia, 800 bales; scoured merinos, 15 to 19 d.; greasy, 8 1/2 to 10 1/2 d.; greasy cross-breeds, 8 to 11 d. West Australia, 1,188 bales; greasy cross-breeds, 4 1/2 to 11 1/2 d. Cape, 236 bales; greasy merinos, 7 to 8 3/4 d. Rhodesia, 97 bales; greasy merinos, 7 1/2 to 9 3/4 d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 6 1/2 to 11 1/2 d.; latter halfbred lambs.

In London on Jan. 20 10,000 bales were sold with home and Continental buyers operating freely. Prices firm. Details:

Sydney, 2,214 bales; scoured merinos, 15 1/2 to 18 1/2 d.; greasy, 8 to 13 1/2 d. Queensland, 1,600 bales; scoured merinos, 19 1/2 to 21 1/2 d.; greasy, 8 to 11 d. Victoria, 959 bales; scoured merinos, 12 to 17 d.; greasy, 11 to 13 d.; greasy cross-breeds, 5 1/2 to 10 1/2 d. West Australia, 790 bales; greasy merinos, 7 1/2 to 11 1/2 d. New Zealand, 4,405 bales; scoured cross-breeds, 7 1/2 to 14 1/2 d.; greasy, 4 1/2 to 11 1/2 d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 6 to 12 d.; latter half-bred lambs. The sales will close on Jan. 29 instead of on Feb. 2.

In London on Jan. 21 offerings 9,000 bales were readily taken at firm prices. Details:

Sydney, 3,073 bales; scoured merinos, 13 1/2 to 16 1/2 d.; greasy, 7 1/2 to 14 d.; Queensland, 1,167 bales; scoured merinos, 15 1/2 to 17 1/2 d.; greasy 7 1/2 to 10 d.; Victoria, 658 bales; greasy merinos, 10 to 13 1/2 d.; South Australia, 169 bales; greasy merinos, 9 to 12 d.; West Australia, 1,068 bales; greasy merinos, 7 to 11 1/2 d.; New Zealand, 2,919 bales; scoured merinos, 15 1/2 to 17 d.; scoured cross-breeds, 10 to 14 d.; greasy cross-breeds, 5 1/2 to 10 1/2 d. Victoria greasy lambs marked "J" in circle realized 18 1/2 d. New Zealand slipe ranged from 5 to 11 1/2 d., latter half-bred lambs.

At Liverpool on Jan. 18: "Lower prices prevailed to-day at the opening of the East India wool auction. Medium grades were down as much as 5% while better sorts went off 7 1/2% compared with previous quotations. There are 23,000 bales offered for sale and a fair quantity moved to-day. The auction will continue until Saturday."

At Wanganui on Jan. 15 21,700 bales offered and 14,800 sold. Offerings consisted entirely of crossbreeds. Compared with the Napier sales last Tuesday prices were about unchanged. Fine and medium grades were in good demand, chiefly for the Continent, while coarse grades were neglected. Prices closed firm. Prices were: crossbreeds, 56-58s, 8 1/2 to 9 1/2 d.; 50-56s, 7 1/2 to 8 1/2 d.; 48-50s, 7 to 8 d.; 46-48s, 5 1/2 to 6 1/2 d.; 44-46s, 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 d.; 40-44s, 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 d. At the Auckland sales on Jan. 19 offerings were 25,300 bales of which 16,400 sold. Offerings of crossbreeds were representative but merinos were absent. Prices were about unchanged compared with Wanganui sales on Jan. 15. Demand for fine medium grades was good, chiefly from Yorkshire, the Continent and Japan. Coarse grades were neglected. Prices closed firm. Prices realized: Crossbreeds 56-58s, 8 1/2 to 11 d.; 40-56s, 7 to 9 1/2 d.; 48-50s, 6 to 8 d.; 46-48s, 4 1/2 to 6 1/2 d.; 44-46s, 4 to 5 1/2 d.; 40-44s, 3 1/2 to 5 1/2 d.; 36-40s, 3 to 3 3/4 d.

WOOL TOPS to-day were quiet and closed unchanged to 50 points lower, ending with February to July inclusive at 68c.; August and later deliveries, 68.50c. Boston spot, 73.50c. unchanged. Robbaix-Tourcoing, 10 to 30 lower, with sales of 66,000 lbs. Antwerp unchanged to 1/8 d. lower, with sales of 133,000 lbs.

SILK.—On the 21st inst. prices closed 2 to 6 points net higher, with sales of 330 bales, closing with February 1.72 to \$1.73; March, \$1.76 to \$1.78; May, \$1.80 to \$1.81; July, \$1.81; August, \$1.80 to \$1.82. To-day futures closed 2 to 5 points lower, with sales of 400 bales; January ended at \$1.67 to \$1.70; February, \$1.68 to \$1.70; March, \$1.73; May, \$1.76 to \$1.78; June, \$1.75 to \$1.78; July and August, \$1.77. Final prices are 11 points lower on May for the week.

COTTON

Friday Night, Jan. 22 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 241,478 bales, against 274,657 bales last week and 353,609 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1931 7,050,847 bales, against 7,121,132 bales for the same period of 1930-31, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1931 of 70,285 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	11,423	10,301	26,977	14,743	7,384	10,871	81,699
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	8,506	8,506
Houston	5,715	13,889	9,615	6,826	7,052	21,412	64,509
Corpus Christi	523	536	937	429	471	511	3,407
New Orleans	1,596	8,543	8,891	30,304	9,814	2,689	61,837
Mobile	409	366	505	1,044	390	282	2,996
Pensacola	—	5,743	—	—	—	—	5,743
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	761	—	761
Savannah	1,693	803	1,569	618	771	273	5,727
Charleston	442	33	102	57	1,050	93	1,777
Lake Charles	—	—	—	—	—	1,821	1,821
Wilmington	363	317	364	303	188	391	1,926
Norfolk	58	87	81	85	69	53	435
Boston	—	—	105	—	—	—	105
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	231	231
Totals this week	22,222	40,618	49,146	54,409	27,950	47,133	241,478

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. 22.	1932-31.		1931-30.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1931.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1930.	1932.	1931.
Galveston	81,699	1,731,176	15,103	1,194,986	973,931	654,105
Texas City	8,506	161,007	859	103,658	76,100	47,721
Houston	64,509	2,689,227	30,494	2,593,542	1,681,831	1,438,791
Corpus Christi	3,407	409,978	868	560,593	84,504	112,860
Beaumont	—	14,298	450	21,032	—	—
New Orleans	61,837	1,091,561	16,125	1,038,085	993,861	763,089
Mobile	2,996	289,952	6,789	427,648	210,891	189,247
Pensacola	5,743	43,421	721	52,469	—	—
Jacksonville	761	23,282	—	445	16,808	1,312
Savannah	5,727	249,426	5,079	582,612	303,053	327,180
Brunswick	—	24,736	—	49,050	—	—
Charleston	1,777	93,301	1,106	256,256	155,330	168,242
Lake Charles	1,821	114,918	150	48,083	60,083	—
Wilmington	1,926	39,899	762	48,575	23,781	16,646
Norfolk	433	55,972	993	128,092	68,834	95,849
Newport News	—	—	—	1,125	212,335	229,110
New York	—	—	359	—	661	—
Boston	105	695	—	—	13,515	2,497
Baltimore	231	17,997	570	14,220	1,974	1,370
Philadelphia	—	—	—	—	5,313	5,201
Totals	241,478	7,050,847	80,428	7,121,132	4,882,144	4,053,220

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1931-32.	1930-31.	1929-30.	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.
Galveston	81,699	15,103	24,585	59,818	38,094	87,666
Houston	64,509	30,494	21,552	51,857	30,180	76,570
New Orleans	61,837	16,125	29,651	33,691	28,579	47,542
Mobile	2,936	6,789	10,198	3,202	4,922	7,143
Savannah	5,727	5,079	4,940	6,384	6,766	18,168
Brunswick	1,777	1,106	1,150	3,484	1,380	6,297
Wilmington	1,926	762	839	843	1,679	2,339
Norfolk	433	993	2,553	2,777	3,285	8,974
Newport News						
All others	20,574	3,977	2,920	9,695	5,520	42,33
Total this wk.	241,478	80,428	98,388	171,761	120,405	258,932
Since Aug. 1.	7,050,847	7,121,132	6,999,251	7,556,649	6,533,688	9,623,011

The exports for the week ending this evening reach a total of 226,074 bales, of which 9,900 were to Great Britain, 15,014 to France, 65,210 to Germany, 29,140 to Italy, nil to Russia, 86,935 to Japan and China and 19,875 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 97,562 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 4,541,513 bales, against 4,276,704 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Jan. 22 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston		3,784	8,556	18,990		30,017	9,075	70,422
Houston	2,374	3,980	14,919	1,552		16,878	6,697	46,400
Texas City			3,015	798				3,813
Corpus Christi	870		146			2,947		3,963
New Orleans	97	6,500	15,347	7,800		18,436	1,701	49,881
Mobile	3,964	750	10,429			413	1,000	16,556
Jacksonville	23							23
Pensacola			5,643				100	5,743
Savannah	1,852		3,292			208		5,352
Charleston			675				802	1,480
Norfolk	470		300					770
New York						12,415		12,415
Los Angeles	100		2,885			3,509	500	6,994
San Francisco	150					2,112		2,262
Total	9,900	15,014	65,210	29,140		86,935	19,875	226,074
Total 1931	10,069	16,263	17,907	10,539		30,648	12,138	97,562
Total 1930	25,775	14,799	38,588	13,148		23,542	16,352	132,204

From Aug. 1 1931 to Jan. 22 1932. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	131,395	45,180	144,967	112,965		529,925	158,016	1,122,388
Houston	146,688	112,349	389,414	141,753		605,031	224,787	1,620,072
Texas City	8,880	4,374	24,116	3,943		17,650	3,379	62,342
Corpus Christi	68,228	12,599	20,349	29,370		126,918	30,744	288,208
Beaumont	5,217	1,380	3,365	50		1,308	11,320	22,240
New Orleans	95,335	22,814	83,926	87,471		161,231	40,623	491,400
Mobile	61,628	2,100	60,595	2,996		126,792	6,450	260,561
Jacksonville	3,486		4,197				122	7,805
Pensacola	8,507		45,636	174		5,304	409	60,021
Savannah	64,603	129	56,926	750		154,961	5,248	272,377
Brunswick	3,764		20,522				450	24,736
Charleston	34,989		30,288			15,562	11,319	92,158
Wilmington			8,072	7,150			1,458	16,680
Norfolk	16,080	22	5,503			5,808	42	27,455
New York	2,182	150	1,029			16,915	1,879	22,155
Boston	110		42				860	1,012
Baltimore	8							8
Los Angeles	1,591	50	8,185			89,563	2,422	101,811
San Francisco	300		100			24,052	266	24,718
Seattle							45	45
Lake Charles	3,262	6,686	13,730	3,713			6,850	34,241
Total	646,253	207,833	920,662	390,335		1879,762	496,668	4,541,513
Total 1930-31	811,898	720,057	1,157,783	315,285	29,279	805,737	436,665	4,276,704
Total 1929-30	967,512	622,936	1,288,188	445,781	78,015	830,933	473,561	4,706,926

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to give returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the custom districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand. In view, however, of the numerous inquiries we are receiving regarding the matter, we will say that for the month of December the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 17,335 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 23,030 bales. For the five months ended Dec. 31 1931 there were 90,841 bales exported, as against 111,753 bales for the five months of 1930.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Jan. 22 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	10,000	3,500	8,500	40,000	2,000	64,000	909,931
New Orleans	19,248	1,102	1,350	16,771	2,545	41,016	952,845
Savannah					200	200	302,853
Charleston							155,330
Mobile	1,500			16,422	287	18,209	192,682
Norfolk							68,834
Other ports*	10,000	3,000	4,000	78,000	1,000	96,000	2,080,244
Total 1932—	40,748	7,602	13,850	151,193	6,032	219,425	4,662,719
Total 1931—	12,267	11,152	14,611	47,387	3,700	89,117	3,964,103
Total 1930—	23,380	12,617	17,708	66,779	4,963	125,447	2,343,025

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been at times rather more active but on the whole has still lacked the old time life and snap. But prices have remained practically stationary. The net decline for the week is a mere bagatelle. A good deal is expected of the \$2,000,000 relief bill sooner or later. The Far East continues to buy. Continental stocks are still far below those of a year ago. The South is not selling here at all freely. The seemingly almost pugnacious firmness of the price attracts attention.

On the 16th inst. prices declined slightly in the end with stocks lower and local, Liverpool, Continental and New Orleans interests selling. Later there was something of a rally as stocks recovered some of the early loss. Home

and Far Eastern trade buying continued. It is a force that has to be reckoned with. The recent rise of nearly 50 points was held with a tenacious grip. The sales of cotton goods within a week were estimated at 125,000,000 yards some of which was for delivery as far ahead as June. Of late, too, 39-inch 72x76 print cloths have been scarce and prices have been advanced about 1/4c. Yarns lagged behind cloths here. In Philadelphia yarns were more active but no advance took place. Charlotte, N. C. reports stated that the demand for print cloths was broadening at higher prices. Wall Street as well as trade interests bought futures here. Rains fell west of the Mississippi River. In general rains were not wanted. But in Texas bountiful winter rains are always valuable for winter rains largely make the coming crop. Spot cotton was firm. Augusta wired that the basis was hardening and that factors were asking even March price or better. Exports have been making a good showing and the "Chronicle" stated the quantity on shipboard awaiting clearance at 215,878 bales against 108,061 bales a year ago and 149,466 in 1930. Interests which often represent Far Eastern spinners were large buyers. At times speculative buying increased somewhat. The tendency is supposed to be towards inflation. There was a rumor in Chicago that a strong bull pool was being formed to trade in commodities. All commodities are low. The selling of cotton on the 16th was moderate to say the least. Hedge selling was negligible. Early sellers in some cases covered later.

On the 18th inst. prices advanced 10 to 15 points on a larger speculation and a better demand from Wall Street and Europe. Some stop orders were caught on the way up. Stocks after declining rallied. Wheat advanced 1 1/2 to 2c. Washington wires talked of coming inflation. Banks are against deflation. Seemingly the idea was that it had gone far enough. Also the \$2,000,000 financial reconstruction Act which became a law to-day, was stressed as something of the first importance. Local sentiment here seemed to have changed. From being distinctly bearish for many weeks past it became more bullish. In some cases it was out and out bullish. The talk in and outside of Wall Street was that commodities were likely to advance not excepting cotton, and that stocks would follow their lead. Here cotton goods were in excellent demand and percales were up 1/2c. The sales of print cloths last week are said to have been larger than the production. Hunter & Co. reported the largest sales since the middle of November. Memphis wired that 350,000 acres of farm land in the Yazoo Delta in Mississippi were under water. New Orleans wired that freight room had been taken for about 500,000 bales of cotton to be shipped to the Far East within the next 40 to 60 days. Spot cotton markets were active and rising. The basis was firm. The demand equals if it does not exceed the offerings by merchants and farmers. Texas reported that Japanese were good buyers. Manchester reported a better demand for cloths from the Continent and South America.

On the 19th inst. prices declined 7 to 10 points under a weakened technical position and lower stocks and grain. Japanese and Continental were said to be selling and also "wire" houses, New Orleans and the South. The weather was better and the crop movement was larger. South Texas was said to be offering cotton more freely. Worth Street was quiet but firm; in fact, some narrow goods were 1/8c. higher. Manchester's foreign trade was quiet, though there was a steady demand from home buyers. Tattersall said of Manchester's trade that owing to unsettled world conditions the outlook for the cotton industry was uncertain; that Lancashire producers were still feeling very keenly the competition of other countries where production costs are below Great Britain's, and the consumption is also undoubtedly checked by the poor purchasing power of consumers throughout the world. The ginning up to Jan. 16 was estimated in one case at 15,941,422 bales against 13,594,388 for the same time last season. But the decline was not severe. The trade demand was there to halt it. At times, too, stocks rallied noticeably. Wall Street and local traders bought. Mill curtailment talk was still heard, but some of the larger mills, it is thought, are not so ready to curtail as they were a while ago. Recent sales, it is believed, have exceeded production, or, at any rate, increased encouragingly. Print cloths advanced last week 1/4c., sheetings 1/8c., and percales 1/8c. The sales of print cloths in some cases were for delivery up to March 31. The New York Cotton Exchange Service pointed out that English mills continue to take American cotton at a very much higher rate than last season. In the past six weeks the forwardings to Lancashire mill centers have totaled 173,000 bales against only 103,000 in the same period last season. The home trade in England is better, due to the new British tariff, but the big foreign markets are not showing the improvement that was hoped for from the depreciation of sterling.

On the 20th inst. prices declined about half a dozen points, with some realizing after a recent advance of some \$2 a bale. Wall Street was credited with selling rather heavily. Liverpool sold, and also Japanese. Liverpool prices were disappointing from the effects of a less favorable international situation, hedging and liquidation by the Continent. International political rumors were a bit unfavorable for the moment; that is, about war debts and reparations. China, it was rumored, would sever diplomatic relations with Japan.

Bremen declined 6 to 10 points, Indian 10 points, and Egyptian in Alexandria in some cases 20 to 30 points. Manchester had only a moderate business in cloths with India. But prices here, which had been 12 points lower early, rallied later as stocks and wheat advanced, especially stocks. Lower grades of spot cotton were in good demand at the South, especially from Japan and China, and the premiums on the higher grades were smaller. North Texas reported a better demand. Exports were 48,600 bales, and the total of 4,568,746 bales was 220,000 bales larger than up to this time last year. The weather was better, and theoretically this would tend to increase the crop movement and hedge selling. But, on the other hand, the winter at the South, it was again urged, has been unusually mild, and tends greatly to increase the survival of weevil and do damage to the next crop unless the weather should prove very severe later on. Washington wires reported that the two billion Reconstruction Finance Corporation bill would become a law this week. It is expected by some to infuse greater life and snap into both stocks and cotton, and other commodities, as well as trade generally. The trade, the Continent and shorts bought. The manner in which the price stands up, regardless of occasional pressure, excites comment.

On the 21st inst. prices advanced half a dozen points, with contracts rather scarce and the trade buying and covering. Later most of the rise was lost. But Japanese interests were supposed to be buying the near months. The news as to the progress of the two billion Reconstruction Act at Washington was very favorable. It was believed it would become a law by Friday, and it did. Spot markets were firm, with a good demand. China and Japan were buying low grades at the South. The basis was firm. The hedge selling was only moderate. The South, as a rule, sold little. Some local operators sold on the idea that a reaction was due. But resistance to pressure was still very plain. In Liverpool there was a good spot demand at 8 points advance. As to Liverpool futures, they were higher than due, with local and Continental buying, some calling by the mills, and a scarcity of contracts. Manchester reported a better demand for cloths from India. Worth Street was less active, but Charlotte, N. C., reported a broadening demand. The American Crop Service pointed out that as the winter season is not yet over sufficient temperature control of the weevil to insure minimum damage to the 1932 cotton crop may yet occur. It added, however, climatic conditions up to this date point to one of the heaviest winter survivals of weevils in recent years. Under somewhat similar conditions in 1926 weevil damage jumped from 7% in 1926 to 19% in 1927.

To-day prices ended 5 to 6 points lower, partly in sympathy with a decline in stocks. January shorts are supposed to be all in. The wire houses sold to some extent. There was disappointment that the passage of the \$2,000,000,000 Reconstruction Act had so little effect in Wall Street or anywhere else. But again the net decline was small. The spinners' takings were large. So were the exports. The takings, according to the Exchange account, were 354,000 bales against 179,000 in the same week last year; exports, 226,000 against 99,000 last year. Spinners were calling cotton on a fair scale. There were some heavy rains, notably in parts of Texas and Oklahoma. The forecast was wet or cloudy. Liverpool reported a very large business in spot cotton. British spinners and importers were apparently a little nervous about future supplies. The South stubbornly holds back cotton. The Far East seems to be stealing a march on Europe. Final prices here show a net decline for the week of 4 to 7 points. Spot cotton ended at 6.70c. for middling, a drop of 5 points.

Differences between grades established for delivery on contract Jan. 28 1932 Figured from the Jan. 21 1932 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Staple Premiums 60% of average of six markets quoting for deliveries on Jan. 28 1932.			
15-16 inch.	1-inch & longer.		
.13	.30	Middling Fair.....White.....	.72 on Mid.
.13	.30	Strict Good Middling.....do.....	.57 do
.13	.30	Good Middling.....do.....	.42 do
.13	.30	Strict Middling.....do.....	.25 do
.13	.30	Middling.....do.....	Basis
.12	.25	Strict Low Middling.....do.....	.25 off Mid.
.11	.23	Low Middling.....do.....	.55 do
		*Strict Good Ordinary.....do.....	.87 do
		*Good Ordinary.....do.....	1.20 do
		Good Middling.....Extra White.....	.42 on do
		Strict Middling.....do do.....	.25 do
		Middling.....do do.....	Even do
		Strict Low Middling.....do do.....	.25 off do
		Low Middling.....do do.....	.55 do
.13	.30	Good Middling.....Spotted.....	.22 on do
.13	.30	Strict Middling.....do.....	Even off do
.12	.25	Middling.....do.....	.26 off do
		*Strict Low Middling.....do.....	.56 do
		*Low Middling.....do.....	.91 do
.13	.26	Strict Good Middling.....Yellow Tinged.....	Even off do
.13	.25	Good Middling.....do do.....	.28 do
.12	.25	Strict Middling.....do do.....	.45 do
		*Middling.....do do.....	.62 do
		*Strict Low Middling.....do do.....	.99 do
		*Low Middling.....do do.....	1.37 do
.12	.25	Good Middling.....Light Yellow Stained.....	.45 off do
		*Strict Middling.....do do do.....	.70 do
		*Middling.....do do do.....	1.04 do
.11	.24	Good Middling.....Yellow Stained.....	.65 off do
		*Strict Middling.....do do.....	.97 do
		*Middling.....do do.....	1.40 do
.12	.25	Good Middling.....Gray.....	.21 off do
.12	.25	Strict Middling.....do.....	.42 do
		*Middling.....do.....	.64 do
		*Good Middling.....do.....	.61 off do
		*Strict Middling.....Blue Stained.....	.99 do
		*Middling.....do do.....	1.35 do

*Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Jan. 16 to Jan. 22—	Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.
Middling upland.....	6.80 6.85 6.80 6.75 6.75 6.70

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 16.	Monday, Jan. 18.	Tuesday, Jan. 19.	Wednesday, Jan. 20.	Thursday, Jan. 21.	Friday, Jan. 22.
Jan.—						
Range.....	6.57-6.64	6.65-6.75	6.61-6.72	6.53-6.61	6.60-6.65	6.59-6.65
Closing.....	6.64	6.69	6.65-6.66	6.60-6.61	6.62	6.61
Feb.—						
Range.....	6.66	6.71	6.67	6.60	6.63	6.61-6.67
Closing.....	6.66	6.71	6.67	6.60	6.63	6.56
March—						
Range.....	6.66-6.74	6.75-6.85	6.71-6.80	6.62-6.70	6.68-6.74	6.64-6.73
Closing.....	6.73-6.74	6.78-6.79	6.74	6.67-6.68	6.70-6.71	6.64-6.65
April—						
Range.....	6.83-6.83	6.85	6.81	6.75	6.77	6.72
Closing.....	6.83	6.85	6.81	6.75	6.77	6.72
May—						
Range.....	6.81-6.89	6.90-7.03	6.85-6.94	6.76-6.85	6.84-6.90	6.80-6.88
Closing.....	6.88-6.89	6.93-6.94	6.88	6.83-6.84	6.85-6.86	6.80-6.81
June—						
Range.....	6.96	7.02	6.96	6.92	6.94	6.88
Closing.....	6.96	7.02	6.96	6.92	6.94	6.88
July—						
Range.....	6.98-7.05	7.07-7.18	7.02-7.10	6.93-7.03	7.01-7.07	6.96-7.05
Closing.....	7.04-7.05	7.11-7.12	7.05-7.06	7.01-7.02	7.03-7.04	6.97-6.98
August—						
Range.....	7.11	7.19	7.13	7.09	7.11	7.05
Closing.....	7.11	7.19	7.13	7.09	7.11	7.05
Sept.—						
Range.....	7.18	7.27	7.21	7.16	7.18	7.13
Closing.....	7.18	7.27	7.21	7.16	7.18	7.13
Oct.—						
Range.....	7.20-7.28	7.29-7.40	7.25-7.34	7.17-7.25	7.24-7.30	7.21-7.28
Closing.....	7.25	7.35	7.29	7.24	7.26	7.21
Nov.—						
Range.....	7.34	7.43	7.37	7.32	7.34	7.29
Closing.....	7.34	7.43	7.37	7.32	7.34	7.29
Dec.—						
Range.....	7.37-7.45	7.45-7.55	7.42-7.50	7.35-7.42	7.41-7.46	7.37-7.45
Closing.....	7.44-7.45	7.52	7.46	7.40	7.42	7.37

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Jan. 22 1932 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Jan. 1932.....	6.53 Jan. 20	6.75 Jan. 18
Feb. 1932.....	6.61 Jan. 22	6.61 Jan. 22
Mar. 1932.....	6.62 Jan. 20	6.85 Jan. 18
Apr. 1932.....	6.83 Jan. 16	6.83 Jan. 16
May 1932.....	6.76 Jan. 20	7.03 Jan. 18
June 1932.....	6.96	6.96
July 1932.....	6.98-7.05	7.07-7.18
Aug. 1932.....	7.04-7.05	7.11-7.12
Sept. 1932.....	7.11	7.19
Oct. 1932.....	7.20-7.28	7.29-7.40
Nov. 1932.....	7.25	7.35
Dec. 1932.....	7.34	7.43
Jan. 1933.....	7.37-7.45	7.45-7.55
Feb. 1933.....	7.44-7.45	7.52
Mar. 1933.....	7.42-7.50	7.46
Apr. 1933.....	7.35-7.42	7.40
May 1933.....	7.41-7.46	7.42
June 1933.....	7.37-7.45	7.37
July 1933.....	7.37	7.46
Aug. 1933.....	7.42-7.50	7.46
Sept. 1933.....	7.35-7.42	7.40
Oct. 1933.....	7.41-7.46	7.42
Nov. 1933.....	7.37-7.45	7.37
Dec. 1933.....	7.37	7.46

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.

	1931	1930	1929
Jan. 22—	1931	1930	1929
Stock at Liverpool.....	bales 932,000	869,000	886,000
Stock at London.....	177,000	177,000	177,000
Stock at Manchester.....	185,000	213,000	103,000
Stock at Antwerp.....	89,000	89,000	89,000
Total Great Britain.....	902,000	1,082,000	898,000
Stock at Hamburg.....	1,048,000	1,048,000	1,048,000
Stock at Bremen.....	358,000	576,000	541,000
Stock at Havre.....	186,000	352,000	294,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	14,000	10,000	8,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	103,000	119,000	103,000
Stock at Genoa.....	96,000	67,000	71,000
Stock at Ghent.....	57,000	57,000	57,000
Stock at Antwerp.....	57,000	57,000	57,000
Total Continental stocks.....	757,000	1,124,000	1,017,000
Total European stocks.....	1,659,000	2,206,000	2,006,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	49,000	113,000	141,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	344,000	296,000	421,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat for Europe.....	67,000	73,000	98,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	746,000	722,000	455,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	441,000	759,000	1,113,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	4,882,144	4,053,226	2,468,472
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	2,175,407	1,696,148	1,432,387
U. S. exports to-day.....	17,521	10,563	1,945

Total visible supply.....10,381,072 9,928,931 8,136,804 7,650,512

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

	1931	1930	1929
American.....	324,000	482,000	401,000
Liverpool stock.....	324,000	482,000	401,000
Manchester stock.....	104,000	111,000	63,000
Continental stock.....	692,000	999,000	929,000
American afloat for Europe.....	344,000	196,000	421,000
U. S. port stocks.....	4,882,144	4,053,226	2,468,472
U. S. interior stocks.....	2,175,407	1,696,148	1,432,387
U. S. exports to-day.....	17,521	10,563	1,945
Total American.....	8,539,072	7,647,931	5,716,804
East Indian, Brazil, &c.....	8,539,072	7,647,931	5,716,804
Liverpool stock.....	393,000	387,000	485,000
London stock.....	387,000	387,000	289,000
Manchester stock.....	81,000	102,000	40,000
Continental stock.....	65,000	125,000	88,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....	49,000	113,000	141,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	67,000	73,000	98,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	746,000	722,000	455,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	441,000	759,000	1,113,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,842,000	2,281,000	2,420,000
Total American.....	8,539,072	7,647,931	5,716,804

Total visible supply.....10,381,072 9,928,931 8,136,804 7,650,512
Middling uplands, Liverpool..... 5.63d. 9.40d. 10.43d.
Middling uplands, New York..... 6.70c. 10.00c. 20.10c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool..... 8.65d. 9.25d. 15.35d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool..... 13.75d. 14.50d.
Banco, fine, Liverpool..... 5.52d. 4.43d. 7.25d.
Timnevelly, good, Liverpool..... 5.65d. 5.28d. 8.60d.

Continental imports for past week have been 124,000 bales. The above figures for 1932 show an increase over last week of 6,526 bales, a gain of 452,141 over 1931, an increase of 2,244,268 bales over 1930, and a gain of 2,730,560 bales over 1929.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding period of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Jan. 22 1932.				Movement to Jan. 23 1931.			
	Receipts.		Shp-ments.	Stocks Jan. 22.	Receipts.		Shp-ments.	Stocks Jan. 23.
	Week.	Season.			Week.	Season.		
Ala., Birming'm	866	63,324	3,382	36,468	481	85,137	609	32,589
Eufaula	209	11,465	183	8,961	145	28,007	67	16,324
Montgomery	156	36,523	465	69,039	1,755	61,535	92	65,711
Selma	1,112	76,935	2,100	85,392	815	92,928	211	75,993
Ark., Blytheville	1,505	99,461	3,101	57,934	240	75,560	1,313	32,269
Forest City	695	27,185	622	18,066	62	13,530	344	11,044
Helena	1,711	61,250	1,905	51,545	201	39,948	999	31,336
Hope	320	56,330	2,595	19,110	133	30,979	379	9,382
Jonesboro	129	19,273	171	5,448	34	25,556	295	4,612
Little Rock	2,482	152,698	4,725	79,449	1,098	93,807	2,316	50,712
Newport	1,185	41,102	904	19,786	205	26,971	295	8,167
Pine Bluff	3,512	136,910	2,838	64,235	636	79,409	2,090	35,732
Walnut Ridge	763	43,240	565	15,102	27	23,516	338	6,358
Mo., Albany	12	5,227	41	4,406	1	7,333	14	3,983
Gal., Albany	3,250	26,804	500	36,420	350	38,161	670	32,580
Atlanta	1,997	46,626	146	151,413	1,289	163,772	1,152	151,307
Augusta	2,026	156,343	1,642	132,245	4,190	276,376	4,140	117,244
Columbus	2,502	44,784	2,103	26,851	920	37,020	110	10,047
Macon	1,273	26,918	742	35,922	748	80,444	1,234	33,588
Rome	500	10,196	150	9,048	85	20,206	250	16,372
La., Shreveport	1,508	98,065	3,080	115,820	138	104,136	216	84,331
Miss., Clarksdale	11,518	158,074	11,286	104,063	274	108,351	3,269	62,568
Columbus	363	20,029	199	15,793	187	23,965	1,087	14,593
Greenwood	171	163,160	2,033	120,555	121	136,232	3,048	84,304
Meridian	312	25,652	221	10,618	1,980	51,923	1,192	21,662
Natchez	602	38,366	1,470	24,144	146	34,025	405	8,854
Vicksburg	629	44,801	1,767	27,225	34	32,333	1,149	18,873
Yazoo City	2,418	94,843	2,473	1,113	4,722	151,075	4,253	15,256
Mo., St. Louis	242	14,276	213	22,811	2,756	33,208	684	33,481
N. C., Greensboro	15,826	542,850	16,390	107,919	3,133	514,560	5,087	76,300
Oklahoma	6,246	88,502	2,169	62,157	1,288	101,441	3,805	65,605
15 towns*	61,806	1,400,019	75,069	479,362	24,890	998,606	32,739	382,522
Tenn., Memphis	1,803	48,717	1,515	2,356	248	25,310	416	641
Texas, Abilene	443	25,661	1,069	6,638	105	24,108	143	1,470
Austin	268	16,935	554	8,730	62	19,078	190	6,688
Brenham	2,814	126,416	4,650	44,827	873	135,972	5,981	18,162
Dallas	2,131	85,079	3,167	21,816	329	62,603	942	5,104
Paris	8	31,025	197	2,152	---	54,597	5	11,567
Robstown	466	15,659	45	1,623	260	22,795	345	1,488
San Antonio	1,139	54,098	2,419	19,326	240	31,627	313	7,302
Texarkana	2,339	74,602	3,917	23,734	216	59,010	889	8,995
Waco								
Total, 56 towns	139,257	4,320,094	162,783	217,5407	55,450	4,036,199	83,295	1,696,148

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have decreased during the week 22,647 bales and are to-night 479,259 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at all towns have been 83,807 bales more than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS:

1932	6.70c	1924	33.25c	1916	12.35c	1908	12.10c
1931	10.55c	1923	28.15c	1915	8.70c	1907	10.90c
1930	17.45c	1922	18.05c	1914	13.00c	1906	12.25c
1929	20.40c	1921	18.15c	1913	13.00c	1905	12.25c
1928	19.05c	1920	39.10c	1912	9.50c	1904	17.75c
1927	13.65c	1919	27.25c	1911	14.90c	1903	8.95c
1926	20.85c	1918	31.95c	1910	14.70c	1902	8.25c
1925	24.00c	1917	16.75c	1909	10.00c	1901	9.88c

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

	Spot Market Closed.		Futures Market Closed.		SALES.		
	Steady	pts. adv.	Very steady	pts. adv.	Spot.	Contr. ct.	Total.
Saturday	Steady	5 pts. adv.	Very steady	pts. adv.	1,450	---	1,450
Monday	Steady	5 pts. adv.	Steady	---	---	1,200	1,200
Tuesday	Quiet	5 pts. dec.	Steady	---	1,300	100	1,400
Wednesday	Steady	5 pts. dec.	Steady	---	800	200	1,000
Thursday	Steady	unchanged	Steady	---	900	---	900
Friday	Steady	5 pts. dec.	Steady	---	700	300	1,000
Total week					5,150	1,800	6,950
Since Aug. 1					83,389	79,000	162,389

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Jan. 22—	1932-31		1931-30	
	Shipped	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Via St. Louis	2,473	102,153	4,253	149,821
Via Mounds, &c.	1,110	18,348	1,210	40,528
Via Rock Island	---	442	---	1,260
Via Louisville	101	5,317	200	10,398
Via Virginia points	3,345	94,438	3,570	97,534
Via other routes, &c.	12,856	224,103	11,074	251,865
Total gross overland	19,885	444,801	20,307	551,406
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.	336	18,959	929	16,006
Between interior towns	275	6,779	359	7,597
Inland, &c., from South	3,819	139,073	7,445	155,697
Total to be deducted	4,430	164,811	8,733	179,300
Leaving total net overland*	15,455	279,990	11,574	372,106

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 15,455 bales, against 11,574 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 92,116 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1932-31		1931-30	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Jan. 22	241,478	7,050,847	80,428	7,121,132
Net overland to Jan. 22	15,455	279,990	11,574	372,106
Southern consumption to Jan. 22	90,000	2,250,000	11,574	372,106
Total marketed	346,933	9,580,837	182,002	9,483,238
Interior stocks in excess	22,647	1,385,380	*29,016	1,134,453
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Jan. 1	---	619,346	---	456,964
Came into sight during week	324,286	---	152,986	---
Total in sight Jan. 22	---	11,585,563	---	11,074,655
North. spinn's s takings to Jan. 22	23,952	547,192	14,189	587,712

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales	Since Jan. 1—	Bales
1930—Jan. 24	181,977	1930	12,066,406
1929—Jan. 25	267,739	1929	12,133,112
1928—Jan. 26	199,862	1928	10,865,221

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. 22.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wed. day.	Thurs. day.	Friday.
Galveston	6.60	6.65	6.60	6.55	6.60	6.55
New Orleans	6.68	6.68	6.64	6.61	6.61	6.57
Mobile	6.20	6.25	6.25	6.20	6.20	6.15
Savannah	6.49	6.63	---	6.53	6.55	6.49
Norfolk	6.63	6.70	---	6.58	6.60	6.57
Baltimore	6.76	6.85	6.80	6.75	6.75	6.75
Augusta	6.56	6.56	6.56	6.50	6.50	6.44
Memphis	6.00	6.05	6.00	5.90	6.00	5.95
Houston	6.55	6.60	6.55	6.50	6.50	6.45
Little Rock	5.93	5.98	5.94	5.88	5.90	5.85
Dallas	6.15	6.20	6.15	6.10	6.10	6.10
Fort Worth	---	6.20	6.15	6.10	6.10	6.10

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Jan. 16.	Monday, Jan. 18.	Tuesday, Jan. 19.	Wednesday, Jan. 20.	Thursday, Jan. 21.	Friday, Jan. 22.
January	6.68-6.69	6.69	6.64	6.61	6.59 Bid.	6.55-6.57
February	---	---	---	---	---	---
March	6.73-6.74	6.76-6.77	6.73	6.69	6.67-6.68	6.65-6.66
April	---	---	---	---	---	---
May	6.89	6.91-6.92	6.88	6.85-6.86	6.85	6.82
June	---	---	---	---	---	---
July	7.05	7.09	7.05	7.02	7.00	6.96-6.97
August	---	---	---	---	---	---
September	---	---	---	---	---	---
October	7.23	7.25	7.22 Bid.	7.20	7.19	7.15 Bid.
November	---	---	---	---	---	---
December	7.39	7.42	7.40 Bid.	7.38 Bid.	7.35-7.36	7.32 Bid.
Jan. (1933)	---	---	---	---	---	---
Tone	---	---	---	---	---	---
Spot	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.
Options	Firm.	Steady.	Steady.	Steady.	Qu't & st'y	Easier.

ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON-SPINNING INDUSTRY FOR DECEMBER.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity" on earlier pages.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that continued rains in many sections of the cotton belt have been unfavorable for farm work even though temperatures in many localities have been below normal.

Memphis, Tenn.—The river is 32 9-10ths feet above zero gauge and rising. The first part of the week was too wet for farm work although the latter part of the week has been more favorable.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer
Galveston, Tex.	1 day	0.04 in.	high 72 low 55 mean 64
Abilene, Tex.	3 days	0.80 in.	high 70 low 32 mean 51
Brownsville, Tex.	4 days	0.64 in.	high 80 low 54 mean 67
Corpus Christi, Tex.	2 days	0.12 in.	high 78 low 52 mean 65
Dallas, Tex.	3 days	2.92 in.	high 68 low 38 mean 53
Del Rio, Tex.	2 days	0.16 in.	high 74 low 50 mean 62
Houston, Tex.	2 days	0.14 in.	high 78 low 50 mean 64
Palestine, Tex.	2 days	0.40 in.	high 74 low 40 mean 57
San Antonio, Tex.	4 days	0.23 in.	high 78 low 48 mean 63
New Orleans, La.	---	dry	mean 65
Mobile, Ala.	---	dry	high 75 low 43 mean 62
Savannah, Ga.	---	dry	high 78 low 41 mean 60
Charlotte, S. C.	---	dry	high 78 low 42 mean 60
Charlotte, N. C.	---	dry	high 70 low 32 mean 54
Memphis, Tenn.	3 days	1.46 in.	high 69 low 40 mean 53

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. 22 1932.	Jan. 23 1931.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	13.2
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	32.9
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	14.0
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	30.1
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	41.8

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.
Oct. 9	517,721	509,927	512,983	1,141,662	1,098,865	881,858	713,700	659,458	667,882
16	519,398	423,079	569,510	1,349,792	1,225,720	1,041,622	727,528	549,934	729,274
23	380,980	441,613	518,799	1,559,483	1,395,237	1,185,728	589,671	611,130	662,905
30	453,232	448,230	503,270	1,750,430	1,503,734	1,305,221	644,179	556,727	

in 1930 were 8,245,889 bales, and in 1929 were 8,193,381 bales. (2) That although the receipts at the outports the past week were 241,478 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 218,831 bales, stock at interior towns having decreased 22,647 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 51,412 bales and for 1930 they were 73,942 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1931-32.		1930-31.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Jan. 15	10374546		9,953,816	
Visible supply Aug. 1		6,892,094		5,302,014
American in sight to Jan. 22	324,286	11,585,563	152,986	11,074,655
Bombay receipts to Jan. 21	69,000	595,000	136,000	1,283,000
Other India ship'ts to Jan. 21	10,000	179,000	6,000	254,000
Alexandria receipts to Jan. 20	35,000	1,067,000	50,000	998,900
Other supply to Jan. 21 *b	9,000	310,000	12,000	382,000
Total supply	10821832	20,628,657	10310802	19,274,569
Deduct				
Visible supply Jan. 22	10381072	10,381,072	9,928,931	9,928,931
Total takings to Jan. 22 a	440,760	10,247,585	381,871	9,345,638
Of which American	345,760	7,562,585	218,871	6,465,738
Of which other	95,000	2,685,000	163,000	2,879,900

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.
 a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,250,000 bales in 1931-32 and 1,990,000 bales in 1930-31—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 7,997,585 bales in 1931-32 and 7,355,638 bales in 1930-31, of which 5,312,585 bales and 4,475,738 bales American.
 b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.

Jan. 21, Receipts at—	1931-32.		1930-31.		1929-30.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	69,000	595,000	131,000	1,283,000	153,000	1,509,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1931-32	1,000	25,000	26,000	9,000	86,000	513,000	608,000	
1930-31	3,000	8,000	46,000	57,000	74,000	338,000	849,000	
1929-30	6,000	18,000	24,000	48,000	34,000	319,000	903,000	
Other India—								
1931-32	10,000	---	10,000	44,000	135,000	---	179,000	
1930-31	1,000	5,000	6,000	68,000	186,000	---	254,000	
1929-30	10,000	15,000	25,000	65,000	302,000	---	367,000	
Total all—								
1931-32	11,000	25,000	36,000	53,000	221,000	513,000	787,000	
1930-31	4,000	13,000	49,000	63,000	142,000	524,000	849,000	
1929-30	16,000	33,000	24,000	73,000	99,000	621,000	1,270,000	

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 62,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 27,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 728,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Alexandria, Egypt, Jan. 20.	1931-32.	1930-31.	1929-30.
Receipts (Cantars)—			
This week	175,000	250,000	190,000
Since Aug. 1	5,322,858	5,003,436	5,569,301
Export (Bales)—			
To Liverpool	9,000	123,140	89,642
To Manchester, &c	9,000	90,742	7,000
To Continent and India	19,000	298,942	12,000
To America	---	11,705	6,226
Total exports	37,000	524,529	108,868

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weight about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ended Jan. 21 were 175,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 37,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for home trade is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

	1931.						1930.					
	32s Cop Twist.		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.	
	d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	d.	s. d.
Oct. 2	8 @ 9 1/4	7 6 @ 8 2	4.31	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	9 0 @ 9 4	5.76						
9	7 3/4 @ 9 1/4	7 6 @ 8 2	4.56	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 7 @ 9 3	5.54						
16	8 @ 9 1/4	7 6 @ 8 2	4.77	9 @ 10	8 7 @ 9 3	5.73						
23	8 @ 9 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	4.97	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	6.05						
30	8 1/2 @ 10	8 0 @ 8 4	4.97	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	6.24						
Nov. 6	9 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.12	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	6.03						
13	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.05	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	5.98						
20	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	4.89	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	5.95						
27	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	4.90	9 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 6 @ 9 2	5.91						
Dec. 4	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.14	9 @ 10	8 6 @ 9 2	5.70						
11	9 1/4 @ 11	8 0 @ 8 4	5.21	8 1/4 @ 9 1/4	8 5 @ 9 1	5.43						
18	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.20	8 3/4 @ 9 3/4	8 5 @ 9 1	5.32						
24	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.30	8 1/4 @ 9 1/4	8 5 @ 9 1	5.31						
31	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.39	8 1/4 @ 9 1/4	8 5 @ 9 1	5.33						
Jan. 8	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.33	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2	8 5 @ 9 1	5.40						
15	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.41	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2	8 5 @ 9 1	5.41						
22	8 1/4 @ 10 1/4	8 0 @ 8 4	5.52	8 1/2 @ 9 1/2	8 4 @ 9 0	5.63						

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 226,074 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

		Bales.	
GALVESTON—To Japan—Jan. 14—England Maru,	9,000		
Jan. 18—Brazil Maru,	14,287	Jan. 19—Columbia,	4,017
Tweedbank,	3,106		30,410
To Havre—Jan. 15—Middleham Castle,	1,314	Jan. 16—Nemaha,	534
Jan. 18—City of Omaha,	250	Jan. 19—San Francisco,	1,421
To Ghent—Jan. 15—Middleham Castle,	3,141	Jan. 16—Nemaha,	273
Jan. 19—San Francisco,	200		3,614
To Antwerp—Jan. 15—Middleham Castle,	329		329
To Rotterdam—Jan. 16—Nemaha,	199	Maine,	2,300
Jan. 18—City of Omaha,	150		2,649
To Copenhagen—Jan. 16—Maine,	200		200
To Bremen—Jan. 16—Simon von Utrecht,	4,311	West Gambo,	1,584
Jan. 18—Frankfurt,	2,413		8,308
To Hamburg—Jan. 16—West Gambo,	48	Jan. 18—Frankfurt,	200
			248
To Barcelona—Jan. 16—Mar Negro,	2,283		2,283
To Genoa—Jan. 16—Jolee,	1,663	Jan. 18—Montosa,	1,998
To Naples—Jan. 16—Naples,	100		3,661
To Venice—Jan. 16—Jolee,	642		100
To Trieste—Jan. 16—Jolee,	300		642
To Dunkirk—Jan. 19—San Francisco,	265		300
To China—Jan. 19—Columbia,	4,614	Tweedbank,	9,280
			13,894
MOBILE—To Liverpool—Jan. 9—Barbadian,	811	Jan. 13—Maiden Creek,	113
To Rotterdam—Jan. 15—West Madaket,	700	Jan. 14—Veerhaven,	200
To Manchester—Jan. 9—Barbadian,	2,309	Jan. 13—Maiden Creek,	731
To Bremen—Jan. 15—West Madaket,	1,100	Jan. 14—Veerhaven,	9,179
To Havre—Jan. 9—Yaka,	750		750
To Hamburg—Jan. 15—West Madaket,	150		150
To Antwerp—Jan. 9—Yaka,	100		100
To Japan—Jan. 11—Brazil Maru,	413		413
NEW ORLEANS—To Havre—Jan. 14—Nemaha,	300	Jan. 18—Albi,	5,800
Jan. 15—City of Omaha,	400		6,500
To Japan—Jan. 13—Prince Rupert,	7,650	Jan. 18—Siljestad,	6,279
To China—Jan. 13—Prince Rupert,	1,200	Jan. 18—Siljestad,	2,307
To Manchester—Jan. 20—Mercian,	70		3,507
To Bremen—Jan. 14—Tripp,	2,215	Jan. 18—Albi,	3,011
Jan. 15—Endicott,	1,636	Jan. 16—Aachen,	8,960
To Hamburg—Jan. 14—Tripp,	75		15,822
To Ghent—Jan. 18—Albi,	50	Jan. 15—City of Omaha,	412
To Rotterdam—Jan. 15—City of Omaha,	859		462
To Porto Colombia—Jan. 16—Bempire,	100		689
To Lapaz—Jan. 16—Bempire,	100		100
To Avonmouth—Jan. 18—West Hobomac,	1		100
To London—Jan. 20—Polybus,	26		1
To Hamburg—Jan. 16—Aachen,	450		26
To Genoa—Jan. 18—Liberty Bell,	7,800		450
To Oporto—Jan. 19—Prusa,	350		7,800
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Jan. 15—Shickshiny,	1,100		350
To Manchester—Jan. 15—Shickshiny,	752		1,100
To Bremen—Jan. 15—Coldwater,	3,292		752
To Japan—Jan. 18—Silveryew,	50		3,292
To China—Jan. 18—Silveryew,	158		50
NEW YORK—To Japan—Jan. 12—Silveryew,	7,162	Jan. 18—Steelworker,	27
Jan. 12—Cingalesse Prince,	4,600		11,789
To China—Jan. 18—Steelworker,	626		626
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Liverpool—Jan. 14—West Totant,	196		196
To Manchester—Jan. 14—West Totant,	674		674
To Bremen—Jan. 20—Endicott,	146		146
To Japan—Jan. 20—Tacoma City,	2,597		2,597
To China—Jan. 20—Tacoma City,	350		350
PENSACOLA—To Bremen—Jan. 18—Veerhaven,	5,643		5,643
To Rotterdam—Jan. 8—Veerhaven,	100		100
SAN FRANCISCO—To Great Britain—Jan. 18—(?)	150		150
To Japan—Jan. 18—(?)	932		193
To China—Jan. 18—(?)	1,189		1,829
LOS ANGELES—To Glasgow—Jan. 18—Pacific President,	100		100
To Bremen—Jan. 16—Schwaben,	2,885		2,885
To Antwerp—Jan. 16—Washington,	100		100
To Japan—Jan. 16—Rakuyo Maru,	400	Jan. 18—Golden Peak,	100
President Garfield,	964		1,464
To China—Jan. 18—Golden Peake,	1,200	President Garfield,	845
To India—Jan. 18—President Garfield,	400		2,045
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Jan. 20—Artigas,	200		400
To Bremen—Jan. 22—City of Newport News,	300		200
To Manchester—Jan. 20—Artigas,	270		300
JACKSONVILLE—To Manchester—Jan. 14—Shickshiny,	23		270
CHARLESTON—To Hamburg—Jan. 15—Weissese,	678		21
To Hamburg—Jan. 15—Weissese,	802		678
HOUSTON—To Havre—Jan. 16—San Francisco,	1,568	Jan. 18—Nemaha,	821
To Bordeaux—Jan. 16—San Francisco,	656		2,389
To Dunkirk—Jan. 16—San Francisco,	935		656
To Antwerp—Jan. 16—San Francisco,	200	Jan. 18—Nemaha,	50
To Ghent—Jan. 16—San Francisco,	200	Jan. 18—Nemaha,	811
To Genoa—Jan. 16—Monrosa,	1,502		1,011
To Piraeus—Jan. 16—Monosa,	100		1,502
To Bremen—Jan. 15—Frankfurt,	4,221	Jan. 16—West Gambo,	2,426
Jan. 18—Hilversum,	7,245		13,892
To Rotterdam—Jan. 15—Maine,	400	Jan. 18—Nemaha,	473
Hilversum,	1,820		2,693
To Copenhagen—Jan. 15—Maine,	200	Jan. 18—America,	418
To Gothenburg—Jan. 18—America,	525		618
To Hamburg—Jan. 16—West Gambo,	502		525
To Japan—Jan. 16—Tweedbank,	2,253	Jan. 15—Nairnbank,	5,755
Jan. 18—Prince Rupert,	6,360		502
To China—Jan. 16—Tweedbank,	695	Jan. 18—Prince Rupert,	1,815
To Barcelona—Jan. 18—Mar Negro,	1,725		14,368
To Gijon—Jan. 18—Mar Negro,	300		2,510
To Liverpool—Jan. 20—Lucille de Larrinaga,	762		1,725
To Manchester—Jan. 20—Lucille de Larrinaga,	1,612		300
To Oslo—Jan. 18—America,	50		762
TEXAS CITY—To Genoa—Jan. 16—Jolee,	690		1,612
To Venice—Jan. 16—Jolee,	8		50
To Trieste—Jan. 16—Jolee,	100		690
To Bremen—Jan. 15—West Gambo,	1,603	Jan. 16—Simon von Utrecht,	491
Jan. 18—Frankfurt,	921		8
			100
			3,015
Total			226,074

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Dec. 31.	Jan. 8.	Jan. 15.	Jan. 22.
Sales of the week	-----	-----	-----	-----
Of which American	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sales for export	-----	-----	-----	-----
Forwarded	50,000	65,000	60,000	52,000
Total stocks	747,000	740,000	720,000	717,000
Of which American	338,000	335,000	324,000	324,000
Total imports	105,000	60,000	32,000	74,000
Of which American	77,000	29,000	22,000	47,000
Amount afloat	158,000	151,000	143,000	97,000
Of which American	99,000	93,000	87,000	50,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Moderate demand.	Good inquiry.	A fair business doing.	Good demand.	Good demand.	A large business doing.
Mid. Up'ds	5.44d.	5.46d.	5.59d.	5.47d.	5.55d.	5.52d.
Sales	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Futures Market opened	Quiet, 1 to 2 pts. advance.	Steady, 3 to 4 pts. advance.	Steady, 3 to 4 pts. decline.	Quiet, 4 to 5 pts. decline.	Steady, 1 pt. adv. to 1 pt. dec.	Steady, 1 to 2 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.	Quiet, unchanged.	Firm, 12 to 13 pts advance.	Steady, 2 to 3 pts. decline.	Steady, 2 to 3 pts. decline.	Steady, 3 to 5 pts. advance.	Qt. but sty. unch'd to 4 pts. decl.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Jan. 16 to Jan. 22.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12.15 12.30 p. m. p. m.	12.15 12.30 p. m. p. m.	12.15 12.30 p. m. p. m.	12.15 12.30 p. m. p. m.	12.15 12.30 p. m. p. m.	12.15 12.30 p. m. p. m.
New Contract.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
January	5.12	5.16	5.25	5.29	5.23	5.17
February	5.10	5.14	5.23	5.26	5.21	5.15
March	5.08	5.12	5.21	5.24	5.19	5.13
April	5.07	5.11	5.20	5.23	5.18	5.11
May	5.06	5.10	5.19	5.23	5.17	5.10
June	5.06	5.10	5.19	5.22	5.17	5.10
July	5.06	5.10	5.19	5.22	5.17	5.10
August	5.06	5.10	5.19	5.22	5.17	5.10
September	5.08	5.12	5.21	5.23	5.18	5.11
October	5.08	5.12	5.21	5.23	5.18	5.11
November	5.10	5.14	5.23	5.25	5.20	5.13
December	5.13	5.17	5.26	5.28	5.23	5.16
January (1933)	5.15	5.18	5.27	5.30	5.24	5.17

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Jan. 22 1932.

FLOUR was in better demand at one time, and prices were firmer, with wheat 2 to 2½c. higher. On the 18th inst. prices advanced 10 to 15c., with wheat up, but buyers responded coolly to the rise. On the 21st inst. feed declined \$1 a ton. Flour was steady but quiet.

WHEAT.—Despite all drawbacks, particularly the lack of a vigorous export demand, prices advanced. Eastern interests have apparently favored the buying side. The \$2,000,000,000 Reconstruction Act is expected to have no little influence later on. The stock market at times has acted very well. Inflation talk is in the air. As against all this, the Southern Hemisphere is shipping heavily to Europe, and America is largely shut out.

On the 16th inst. prices advanced 2 to 2½c., or some 2½ to 3¼c. from the early low, on reports that a pool headed by Thomas Howell was operating on the bull side; that Wall Street was covering some of a large short account; that the tendency was towards inflation after a prolonged period of deflation. The two billion dollar Reconstruction Act was stressed. The air was full of bullish rumors. All that was certain was that speculation showed decidedly more snap. There were rumors that Congress was to take prompt action to force the Federal Farm Board to hold its wheat off the market; that the Farm Board had bought wheat futures for several days, and that there had been closing of spreads between Liverpool and Chicago, the latter market being bought. A rise in commodities in general was predicted. Export business was still small, and, of course, supplies are large and Argentina and Australia have the advantage in the export trade of Europe.

On the 18th inst. prices advanced 2½ to 3c. on aggressive buying attributed to large professional operators in Chicago and New York. Realizing caused a setback from the highest prices of ¾c. Wheat ignored the decline in stocks. Export sales were at one time estimated at 1,000,000 bushels or more, but in the end this simmered down to about 500,000 bushels, including Manitoba, durum, partly from the Pacific Coast, and a little hard winter. France was said to have bought more freely. The United States visible supply decreased last week 2,611,000 bushels to 208,535,000 bushels against 189,766,000 a year ago. Liverpool closed 1½ to 2d. higher. The advance in Winnipeg and Chicago tended to put North American wheat out of line for export. World shipments reached the large total of 15,646,000 bushels, of which North America furnished 5,036,000 bushels. The North American exportable surplus of the last crop was estimated at 332,000,000 bushels. Afloat stocks jumped 8,704,000 bushels, and brought the total supply on passage to 40,055,000 bushels.

On the 19th inst. prices fell 1½ to 1¾c. net, a weaker technical position, lessened support, and dullness of the export trade. Eastern buying was less aggressive. A rally in stocks fell flat. Wheat disappointed its friends, and some of them let go. On the 20th inst. prices ended ½ to 1c. higher, largely on Eastern buying and scattered covering.

Stocks, too, advanced. Washington news about financial legislation was good. Export sales were only about 300,000 bushels, but Italian mills, it is stated, will, after Feb. 1, be required to use only 70% of Italian wheat against 95% now. They may grind 80% of imported durum against 50% now. This may mean larger buying by Italy in North America. It is supposed that not much durum remains in the United States or Canada. A sharp and persistent export demand is badly needed in this country. Florida operators, it seems, have been selling in Chicago, but Wall Street was reported to be buying May steadily at an early decline. The technical position, moreover, was better after a 3c. decline from the top of the 18th inst. The world's available supply of wheat as compiled by "Daily Trade Bulletin," increased 66,588,000 bushels in December against an increase of 42,221,000 in December 1930. Total stocks on Jan. 1 1932 were 275,318,000 bushels against 260,089,000 bushels a year ago. The increase is principally in Australia.

On the 21st inst. prices ended ¼ to ½c. lower. Early they were ¾ to 1c. higher, with the East buying, stocks higher, and the indications pointing to the passage of the two billion dollar Reconstruction bill by the end of the week. But export sales were disappointing, only 300,000 to 400,000 bushels, and Chicago operators sold later, sending prices down over a cent from the early top. The weak points were the lack of an active export demand and the big shipments from Argentina and Australia pointing to a total world's shipment this week of nearly 18,000,000 bushels.

To-day prices closed ¼ to ½c. lower at Chicago after sluggish fluctuations within the range of 1c. Export sales were estimated at only 300,000 bushels. This was a great disappointment. The market to-day lacked aggressive leadership. The East bought but the West sold. Neither traded on a very big scale. Final prices show a rise for the week of 2 to 3c. To-day the cables showed heavy weekly shipments again from Australia and the Argentine. World's exports for the week were estimated at 17,840,000 bushels against 16,646,000 last week and 13,948,000 last year. Cold weather was reported in parts of Iowa, Nebraska and Eastern Kansas, and there were expectations of somewhat colder weather over the belt. A cold wave would be considered bullish after the recently remarkably warm weather, which abnormally stimulated the growth of the plant so that it looked like the April stage of development.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF BONDED WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	57¾	58¼	58¼	58¼	57¾	57¾
July	58¾	59¼	59¼	59¼	58¾	58¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 red	75¾	77¼	75¾	76¾	76¾	75¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March	57¾	58¾	57¾	57¾	57¾	57¾
May	59¾	60¾	59¾	60¾	60¾	59¾
July	57¾	60¾	58¾	59¾	59¾	59¾
September	59¾	61¾	60	60¾	60¾	60¾

Season's High and When Made—

Month	High	When Made
March	71¾	Nov. 9 1931
May	73	Nov. 9 1931
July	73¼	Nov. 7 1931
September	62¾	Jan 18 1932

Season's Low and When Made—

Month	Low	When Made
March	47¾	Oct. 5 1931
May	48¾	Oct. 5 1931
July	49	Oct. 5 1931
September	55¼	Jan. 4 1932

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May	63¼	64¼	63¼	63¼	63¼	62¾
July	64¼	65¾	64¾	64¾	64¾	64
October	65¾	66¾	65¾	66¼	65¾	65¾

INDIAN CORN has advanced mostly because of a rise in wheat. Country offerings are still small. The roads are in bad condition. Illinois farmers are holding more firmly

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For other tables usually given here, see page 632.

WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDED JAN. 20.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Jan. 20 follows:

As for several past weeks, there were again sharp contrasts between temperatures over the eastern half of the United States and those in the West. It was especially warm in all sections east of the Mississippi River, with many localities in the Atlantic area experiencing on the 14th the highest January temperatures of record. Rains were frequent and heavy in most interior valley sections, but there was very little in the more eastern States.

Chart I shows that the temperatures for the week averaged much above normal east of the Great Plains, with the greatest plus departure in the area from the eastern Gulf of Mexico northward to the Canadian border, in most of which the weekly means were more than 18 degrees above normal, with a considerable section in the north exceeding 20 degrees. On the other hand, the western half of the country experienced temperatures ranging from near normal to considerably below, the relatively coldest weather being in Wyoming and southwestern Utah, where the week was 9 to 12 degrees colder than the seasonal average.

The chart shows also that minimum temperatures were relatively high in Eastern States, with the line of freezing extending only to Asheville, N. C., Evansville, Ind., and St. Louis, Mo.; in some Gulf coast sections the temperature did not go as low as 50 degrees at any time during the week. In the Northwest some rather low minima were reported, with readings below zero occurring over considerable areas. The lowest temperature reported for the week from a first-order station was 26 degrees below zero at Lander, Wyo., on the 14th, the same day that all previous January maximum records were exceeded at many places in the East.

As in the case of temperature, Chart II shows that there were marked contrasts also in precipitation. There were heavy to excessive falls over large areas in the interior, particularly in the central Ohio and lower Mississippi valleys; a weekly total of eight inches was reported from Pensacola, Fla., but a short distance to the eastward, at Apalachicola, the week was entirely rainless. The Atlantic Coast States had very little, and the amounts were light from Texas and New Mexico northward. The Pacific coast had additional substantial rains, ranging from half an inch in extreme southern California to more than three inches at some points along the northern coast.

The past week, as regards abnormal warmth, was most unusual. Not only were temperatures experienced higher than ever known before in midwinter, but the weekly averages were equally outstanding for unseasonable mildness. For example, nearly the entire eastern area had a week of warmth equal to that usually coming in midspring, or the middle of April. The weekly mean temperature in Boston equaled the seasonal

normal for Mississippi and southern Georgia, while that for New York and Philadelphia compares with the warmth usually experienced in northern Florida at this season of the year. Chicago had Tennessee weather, and at Columbus, Ohio, temperatures equaled the normal for Montgomery, Ala. At the same time, severe wintry weather held much of the West and Northwest in its grip, with many places snow-bound and experiencing very cold weather. The ground is covered with snow to a depth of more than 18 inches as far south and east as parts of Iowa.

Because of the unseasonable mildness, vegetation in the central portions of the country is becoming abnormally advanced, with fruit buds reported as developed to almost the critical stage as far north as Ohio. However, peach buds in the main producing sections of Georgia show a remarkable tardiness in development in view of the continued warmth.

In the more eastern area, where precipitation was light, outside activities on farms were active, with considerable plowing accomplished in the South Atlantic States; rains are needed in parts of the Florida Peninsula. In other sections of the South, vegetation grew rapidly, but farm work is largely at a standstill because of muddy fields. The soil is excessively soft and muddy also in the Ohio and middle Mississippi Valley States, while in the Northwest and most of the West snow cover or low temperatures were unfavorable for outdoor operations. There was additional, ample moisture in the Pacific area, but cold weather in the southern part again necessitated orchard heating.

SMALL GRAINS.—The return to abnormally mild weather caused winter wheat to resume growth in the Ohio Valley, with further apprehension felt as to possible later injury. The general condition of the crop, however, remains good to excellent in nearly all parts of the main producing section. Snow is needed for protection and moisture in parts of the central Rocky Mountain region and the ground is bare locally in the Pacific Northwest, but in more northern States from Minnesota to Idaho there is an adequate cover. Luxuriant growth of winter cereals was reported from the Southeast, while in the Middle Atlantic States wheat is growing too rapidly.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the condition in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures abnormally high, with record maxima. Precipitation negligible, but, with preceding week's fall, adequate. Pastures thriving. Wheat stands excellent, but growing somewhat too much. Truck very fine. Marketing tobacco progressing nicely. Warm weather has started unfavorable swarming of fruit buds in southwest.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Rainfall light and abnormally warm until near close of week. January warmest of record to date. Much outdoor work. Plowing and planting hardy truck in southwest; preparing tobacco beds. Too warm to kill hogs. Shrubs blooming in east and central. Fruit buds swelling prematurely.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Unseasonable heat; January maximum temperature record broken on 14th. Vegetation materially quickened. Winter cereal growth luxuriant, with fine pasturage. Other hardy winter crops improved. Little or no rain. Some spring plowing. Much too warm for hog butchering.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Remarkably mild weather, with maximum temperatures breaking all previous records at some stations. Rain at beginning of week. Only moderately colder at close. Soil in good condition and plowing for spring crops becoming active. Many tobacco beds prepared and some late oats sown. Pastures green and thrifty. Peach buds being unaccountably held back in main peach districts in spite of great warmth.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Showers and moderate rains in south improved truck, but rain needed in north and central. Soil good in west, except some lowlands on coast too wet. Continued warmth unfavorable for cabbage, celery and lettuce. Oats fair. Cucumbers and other truck good in central. Beans and prepared for corn and melons. Farm work advanced.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures decidedly above normal until close when general change to colder, with freezing in extreme northwest. Rains general and locally heavy on 12th, with severe storms in scattered places; light, local rains on three days thereafter. Progress of farm work excellent in coast region, but elsewhere mostly rather slow. Oats generally making excellent growth. Winter crops and remaining pastures and ranges mostly doing well. Late crop of cabbage being set out in coast region.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Mostly unseasonably warm. General precipitation, excessive in north and central Wednesday, with frequent showers thereafter in north. Flooded area in northeastern delta counties estimated at 570,000 acres. Mostly poor progress of farm activities.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Temperatures much above normal, except cool at close. Moderate to heavy rains at beginning and on four other days in northwest and north-central. Floods on lowlands increased slightly in northeast and in Red River Valley. Soil too wet for farm work, except locally in south. Truck crops and oats good progress in south and fair in north. Pastures good.

Texas.—Houston: Warm, with light to moderate rains in eastern two-thirds of State, but none in western third. Plowing progressed in west and southwest; slow elsewhere account wet soil. Progress and condition of pastures, wheat, oats, truck, and citrus good to very good. Colder weather needed to prevent premature development of fruit buds. Livestock condition good.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Warm in east and south; normal temperatures in northwest. Much cloudiness, with occasional rain; precipitation moderate to heavy and soil too wet for field work. Progress and condition of wheat fair to good; grain fields too soft to pasture. Native pastures fair; livestock in fair condition.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: High temperatures favorable for growth of winter crops, all of which are in good to excellent condition. Heavy rains made soil too wet for plowing in nearly all portions and caused some damage by overflow in northeast and south-central. Humidity high and sunshine decidedly deficient.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Unusually high temperatures and plenty of rain favorable for crop growth. Wheat, oats, rye, and barley showing marked progress. Condition of stock generally good.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Light to heavy rains daily, except last day. Grains and grass resumed growth checked by light freezes at end of last week; much wheat and fruit endangered by premature advance. Ground too soft for pasturing. Bulbs up and shrubs showing occasional blossoms, especially in south. Too warm to pack meat. Flooding of lowlands increasing in west.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 22 1932.

Disappointing retail activity in most large centers, expanding buying of spring fabrics by wholesalers, a relatively active movement out of primary cotton goods channels, with such betterment in other primary division largely a matter of more favorable indications for coming weeks, constitute some outstanding facts of a dry goods situation which is difficult to analyze. Prospects, as viewed by retailer, middleman and producer alike, are anything but clear, and the one tangible source of encouragement to the latter, in the midst of generally uncalculable ones, is the known depletion of supplies in wholesale and retail channels. In the cotton goods division, a marked upturn in activity registered in the past 10 days is already showing some sign of slackening, and the fears that have revived with this indication are resulting in renewed and more emphatic stress on the necessity of adequate curtailment of output, more especially of print cloths. Perhaps the most encouraging development of recent days is the moderate but fairly comprehensive improvement in fine goods, which are being sold in better volume, coincident with slight gains in price in some quarters. The retail trade, which has been adapting itself with admirable flexibility, to the changing character of the public demand, as influenced by a progressive deflation in liberality as well as actual purchasing power, in the past two years, is facing

an outlook which appears to offer little hope of any early tendency toward normal conditions, and which holds a definite possibility of an intensification of current conditions. Thus the policy of retailers in coming months will continue to center about offerings of relatively good quality merchandise at the lowest practicable prices, with standard fabrics, in all probability, more prominently featured even than in recent months.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The recent spurt of buying in cotton goods, after reaching a peak around last weekend, when it was characterized as very active in the print cloths, broadcloths and sheetings divisions in particular, but also extending to most other cotton goods lines, has slackened materially in the past few days. However, large yardages have changed hands, and the movement has had such a broad application, having also included substantial sales of fine goods, notably lawns, and more active business in colored goods, especially tickings and denims, with specialties doing well in many cases, that sentiment, at this time, seems to have suffered but little—notwithstanding somewhat premature anticipations voiced in some quarters that the movement which got under way gradually with the new year would be sustained for many weeks. Prospects for organized curtailment of production in print cloths which, though still unexpressed in an accepted plan, are nevertheless still generally believed in, have doubtless played a real part in the comparative confidence with which buyers have been placing orders in the past 10 days or so. But it should be remembered, also, that wholesalers carried generally inadequate stocks into January in accordance with their desire, common to all commercial lines, to close the year with the lightest possible inventories. Thus relatively liberal orders which they have since placed are probably in large part a reflection of the fact that they postponed the bulk of their buying of spring fabrics to this period, instead of contracting for most of them, as has often occurred in normal times, before the turn of the year. Meanwhile, the trade's attention is centering in the movements under way for committing the print cloths division as a whole to substantial reduction in output during coming months, and, if possible, for the duration of 1932. The usual difficulties are being encountered, and, though a report was recently in circulation that the policy has already been endorsed in principle, with only the necessary dates and extent of the curtailment still to be decided on, later reports indicate that some of the less tractable manufacturers are again tending to withdraw from the movement, emboldened by the marked increase in their business latterly, which has enabled them to start up more machinery. As if to chasten these units for their temerity in promptly expanding production on the first appearance of a good demand, which is by no means sure of being sustained, the view is now emphatically expressed in some quarters that the volume of business in the past 10 days, while substantial, fell much below the figures at which many estimated it. The actual statistical position of the market is such, according to this view, that a further lull in activity is certain to precipitate resales of small lots, and again endanger the price structure which has undergone such moderate but reassuring improvement in recent weeks. Print cloths 27-inch 64x60's constructions are quoted at 2½c, and 28-inch 64x60's also at 2½c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's constructions are quoted at 4c, and 39-inch 80x80's at 5½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Toward the end of last week woollens and worsteds markets embarked on a spurt in volume, and the improvement, especially in the women's wear division, has been pretty well maintained. Sentiment, especially subject in woollen goods markets to recurrent moods of pessimism coincident with lulls in activity, has undergone a corresponding stimulation as buying interest in spring goods has revived, and a number of voices are now to be heard from, which take issue, with some diffidence, it is true, with those who have been audibly anticipating a dull spring season. Prices have grown moderately firmer, though actual advances are still rare. Low bids, however, which until recently often met with success, are now being turned down more consistently. The demand for women's coating is so good at present, it is reported, that shortages of popular fabrics are considered an imminent possibility, with a number of mills already sold ahead for as much as six weeks. Material expansion in volume is also reported by producers of coats and suits, which are being shipped to sections of the country where the spring makes an early appearance.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Activity in linen markets, though estimated to be subnormal on a seasonal comparison, is undergoing improvement. The situation is complicated by the hand-to-mouth policy of clothing manufacturers, many of whom, though they are reputed to expect a good season, will not order goods from importers until they have an outlet definitely opened before their view for the completed clothing. A rather disappointing condition in household lines is the indication that retailers emerged from the holiday season with considerable stocks on hand, judging by current subnormal demand. Much hope, however, is expressed concerning the piece goods outlook, importers expecting a large volume of business during the coming two or three months, and the probability of shortage of goods in March. Burlaps fluctuated irregularly, but with a fairly steady undertone through the week, in a featureless market. Light weights are quoted at 3.41c, and heavies at 4.50c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Illinois.—*Legislature Passes Cook County Relief Bill.*—The House of Representatives, after a bitter fight, passed by a vote of 115 to 30 on Jan. 20 the Senate bill providing for the revision of Cook County's assessing system—V. 134, p. 354—according to dispatches from Springfield on that day. The bill was sent to the Senate for concurrence in the House amendments and it was later reported to have been approved. This so-called "Kelly Plan," designed to create revenues for Chicago and Cook County, was then forwarded to Governor Emmerson for his signature, which will make the plan immediately effective.

Mississippi.—*Martin S. Conner Inaugurated as Governor.*—On Jan. 19 Martin Sennett Conner was inaugurated as Governor. The "United States Daily" of Jan. 20 had the following to say regarding the points brought out by Governor Conner in his address to the Legislature:

"In his inaugural address to the Legislature he discussed in detail the State's financial condition and other matters to be considered during the present session, dealing, he said, 'largely with a pronouncement of principles and methods.' He added that from time to time he will submit his conclusions and convictions on various subjects.

"The new Governor proposed 'a complete reorganization of the administrative machinery of the State Government in all of its phases, along practical business-like and economical lines.'

"In addition to urging tax reforms and reduction of taxes upon property he advocated reorganization of local units of government. Substantial relief from tax burdens, he declared, 'can be realized only through solving the problems of the political subdivisions of the State, as well as those of the State as a whole.'

Governor Conner recommended the creation of a State agency to have advisory and supervisory control over the issuance and sale of all bonds of the State and every political subdivision. He condemned the practice of 'earmarking' bond issues and revenues, declaring that it is 'a dangerous practice and wholly repugnant to certain fundamental principles of scientific public financing.'

"He urged the Legislature to 'reverse the usual legislative procedure of first voting appropriations and then considering ways and means of providing revenues.'

"Please do not require me," he said, 'to approve or disapprove appropriations until you have first submitted to me the revenue-producing measures.'

New Jersey.—*A. Harry Moore Inaugurated as Governor for Second Time.*—In taking the oath of office as Governor on Jan. 19, six years after his previous induction as the State's chief executive, a detailed program of retrenchment and drastic economy was recommended by A. Harry Moore. In his appeal for economy the Governor recommended the abolition of 35 commissions, the elimination of 94 duplicating agencies of the State government and substitution in the place of the latter of just 12 departments whose chiefs he would appoint. A dispatch from Trenton on Jan. 19 to the "Wall Street Journal" reported on the salient points in Governor Moore's inaugural address as follows:

"A. Harry Moore, in taking the oath of office as Governor of New Jersey, immediately offered a drastic plan for governmental reorganization that would consolidate more than 100 departments, bureaus and commissions into 12 under a single executive.

"Governor Moore's proposal, which calls for elimination of more than 35 State Commissions is designed to make the Governor the actual administrative officer instead of a figurehead with department chiefs responsible to the legislature.

"The Governor also proposed return of \$16,500,000 to municipalities from road funds, and temporary postponement of institutional construction, railroad grade crossing elimination, and the \$37,000,000 Bunnvale water reserve project.

"Just how much of his program can be put through this year is problematical, as the Republicans retain control of the State Senate, while the Democrats hold the Assembly.

"The 12 departments proposed are those of the executive, finance, taxation, agriculture, labor, penal institutions, hospitals and charities, health, public works, banking and insurance, education audit.

"In the department of finance there would be a commissioner and five bureaus: budgeting, accounting, purchasing, personnel and treasury and a standardization committee.

"A number of divisions which now act independently would be transferred to the jurisdiction of the finance commissioner including the budget commission, State house commission, State purchasing office, advisory board on standardization, printing board, public reports, accounting work of comptroller and public records.

Commissions to Be Abolished.

"The most important of the commissions to be abolished are the Port Raritan district, traffic, South Jersey transit, mortgage laws, farm relief, county and municipal taxation, regional planning, small loans, migrant welfare, milk law revision, old age and pensions, real estate, flood control, public school survey, meadow reclamation and tangible personal tax.

"Governor Moore's message stressed at every point the need for economy. 'I am in favor of passing back to the taxpayer some of the money that may be saved by postponement of all non-essential State activities,' he said.

"Unless unnecessary expenses are eliminated and the burden of taxation relieved and reduced, return to prosperity will be immeasurably delayed.

"Budgets must be cut to the bone. Not only must that be accomplished, but it seems to me vital that every governmental service, the execution or completion of which is not essential at this time, should be postponed. All improvements not contracted for and which are not absolutely necessary now should be delayed.'

New Rochelle, N. Y.—*City Manager Elected.*—At a meeting of the City Council held on Jan. 18, John F. Donovan, a former city manager of Auburn, N. Y., was elected to a similar post in this city by a three to two vote. The New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 19 carried the following report on this administrative change:

John F. Donovan, former city manager of the City of Auburn, N. Y., was elected City Manager of New Rochelle to-night by a three to two vote of the Mayor and City Council. He will accept the post and will take office at once, it was announced.

Three hundred persons, disappointed at last week's council meeting, which debated for hours without reaching a decision on the election, jammed the small chamber to-night. They pushed and shouted, demanding action, and the final vote was cast to the accompaniment of an approving clamor.

O'Brien Gets Two Votes.

Mayor Walter G. C. Otto and Councilmen George I. Roberts and Thomas A. Manning Jr. voted for Mr. Donovan. Stanley W. Church and W. Wylie Troy voted for William O'Brien, former manager of the City of Kenosha, Wis.

The City Manager plan was passed in the city elections of 1929, effective in January 1932. Its avowed purposes was to eliminate politics from the city government. According to leaders of taxpayers' groups who have had their say on the matter lately, this hope was in vain. As much politics, they said, went into the choice of a manager as ever permeated a mayoralty campaign.

Mayor Otto and the council were supposed to have agreed on Mr. Donovan a month ago, but rumors circulated by supporters of five other candidates delayed his election. Mr. Donovan was recommended by James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, and it was said Mayor Otto was pushing his candidacy to curry favor with the State organization.

Prior Meeting Forced to Disband.

Last Thursday the council met, supposedly to ratify Mr. Donovan's selection, but an indignant crowd of taxpayers stormed the council chamber, crying for an end of the delay, and the meeting was forced to disband.

Under the old form, New Rochelle was governed by a Mayor and eight councilmen. The new form will accommodate only the Mayor and four councilmen, besides the manager. The maximum salary for the manager has been fixed at \$12,000 annually.

New York City.—*Temporary Financial Crisis Averted by Short Term Banking Loan of \$12,500,000.*—On Jan. 19 the city managed to defer financial crisis by borrowing \$12,500,000 for a period of 11 days, at an interest rate of 6%, the highest charge it has ever been compelled to pay, since consolidation, and the maximum allowable under the State law. With the addition of this new credit to cash on hand the city had available funds of about \$36,500,000, with which to pay off obligations of \$34,600,000 on Jan. 20, leaving a cash balance of approximately \$2,000,000, the smallest cash reserve held by New York City since consolidation. It is understood that the city must meet around \$30,000,000 in notes by the end of the month, excluding the repayment of the credit that was obtained on Jan. 19. The funds were advanced by a large banking group, including the banks which have recently been conferring with Comptroller Berry and Mayor Walker on the retrenchment program necessary for the funding of the city's short term debt—V. 134, p. 537.

Bills to Reopen 1932 Budget Introduced in Legislature.—Companion bills were introduced in the Senate and the Assembly on Jan. 19 by Senator Samuel H. Hofstadter, and Assemblyman Abbot Low Moffat, the only New York City Republicans in the Legislature, authorizing the reopening of the \$631,366,297 budget for 1932 (V. 133, p. 3122) for a downward revision by February 16. The following statement was issued by the legislators:

"The present financial crisis in New York City speaks for itself. The extravagance of the present administration and its refusal to face the facts even as recently as this fall when it declined to reduce the budget one penny has started the City of New York far on the road which Chicago and Philadelphia have already traveled. It is possible that the immediate crisis may temporarily be tided over. The critical condition of the city's finances, however, and the serious economic depression which has affected every man, woman and child in the city require that every possible effort be made to curtail drastically and at once the cost of the city government.

Cites Minority Report.

"The minority report of the Committee on Finance of the Board of Aldermen, submitted by Alderman Joseph Clark Baldwin last month, pointed out how \$10,200,000 could be safely eliminated from the budget by taking advantage of lower commodity costs and by considered economy. The Comptroller himself recommended some of these savings, and in addition urged that \$25,000,000 now included in the budget for subway financing be omitted and that the needed money be obtained by the sale of longer term bonds than those called for in the so-called 'Delaney plan.'

"The situation is too serious to permit other than complete and non-partisan co-operation of all parties in meeting the crisis and we are offering this bill so that the administration can take the first necessary step of reducing the budget without delay.

"The bills require that final action on such revision be had not later than February 16 so as to meet the requirements of the charter relative to submission of the Comptroller's estimate of revenues one week prior to March, and the fixing of the tax rate."

Charter Amendment to Aid City Finances Unanimously Passed by Legislature.—At the instance of the City of New York and acting under emergency messages from Governor Roosevelt, the State Legislature on the evening of Jan. 20 unanimously passed an amendment to the city charter of Greater New York, authorizing the issuance of \$200,000,000 in special corporate stock notes for five years, not to exceed that amount at any one time. The authority given in this bill is to be used for the financing of immediate requirements of the city and to protect the interests of investors in city securities. The bill was passed in the Senate by a count of 44 to 0 and in the Assembly the vote was 112 to 0. The bill was signed later in the night by Governor Roosevelt. The bill had been introduced by Senator John J. Dunnigan, and Assemblyman Irwin Steingut, minority leaders, and after the passage of the amendment they issued a statement pointing out that the constitutional borrowing capacity of the city has not yet been approached and the special note issue they deem ample to meet all accruing obligations. The text of the charter amendment reads as follows:

An act to amend the Greater New York charter, in relation to the issue of special corporate stock notes.

The people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The Greater New York charter, as re-enacted by Chapter 466 of the laws of 1901, is hereby amended by inserting therein a new section following Section 189, which new section is to be numbered 189-a, and is to read as follows:

Section 189-a. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary or in any limitations contained in this act, or in any other law, the Comptroller, in addition to the obligations of the City of New York, now permitted by law to be issued, may by public or private sale and in the manner and by the agencies now provided by law for the issuance of corporate stock notes, issue notes to be known as special corporate stock notes, the proceeds of the sale of such special corporate stock notes to be used for the redemption of outstanding and matured corporate stock notes and for other purposes for which corporate stock notes may by law be issued; and such special corporate stock notes issued pursuant to this section shall be in such form and contain such provisions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, as may be designated by the Comptroller, and shall have a maturity not exceeding five years from the date of issue thereof, provided that the aggregate of the special corporate stock notes issued pursuant to this section, together with corporate stock notes issued pursuant to other sections of this act, shall at no time exceed two hundred million dollars in net principal amount outstanding after deducting from the aggregate amount then outstanding such sums of money as are held by the Comptroller in special accounts from the sale of corporate stock or bonds and for the sale of corporate stock notes and special corporate stock notes, for the sole purpose of retiring outstanding corporate stock notes or corporate stock notes. Special corporate stock notes then having less than one year to maturity shall be payable from the next succeeding sale of corporate stock or serial bonds or corporate stock notes which are issued for the same purpose or purposes for which the special corporate stock notes to be paid were issued. Any special corporate stock notes

maturing more than one year from the date thereof may be in coupon form, the coupon or coupons attached thereto being for the payment of interest thereon accruing semi-annually.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Bankers Agree to Float \$100,000,000 6% Note Issue—\$151,000,000 as Revolving Fund Also Provided.—An issue of \$100,000,000 in 6% corporate stock notes, maturing in from 3 to 5 years, was announced for public subscription on Jan. 22 by the banking group composed of 46 members. (See official item on subsequent page.) At the same time the bankers stated that a revolving credit of \$151,000,000 would be placed at the disposal of the city for 1932 and would take care of all the budgetary needs of the city and the usual tax anticipation financing due up to the end of the year. It is stated that the above notes will be marketed without any profit to themselves by the bankers and they will shoulder the selling expenses.

Mayor Walker's Resolution for City Economy Adopted.—The following is the text of a resolution introduced by Mayor Walker in a called meeting of the Board of Estimate on Jan. 20, which was unanimously adopted the same day by the Board, setting forth the policies of the city officials in the future administration of the city's financial affairs:

"Whereas, The City of New York has always enjoyed a premier credit position among American cities, evidenced by the ready marketability of all its obligations, both short-term and long-term securities, at low rates of interest, and

"Whereas, Constantly broadening plans for the convenience of transacting business, and for the protection and advancement of the health and comfort of the people of this community have been laid out;

"Whereas, however, our citizens must recognize that economic conditions throughout the world have recently undergone great change resulting in the current industrial and financial depression; and that notwithstanding the fact that the City of New York has a ways met its interest payments and maturities promptly; has a complete y balanced budget, and is well within its constitutional debt limit of borrowing; nevertheless, because of radically altered economic conditions, we are compelled to curtail and retrench in numerous measures directly designed for the public benefit;

"Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the City Administration shall forthwith undertake measures to curtail and postpone its plans and undertakings; shall seek in every way to reduce the cost of its present activities; and shall endeavor to limit new projects to those which are self-sustaining in order that the city may more effectively employ its resources in serving the vital needs of the people; and

"Further, Be it Resolved, That studies will be promptly undertaken with the purpose of developing new sources of revenue and of determining what present activities of the city may be put on a totally or partially self-supporting basis; further, that each department head is hereby directed to submit his plan in accordance with the terms of this resolution and as promptly as possible to make report to the Mayor on such suggestions or plans."

New York State.—Text of Municipal Finance Relief Bills.—We give herewith the text of the measures introduced by Senator Hickey to aid cities and villages in the State that are financially embarrassed, which bills were approved by both Houses and signed by Governor Roosevelt on Jan. 14—V. 134, p. 537:

AN ACT

To authorize cities and villages to provide funds for the payment of deficiencies arising from failure of estimated revenues in the year 1931.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law, a city or incorporated village, for the purpose of providing funds to pay any deficiency, indebtedness or liability caused or incurred by reason of the failure of such city or village to receive the full amount of the estimated revenues in the year 1931, may issue, without submission of a proposition therefor to a referendum vote, during the calendar year of 1932, its interest bearing notes, bonds, certificates of indebtedness or other obligations, in an amount not exceeding 25% of the estimated revenues of such city or village for the fiscal year beginning in the year 1931, and, in anticipation of which, a deficiency, indebtedness or liability has been incurred by the city or village, but such obligation shall not be issued in an amount in excess of the difference between the amount of such estimated revenues and the amount of money actually received therefrom nor in excess of an amount which will increase the total indebtedness of such city or village to an amount in excess of the constitutional or statutory debt limit of such city or village. Such notes, bonds, certificates or other obligations shall be payable in substantially equal annual installments within five years from the date thereof and the legislative body of such city or village shall annually appropriate and raise by tax a sum sufficient to pay the interest and principal of such obligations as the same shall become due.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.

AN ACT

To authorize cities to provide funds for the payment of deficiencies arising from unusual expenditures for public welfare.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law, the legislative body of a city, without submission of a proposition therefor to a referendum vote, may appropriate and make available sufficient money to pay any deficiency on account of expenditures made and (or) liability incurred by such city, under the public welfare law and under Chapter 414 of the laws of 1919, in excess of and (or) in addition to appropriate amounts made by such city for such purposes in its annual estimate for the fiscal year commencing in the year 1931 and (or) 1932, and may raise such money for the purpose of paying such deficiency by interest bearing notes, certificates of indebtedness, bonds or other obligations of such city, payable within a period not exceeding five years from the date thereof in substantially equal annual installments, provided the money so raised shall not increase the total indebtedness of such city, and the legislative body of such city shall annually appropriate and raise by tax a sum sufficient to pay the interest and principal of such obligations as the same shall become due.

Section 2. No city shall issue such notes, bonds, certificates or other obligations for the above purposes unless it shall have provided in its annual estimate for the appropriation and raising by tax, for relief as defined in the public welfare law, of an amount at least equal to the average annual amount actually expended by such city for such relief during the three years immediately preceding the issuance of such notes, bonds, certificates and (or) other obligations and in no event shall the total amount of such notes, bonds, certificates and (or) other obligations exceed, in any one year, one and one-half times the average annual amount actually expended by such city for such relief during the three years immediately preceding the issuance thereof.

Section 3. All acts of any such city, its officers and (or) agents, whereby such expenditures were made and (or) liabilities incurred in excess of and (or) in addition to appropriations made by such city for the purpose of furnishing the relief authorized by the public welfare law and (or) by Chapter 404 of the laws of 1919, are hereby validated and legalized and such expenditures and liabilities are hereby made legal obligations of such city within and to the extent of the amount limited and prescribed in this act for which evidences of indebtedness may be issued by such city.

Section 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Legislature Passes Railroad Bond Investment Bill.—The Assembly passed without a dissenting vote on Jan. 20, after having amended it so as to apply specifically to 1931, the bill which was introduced by Senator Campbell, and which eliminates earnings for last year in determining rail-

road bonds as legal investments for savings banks. This bill was passed by the Senate last week but because of the amendment it had to be acted upon again and it passed by a vote of 43 to 1. This bill is one of the measures that was urged by the Cheney Banking Commission (V. 133, p. 2461) and it is expected to be of great help in relieving the stress on banks which have invested millions in railroad bonds. Governor Roosevelt is said to have expressed his approval of this measure and he is expected to sign it speedily.

South Carolina.—Regular Legislative Session Convened.—On Jan. 12 the second regular session of the 79th State Legislature convened. The message was delivered to the Legislature on Jan. 13 by Governor Ibra C. Blackwood. Among other matters to be considered by this session will be the reports of the special commissions created by the 1931 Legislature and instructed to submit their reports in 1932. These are the power rate investigating committee and the Motor Transport Commission.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ABERDEEN, Grays Harbor County, Wash.—BOND ELECTION.—A special bond election has been tentatively set for Jan. 30 in order to have the voters pass on two proposed school district bond issues aggregating \$165,000.

ALPINE, Brewster County, Texas.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that a \$53,000 issue of 5½% refunding bonds has been authorized by the City Council and is ready for sale.

ALTOONA SCHOOL DISTRICT, Blair County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 4¾% coupon school bonds offered on Jan. 15 (V. 134, p. 161) were awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co. of Philadelphia, the only bidder, at par plus a premium of \$150, equal to a price of 100.10, a basis of about 4.73%. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due \$10,000 on Feb. 1 from 1933 to 1947, incl. Only one bid was received at the sale.

ANGOLA, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds offered at not to exceed 5% interest on Jan. 18—V. 134, p. 538—were awarded to the M. & T. Trust Co., of Buffalo. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$1,000 on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1943 incl.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of 4¼% semi-annual street improvement bonds, aggregating \$15,000, offered for sale on Jan. 15 (V. 134, p. 538) were purchased by the Robinson-Humphrey Co. of Atlanta at a price of 99.05, a basis of about 4.43%. The issues are divided as follows: Due \$1,000 from Dec. 1 1933 to 1940, incl. \$8,000 Chestnut Street bonds. Due from Dec. 1 1933 to 1940, incl. 6,000 Chestnut Street bonds. Due \$500 on Dec. 1 1937 and 1940. 1,000 Lena Street bonds. The second highest bid was an offer of 99.04, tendered jointly by J. H. Hilsman & Co. and the Citizens & Southern Co., both of Atlanta.

AUBURN, Androscoggin County, Me.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Shawmut Corp., of Boston, was awarded on Jan. 18 a temporary loan of \$100,000 at 6% discount basis. Dated Jan. 20 1932 and due March 20 1932. Bids were requested on a loan of \$100,000 or \$350,000—V. 134, p. 538.

AUBURN, Cayuga County, N. Y.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the proposed award on Jan. 25 of \$317,130.89 coupon or registered public improvement bonds, notice and description of which appeared in V. 134, p. 538, we are in receipt of the following:

<i>Financial Statement Jan. 1 1932.</i>	
<i>Assessed Valuation (1931-32).</i>	
Real estate.....	\$51,103,140
Special franchises.....	1,898,946
Total.....	\$53,002,086
<i>Bonded Debt (Includes Present Proposed Issue).</i>	
Debt limit (10% of assessed valuation).....	\$5,300,209
Gross bonded debt.....	\$1,896,056
Less water debt.....	241,500
Net bonded debt, Jan. 1 1932.....	\$1,654,556
Proposed issue.....	317,131
	1,971,687

*Net additional amount for which city could be legally bonded, including proposed issue..... \$3,328,522

* Does not include outstanding temporary certificates of indebtedness amounting to \$635,774, issued in payment of contractors' estimates for public improvements completed. Of this sum \$310,212 is to be retired from the proceeds of this proposed sale; balance of \$225,562 to be retired from the proceeds of a future bond issue.

Water Department sinking fund applicable for retirement of water debt..... \$31,365
 Net bonded debt including proposed issue is approximately 3.7% of assessed valuation. All bonds issued by the city are direct general obligations.

<i>Report of City, School, State and County Taxes.</i>			
Year Ending	June 30.	Levies.	Uncollected End of Year.
1929.....	\$1,249,569	\$8,924	
1930.....	1,305,007	9,339	
1931.....	1,375,857	8,915	

As of Jan. 1 1932, total of all tax and assessment liens owned by city amounted to \$92,329.
 Current city tax levy due July 1 1931 was 86½% collected as of Jan. 1 1932.

BALTIMORE, Md.—OFFERING OF \$4,200,000 BONDS RAPIDLY OVERSUBSCRIBED.—The issues of \$4,200,000 4% coupon (registerable as to principal) bonds offered on Jan. 5, at which time the only offer, of a price of 84, was rejected (V. 134, p. 538) were sold on Jan. 18 to a syndicate headed by the Bankers Trust Co. of New York at a price of 86.75, an advance of 2¾ points over the tender turned down previously, the net interest cost basis of the financing to the city being about 4.95%, as compared with a basis of 5.16% figured on a price of 84. Public offering of the securities was made by the bankers at prices to yield 4.75% a short time following acceptance of the offer by the city, and announcement was made that the entire offering had been oversubscribed in less than 30 minutes. At the close of business on Jan. 18 it is said that the yield basis to investors had been reduced to 4.65%.

The bankers involved in the transaction consisted of the Bankers Trust Co., Chase Harris Forbes Corp., National City Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co., all of New York; Northern Trust Co., Chicago; R. H. Moulton & Co., Inc., of New York; the Union Trust Co. of Maryland, and the Baltimore-Gillett Co., both of Baltimore; also Schaumburg, Rebhann & Osborne of New York. The public advertisement of the underwriters states that the securities are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland and other States, and that the legality of the issues will be passed upon by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York.

BARNEGAT CITY, Ocean County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Sarah G. Grant, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p.m. on Feb. 15 for the purchase of \$27,400 6% coupon or registered water bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Denom. \$500 and \$100. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$500 in 1943; \$1,000 from 1944 to 1956, incl.; \$900 in 1958; \$1,000 from 1959 to 1965, incl. and \$1,500 from 1966 to 1969, incl. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and October. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$27,400. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. (These bonds are part of the issue of \$40,000 unsuccessfully offered on Oct. 26, of which the remaining \$12,600 have been sold privately (V. 133, p. 2957).)

BEAVERTON, Washington County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 25 by Lela L. Richey, Town Recorder, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of 6% semi-annual refunding bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 2 1932. Due on Jan. 2 1942 and optional on Jan. 2 1933.

BELDING, Ionia County, Mich.—BOARD DECIDES AGAINST BOND ISSUE.—The plan of the city to issue \$25,000 in bonds for unemployment relief purposes was vetoed in a ruling of the State Treasurer's office that the municipality could not legally issue more than \$8,000 bonds for the purpose indicated.

BENTON COUNTY (P. O. Camden), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p.m. on Feb. 5 by the Clerk of the County Court for the purchase of a \$34,000 issue of refunding bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & J. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 from July 1 1933 to 1949, incl. These bonds were authorized by the County Court on Jan. 4 (V. 134, p. 538).

BERKLEY, Oakland County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—W. C. Chambers, Village Clerk, informs us that no bids were received at the offering on Jan. 7 of the following issues of refunding bonds, aggregating \$18,500:

- \$11,000 5% street widening bonds. Dated July 1 1931. Due July 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$2,000 in 1941.
 - 3,000 4 1/2% paving bonds. Dated Aug. 15 1931. Due \$500 on Aug. 15 from 1932 to 1937, inclusive.
 - 2,000 5% sewer bonds. Dated April 1 1931. Due \$500 April 1 from 1932 to 1935, inclusive.
 - 1,000 6% paving bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1931. Due \$500 Sept. 1 in 1932 and 1933.
 - 1,000 6% water bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due \$500 Oct. 1 in 1932 and 1933.
 - 500 6% sewer bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due Oct. 1 1932.
- The bonds are general obligations of the village and are payable from a general tax.

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—MATURITY.—The \$130,000 drainage bonds that were purchased by the Sinking Fund as 6s at par (V. 134, p. 538) are due on April 1 as follows: \$50,000 in 1933 and 1934 and \$30,000 in 1935.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY (P. O. Mankato), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on Feb. 3, by B. E. Lee, County Auditor, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of drainage funding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 4 1/2%, payable F. & A. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1935 to 1939, and \$10,000, 1940 to 1942, all incl. Bids will be received for \$1,000 of said bonds or any multiple thereof. The county will furnish the blank bonds and the approving opinion of Junell, Oakley, Driscoll & Fletcher of Minneapolis, or Schmitt, Moody & Schmitt, of St. Paul.

BROWNWOOD, Brown County, Tex.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$10,000 issue of warrants that was reported to have been sold recently—V. 134, p. 538—was purchased by the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, at 6%.

BURLINGTON, Chittenden County, Vt.—BOND SALE.—The \$135,000 4 1/2% coupon or registered Maple St. trunk line sewer bonds offered on Jan. 20—V. 134, p. 538—were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Boston, at a price of 94.642, a basis of about 4.83%. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$35,000 on Jan. 1 1937 and \$50,000 Jan. 1 in 1938 and 1939. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Halsey, Stuart & Co. (successful bidders)	94.642
National City Co.	92.78
Vermont Security Co., Brattleboro	90.687
Chase Harris Forbes Corp.	90.50

BURLINGTON, Skagit County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Feb. 17 by the City Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of 6% semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$40,000, as follows: \$25,000 revenue, and \$15,000 general obligation bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due on Jan. 1 1932.

CALDWELL, Noble County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Elza Cunningham, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Feb. 4 for the purchase of \$3,998.15 6% improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. One bond for \$398.15, others for \$400. Due July 1 as follows: \$398.15 in 1933 and \$400 from 1934 to 1942, incl. Interest payable in January and July. 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 \$100, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$3,250,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual Veteran's Welfare bonds offered on Jan. 18 (V. 134, p. 538) was not sold, as there were no bids received. Due from Feb. 1 1939 to 1949, inclusive.

These bonds were again offered for sale by the State Treasurer on Jan. 21 but this offering was also unsuccessful as there were no bids submitted on that date either. We were not informed as to any change in the offering particulars for this second reception of bids. We are informed that these bonds were then offered for sale on an "over the counter" basis, at par.

BOND SALE.—The \$257,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. park bonds, offered for sale on Jan. 21—V. 134, p. 162—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the National City Co. of California, Weedon & Co., and the American Securities Co., all of San Francisco, at a price of 100.10, a basis of about 4.49%. Dated Jan. 2 1929. Due on Jan. 2 1949 and 1950.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above bonds were offered on the following day by the successful bidders for public subscription at prices to yield 4.35%.

CAMPO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Diego), San Diego County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Jan. 25, by J. B. McLees, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, payable J. & D. Bidders may make one or more alternate bids or offers for said bonds at different interest rates. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 28 1931. Due \$1,000 from Dec. 28 1932 to 1941 incl. Prin. & int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. The approving opinion of Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist of San Francisco will be furnished. A certified check for 3% is required with bid.

CARLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Monroe County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election has been called for Jan. 25 to permit the voters to pass upon a proposal providing for the sale of \$45,000 in bonds to finance the construction of a new school to cost approximately \$60,000. The district has \$15,000 in insurance money due on the old structure which was razed by fire.

CASPER, Natrona County, Wyo.—BOND REPORT.—It is reported that the Bondholders' Protective Committee is urging that the remaining bonds of Paving Districts Nos. 14, 19 and 25 are to be deposited at once with the First State Bank of Gresham.

CASWELL COUNTY (P. O. Yanceyville), N. C.—PURCHASER.—The \$6,500 issue of notes that was sold recently at 6%—V. 134, p. 538—was purchased by the First National Bank of Danville.

CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.—WARRANT REDEMPTION NOTICE.—M. S. Szyrczak, City Comptroller, has announced that funds are available for the payment of corporate tax anticipation warrants, dated April 1 1929, Nos. 1162 to 1171 incl., for \$50,000 each, and No. 1172 for \$100,000. Warrants will be paid on presentation through any bank, to the City Treasurer, or the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Interest accrual will be stopped on Jan. 28.

SCHOOL WARRANTS CALLED.—Lewis E. Myers, President of the Board of Education, has announced that funds for the payment of the 6% tax anticipation warrants described below are available and that the warrants will be paid on presentation through any bank, to the City Treasurer, Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Chicago, or the Guaranty Trust Co., New York:

- Education fund, 1929, Nos. 989 to 1,000, for \$50,000 each. Dated April 1 1929. Due Sept. 15 1930.
- Building fund, 1928, Nos. B-4120 to B-4322, for \$1,000 each. Dated July 1 1929. Due Sept. 15 1930.
- Playground fund, Nos. P-130 and P-131, for \$5,000 each. Dated July 1 1929. Due Aug. 15 1930.

Interest accrual will stop on Jan. 28.

CHICOPEE, Hampden County, Mass.—CITY MEETS \$150,000 LOAN MATURITY.—The city was able to meet a \$150,000 tax anticipation note issue that matured on Jan. 15 through the speeding up of tax collections which resulted in the payment of half of the loan and the sale of an additional issue to the Merchants National Bank of Boston, to cover the balance. The city has no new maturity until Feb. 15.

CINCINNATI, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BONDS MAY BE OFFERED PUBLICLY.—Charles O. Rose, chairman of the finance committee of the city council, has announced that various amounts of improvement bonds may be offered for investment directly to local investors during the present year.

CLAIRTON, Allegheny County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—D. J. Patterson, City Treasurer, informs us that no bids were received at the offering on Jan. 19 of \$100,000 4 1/2% coupon refunding bonds.—V. 134, p. 162. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1938 to 1945 incl., and \$10,000 from 1946 to 1951 incl.

CLARKSVILLE, Red River County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,994.87 issue of 5% semi-annual funding bonds that was authorized recently (V. 134, p. 356), to be purchased by the sinking fund of the city, is more fully described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 22 1931. Due on Dec. 15 as follows: \$994.87 in 1932 and \$1,000 1933 to 1951. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable in Clarksville or New York.

COKE COUNTY ROAD PRECINCTS NOS. 2 AND 4 (P. O. Robert Lee), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$175,000 issue of 5 1/2% road bonds that was voted on Sept. 26—V. 133, p. 2463—was registered by the State Comptroller on Jan. 13. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially.

COLUMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Hudson), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$375,000 offered on Jan. 19—V. 134, p. 356—were awarded as 5 1/2% to the M. & T. Trust Co. of Buffalo as follows:

\$200,000 (1932) highway bonds at par plus a premium of \$1,692, equal to a price of 100.845, a basis of about 5.32%. Due \$20,000 Jan. 1 appear from 1933 to 1942 incl.

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
M. & T. Trust Co. (purchaser)	5 1/2%	\$1,692.00
Prudden & Co.	5 1/2%	519.00
First National Bank & Halsey Stuart & Co., jointly	5 1/2%	700.00
Batchelder & Co.	5 1/2%	200.00
Hudson City Savings Bank	5 1/2%	Par.

COSHOCTON, Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND AWARD DEFERRED.—Ella Williams, City Auditor, informs us that the award of the issue of \$27,000 storm sewer construction bonds offered as 6s on Jan. 19—V. 134, p. 356—has been postponed for a few days. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932 and mature \$2,700 on Jan. 1 from 1934 to 1943 incl. Bids submitted for the issue, which are on the basis of printed bonds gratis, appear herewith:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	6%	\$144.00
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati	6%	72.90
Fifth Third Securities Co., Cincinnati	6%	101.11

DAYTON, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$250,000 city's portion series F grade crossing elimination bonds offered on Jan. 15 (V. 134, p. 356) were awarded as 5 1/4% to the McDonald-Callaham-Richards Co. of Cleveland at a price of 100.42, a basis of about 5.71%. The bonds are dated Jan. 15 1932 and mature Sept. 1 as follows: \$8,000 from 1933 to 1952, incl., and \$9,000 from 1953 to 1962, incl.

DAYTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Board of Education has voted to issue \$850,000 in temporary bonds to provide funds for the operation of schools until the distribution of the February tax collections early in April. Of the total, \$303,000 bonds will be sold on Feb. 1; \$360,000 on March 1, and \$187,000 on March 31. All of the bonds will bear interest at not to exceed 6% and will mature April 15 1932.

DEER LODGE, Powell County, Mont.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$200,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. water works construction bonds offered on Jan. 18—V. 134, p. 539—was not sold as there were no bids received.

DEFIANCE COUNTY (P. O. Defiance), Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on Jan. 18 of \$20,000 5 1/2% poor relief bonds.—V. 134, p. 162. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due \$4,000 on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1937, incl.

DELAWARE, State of (P. O. Dover).—BOND OFFERING.—Attention is called to the official advertisement on page 710 of this issue, relative to the call for sealed bids for the purchase of \$1,000,000 4% highway bonds. Bids should be addressed to George S. Williams, State Treasurer, and will be received until 1 p.m. on Feb. 11. Bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$10,000. Payable 40 years after date of issue and are redeemable at a price of 105 on any interest payment date after one year from the date of the bond. Interest to be payable semi-annually. Bonds may be registered and when registered cannot be again converted into coupon form. Bids will be received for all or any part of the issue and must be accompanied by a certified check for 5% of the proposal, payable to the order of the State Treasurer. Accrued interest to date of payment for the bonds to be paid for by the successful bidder. The bonds are exempt from taxation by the State or any political division thereof.

DES MOINES, Polk County, Iowa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$125,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. airport bonds offered on Jan. 14—V. 134, p. 356—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated Jan. 15 1932. Due from Nov. 1 1934 to 1941, incl. We are advised by the City Treasurer that the sale has been indefinitely postponed.

DETROIT LAKES, Becker County, Minn.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$7,800 issue of certificates of indebtedness that was purchased by the Water and Light Commission—V. 134, p. 357—was awarded as 6s. at par. Due in 10 years.

DICKENS COUNTY (P. O. Dickens), Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—A \$27,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. road and bridge funding warrants has been purchased by H. C. Burt & Co. of Houston, according to the County Judge.

DYERSBURG, Dyer County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p.m. on Feb. 1 by H. F. Norton, Town Recorder, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of refunding bonds. Dated Feb. 15 1932. To mature annually over a period of 17 years. Rate of interest to be fixed at the time of sale.

EASTCHESTER (P. O. Tuckahoe), Westchester County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on Jan. 20 of the two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$25,900. Bidders were asked to name a rate of interest with a 6% limitation.—V. 134, p. 539.

EAST COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. T. Leffler, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Feb. 1 for the purchase of \$10,650.90 6% special assessment sewer construction bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1932. One bond for \$1,650.09, others for \$1,000. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1933 to 1941, incl., and \$1,650.90 in 1942. Interest is payable semi-annually in March and Sept. 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. (This issue was previously offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 26—V. 134, p. 357.)

EAST PITTSBURGH, Allegheny County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Paul Oriss, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 8 p.m. on Feb. 1 for the purchase of \$75,000 4 1/4 and 5% coupon borough bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 from 1938 to 1952 incl. Int. is payable in January and July. A certified check for \$1,000 payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Burgwin, Scully & Burgwin of Pittsburgh will be furnished the successful bidder. The bonds will be sold subject to the approval of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania.

EATON, Preble County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$5,000 street improvement bonds offered as 5 1/4s on Jan. 8 at which time no bids were received—V. 134, p. 539—has since been sold as 5 1/4s, at a price of par, to local banks. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$250 April and Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1951, inclusive.

ELIZABETH, Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—At a meeting of the City Council on Jan. 20, John A. Mitchell, City Comptroller, was authorized to accept the offer of Dillon, Read & Co. of New York, to purchase as 5½s a block of \$500,000 bonds of the issue of \$4,998,000 unsuccessfully offered as 4½s on Dec. 28.—V. 134, p. 162. The bankers were granted an option on the remainder of the issue. The loan is being sold for water works system purposes.

ELWOOD, Madison County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,000 4½% coupon drain assessment bonds offered on Jan. 14—V. 134, p. 162—were awarded to the Firemen's Pension Committee at par plus a premium of \$75, equal to a price of 101.25, a basis of about 4.24%. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$4,000 Jan. 1 1937 and \$2,000 Jan. 1 1942. Only one bid was received at the sale.

ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Erie), Pa.—BOND ELECTION ORDER RESCINDED.—H. W. Willis, County Comptroller, states that the order providing for the election on Jan. 19 to consider a proposed \$800,000 bond issue—V. 133, p. 4189—was rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners. The Commissioners then passed a resolution calling for the sale of \$600,000 bonds without a vote of the people.

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Ned. J. Vermilya, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Jan. 25 for the purchase of \$427,000 bonds, divided as follows: \$336,000 4½% general obligation sanitary trunk sewer construction bonds. Dated Nov. 2 1931. Issue is divided into blocks of \$307,000 and \$29,000. The block of \$29,000 matures Nov. 2 as follows: \$6,000 in 1938; \$15,000 in 1939, and \$3,000 in 1940; the \$207,000 mature Nov. 2 as follows: \$7,000 in 1940, and \$15,000 from 1941 to 1960 incl. Bids may be submitted on either or both blocks. The bonds will be sold subject to the approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, the cost of which must be borne by the purchaser. The city will pay for the printing and delivery of the bonds. This issue was unsuccessfully offered on Dec. 14.—V. 133, p. 4356.

91,000 not to exceed 6% int. series A special assessment refunding bonds of 1932. Int. rate to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Dated Jan. 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$9,000 from 1933 to 1941 incl., and \$10,000 in 1942. Int. payable on Jan. and July 15. Blank bonds will be furnished by the city. Delivery of the bonds will be accompanied by the approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit, the cost of which must be borne by the successful bidder. Prin. and int. are payable at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

Financial Statement.		
Assessed valuation	-----	\$221,355,590.00
Bonded debt:		
General city purposes	-----	8,062,500.00
Water works	-----	2,682,500.00
Special assessments	-----	2,516,000.00
Special assessment refunding	-----	472,000.00
Tax anticipation notes	-----	360,000.00
Sinking funds:		\$14,093,000.00
General purpose bonds	-----	493,307.50
Water works bonds	-----	697,098.14
		\$1,190,405.64

FORT SCOTT, Bourbon County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that an \$18,000 issue of internal improvement bonds has been taken over recently by the sinking fund.

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Tex.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The City Commission has authorized the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds that were voted in 1929 for street improvement purposes. It is stated that the interest rate will probably be put at 5%.

FRAILEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Pottsville) Schuylkill County, Pa.—BELATED BOND SALE REPORT.—Charles S. Miller, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, informs us that the issue of \$50,000 4½% coupon school building addition bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 133, p. 1482—was sold locally at a price of par. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Oct. 1 1961; optional after five years from date. Interest payable in April and October.

GASTONIA, Gaston County, N. C.—NOTES NOT SOLD.—The \$100,000 issue of not to exceed 6% revenue anticipation notes offered on Jan. 12—V. 134, p. 357—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated Jan. 25 1932. Due on May 25 1932.

GILA COUNTY (P. O. Globe), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—Of the \$175,000 issue of funding bonds offered for sale on Jan. 11—V. 134, p. 162—a block of \$137,000 of the bonds was awarded to Refsnes, Ely, Beck & Co. of Globe, as 5½s at par.

GLADSTONE, Delta County, Mich.—BOND OFFERED PLANNED.—The city will shortly offer at public sale the issue of \$14,000 sewer construction bonds voted at an election on Jan. 8—V. 134, p. 540. Dated Feb. 15 1932. Due \$1,000 annually from 1933 to 1946 incl.

GRAYSLAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lake County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—Amy M. White, Clerk of the Board of Education, reports that an issue of \$10,000 school auditorium and gymnasium bonds has been purchased by local investors.

GREENBURGH (P. O. Tarrytown) Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William C. Duell, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. on Jan. 28 for the purchase of \$242,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered highway improvement bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$12,000 from 1933 to 1950, incl., and \$13,000 in 1951 and 1952. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ of 1-10th of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Principal and semi-annual interest (February and August) payable at the Washington Irving Trust Co., Tarrytown. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

GREENWICH (P. O. Greenwich), Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—Wilbur S. Wright, Chairman of the bonding committee, informs us that an issue of \$616,000 5% coupon or registered sewer construction bonds was sold on Jan. 18 to Estabrook & Co., of New York, at a price of par and accrued interest. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$44,000 annually on June 1 from 1932 to 1945 incl. Interest payable in June and Dec.

The bankers are making public offering of the securities at prices to yield 5 to 4.60%, according to maturity, the high yield being on the short-dated bonds.

GUNNISON, Sanpete County, Utah.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of water works improvement bonds is reported to have been purchased by Snow, Goodart & Co. of Salt Lake City.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Lake Pleasant), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$275,000 offered on Jan. 20—V. 134, p. 540—were awarded as 6s, at a price of par, to the M. & T. Trust Co. of Buffalo, the only bidder: \$220,000 county road bonds. Due \$10,000 on Jan. 1 from 1941 to 1962 incl.

55,000 county park bonds. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 from 1939 to 1949 incl. Each issue is dated Jan. 1 1932. The bankers are reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 5.50%.

JACKSON COUNTY ROAD DISTRICTS (P. O. Edna), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Both sealed and auction bids will be considered at 2 p. m. on Feb. 8, by Jno. T. Vance, County Judge, for the purchase of two issues of 5½% road bonds aggregating \$190,000, as follows: \$70,000 District No. 3 bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on April 10 as follows: \$2,000, 1935 to 1939, and \$3,000, 1940 to 1959, incl. The legal opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York, will be furnished.

120,000 District No. 4 bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on April 10 as follows: \$2,000, 1933 and 1934; \$3,000, 1935 to 1942; \$4,000, 1943 to 1950, and \$5,000, 1951 to 1962, incl. The approving opinion of recognized bond attorneys will be furnished. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 10) payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in N. Y. City. A deposit of 3% of the bid is required. The following information is furnished with the official offering notice:

Road District No. 3 lies in the southeastern part of Jackson County, bordering on the Gulf, and has an assessed valuation of \$544,820, of which \$457,260 is real estate. Estimated actual valuation of District, \$1,100,000. There is no indebtedness of any kind against this District.

Road District No. 4 lies south of the G. H. & S. A. Ry. eight-of-way and west of the Lavaca River, and has an assessed valuation of \$1,138,630, of which \$910,905 is real estate. Estimated actual valuation of District, \$2,300,000. The population of this District is about 550. This is the first issue of bonds of this Road District.

HARRISON (P. O. Harrison), Westchester County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 tax anticipation certificates is reported to have been sold to William A. Read, Jr., Vice-President of the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., of New York.

HARVEY, Cook County, Ill.—BONDS VOTED.—The proposed \$200,000 6% improvement bond issue submitted for consideration of the voters at the election on Jan. 14 (V. 133, p. 4003) was approved by a vote of 1,119 to 1,021.

HAVERSTRAW, Rockland County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD—OFFERING DEFERRED.—Fred N. Rehn, Village Clerk, informs us that no bids were received at the offering on Jan. 15 of \$27,000 5% series P street improvement bonds and that the sale has been deferred until May 2.

HAWAII, Territory of (P. O. Honolulu)—BOND NOTICE.—It is announced by E. S. Smith, Territorial Treasurer, that a substantial amount of the public improvement bonds called for payment on Aug. 1 1931 still remain unredeemed. The holders of such bonds are urged to present them promptly at his office or at the office of the Bankers' Trust Co. in N. Y. City for redemption at par, with accrued interest to Aug. 1 1931, and thus avoid further loss of interest, which ceased on said date.

HEMPSTEAD, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Eugene P. Parsons, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Feb. 2 for the purchase of \$660,000 not to exceed 6% interest coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: \$500,000 water improvement bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000 from 1937 to 1941 incl., and \$15,000 from 1942 to 1971 incl. 120,000 sewer improvement bonds. Due \$5,000 Jan. 1 from 1937 to 1960 incl. 40,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$8,000 Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1937 incl.

Each issue is dated Jan. 1 1902. Denom. \$1,000. Rate of interest to be expressed in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July) are payable at the Chase National Bank, New York, or at the Second National Bank of Hempstead. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

HOWARD COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—WARRANT OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to George W. Studebaker, County Auditor, will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 25 for the purchase of \$150,000 5% time warrants, to mature May 15 1932.

HUTCHINSON, Reno County, Kan.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Jan. 11—V. 134, p. 357—the voters approved the issuance of \$30,000 in park bonds by a count of 2,325 "for" to 1,375 "against."

ILLMO, Scott County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Jan. 12 (V. 134, p. 163) the voters approved the issuance of \$45,000 in 5% water works bonds by a count of 310 "for" to 42 "against." Due in from 5 to 20 years.

INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.—LOAN OFFERING.—William L. Elder, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids between 11 a. m. and 2 p. m. on Feb. 4 for the purchase of a loan of \$50,000 on behalf of and for the use of the sanitary district of the city. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6%. Dated Feb. 4 1932. Due June 4 1932. Payable as to principal and interest at the office of the County Treasurer in Indianapolis or at one of the authorized depositories in said city.

IRWIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—James I. Marsh, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 30 for the purchase of \$35,000 4½% school bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000 in 1937; \$15,000 in 1942, and \$5,000 from 1943 to 1945 incl. Interest, payable in Feb. & Aug. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to Robert B. Coons, Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds will be sold subject to the approval of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania.

(These are the bonds mentioned in V. 134, p. 540.)

ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Steubenville), Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. B. Harding, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until Jan. 28 for the purchase of \$1,862 6% school bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1932. One bond for \$287, others for \$225. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$287 in 1933 and \$225 from 1934 to 1940, incl. Principal and interest (June and Dec.) payable at the office of the Board of Education. A certified check for 5% must accompany each proposal.

JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William B. Quinn, Director of the Department of Revenue and Finance, will receive sealed bids until Feb. 3 for the purchase of \$5,500,000 tax revenue bonds, dated Feb. 1 1932 and due Aug. 1 1935. Rate of interest to be named by the bidder. None of the bonds will be sold at less than par.

KLAMATH FALLS, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on Feb. 15, by Roy N. Fouch, Police Judge, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$45,548.88, divided as follows: \$36,248.88 sewer bonds, (these are the bonds offered for sale without success on Dec. 7—V. 133, p. 4190) and \$9,300 street impt. bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable J. & J. Dated July 1 1931. Due in 10 years, optional in one year. Prin. and int. payable at the fiscal agency of the State in New York. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Vincennes), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Henley C. Sloan, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Feb. 2 for the purchase of \$10,387.54 6% drainage bonds. Dated Jan. 5 1932. One bond for \$507.54, others for \$520. Due Jan. 5 as follows: \$1,027.54 in 1933, and \$1,040 from 1934 to 1942 incl. Interest is payable semi-annually on Jan. and July 5.

LA CROSSE COUNTY (P. O. La Crosse), Wis.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—It is reported that on Jan. 7 the County Board approved the issuance of \$250,000 in not to exceed 5% highway construction bonds. Local newspapers state that these bonds will probably be retired at the rate of \$50,000 a year.

LAKE ARTHUR, Jefferson Davis Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until Feb. 10 by Mayor J. L. Thackston, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 6% paving bonds.

LAKE MILLS, Winnebago County, Iowa.—PRICE PAID.—The \$19,895.23 issue of 5% semi-annual paving bonds that was purchased by Mr. Booth Olson, Jr., of Sioux City—V. 133, p. 4190—was awarded at par. Due from May 1 1932 to 1941 incl.

LAUREL SPRINGS, Camden County, N. J.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The three issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$51,000 offered at not to exceed 6% interest on Jan. 18—V. 134, p. 538—were not sold, as no bids were received. Included in the offering were \$23,000 assessment bonds, due from 1934 to 1940 incl.; \$22,000 tax revenue bonds, due from 1933 to 1935 incl., and \$6,000 sidewalk improvement bonds, due from 1934 to 1939 incl.

LEOMINSTER, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 coupon water bonds offered on Jan. 19—V. 134, p. 540—were awarded as 5s to the Day Trust Co., of Boston, the only bidder, at a price of 100.10, a basis of about 4.98%. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000 from 1933 to 1937, inclusive, and \$3,000 from 1938 to 1947, inclusive.

LIBERTY COUNTY (P. O. Hinesville), Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election has been called for Feb. 10 in order to have the voters pass on the proposed issuance of \$50,000 in road bonds.

LINCOLN, Lancaster County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 issue of additional water extension bonds offered for sale on Jan. 18—V. 134, p. 540—was purchased by the First Trust Co. of Lincoln, for a premium of \$122, equal to 100.02, on the bonds divided as follows: \$300,000 as 5s, and \$200,000 as 4½s. There were four other bidders for the issue.

LOUDOUN COUNTY (P. O. Purcellville), Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Feb. 9, by O. L. Emerick, Division Superintendent of the County School Board, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of refunding bonds. Bids will state the interest rate to be paid by the School Board. Dated April 1 1902. Due on April 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1933 to 1942, and \$3,000, 1943 to 1947, all incl. Prin. and int. will be payable at a bank to be designated by the purchaser. These bonds to be issued under the provisions of Chapter 52, Acts of Virginia Assembly of 1930. Purchaser of bonds will prepare form thereof and bear cost of preparation of bonds. Likewise the purchaser will prepare necessary resolutions to be adopted by the County School Board and the County Board of Superiors. Principal sum to be paid by purchaser shall not be less than par.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Adelaide E. Schmitt, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Feb. 1 for the purchase of \$280,280 6% highway improvement No. 442 bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1932. One bond for \$1,280, others for \$1,000. Due Jan. 15 as follows: \$28,280 in 1933, and \$28,000 from 1934 to 1942 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July) are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 1% of the amount of the bonds must accompany each proposal. 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.

Financial Statistics.

Assessed valuation of property for taxation on 1930 duplicate...\$691,350,730
Total bonded debt of County, foregoing issues not included... 14,524,250
Tax rate per \$1,000 for 1930... 27.00

Property is assessed at its true value.
Of the bonded debt of the County, the sum of \$6,846,268.80 is paid by a levy on the County, and the sum of \$491,319.33 is paid by a levy on Townships, and the sum of \$7,186,661.87 is paid by special assessments against real estate.
Population, 1930, 347,709.

LYNN, Essex County, Mass.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$60,000 5% notes referred to in V. 134, p. 358 were sold at a price of par as follows: \$50,000 to the First National Old Colony Corp. of Boston, and \$10,000 to Kenney & Co. The notes mature Oct. 1 1932.

McDONALD SCHOOL DISTRICT, Washington County, Pa.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—W. R. Dickson, President of the School Board, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on Jan. 23 for the purchase of \$15,000 4 1/2% certificates of indebtedness. Dated Jan. 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due Jan. 15 1934. Certificates will be issued in coupon form, registerable as to principal only. Sale of the issue is subject to the approval of the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania. A satisfactory legal opinion will be furnished the successful bidder.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Anderson), Ind.—NOTE OFFERING.—Albert A. Hupp, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Feb. 15 for the purchase of \$180,000 not to exceed 6% interest notes. Dated Feb. 15 1932. Denom. \$5,000. Due \$90,000 June and Dec. 1 1932. Principal and interest are payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 3% of the notes bid for must accompany each proposal. Bidding form to be furnished by the County Auditor.

MANKATO, Jewell County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of water works impt. bonds that was voted at an election held on Oct. 15—V. 133, p. 3125—has since been purchased by an undisclosed investor.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Marysville), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 issue of road benefit district bonds offered for sale on Jan. 14—V. 134, p. 540—was purchased by Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, at a price of 96.11, for 4 1/4%, a basis of about 5.07%. Registered bonds in the denomination of \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due serially in from one to 10 years. Interest payable J. & J.

MARTIN COUNTY (P. O. Fairmont), Minn.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$24,000 issue of ditch bonds that was purchased at par by the State Board of Investment—V. 134, p. 358—was awarded as 4 1/4%. Registered bonds in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$2,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due from 1937 to 1951. Optional at any time. Interest payable July 1.

MARYLAND, State of.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—John M. Dennis, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Feb. 10, for the purchase of \$2,122,000 4 1/4% coupon (registerable as to principal) certificates of indebtedness, dividend as follows:

\$1,997,000 general construction loan of 1931. Due Feb. 15 as follows: \$116,000, 1935; \$122,000, 1936; \$127,000, 1937; \$133,000, 1938; \$139,000, 1939; \$145,000, 1940; \$152,000, 1941; \$158,000, 1942; \$165,000, 1943; \$173,000, 1944; \$181,000, 1945; \$189,000, in 1946, and \$197,000 in 1947.

125,000 Ocean City inlet loan of 1931. Due Feb. 15 as follows: \$7,000, 1935; \$8,000 from 1936 to 1938 incl.; \$9,000, 1939 to 1941, incl.; \$10,000 in 1942 and 1943; \$11,000 in 1944 and 1945; \$12,000 in 1946, and \$13,000 in 1947.

Each issue is dated Feb. 15 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Interest payable semi-annually on Feb. and Aug. 15. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the State Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The official notice of proposed sale contains the following paragraph:

"It is one of the terms of this offering that the bonds, when issued, will be the legal and valid binding obligations of the State. The opinion of the Attorney General of Maryland on this effect will be delivered to the successful bidder. Bidders may, if they wish, make the legality and validity of the bonds one of the terms of the bid by making the bid "subject to legality" or using any equivalent form of expression, but without leaving this question to the decision of the bidders or their counsel. All bids conditioned upon the approval of bidders or counsel, whether named or unnamed, will be treated as conditional bids and rejected, unless the condition is waived by the bidder to the satisfaction of the Board before the opening of the bid."

Financial Statement Dec. 31 1931.

Funded Debt:
Loans, serial annuity plan...\$31,917,000.00
Offsets to Funded Debt:
Cash on hand, credit of serial annuity loans... 994,851.29
*Other assets as deduction from debt... 1,500,000.00

Taxable Basis:
Real and personal property (Sept. 30 1931)...\$2,547,286,038.66
Securities (Sept. 30 1931)... 623,160,109.00
Rate on real and personal property, \$2.50 per 1,000.
Rate on securities, \$1.50 per 1,000.
Population, Census of 1930, 1,631,526.
* Mortgage from Northern Central Railway Co. not dedicated to any particular fund or purpose.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$800,000 issue of Board of Education revenue notes that was offered for sale without success on Jan. 12—V. 134, p. 541—are now being offered at private sale, according to D. C. Miller, City Clerk. The highest possible bid that could be accepted is an offer of 99 at 6%. Due on Oct. 1 1932.

MIAMI BEACH, Dade County, Fla.—BOND REDEMPTION.—It is announced by C. W. Tomlinson, City Clerk, that the city is desirous of purchasing at par and accrued interest any bonds of the city that mature in 1932. Holders are requested to forward bonds to the Miami Beach First National Bank, with sight draft attached, and notify the above clerk.

MIDDLETOWN, Butler County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 water works system improvement bonds offered on Jan. 14—V. 134, p. 164—were awarded as 5 1/2% to the Oglesby & Barnitz Bank & Trust Co. of Middletown, at par plus a premium of \$78, equal to a price of 100.26, a basis of about 5.45%. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$3,000 on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl. Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate of Int., Premium. Includes Oglesby & Barnitz Bank & Trust Co., Middletown (5 1/2%, 78.00), Magnus & Co., Cincinnati (5 1/2%, 30.10), McDonald-Ollahan-Richards Co., Cincinnati (6%, 318.00), The Davies-Bertram Co., Cincinnati (6%, 270.00), Breed & Harrison, Inc., Cincinnati (6%, 230.00), The Fifth-Third Security Co., Cincinnati (6%, 211.00), Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., Cincinnati (6%, 169.75), Van Lahr, Doll & Isphording, Inc., Cincinnati (6%, 161.25), Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati (6%, 156.00), Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati (6%, 88.85), BancOhio Securities Co., Columbus (6%, 60.00).

MICHIGAN (State of).—NEW LEGISLATION POSSIBLE TO DEAL WITH COVERT ROAD BOND SITUATION.—Frank F. Rogers, Chairman of the special committee that has been considering the question as to how to lighten the tax burden of counties as a result of the heavy covert road bond obligations incurred by them—V. 134, p. 164—has announced that little can be done to mitigate the condition without special legislation and that a report conceding this fact and recommending specific changes or additions to existing statutes will be submitted to Governor Wilber M. Bruckner.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Milwaukee), Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$297,717.78 issue of 6% semi-ann. Honey Creek Parkway, special assessment land acquisition bonds offered on Jan. 19—V. 134, p. 541—was not sold as there were no bids received. Due from April 1 1932 to 1941 incl.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY (P. O. Milwaukee), Wis.—NOTE OFFERING.—It is reported that bids will be received until Jan. 25, by Patrick McManus, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$2,500,000 issue of 5% notes. Due on April 1 1933. It is stated that various bond houses have been asked to submit bids for these notes.

MISSISSIPPI, State of (P. O. Jackson).—BOND REPORT.—In connection with the disposal of the \$5,000,000 bonds to be used to retire the bank guaranty deposit certificates of indebtedness, of which we reported the tentative sale in V. 134, p. 358, we are now informed that these bonds have been definitely disposed of at par to various banks in the State and the certificate holders.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Rochester), N. Y.—PRICE PAID.—Sage, Wolcott & Steele, of Rochester, paid a price of par for the issue of \$100,000 5 1/4% coupon or registered emergency bonds purchased recently—V. 134, p. 541. Dated Jan. 5 1932. Due Jan. 5 as follows: \$30,000 in 1933, and \$35,000 in 1934 and 1935.

MOORE COUNTY COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Dumas), Texas.—BOND SALE.—An \$8,500 issue of 5% school bonds is reported to have been purchased by the State Department of Education.

MORNING SUN, Louisa County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,750 issue of 5% coupon semi-annual fire department equipment bonds offered for sale on Jan. 11 (V. 134, p. 541) was purchased by Frank Pierce of Marshalltown at par. Due \$250 from Nov. 1 1932 to 1938, incl. There were no other bidders.

MOUNT ANGEL, Marion County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received, according to report, by P. N. Smith, City Recorder, until 6 p. m. on Feb. 1 for the purchase of a \$5,500 issue of 5% semi-ann. refunding bonds. Dated March 1 1932. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY (P. O. Portland), Ore.—WARRANT NOTICE.—Notice is being given by John M. Lewis, County Treasurer, that the county warrants that were presented and indorsed "Not paid for lack of funds" during November will be paid on presentation at the office of the County Treasurer.

MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY OF WICHITA (P. O. Wichita), Sedgwick County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$33,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-ann. building bonds offered on Jan. 16—V. 134, p. 541—was purchased at par by the State School Fund Commission. Dated Jan. 2 1932. Due from Aug. 1 1933 to 1940 incl. There were no other bidders.

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issue of bonds, aggregating \$53,700, offered on Jan. 4 (V. 134, p. 164) were not sold as no bids were received. Included in the offering were \$29,700 5% special improvement bonds due on Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1941, incl., and \$24,000 not to exceed 6% interest poor relief bonds due \$8,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1934, inclusive.

NASHUA, Hillsboro County, N. H.—LOAN NOT SOLD.—The city failed to receive a bid at the offering on Jan. 15 of a \$150,000 temporary loan to be dated Jan. 19 1932 and mature Dec. 2 1932. Bids were asked on a discount basis.

NECHES CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Palestine), Anderson County, Tex.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$16,500 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds that was purchased at par by the State of Texas—V. 134, p. 541—is dated May 10 1931, and matures \$315 from May 10 1932 to 1971, inclusive.

We are also informed that a \$3,900 issue of 5% semi-annual school, series B bonds, has been purchased at par by the State. Dated May 10 1931. Due \$195 from May 10 1932 to 1951, inclusive.

NEWARK, Essex County, N. J.—REFINANCING PLANS PROGRESSING.—John Howe, Director of the Department of Revenue and Finance, recently stated that negotiations between city officials and a group of bankers for the refinancing of \$23,000,000 obligations becoming due before June 1 are progressing favorably, and denied that the bankers had demanded that the city reduce its \$20,000,000 budget by \$2,000,000.

NEW CASTLE AND MOUNT PLEASANT CENTRAL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Chappaqua), Westchester County, N. Y.—PRICE PAID.—The Chappaqua National Bank paid a price of par for the issue of \$26,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds sold recently (V. 134, p. 541). Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1944, inclusive.

NEW HAVEN, New Haven County, Conn.—CITY TO BORROW FROM BOND ACCOUNT.—The Board of Finance has voted to borrow a sum of \$300,000 from the city's bond retirement fund to finance municipal expenses pending tax collections, rather than pay interest of 6% or more which would be required were the funds to be obtained from the regular banking channels, according to the New Haven "Register" of Jan. 15. The Board also cancelled the option granted recently to R. W. Pressprich & Co. of Boston on a loan of \$750,000, after the city had already obtained \$250,000 at 6% interest, payable June 15 1932 (V. 134, p. 359). In connection with the report, the newspaper item continued in part as follows:

"This year the tax collections will be one month late as a result of a new State law that fixes the date for the municipal taxes to be due and payable on Feb. 1 instead of Jan. 1, as has been the rule for years past. The State law changing this due date was passed by the last session of the General Assembly. It was a move that initiated in Stamford and little was known about the measure by the city of New Haven until it became a law.

"As a result, the city's revenue from tax collections will be one month late and the city is forced to borrow money in anticipation of the tax collections.

"Proper safeguards have been adopted in borrowing this money from the bond account so that there should be no repetition of the bungle that resulted when in 1929 funds were borrowed from the bond account and through some oversight it was put back in the general account instead of in the bond account where it belonged.

"In this borrowing transaction the safety measure is in notes being signed by Mayor John W. Murphy and by City Comptroller Carlos F. Stoddard, assuring payment of the money borrowed from the bond account. By this method it is felt that there can be no slip-up when the time comes to pay the money back and that the funds will go direct to the bond account from which they came."

NEWPORT, Newport County, R. I.—BOND SALE.—B. F. Downing, City Treasurer, reports that the issue of \$68,000 4 1/4% coupon series B fire department bonds offered on Jan. 21 was awarded at a price of par to the sinking fund commission. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due Feb. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1933 to 1941, incl.; \$10,000 in 1942 and 1943, and \$3,000 in 1944. Principal and interest (Feb. and Aug.) are payable at the office of the City Treasurer or at the First National Bank, of Boston, at the option of the holder. Legality approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston. The only other bid received by the city was that of a price of 94.05 by the Chase Harris Forbes Corp., of Boston.

Financial Statement Jan. 11 1932.

Valuation for year 1931...\$2,171,500.00
Sinking fund bonds...\$303,000.00
Less sinking funds... 157,197.60

Serial bonds (including issue advertised)... 145,802.40
Total net debt... 1,679,000.00

Population, 1930, 27,430.
Total net debt...\$1,824,802.40

NEWPORT NEWS, Warwick County, Va.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 4 1/4% semi-annual Salters Creek sewage disposal plant bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by the sinking fund. Dated Jan. 15 1932. Due serially in from 1 to 20 years. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York City.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—SYNDICATE OFFERS \$100,000,000 CORPORATE STOCK NOTES FOR INVESTMENT.—An issue of \$100,000,000 6% special corporate stock notes, being part of an amount of \$200,000,000 authorized as a result of the adoption by the State Legislature on Jan. 20 of an amendment to the city charter, the text of which is given in an item appearing in a preceding page of this section, was offered for general subscription on Jan. 22 at a price of par and accrued interest by a city-wide syndicate of banks and investment banking houses, the leading members of which included J. P. Morgan & Co.; Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; the National City Bank; Chase National Bank, the First National Bank; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, and the Bankers Trust Co. The notes are dated Jan. 25 1932 and mature \$25,000,000 on Jan. 25 in 1935 and 1936 and \$50,000,000 on Jan. 25 1937. Coupon notes issued in denominations of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$1,000 and \$500, and registered notes in denominations of \$500 and multiples thereof as desired. Both forms and the denominations thereof are interchangeable. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 25) are payable at the office of the City Comptroller. Legal investment, in the opinion of counsel, for savings banks and life insurance companies in the State of New York, and for executors, administrators, guardians and others holding trust funds for investment under the laws of the State of New York.

The price of par and interest at which the notes were offered to the public is the same as that paid by the bankers to the city, the transaction, therefore, being one wholly devoid of profit to the syndicate.

LOAN SUBSTANTIALLY OVERSUBSCRIBED.—Subscriptions received for the notes up until noon of the day of the offering, at which time the books were closed, were considerably in excess of the amount offered and in the afternoon quotations had advanced as follows: 1937 maturity, 100.75 bid, 101 1/4 asked; 1936, 100 1/2 bid, 101 asked, and for the 1935 maturity the figures were 100.50 and 100 1/2, according to the New York "Evening Post" of Jan. 22. Most of the members of the group that handled the transactions took advantage of an agreement with the city, and purchased 50% of their individual allotments as personal investments. It was further reported. Orders for the notes were received from virtually every State in the country in lots ranging from a few bonds for individuals to blocks of \$5,000,000 or more for institutions such as savings banks and life insurance companies.

Official advertisement of the bankers will be found on page viii of this issue.

All of the members of the underwriting group are indicated herewith:

J. P. Morgan & Co.	Kings County Trust Co.
Kuhn, Loeb & Co.	J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp.
The National City Bank of New York	County Trust Co. of New York
The Chase Nat. Bank of the City of N. Y.	Grace National Bank of New York
First National Bank	Lawyers Trust Co.
Guaranty Trust Co. of New York	Fulton Trust Co. of New York
Bankers Trust Co.	Hibernia Trust Co.
Bank of Manhattan Trust Co.	Mercantile Bank & Trust Co.
Chemical Bank & Trust Co.	Dillon, Read & Co.
Manufacturers Trust Co.	Lee, Higginson & Co.
Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co.	Brown Brothers Harriman & Co.
The New York Trust Co.	Bonbright & Co., Inc.
Chatham Phenix Nat. Bk. & Trust Co.	The First National Old Colony Corp.
Brooklyn Trust Co.	Hayden, Stone & Co.
The Public Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co. of N. Y.	Kidder, Peabody & Co.
Empire Trust Co.	Bancamerica-Blair Corp.
United States Trust Co. of New York	J. & W. Seligman & Co.
The Marine Midland Trust Co. of N. Y.	Salomon Bros. & Hutzler
The Comm. Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co. of N. Y.	Barr Brothers & Co., Inc.
Title Guaranty & Trust Co.	Boosevelt & Son
The Harriman Nat. Bank & Trust Co.	Domnick & Domnick
The Fifth Avenue Bank of New York	Goldman, Sachs & Co.
The Continental Bk. & Tr. Co. of N. Y.	F. S. Moseley & Co.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—TEMPORARY BORROWING OF \$12,500,000 MADE AT 6% INTEREST.—The city obtained a loan of \$12,500,000 on Jan. 19 from a syndicate of local banking houses, bearing interest at 6% and repayable Feb. 1 1932. (Details of this borrowing, which was in the nature of an emergency operation, appear more fully in an item appearing on page 703 of this section.)

NILES, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—No bids were received at the offering on Jan. 15 of an issue of \$12,720 6% park system improvement bonds—V. 134, p. 164. Dated Oct. 1 1931. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1933 to 1937 incl. and \$2,720 in 1938.

NORFOLK, Norfolk County, Va.—BOND REPORT.—It is stated that the city will request authority from the General Assembly for the issuance of \$4,000,000 in bonds to take up floating debts with a view to putting the city eventually on a cash basis without having recourse to large short-term borrowings. It is said that the bonds thus proposed to be issued will be serial bonds for a comparatively short term.

NORTH BRADDOCK, Pa.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The \$170,000 4 1/2% refunding bonds recently authorized by virtue of the adoption of a bond ordinance will be dated Oct. 1 1931 and mature Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1932 and 1933; \$2,000, 1934 and 1935; \$3,000 from 1937 to 1939 incl.; \$4,000 from 1940 to 1944 incl.; \$3,000 in 1945 and 1947; \$8,000, 1948; \$10,000, 1949; \$12,000, 1950; \$9,000, 1951; \$12,000, 1952; \$11,000, 1953; \$9,000, 1954; \$10,000, 1955; \$12,000, 1956; \$12,000, 1957; \$10,000 in 1958; \$6,000 in 1959 and 1960, and \$9,000 in 1961. Interest payable in April and October.

NORTH COLLEGE HILL, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BONDS RE-OFFERED.—The issue of \$22,069.72 5 1/2% special assessment street improvement bonds unsuccessfully offered on Dec. 31—V. 134, p. 541—is being readvertised for award at 12 m. on Feb. 10. Sealed bids should be addressed to Edward C. Ahlers, Village Clerk. The bonds are dated Dec. 30 1931. Denoms. \$2,000 and \$206.97. Due \$2,206.97 on Sept. 1 from 1933 to 1941, inclusive, and \$2,206.99 on Sept. 1 1942. Interest is payable semi-annually in April and October. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of George E. Kearns and Peck, Shaffer & Williams, of Cincinnati, will be furnished the successful bidder without charge.

OAKLAND COUNTY (P. O. Pontiac), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$225,000 issue of \$1,000,000 refunding bonds offered unsuccessfully on Dec. 22—V. 134, p. 165—is reported to have since been sold as 6s, at a price of par, to the Chemical Securities Corp., of New York. Due \$200,000 annually on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1936, inclusive. The board of county supervisors at first rejected the bid on the ground that the issue should bear interest at 5 1/2%, the rate now being paid on the tax notes which will be retired from the proceeds of the sale.

OAKWOOD, Paulding County, Ohio.—NOTES AUTHORIZED.—The City Council has adopted a resolution providing for the sale of \$20,000 tax anticipation notes, to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%, be dated Jan. 10 1932 and mature May 1 1932. Payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

OLD GLORY RURAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Old Glory), Stonewall County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$28,000 issue of 5% serial school bonds that was registered by the State Comptroller on April 10—V. 132, p. 3014—has since been sold to an undisclosed purchaser. Denomination \$700.

OLIVIA, Renville County, Minn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$33,000 issue of not to exceed 5% semi-ann. paying bonds offered on Dec. 29—V. 133, p. 4357—was not sold, as the only bid received was rejected. It is stated that an election is being held on Jan. 26 in order to sell the bonds to the State of Minnesota as 4 1/2s. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due in from 1 to 20 years.

PATERSON, Passaic County, N. J.—NOTE SALE.—John A. Egan, City Treasurer, reports that the sinking fund commission has purchased an issue of \$100,000 5% tax revenue notes, dated Jan. 15 1932 and due June 14 1932.

PETOSKEY, Emmet County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—I. B. Seward, City Clerk, reports that an issue of \$125,000 5% hydro-electric light plant purchase bonds was sold locally during November at a price of par.

PLAIN TOWNSHIP (P. O. North Canton), Stark County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—A. J. Willaman, Clerk of the Board of Trustees, informs us that no bids were received at the offering on Jan. 15 of \$10,000 4 1/2% poor relief bonds—V. 134, p. 359. Mr. Willaman adds that the issue will be disposed of at private sale. Dated Dec. 21 1931. Due \$2,500 on Dec. 21 from 1933 to 1938 inclusive.

PLEASANTVILLE, Atlantic County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Nehemiah Andrews, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Feb. 1 for the purchase of \$279,000 coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$117,000 tax revenue bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Due Dec. 15 1935. 92,000 tax title bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due Dec. 1 as follows:

\$10,000 in 1932 and 1933, and \$9,000 from 1934 to 1941, incl.
70,000 tax revenue bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due Dec. 1 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Bidder to name a rate of interest for each issue of bonds, expressed in a multiple of 1-100th of 1%. Principal and semi-annual interest are payable at the First National Bank, Pleasantville, or at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

RITTMAN, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 6% water system improvement bonds offered on Jan. 16—V. 134, p. 165—were awarded at a price of par to the Rittman Savings Bank, the only bidder. Dated July 1 1931. Due \$1,000 Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1936, incl.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Osceola), Neb.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$54,000 issue of 4 1/2% court house refunding bonds authorized for sale recently and purchased by the United States National Co. of Omaha—V. 134, p. 542—was sold at a discount of \$675, equal to 98.75, a basis of about 4.66%. Due from 1937 to 1947.

PUTNAM COUNTY (P. O. Brewster), N. Y.—BONDS PUBLICLY OFFERED.—The issue of \$110,000 5 1/4% coupon or registered highway improvement bonds awarded on Jan. 15 to Phelps, Fenn & Co. of New York at a price of 101.031, a basis of about 5.12%—V. 134, p. 542—is being re-offered for public investment at prices to yield 4.75%. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$5,000 on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1954 incl. An official list of the bids received at the sale follows:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Phelps, Fenn & Co. (successful bidders)	5 1/4%	\$1,134.10
Halsey, Stuart & Co.	5 1/4%	201.00
M. & T. Trust Co.	5 1/4%	977.90
Bank National Bank and the Putnam County National Bank, jointly	5 1/4%	220.00
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.	5 3/8%	613.89
Batchelder & Co.	5 3/8%	462.00

RANDOLPH, COLD SPRING, CONEWANGO AND NAPOLI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Randolph), Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BONDS NOT SOLD—ISSUE RE-OFFERED.—No bids were received at the offering on Jan. 14 of \$290,000 coupon or registered school bonds—V. 134, p. 359. Rate of interest was limited to 5%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1932 and were offered to mature annually on Jan. 1 from 1933 to 1962 inclusive.

ISSUE RE-OFFERED.—The district is now advertising for sale a block of \$145,000 of the above bonds. Bids will be received by Nelle H. Babbitt, District Clerk, until 2 p. m. on Feb. 2. Interest rate is not to exceed 6% and must be expressed in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. All of the bonds to bear interest at the same rate. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000 in 1933; \$5,000 from 1934 to 1937 incl.; \$6,000, 1938 to 1941; \$7,000, 1942 to 1944; \$8,000 in 1945 and 1946; \$9,000, 1947 and 1948; \$10,000 in 1949 and 1950, and \$11,000 in 1951 and 1952. Principal and interest (January and July) 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

x Bonded indebtedness of District (this issue) \$145,000

* This issue represents a portion of \$290,000 voted, the unsold balance to be offered later. There are no bonds outstanding of school districts included in the Central School District.

Population (estimated 1932), 2,200.

REEDSBURG, Sauk County, Wis.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election will be held on Feb. 2 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$50,000 in hospital bonds. These bonds were recently authorized by the City Council—V. 134, p. 165.

RENSELAER, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—PRICE PAID.—The Rensselaer County Bank paid a price of par for the issue of \$100,000 6% coupon or registered improvement bonds purchased recently—V. 134, p. 542. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$6,000 from 1933 to 1950 incl., and \$2,000 in 1951.

RICHMOND, Madison County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—The \$460,000 issue of 6% water works plant purchase bonds that was authorized for sale by the City Council in December—V. 133, p. 4358—has been definitely sold to Mr. E. S. Mays of Springfield, at a price of 98.50, according to the City Clerk. Dated Dec. 15 1931.

RIDDLE, Douglas County, Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$6,500 issue of refunding bonds offered on Dec. 21—V. 133, p. 4192—was not sold.

BONDS RE-OFFERED.—Sealed bids will again be received for the purchase of the above bonds until 7:30 p. m. on Jan. 25, by Max W. Kimmel, City Recorder. Denom. \$500. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Due on Dec. 15 as follows: \$500 in 1934, and \$1,000, 1935 to 1940 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer, or at such banking house in Oregon as may be agreed upon between the purchaser and the council. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

RIVER ROUGE, Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposed \$248,000 sewer system construction bond issue submitted for consideration of the voters at a special election on Jan. 18—V. 133, p. 4358—was defeated by a vote of 1,405 to 570. The measure was described by Mayor Arnold C. Frutig as the city's only means of meeting the unemployment situation but was vigorously opposed by a group of taxpayers on the ground that the increase in taxes to service the issue would place an unbearable burden on small home owners.

ROANE COUNTY (P. O. Kingston), Tenn.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—A \$40,000 issue of refunding bonds was offered on Jan. 14 without success as there were no bids received. The Nashville "Banner" of Jan. 18 reported on the unsuccessful offering as follows:

"Roane County's refunding bonds to the amount of \$40,000 went begging for the second time in 1932 when at a special session of the county court at Kingston Thursday, no bidders made offers on the issue, which the court had sought to float in order to retire \$40,000 of similar securities which mature on Feb. 1. The \$40,000 bond issue had previously been put up at the regular Quarterly Court on Jan. 4, but no buyers appeared. "After it became apparent that there was no market for the bonds, the court entered into a joint agreement with the Equitable Securities corporation and Bailey & Co., investment bankers and bond buyers, under which the financial concerns would seek to find buyers for the issue or exchange the new bonds to holders of the maturing issue, for which the companies are to be paid a cash compensation of \$2,200 on sale or exchange of the issue. The bond houses are to pay for printing the new bonds and the attorney fees in connection with the issue.

"In the event that no sale or exchange is effected by March 1, the county will pay the companies \$500 for expenses.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—G. F. Argetsinger, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 26 for the purchase of \$5,652,000 not to exceed 5% interest bonds, divided as follows:

\$1,680,000 bridge bonds. Due as follows: \$40,000 from 1934 to 1936 incl., and \$60,000 from 1937 to 1962 incl.
1,635,000 school bonds. Due as follows: \$40,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl.; \$55,000 in 1939, and \$60,000 from 1940 to 1962 incl.
850,000 special local improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$115,000 in 1934 and 1935; \$140,000 in 1936 and 1937, and \$170,000 in 1938 and 1939.

720,000 municipal building bonds. Due as follows: \$30,000 from 1934 to 1942 incl., and \$45,000 from 1943 to 1952 incl.

560,000 public improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$30,000 from 1934 to 1937 incl., and \$44,000 from 1938 to 1947 incl.

75,000 municipal land purchase bonds. Due as follows: \$2,000 from 1934 to 1945 incl., and \$3,000 from 1946 to 1962 incl.

75,000 water works bonds. Due as follows: \$2,000 from 1934 to 1945 incl., and \$3,000 from 1946 to 1962 incl.

57,000 railroad crossing elimination bonds. Due as follows: \$2,000 from 1934 to 1961 incl., and \$1,000 in 1962.

Each issue will be dated Feb. 1 1932, and mature annually on Feb. 1 as indicated above. Coupon bonds, registerable as to both principal and interest. Payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., N. Y. Rate of int. to be expressed in a multiple of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%. Bids may be submitted for "all or none" of the bonds, and may also be submitted for "all or none" of the 1934 to 1937 maturities and (or) 1938 and later maturities, of any one or more or all of the separate issues. The city has been assured of a bid of par and accrued interest for all 1934 to 1937 maturities at 5% interest, or for any one or more of the several issues for which no better bid is received. If satisfactory bids for the bonds are not received on Jan. 26, the Comptroller reserves the right to continue to receive proposals until all of the bonds have been sold. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Comptroller, must accompany each proposal. The favorable legal opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished the successful bidder.

City Debt—	Financial Statement as of Jan. 1 1932.			
	Bonds.	Notes.	Contracts.	Total.
General.....	26,961,500.00	6,485,500.00	320,899.83	33,767,899.83
School.....	13,979,560.00	1,635,000.00	1,635,000.69	17,249,589.69
Water.....	12,341,000.00	75,000.00		12,416,000.00
Local assessm't.....	12,326,500.00	2,425,000.00	193,612.25	14,945,112.25
Total debt.....	65,608,560.00	*10,620,500.00	2,149,790.77	78,378,850.77
Deductions and exemptions:				
Water debt.....		12,416,000.00		
Special local assessment debt.....		3,046,000.00		
Cash and sinking funds (incl. 1932 levies).....		7,945,216.59		
Notes issued against current taxes.....		1,800,000.00		25,207,216.59
Net debt.....				53,171,634.18
Assessed valuation real estate (State and county purposes).....				652,137,716.00
Constitutional debt limit—10% of above.....				65,213,771.60
Net constitutional debt.....				53,171,634.18

Debt margin available..... 12,042,137.42
 * \$5,652,000 of the above notes will be paid from the proceeds of the proposed bonds.
 Net increase of above constitutional debt to March 1 will not exceed \$2,655,000. Population, 1930, 328,132.

ROSETO, Northampton County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Domenico Martino, Borough Secretary, reports that the issue of \$30,000 coupon bonds offered at either $4\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{3}{4}$ or 5% on Jan. 9—V. 133, p. 4192—has not been sold. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$5,000 on Sept. 1 in 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956 and 1961.

RUSK COUNTY (P. O. Henderson), Tex.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—We are now informed by the County Judge that the \$34,782.99 issue of 5% semi-annual funding bonds offered without success on Jan. 11—V. 134, p. 542—has since been sold to local purchasers.

SACRAMENTO SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sacramento), Sacramento County, Calif.—STATEMENT.—Under date of Jan. 14 we are informed as follows by Chas. C. Hughes, Superintendent of the District, regarding the \$1,146,000 $4\frac{1}{2}$ % semi-ann. school bonds that were offered for sale without success on Dec. 25—V. 134, p. 165:

"On Oct. 6 1931 the Sacramento City High School District voted bonds with a practically four to one vote for three new junior high schools and sites; the amount voted was \$1,146,000. These bonds were duly advertised by the Board of Supervisors of Sacramento County, no bids were received.

"Kindly allow me to call your attention to the fact that these bonds are ready to be put on the market and we are extremely anxious to go ahead with this improvement in our city. The election and all proceedings relating to the bonds have been approved by Orrick, Palmer and Dahlquist of San Francisco. Sacramento is not an over-bonded city and it would appear that the payment on the bonds are absolutely sure and safe. Anything that your firm can do towards aiding us to get these bonds on the market will be greatly appreciated."

ST. HELENS, Columbia County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Jan. 25 by J. E. Beeler, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$79,932.16 issue of 6% impt., series F bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due in 10 years, optional after one year. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. The approving opinion of Teal, Winfree, McCulloch & Shuler of Portland, will be furnished. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany the bid.

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,838.17 6% coupon refunding bonds offered on Jan. 4—V. 133, p. 4192—were awarded at a price of par to the city water works department, the only bidder. Dated Jan. 4 1932. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$838.17 in 1933, and \$1,000 from 1934 to 1941, inclusive.

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The issue of \$6,467 6% coupon poor relief bonds offered on Jan. 14—V. 134, p. 166—was awarded at a price of par to local investors. The bonds are dated Dec. 24 1931 and will mature Sept. 15 as follows: \$1,500 in 1933; \$1,467 in 1934 and 1935, and \$1,500 in 1936 and 1937.

SALT LAKE CITY, Salt Lake County, Utah.—NOTE DETAILS.—The \$750,000 tax anticipation notes that were purchased by local banks as 5—V. 134, p. 360—were awarded at a price of 99, a basis of about 6.03%. Due on Dec. 5 1932.

SAN ANTONIO, Bexar County, Tex.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.—We are advised that negotiations which had been carried on with Geo. L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas, for the sale of \$1,100,000 in funding bonds were terminated on Jan. 14, when the city cancelled its contract and returned to the bond dealers a check for \$10,000 which had been deposited as security on the sale. The contract to buy these bonds was entered into last July but the issue has been involved in legal difficulties since that time.—V. 133, p. 4354.

SAN DIEGO, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Jan. 26, by Allen H. Wright, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$2,695,000 issue of 5% El Capitan Dam bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1925. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$81,000, 1933 to 1935; \$80,000, 1960 and 1961; \$80,500, 1962 and 1963; and \$93,500 in 1964 and 1965. The original opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, will be furnished the purchaser. These bonds are part of the \$4,500,000 issue authorized at an election held on Nov. 18 1924. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City Clerk, is required. (These are the bonds that were unsuccessfully offered on Jan. 4—V. 134, p. 360 and 542.)

SAN LUIS OBISPO WATER WORKS DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. San Luis Obispo), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2.30 p. m. on Feb. 1, by J. G. Driscoll, County Clerk, for the purchase of an \$18,000 issue of 6% water works bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Jan. 4 1932. Due on Jan. 4 as follows: \$500, 1933 and 1934, and \$1,000, 1935 to 1951, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the County Treasury. A certified check for 3% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. (These are the bonds that were unsuccessfully offered for sale on Jan. 4—V. 134, p. 542.)

SCOTT COUNTY (P. O. Davenport), Iowa.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$70,000 issue of funding bonds that was purchased by Geo. M. Bechtel & Co. of Davenport, as 5s, at a price of 100.21—V. 134, p. 542—is more fully described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Coupon bonds dated Jan. 2 1932. Due \$14,000 from 1939 to 1943. Interest payable J. & J. Basis of about 4.97%.

SIERRA MADRE ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Sierra Madre), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$47,923.14 issue of 7% street impt. bonds has been purchased recently by the Ulen Securities Co., Ltd., of Los Angeles. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and \$423.14. Dated Dec. 23 1931. Due from 1934 to 1945. Legal opinion by O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers of Los Angeles.

SILVER BOW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Butte), Mont.—BONDS CALLED.—It is reported that the outstanding portion of an issue of 6% school bonds, dated Aug. 16 1921, are called for payment on Feb. 16.

SIoux FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sioux Falls) Minnehaha County, S. Dak.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that at an election held recently the voters approved the issuance of \$500,000 in school building bonds.

SOUTH ESSEX SEWERAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Salem), Essex County, Mass.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$20,000 coupon construction bonds offered on Jan. 21—V. 134, p. 542—was not sold, as no bids were received. Bidder was asked to name a rate of interest within a 5% limitation. Dated Nov. 15 1931. Due Nov. 15 as follows: \$3,000 from 1932 to 1937, inclusive, and \$2,000 in 1938.

SOUTHDOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Greenport), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BONDS REOFFERED.—The issue of \$50,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds for which all bids received on Jan. 8 were rejected—V. 134, p. 542—is being readvertised for award at 7.30 p. m. on Feb. 10. Sealed bids should be addressed to Leonard G. Krancher, District Clerk. Bids will also be received for the bonds to bear interest at any other rate of interest in multiples of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%, but not in any event to exceed 6%. Split interest rate bids will not be considered. Other details regarding the issue remain as previously given.—V. 133, p. 4359.

STEVENS COUNTY (P. O. Colville), Wash.—WARRANTS CALLED.—It is reported by H. E. Gilson, County Treasurer, that he is calling for payment all warrants drawn on the current expense and general fund of various school districts in the county.

STRASBURG, Shenandoah County, Va.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that an election has been called for Feb. 16 in order to vote on the proposed issuance of \$18,000 in water bonds.

SUNFLOWER COUNTY (P. O. Indianola), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Feb. 1, by John W. Johnson, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of the following bonds aggregating \$91,000:

- \$20,000 Gravel Bayou Drainage District bonds. Deposited by the Bank of Indianola, as depository.
- 6,000 City of Indianola bonds. Deposited by the Merchants Bank and Trust Co. of Indianola, as depository.
- 50,000 levee commissioners bonds. Deposited by the Bank of Ruleville, as depository.
- 10,000 Town of Drew bonds. Deposited by the Merchants & Planters Bank of Drew, as depository.
- 5,000 Town of Senatobia bonds. Deposited by the Merchants & Planters Bank of Drew, as depository.

The above issues will be sold for the purpose of securing the payment of the amount due by each of the depositories. A description of all the bonds will be furnished on application.

SUTHERLIN, Douglas County, Ore.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the \$30,000 issue of 6% emi-ann. refunding improvement bonds previously scheduled by Will J. Hayner, City Recorder, for Jan. 15—V. 134, p. 548—was postponed until 7.30 p. m. on Feb. 1. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1935; \$3,000, 1936 to 1938; \$2,000, 1939 to 1943; \$5,000 in 1944 and \$4,000 in 1945. Optional after Feb. 1 1942. Bids will be received until the above time accompanied by a certified check for 5%.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following minor issues of bonds were registered by the State Comptroller during the week ending Jan. 16:

- \$3,325 5% Shelby County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 28 bonds. Denom. \$175. Due serially.
- 5,500 6% Burnet funding, series of 1931 bonds. Denoms. \$1,000, one for \$500. Due serially.
- 9,000 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Teague funding bonds. Denom. \$500. Due serially.

THE DALLES, Wasco County, Ore.—BOND REPORT.—We are informed by the City Recorder that the city is waiting for an opinion to be given by the Supreme Court before again offering the \$650,000 bridge bonds that were scheduled for sale on Jan. 4—V. 133, p. 4193. Int. rate not to exceed 6%.

THREE LAKES, Oneida County, Wis.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$20,000 issue of paving bonds that was purchased by the Wilson Construction Co. of Appleton—V. 134, p. 543—bears interest at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % and was awarded at par. Due \$5,000 from 1936 to 1939 incl.

TILLAMOOK COUNTY (P. O. Tillamook), Ore.—CORRECTION.—We are now informed that the issuance of \$177,500 in court house bonds was not approved by the voters on Dec. 22, as reported in V. 134, p. 166.

TORONTO, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$20,276.43 6% street improvement bonds offered on Jan. 18—V. 134, p. 360—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due Sept. 1 as follows: \$2,776.42 in 1933, and \$2,500 from 1934 to 1940 incl.

TRAVERSE CITY, Grand Traverse County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—O. C. Moffatt, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Feb. 8 for the purchase of \$245,000 not to exceed 6% interest sewage disposal plant construction bonds. Dated Jan. 2 1932. Denom. \$1,000. Due July 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl.; \$7,000, 1939 to 1943 incl.; \$9,000, 1944 to 1948 incl.; \$12,000, 1949 to 1953 incl.; \$15,000 from 1954 to 1958 incl., and \$5,000 in 1959. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. Successful bidder to pay for the printing of the bonds. (These bonds were authorized by a vote of 1,346 to 612 at an election held on Oct. 20—V. 133, p. 2963.)

TYRONE, Blair County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—J. H. Harklerode, Borough Secretary, has announced that he will receive bids for the purchase of \$130,000 $4\frac{1}{2}$, $4\frac{3}{4}$ or 4% bonds, dated Jan. 1 1932 and to mature serially in from one to 29 years. Denom. \$500. A certified check for 2% must accompany each proposal. No mention is made as to the date on which the award will be made. (On Dec. 30 the Borough failed to receive a bid at an offering of \$400,000 4% bonds.—V. 134, p. 360.)

UNION CITY, Obion County, Tenn.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the \$75,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-ann. funding bonds scheduled for Jan. 15—V. 134, p. 360—is reported to have been deferred.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—W. A. Hocky, Village Clerk, states that owing to the present unsatisfactory market conditions, the issue of \$10,000 6% special assessment improvement bonds authorized recently—V. 134, p. 360—will probably be sold locally, instead of being offered at competitive sale. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1942, incl.

UTICA, Oneida County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$100,000 certificates of indebtedness offered, on Jan. 18—V. 134, p. 543—were awarded as 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ s at a price of par to the Savings Bank of Utica. The award comprised \$88,000 work relief certificates and \$12,000 for veterans welfare. Dated Dec. 18 1931. Due \$41,000 Dec. 1932; \$29,000 Dec. 18 1933 and \$30,000 Dec. 18 1934.

VALDESE, Burke County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the \$155,000 issue of 6% semi-ann. water and sewer bonds that was voted on Aug. 21—V. 133, p. 1487—has been purchased by Boyd & Goforth of Charlotte.

VENTURA, Ventura County, Calif.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Jan. 7—V. 133, p. 4007—the voters approved the issuance of \$100,000 in bonds for street impt. purposes by a majority reported to have been more than 3 to 1.

VINCENNES SCHOOL CITY, Knox County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk of the Board of School Trustees will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on Jan. 29 for the purchase of \$5,000 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % funding bonds. Dated Jan. 29 1932. Denom. \$500. Due Feb. 1 1941. Principal and interest (Feb. and Aug.) payable at the office of the Treasurer. Purchaser to pay for approving opinion of Matson, Ross, McCord & Clifford of Indianapolis.

WALLA WALLA, Walla Walla County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 27 by Roy Appling, City Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$123,900 flood control funding bonds. Rate of int. to be named by the bidders. Denoms. to be in a multiple of \$100, but not more than \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due in from 2 to 20 years. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Glens Falls), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon or registered highway bonds offered on Jan. 18 (V. 134, p. 543) were awarded as 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ s to Batchelder & Co. of New York at a price of

101.33, a basis of about 5.12%. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due \$10,000 on Feb. 1 from 1934 to 1953, incl. The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for general investment priced to yield 4.80%.

Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Batchelder & Co. (successful bidders)	5 1/4 %	\$2,660.00
Prudden & Co.	5 1/4 %	667.00
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.	5 1/4 %	875.80
M. & T. Trust Co.	5 1/4 %	2,468.00
Phelps, Penn & Co.	5 1/4 %	200.00
A. C. Allyn & Co.	5 1/4 %	888.00

WARRICK COUNTY (P. O. Boonville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward Brachu, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Jan. 30 for the purchase of \$25,500 4 1/2 % bonds, divided as follows: \$13,300 Campbell Township road impt. bonds. Dated June 1 1931. Denom. \$675. Due one bond each six months on Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1942 incl. 12,000 Boon Township road impt. bonds. Dated Dec. 7 1931. Denom. \$600. Due one bond each six months on Jan. and July 15 from 1933 to 1942 incl.

WATERFORD, Racine County, Wis.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—At a special meeting held on Jan. 5 it is reported that the issuance of \$25,000 in sanitary sewer system bonds was approved.

WAYNESBURG, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. M. May, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Feb. 6 for the purchase of \$4,086.30 6 % refunding bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1931. One bond for \$586.30, others for \$500. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$586.30 in 1933, and \$500 from 1934 to 1940 incl. Interest payable semi-annually in March and September. 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 \$40.86, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

WEST LINN, Clackamas County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Jan. 27 by G. E. Hollowell, City Recorder, for the purchase of a \$19,077.02 issue of 6 % semi-annual improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Due on Dec. 1 1941 and optional on Dec. 1 1932. A certified check for 5 % must accompany the bid.

WEST NEW YORK, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The First National Bank, of West New York, purchased privately on Jan. 13 an issue of \$103,000 coupon or registered general improvement bonds as 6s, at a price of par. These bonds are part of the issue of \$131,000 unsuccessfully offered on Dec. 22.—V. 133, p. 4359.

WEST WILDWOOD (P. O. Wildwood), Cape May County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Herbert J. Tidd, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Feb. 27 for the purchase of \$24,000 6 % coupon or registered street, sewer and bulkhead assessment bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1931. Denom. \$1,000. Due Dec. 1 as follows: \$11,000 in 1933 and \$13,000 in 1934. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (June and Dec.) are payable at the Union Bank, Wildwood. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over \$24,000. A certified check for 2 % of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell and Raymond of New York will be furnished the successful bidder. (These bonds are part of the issue of \$40,000 unsuccessfully offered on Nov. 28, of which \$16,000 were sold later.—V. 133, p. 4194.)

WHATCOM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 322 (P. O. Belingham), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 26 by P. T. Snyder, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$9,000 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6 %, payable semi-annually. Dated Feb. 1 1932. Due in from 2 to 10 years. Prin. and int. payable at the County Treasurer's office, the State Treasurer's office, or at the fiscal agency of the State in New York. A certified check for 5 % must accompany the bid.

WINCHESTER, Randolph County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—Benjamin E. Hinshaw, City Clerk, reports that the issue of \$50,000 4 1/2 % sewage disposal plant bonds offered on Jan. 15.—V. 134, p. 543—was awarded at a price of par to the Peoples Loan & Trust Co., of Winchester, the only bidder. Dated Jan. 1 1932. Due \$1,000 July 1 1933; \$500 Jan. 1 and \$1,000 July 1 from 1934 to 1966, inclusive.

WORCESTER, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Day Trust Co. of Boston has advanced the city \$200,000 on note issues maturing in August and September of this year. Rate of int. was not disclosed.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

ALMONTE, Ont.—BONDS SALE.—Gairdner & Co. of Toronto have purchased an issue of \$20,000 5 % bonds at a price of 95, and have entered into an agreement to purchase an additional block of \$65,000, according to report.

ALVINSTON, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$4,836 5 % improvement bonds has been sold locally at a price of par. Due serially in from 1 to 15 years.

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Province of).—MUNICIPAL BOND ISSUES AUTHORIZED.—The municipal department of the Province recently issued certificates to the municipalities shown below authorizing bond issues in the amount given, together with the int. rate and the maturity indicated, according to the Jan. 15 issue of the "Monetary Times" of

CAP DE LA MADELEINE, Que.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The issue of \$7,700 5 1/2 % bonds offered on Jan. 18.—V. 134, p. 360—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Jan. 2 1932. Due serially on Jan. 2 from 1933 to 1952 incl.

Toronto:
 City of Cumberland.—\$80,000, payable in 20 years with int. at 5 %.
 District of Summerland.—\$4,000, payable in five years with int. at 5 %.
 City of Fernie.—\$40,000, payable in 20 years with int. at 5 %.
 City of North Vancouver.—\$6,920, payable in 20 years with int. at 5 %.
 City of North Vancouver.—\$4,708, payable in 20 years with int. at 5 %.
 District of Burnaby.—\$835, payable in 10 years with int. at 5 %.
 City of Prince Rupert.—\$90,713, payable in 20 years with int. at 5 %.
 City of Victoria.—\$200,000, payable in 15 years with int. at 5 %.

L'ASSOMPTION, Que.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$15,000 5 1/2 % bonds has been sold at a price of par to the Society of French-Canadian Artisans of Montreal. Dated June 1 1931 and due serially on June 1 from 1931 to 1961 incl. (These bonds were offered as 5s on Oct. 5, at which time no bids were received.—V. 133, p. 2138.)

NEW BRUNSWICK (Province of).—BOND ISSUE OVERSUBSCRIBED.—The Dominion Securities Corp. of Toronto, manager of a syndicate of Canadian banks and investment houses, which on Jan. 6 offered to the Canadian public an issue of \$5,062,000 5 1/2 % bonds, due Nov. 1 1952, at a price of 97, to yield 5.75 %.—V. 134, p. 360—announced through its New York office on Jan. 19 that the issue had been oversubscribed and the books closed. The bonds are payable in Canadian funds only. The success of this undertaking is similar in character to that which attended the public offering in November of \$150,000,000 5 % Dominion of Canada long-term bonds, subscriptions for which were received from investors in the Dominion for a total of about \$215,000,000 bonds before bids ceased to be accepted.—V. 133, p. 3824. Several other of the Provinces and large cities are expected to dispose of loans in the same fashion, as the discount at which the Canadian dollar is quoted here precludes the possibility of floating the issues in the United States at this time.

LENNOX AND ADDINGTON, County of (P. O. Napanee, Ont.).—BOND SALE.—The \$26,000 5 % improvement bonds offered on Jan. 16.—V. 134, p. 543—were awarded to the Dominion Bank of Canada, of Toronto, at a price of 94.75, a basis of about 6.14 %. Dated Dec. 15 1931. Due in 10 installments.

Bids received at the sale were as follows:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Dominion Bank of Canada (Successful bidder)	\$94.75
R. A. Daly & Co.	\$94.75
Dyment, Anderson & Co.	\$94.33
H. R. Bain & Co.	\$93.31
Gairdner & Co.	\$92.31
C. H. Burgess & Co.	\$94.50
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	\$93.25
Harris, McKeen & Co.	\$92.00

* Optional tenders.

MONTREAL, Que.—ISSUE OF \$15,226,000 BONDS OFFERED PUBLICLY.—Mayor Camille Houde announced on Jan. 15 that a syndicate of banks and investment houses, headed by the Bank of Montreal and the Banque Canadienne Nationale, would offer for public subscription on Tuesday, Jan. 19, a \$15,226,000 6 % public works bond issue at a price of par, of which \$3,770,000 will mature Dec. 16 1935, and \$11,456,000 on Dec. 15 1941, according to a dispatch from Montreal to the New York "Herald Tribune" of Jan. 17, which continued as follows:

"Returning from Ottawa last night the Mayor went into a hurried conference with Sir Charles Gordon, President, and Jackson Dodds, General Manager, of the Bank of Montreal, and Beaudry Leman, General Manager of the Banque Canadienne Nationale, over loans for public works for unemployment relief, and following an exchange of correspondence between both parties the banks agreed to advance the \$2,500,000 sought by the city on the following terms:

"That the city will agree to place in the hands of the Banque Canadienne Nationale and the Bank of Montreal for sale to the public on Tuesday next its proposed new bond issue of \$15,226,000, and the banks, in co-operation with a group of banks and bond dealers, agree to endeavor to market the issue, without commitment, on terms of which the city will be advised definitely on Monday next.

"That this loan of \$2,500,000 and the special loan, for which the banks have already authorized \$1,200,000 for unemployment relief—\$3,700,000 in all—will be repaid out of the first proceeds of the bond issue.

"As a result of this decision unemployment relief works in Montreal this winter are assured, and within the next few days it is expected that a city-wide program of works from which, it is estimated, upward of 20,000 jobless men will obtain work, will be under way."

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The bonds are dated Dec. 15 1931 and mature \$3,770,000 Dec. 15 1935 and \$11,456,000 on Dec. 15 1941. Coupon in denoms. of \$1,000 and \$500, registerable as to principal. Payable as to principal and interest (J. & D. 15) in lawful money of Canada at the City Treasurer's office in Montreal, or at the principal office of the Bank of Montreal or at the Banque Canadienne Nationale in the city of Quebec, or at the principal office of the Bank of Montreal in the cities of Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Halifax, and Saint John, N. B. Priced at 100 and accrued interest, to yield 6 % (plus transfer tax). Legal opinion of Holden, Heward & Holden, for the bankers and Charles Laurendeau for the city. Proceeds of the bonds will be used to refund maturing obligations and to defray the cost of various public works projects. The members of the syndicate which is making public offering of the issue are shown herewith:

Bank of Montreal; Banque Canadienne Nationale; Royal Bank of Canada; Canadian Bank of Commerce; Bank of Nova Scotia; La Banque Provinciale du Canada; A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd.; Hanson Bros., Inc.; McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., Ltd.; Drury & Co.; Fry, Mills, Spence & Co., Ltd.; L. G. Besubien & Co., Ltd.; Credit Anglo-Francaise, Ltd.; Societe de Placements du Canada; Dominion Securities Corp., Ltd.; Royal Securities Corp., Ltd.; National City Co., Ltd.; W. C. Pitfield & Co.; Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Ltd.; Hannaford, Birks & Co., Ltd.; Collier, Norris & Henderson, Ltd.; Williams, Partridge & Co., Ltd.; Wood, Gundy & Co., Ltd.; Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Ltd.; Harris, Forbes & Co., Ltd.; Ernest Savard, Ltd.; R. A. Daly & Co., Ltd.; Mead & Co., Ltd.; Geoffrion & Co., Ltd.; Rene T. Leclerc, Inc., Ltd.

NEW LOANS

\$1,000,000

**STATE OF DELAWARE
HIGHWAY BONDS**

The Governor, Secretary of State, and State Treasurer of the State of Delaware, will receive proposals at the office of the State Treasurer, Dover, Delaware, until one o'clock P. M., on February 11, 1932, for the purchase of all or any part of \$1,000,000 coupon bonds of the State of Delaware to be issued under the provisions of Chap. 63, Vol. 29, Delaware Laws known as "The State Highway Act." Bonds will be for \$10,000 each, dated January 1, 1932, and will bear interest at four per centum per annum payable semi-annually after date thereof. Bonds are payable forty years after the date thereof, are redeemable at 105 per centum on any interest date after one year from the date of the bond upon due legal notice, and are exempt from taxation by the State or any political division thereof. Bonds may be registered and when registered cannot be again converted into coupon bonds. Bids must be accompanied by certified check made payable to George S. Williams, State Treasurer, for five per centum of the bid. Checks of successful bidders will be held as a forfeit in case bidder does not accept and pay for bonds. Accrued interest to the date of payment for the bonds shall be paid by the purchaser, in addition to the amount of his bid. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

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